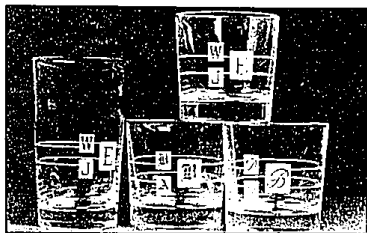


street seen

Charlene Mitchell



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.



Initially pleasing

No better way to get personal than to use monograms. Ellis Glass Engraving does custom glass engraving that will add a touch of class to your favorite glass. They're handmade on full lead crystal either double old-fashioned or hi-ball size. Initials are etched in script, block or old English. Set of 4 is \$45. From the John P. Ellis Collection, available at Jacobson's in Birmingham. Or call Ellis direct at 255-1119.

Folk art curios

Hand-made papier-mache art figures made by Troy artist Stephanie Thibodeau French combines her love of art and history with the same principles of folk artists of the past. The figures are numbered and dated and appear to be headed to becoming collectors items. They are perfect complements for traditional settings. At the left is Honest Abe accompanied by Uncle Sam. Available at the M.T. Hunter Country Store, 1000 S. Woodward, Birmingham.



Bossy statement

The Hugo Boss name and logo continue to make a big fashion statement for summer. Now, the famous designer (who, by the way, really doesn't exist by that name) has gone beyond suits and sweatshirts. These socks with the Hi, Boss emblem are part of the Boss' new small accessories line. \$25 a pair at The Broadway, Birmingham.

Zap happy

Ah, hah! At last, a way for frustrated grownups to get back at their bosses, enemies and idiot drivers without really causing any harm. This James Bond style toy zaps, blasts and destroys. The high-tech sound makes it believable. Just load it up with 2 AAA batteries and Zap! to your heart's content. Belt clip for quick draw or velcro dash mount for car. \$18 at Encore III at LaMirage, Southfield.



Bearly memorable

June may be the big month for wedding celebrations, but this happy couple wear their fancy attire all year long. The groom is handsome in his top hat, bow tie and cummerbund with his bride's garter in hand. The beautiful bride is in white lace, pearls and carries a lovely pink and white floral bouquet. Nice gift for newlyweds. Bride, \$58; groom, \$38. It's the Gift, Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield.

STREET WISE

A real blast

Sure, sure... you've seen the Freedom Festival Fireworks before. Dozens of times.

In fact, the truly jaded have been tuning in to the annual display via television for the past couple of years. Why bother with unpredictable weather and predictable traffic hassles when you can kick back and catch the action in off-register color on a panoramic 19-inch screen, right?

Wake up, folks. Real men (and women) watch their fireworks in person.

As an added touch this year, you might want to soak up a little culture before soaking in the rockets' red glare Thursday night.

Try heading over to historic Fort Wayne, Livernois at West Jefferson in Detroit, for the third annual "Fort Night" at the fireworks.

The evening gets under way at 6:30 p.m. with a pops concert by the 126th Army Band of the Michigan National Guard. The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, the First Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Band and the Windsor Police Pipe Band will also play.

A cannon salute will usher in the fireworks at 10 p.m.

The entertainment is free (tickets are still required for entrance), and refreshments will be available on the premises. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome.

Gates open at 6 p.m. for picnickers and early arrivals.

Tickets to "Fort Night" at the fireworks are available at Fort Wayne and at local AAA Michigan branch offices. For more information, call 297-9390.

Hoops trios

The Pistons' season may be over — just wait till next year, Jack Nicholson — but basketball fanatics can head downtown this month for competition as intense as anything offered during the NBA finals.

The Budweiser Men's Adult Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament hits the court in Trenton Saturday, July 9, to Sunday, July 10. Tournament and festival sites are in downtown Trenton, West Jefferson at Elm.

The tourney is part of the annual Mid-Summer Festival sponsored by the Trenton Department of Parks and Recreation.

Winning teams in the double elimination tournament will receive trophies and all participants will receive T-shirts and hats.

Teams are allowed four roster players and participants must be 21 or older as of July 9.

There is a \$25 team registration fee.

For more information on the basketball tournament, call the Trenton parks and recreation office, 675-7300.

That's a laugh

Okay, so it's the end of June, and you don't really want to hear about anything school-related. Can't really blame you there.

But hey, this class actually sounds like a lot of fun.

The Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills is offering a cartooning class for teens and adults 10 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays beginning July 11.

Professional cartoonist Bogdan Baynart will offer instruction in drawing comic strips, spot or gag cartoons and caricatures and use of cartoons in advertising.

Requirements for the class are a drawing pad, soft pencil, and, of course, a sense of humor.

There is a \$85 fee for the six-session course.

For information call Cranbrook Schools, 645-3635.

Northern delights

When Benzie County residents talk about where to go in Michigan's north country for a hot time, you can bet they don't head to Traverse City.

Who needs all these high-priced hotels and tourists up from the big city when you've got some of the

best summer fun right in your own backyard.

Benzie County (adjacent to the Sleeping Bear Dunes) sizzles all summer long with antique car shows, art fairs and even an 18th Century Festival.

The three-day Aux Bee Scies Rendezvous, scheduled for July 29-31, commemorates an Ottawa Indian Battle fought near Frankfort's Bessie Bay. During the festival, crafts people, trappers and blanket traders will bring the 1700s to life in the bayside park.

For information on the festival and other summer events in Benzie County call Bev Gerbo, (616) 882-5802.

Indian art

It's time to take those faded Peter Max posters off the living room wall and update the old homestead with something more chic.

And a show of works by Native American artist R.C. Gorman could be just the ticket.

Gorman's serigraphs, lithographs, graphics, woodcuts and ceramics will be on display at the Four Winds Gallery, 340 E. Maple, Birmingham, through July 31.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

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