

What's **New**

by DIANE DI COSTANZO

A fully automatic state-of-the-art coffee and espresso center, the **IMPRESSA Z5** from Capresso is seconds fast, ultraquiet and ever versatile — it even has a triple-insulated thermal milk container to keep milk fresh and ready for frothing.

Williams-Sonoma, 136 Main Street, Westport, 221-8667.



BOB CARPAZZO

Westport's popular **CHALLAH CONNECTION** is expanding, now offering kosher gift baskets, black-and-white cookie platters, babka, rugelach and specialty desserts. Owner Jane Moritz — a leading online provider of gourmet kosher baked goods and other products — specializes in foods for the Jewish holidays and other occasions. Order online, with next-day delivery to Westport and surrounding towns, at challahconnection.com, or call 222-0400.

On the Waterfront

After ten-plus Wall-Street years, Eric Johnson jumped at the chance to buy and revitalize **WESTPORT OUTFITTERS**, a longtime Saugatuck institution.

Now relocated to a larger space in Norwalk, the new Westport Outfitters offers everything needed by boating and fishing enthusiasts, whether they are tying their first fly or looking to buy a boat (from Holby, Ranger and others) or having an existing boat serviced or stored. Johnson also offers fishing charters, workshops and private instruction (your guide is ready and able to share the best spots on the Sound and along the coastline). And the 3,000-square-foot tackle shop is an angler's paradise, with all the basics as well as garment, gear, books, maps and more.

Westport Outfitters, 44 Calf Pasture Beach Road, Norwalk, 831-8036.



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[FOR THE HOME]



Westporter **AMY COE** is known nationwide for her sweet and stylish baby and children's bedding. Inspired by vintage prints, she became a brand name when Target asked her to design a limited-edition collection for its stores. Now Amy has her own boutique, opened in January, and offers everything for the nursery and child's bedroom and a pretty line of baby cashmere, as well as garments from other designers.

Amy Coe, 151 Post Road, Westport, 227-9900. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.



The Basil Blue Sage Stainless Steel Spray is a market first — and it reduces fingerprints and smells great. See more botanical cleaning products from Caldrea at **GARELICK AND HERBS**, 1799 Post Road East, Westport, 254-3727.

All of the needlework arts are enjoying a renaissance, so it's no surprise **THE NEEDLEWORK SHOPPE** in Westport draws artisans from all over who just can't find their crochet, smocking, rug hooking, crewelwork, embroidery and quilting supplies anywhere else. Beginners are welcome, too, with a huge range of knitting needles, canvases for making needlepoint pillow tops and instructional kits for children. Not sure of what project you'd like to take on? The shop itself is inspirational.

Needlework Shoppe, 1 Wilton Road, Westport, 227-8098. Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, until 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Curtain Call

Step foot in the **CURTAIN EXCHANGE** in Playhouse Square in Westport and you will be *dazzled*. The walls shimmer with silk panels of every hue, from an elegantly simple ivory to an elaborately embroidered claret-colored dupioni. The nationwide company — now with thirty-one franchises — has a novel policy: Customers are invited to “check out” up to three different panels to take home. “It’s too difficult to base your decision on a small swatch of fabric,” says Angela Smith of the recently opened store. All Curtain Exchange panels are weighted and lined, including a heavy cotton-flannel interlining, construction techniques that protect the silk drapes while giving them a gorgeous heft and drape. Prices start at \$1,019 for a pair of silk panels, cut from your choice of thirteen iridescent shades.

Address and hours TK.

