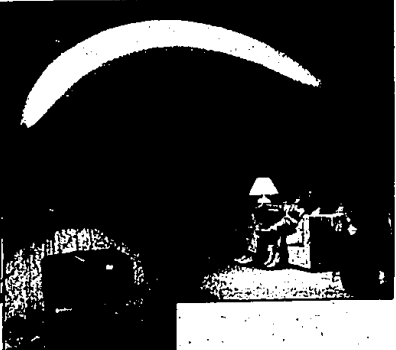


## street seen

**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 593-2300, Ext. 313.



## Rainbow bright

Have you ever seen a rainbow at night? It's an incredible sight and thanks to a Royal Oak inventor, it can happen in your home with the flick of a switch. The rainbow projection can be made two inches to 20 feet or larger, depending on how far the light is from the surface you are projecting. While it also works in light, the colors are more vivid the darker it is. The device uses a 12-watt bulb and is so compact that the units will fit on a dresser, TV, stereo or an inconspicuous spot in the home. It plugs into any household outlet. It also makes a wonderful nightlight. It's available in black for \$79.95 plus sales tax and shipping, or 24K gold electroplated for \$99.95 plus tax and shipping. To order your "Original Rainbow Light," call the Rainbow Light Co., 433-1818 or write to P.O. Box 138, Birmingham 48012.

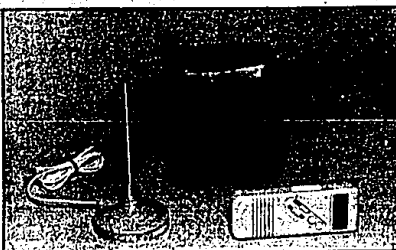
## Core attraction

Fall is synonymous with juicy red apples, but not all of them have to be confined to bowls in center of the table. Some can be part of an attractive wall decoration that lets you enjoy their cheery presence all year. This 12-inch wreath uses grapevines with a combination of other materials, but real apples — dried the old-fashioned way — are the focal point. \$30. This and other temptations for the Apple Wreath, 32626 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.



## Floral/toast

Premier Designs, a new floral shop in Livonia, gives fresh meaning to the old party-time acronym of BYOB — Bring Your Own Bottle. Using a little of the old, the designers have come up with a new idea of Bring Your Own Bag. It's a thoughtful hostess gift combining flowers in an attractive reusable paper bag with perhaps the beverage of your choice. BYOBs range in price from \$20 on up. Premier Designs is at 37116 Six Mile, in Laurel Commons, Livonia, formerly Kim's Flowers.



## Highway h-e-l-p!

If your citizens band radio isn't what you really need for roadside emergencies, and car phones don't fit in your budget, this Karba rescue radio could be the perfect thing. The two-way radio comes with a screw-mount antenna for the car roof or trunk, and an adapter that plugs into the cigarette lighter. Goes directly to the Channel 9 emergency frequency. Professional microphone, easy press-to-talk button. Vinyl case. \$70. All Jacobson stores.

## Bayou blues

Louisiana-born, Chicago-bred guitarist Louie Brooks will bring his special brand of blues with a rock'n'roll flavor to East Lansing for a live performance at Rick's Cafe, 224 Abbott, Thursday, Nov. 3. Showtime will be 10 p.m. Brooks and his four-piece band are touring in support of their new LP, "Live from Chicago — Bayou Lightning Strikes." The February release (Alligator Records) captures all the driving intensity of one of Louie's live performances. Brooks delivers a bluesy rock'n'roll sound that is rooted in Louisiana swamp rock, driven by powerful, straight-ahead Chicago blues and polished with Memphis soul.

## A comedy?

It's a classic case of mistaken identity when two sets of twins run into each other. That's Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors."

The masterpiece has been adapted into a fast-paced 90-minute comedy by Charles Nolte and opens for a four-week run at the Meadow Brook Theatre Thursday, Nov. 3.

Set in the port city of Ephesus (which is in modern-day Turkey), the production will feature colorful Turkish costumes. Appearing as twins, separated at birth and raised in different cities, are Meadow Brook newcomers, Laurence Overmire and Anthony Brown. The second set of twins, servants to the first set, are played by Wayne David Parker and Jay Brian Winnick.

A preview of the play will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2. Tickets for that showing cost \$13.

The regular curtain times and ticket prices are 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, \$15; 2 p.m. Wednesday, \$13; 8 p.m. Friday, \$19; 9:30 a.m. Saturday, \$18; 2 p.m. Saturday, \$14; 8 and 10 p.m. Saturday, \$21; 3:30 p.m. Saturday, \$18, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, \$17.

Tickets are available at the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at Oakland University in Rochester. Student, senior citizen and group discounts are available. For information, call 377-3300.

## More Bard

Speaking of Shakespeare, Orchestra Hall will be welcoming the Stratford Shakespeare Festival Company for performances of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" Nov. 22-27.

This is the first time one of the greatest theatrical ensembles of our time, direct from Stratford, Ontario, will perform in Detroit. The production will be complete with lush Renaissance costumes and a storybook set.

"The Two Gentlemen of Verona" is a charming, deceptively simple exploration of youth, friendship, first love, betrayal and redemption. If you can remember a time when it seemed possible to die of love, when beauty was a new discovery and truth unequivocal, the play will reward you with a glimpse of your own innocence.

For information, call 963-7656.

## Good show

If you're looking for a gripping drama that deals with child abuse, don't turn on your TV. Turn to the University of Detroit's Theatre Company.

The troupe will be staging the Detroit premiere of Larry Atlas' "Total Abandon."

The play, which will open the company's 18th season, is directed by David Regal. It opens Nov. 4 for a three-week run.

The play tells the story of Lenny Keller, a neurotically repressed blue-collar worker who has beaten his 2-year-old son into an irreparable coma. The action turns on the father's legal appeal to maintain the "vegetated" boy on a life support system.

A key related issue is his motivation for the legal action, since he stands to face a murder charge, if the boy dies.

Of the original Broadway production, starring Richard Dreyfuss, Variety Magazine said the play "is to be commended for getting at the roots of the increasing evil of child abuse," adding that the "psychological outline is convincing and wrenching."

Curtain times for "Total Abandon" are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. The show runs through Nov. 20 and tickets are \$5 and \$7.

For ticket information, call 927-1130.

## Hard to find

Flights of fancy — from hot air balloons rides to reproductions of a 1930s biplane — along with more than 200 other gift ideas are at your finger tips in the fourth annual Michigan Gift Guide.

Published by the Office of Michigan Products Promotion in time for

holiday gift giving, the guide features Michigan-made products, including such things as designer log homes and elaborately styled yachts. The guide is designed to showcase the high level of quality and diversity of Michigan-made products. It also promotes the fastest growing sector of Michigan's economy — the small business entrepreneur.

The guide offers specialty food items, board games, artwork, clothing, sporting equipment, home accessories and toys from 61 Michigan counties.

The guide is free and can be obtained by calling the Office of Michigan Products Promotion at 1-800-MIPRODS or by writing to the Michigan Department of Commerce, Office of Michigan Products Promotion, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing 48909.

## Stocking stuff

Sure, there's still \$4 shopping days until Christmas, but you know the saying about the early bird and the worm.

Here's an early bird special that would be perfect for the person who has everything. Essential Eateries Inc. in Birmingham has produced a map of "Essential Eateries" in the metropolitan Detroit area, available in December.

The map is 16 by 18 inches and fits neatly into a 3½- by 6½-inch multicolored folder. The compact size makes it perfect to carry in a purse, pocket, briefcase or automobile glove compartment.

By pinpointing the restaurant locations as points on the map, it can be used to determine central meeting spots for business or social lunches and the like. Say you work in Mt. Clemens and are seeing a client in Farmington. The map can suggest several "Essential Eateries" to meet in an area midway between both cities.

The 50 restaurants listed on the map were selected for their high quality of food and service.

Some 10,000 maps will be available through bookstores, hotels, airlines, chambers of commerce and participating restaurants like Joe Muter's and the Whittney.

For restaurateurs who feel they offer outstanding food and service and want their establishment included on "Essential Eateries" send a postcard with the restaurant name and location to Joan Neichel, Gondek & Associates, 5322 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights 48310.

## Snapshot

Attention, photographic collectors.

The 17th annual Michigan Photographic Historical Society trade fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Novi Community Center in Novi.

The trade show, one of the few collectors' shows left in the country, specializes in old and antique cameras, images and literature concerning them, along with hard to find used, but usable equipment and anything collectible in the photographic line.

Dealers and collectors from throughout the United States and Canada will be there to buy, browse, sell, swap and socialize. This year's special feature will be a display of old and new prints made with antique photographic processes, assembled by Nick Valenti, an instructor at Oakland Community College.

There will be a \$3 admission charge and food service will be available. The Novi Community Center is at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, a half mile west of Novi Road in Novi.

## 1-man show

What does it take to get the likes of Nat King Cole, Lou Rawls, Neil Diamond, Sammy Davis Jr. and Kermit the Frog together in one spot? David Robbins.

The singer/comedian/impersonator will bring some of music — and the lily pond's — most notable performers to life on the stage of the Redford Theater in Redford Saturday, Nov. 26.

His one-man show marches an impressive list of crooners across the stage as the audience is treated to a night of comedy and song.

The curtain will go up on his "daudeville '88" at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 in advance and \$5 at the door.

## The big time

Let's face it. No one admits to it, but someone has to be watching professional wrestling.

Why else would those wild and crazy guys of the World Wrestling Federation be coming to Joe Louis Arena Nov. 26 for some "bone-crushing" action?

The title match — Street Scene can hear the announcer already — will pair Macho Man Randy Savage against Andre the Giant. A six-man tag team battle, with the Hart Foundation and Hackawack Jim Duggan vs. the Rogaean Brothers and Dino Bravo, also will be featured. Showtime will be 8 p.m.

Tickets cost \$9, \$12, \$14 and \$16 and are available at the Joe Louis Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets.

# Furniture style reflects conservatism

AP — Furniture manufacturers can't be expected to introduce innovative design ideas if consumers' lifestyles continue to reflect a different attitude, according to industry representatives.

"We've been living in a conservative era," said designer O.B. Solle. "The reruns and the recycles are doing so well that nothing unusual or imaginative had to be developed to catch the public's attention."

Solle made the remarks during a panel discussion on the opening day of the recent fall Southern Furniture Market.

About 50,000 people are expected to attend the nine-day market, as 1,600 furniture and accessory manufacturers exhibit products. Another designer, Gene Hall, said that well-accepted collections are "security blankets," and that no dominant style trends have emerged at the past several markets.

"Design as a trend is cyclical," said Mr. Hall, who added that "country is the nearest and dearest to customers' hearts."

Manufacturers often introduce conservative collections during periods of good business, said Randy Austin, president of Hammary Furniture Co. "But no introductions are conservative," he said. "They're

very expensive for the manufacturer."

"THE FACT that no major or dominant style trend has emerged is indicative of the breadth of the tastes of today's more knowledgeable and demanding consumer," Austin said. "I don't think this market will be much different, except that you will see more experimentation with stone, stucco, steel and other metals."

Trade publications are forecasting a rise in popularity of Scandinavian-style furniture, a trend Hall called the "quick look" for the market.

Gene Gunter, president and chief executive officer of Broyhill Furniture Industries, isn't convinced that foreign sounding designs excite consumers.

"We ship our 'mundane' furniture to Sweden, and it's doing quite well," said Gunter, whose company manufactures wood and upholstered furniture. "So what is exciting?"

The panelists forecast that painted finishes, with more colors and attention to detail, will be popular.

"Consumers like to see more color in the home," Hall said. "Women respond to it, and they're the ones making the purchases."

The emergence of home offices

and the continued strong demand for home entertainment centers will

present expansion opportunities for manufacturers, Solle said.

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## Physicians challenge unrestricted ATV use

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then it had a growth spurt from '82 to '86. After that, its popularity leveled off.

"Two and a half million are operated in the country. You don't need a special driver's license. The 1975 off-road vehicles act has not been modified. And it hasn't kept up with growth."

"THE PROBLEM is they don't appear dangerous. For that reason, parents let children operate them. The handling characteristics of the ATV makes them difficult to control. Kids under 16 just aren't mature enough to be able to perceive the signs. An ATV can go 70 miles per hour; it can weigh 60 pounds. You put a 75-pound 12-year-old on one and he can't handle it."

Added to the fatality rate is the

serious injuries, including closed head injury and paralysis. The more mundane accidents result in broken limbs, according to Gryen.

"The three-wheel vehicles are more prone to cause extremity injuries, including head injuries ranging from concussion to death, and also spinal injuries," he said. "They're more likely to tip over and the operator falls off, often with the machine on top of him."

"The four-wheel vehicle when it tips is more inclined to run over an arm or a leg, causing fractures." Gryen said the medical society has no stake in the issue one way or the other.

"We're just tired seeing these people in the emergency rooms."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.