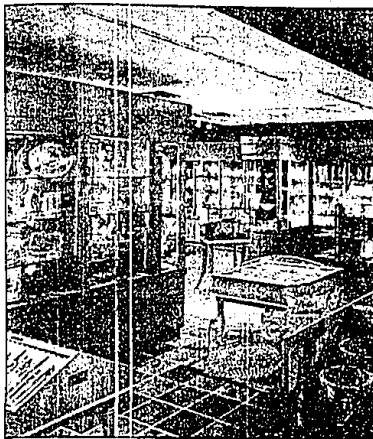


Studio 330 wins design award



Excellent expansion: To mark their 15th year in the tabletop business, Studio 330 owners Randy and Rochelle Forester, decided to expand their store in the Bloomfield Plaza at Maple and Telegraph. They hired Jon Greenberg & Associates of Southfield to handle the design and the finished show-room is about to receive the prestigious Silver Crystal from the Gifts and Decorative Accessories Merchandising Achievement Awards Competition. JGA vice-president Robert Berlin said the trick was designing space where the merchandise is the star. Studio 330 carries names like Baccarat, Rosenthal and Gorham.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets beat compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (248) 644-1314.

Free carpet cleaning

The Original Hagopian Cleaning Service and its retail division, Hagopian World of Rugs, is offering free CAR carpet and mat cleaning to all of their Birmingham customers every Sunday in July between noon and 4 p.m. at their shop at 850 S. Old Woodward. All voluntary donations will be passed on to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to aid their fight against hunger.

For more details call Shana Krian (248) 399-2323, ext. 119.

Sidewalk sales downtown

Plymouth merchants offer clearance bargains at their annual sidewalk sales Aug. 1-2 from 9 a.m. both days. For more details, call the chamber at (313) 453-1540.

DIA/book shop shuttle

Borders Book Shop, 13 Mile and Southfield in Birmingham, in partnership with the Detroit Institute of Arts, is offering a series of lectures, workshops and transportation to and from the DIA. The Art Express Bus, offers round trip deluxe motor coach service, to and from the museum, on four days. Tickets are on sale at the Borders in Birmingham, only.

Friday, Aug. 15, Friday, Aug. 29, and Saturday, Sept. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 8; departs at 11 a.m./returns at 5 p.m.

Workshops and lectures are set for Aug. 14 at 3 and 7 p.m. at the store. Call for more details, (248) 644-1515.

French Rags for sale

Phyllis Strome shows the fall/winter collection of French Rags by Brenda French, at her Bloomfield Hills home by appointment only, Aug. 11-16. The clothing is 100-percent rayon knit, available in 43 custom colors. For more details call (248) 646-2092.

W fashion show set

W Magazine's "Now and Then

- A Celebration of 25 Years" will benefit Variety, The Children's Charity, Wednesday, Aug. 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham.

The French-themed gala kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with a strolling hors d'oeuvres reception, followed by the 7:30 p.m. show on the second level of the store. The couture fashion will be pulled from the best of the runways in New York and Europe. A desert afterglow, concludes the evening. Tickets are \$75, \$125 and \$200 available through the Variety office (248) 268-5511.

"This event is blossoming into a gala of the highest caliber," said Jenny Cascio, executive director for Variety. "I'm proud to offer our patrons an exciting evening."



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August 14 - 2:30 PM

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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find items in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement!) please call Malls & Mainstreets at (248) 901-2567. Just leave a message and your phone number (slowly and clearly, please!) and each Sunday we'll print caller solutions and new quests.

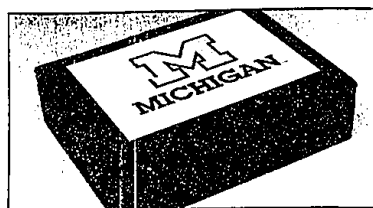
What we've found:

- Many readers called to offer the name of products that will remove the sticky outline left by bathtub decals, try: L.O.C. by Amway; Skin So Soft Bath Oil by Avon; Spray and Wash in an aerosol can; any olive oil; either Goof Off or Goo Gone, both available at Kmart and most hardware stores; a product nurses use to remove the bandage adhesive from skin available at Sun Medical Supplies on 14 Mile in Clawson.
- Two readers suggested cleaning the mildew off boat seat covers with bleach diluted in water "just rub it in and wipe quickly away," or call Scott Brooks, a cleaning products distributor who recommends a liquid organic cleaner (313) 537-3228.
- Nancy of Canton had a copy of a 1960s children's book, "The Baby Twins at the Seashore" for Karen of Redford.
- Naturally on Forest in Westchester Square in downtown Plymouth reports it sells bentwood furniture, specifically, bent willow benches, tables, special orders.

We're still looking for:

- Retailer alert! We have five readers anxious to find a store that sells Anne Klein II cologne. Apparently this older fragrance still has many devotees.
- A book about the Calumet mining hall fire of 1913-14, called "Tinsel and Tears" for Joyce Skindell.
- Pieces from the Derby dish collection, "Camelot" pattern, for Linda Anderson.
- Believe it or not! a ceramic chicken lamp for Shirley of Redford. "The chicken is lying down and the fluted shade has eyelid holes in it," she described.
- Comfy watergoggles, now discontinued, and a Cosco high-chair that folds up, for Mary Ann.
- A pattern for a knitted/crocheted bootie slipper in adult sizes for Shirley who lost the one she used to knit her elderly mother these warm "socks."
- A 78-record of the Great Gildersleeve performing "Cinderella" for Joe Buoso.
- A place to get glass covers for the Guardianware pans. Last month we printed a company number in Anaheim, CA, but our reader insists they have yet to return her call and she is desperate.
- Once again, a source for colored lunch bags for Judy. She is having a hard time tracking them down at Kmart or the Dollar Stores.

Go Blue! box



College bound: Yes it plays the U. of M. fight song "The Victors," but it also plays the spectacular plays of Anthony Carter, Desmond Howard, Tshimanga Biakabutuka and Rumeal Robinson! There is plenty of room inside for rings, watches and other keepsakes. The finish is cherry oak with a hand-made tile emblem. Green velvet lining. \$150 at Jacobson's. Available for Indiana University, Notre Dame, University of Kentucky.)