

OCEAN DRIVE

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Holiday

Hit List

Ocean Drive's fanciful guide to this season's simple pleasures



White-gold, amethyst, quartz-crystal and citrine Justine rings, available at H. Stern Jewelers, Miami Beach.

Three Saturdays ago while combing Bal Harbour Shops for luxe ideas for our yearly Santa Baby wish list, Mr. Blackwell and I had what we thought was the most brilliant idea: The Gucci Cafe, a little in-store refreshment station, possibly situated in the back corner where the Spartan luggage section currently is, so that shoppers could sit and compare their purchases of trendy pony-skin items while enjoying, say, a bracing iced skinny mochaccino. It certainly would make shopping less fatiguing, giving us a chance to come up for air, so to speak, between significant decisions, such as the silver wraparound sunglasses instead of the gold or black-on-black, or the "maxi"-sized G-initial watch instead of the "mini" or "midi" (how '70s of them). I mean, we all go there anyway, and a cafe would be a lot more glamorous than rendezvousing in the shoe department's carpeted enclave, which is Gucci's unofficial VIP lounge.



Blue-topaz, diamond and white-gold necklace, available at H. Stern Jewelers, Miami Beach.

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The Mercedes E320 has slightly rounded, feminine lines and coordinates **perfectly** with our current wardrobe.

and not too bitter. Personally, we'd love to receive a **Hungry Girl dark chocolate medley** combining all our favorite sins, starting with dark-chocolate-covered rocky road squares and Oreos from Krön Chocolatier, with some fresh chocolate-dipped cherries, which are too good to be believed. Figure on \$3 for a small block of rocky road, \$8 per box of 10 Oreos, and \$16 per box of chocalized fruit. It might be necessary to call our friends at Epicure to see when they'll be putting out their chocolate-covered pistachios, which are so taboo we go immediately into denial after consuming them (approximately \$7). We're also mad for the giant malted-milk balls at

Santa Baby's Shopping Guide

- Bulgari**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 861-8898.
- Chanel**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 868-0550; and 247 Worth Ave., Palm Beach, (561) 655-1550.
- Cornell Landscape Nursery**, 17091 Biscayne Blvd., North Miami Beach, (305) 947-4454.
- Cuba Club**, 432 41st St., Miami Beach, (305) 664-9798.
- Epicure Market**, 1656 Alton Rd., Miami Beach, (305) 672-1861.
- Fendi**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 861-6666.
- Flowers & Flowers**, 925 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach, (305) 534-1633.
- Glen Miller for Ann Turk**, 710 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, (305) 266-8875.
- Guest**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 868-6506; and 256 Worth Ave., Palm Beach, (561) 655-9955.
- Horticulture Therapy Consultants**, (954) 477-0196.
- Krön Chocolatier**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 868-6478.
- L.P. Evans Mercedes-Benz**, 9696 N.W. Seventh Ave., Miami, (305) 693-1711.
- Leonidas Chocolate**, 1221 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, (305) 473-8008.
- Lois Vuitton**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 866-4470; and 251 Worth Ave., Palm Beach, (561) 833-4641.
- Morays Jewelers**, 224 S.E. First St., Miami, (305) 374-0739.
- Motorela**, (888) 782-7822.
- Neilman Marcus**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 865-6161.
- Nicole Miller**, 656 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, (305) 535-2200.
- Portofino Tower**, One South Pointe Dr., Miami Beach, (305) 531-3300.
- Prada**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 864-9111.
- Romanoff**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 865-1400.
- Saks Fifth Avenue**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 865-1190; and 172 Worth Ave., Palm Beach, (561) 833-2551.
- Sanztempo**, 815 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, (305) 534-5588.
- Tiffany & Co.**, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, (305) 864-1801; and 259 Worth Ave., Palm Beach, (561) 659-6090.

White frosted glassware, available at Burdines, Dadeland.

Chihuly hand-blown glass sculpture, available at Paul Fisher Contemporary Glass, Flamingo Drive, West Palm Beach.