

SHOPPING Springing Into Fashion



ROBERT VANCE
Lincolnshire, Illinois

When Jack Shniderman bought Robert Vance in 1985, the independent shop was catering to a classic and conservative menswear customer out of a Chicago mall. It was Shniderman, a former owner of the Ralph Lauren store in Chicago, who saw the benefits of moving the 5,000-square-foot shop to The Village Green in Lincolnshire, a mixed-use facility in a nearby suburb. He traded in the traditional look for something a bit more contemporary, and he also added modern women's wear to the merchandise mix. These days, Robert Vance is a haven for hard-to-find European and American designs by Barry Bricken, Yanci Fugel, Paul & Shark, Gran Sasso, and Pal Zileri. It's also a one-stop shop for such popular brands as Tommy Bahama, Jhane Barnes, and Hickey Freeman. "We have a nice fashion mix now," says Shniderman. "We're not all Italian — and we're not all traditional, either." 185 Milwaukee Ave.; (847) 478-0988

ANDREW DAVIS
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Within the county limits of Fort Wayne, Indiana, not a single men's store was catering to the fashion demands of the upscale male customer. Which prompted family lawyer Andy Mallor and his business partner, second generation retailer Chris Lambert, to open Andrew Davis, a 3,900-square-foot emporium filled with all the little luxuries endemic of high-end shopping. There's even an added bonus: a large-screen television to enjoy between suit fittings with an Italian-trained master tailor who works on the premises. While the focus is on tailored clothing made by such venerable resources as Canali, Arnold Brant, and Lubiam, the store also carries a huge selection of contemporary sportswear by Trussardi, Zanella, Gran Sasso, Scott Barber, Dalmine, and Robert Talbott, among others. "We tried to create an atmosphere so that wherever you put your hand down, you want to buy what you're touching," says Mallor. And there's one more incentive: a frequent-buyer's club offers customers a \$50 gift certificate for every \$1,000 purchased in a season. 6410 W. Jefferson Blvd.; (260) 436-4788; www.andrewdavismenswear.com

CELEBRITY SHOPPING SECRETS

Shiva Rose McDermott, Christina Ricci, Rashida Jones, Drew Barrymore, and Kristi Hume have been shopping at Steinberg & Sons and Fred Segal Los Angeles for **Mon Petit Oiseau**, designer Tracy Wilkinson's French-named (it means My Little Bird) and inspired fashion line of sweet little lace skirts, jersey knits, cotton camisoles, and printed day dresses. **Mon Petit Oiseau** is available at Steinberg & Sons, 4712 Franklin Ave., (323) 660-0294; and Fred Segal Los Angeles, 8100 Melrose Ave., (323) 651-4129

Designer **Monique Lhuillier** and her husband, Tom Bugbee, have one of the hottest signature evening collections in Hollywood. The sexy bias-cut dresses, sold at Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, and Nordstrom stores, as well as Lhuillier's own salon in Beverly Hills, have recently been purchased by Janet Jackson, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Mariah Carey, Angelina Jolie, Amy Brenneman, Angelica Huston, and Nikki Taylor, among others. And "CSI" star Marg Helgenberger donned a Lhuillier creation for last year's Emmys. **Monique Lhuillier**, 9609 S. Santa Monica Blvd.; (310) 559-4599; www.moniquelhuillier.com

Aerosmith's Steven Tyler and Stone Temple Pilots' Scott Weiland were among the first to break in the credit card machine at the new L.A. store of **Henry Duarte**, the hip designer of such rock-culture couture as deerskin pants, lace-up denim jeans, ruched leather jackets, and beatnik-inspired print shirts. Other musically inclined clients discreetly buzzed in through the front door include Sheryl Crow, Jennifer Lopez, Bob Dylan, and Robert Plant. **Henry Duarte**, 7977 Melrose Ave.; (323) 655-8861 — W.K.

Between gigs on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" and "Live with Regis and Kathy," Regis Philbin browses **Pal Zileri's** upscale menswear collection at Stile Uomo in SoHo. Other fans of the Italian brand of fine business attire and hip casual wear include Oscar de la Hoya and Joe Mantegna, who often frequent Pal Zileri's Las Vegas store in The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Resort Hotel Casino. **Stile Uomo**, 419 W. Broadway, New York, (212) 219-0042; **Pal Zileri**, 3377 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Ste. 2185, Las Vegas; (702) 732-2100; www.palzileri.com — A.F.



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