

## 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, 36331 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.



## Real posies

Beauty and femininity adorn this precious watch by designer Laura Biagiotti. The bouquet on the face is made from real flowers. Winning the Annual Watch Design contest in Accent magazine, it's a show-stopper and a fine timepiece. Available in eight colors. No two are alike. \$195. Begadim on the Boardwalk, West Bloomfield.

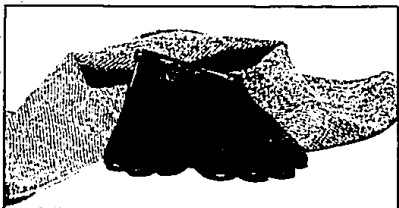
## Light up your life

Exquisite is the word for these oversized sterling silver candle holders. The polished stems are accented with a dramatic floral design in hammered sterling. The pair is guaranteed to make any table look setting look absolutely elegant. Great also for mantle settings. Exclusive design by artist Mark Blackwell. Available in two sizes, as shown here: 10-inch, \$329.95; and 12-inch, \$379.95. Gorman's Inner Circle, Southfield.



## Warming up to winter

It's winter and keeping warm in Michigan is practical and fashionable with this three-piece coordinated set. Wear them separately or together. The scarf, gloves and hat are shown here in a cream shade, but come in a variety of colors. \$38 a set. Baggit, 29815 Northwestern Hwy.



## ... the male approach

He has to keep warm this winter, too. These soft leather gloves are lined with pure silk. Comfy enough for driving. The wool and mohair blend of the scarf makes it perfect for blocking the nippy cold but not bulky. Gloves are available in brown or black. Scarves in a variety of patterns. Scarf, \$25; gloves, \$50. The Broadway, downtown Birmingham.



## Hlms go glitzy

Men are getting in on the act when it comes to glitz and glitter. Simple gold and onyx are among the most popular looks along with a diamond here and there. Even money clips have gone glamorous. This one has gold nuggets. All at Astren's Jewelers, 120 W. Maple, downtown Birmingham.

## STREET WISE

## On the prow!

Imagine confronting a pride of lions as they prow! In the bush of the Serengeti, or a herd of elephants grazing peacefully at the nearby watering hole, undisturbed by any fears.

You have a chance to experience such a breathtaking scenario when you sign up for the Deluxe East African Safari, sponsored by the Detroit Zoological Society.

On Feb. 11, 200 director Steve Graham will take a 25-member group on a 15-day tour of the most exciting parts of East Africa — Nairobi, the Ngongoro Crater, Olduvai Gorge, the Serengeti, Masai Mara and Samburu Game Reserve.

For the more adventuresome, there's a four-day extension to Rwanda for a gorilla-trekking excursion, also led by Graham.

The safari costs \$3,995 per person and includes land and air fares, meals, transfers, sightseeing and game viewing, taxes and entrance fees. The gorilla-trekking excursion costs an additional \$1,850.

For an application form or a complete itinerary, call the Detroit Zoological Society office at 541-5717.

## Close to home

If Africa is a bit too far to roam, there's Toronto and Harbourfront, one of Canada's most popular attractions. It offers plenty of things to do this winter season.

There's the Harbourfront ice rink, Canada's largest artificial outdoor rink, and an art display by Chicago artist Nancy Spero at The Power Plant art gallery Jan. 20-Feb. 26. Spero's works are inquiries into the nature of representations of women and this work reflects her long-standing commitment to social and feminist concerns.

But if you're looking for the unusual, consider the Molson Export Ice Canoe Race Jan. 21-22.

It's the largest ice canoe race in Ontario — features male, female and coed teams from Quebec, Ontario and Alberta. The race runs its course in the icy waters south of Harbourfront's York Quay Centre.

Each five-member team forges the freezing waters, stopping at ice flows to shove, scooter or drag their vessel over the water's frozen surface.

Racers use fiberglass boats and, for most, a lightweight ski-racing suit, neoprene socks and spiked running shoes. Shin and knee pads are also worn by some to prevent bruising when it comes to scrambling across the ice.

The race also includes other events — barrel jumping competitions, maple syrup demonstrations and an appearance by Bonhomme de Carnaval de Quebec.

If you're interested in more information about Harbourfront activities, write the Harbourfront Corp., 410 Queens Quay W., Suite 500, Toronto, Ont. M5V 2T3, or call (416) 973-6600.

## Right next door

If you prefer to stay very close to home, you can put on the ritz at the new Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. It opens its doors Jan. 9.

Consider this: The 308-guest room luxury business hotel has guest rooms ranging from standard and deluxe to large executive suites for guests requiring additional space for meetings or entertaining.

The Ritz has special opening room rates in effect through Feb. 15 — \$99 Monday through Thursday and \$79 Friday through Sunday. Rates are based on availability and single or double occupancy and are exclusive of tax and gratuities.

It's also planning special weekend packages — the Gelaway Weekend

(two nights in deluxe accommodations, use of the pool and fitness center, a newspaper delivered to the guest room each morning and two complimentary cocktails in the Ritz-Carlton Bar) — beginning at \$85; the shopper's weekend (not only accommodations and the newspaper, but also a Saks Fifth Avenue gift certificate for tea for two at the Ritz-Carlton, free wardrobe consultation, complimentary makeover and a gourmet chocolate sampler from Godiva Chocolatiers, to name a few) starting at \$125 per guest room; and the Ritz-Carlton Club Weekend for those who want to be pampered (complimentary continental breakfast and more served in the Club Lounge, especially selected welcome gift beverages, etc.) for one night starting at \$160 per guest room.

And The Ritz hasn't forgotten about special occasions.

There's the basic special occasion package (one-night deluxe accommodations, a bottle of Ritz-Carlton champagne, fresh bouquet of flowers, room service breakfast for two, keepsake gift, etc.) beginning at \$135 per guest room and the ultimate special occasion package (a suite with a special selection of unexpected amenities).

For reservations, call The Ritz-Carlton at 441-2000.

## A few keepers

If you're into art, you might want to take in the "Recent Acquisitions" exhibition at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills now through Jan. 22.

The title of the exhibition reflects its content. On display are major works recently donated by distinguished Cranbrook Academy of Art Alumni and visiting artists.

The exhibition includes an enigmatic metal sculpture by Sandra Osip, Chad Hagan's colorful fiber piece, called "Friday Nite Fish Felt," an untitled ceramic vessel by

Graham Marks, a large-scale raku piece, inspired by the Midwestern landscape, by George Timock, and a large bowl by John Glick that reflects his ongoing interest in gestural patterns and rich glazes.

Also included in the exhibition are five important works by artists associated with Cranbrook's earlier years — Elise Starobin's pencil rendering, "Christian Science Church Project, Minneapolis"; a silver and enamel hand mirror by Arthur Nevil Kirk; a molded plywood leg splint, designed in 1947 by Charles and Hay Eames as a precursor to their highly influential chair designs of 1946; Majla Grottel's geometric-patterned vase and Harry Bertola's monoprint.

Museum hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Recent tours are available by advance notice. For more information, call 645-3323.

## DIA wonderland

If you're looking for a little "jabberwocky" and a lot of smiles this holiday season, you can find them both at the Detroit Institute of Arts' Youththeatre presentation of "Alice in Wonderland."

Detroit's own Prince Street Players' musical adaptation of the adventure story comes to life in an extravaganza of limericks, songs and riddles, designed to delight audiences of all ages.

Founded in 1964 by Jim Eller and Joanne Barry in Greenwich Village, New York, The Prince Street Players have headquartered their spectacular children's productions at the DIA since 1982.

The Players, following a national tour with "Alice," return to the DIA for 10 performances at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, to Saturday, Dec. 31.

General admission tickets cost \$5 each and can be bought in advance at the DIA ticket office or at the door. For more information, call 832-2730 during business hours.

## 'King' lives in musical celebration



Johnny Seaton appears as Elvis, performing in Las Vegas, in "Elvis: A Musical Celebration" coming to the Fox Theater next month.

Elvis.

One of the world's most beloved recording superstars, he brought joy to millions of music fans as the "King of Rock'n'roll."

He's been dead for more than a decade, but his memory lives on among his followers. It also lives on in "Elvis: A Musical Celebration," a multi-media event coming to Detroit's Fox Theater Jan. 17-22.

The musical showcases 49 of Elvis' most remembered songs, while recounting his life story.

Julian Whitaker, Johnny Seaton and Terry Mike Jeffrey each play the role of Elvis at a different age, transporting the audience through Presley's childhood, early recording days, touring days, life at Graceland, his explosion onto the television and

movie scene and his performances in Las Vegas.

Costumes of the era, innovative sets and laser lighting, a state-of-the-art sound system, three 35mm projectors and two motion picture screens to show actual documentary footage help bring this production to life.

The show is produced by Broadway's Joe Fisher, Roger Hess and Marvin Krauss. It's choreographed and directed by Pat Birch, the talent that propelled the blockbuster "Grease."

Tickets for "Elvis: A Musical Celebration" cost \$22.50 for the main floor/mezzanine, \$17.50 for Gallery A, \$15 for Gallery B and \$10 for Gallery C for Friday and Saturday performances. For more information, call 567-6000.

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