

street seen

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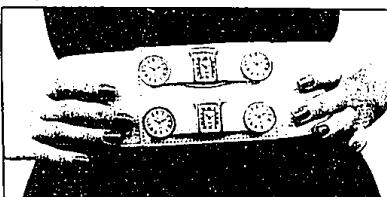


Fore fanatics

Golfers have often been called fanatics and judging by the variety of golf paraphernalia on the market, it looks as though someone really loves this game. For the party after the 18th hole, there's this jumbo ice bucket that looks like an oversized golf ball. The miniature golf balls are plastic and filled with a freezable liquid. Use them over and over again instead of ice cubes. The plastic glasses have a golf tee inside the false bottoms. Two mugs also depict what golf means to the really obsessed. Available individually, ice bucket, \$17.98; set of four glasses, \$11.98; ice cubes, \$1.99; mugs, \$5.98 each. Warren Drug Store, Farmington Hills.

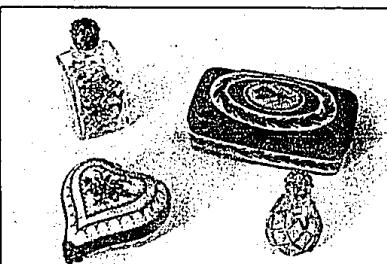
Bangles sans jangles

Fabric-wrapped bangles and earrings are very new for summer. These pieces worn by our model are by designer Roxanne. Smoothly wrapped satin in bright colors including orange, purple, red, fuchsia and green. These are sure to add a hot new look even to last year's wardrobe. Earrings, \$40; bangles, \$38 each. Twigs, 269 W. Maple Road, Birmingham.



Waisting time

This nifty stretch belt can dress up the plainest tank top or over-sized T-shirt. It's sort of novel and a sure eye-catcher. Velcro fastener on the back gives it a clean look all the way around and one size fits just about everyone. The six antique watch faces that adorn the front are all phony, of course. In pink, black or white stretch, with a choice of black or white leather accent. \$48. Hersh's, 6901 Orchard Lake Road, W. Bloomfield.



Marvelous minis

Interesting things come in small packages like these from Lois Wright Inc., a store for collectors, at 201 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Napoleon himself used a tiny porcelain stamp box exactly like the reproduction (upper right) from Limoges, France. Hand-painted by Rockhard, \$10. When French women decorated their faces with beauty marks, they stored them in tiny porcelain cheats like this heart-shaped variety (lower, left). It has been reproduced by Limoges and hand-painted for modern women to use for small treasures like rings. \$30. Gold lacework set with semiprecious stones decorate the tiny crystal perfume bottles, also shown. They are reproductions of antique French creations and were produced by 100-year-old Parisian firm, Marcel Franck, specializing in perfume bottles and atomizers. Larger bottle (top, left), \$37.50; smaller bottle, \$30.

STREET WISE

On the block

It's time to get that auction arm into shape. The Third Annual International Auction will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at Federal Mogul World Headquarters in Southfield.

Everything from a Japanese silk wedding kimono to an autographed 8-by-10-inch picture of "Hill Street Blues" star Daniel J. Travani will be up for bids. Other items on the block will include a cruise of the Greek Islands, a year for your child at the Birmingham/West Bloomfield Montessori, a personal computer, a year's supply of Ryba's Fudge, a complete set of Grand Prix framed pictures and more.

Tickets for the auction are \$15 a person, which includes wine, ethnic hors d'oeuvres, coffee and dessert. Joseph Walker, an auctioneer for DuMouchelle Art Galleries, will preside over the action.

(For more information, call the Junior League of Detroit 881-0040. Sibley House is at 976 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit.)

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Toy Time

The attics have been emptied out and people will have an opportunity to view a collection of antique and collectible dolls, puppets and toys at historic Sibley House in Detroit.

People can see the display from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 12. The display and tour of Detroit's oldest intact frame home, built in 1848 for Judge Solomon Sibley, is sponsored by the Sibley House Restoration Project of the Junior League of Detroit.

A tax-deductible donation of \$2 a person is requested. Money raised will be used to continue the restoration of Sibley House, which is centered in the city's Rivertown district.

(For more information, call 675-3700.)

Flower power

If you're allergic to azaleas, avoid Grosses Ille for at least a 10-mile radius this weekend.

But if you enjoy the pure beauty of these springtime babies, the Fourth Annual Azalea Festival Saturday-Sunday, May 14-15, is the place to be. Parade will be a parade, a flower market, specialty shops and clothing stores in conjunction with the festival.

The Azalea Festival Parade on Saturday will kick off the gala event. Antique cars, floats and the Azalea Queen will be part of the festivities. The Grosses Ille Historical Society will provide bus tours of the island, featuring many historical and architectural points of interest.

(For more information, call 675-3700.)

Jam together

A potpourri of tunes will be heard at the Community Concert Series

Friday, May 13.

You want diversity? How about poetry, folk, blues, experimental and new rock? An open mike will be featured from 9:10-10 p.m., and a jam session following the final performance at 3:30 a.m.

Doors will be open at 8 p.m. and the vegetarian kitchen will be open all night. Admission is \$3.

The schedule includes: from 10:30-11 p.m. Paul Horton, poetry; from 11-11:30 p.m. Cindy Lowrie, folk music; from 11:30 to midnight Steve Gilbert & Wendell Burnett, blues; from midnight to 12:30 a.m. Color-form, experimental music; from 12:30-1:30 a.m. Gravity 3-13, blues and rock; from 1:30-2:30 Essential tension, music and poetry; and from 2:30-3:30 a.m. Naming Mary, new rock.

(The Community Concert Series is at 60 E. Ferry, one block north of the Detroit Institute of Arts, between Woodward and John R. For more information, call 548-7233 or 872-0499.)

These markets offer everything

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Melhior visits Dixieland once a month. His biggest money-maker is surgical and dental supplies — scissors, dental picks, etc. "These are in big demand," he said.

"Dentists buy here?" we asked.

"These are a number one fishing tool," he replied. A customer confirmed it.

Among the 200 inside booths included many of the types found at Gibraltar Trade Center — jeans, sweatshirts, jewelry, arts and crafts, pictures and many more antiques and collectibles, plus a tattoo artist and a palm reader.

Some of the more unusual offerings and the offerees:

• Dr. Roger Evers ("that's pronounced yours"), a Southern Baptist missionary, was selling \$8.95 water savers for septic tank owners, and watches and the Lord. He resigned a pastor to accept the call to be an evangelist and Dixieland was a good place to meet people, he said. He won't be there much longer though. He's off to New England where he's been called to direct tent revivals.

"How's business?" we asked.

"The Lord provides real well," Evers said. Evers lives in a travel trailer. The first 17-foot one cost \$100. He's traded up several times since then and now travels in a 34-foot, \$22,000 number.



Ron Perhogan of Royal Oak took up the challenge of his wife and decided to get a tattoo in the Gibraltar Trade Center. Gary Johnson of Westland applies Betty Boop for a \$55 fee.

• JIM COLE, a 70-year-old former tree doctor, has been selling used books and memorabilia in a large display at Dixieland for 10 years. "I pay 10 grand a year in rent," Cole said. "I must be doing all right."

We asked where he gets stock to sell.

"Everyone is a potential source," he said. "Estate sales, garage sales. Someone's always dying. When they die, I rush over."

With stacks and stacks of books,

memorizing where they are located may be a problem. "You have to be a non-drinker," he said.

Among the items among the books are a mummy coffin, World War I helmets, Marilyn Monroe memorabilia and snowshoes.

• You can never find a lawyer on the weekend when you need one, unless you stop by Merrill Gordon's office in Dixieland. During the week, he's in his Royal Oak office. He offers free legal advice to people who stop by Dixieland.

• Loose herb teas are available for \$1 a baggie. Red clover is purported to retard cancer. Psyllium supposedly cleans poisons from the body.

• How about a used monogrammed shirt for 50 cents? Not the white collar type, but piles after piles of the neatly folded, service station uniform type distributed by linen companies.

"Have you got anything in a Jerry?" our photographer asked.

"I probably do, but for 50 cents, I sure ain't gonna look," our clerk replied.

• Collectibles include playing cards, knives, comic books, cookie jars and costume jewelry.

THE PERSONAL touch keeps the same merchants coming back weekend after weekend. Dixieland manager Bill Marcus said, "Twenty or 30 have been here for 10 years."

If a customer stops in looking for a particular item, Marcus will announce the "want" over the intercom. While we were there, someone was looking for "for sale" signs.

"It's not Hudson's or Saks, but people are comfortable here. We get them from Biltmore, Royal Oak, Farmington Hills and Bloomfield," Marcus said. "They come in families. They separate at the door and say meet back here at 3:15. They know what they're looking for."

And it's a fun way to spend a Saturday.

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