

STREET WISE

street seen

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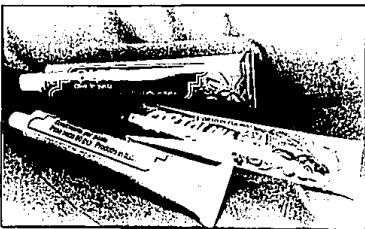
Sole of fashion

Get steppin' with this throwback to the Victorian era. Black suede laceup with hour-glass heel. By Gianpaolo Mattozzi, this pointy-toe shoe is just perfect for fall. Looks great with long skirts and is v-e-r-y comfy. Sand-lar Shoes at Applegate Square in Southfield.



Wrapping things up

Snuggle up in these hie-and-hers soft and washable 100 percent cotton terry bathrobes. Oversized easy wrap-around style has a belt to get things together. Spice it up with your monogram on the sleeve or on the front. Robes in white only. Monogram in choice of over a dozen colors. \$49.80. The Bobette Shop, 945 W. Huron, Pontiac.

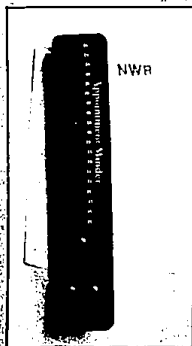
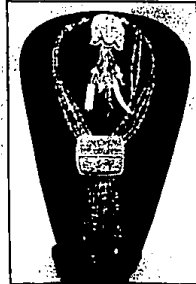


Pressing Issue

Modern-day cooking is starting to resemble the kind of food astronauts eat in space. No more cans, bottles or jars to take up precious cupboard space. Squeeze your olive oil paste, pesto sauce or even peanut butter from a tube. Great for travel. Easy to store. At Ruby D's at Sugar Tree Mall, West Bloomfield.

Muted beauty

You'll get rave reviews when you wear either of these one-of-a-kind pieces by Navarre. Lots of muted colors, textures and shapes combined with the beauty of fine ivory and semiprecious stones give these pieces a look all their own. Perfect for that fashion-minded dress that dare to be noticed. Pin, \$310; necklace, \$610. Quintessence at La Milrage on Northwestern Highway, Southfield.



Memo minder

Keep your daily schedule on target, without testing through disorganized notes or searching for your calendar. This nifty clock device comes in handy for making sure you never miss a business meeting or your child's Little League game. Alerts you with a beep when it's time for your appointment. Rechargeable battery. Dimensions: 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Uniquely art

A unique art exhibition will open Friday, Sept. 30, at the St. Bonaventure Third Order Hall, 1760 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. The artists are 18 Capuchin priests and brothers and the art includes oil paintings, watercolors, sculpture, marquetry (wood inlays), wood carvings, photography, needlepoint, tatting, stained glass, calligraphy and poetry. The exhibit ranges from tatting by Rev. Patrick Berther, an 86-year-old circuit riding pastor from Montana, and water colors by Rev. Martin Pellet, a 79-year-old missionary from Guam, to oils, watercolors and ceramics by Brother Mark Joseph Costello, a 29-year-old student for the priesthood. The free exhibit will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, through Sunday, Oct. 9.

More art

The Painter Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester will open its fall exhibition schedule with works by the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors in the main gallery Oct. 8-Nov. 11. The exhibition also will include paintings by Carol Zak in the artspace and portraits by Kei Keller in photospace. The opening reception for all three shows will be 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. The gallery, at 407 Pine St., Rochester, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 651-4110.

Even more art

The Detroit Artists Market has opened its 56th season of exhibits with an all-media show, juried by Tim and Pam Hill of Birmingham's Hill Gallery. The show, which runs through Oct. 7 at the Harmonie Park Gallery in Detroit, features the works of some 100 established and emerging artists from throughout southeast Michigan. The Market is at 1452 Randolph St. in downtown Detroit and is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. On top this season are monthly exhibits by regional artists, invitational shows of works chosen by guest curators and a variety of juried exhibitions.

The fast lane

If you're trying to handle being single while life's in the fast lane, then a workshop Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Birmingham Community Center may be of interest. Sponsored by Oakland University Continuum Center, the workshop will explore "Roles, Relationships and Sexuality." Single living specialist Barbara Halpern will handle the program. The cost is \$19. For information, call 644-5832. The Birmingham Community Center is at 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

Star struck

It may not be the bright lights of Broadway, but it is a stage. In fact, it's the stage of the Henry Ford Museum Theater and it's in need of actors and actresses for its holiday production of "The Wizard of Oz." Auditions for parts in the production will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3. Sign-up calls are being taken at 271-1620, Ext. 405.

The audition will consist of readings from the script and a singing and dance audition. Hopefuls should bring a current resume and photo and sheet music for the accompanist. The choreographer will conduct the dance audition. Both equity and non-equity actors are invited to audition. Equity actors will be required to show their union cards to verify their dues are up to date. The roles available include that of Dorothy — the actress must be at least 18 years of age, but be able to look like a 12-year-old girl — and the chorus (Munchkins, people of Oz and Flying Monkeys). Also needed are two males and two females who must be 5 feet, 8 inches in height or shorter. The show will be performed 37 times from Dec. 3 to Dec. 31, with all performances scheduled during the day — 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. or 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Rehearsals will begin Nov. 1 and will be held during evening hours.

Speaking of theater

The award-winning Theater Company of the University of Detroit will open its 18th season Oct. 7 with the Michigan premiere of Horton Foote's "Lily Dale." "Lily Dale" is the poetic memoirs of a young man's confrontation with his estranged family in turn-of-the-century Texas. The play runs Oct. 7-23 in the Earl D. A. Smith Studio Theater (on the second floor of the Architecture Building) of UD's Detroit campus. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets cost \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens. For information, call 927-1130.

Super supper

Well-known area witch Gundella has a way for people to enjoy Halloween. She's planning a mystery bus trip to a local old mansion, now housing a restaurant, which is reportedly haunted by the ghosts of the original owners. "Trippers" will be served a five-course meal, hear Gundella relate the history of the mansion and sit in on a seance. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and are limit. Tickets cost \$55 per person and can be ordered by calling 427-1072.

Another opening

Across town, the great Ty Cobb, fear-inspiring hero of the Detroit Tigers and the first player to be inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame, is the subject of "Georgia Peach," premiering at the Hilberry Theater in October. Written by Howard Burman, former director of theater at Wayne State University and author of "Whistler's Play," seen last year at the Hilberry, "Georgia Peach" previews Oct. 6-7 and officially opens Oct. 8 with the president's preview for theater sponsors. It runs through Dec. 9. The play follows Cobb's brilliant career, the greatest in baseball history, and his lifelong obsession with perfection. "Georgia Peach" opens a season of seven productions, including David Mamet's "A Life in the Theater," "Romeo and Juliet," "Wild Honey," Michael Frayn's version of an early Chekhov comedy, "The Scarlet Pimpernel," Lawrence and Lee's "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" and Stephen Schwartz musical, "Working."

For ticket information, call the Hilberry Theater box office at 577-2972.

Big Band sound

A bit out of the way, but some place to be for jazz lovers is the Huron Civic Theater, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston, Saturday, Oct. 8. One of the greats in Big Band music, J.C. Heard, will be in concert at 8 p.m. Recruited from Detroit by piano giant Teddy Wilson in 1938, Heard embarked on 15 years of intense recording and performing with the likes of Billie Holiday, Lester Young, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn and Count Basie. After four years as Cab Calloway's featured drummer, Heard was persuaded to form his own orchestra. Tickets for the concert cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 782-5380 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

'Hunting we . . .'

If you're a mushroom hunter or a friend of the outdoors, the Michigan Mushroom Hunter's Club has an invitation for you — to join them for the day at the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center at the Waterloo State Park Saturday, Oct. 1. From 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., the club will conduct guided mushroom hunts, manage a book sale and provide mushroom safety information and mushroom identification assistance. As the club sees it, it's an opportunity for those who enjoy mushroom hunting to gain added knowledge of edibles as well as enjoy the fresh air, woods and wildlife of the Waterloo area. The cost is \$2.50 per person (children under 13 free) and don't forget the \$2 state park permit. Take I-94 to Exit 157 (Pierce Road). The center is a mile north of the exit.

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