

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 found:

- The bracelet with the initials WWJD (What Would Jesus Do) was spotted by dozens of readers at: McDevitt's in Laurel Park Place, Livonia; Mater Dei shop in Plymouth; Agape in Canton; Bon Tonne Shoppe in downtown Farmington; Christian Family Bookstore in Novi; and all Dickson's Bible stores.
- Phil from Classic Hardware on Seven Mile in Livonia, said the shop can order the bowl and pitcher lamp shade for the searcher, as well as assemble chandeliers. Reach him at 542-9940. A reader said The Lamp Shack in West Bloomfield also assembles chandeliers at (248) 651-5777.
- Suzanne and Jackie from MB Jewelers in Southfield said they would be happy to special order the sterling silver toothpaste tube key for the searcher. Call the store at (248) 356-7007. It's under \$40.
- Caller "Barry" said reel-to-reels can be ordered from The Little Warehouse, near Cleveland, 1-800-445-8273.
- "The Gift of Fear" book featured on the Oprah Winfrey show is available from Barnes & Noble or Borders and is one of their best-sellers for women, according to two callers.
- Several readers were willing to give up their Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots, plus the toy was spotted at a store in downtown Ann Arbor called Kaleidoscope.
- Old Spice soap on a rope is available for \$2.99 at Robertson's liquor store in Westland (313) 721-1045.
- A reader advised that Coty Vitamin Cream can be ordered in packages of six by writing Dave Smith, Moisture Coty, 1400 Broadway Road, Sanford, North Carolina, 27330.
- Royal Secret by Germaine Monteil was spotted at Lord & Taylor and Hudson's during the holidays in special gift set packages. Another great source for hard-to-find fragrance is Fragrances Unlimited in Ann Arbor (313) 434-0692.
- A reader suggested another good source for out-of-print books, the John King shop on Howard Street in Detroit. Surze at the Farmington bookstore Murder, Mayhem and Mystery, suggested using the internet at bkfinder@aol.com. She said she would be glad to use the internet on behalf of those without access. Reach her at (248) 471-7210.
- Readers reported buying metal or wooden chandelier set-ups from these stores: Target (in Farmington) True Value Hardware in Livonia. Several callers said they found the chandeliers at the Farmington bookstore Murder, Mayhem and Mystery, suggested using the internet at bkfinder@aol.com. She said she would be glad to use the internet on behalf of those without access. Reach her at (248) 471-7210.
- One reader had the Pit game to sell, another said she remembers seeing it at Toys 'R Us.
- Replacement lids for Corningware dishes were spotted at several Corningware stores at area outlet malls.
- A caller had shaving brushes and soaps for the searcher in Rochester. They were also spotted at Big Lots stores.
- A reader said Mennen no longer makes shave talc, but he recommends Club Man shave talc available at Walgreen's.
- For the specialty men's socks, a reader whose son was in the army, suggested shopping military surplus stores. another reader said some Hudson's stores used to carry them.

Still searching for:

- An old Bob Newhart recording, "The purchase of Manhattan Island," for Bev Feiker.
- Windemere hair rollers in small or medium for Howie.
- Who sells St. John cologne?
- Corelle dinnerware in the cornerstone spring pond pattern.
- Where can you get a metal ring for under a week to place on the stove for Susan of Bedford.
- Men's deodorant by Perry Ellis.
- A place to buy an oversize, rectangular mailbox that attaches to the house to accommodate large envelopes without having them bent, rolled or folded by the postman for Ms. Brewster. (About 12-inches wide, 16-inches tall.)
- The dry granule rug cleaner Glamourine for Bernice Hudak of Livonia.
- Any old or new holiday plates from JC Penney in the pattern "Cranberry Hill" for LuAnn of Canton.
- A place to buy a 42-inch tall Madonna and Child statue for Deloris Scherlinger that is repeatedly stolen from her yard.
- The birth of another grandchild, has sent Sandra Goodman in search of a little bear made of dough, to attach to a row of dough bears with the names of all her other grandchildren. It's from a craft fair, was a gift, and she's in need of suggestions.
- 1/4-inch thick Styrofoam, 2 feet or more by 1 foot for Ed Moross.
- Men's short sleeve sweatshirts for Sharon of Livonia.
- The very old board game Park and Shop, for Karen King of Livonia.
- An electric hair brush for Helen Kazanowski of Westland.
- An old ticker tape machine.
- Burlington shoe legacy pantyhose for Judy of Westland.

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Trick or treat?



Celebrating the season: Marsha Lucht puts the finishing touches on a Halloween tree complete with orange lights, garland berries, and spooky glass and plastic ornaments in the shape of witches, ghosts and goblins. The tree welcomes home decor shoppers and gift hunters at Plain & Fancy, 313 Main St. in downtown Rochester.

Dana Buchman visits



Dana Buchman

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Do You Have Diabetes?

A new investigational anti-diabetic drug taken by mouth is being tested. Patients aged 18 to 80 years old with type-2 diabetes, who are taking one or more daily injections of insulin at a total daily dose of 30 or more units, and still have high blood sugar levels, are being recruited. They may NOT be taking anti-diabetic medication by mouth.

The study will last nine months and will require 14 to 13 visits to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. Payment for participation is given.

Those interested should contact: The Michigan Diabetes Center Unit at 1-800-436-1710.

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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.

Northland Center will host national walk for Osteoporosis

The Northland Center in Southfield will host the first annual America Walks For Strong Women event, Saturday, Oct. 18 along a defined route inside the shopping center. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by an opening ceremony, warm-up and the walk at 9 a.m. Celebrities behind the event include: Debbie Reynolds, Robin Strasser and Rita Moreno. In the U.S. today, more than 28 million Americans are affected by the disease.

To register, make a contribution, or get more information about the event, the hotline is 1-800-231-4222.

St. Hugo women host charity fashion benefit

Tickets are on sale for the St. Hugo of the Hills Altar Guild's 35th annual luncheon and fashion show, Tuesday, Oct. 14 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Fashions will be presented by shops in The Somerset Collection, Troy.

Proceeds benefit numerous metro-area charities. Admission is \$45. To reserve seats call (248) 646-0086 or (248) 334-5526.

Fall makeovers available

Christian Dior cosmetics and "On Tour" arrives at Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy, Oct. 10-13. Arrange for a customized treatment consultation and fall makeover, complimentary with any purchase of two products or more.

To arrange a meeting with a Dior beauty specialist call (248) 614-3361.

Shop hosts Open House

Leslie Pilling has moved her Presence II and Mercury For ten shops from Southfield to Birmingham at 165 South Bates. She'll hold an open house Thursday, Oct. 9 from 5-10 p.m. to introduce shoppers to her

unique merchandise which includes more corporate and personal gifts, women's jewelry, items for the home and antiques. Inquiries are welcome at (248) 723-9770.

Scarewood Shop opens inside Kmart

Halloween shopping will be a scream at Kmart's Scarewood Forest this year. Families will be greeted by an 8-foot-tall Frankenstein and guided by furry monster footprints to everything they need for a frighteningly fun Halloween.

In addition to sales of Halloween candy and goodies, creepy cardboard creatures lurk around every corner leading to Scarewood Forest costume displays.

"The costumes that kids love best come from the year's hottest movies," Kmart seasonal buyer Randy Williams said. "Star Wars and Hercules both were blockbusters that transition well into costumes, and for prices parents like — both under \$20."

He predicted moms and dads will see a lot of plaid-size Darth Vaders and Megs this Halloween, explaining that dressing as "Meg" from Hercules, will be big with girls, but not many boys will don the silver-striated costume of Hercules himself. "Sometimes the costume is cooler than the actual character. For example, we expect to see a lot of kids dressing as the hunters from 'The Lost World,' he said.

As little as 29 cents buys an eye mask in Scarewood Forest, but big kids also can splurge on \$30 latex masks detailed with realistic warts, blood and fangs. Specialty licensed costumes such as Batman's Poison Ivy and Christian Dior's Warrior Princess are available in Kmart's top-grossing stores across the country.

"A real winner is the M&M costume," said Williams. Chocoholics will make a splash in this getup whether they're attending a costume party or handing out snack-size melt-in-your-mouth-not-in-your-hands candies at the door.

To outfit the house, Scarewood Forest offers many possibilities, such as bewitching foam pumpkins that light up when plugged in and enchanting autumn wreaths that are unique to the mass merchandise channel.

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