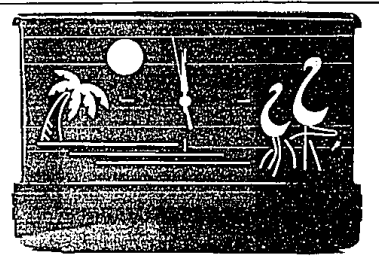


street seen

Charlene Mitchell



Street Seen reporter Charlene Mitchell is always looking for the unusual and the unique. She welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and enterprising entrepreneurs. Write her in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.



Ticking to art

A beautiful piece of art that also lets you know the time. This black background with ultra bright colors make up the design. Choose from pink flamingos to tropical sunsets. Mark Shoppnick Jewelers, Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.



Mike time

A blast of your favorite news or music sounds great coming from this battery-operated old-fashioned radio microphone, which stands vertically and goes with just about any decor. A cool graduation gift, even though it won't be out as many decades as the portable blaster style radios. \$49.95. Warren Drugs, Farmington Hills.

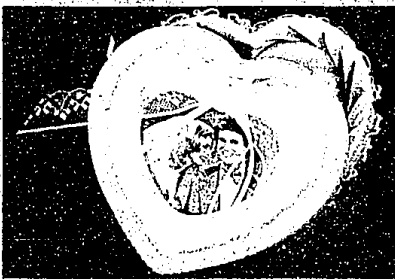
Jest(er) suggestion

This pretty doll has bendable legs and arms so you can position her any way you want. Dressed in black and gold satin with bells, she's a fabulous item to sit on a console or dressing table. Not a toy, but a showpiece. \$39. Chantel, 6885 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.



Viva Italian!

Here's a sampling of some of the offerings at one of the area's newest gourmet food stores. In addition to items like hazelnut spread in a reusable glass mug and vinegrettes for your salads or to add extra zest to marinated meats and seafoods, the shop has ready-to-eat pasta dishes available in a dozen daily specials. They'll even let you sample. Cucina Di Pasta on the Boardwalk at 6887 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.



Wedding keepsake

This small heart-shaped box is made of white satin and lace and has a heart on the lid for a wedding photo of the married couple. Use it for storing your precious pearls or just about any small item near and dear to you. \$13.50. Marmel Gifts, Farmington Hills.

STREET WISE

Varoom!

Does the roar of the engines — and the smell of the grease — get you going? Are you looking for a different way to take in the Enichem Detroit Grand Prix this year? Well, you can get the "inside track," so to speak, as a volunteer. The Detroit Grand Prix Association has a limited number of volunteer positions available for the big weekend Formula One spectacular June 17-19. Needed are ushers, who check tickets and assist patrons in the grandstands, and circuit marshalls, who act as liaisons with the public and ensure that all areas of the racing circuit, including those of limited or no access, remain secure. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and be available to work all three days. Both positions are outdoors and allow for viewing of the race. To find out how you can volunteer, call 259-5400 during business hours.

By the way

Speaking of the Detroit Grand Prix, applications are being accepted for the 1988 Ms. Grand Prix Beauty Pageant. The contest is open to women, single at the time of the pageant, who are 17 years of age and older and Michigan residents. The deadline for entering is May 15. The pageant will be held at the Premier Center in Sterling Heights on June 15. It's being sponsored by the Detroit-based Metro 25 Car Care Centers. The winner will receive use of the official Ms. Grand Prix car, a full-length mink coat, courtesy of Silver Fox Furs, a trip for two to the Bahamas from L.W.S. Travel Inc. and a full modeling/acting scholarship from John Casablancas Modeling and Career Centers. Whew... there's more. The winner also will get a \$1,500 14-karat gold Movado watch, courtesy of Edmund Ahee Jewelers, two tickets to the 1988 Grammy Awards ceremony and a promotional modeling contract with Metro 25, including publicity poster and promotional appearances throughout the year. The 15 finalists will receive Seiko watches from Ahee Jewelers, swimwear from Ujena, LA Gear tennis shoes and an audition to participate in the national auto show circuit from Affiliated Models. The first runner-up also will get a trip for two to Las Vegas from L.W.S. Miss Photogenic will receive a test shoot and interview at the internationally renowned Elite Modeling Agency in New York. Has that pricked your interest? Well, for more information, call pageant director Annalisa Sokol at 855-4882.

Cooking game

No, it's not a new Parker Bros. game. It's a 62-minute video that Chef Keith Famie, proprietor of Les Auteurs, an American Bistrot, and Chef Edward Janos of the Money Tree and El-Bo Farms Inc., have produced. Not quite MTV stuff, "Cooking with Feathered Game and Poultry" is the first cooking video to feature Michigan chefs and the first video of its kind dealing with the techniques of preparing feathered game. The two chefs show off their expertise and share an imaginative collection of enticing recipes inspired by the quality of feathered game birds raised by El-Bo Farms in Ortonville. The video includes nine easy-to-master recipes as well as a personal tour of El-Bo Farms by owners Bob and Elaine Forbes. "Cooking with Feathered Game and Poultry" costs \$24.95 and is available at Jacobson's Livonia and Birmingham stores, Kitchen Glamour, Merchant of Vino, Point Peddler in Grosse Pointe, Corner Bookstore in Royal Oak, Money Tree Restaurant and by mail through Famie Productions, P.O. Box 1181, Royal Oak 48067.

A little 'harmonie'

The Community Concert Series will be at the Paradigm Center for the Arts, 1437 Randolph, in Harmonie Park, from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday, May 7. There will be an open mike for budding performers from 9-10:30 p.m. The vegetarian kitchen will be open throughout the night. The entertainment will start at 10:30 p.m. with poet Allen Adkins. Also scheduled are Titi Laya Akanae, poet/dancer/vocalist, at 11 p.m., Eve Wilson, folk singer/vocalist, at 11:30 p.m. and the comedy of "McMusic," Tommy Spaghettil at midnight. But that's not all. (Remember, we said the series lasts until 4 a.m.) Romeo Valentine, described as a funky, rhythm and blues and rock performer, will perform at 12:30 a.m., with new music by Scenero at 1:30 a.m. and the original rock sound of The Misdirected at 2:30 a.m. Tickets cost \$3 per person.

For more information, call 955-5437 or 548-7235.

Hollywood in Novi

You've probably heard rumors about Marilyn Monroe, Elvis and James Dean showing up at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi May 20 for the Michigan '50s Festival Committee's Hollywood Premier Party. Well, rest assured, they're only rumors. What isn't rumor is the fun things that will be happening at the party. There will be entertainment like Shake, Rattle and Roll, a floor show and the live music of Output dancing, a lookalike contest and an opportunity to mingle with the "stars." KISS-FM will do the emcee honors for the party, which will come complete with spotlights, limos and all that star-studded stuff. Tickets cost \$12.50 and are available in advance ONLY. They can be bought from the Novi Chamber of Commerce, Novi Parks and Recreation Department and the Sheraton Oaks Hotel. The whole thing will get under way at 8 p.m. and last until 1 a.m. As for the Michigan '50s Festival, it's slated for July 13-17.

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