

SECRET SERVICE

FABULOUS FINDS • UNCOMMON BARGAINS • WONDERFUL STUFF



These Little Piggies

Is there any hope for healthy meat lovers? Say *amen* and pass the gravy—the answer is yes. Farmer Ted Blew and his family, of Pittstown, New Jersey, sell organic pork products at the Union Square and World Trade Center Greenmarkets: sage and smoked sausages, baby back ribs, bacon, chops, hams and scrapple. What makes them organic is the feed (corn and other grains), which the Blews grow themselves. They don't use any antibiotics or steroids on their herd, says Ted, so it takes them two months longer to bring the animals to market weight (but he isn't in any hurry). The butchering and smoking are done by a Mennonite family on the other side of the Delaware in Pennsylvania; they use 100 percent hickory chips for a slow, even smoke. The Greenmarkets are the Blews' only New York outlets. You'll find Ted at the World Trade Center market every Thursday and at Union Square on Wednesday in the spring and fall and on Saturday year-round. **SUSAN THAMES**

Evocative new Brazilian fragrances by Lim & Cia have made it to the States. Light and delicious, often packaged in unusual opaque red bottles, these eaux de toilette will instantly transport you to a thatched cottage in Bahia. Choose from **Aura (floral/peach)**, **Verde (leaves/musk)**, **Bruma (floral/green)**, **Tempo (green/spicy-woody)**, **Raiz (roots/woody)**, **Zanzibar (wood sap/spicy)** or **Lavenda One (available as cologne)**. **Exclusively at Barneys New York for \$35 for four fluid ounces.** **KAREN MOLINE**



THE SPIRITED DRESS

Tucked away on the Lower East Side, among the pickle stands of Essex Street and Katz's Deli on Ludlow, is a boutique named **THE DRESS** (103 Stanton Street; 473-0237). Run by Amy Downs and Mary Adams, the Dress is a paradise for limited edition designs. And, as the name implies, that's all you'll find here: party dresses and some hats and bags (no pants).

Mary's dresses include romantic full-skirted styles in materials ranging from silk organza to cotton organdy, with prices starting at \$250. Neighborhood designer Ellen Berkenblit sews up witty, sometimes extreme, cocktail dresses (\$150); Megan Williams designs suits with crisp short jackets and slim short skirts (\$300); and Brigita Gumsey makes colorful, slicker-style raincoats and woolly winter coats in deep, lush grays (\$275).

Amy's hats range from fancy chapeaus of black-and-white houndstooth and stiff black ruffles (\$80) to beautiful wide-brimmed velvet hats (\$80), hand-woven straw (\$30–\$100) and elegant black taffeta party hats (\$130).

And, if you desire, Amy and Mary will also dress you from head to toe for your wedding day. Allow at least one month for them to create the hat and dress of your dreams. You choose a style from Mary's collection and go through fabric swatches with her. Then Amy will design a luscious hat to top it off. This personalized service will run you \$1,350. **LAUREN SPENCER**