

street seen

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Street Scene 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, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.

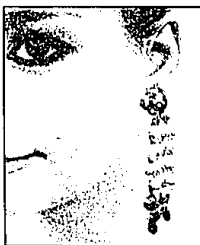


Slip 'em some silk

Tut, tut, there — if you're looking for the really unusual, why not silkscreened chair covers that fit over standard-sized folding chairs? These are original with the design by Lysiane Luong for her equally talented artist-husband Red Broom's theater in which he showed films about his art work. The theater was called "Tut's Fover." At the left is the back of the chair — with the request for the lady to kindly remove her hat. \$250 each. At the Sybaris Group, 12872 Sherwood, Huntington Woods, or call 542-8902.

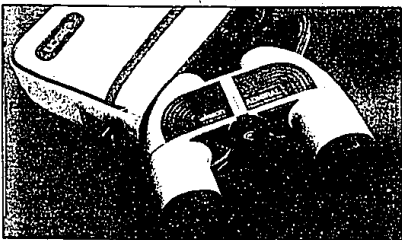
Spangle dangle

The famous Michigan designer duo of Robin and Ronna Pearlman of West Bloomfield have a fresh new look for summer. Their basic dangle style hasn't changed but a new touch has been added with authentic cloisonne buttons. The multistrands of pearl and black jet make these a work of art for the ear. Quintessence at LaMirage, Southfield.



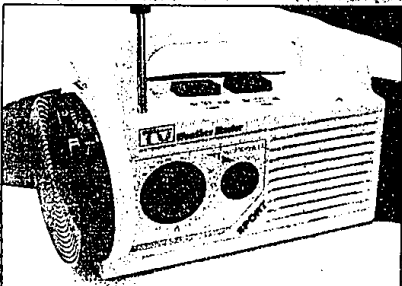
Heads up

Personalized gingham pillows available in pastel or primary color. Approximately 12-by-16-inch, poly filled, machine wash and dry. You choose the accent color for the applique. Useful, but also a great gift for a shut-in, convalescent, new baby, housewarming or thank-you. \$26. Two-week delivery. The Bobbitt Shop, 845 W. Huron, Pontiac. Call 681-2727.



Floating beacon

Keeping your eye peeled is just as important on water as it is on land and this pair of Jason Admiral binocs have an extra measure of safety built in. Besides being a bright fluorescent yellow, they float when dropped in the water — accidentally or on purpose. Even the matching color case is water-tight. \$270 complete. At all Jacobson stores.



Double for trouble

A real essential piece of equipment for the home is this portable AM-FM radio that doubles as a two-way flashlight. Comes complete with warning flasher for emergency and also has a special warning band and television sound frequency. Sealed cabinet makes it waterproof. Runs on three C-sized batteries. \$29. It's the Gif. West Bloomfield.

STREET WISE

Period pieces Fudge plus

With the re-emergence of art deco as a major design trend, can a revival of the Victorian era be far behind?

Linda Wiley and Brenda Teague hope not.

The western Wayne County residents will showcase Victorian gifts and accessories for the home at Timeless Elegance, their new store in downtown Northville, beginning this month.

The store will also carry traditional and colonial designs.

Among the items available will be Woodbury pewter, reproduction oak, pine and cherry pieces from Three Mountaintop Furniture of Asheville, N.C., Battenburg lace tablecloths and accessories and limited edition quilting art by Mary Rutherford.

Wiley and Teague have been presenting private showings of furniture and handicrafts in the metropolitan Detroit area for about a year. They held a special three-day show last spring for antique buyers from the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. Store hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information about Timeless Elegance, call the store at 349-5355.

There's more to a northern Michigan vacation than finding the best fudge on Mackinac Island or a round of golf at the Grand Traverse Resort.

Non-believers may want to check out this partial list of July and August activities in the Mackinac area:

- Wanigan Raft Race and Festival, Friday, July 8, to Sunday, July 10, Cheboygan.
- Port Huron to Mackinac yacht race, Mackinac Island, Saturday, July 16, to Sunday, July 17.
- Antique show, Mackinaw City, Tuesday, Aug. 2.
- Horse show, Mackinac Island, Saturday, Aug. 6.
- Cheboygan County Fair, Cheboygan Fairgrounds, Sunday, Aug. 14, to Saturday, Aug. 20.

For more information on these and other events, call 1-800-543-2937.

Hot air

The Battle Creek International Hot-Air Balloon Championship promises a lot more than just airborne adventure.

In addition to the competition between 200 of the world's leading bal-

loonists, the week-long festival features a midway, arts and crafts displays, special activities for children and musical entertainment.

This year's championships will be held Saturday, July 9, to Saturday, July 16, at Kellogg Airport.

For festival and lodging information, call the Greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County Visitor and Convention Bureau, (616) 962-2240.

Two-wheeling

See the Rocky Mountains as you've never seen them before — from the seat of a touring bicycle.

College Cycle Tours is offering 10-day Colorado Rockies tours for students and adults in August. The adult tour (\$545) runs Monday, Aug. 15, to Wednesday, Aug. 24. The student tour (\$295) is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 2, to Thursday, Aug. 11.

Each trip includes prepaid lodging, van transportation for baggage, selected meals, a whitewater raft trip, and a jeep tour (adult trip only). The group also offers weekend trips in western Michigan.

For those who prefer their cycling a little closer to home, there's the

annual Firecracker 100 Tour co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroit Cycling Club and the Michigan Council of American Youth Hostels on Monday, July 4.

The event, which begins in Milford, offers a choice of 25, 50 and 100 mile rides, depending on riding experience. There will be snack stops and a lunch stop along the scenic route.

There is an \$11 registration fee and souvenir T-shirts will be available.

For information on the Rocky Mountain and western Michigan tours, call College Cycle Tours, 357-1770. For information on the Firecracker 100, call the Michigan Council of American Youth Hostels, 545-0511.

Arresting play

South Africa's Market Theater Company will perform "BOPHA," the story of a black sergeant in the South African police force, Tuesday, June 28, and Wednesday, June 29, at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

The production is part of the continuing Ann Arbor Summer Festival. For tickets or information call the box office, 763-8587.

Wright on target

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said, "I think it's too easy to get a laugh when you use that kind of material, because people are so self-conscious about it."

"It's not the best way to test yourself. . . to test your talent." Wright's carefully honed style has clicked, both for the young comedian and his growing flock of followers.

After countless appearances on "The Tonight Show" and "Late Night" with David Letterman, Wright's 1988 debut album, "I Have a Pony," received a Grammy nomination.

He has done several specials for HBO, snagged a small part in the film "Desperately Seeking Susan" and is currently working on a movie for HBO, "The Appointment of Dennis Jennings." (It sounds like a typical Wright project — a humorous look at a man who kills his psychiatrist.)

WHILE WRIGHT has chosen a pseudo-intellectual road for his act, listeners don't necessarily need an advanced degree to understand the material. Example: "I went to a

place to eat. (The menu) said BREAKFAST ANYTIME. So I ordered French toast during the Renaissance."

Wright, says offstage he's pretty much a "regular guy."

"I don't play softball or anything, but I will go out, have a couple of beers and watch sports on TV," he said.

Now that Wright is well-ensconced in his 30s, he said he's beginning to

look at the world a little differently. He's sure that maturity will eventually find its way into his act.

"I'm still single, and I don't have any children, but I'm sure that when I do, you'll be hearing about them in my work," he said.

But don't expect Steven Wright to become the Bill Cosby of the 1990s.

"I think it'll be more like Steven Wright becomes Franz Kafka with kids," he said.

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