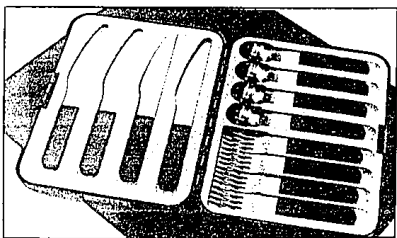


street seen

Charlene Mitchell



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Dishing it out

Away with those cheapie plastic utensils at your special outdoor picnic. This easy-to-tote port-a-pac for four adds class and convenience to even the simplest outdoor affair. Matte black handles with stainless steel. Comes in sturdy case. \$29 at Sharper Image, Somerset Mall, Troy.

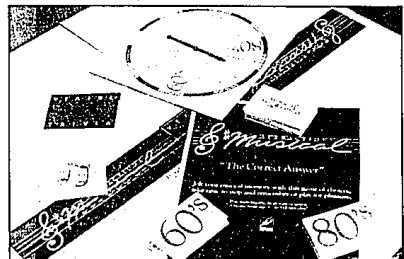
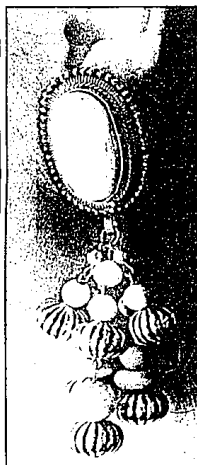
Art in motion

This contemporary ceramic sculpture is No. 9 of 200. Standing approximately 18 inches tall, the hip young man makes you want to move and groove along with him. Hand-designed by the artist, he's entitled "Dancer." The collection also includes a set of senior citizen tourists, a scuba diver and a body builder. Carried exclusively at Twigs, Birmingham. Dancer is \$326.



Ear Art

New York jewelry designer Eric Beamon does it again with these lightweight bone and silver tone earrings with antique bezels. The neutral light color makes them a smart addition to your summer wardrobe while the natural materials allow them to coordinate with your fall clothing as well. \$95 at Twigs, Birmingham.



Right on pitch

There's a new fun way to pass the time — thanks to two area women who have invented this musical trivia game. Free your mind of the dust and cobwebs and recall your favorite tunes and recording artists from the '40s, '50s and '60s. Great for family parties. Play it again, Sam... At the Birmingham Bookstore, \$31.95.

Head-topper eye popper

Look no further — here's the perfect summer head-topper for your favorite male chauvinist. This baseball style cap comes in a variety of colors featuring bikini clad cutie on top. Great Fathers Day gift that's sure to be a conversation piece on the golf course or behind a lawn mower. \$12.95 in a variety of colors at the Bobette Shop, Colony Square Shopping Center, Pontiac.



STREET WISE

Lyric strings

The Lyric Chamber Ensemble will continue its series of concerts at local churches with a performance at 7 p.m. Sunday at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Troy. The ensemble will perform Mozart's String Quartet K465 and Beethoven's String Quartet Opus 39. The church choir, also will perform. Tickets are \$6, \$4 for senior citizens and students. (Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3633 W. Big Beaver, Troy; 357-1111.)

Chai there

The 10th annual Chai runs will be Sunday at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. The one-mile run will start at 8 a.m., with three-, six-, 12- and 18-milers starting at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$12. (Jewish Community Center, 6000 W. Maple, West Bloomfield; 661-1000, Ext. 301.)

Come to the cabaret

A lineup of stars led by Whitney Mansion vocalist Kate Patterson will sing, dance, joke, act and mime its way through a "Salute to Michigan Performing Artists" Sunday at the Community House in Birmingham. Chanteuse Sheri Nichols and modern minstrel/producer Phil

Marcus Esser are among the other stars in this cabaret showcase. The program begins at 2:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and wine in the Community House lounge. The event will benefit the Forum Foundation, a charitable foundation making gifts in Michigan's lesbian/gay community. Tickets are \$35. (Community House, 360 S. Dates, Birmingham; 565-2789.)

Rocking the computer

John Casella, keyboard player for John Cougar Mellencamp, will be in Canton Township on Saturday to discuss using a personal computer to both write and play music. He will be speaking at a seminar scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arnold Williams Music. Computer Horizons, a Livonia computer store, is cosponsoring the event, called the MIDI Capability Seminar. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The fee is \$10. (Arnold Williams Music, 2701 Canton Center Road, just north of Ford, Canton Township; 464-6502.)

Prints of a guy

Monte Nagler, photography columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will present his finest works and offer his expertise in photography at Poland's Third Annual International Camera Fair and Sale. He will be at Poland's Warren

store, 4100 14 Mile, 6-8 p.m. Friday, and at the Livonia store, 29751 Plymouth, 2-4 p.m. Saturday. Nagler studied under Ansel Adams, and his black-and-white photographs are large in both size and scope.

Recycled

The Ecology Center Bikeathon, originally scheduled for Sunday, May 3, but postponed because of rainy weather, has been rescheduled for this Sunday in Ann Arbor. The schedule: 100-mile riders will start at 8 a.m., 50-mile riders will start at 9 a.m., and 28- and 14-mile riders can begin to register at 10 a.m. and may start their ride between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, call the Ecology Center at 761-3186.

Going in cycles

Three thousand bicyclists are expected for the annual Wolverine 200-Mile Bike Marathon. The event will take place 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday on Belle Isle. The entry fee is \$12. Free camping is allowed on the island. For more information, call 547-0050.

Sharp outfit

The Twyla Sharp Dance Company will bring its post-modern style of choreography to the Music Hall starting this week. Among Sharp's credits are the choreography for

such films as "Hair," "Amadeus" and "White Nights." The upcoming show features the new works "In the Upper Room" and "Ballare," a classical piece set to Mozart's Sonata in D. The show will be performed at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. (Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit; 963-7680.)

Grand old opera

The Michigan Opera Theatre is presenting Puccini's "Tosca" through Saturday at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. The performances, part of MOT's Spring International Grand Opera Series, start at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15-40. (Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit; 874-7464.)

Robbing hood

Jimmy Cagney may have wanted to be remembered as just a song and dance man, but posterity will remember him more for his hard-boiled gangster roles. One of his best tough-guy films, "White Heat," will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday at the Detroit Film Theatre. (Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit; 832-2730.)

Got something interesting in the works? Send your information to Richard Lech, Street Wise, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Look what's cookin'

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ranged tongue depressors and rubber gloves on the cutting table at her booth.

They and husbands Gary Landin and Steve Dill doctored up jars of Ortega "Thick 'N Chunky" with sausage, tabasco and other secret ingredients in a dinner-theater-style atmosphere that included scrub suits and masks. The sign overhead read "Dr. Dilly's Preparation Hot Chili And His Team Of Proctologists."

"Did the patient survive?" asked one passerby.

"You'll have to ask the judges that question," Elsie replied.

Duplicate the Dr. Dill theme with a few yards of gauze, pill boxes and

scrubs. Hang powerful lights around the dining room, hand out the silverware as though you were passing surgical instruments and use a few carefully rehearsed phrases in dinner table conversation.

"We're losing fluid, doctor."

"There's another six-pack in the basement, nurse."

OK, ARE YOU ready to make your own dinner display at home? Here are a few suggestions, taken from other Chili Cook-Off displays.

• Try a nautical theme with netting, sailor hats and cute galley signs. Hang starfish and shells on the netting. Practice saying things at the table like "Ahoy, please pass the crackers to my starboard side." (As

seen at the booth of Plymouth's Carol Dujisk and crew.)

• Rent about a dozen stuffed animal heads from a taxidermist. Arrange them around the dining room. Wear a cowboy hat and plaid, flannel shirt.

• Call your chili "Armadillo Chili," and just let the guests wonder.

• Encase the dining room table in a bamboo cage, hang exotic flowers around and cook the chili in a cast iron pot. Pretend you're in Tasmania.

• Make unique gifts from leftover chili peppers — a lace and pepper nosegay, a kazoo, or pierced earrings — and give them to guests or display them with your best china.

Premiere's Monday, May 18, 1987!!

LUV SCENE



"LUV SCENE," an exciting new service, will debut Monday, May 18, as part of our STREET SCENE section. If you are looking for a special someone who will enrich your life, LUV SCENE is the place to begin. Here is an example of a typical Luv message:

Young woman, 24, with interests in sports, dancing, freestyle conversations, good wine, gourmet cooking, and long walks in the twilight, wishes to meet gentlemen who share similar interests. Must be between 25-30 years old. Please send photo, phone number and address to Box 0000 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

We will keep your name and telephone number confidential; the box number will allow us to identify your replies. Studies have shown that our readers are high income, educated professionals. So if you are searching for a bit of "luv" in your life, why not try "LUV SCENE?"

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