

street seen

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Street Seen 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 391-2300, Ext. 313.



Project of note

Watercolor artist Julie Dawson and the Birmingham Community House have teamed up with a project of note — with the Community House benefiting from the idea. Note cards designed from Dawson's original floral watercolors are packaged and are on sale for \$8. There are six different designs. The cards are on sale at the Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, or they are available by mail at a small postage fee. Proceeds will enable the Community House to continue and expand its offerings to the community. For more information, call Miranda Burnett, 644-5832.

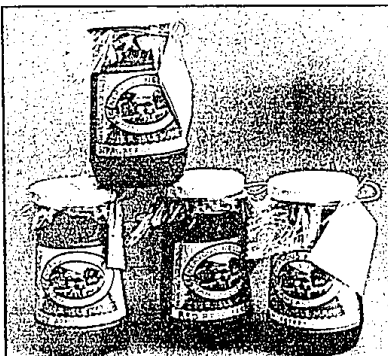
Check out this piggy

Just the conversation piece you've been looking for — a painted and stained wooden pig sits on a checkered blanket inside a basket and serves as an umbrella stand. Approximately 2 feet tall, a wrought iron rack behind the pig holds all your bumbarshoots — er, umbrellas. \$310. Jeff Fontana Designs, Royal Oak.



Underneath-it-all comfort

Maybe not visible to the naked eye, but comfy just the same. Cotton and lace loungers with slippers — for just tying around the house or using underneath something special, this all-cotton 2-piece legging and camisole set feels good next to you. White seed pearls add more elegance. Leggings, \$40; camisole, \$50; slippers, \$45. Diane M. Birmingham.



Nellie's a pure sweetie

These flavors will convince you that there is indeed a little old lady in the backwoods of Maine whose goal in life is to please our palates. Pure delight is the only way to describe the good taste of pure spicy apple cider jelly, or scrumptious blueberry ginger jam — and, oh, wait — there's strawberry marmalade, too. \$4.99 a jar. Merchant of Vino, Troy and Birmingham.

Go west!

There are plenty of reasons to head west — across the Pacific, that is — this year. The Aussies are celebrating their 200th birthday and the party lasts all year long, plus the world's fair will be held there from May through October.

Or perhaps the lure of the Orient is calling you to experience the ancient, yet thoroughly modern culture of Japan or taking in the 1988 Summer Olympics in South Korea. Or maybe you would rather get away from it all. Try the beautiful, yet rugged New Zealand or one of the lovely, remote islands of Indonesia.

But before you pack your bags and head for the airport, head to the Berkeley Community Center on Sunday, April 24.

American Youth Hostels will stage a Pacific travel workshop 1:15-3:15 p.m. at the center, 2400 Robina, that day.

The workshop will feature loads of information and practical travel tips. Topics that will be covered include budget air fares, transportation and lodgings as well as basic survival information for travelers.

You can also expect free travel literature, a book sale and the best travel tips available from people who have been there recently.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a \$4 entrance fee.

Playing president

If you lost interest in the 1988 presidential campaign somewhere between Super Tuesday and the Illinois primary, you might be able to recapture it in time for the Michigan Democratic caucus Saturday.

Aristoplay Ltd. of Ann Arbor has an award winning and entertaining game, "Hail to the Chief." It recruits players to vote for the presidency while challenging players on U.S. presidents, history and geography as they compete through luck, strategy and knowledge.

Portraits of each president frame the game board and as players land on these squares, they must answer a question on the presidency or the Constitution. Correct answers are worth 10 delegate votes.

One hundred delegate votes moves the player to the center of the game board, a map of the United States, where he or she campaigns from state to state, earning electoral votes by correctly answering questions about state history and geography.

After each player has enough elec-

toral votes, the race is on to Washington, D.C., where a player must land on the capital with an exact roll of the die to become president.

"Hail to the Chief" contains more than 900 questions on four levels of difficulty and a coupon for free updates after the 1988 and 1992 elections.

The game costs \$25. For more information, you write Aristoplay Ltd. at P.O. Box 7028, Ann Arbor 48107 or call it toll free 1-800-634-7738.

Make mine 'esperanto'

What's the international language of the world? English? French? Spanish?

Ludwig Zamenhof would have preferred that it be esperanto, an easy-to-learn international second language. A Polish doctor, he created esperanto more than 100 years ago as a solution to the international language barrier.

How good is it? Well, last July more than 7,000 people from 73 countries met in Warsaw, Poland, to celebrate esperanto's 100th anniversary and there was nary an interpreter in sight.

If you're interested in learning

esperanto, a beginner's class will be taught 7-10 p.m. Monday, April 11, 18 and 25, at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, for a fee of \$28.

To register, call 678-0988 by April 4.

Screen test

Interested in making it as a writer in Hollywood? Cranbrook School's Kingswood Campus, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills, is the place to be next month.

Award-winning writer Harvey Oshinsky is returning to Cranbrook P.M. Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, to conduct a weekend survival course in screenwriting.

Called an "Introduction to Screenwriting: A Survival Course," the seminar will explore the craft of scriptwriting for theatrical films and made-for-television movies.

The course is for college students, journalists, film and video producers, advertising copywriters, film and media instructors and aspiring screenwriters. The fee is \$150, which covers a complete bibliography of screenwriting books and publications, a sample script and information about computer software for scriptwriters.

Enrollment is limited and registration can be completed by calling Cranbrook P.M. at 645-3635.

It's easy to win our 'Oscar'

So, you think you're pretty good at picking winners, huh? Think you know who will be "el primo" on Oscar night, huh?

Well, if you're that good then why not win yourself a trip to Hollywood in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers/AMC Theaters/United Airlines second annual Academy Award contest.

The rules are simple, but the payoff is big for the person who picks the most winners in its categories — best picture, best actress, best actor, best supporting actress, best supporting actor and best director.

The grand-prize winner and a guest will receive a trip to Hollywood with round trip air fare from United Airlines. The second-place winner will receive an AMC gold pass and the third-place prize will be AMC guest passes.

Here's the contest rules:

(1) Contestants should fill out the Oscar contest entry form, available at AMC theaters and in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

(2) Forms must be turned in by midnight Friday, April 8. They can be dropped off at any AMC theater and the Observer & Eccentric offices in Livonia, Farmington, Birmingham, Plymouth and Rochester, or mailed to AMC Theaters, Suite 123, 6659 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield 48322.

(3) No purchase is necessary, but the limit is one entry per person.

(4) If more than one entry contains the most correct answers, the winner of the grand prize and subsequent prizes will be selected by random drawing.

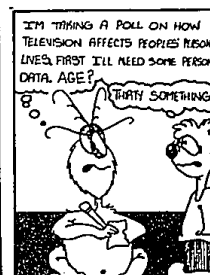
(5) Employees of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, AMC Theaters and United Airlines and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the contest.

(6) Winners will be announced in the Monday, April 18, edition of Street Scene in the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

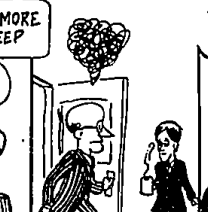
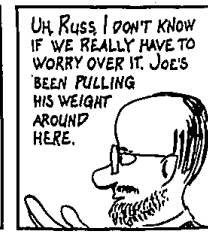
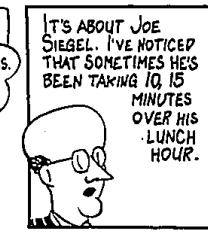
(7) The judges' decisions are final. Now that you know the rules, what are you waiting for, huh?



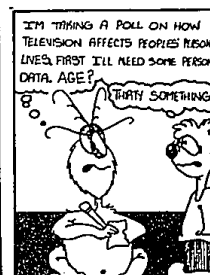
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