

**RETAIL DETAILS**

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**Senior fashion seminar**  
Nordstrom offers a seminar "Coordinating Your Travel Wardrobe," Tuesday, June 3 at 10 a.m. for those 55 and over. Just \$2 through the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center, call for reservations (248) 478-1830.

**Gallery guide debuts**  
Birmingham's 28 art galleries are listed and described in a colorful new pamphlet published by the Principal Shopping District. It's complimentary at any downtown gallery or at the PSD office, 798 North Old Woodward. For further information call (248) 433-3550.

**Retailer named to board**  
Peter Sobelton of Troy, owner of Churchill's Ltd. (purveyors of fine tobacco products and men's gifts) and Sundries Plus, a six-outlet food service chain, has been named to the Board of Directors of Michigan Retailers Services. The MRS provides bank card processing, health and dental benefit programs, and property and casualty insurance to retailer members.

**Dream Cruisers plate available**  
The Woodward Dream Cruise committee unveiled a collector's license plate for cruisers. It's handcrafted from fired porcelain, featuring the 1997 logo and is absolutely limited to 1997. It sells for \$24.95 by mail order (Michigan residents add 6% sales tax) plus \$4.95 shipping and handling. The Woodward Dream Cruise is set for Saturday, Aug. 16 beginning at 10 a.m. To place an order call or write Don Sommer Fine Art, Inc., WDC Collector's Plate, P.O. Box 32824, Detroit, MI 48232, phone 4-800-819-0011 (days) and 1-800-792-7856 (evenings/weekends).

A portion of the plate proceeds will go to charity according to Sommer.

**Oakland Mall is smoke-free**  
Effective, June 1, Oakland Mall in Troy becomes a smoke-free environment in all interior areas of the shopping center at 14 Mile and John R.  
The Oakland County Health Division and the Oakland Tobacco Reduction Action Coalition will conduct "How To Quit Smoking Classes."  
Just sign-up at the main entrance May 29-31.

**Fitness store arrives**  
Marathon runner/coordinator Randy Step opened his fourth Running Fit shop in The Boardwalk, Orchard Lake, north of Maple in West Bloomfield. The store carries cutting edge products of interest to runners, walkers and swimmers.

**Designers leave mark on campus book stores**  
Jon Greenberg & Associates, a Southfield-based retail design firm, recently exhibited their college store designs in Baltimore at the National Association of College Stores Campus Market Expo.

JGA designed the new bookstores at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and Grand Valley State in Michigan.

At GVS, a cyber-cafe and software sampling station are incorporated into the design to encourage students to shop more often and longer.

As JGA vice-president Bob Berlin explained "The modern college stores add everything from computers, school supplies and emblematic clothing to fast food and cyber cafes."

**Week long coupon program to benefit children charities**

Beginning Sunday June 1 through Saturday June 7, a coupon redemption program to benefit Southfield-based VARIETY-The Children's Charity will be hosted by The Kroger Co., Farmer Jack and Foodland stores.

"Cash For Kids" asks shoppers to pick up a coupon tabloid from any participating grocery store and use the coupons to purchase the participating products. Proceeds enable Variety to provide vital medical, therapeutic and recreational facilities as well as educational services to children with special needs across metro Detroit.

**Gallery moves to Rochester**  
Harris Street Interiors and Folk Art Gallery (formerly of Romeo) moved to 255 S. Main St. (south of Third) in downtown Rochester. Owner Sheila Harris said the shop features original and limited edition prints, pottery, textiles, lamps, baskets and furniture with a "folk art flair." For more information call (248) 651-8092.

**Fashionable store opens**  
Christian's Corner opened on "The Market Street Shoppes" block on Northwestern Hwy., 1/2 mile north of 12 Mile. Boutique hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday until 8:30 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m. Fashion designer-proprietor Alisa D. Eason has everything from her own designs to ready-to-wear suits, costume jewelry, bridal and evening wear, as she puts it, "vazzy casual to exquisite dinner suits." For more details call (248) 957-4232.

**Survey says... It's Cafe Caramel**  
Stop the press! The Coffee Beanery reports that according to a poll of 16,000 customers, Cafe Caramel has replaced Hazelnut as the favorite coffee bean flavor.

Hazelnut now drops to position two, with Amaretto in third place.

**Caped crusader returns**  
Warner Bros. Studio Stores have loaded up on Batman and Robin merchandises (holy retail, Batman! That's 103 different products) to promote the fourth installment of the Batman movies, due out June 20.

Batman & Robin stars Arnold Schwarzenegger as Mr. Freeze, George Clooney as Batman, and Uma Thurman as Poison Ivy.

Gotham City-inspired store interiors will be frosted with icicles, black and red bat signals on store fixtures, banners and shopping bags.

The stores are at Twelve Oaks, WDC Collector's Plate, P.O. Box 32824, Detroit, MI 48232, phone 4-800-819-0011 (days) and 1-800-792-7856 (evenings/weekends).

**Where can I find?**

Thanks to all the readers who phoned in locations for the hard-to-find items listed last week!

**What we found:**

- A caller said Jacobson's sells the nylon gloves you wear while putting on pantyhose to prevent snags and runs. "I recently bought some in the history department at the Laurel Park Place store in Livonia," she said.
- Several readers called in sources for wooden, six-story Purple Martin birdhouses. These folks build them as a hobby and accept orders: J. Walker at (313) 426-9947; Judy at (810) 254-4933; or write for a bird-lovers catalog "Birds in Bloom" c/o Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA 16444. The catalog is printed by the Purple Martin Conservation Association.
- A Birmingham woman had a Hump-A-Jump to sell a West Bloomfield mom.
- One reader offered her mineral oil rain lamp for sale.

**We're still looking for:**

- A Garden City caller said she could NOT find Disposal-care at any Meljers on the west-side. She still hopes to find the product, any more suggestions?
- A handicapped reader made the phone number or address of Niagara Therapy Equipment Supplies because his special lounge chair has broken and needs repair.
- Connie McKinnon wants to know what grocer still sells a Date Bar Mix (not date bread). "It comes in a red box by Pillsbury or Betty Crocker, but I can't find it anymore."
- Lorraine Bower is looking for the out-of-print "Encyclopedia of Cooking" by Mary Margaret McBride.
- A glass bowl in the shape of a fish for Janet Dixon.
- Three old paperbacks "The First Christian" by somebody/Davis; "The Miracle of Rebound Exercise" by Albert Carter; and "God's Recipe for Ezekiel Bread" author unknown, for Georgia.
- Sandy Crocker of West Bloomfield reports that Megawave from Exxaro is no longer made by the company we supplied to her. Now she wants to know if any reader is willing to sell their old Megawave pieces?
- A store that carries Permit Sportswear for Cynthia of Birmingham.
- A tube or two of Revlon's Moondrops lipstick in gold-brick red for Vi of Troy. "Or any lipstick shade that comes close to it!"
- A Timex or Lorus Alice in Wonderland wristwatch for Marcia Markay of Troy.
- A videotape copy of "The Music Man" for "Dennis." He is also looking for old, collectible snow globes.
- A 20th Anniversary Cinderella's Castle poster (11 x 17) that was sold at Disney World about five years ago for Sharon.
- Wallpaper featuring a crowd scene (preferably at a sports event) for Jerry.
- A plastic, nesting set of measuring cups - 1, 2, and 4-cups for a South Lyon reader with arthritis.

If you've seen any of these items in your travels, let Malls & Mainstreets know and we'll print the answers. Please call (248) 911-2667 or e-mail your message and phone number slowly and clearly! We regret we must drop items not found after three weeks of printing.

**Hudson's to give \$1 million to Detroit's Cultural Center**

By LINDA BACHRACK  
Special Writer

Hudson's tradition of community involvement was taken to the highest level with the announcement of Hudson's Team 600, a \$1.6 million fundraising effort for 10 Detroit cultural center institutions.

The initiative, introduced by Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Tricia Dirks vice president, community relations and human resources, Department Store Division of Dayton Hudson Corporation, marks the first time a major corporation has spearheaded a funding effort for a group of arts and cultural institutions through one campaign.

Hudson's \$1 million commitment will fund start-up gifts to the organizations and provide matching funds for community contributions.

Hudson's initial \$500,000 gift will be shared by the Center for Creative Studies, Children's Museum, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Public Library, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, International Institute, Museum of African American History and Your Heritage House.

It's hoped the initial \$500,000 will be a catalyst for more investment by the community. The final goal is to raise an additional \$600,000 from personal contributions, to be matched by a third \$500,000 from Hudson's for a total of \$1.6 million.

Look for informational booklets and displays at all stores. The campaign begins June 1 and continues through Jan. 31, 1998.

**Vintage show will benefit Aids assistance group**

The Steppin' Out Foundation will be the beneficiary of the "Full Circle 17" fashion show event, Monday, June 23, at 7 p.m. at Patti Smith's vintage clothing store 405 S. Washington Avenue in downtown Royal Oak.

The runway show marks the 17th anniversary of Patti Smith Collectibles and the eclectic mix of vintage clothing that has been the store's signature.

The runway fashion show starts at 8:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and music.

Tickets are \$15 per person. For additional information please call (810) 399-0756.

**New lip balm**



From Oilly: Good-bye dry lips! A fun new plastic dispenser (in seven colors) provides moisturizer-on-a-cord \$6.25 at Somerset Collection South.



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