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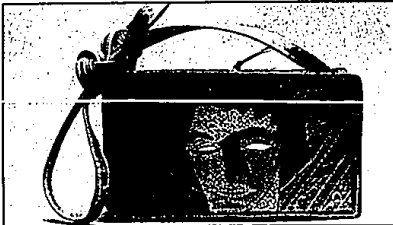


Street Scene reporter Charlene Mitchell is always looking for the unusual and the unique. She welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and enterprising entrepreneurs. Write her in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.



Howling Idea

Take your pet trick or treating with you this Halloween. Choose from a bat or witches cape complete with cap. Our model, "Magie," a miniature schnauzer, is ready for the full moon to come out. Costumes priced according to size and style. Marcy's Groom-A-Pet, 4503 N. Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak.



Eyes forward

Let your purse become the focal point when carried with a simple, solid-colored outfit. The dramatic face is made of a combination of colorful and exotic reptile skins. This is just one of more than a dozen new designs and styles which include several wild animal patterns and jungle scenes. \$320. Quintessence at La Mirage in Southfield.

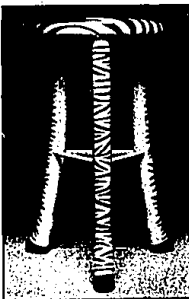


Quick change

With cold weather just around the corner, it's good to know that your car or truck is running. For fast vehicle maintenance service, a serviceman will come to your home or office to treat your vehicle to a complete oil change, lubrication and maintenance inspection. No waiting in line. Service available for fleets and boats. Call Mobile Lube Inc., 867-0600.

Wild outlook

Add a wild spark to your bar or even your kitchen with this versatile wood stool. High quality oak with smooth finish is topped off with a "call of the wild" scene in zebra black and white designs. \$187.95. Gorman's Inner Circle, Southfield.



Spouting off in style

As bathrooms and kitchens take on a new importance, sinks are getting more decorative with eye-catching faucets. This contemporary solid brass is but one of many new pieces now on the market. This state of the art design is for those who appreciate quality of style. \$455. Russell Hardware, 1036 N. Hunter, Birmingham.



STREET WISE

Moving Indoors

It's like a harbinger of bad weather to come. Soccer is moving indoors and Total Soccer West in Farmington Hills is taking registration for leagues.

The first season begins Oct. 27 and leagues are available for youngsters and adults, men and women. Recreational and competitive soccer programs, instruction and tournaments are offered. The team fee is \$575.

For more information, call Total Soccer West at 471-0111.

Tasty Japan

A trip to Japan may be a little beyond your budget, but you can experience Japanese culture and cuisine at Cranbrook P.M.'s Mikado Dinner Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Kyoto Steakhouse in Troy.

Your evening in Japan will begin at 7 p.m. with Kyotosushi, Kappamaki hors d'oeuvres and rice wine. Dinner in the wooden teppanyaki rooms will be prepared before your eyes with skill and artistry by authentic teppen chefs.

As the evening comes to a close, you'll share an international exchange of traditions by drinking Japanese tea. Each guest will receive a pair of lacquered Japanese chopsticks.

Nobuko Rooney will talk about Japanese cuisine and traditions throughout the evening.

The Mikado Dinner costs \$27.50 per person and limited seating is available. Call Cranbrook P.M. at 645-3635 for reservation information.

The Kyoto Steakhouse is at 1983 W. Big Beaver Road, between Coolidge and Crooks Road, Troy.

Discover Detroit

Way to go, Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The folks at MDCVB has produced two new publications that offer the "inside scoop" on area accommodations and points of interest.

The Detroit Hotel and Motel Guide offers a complete listing of all the area hotels and motels in metro Detroit and Windsor. Listings include special hotel packages, current rates and a handy map to help you locate the hotel or motel of your choice.

The Detroit Visitor's Map assists visitors and locals alike in finding their favorite attractions, theaters and parks as well as major sports and transportation facilities.

For copies of the guide or map, write the Detroit Visitor Information Center, 2 E. Jefferson, Detroit 48226, or call 567-1170.

It's a first

The Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford will host the first Detroit area performance of "The Depot" Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14-15, at the Oakland Community College Royal Oak campus theater.

Written by Eve Ensler, the play is under the direction of Joanne Woodward and stars Shirley Knight.

"The Depot" is a moving, funny play about a middle-aged nurse who leaves home after a nightmare about nuclear war to join a woman's peace camp. During her one-sided conversations with a soldier at a missile site, she realizes her role and responsibility as a peace activist.

The play will be staged at 8 p.m. both nights and will be followed by a discussion, led by cast members.

Tickets cost \$15 for friends (general admission), \$25 for supporters (reserved seating) and \$50 for patrons (preferred seating and program listing).

Tickets are available by sending a check, payable to the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center, to 2575 Indian Lake Road, Oxford 48051.

Pewabic style

Pewabic Pottery will present a group exhibition, The Painterly Chamber, Oct. 14 through Nov. 12 at its gallery, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

The show will explore the varied treatment and approaches to the use of color and its application.

The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

In conjunction with the exhibit is a one-day workshop, featuring Suzanne Stephenson, will be offered at a cost of \$25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

Stephenson is nationally recognized for her work with color clay. She will address surface, color and form and will explore the numerous methods of slip and glaze application for use at low temperatures during the workshop.

Secret passages

If you're thinking of heading out the Chesaning area to see the fall colors, then get in touch with the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce.

The ever industrious Chamber has developed a series of road maps, designed to show travelers paved secondary routes that feature beautiful autumn foliage and lead around historic village of Chesaning.

The program is called "Secret Passages" because the routes contain roads not shown on state highway maps.

To get a copy of "Secret Passages" write to the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce, Chesaning, Mich. 49811 or call (517) 845-3055.

Team seeks record breaking ride

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"IT HAS to be hot enough to put heat in the track (for ultimate traction), but cool enough to make the air dense (so there will be more air in the engine and in turn more fuel which will give the engine maximum horsepower). Then everything has to be perfect on the car."

Another problem confronting Race/QP is money. Drag racing is not a poor man's sport.

For starters, in the Top Fuel Class, the dragsters run on nitro methane, which costs about \$30 per gallon. Between the race and the warm up, the normal dragster burns 10 to 12 gallons of nitro methane each race.

Then there's the price of the chassis (\$22,000) and the drive train (\$50,000). Throw in the cost of travel, lodging and food and the bill becomes even higher.

According to Bleneman, the average cost is \$2,000 every time the Race/QP car runs down the track.

"It's gotten so complicated that a top car can win every race and still lose money," Bleneman explained. "You really need a sponsor. We're making a major sponsor push right now."

Credibility is everything when looking for a sponsor, and Race/QP just increased its credibility with its win recently at the Popular Mechanics Magazine Championships in Martin, Mich.

Bleneman piloted the car to first place in 5.70 seconds. His top speed was 248 miles per hour.

"THAT FINALLY gave us some credentials," Bleneman said. "The car started reacting to some of the changes we've been making. Now we can go out with some real credibility for picking up a major sponsor."

"The \$10,000 (first-place prize money) wasn't bad either."

In mid-September, Race/QP qualified for the final field of 16 cars the Keystone Nationals, a race which "all the big guys were there."

In their opening run, Race/QP beat the legendary Shirley Muldooney. They were defeated in the second round, but dropped their time 0.4 seconds and increased their speed to 260 miles per hour.

With improvements like these, all the major modifications to the car still to come, the future of Race/QP is looking brighter and brighter.



Duane Burleson/staff photographer

Dave Bleneman adjusts the linkage on the intake of his Top Fuel dragster that he hopes will one day break the 300 miles per hour record.

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