

SHOPPING

Where can I find?

Through reader feedback, this interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (313) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- For the Genie transmitter, try Home Depot.
- A child's tent for a bed can be found through the Hearth-song catalog, (800) 325-2502, or on the Internet at www.hearth-song.com. A child's tent was advertised in the Target Flyer Sunday, Jan. 20.
- Palmolive soap can be bought at the dollar store at Nine Mile and Grand River.
- For hair grooming done in your home, call Hair on Wheels, (734) 722-1777.
- To recycle plastic bags, take them to the One Hour Martinizing at Big Beaver and Rochester roads in Troy, or at

Long Lake Road and Livernois in Troy.

- To have an Underwood typewriter repaired, try Office Concepts in Warren, (248) 689-0505.
- For the calendar with Red Wing players and their dogs, try Hockeystown Authentics on Big Beaver Road in Troy, (248) 680-0965 (\$15).
- One-inch marbles can be bought through the Moon Marble Company, 600 E. Front Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66012, (913) 441-1432, on the Internet at www.moonmarbles.com.
- For music box repair, try Music Box Repair, 1829 Berridge Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85016, (602) 277-9616. If you call they might be able to help you over the telephone to repair your music box yourself.
- Corduroy slacks can be bought through the Vermont Country store catalog, (802) 362-8470, on the Internet at www.vermontcountrystorecatalog.com.
- For mohair fur and accessories for making Teddy bears, try Labours of Love, (800) 853-8537, on the Internet at www.laboursoflove.com. Labours of Love is in Canada.
- For a wrought-iron rod to

hang a quilt, try The Domestication catalog, (800) 746-2555.

- For a step stool with a seat/back, try the Vermont Country store catalog, (802) 362-8470, on the Internet at www.vermontcountrystorecatalog.com.
- For knitted afghans, try the Redford Senior Gift shop on Capital and Hemingway in Redford. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday.
- To have cupolas built and installed, try Zack's Work Shoppe in St. Clair Shores, (586) 294-6983, on the Internet at www.zacksworkshoppe.com.

FIND AND SEARCH:

- A reader has clothes to donate for people starting out in the work force.
- A reader has pop and beer can tabs to donate to an organization to recycle.

WHERE CAN I FIND:

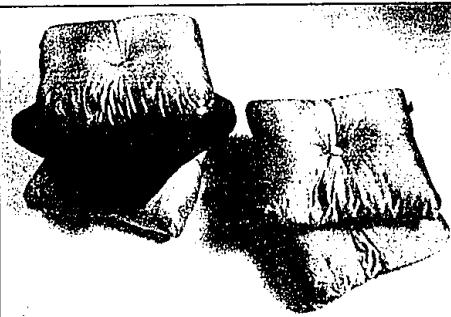
- A store that sells a neck pillow to train you to sleep on your back for Marilyn?
- A store that sells Wonderful Dream salve for Phyllis?
- A store that sells Levi's Bend Over slacks for Wanda?
- A store that sells bottle and bottle caps for brewing beer at home for the Mr. Beer kit for Rebecca?

The look of silk



Fine furnishings: EXPO Design Center products that exemplify the hottest trends in home furnishings for 2002 include these silk items. Dramatic yet airy, these red drapes add drama to your room. They are available through special order.

Soft and silky: These silk pillows, \$15.96 each, are ideal accents for the most stylish homes. They come in a variety of colors, such as copper, black and gold.

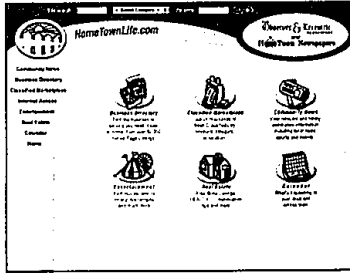


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SHOPPING BRIEFS

■ BRIDAL SHOW

Art Van Furniture will present a First Home Together bridal show 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. The First Home Together program was introduced in 1999 to assist couples with their new furniture purchases. It offers friends and family members the opportunity to help couples receive the home furnishings they have selected by presenting them with a special gift certificate. For more information, visit the Art Van booth at the show.

■ WACKY WINTER SERIES

Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, continues its free Wacky Winter Family Series 2 p.m. Sundays.

In the Jan. 27 event, Chautauque Express, Guy Louis will use song, stories and a variety of music to entertain children of all ages. Lots of family participation will be featured.

Magie by Dynamiko will be featured Feb. 8. Dynamiko sparkles and shines, bringing an outrageous style to magic with hip messages about drug use and self-esteem.

■ SUPER BOWL WEEKEND

Women are invited to any Art Van Furniture store 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, to receive a complimentary makeup consultation from a Jafra Cosmetics consultant. Hand treatments will be given and products will be available.

■ NEW RETAILERS

Twelve Oaks, 1-86 and Novi Road in Novi, welcomes six new retailers to the shopping center.

They are Carnival Cafe, a treat store offering many goodies found at a typical fair or carnival; Ecco footwear; GameStop, with software, hardware and game accessories, pre-played games, computer magazines and strategy guides, action figures, trading cards and other related merchandise; The Great Stunk & Potato Company, a "meat and potatoes" fast food operation; Haagen-Dazs ice cream; and Seen on Screen, offering products usually only seen on TV commercials and infomercials.

■ TRUNK SHOWS

Designer Peter Langner will be present at a showing of his bridal collection Thursday to Saturday, Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, at Roma Sposa Bridal Boutique, 722 North Old Woodward in Birmingham. Call (248) 723-4300 for an appointment.

One-of-a-kind knitwear by Margaret O'Leary in sizes 2-16 will be featured at a trunk show Thursday to Saturday, Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, at Hersh's, in The Boardwalk shopping center at 6901 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Hersh's at (248) 626-7776.

■ FASHION AND BEAUTY

Saks Fifth Avenue in the Somerset Collection, 2901 W. Big Beaver Road at Coolidge in Troy, has scheduled a variety of fashion and beauty events.

Vera Wang, the fragrance, exclusive to Saks Fifth Avenue, will be introduced Sunday, Jan. 27.

The Clinique Sunny Getaway gift with purchase is available now to Saturday, Feb. 2. It features two gift options: Receive nine deluxe items in a bright tangerine cosmetics bag with any \$35 purchase, or the same items in a limited edition tangerine tote for \$50. Call (248) 614-3386 for information.

■ LOVELY LESSONS

Nordstrom in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, will offer a variety of beauty-related events.

A Bobbi Brown artist will give a step-by-step lesson in streamlining your beauty routine 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1-2, at Cosmetics on One at Nordstrom. Call (248) 816-5100.

Also at Cosmetics on One, Nordstrom's team of MAC artists will introduce their newest collection of lip glosses, lip stains and eyeshadows 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3. Stop by the MAC counter, or call (248) 816-5100 to schedule an appointment.

Nordstrom's Lancôme experts will show you how to achieve flawless looking skin with their selection of foundations Feb. 1-9. With every foundation purchase, receive a retractable powder brush and deluxe-size Photogenic Loose Powder, while supplies last, in Cosmetics on One during store hours. To reserve your appointment, call (248) 816-5100, Ext. 1416.

NOVI EXPO CENTER

Thursday, January 31, 2-10pm
Friday, February 1, 2-10pm
Saturday, February 2, 9am-10pm
Sunday, February 3, 9am-5pm

The first show of the year. And the perfect opportunity to plan your 2002 projects. Shop for all of your home improvement, home maintenance and decorating needs. All at the same time.

ADMISSION: Adults - \$7, Seniors - \$6, Children 12 and under admitted FREE

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