

# Super shopper says farewell

Wouldn't you know it? I finally get a new picture to headline this column just in time for the grand finale. Yes, this bargain hunter is all shopped out. After 62 editions of Born to Shop, the time is ripe to put my pen and my pocketbook aside and pursue new challenges.

Since October '86, I have unearthed a wealth of bargains from seafood to sportswear, dog food to draperies. I have spent far more than I have earned, and I loved it.

Surprisingly enough, Mr. C has enjoyed it too — though there were times he wished I was a hairdresser, a brain surgeon — anything but a wisecracking columnist. He got tired of people peeking up his pant leg to catch a glimpse of his weird and wonderful socks.

Let's face it. There are only so many bargain outlets available, and I've exhausted my resources.



## Born to Shop

Deb Bodine Champion

What started as a series of 10 or 12 columns blossomed into five dozen.

To celebrate the true spirit of Born to Shop, I have one last choice tidbit to pass on to my loyal following of bargain hunters. And I promise, it's a good one.

Vendables, located at the rear of 55 East Beaver Creek Rd., is holding its first of five warehouse sales for 1988 from March 1-5. The outlet will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and

Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The date for the second sale is May 31 to June 4.

Vendables sells merchandise from seven major suppliers including Villeroy & Boch, Fitz & Floyd, Kosta Boda, Schmid and itala at 50 to 70 per cent off. Stock consists mostly of discontinued lines, samples and seconds. Approximately 50 per cent of the merchandise falls into the latter category.

The flaws will not affect the wear, and result from slight slip-ups in the manufacturing process. If the flaw is not readily noticeable (and many are not), staff will be able to tell you exactly what the defect is.

The warehouse sale is bigger than ever this time around, with 1800 sq. ft. more than last year. A

new item is the Fitz & Floyd dinnerware.

The first-quality china is selling at cost, which is half of the wholesale price. For example, a 20-piece set of Fleur Fantasia normally sells for \$800, but can be purchased at the sale for \$225. Individual pieces can also be purchased at similar savings.

Kosta Boda and Villeroy & Bosh crystal stemware are selling at wholesale prices. These seconds are not damaged or chipped. The defect comes from the hand blowing process — an air bubble in the base may not be of uniform size, or a gold swirl may not be just right.

Fitz and Floyd has a wonderfully whimsical line of giftware, where teapots simply do not look like teapots. You should be pouring from a dinosaur, Mother Goose, a pink flamingo or even a

pair of rabbits doing the tango. Serving dishes can look like vegetables, fish, or birds, and cookie jars can be hippos or polka-dotted chickens. They're fun and they're half price.

At Vendables warehouse sale, there is glassware, oven-to-tableware, placemats, English brassware, table linens, decorative tins and more. For Easter, there are Anri wooden Easter eggs, Easter musical figurines and collectors' plates.

A few final words of caution. The first day is always a madhouse (just like home), so if you can't handle line-ups or crowds, wait until later in the sale.

Payment can be made with cash or Visa only. Sales are final, so examine your items carefully before purchasing. And get yourself on the mailing list to ensure notification of future sales.

Happy sale-ing!



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