

street seen

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Street Scene reporter Charlene Mitchell is always looking for the unusual. She welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and entrepreneurs. Write her in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300. Ext. 313.



Maude's kids

True trivia buffs probably know about the famous artwork of Maude Humphrey. If the last name sounds familiar it's because she is the mom of movie great Humphrey Bogart. Maude has earned worldwide acclaim in her own right for her delightful portraits of youngsters. Now you can enjoy the portraits in the form of fine porcelain figurines. Each is handcrafted and numbered. Each comes with a certificate of authenticity. Several poses. Prices range from \$33 to \$50. Allie's Gifts, Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

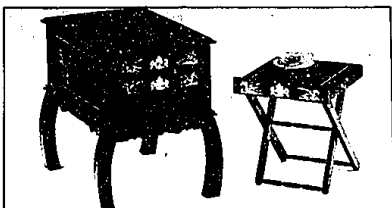
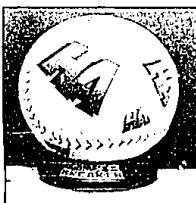


Beautifully irregular

For romantic dinners for two or for a beautiful wedding gift, these fused crystal candle holders are elegant as well as functional. The holders are pale turquoise and are a stylish addition to any decor. They come polished and frosted. Neo-classically priced at \$170-\$280. Ariana Gallery, Birmingham.

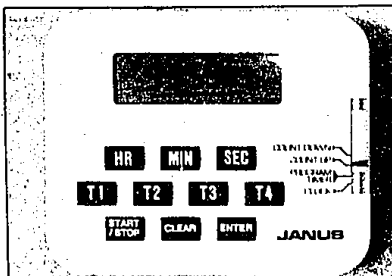
Have a ball laughing

Don't worry, be happy with this hilarious gadget that isn't good for anything except a lot of laughs. Perfect gift for the over-stressed parent, or executive. It's an actual softball with Ha-Ha imprinted all over it in bright colors. Inside, a device activates a hearty laugh each time the ball is handled. \$20. The Male Room/Boardwalk, West Bloomfield.



Self-contained

A new look in stacking tables is contained in a storage tray-table chest that comes in a variety of styles and finishes. What look like drawers are actually concealed tray tables designed to serve guests with ease. Tables are constructed of finely crafted selected hardwoods with solid brass handles. Exclusively available at Bront Furniture, the tables are available in-stock or special ordered. Table pictured \$339. Bront Furniture has showroom in Bloomfield Hills and a Clearance Center in Clawson. For more information, call 583-1475.



Never miss a beat

Program your complete menu so that everything comes out of the oven at its exact time. Have four things going at once and never miss a beat with this four-way timer. It can clip onto your apron, so you can hear the bell even if you leave the kitchen. It also has a magnet on back for putting on the door of the refrigerator. Come to think of it — use it for all kinds of reminders: phone calls, time to take medicine, etc. The list goes on and on. \$16. Kitchen Glamour stores, West Bloomfield, Redford and Rochester.

STREET SENSE

Dear Barbara,

I need advice, good, sensible and practical advice. I've never written to a columnist before.

What do you or should you do when you know that you are being taken advantage of by those closest to you? I know it's happening to me (and has been for a very long time), but what's worse is that I really hate it. And to top it off, when I need someone to lean on, there's no one around.

I feel like the little red hen who needed help baking bread. Of course, there's no one around to help get it ready, but when it's all done and ready to eat, everyone's around. I just can't (and won't) say "no."

And it's not only with family and/or friends — it's in the work situation also. I do believe my loyalties are mislaid. What's that old saying, "to thine own self be true"? I feel the anger rising as I write this. What would you suggest I do to "just say NO"?

Disgusted
in Detroit

Dear D in D,

If you are truly disgusted with yourself, you won't say yes when you should say no. In your letter, you are describing a rigid character that needs experienced help so that you can change. It will be my policy in this column to try to answer questions asked of me and not to recommend treatment, if possible.

However, when there is a rigid, unchanging, not learning from mistakes type of person, I must in all honesty recommend a qualified, fully trained therapist.

Such a therapist might be able to help you undo the obstacle in your growth and development, so that you will be able to learn from your mistakes rather than rigidly repeating the same, unsuccessful behaviors.

Some possibilities in finding a qualified therapist are asking friends for referrals to therapists who have helped them or asking your family physician.

I wish you continuing growth.



Barbara Schitt

Thank you for your letter.

Barbara

Dear Barbara:

I am a 36-year-old man who has never been married. I want both to be married and to have children very much. Every time I date a girl

there is something I eventually don't like about her. Right now I'm dating a girl and we're talking about getting married.

I have many doubts, again, about whether we are right for each other, but I'm getting older and think I'll go through with it anyway.

Is this my problem or is it a problem with girls I've dated, including the present one? I'm confused. Can you help?

Alan

Dear Alan,

You say that you want both to be married and to have children. However, if this is true, you would be married and have children. The many doubts that you are having, again, might show that you want to be married and have children without problems. There is no marriage and children without problems. These problems have to be solved by the adequacy of the marriage partners.

Barbara

It's puppy love

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and herding, about 2,000 years ago. Unlike other breeds, many of which have languished from indifference, the Shar-Pei was almost eaten out of existence.

In an effort to conserve food supplies and to discourage "decadent" pet ownership, Mao Tse-Tung placed a heavy tax on dog ownership, with the result being that dogs "wound up in the stew pot," explained Westland breeder Sue Pustay.

"In 1974, a few of the dogs made their way from China to the United States by way of Macao and Hong Kong where they had been smuggled by admirers," she said. "Today, China is seeking to re-import the breed to establish a breeding program there."

Shar-Peis epitomize the axiom that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Its face and, indeed, its whole body is heavily wrinkled, the skin falling in to deep folds, giving the impression that it borrowed some other, larger dog's skin when it climbed out of the stew pot.

Its wrinkles are in two varieties — Meatmouth, the most heavily furrowed, and the Bonmouth, less so. It's good with children, partly because if a small child pulls on the dog's loose skin, the dog doesn't know it.

"I have three adult dogs and seven puppies and I also have three children and their friends around," Pustay said. "The children love to play

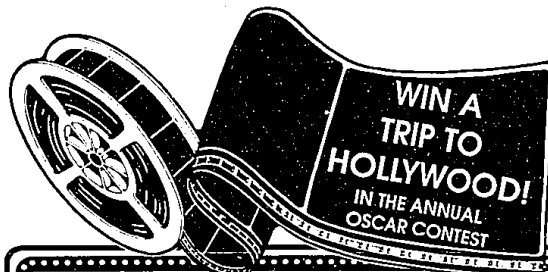
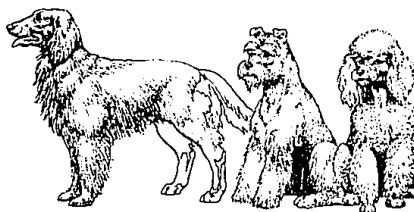
with the dogs and the dogs enjoy it just as much as the children do."

YOU'RE THE kind the pet owner, who doesn't want to fuss?

Well, for those who can't deal with midnight walks, copious shedding, indiscriminate chewing, technology has come to your rescue with the "Video Dog."

This dog is self-walking and will run, if put on fast forward. He obeys commands like "sit up," "get the ball" and "roll over." He always comes when called and the tape even comes with a list of suggested names, like Elektra.

Norman Rockwell would have painted them in acrylics.



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- ☐ Gene Hackman, Mississippi Burning
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- ☐ Joan Cusack, Working Girl
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