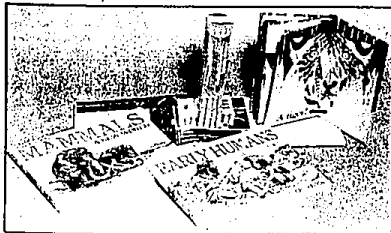


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Charlene Mitchell



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.



Excitement pops up

Now that it's back-to-school time, get your young readers back into the reading mood with these exciting and artful books with 3-D pop-up designs. Learn and have fun all at once. See a skyscraper go up; or learn about early jungle creatures. Colorful and well constructed for heavy use. \$9.95 and up. Jacobson stores.

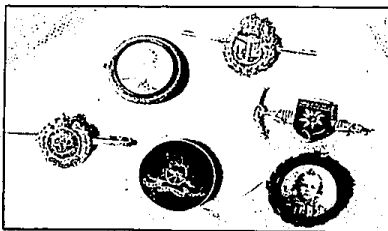


Lend an artful earful

Get an earful of art with the latest masterpieces by one of the jewelry world's most renowned designers, Robert Lee Morris. Morris has scaled down his earpieces for fall, but nothing has changed with his trademark 24k. gold plate. This style consists of seven soft petal-shaped darts that gently swing with head movement. A step ahead of conservative, but not too trendy for everyday wear. \$130. Twigs, Birmingham.

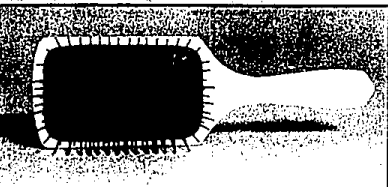
Silent friends

They speak of a quieter time — these "friends" of artist Mary Teeter's. Each doll stands 58 inches high, is made of a combination of antique and new materials, and is individually signed and numbered. Their clothing and hair are hand-stitched with the same quality workmanship of their earlier cousins. Their contemporary designer Teeter creates them in her cozy farm home in Stouchburg, Berks County, Pa. Each is one-of-a-kind. \$220. Mabel's Country, 33887 Five Mile, Livonia.



Traditional pin-ons

Tradition still lives with these antique English sweet-heart pins made of sterling pins, tortoise shell or brass. Originally worn by the wives or girlfriends of servicemen, today's wearers use them for pictures of their favorite baby, grandchild, or even pet. Choose from a variety of sizes and styles. Prices range from \$55 to \$140. Diane M. Birmingham.



Easy does it

An old design from the Orient has resurfaced with this modern, cushioned, rubberized hairbrush. Bendable plastic makes it easy on the hair, preventing pulling and snagging. The brush size and shape of the head bring out a lot of volume in your hair. Plastic handle. In black or white. \$9.95. \$12.95. Farmington House.

All that jazz

If you're really into jazz, then you don't want to miss out on Oakland University's your ticket to the jazz greats continuing education class being offered this fall. The class will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 22 to Oct. 27, on the university's Rochester campus. OU jazz studies director Marvin "Doc" Holladay will conduct the course, using dialogue/lecture, videotapes, sound reproductions and his own performance as classroom materials. Tuition is \$95, and registration can be completed by calling 370-3120 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays.

Driving for laughs

It's not a comedy golf classic nor is it a set of wheels that laugh. It's

the 1988 Pulitzer Prize winning comedy, "Driving Miss Daisy" and it will be at the Music Hall Center for a six-day engagement, Tuesday, Sept. 13, through Sunday, Sept. 18.

The mention of the automobile in any Broadway play or musical is very unusual, but in "Driving Miss Daisy," the mention of the automobile is the norm. In fact, four car makers — LaSalle, Packard, Oldsmobile and last, but not least, Cadillac — got banded about in the play. Former Detroiters and five-time Tony Award winner Julie Harris and the multi-talented Brock Peters are co-starring in the comedy.

"Driving Miss Daisy," in its second smash year, is New York's hottest comedy. Its stay at the Music Hall Center is the first leg of its national tour.

For ticket information, call the Music Hall at 963-7623.

Touch of old

For those of you who love "Tin Lizzies" and horseless carriages, the

place be to Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10-11, is Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

Yep, it's time for the village's annual Old Car Festival. Motor cars from 1929 and before will be the main attraction as they will compete for prizes. There also will be plenty of folks wandering around in old-style clothing and entertainment to suit the era.

There is no additional charge for the festival beyond the regular admission of \$9.50 for adults, \$5.50 for senior citizens and \$4.75 for children 5 to 12 years of age. For more information, call 271-1620.

Peace, brother

Pete Seeger, the 69-year-old folk singer who has devoted his life to writing and singing songs about events of the day, will be bringing his style of folk music to the Power Center in Ann Arbor Friday, Sept. 9.

Seeger will perform in "Songs for Peace, Jobs and Justice" with Finland Station and Workers Live! Workers Stores, a benefit concert for the Workers Culture Program. The son of a musicologist, Seeger started off working with folklorist Alan Lomax at the Library of Congress Archives of Folk Song for a year before forming the Almanac Singers along with Lee Hays, Woody Guthrie, Millard Lampell and others.

A few years later he became a member of the Weavers, a quartet that sold more than four million records and helped popularize folk songs and topical songs on a national scale before being blacklisted from commercial work.

Seeger championed the rights of workers, the poor and the illiterate in his music.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert cost \$15.50 each and are available at the Michigan Union ticket office and all TicketMaster outlets. For ticket information or to charge tickets by phone, call 763-TKTS.

American rivers are lure to rafters

By Casey Hanes
staff writer

More than 4 million people raft on our nation's rivers each year, and many first-time paddlers soon become white water regulars.

There are rafting trips on rivers from Maine to Colorado, and West Virginia to Idaho. And, who can forget the Choptank River in Georgia — famous scene of the 1972 movie "Deliverance."

Trips attract 4 million a year

Most trips are scheduled from spring through autumn, but some rivers are used only a few weeks each year, depending on water run and whether they are fed by dams.

Trips can range in cost from \$50 to more than \$2,000 depending on the river you choose and the number

of days you spend on the river.

Most outfitters use inflatable rubber rafts which hold 6-8 people. In some the guides use oars and in others, everybody paddles.

Eastern rivers have rapids closer together, while western rivers offer more calm between rapids. All the

rivers range from Class I rapids, the easiest, to Class V, the technically toughest rapids in which to maneuver a raft.

Experts suggest you do your homework before planning a trip, and learn about outfitters and their reputations.

Plan to raft a river regulated by a federal or state permit process, which gives outfitters standards to follow. Get references, if possible.

Information can be obtained from various state travel bureaus and from the following sources:

- Eastern Professional River Outfitters Association, P.O. Box 110, Oak Hills, WV 25901.
- Western River Guides Association, 7600 E. Arapahoe Road, Englewood, Colo. 80112.
- National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.
- U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Surviving on the Gauley River

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BUT RAFTERS and their guides have little time to view the scenery as they navigate rapids with names such as Pure Screaming Hell, Heaven Help You and Insignificant.

All white-water rapids are rated on a Class I to Class V system, with Class V being the most difficult.

Many rapids on the Gauley range between Class III and Class V. The upper portion — which includes the aforementioned Pillow Rock — is intense and not for those without rafting experience.

Most outfitters recommend at least two rafting trips on other rivers before attempting it. But the

Lower Gauley is more manageable for novices.

And for those who want more time to relax between rapids — or plan a spring or summer trip, there's the New River Gorge, also in West Virginia. I've had two experiences on the New and one on the Gauley, and find the New gives me a chance to catch my breath, and the rapids are just as enjoyable.

It's also been 80 degrees, plus, for both New trips, compared with the Gauley, where we encountered rather frosty mornings.

THERE ARE other rivers to consider, including the Youghiogheny and Cheat in West Virginia, and the

Penobscot and Kennebec rivers in Maine, to mention a few.

Traveling from the Detroit area to the popular Eastern rivers takes 8-10 hours, depending on your speed and whether you caravan with carloads of friends.

Our initial six-person trip on the New River has grown to an annual spring trip with nearly 30 people. That's quite a caravan — and a lot of fun.

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