

street seen

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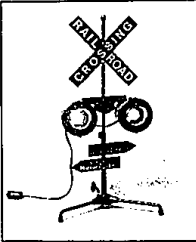


Spotting a winner

No need to tell you how popular animal prints are in spring fashion, but here's a new twist. A spotted zebra necklace. That's right, you aren't seeing things. This zebra has (blue) polka dots along with the usual stripes. \$80 at Escapades on the Boardwalk, West Bloomfield.

Flashy traffic stopper

More flash than function is what this high-intensity lamp is all about. It's more of a conversation piece with its flashing red, green and yellow lights. \$32.50 at Escapades on the Boardwalk, Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

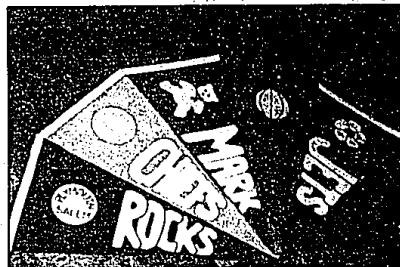


Lennon artwork

Beatle immortal John Lennon did more than compose music, according to his wife, Yoko Ono, who recently released pieces of artwork Lennon did in his later years. Some of it has been captured on T-shirts. One size fits all. \$22. Comes in pink, red, navy, gray and white. Also has an accompanying tote bag. Begadim on the Boardwalk, West Bloomfield.

Free to be you

It's not shown here that way, but this embossed Italian handbag was designed to be worn around the waist as well as over the shoulder, thus permitting freedom of the hands for biking or taking care of the little one. \$152. Begadim on the Boardwalk, Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.



Show your spirit

Team Spirit Inc. will help you cheer your favorite team, athlete or event, with a personalized pennant. Choose from a wide variety of colors and logos to design your own pennant for a favorite school, organization, club, team or person. These machine-sewn felt pennants are 12 by 24 inches and can accommodate a logo up to 11 letters. \$8.95 (atlc included). Order from: Cantor Sports, 45868 Ford Road, Canton, 48303-0033, and Canton Sports in the Canton Softball Center, 46355 Michigan Ave., Canton.

Righteous show

It is said that a man shall be known by his works. That may be the case on Saturday, April 23, when students of master jazz artist Kasumi Mafia and the master himself perform in a jazz recital.

Sponsored by Righteous Showtime Productions and the Success Academy of Fine Arts, the recital will be from 7-10:30 p.m. in Wayne State University's Community Arts Auditorium, 495 Ferry Mall at Cass, Detroit.

Mafia has been working with children since 1984, training them in instrumental, vocal music and dramatics as well as majorette and drill routines. Mafia, a former Motown studio musician, has played with the likes of Sammy Davis Jr., James Darren, Leslie Uggams, Aretha Franklin, Freddie Hubbard, The Supremes, Martha Reeves, Mary Wells and Marvin Gaye.

His students will be performing 7-8 p.m., while Mafia will present an improvisational concert 8:30-10:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. For information, call 934-5404.

Ah, what's up, Doc?

That Pulitzer Prize winning rabbit — no, not Bugs Bunny — is at the Meadowbrook Theatre for a four-week run.

"Harvey," Mary Chase's story about a lovable bachelor and his companion/counselor, Harvey, a 6-foot, 1-inch invisible rabbit, will be staged through May 15.

Will Love will star as the bachelor, Elwood P. Dowd, while Jayne Houdyshell will play his sister Veta.

Performances are 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturday, May 14, 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26-27, Friday, April 29, Wednesday, May 4 and 11 and Saturday, May 14. Shows also have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24 and May 1, 8 and 10, and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30 and May 7.

Tickets cost \$14 for Tuesday through Thursday performances, \$18 for Fridays, \$13 for 2 p.m. Saturdays, \$19 for 6 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, \$17 for 9:30 p.m. Saturdays and \$16 for Sundays.

Student, senior and group discounts are available. For tickets, call the Meadowbrook box office at 377-3300.

Sailing, Sailing

It looks like warm weather is here to stay, which means that the sailing season is just around the corner.

Granted we all can't sail like Dennis Conner and the crew of the Stars and Stripes, but the Jack Levenez Sailing School can help make sailing an enjoyable experience.

The school will reopen for its ninth season May 9 at its Lake St. Clair location — 17640 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe.

If you're a beginner or just in need of a refresher course, the professional instructors will help you keep the wind in your sails all summer.

There's a choice of class sessions — weekends, weekdays and evenings — with a class beginning each week through September.

Classes are learn-by-doing on 23-foot keel boats. There's a maximum of four students and one instructor per boat.

For more information, call 888-7887.

Lost in space

You can discover what the distant future holds for the planet earth and its inhabitants on an incredible science fiction journey now through June 19 at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Called "Voyage to Earth," the show focuses on the adventures of an intrepid astronaut who, after becoming lost in space, returns to earth in the far distant future — billions of years from now.

You'll accompany the astronaut as he views the planet after the moon's tides finally halt the rotation of the earth and learn what the continents look like after drifting for hundreds of millions of years and what has become of the solar system after the sun has burned out.

"Voyage to Earth" is being shown at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays. The fee for the Cranbrook planetarium is 50 cents in addition to the regular museum admission of \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, call 645-3230.

Even churches have their best pew

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CUE THE AUDIENCE — Danya Jacobson, production secretary for the Kelly & Co. television show, taped at Channel 7 studios in Southfield, said aisle seats are the best bet "if you have a question" for John, Marilyn or guests.

"Not the front row, because sometimes there are chairs in the way," she added. "The best seat I think is in the first row on the risers."

GOING, GOING, GONE — If you inspect the merchandise before the bidding starts, there's no reason to sit in the front row, advises Lanny Enders, an auctioneer who frequently works antique sales and auctions at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"We set up about 200 chairs. The best place probably is in the center near the front. But I like to stand in the back."

WONDERS OF SCIENCE — "I always tell people you're sitting in the center of an upside down tea cup and it's tilted."

That's Lee Murray's description of the Detroit Science Center's multimedia cinema. The 360-degree film experience has all the charm of a hangover, if you sit too close to the front row and have a tendency toward being queasy.

"If you want to enjoy the 360 degrees you want to sit in the front so you don't get any side view at all," explained Murray, a public relations consultant. "You feel like you're in the film. Sound is all around you."

"But if you're too far down, you're totally disoriented. If you tend to get woozy, sit near the top."

BEST PEW — "We hope everyone in every seat can see and hear," said Robert Lindsey, associate pastor for the 530-seat Kirk in the Hills, a sprawling Bloomfield Hills church. "I suppose half way back is the best, but we work hard with the sound system so you can hear and see from every spot."

People seldom sit along the front row in the long and narrow sanctuary.

"You'd get a kink in the neck. I suspect, looking up. Way in the back of the church might be hard to see. I'd think half way down would be ideal."

TENSE DRAMA — Rochester District Court has all of the violence, crime, hate, love and humanity of a good television "whodunnit" without the annoying commercials.

Some recent "plots" that have unfolded in the courtrooms of Judges James Sheehy and Robert Shipper include drunk driving charges against Detroit Lions defensive coordinator Wayne Fontes; a "fatal attraction" between a love-truck Rochester Hills woman and a local at-



torney, the shooting of a man who muddled his roommate's carpeting.

"We do have our excitement," said Anita Johnson, Shipper's secretary. One time they had to risk everyone in the courtroom — including a baby."

Another time a handcuffed defendant hurled the court's 50-pound podium at the bench, narrowly missing Johnson.

Court regulars said Shipper and Sheehy — reputed professional rivals — put on a good show themselves.

Johnson said the best place to sit in Shipper's court is the middle section near the wall.

"People have to climb over each other to get there, but you can see

the defendant at the podium," she explained.

LUCKY SEATS — The line sometimes begins to form hours before the bingo games start at Shelden Hall in Livonia.

"They go for the seats they feel lucky with," said Linda Thomas, chairman of Wednesday night bingo. "Some people don't care if they see the big board or not. Some have to sit right in front."

Her pick for the best seat?

Along the side toward the back.

PEOPLE WATCHING — If you're walking near "J" building on Oakland Community College's Orchard

Ridge campus, look up to the third floor.

Those people seated in the Ridge-wood Cafe by the big glass windows are looking at you.

"People try to get tables by the windows," said Jamie Mason, student activities director.

He said the college's basement-level cafeteria, The Rathskeller, is another popular people gazing and grazing spot.

SEND IN THE CLOWNS — The best way to watch the Shrine Circus at the Michigan State Fair Coliseum is from a seat in section 4-9 or 22-28.

"But the way the coliseum is built, the seating's all great," said John Baldy, fairgrounds spokesman. "It's a small facility with no obstructions of sight lines."

Sit in the top rows, if you want to avoid craning your neck at high wire acts.

Sit on the floor, if you love clowns, confetti and seltzer water.

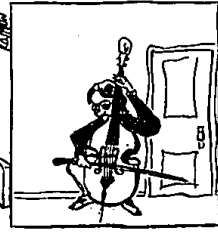
ON TRACK — The thoroughbreds may be neck-and-neck, but you won't be, if you watch the action from the Ladbroke DRC's track dining room, said Ed Mew, director of marketing for the Livonia race track.

"That's 1,000 seats. Each one is on the finish line because each table has its own private television so you can see replays right at your table."

Outlying Areas - a continuing story

by Ray Kosarin

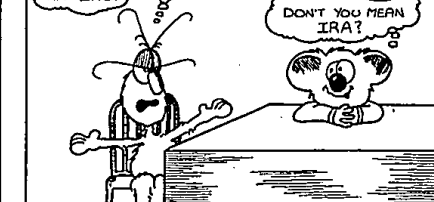
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by Neal Levin

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