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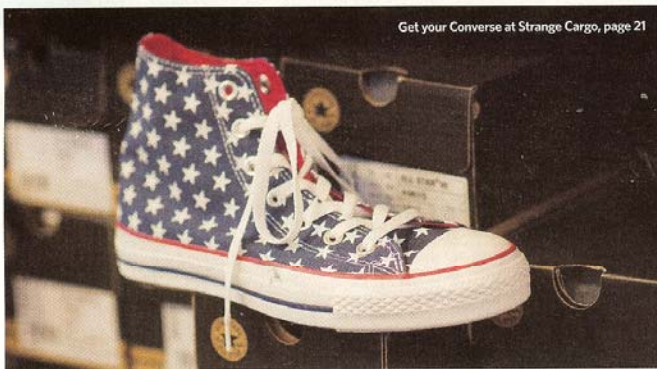
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TESSUTI—Tessuti features Pal Zileri suits, sport jackets, pants and dress shirts. The store also specializes in an extraordinary selection of ties, sweaters and sport shirts. Open M-F 10:30 am-6:30 pm; Sa 10 am-6 pm; Su noon-5 pm or by appointment. 50 E. Oak St., 312.266.4949. El: Red to Chicago. **Mag Mile Map**

TULA—This hidden gem on Southport Avenue looks like it's someone's home; really, it's an invitingly elegant repository for what might be called grown-up clothes: dresses, tops, pants and outerwear from hard-to-find lines (Hache, Meribou) that are fashionable without screaming "trend!" Also find colorful bangles, chunky gold rings and hip distressed leather bags. Open M-F 11 am-7 pm; Sa 10 am-6 pm; Su noon-5 pm. www.tula-boutique.com. 3738 N. Southport Ave., 773.549.2876. El: Brown to Southport. **Downtown: B-2**

YVES SAINT LAURENT RIVE GAUCHE—Set up salon-style with a series of contained and intimate white rooms, the two-level boutique offers the complete line of women's and men's ready-to-wear, accessories, cosmetics and fragrances. Just like the YSL products, the store is sophisticated with a touch of attitude. www.ysl.com. Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm. 51 E. Oak St., 312.751.8995. El: Red to Chicago. **Mag Mile Map**

ZARA—Budget-minded fashionistas give thanks that this mass-market retailer has finally come to Chicago—or at least to the suburbs, for now. The company is known for getting trendy looks from street to store in as little as two weeks, and there's a decent selection of work-friendly basics as well. Open M-Sa 10 am-9 pm; Su 11 am-6 pm. www.zara.com. Old Orchard Mall, Skokie, 847.329.0808. **Metro: J-8**

Beauty/Health Services

BLISS—Graced with the Midwest's first outlet of this primo massage and facial mecca, Chicago's Bliss spa overlooks Lake Michigan from the eighth floor of the W Chicago Lakeshore hotel. Enjoy 9,600 square feet of tension-fighting services like a carrot and sesame body buff. www.blissworld.com. Open daily 9 am-9 pm. 644 N. Lake Shore Dr., 312.201.9545. Bus: 3, 66, 157 to Ontario. **Downtown: I-6**

BRILLI SALON—Gold walls and a crystal chandelier give this Lakeview salon a glamorous feel, while leather chairs and bamboo styling stations add a hint of Zen. Schooled monthly in the latest trends, stylists offer cuts, colors, waxing, makeup services and massages. www.brillison.com. Open select Mondays by appointment noon-5 pm; T-W 10 am-9 pm; Th 1 pm-8 pm; F 10 am-5:30 pm; Sa 9 am-4:30 pm. 3334 N. Ashland Ave., 773.755.HAIR(4247). **Downtown: B-1**

EXHALE—Based on breath as an influence on and connection to the mind and body, this Asian-inspired spa has services and group classes that encompass relaxation, wellness and fitness. Massage and facials are 50 percent off 8 am appointments every day. www.exhalospa.com. Open daily M-Su 8 am-9 pm. 945 N. State St., 312.753.6500. El: Red to Chicago. **Mag Mile Map**

MARIETTA'S DAY SPA & SALON—This intimate salon located in the tony Gold Coast neighborhood offers essentials, such as manis, pedis, waxing and massages, as well as deep pore facials and special occasion up-dos. Open M-F 10 am-8 pm; Sa 9 am-5 pm; Su 9 am-3 pm. www.mariettadayspa.com. 58 W. Maple St., 312.337.4827. El: Red to Clark/Division. **Mag Mile Map**. New West Loop location at 3108 S. Canal St., 312.922.0078. Bus: 124 to Canal. **Downtown: J-4**

MITCHELL DENTAL SPA—Teeth might take top billing, but this cosmetic dentistry also offers facials and massages as well. Plus, all dental customers get a 10- to 15-minute complimentary spa service. Open Tu-F 10 am-5 pm. www.mitchelldentalspa.com. Water Tower Place, 848 N. Michigan Ave., 9th Floor, 312.642.1014. El: Red to Chicago. **Mag Mile Map**

THOUSAND WAVES SPA—This women-only spa and bathhouse is one of the city's better-kept secrets. The facilities include a whirlpool tub; a steam room, and a dry sauna, and visitors can also schedule a massage or an herbal wrap for the total relaxation experience. Open Tu-Th noon-9 pm; F-Su 10 am-7 pm. www.thousandwavesspa.com. 1212 W. Belmont Ave., 773.549.0700. El: Red, Brown, Purple to Belmont. **Downtown: B-3**

URBAN OASIS—Focusing solely on body work, this peaceful spa lives up to its name. Begin with a refreshing fruit juice or calming herbal tea before being ushered into a private changing room. Massage options include Swedish, deep muscle, hot stone, pregnancy, aromatherapy, sports and chair massage. Or try Reiki, craniosacral release or reflexology. www.urban oasis.biz. Open M noon-8 pm; Tu-Th 10 am-8 pm; F 9 am-7 pm; Sa 9 am-5 pm; Su 11 am-5 pm. 12 W. Maple St., 312.587.3500. El: Red to Clark/Division. **Mag Mile Map**. 939 W. North Ave., 312.640.0001. El: Red to North/Clybourn. **Downtown: F-3**

VERIA—To help customers achieve mind and body balance, this Lincoln Park wellness center offers natural and organic skin and body products, as well as services including ayurvedic body treatments, facials, massages, and yoga and pilates classes. Open M-Sa 10 am-7 pm. www.veria.com. 2010 N. Halsted St., 773.281.3467. El: Brown, Purple to Armitage. **Downtown: E-3**

Books

AFTER-WORDS—This two-level bookstore carries an extensive selection of new and used books, including a comprehensive literature and poetry section. Buy, sell and trade. Internet access available. Open M-Th 10:30 am-10 pm; F 10:30 am-11 pm; Sa 10 am-11 pm; Su noon-7 pm. 23 E. Illinois St., 312.464.1110. El: Red to Grand. **Downtown: I-6**

PRAIRIE AVENUE BOOKSHOP—A world-famous architectural bookshop with coffee table-worthy foreign and domestic monographs on architects, as well as more than 18,000 books on architectural history, design, criticism, interiors, construction, engineering and planning. The space includes furniture designed in the style of Frank Lloyd Wright and Mies van der Rohe. www.pabooks.com. Open M-F 10 am-6 pm; Sa 10 am-4 pm. 418 S. Wabash Ave., 312.922.8311. El: Loop to Library. **Downtown: K-5**

SEMINARY CO-OP—in a basement on the University of Chicago campus, this consumer-owned bookstore is a slice of bookworm heaven, with more than 100,000 titles ranging from art and architecture to health and beauty to self-help and travel. Open M-F 8:30 am-9 pm; Sa 10 am-6 pm; Su noon-6 pm. www.semicoopbookstore.com. 5757 S. University Ave., 773.752.4381. Bus: 6 to 57th. **Metro: P-10**

Children's Stores

CHICAGO KIDS BOOKSTORE AND MORE—With an owner who has a PhD in children's psychology and staff members who are writers, teachers and theater majors, you know this is no ordinary bookstore. It describes itself as a "for-profit not-for-profit" and carries a carefully select stock of books, toys and gifts. It also hosts daily story times, as well as author events. Open M-W, F, Sa 9 am-8 pm; Th 9 am-9 pm; Su 9 am-6 pm. www.chicagokidsbooks.com. 3453 N. Southport Ave., 773.478.0005(26657). El: Brown to Southport. **Downtown: B-2**

GROW—inside this light, airy space, you'll find stylish, organic kids clothes like richly colored, super-soft kimono onesies from Kate Quinn Organics, plus a wide range of accessories like patterned Spaseese organic cotton blankets that double as play mats and multi-pocketed diaper bags in clean, classic designs. www.grow-kids.com. Open T, W, F 11 am-6 pm; Th 11 am-8 pm; Sa 10 am-6 pm; Su noon-5 pm. 1943 W. Division St., 773.489.0009. El: Blue to Damen. **Downtown: G-1**

THE SECOND CHILD—Gently worn and priced right, the upscale secondhand kids' duds (think Hanna Anderson, Ralph Lauren and Oillyly) at this petite second-floor Armitage Avenue shop are worth a second look. Maternity and nursing clothes, toys, books and bedding too. Open M-Sa 10 am-6 pm; Su noon-5 pm. www.2ndchild.com. 954 W. Armitage Ave., 773.883.0880. El: Brown, Purple to Armitage. **Downtown: E-3**

Department Stores/Malls

THE 900 SHOPS—Located on the chic north end of Michigan Avenue, The 900 Shops offers six levels of shopping at Bloomingdale's, Coach, Max/Mara, Cache, J. Crew, Mark Shale, Mario Tricoci Hair Salon and Day Spa, and 60 other retailers. Dining options include Baisi Thai, Frankie's 5th Floor Pizzeria, and Seasons Restaurant (located in the attached Four Seasons Hotel). The Exclusively 900 card, available at Customer Service, offers special savings and discounts. www.shop900.com. Shops are open M-Sa 10 am-7 pm; Su noon-6 pm (some stores and restaurants may have extended hours). 900 N. Michigan Ave., 312.915.3916. El: Red to Chicago. **Mag Mile Map**

BLOOMINGDALE'S—This upscale store's Chicago flagship features six levels of shopping. Out-of-town customers may stop by the Visitors Center on the first floor for information/in-store promotions, plus a free gift with purchase. The 900 Shops, 900 N. Michigan Ave. (open M-Sa 10 am-8 pm; Su 11 am-7 pm), 312.440.4460. El: Red to Chicago. **Mag Mile Map**: open M-Sa 10 am-9 pm; Su 11 am-7 pm. Westfield Old Orchard, Skokie, 847.675.5200. **Metro: J-8**; open M-Sa 10 am-8 pm; Su noon-6 pm. 4 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, 630.974.4300. **Metro: N-5**; also visit the Bloomindale's Home & Furniture Store, housed in