

STREET WISE

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.



Going by the book

Colorful book covers — some with handles — in a wide variety of prints with their own bookmarks are tops for the Best Sellers in your life. Large hard-book covers are \$10.85 and don't come with handles. Regular paperback size is \$5 and has handles. By Book Cover Gallery (a cottage industry that has grown from a crafter's hobby), they're available at Art of Crafts, Royal Oak; Book Beat and Oak Park Book Store, in Oak Park; Bookend at Northland; and Books Connection, Southfield; Encore III at LaMirage Mall; Book People at Orchard Mall, Metro News, West Bloomfield; Marmel Giltie, Farmington Hills. And if you're at the Detroit Zoo, the gift shop there features special animal prints.

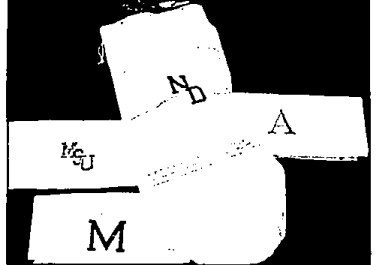


Hair it is

"This" 'n' "That" is the catchy name of a new line of organic hair products distributed by Hair Prep. "This" is a rich pineapple-scented shampoo. "That" is an organic lilac-scented moisturizer/conditioner. 8 oz. shampoo/conditioner, \$6.50; 8 oz. moisturizer/conditioner, \$6.50; 8 oz. protein mist/conditioner, \$7.50. Available at all Quoron Markets and Mill's Pharmacy in Birmingham.

Baskets at Oz

Looking for an unusual gift for a mother-to-be or a newborn baby? Oz children's shop in Meadowbrook Village Mall has some answers — including a specially made up basket with a color-coordinated liner, which doubles as a diaper bag when all the goodies are removed. Baskets come wrapped and ready to go, or made to order. Priced between \$30 and \$100. For more information, call 375-2950.



Make 'em come clean

The heavy duty duck fabric in these college laundry bags is guaranteed not to rip, tear, or come apart at the seams for at least four years. Long enough for a college student to make it through. The 20-by-36-inch bag is handpainted with the university logo of your choice along with student's name. \$25. By special order, allow 2-4 weeks delivery. Call Bloomfield Paper Tree, 645-5414 or write: 786 Great Oaks Drive, Bloomfield Hills 48013.

Versatile cluster

Local artist Elizabeth Green jazzes up her trademark sterling earrings with a cluster of semiprecious stones. Turquoise, onyx, ivory and coral make these lightweight earrings very feminine and versatile. Available at the Franklin Racquet Club Pro Shop, Southfield.



Fair play

Yes, the Ann Arbor art fair is probably the top summer showcase for painters, sculptors and southeastern Michigan artists in all media.

But the annual fair, which hits Ann Arbor Wednesday, July 20, and runs through Saturday, July 23, also boasts an incredible array of art for the ears, as well as the eyes. This year's entertainment will take place on three outdoor stages spread across the University of Michigan campus.

The Graceful Arch will be at the corner of East and South University streets, alongside the West Engineering Building. The stage will feature entertainment from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Liberty Plaza stage will play host to small ensembles and performing groups between noon and 3 p.m. each day. The stage will be at Liberty and Division.

The festival's Main Stage, new this year, will be at the intersection of Main and Liberty. Main Stage Events are scheduled continuously for 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

A sample of some of the Main Stage talent includes: The Randazzo Dancers, Intersect Theater Dance Co., Popular Sector (jazz), pianist Margaret Hetherman

and improvisational comedy by the Main Street comedy troupe. For a complete schedule of festival entertainment, call the Washtenaw Council for the Arts, 998-2777.

Home tours

Summer tours of Meadow Brook Hall, the home built by auto heiress Matilda Dodge Wilson, have a new twist this year — tour guides. The trained guides will be available daily at the 100-room mansion on the Rochester campus of Oakland University. In previous years, the guides were only available by reservation for large groups.

The guides, who will work Monday-Saturday, will outline the history of the home and its occupants, give descriptions of each room and its furnishings and answer guests' questions throughout the tour.

Hall hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last tour leaving at 3:45 p.m. Sunday tours, without guides, may be taken 1-5 p.m.

Luncheon and light snacks are available in the mansion's tea room and other dining rooms 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Buffet dinners are served Sundays in the Christopher Wren dining room.

Tour admission is \$4 and \$2 for children under 13. Parking is free. For information, call Meadow Brook Hall, 370-3140.

Transfer time

The Manhattan Transfer will offer two nights of "Vocalese" at the Meadow Brook Music Festival 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

The Grammy award-winning vocal group has scored big hits during the past two decades with "Boy from New York City," "Birdland" and "Killer Joe."

Their latest album, "Vocalese," was inspired by jazz and non-profit organization's Michigan chapter, is scheduled for noon at the Travis Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor.

The Glenlivet Scotch Scramble, with proceeds going to the non-profit organization's Michigan chapter, is scheduled for noon at the Travis Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor.

The Glenlivet Scotch folks and the Kidney Foundation have teamed up to offer a whole series of amateur tournaments across the country this year and there are still openings for the local event.

A new car, four airline tickets to the destination of your choice and other prizes will be awarded.

Golfers will play "scramble" style with each four-person team having a handicap of 45.

Entry fee is \$150, which includes a post-tournament banquet. To register for the tourney or for information, call toll-free (800) 482-1455.

Summer stock

For those of you who think the umpteenth revival of "Cats" at the Fisher Theater is the only thing cooking on local stages this summer, LISTEN UP!

From the Attic Theater's production of "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill," to presentations of "The Sound of Music," "Cabaret," and "The Odd Couple" at the Thunder Bay Theater in Alpena, professional summer theater is alive and well in Michigan.

You'll probably even be able to plan your summer sojourn up north around a bevy of live stage shows.

And oh yes, "Cats" is at the Fisher again, through July 31. For a complete listing of summer theater in Michigan, call the Michigan Theater Association, (517)781-7933.

Summer hair

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glamour gives and mousses! — Richard Asztalos, cosmetologist/owner, Charisma Salon, Livonia. (Also a consultant for Redken Laboratories.)

• "The Sassoon look is back, but this time with the line hitting the chin.perms are still big, but with more of a spiral curl or wave. Styles for summer and fall are more angled and closer to the head. They don't lift off the scalp as much." — Gerald Haynes, owner, Gerald's Salon, Franklin Village.



A spiral perm gives maximum volume to her look by LeLook stylists. His is a throwback to the '60s and the Gable-Bogart era that LeLook owner Tony Colorite says is making a comeback.

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