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**SWEET SPOT** Until Duncan Hines comes up with a gluten-free mix, parents seeking customized quickie cupcakes for food-sensitive kiddies should put Lollicakes on speed-dial. All treats are handmade in a peanut-free kitchen and taste as good as they look. Cupcakes \$2 each. **Lollicakes**, 559 Mount Pleasant Rd., 416-482-2253.



**LEG WARMERS** Brazen and biker-chick sexy, Timberland's water-proof burnished boots are a welcome departure from the company's traditional Man-tracker-esque footwear. \$220. **Shoe Bag**, 426 Eglinton Ave. W., 416-483-9500.

**RAIN CHECK** In this design-obsessed era, any household item can be turned into eye candy, leaving no excuse for the hideous. This striking chromium-plated steel umbrella stand by Eckhart Muthesius—first made in 1932 for the maharaja of Indore's palace—deserves pride of place. \$959. **Avenue Road**, 59 Booth Ave., 416-548-7792.

## The City's Best Loot

BY JANE APOR

**FAMILY COMPACT** Newly opened Jacflash is a bold effort by father-daughter duo Geoffrey and Jaclyn Genovese. Designer frocks line the shop alongside a listening station, where CDs by such up-and-comers as Matthew Genovese (Jaclyn's bro) are on offer. \$10. **Jacflash**, 1036 Queen St. W., 416-516-8766.



**SLEEP TIGHT** Fleece-lined, Dutch-designed Buggy Mummy stroller bags by Nomad keep everyone snuggly (and stylish) on bitterly cold winter days. \$156. **Ella & Elliot**, 188 Strachan Ave., 416-850-7890.