

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in the following Sunday's column.

What we found:

- Correction! Tetra D can be found at the Crescent Continental Co. (313) 867-5675.
- **Mille Bourne**, the French card game, was spotted in Toronto's Eaton Center and at the Noodlo Kidoodle, 14 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.
- Old albums and records can be found through Collectors Choice, 1-800-923-1122, or the Music Search, 1-900-737-6647.
- **Galore** cologne by Germaine Monteil can only be purchased in Europe these days.
- A wonderful reader sent in a photo of all the Santabears along her stairs and we passed it along to the searcher, Maggie.

We're still looking for:

- A store that sells Christmas card address and record books for Mickey.
- A selection of 36-inch, short-rise, wool dress slacks, plus an old-fashioned sock darning tool (in stumps?) You stretch a sock over it and sew it for Myron Stein of Southfield.
- Someone who can crochet a cover (from a model) for a Tabasco bottle, like a sombrero and serape with bottle cover for Clare Reading of Bloomfield Hills.
- A Batman and Robin bath mat or a small rug for a little boy's bathroom for Corey Katz of Northville.
- The game Hotel, and Kismet dice.
- A silver Christmas tree and revolving color wheel, plus the Don't Go With Strangers book for Sally.
- A Mrs. Beansley doll for Shannon of Garden City.
- Janet would like dresses by Chez. Once they were carried at SYS on Southfield but they are no longer in business.
- A microwave turntable that comes apart or cleaning for Shirley.
- Edwin jeans for girls and Big Ben jeans for boys for Karen.
- **Bottom Better** diaper rash cream for Cheryl of Westland.
- Kathy needs all solid color borders including black. She saw them on display but can't remember where.
- The book and record from the late '60s Shy Truckee. It's about an elephant.
- John wants a race track game from the '60s called **Tric Trax**.
- The address for E.J. Daniah modern chair cushions.
- Debbie is looking for a **Mary Mag** power doll house from the mid '60s on magnetic stilts in its entirety.
- **Fuzzy Wuzzy** soaps.
- Denim bib overalls for men, 36 length, for Kathy in Garden City.
- **Revlon Lactol** conditioning lotion for nails, cuticles, Grey-Gone detergent.
- Linda of Troy is looking for a Barbie Bride doll with dark brown hair.
- Dishes from A&P bought in 1979 called "Diane."
- A video transfer box that transfers old 8mm film onto video movies, to rent or buy for Douglas of Farmington Hills.
- **Word-of-Mouth** spaghetti sauce for Rose.
- **Jill Sanders** cologne for men for Darryl.
- The publication **Two Cute Sock Dolls** for Kathy.
- The old board game, **Call My Bluff**, for Joe of Livonia.
- Does anyone know what **cleaning solution** will remove hairspray residue from mirrors and bathroom doors? Help a desperate homemaker in Farmington.
- A shoe store that carries a wide selection of attractive, fashionable flat-heels for Suzanne of Troy.
- A store that sells an Absolut Vodka ads calendar for Dan of Bloomfield Hills.

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Seamstress lectures



Seminar set: Peggy Sagers, designer and pattern-drafting expert, of Dallas, comes to town to share her expertise for two lectures. Jan. 17-18 at Haberman's Fabrics in Royal Oak. There is a fee for each lecture, topics include factory short-cuts, fitting slacks, pattern conversion. Reservations required (248) 541-0010.

Shopping averages discussed

How "average" are you and your family when it comes to shopping? A recent poll of 22,000 shoppers by the New York-based International Council of Shopping Centers revealed these surprising statistics:

- Consumers make an average of 39 shopping trips yearly.
- Average mall visits down that about 76 minutes.
- Teens are among the "really" most fervent shoppers, spending \$40 on average during each visit.
- Teens top the list of most frequent shoppers, with 64 mall visits per year, followed by senior citizens with 50 visits and Hispanics with 47 visits. The least frequent shoppers are folks ages 25-34 with 33 visits.
- Teens stay the longest (90 minutes) followed by Asians (82 minutes vs 69 minutes for Afro Americans. Females stay longer than men (81 minutes vs 65 minutes).
- Shoppers spend an average of \$59.25 per visit. The biggest winners are department stores which take in \$28.50 of that sum. Food courts ring in \$3.20 of that dollar amount. Mall shops do well with \$27.50.
- Malls ring the most sales from 18-54 year olds (\$29 to \$32).
- Department stores have the highest sales per person among shoppers ages 35-64 at \$34-\$40.

-Courtesy of Northland Center, in Southfield

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Sweater drive under way
Detroit Public Television teamed up with C.O.T.S. (Coalition on Temporary Shelter) to participate in the Mr. Roger's Neighborhood Sweater Drive through Jan. 18 at the WTWS Stores of Knowledge at Somerset North, Troy; Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights; and Briarwood Mall, Ann Arbor. Shoppers are asked to donate sweaters they no longer need to those less fortunate. For more details call Jill Silver at (313) 876-8358.

Which way do you go?
In its winter bulletin, the Fashion Group International reports that 80 to 90 percent of shoppers turn to the right when they enter a store. "The reason for this is that we receive and compute information from the left to the right side of our brains according to marketing authority Peter Drucker, quoted in the article.

Crepes anyone?
Plymouth residents have fallen in love with a new eatery in town, **The Cafe Giverny** at 370 S. Main. Owner Neb Brankovic said the cafe specializes in crepes and soups and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Closed Mondays. For more details call (734) 453-6998.

Thousands view Hudson's holiday exhibit
More than 150,000 shoppers passed through **A Christmas Carol**, the animated walk-

through exhibit hosted by Summit Place mall during November-December according to Hudson's spokeswoman Michelle Shulman. "That's about 20-percent less visitors than last year," she said. "Regrettably, we didn't have as many student-filled buses as in the past. For Holiday 1998 we're planning a more contemporary holiday story and that might be more appealing." The complimentary exhibit is Hudson's gift to the community, created by set and costume designers from the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis.

New catalog appeals to larger sizes
Junonia Ltd., markets active clothing for women who wear size 14 and up. The new quarterly publication features body-wear from Danaklin Plus and Gilda Marx, swimsuits, sports bras, downhill and cross country skiwear, tennis skirts, padded bicycle shorts and golf clothing. President Anne Kelly said "our goal is to make the smaller women jealous." The name of the St. Paul-based catalog comes from the

Roman deity, Juno, protectress of women. "In art she is depicted as a goddess of large, majestic proportion," according to Kelly, who added, "to receive a catalog call 1-800-JUNONIA (686-6642)."

New bridal store in Birmingham
Roma Sposa, is now selling exclusive European designs for the bride, according to owner Anna Castaldi Roselli, at 722 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham. Castaldi previously owned a bridal shop in Rome. A gown can take up to a year to make in the Old World style. They are priced from \$1,800 to \$4,500.

Current gowns-of-choice are made from a dazzling array of fine fabrics and silks including Gazar, Mikado, Georgette, Chifon, Duchesse and crystal-line organza lace. For more details or a personal appointment call (248) 723-4300. The shop will host a trunk show of Peter Langer creations, Jan. 29-31. Reservations are suggested.

Coffee on the run

Joe, To Go, a traditional gourmet coffee shop with an unconventional drive-thru service, is open on Woodward, one block south of 14 Mile, in Royal Oak next to Spangio's Coney Island at 32889 Woodward. Joe offers its own line of premium house blends, cappuccinos, lattes and expresso along with other hot and cold beverages, bagels, scones, muffins and cookies from area bakeries. Owner Susan Vert said she's open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends.

Mall hosts sport collectibles show
A sports coin and stamp show runs Jan. 16-18 at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt during regular mall hours. Fun for the family as visitors buy, sell and trade. Meet former Tiger Sid Monge who pitched for the team 1984-1985, Saturday, Jan. 17 from 3 p.m. on stage near Crowley's. Call the mall for more details at (248) 476-1160.

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