

## SHOPPING

## New products have sprung for spring

## DISCOVERING BEAUTY



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With spring on its way and everything seeming fresh, new and alive, the beauty industry feels the need to present a whole school of new products from colors to face treatments.

The news is that the FDA has just approved Tazorac, a product being prescribed for psoriasis and clearing up acne. It's for people who are no longer seeing results by using Retin A or Differin. Dermatologists are claiming

that it really works, but be prepared for several weeks of serious skin peeling. I'm sure if this is the case, we'll be hearing about it very soon as a fine line wrinkle reducer.

Skin care specialists all know that collagen is needed for someone to be wrinkle free. People who are needle shy and can't stand the thought of injections may be interested to know that it is now available in other forms.

One is a dietary supplement called Toki (Japanese for "porcelain skin"). This is a powder collagen-replacement mix containing active supplements that can be mixed with water or soy liquid. After the concoction is drunk, Toki is delivered through

the bloodstream to the fibroblast in the dermis, causing collagen production.

Another product along this line is Face Lift Collagen 6.

My only concern with products that use "designer peptide" that are said to actually boost collagen is: When you take in something orally like this, what effect does it have on your organs? So be aware of your entire body when experimenting with skin care.

## Purple reign

Now for color, lilac is blooming. Purple has proved to be the most sought after color of the season. It's being seen softly rimming the entire eye, yet for more electric lips it is paired with

other brights such as teal, gold and turquoise.

The color works with every skin tone and it also intensifies all eye colors, giving off a healthy glow. Soft lavender and lilac brighten a fair complexion, while shades of grape and orchid give darker skin a beautiful exotic look.

Some of my favorites are Nars Crème Eye shadow in Lido and Cover Girl CG Eyeslips in Sheer Silver.

## Go for glow

With the warmer temperatures there is nothing as beautiful and sensible as glowing skin. A creation of new blush formulations in soft rosy hues can achieve this for you.

From liquid to stick to new lightweight creams, each consistency can be dabbed along the cheekbone moving toward the hairline, giving a natural flush to the skin.

Some examples are Maybelline Cool Effects blush in Very Berry Cool, Shiseido Creamy Blush in Rambler Rose, and Elizabeth Arden's Cheekcolor in Natural Red.

Even though spring makeup is usually inundated with pastels and shimmers, makeup artists are creating out of the box by working with smoky chocolate around the entire lid teamed with a sun-bronzed complexion.

Not only is soft pink in for the lips this season, but also the nude lip is in great desire. The

aim is to make the lips muted and soft. Colors such as Tickle Lip Polish by L'Oréal and Sebastian Flesh Four are the perfect hue to achieve this glistening, soft lip.

Once again it's a change of season, which means a whole new slew of products are out there for our consumption. So, buy wisely and stock up on the broad spectrum of essentials available this spring.

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## SHOPPING BRIEFS

## ■ FOCUS DAYS

Jacobson's stores are hosting Focus Days throughout March. Jacobson's experts will show how to complete a look with the perfect shoes, handbags and jewelry, featuring a special collection of jewelry made available during the event.

Dana Buchman Focus Day will be Sunday, March 17, in Birmingham (325 N. Woodward, phone (248) 644-6900) and Rochester (1220 University, phone (248) 651-6000).

Three Focus Days will take place Saturday, March 23: Mother of the Bride and Special Occasion Focus Day, noon to 4 p.m. in Birmingham; Carolee Focus Day, noon to 4 p.m. in Birmingham; and St. John Focus Day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Rochester.

Other special events at Jacobson's locations this month include a Chantelle Fit Event 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, in Rochester and Friday, March 22, in Birmingham.

## ■ FABULOUS HATS EVENT

Customers at Jacobson's, 325 N. Woodward in Birmingham, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, will see this season's gorgeous new styles from such designers as Eric Javits and Giovanni, many one-of-a-kind hats by Joe Bill Miller, and the newest suit and dress trends.

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## ■ TAILORING

Personalize your wardrobe with individual tailoring at the Brioni Trunk Show and Made-to-Measure Event, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at Mon's Clothing on 1 in Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. Call (248) 643-3300.

## ■ COLLECTION SHOW

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## ■ ST. PATRICK'S DAY TREAT

Youngsters are invited to pick up a fun green treat and activity sheet (while supplies last) 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at Kids Castles at Art Van Furniture stores in Novi (27775 Novi Road, phone (248) 348-9922) and at 6500 14 Mile in Warren (phone (586) 939-2100).

## ■ MAKEUP ARTIST

National makeup artist Laura Mercier will visit Neiman Marcus in the Somerset Collection, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 22-23. Mercier will be at Cosmetics on 1. Call (248) 643-3300, Ext. 2104, to reserve an appointment.

## ■ TRUNK SHOW

Sally's Designs, 6337-B Orchard Lake Road in West

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## ■ CLEAN YOUR CLOSET WEEKEND

Drop off gently used women's business attire at Art Van Furniture stores in Southfield, Waterford, Novi, Royal Oak, Shelby Township and Warren Friday-Saturday, March 22-24. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Dress for Success agency will distribute the clothing to low-income women entering the work force. Receipts for tax deductions will be available.

Art Van Furniture, WJBK-FOX TV's Working Women program, Magic 105.1 and Dress for Success have teamed up for the clothing drive.

## ■ CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

Boys and girls from age 6 months to 12 years are welcome to join in the Story Book Children's Pageant Saturday-Sunday, March 23-24, at Oakland Mall, 14 Mile and John R in Troy.

The theme of the pageant is children's stories. Contestants may dress as their favorite storybook character as well as challenge their imagination in the

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