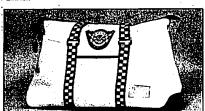


Street Scene reporter Charlene Mitchell is always looking for the musual and the unique. She welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and enterprising entrepreneurs. Write her in care of his neuspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, ZX. 313.



Oh, taxi!

Now this bag isn't for the timid, it's the big city look of a rubberized waterproof fabric in the color of a yellow taxi cab. The black-and-white checkered stripes (also taxi design) ast of the "Checkers USA" insignia in the center. To make it even more clever, the bag comes with a real old fashioned metal whistle for getting the taxi driver to pull over. Cost is \$45 and coordinating pieces are available. At Baggit in Applegate Square, 29815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

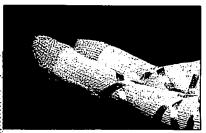
Here's Helga

If you didn't get to see the exhibit, or if you saw it and want to have leasting memories. . . This beautiful hard-cover book of the famous Andrew Wyeth "Helga" paintings is perfect for your coffee table. It costs \$40. At the Detroit institute of Arts, Detroit



Either/or

Whether you display this vase by itself, or filled with colorful flowers, the beauty is overwhelming. Artist W. Williams uses a variety of rich colors to create a somewhat surrealistic look, and the access of the colored to the control of the colored to the col and it's covered in a high gloss glaze. At Gorman's inner Circle, Southfield.



On tippy toes

These warm and comity slippers aren't made for dancing. They're lounging slippers with thick leather bottoms and thick cotton knit uppers. These knee-high slippers are actually a lot like leg warmers. The long pink satin ribbons wrap around, too. They're the perfect shoe for lounging around the house. Men's high-top sneakers also available. They cost \$42 a pair. At Ylang Ylang in Somerset Mati, Troy.



On the small side

What travel item will they think of next? This is probably the finiest portable mixer you'll ever find. Runs on two AA batteries and comes with two spindles — one for whipping and one for blending. Unit without spindle is 4 inches long, it costs a mere \$3. At Roz & Sherman Gift Gallery, Birmingham.

STREET WISE

Roundball kings

The Harlem Globetrotters were performing magio on the hardwood floor long before Evin Johnson was a trimitle in his parents' eyes.

For more than six generations, the Harlem Globetrotters have been entertaining fams across the world. And audiences will be whistling "Sweet Georgia Brown" when the merymakers of the baskethall court return to the area Wednesday, Dec. 29, at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Both games start at 730 pm.

Fans have applaused the Trotters for 63 years, entertained by dynamid dribbling, shooting, passing and dribbling, shooting, passing and cribbling, shooting, passing and cribbling, shooting, passing and cribbling, shooting, passing and tribbling, shooting, passing and tribbling and with the contractifics. Contractly riding a world-record ports winning streak of 6.278 games, the Globetrotters have hilled more than 100 milliof fams in 103 countries since their debut in January 1927. That's a lot of slam dunks.

dunks.

The poor saps opposing the Glo-betrotters for both games will be none other the Washington Generals. The Generals last victory came on

Jan. 5, 1971. As Casey said, you can look it up.
Tickets for both games at Joe Louis Arena and The Palace are \$18, 71 and \$8 and are on said at both venues and through Ticketimaster outlets. Children under 12 and senior citizens receive a \$2 discount on all dickets with the exception of courisdes easts. For more information, call \$67.6000.

Rasslin'

You think you'll have it rough the day after New Year's Eve? Imagine Hulk Hogan and Big Boss Man. Those two will but heads as the World Wrestling Federation makes a stop Sunday, Jan. 1, at The Palace in Auburn Hills.

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The Hogan-Boss Man clash highlights a New Year's Day card that features seven matches. Also included on the bill are The Ullimate Warrior vs. The Honly Fonk Man Santanas. "Ravishian" Hick Rude, Ronnie Garvin vs. Greg "The Hammer" Valenting Rockir Robin vs. Sensational Sherrir and the Bushwackers vs. Bolsheviks.

Tickets are \$15, \$14, \$12 and \$9, and are on sale at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets.

Groups of 25 or more can receive a \$2 discount off \$14 and \$12 ticket prices when purchased through The Palace Group Sales Department or at The Palace Box Office. For more information, call 377-

Roughing it

All right Euell Gibbons worshippers, this one is for you. The American Forestry Association has announced that its 5-year-old wilderness recreation program, Trail Riders of the Wilderness, has been incorporated into a larger outdoor recreation program, called "American Forest Adventures." A first-ever feature of Adventures is a winter outlings program, including cross-country skiling in Vermont and Yellowatone National Park. Wilderness outlings run year-round and most trips last five to six day (range is four to 11 days). The average price of a trip is \$875 with the lowest starting at \$355. For a free catalog of all 1889 trips, call 1800-3231-550 or write to American Forest Adventures. P.O. Box 2000, Dept. P. Washington, D.C. 20013-

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Snap shots

Do horses ever lift all four hooves off the ground at the same time? And cats? Do they really always land on all four feet — or is that Just an old wives 'tale? Inquiring minds can learn the answers to those questions and more as Tenahrook Institute of Science presents the new photographic exhibition "Beyond Vision" now through Sunday, Feb. 19.

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Spanning the history of photogra-phy from its origins 150 years ago to the present day, "Beyond Vision" is a collection of 100 photographs as-lected by the London Science Muse-um for historic significance, as well as aesthetic appeal — with unique-ness the primary criterion.

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Genres of photography included are high-speed, time-lapse, X-ray, optical Intraced and bolography, as well as patterns created by interference, scattering, polarization and spectral dispersion.

"Beyond Vision" is included in regular museum admission of \$3 to adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call

citizens. F 645-3230.

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of it.
Tranquil Visions, 4514 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, sells time in the flotarism tank or float room by appointment. The floater controls lighting and underwater speakers, which can play nature's sounds, music, or learning or motivational tance.

tapes,
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or \$30 per couple. Or buy a month of
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float. Call 549-4350.

float. Call 349-4530.
How about an aerial view of De-troit via Detroit Helicopter Air-tours? For \$29.50 per person, you can view the Detroit skyline on an 18-minute trip departing from the heliport of Cobo Hall. Some of the sights are Joe Louis Arena, Ambas-ador Bridge, historic Fort Wayne, Tiger Stadium, Belle Lie and the Re-relations of Caller.

sador Bridge, historic Fort Wayn. Regle Isla and the Re-naissance Center.
One problem. Jet Services oper-ates only from Memorial Day to La-bor Day, but gift certificates are sold at anytime through their two outlets at Mettetal Airport in Canton or Grosse Ile Airport. Or ask for your personalized flight plan Call 1-800-442-ETS.
The hottest thing in home exercise equipment may be a stair climber at \$429, said Tony Indipool from American Exercise and Gym Equipon ment on Northwestern Highway in Southfield. But treadmills are shown to not want to go outside to walk. Frices start at \$1.398.
A bit too armbitions? Cross country ski simulators are available for up-wards of \$399, or rowers starting at \$199.

Finnish and German descendants know the physical and psychological pleasures of the sauna. Jamaican Pool and Spa on Ann Arbor Road in Livenia thinks you should, too. "It's for yupples who want to spoil them-



THOMAS ARNETT/staff photograf

selves," said Paul Chisholm.
For \$2,895, they will deliver a pre-assembled welfdry sauna of kilndried cedar, which forms a frestanding room. It includes seats, door, floor drain, vents, heater or steam generator, sauna rocks, timer, thermostat, etc.

Two people with "moderate skills" can assemble the unit in three hours, they promise, or for a few dollars more, they will set it up for you. Call 591-888. Want it wetter? The latest thing in

Want it wetter? The latest thing in spas is the prestige series offered by Jack Roberts Pool, on Northwestern in Farmington Hills, according to sales representative Jack Grabowk-si, it's light. It's attractive. It's for indoor-outdoor use. It's about \$4,000 installed. Call 851-1510.

world and the fastest Corvette ever produced — 192 miles per hour. Pic-ture that on the John Lodge. The car is sold in Michigan exclu-sively by Jack Cauley Chevrolet on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloom-field. It's available in both coupe and

convertible versions with your choice of four-speed overdrive or au-tomatic overdrive. Full leather inte-rior is optional. Callaway salesman Brian Burns says the price is (gulp)

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