

# STREET SENSE

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Our intrepid Street Scene reporter is always looking for the unusual and welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and entrepreneurs. Send those to this column in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.

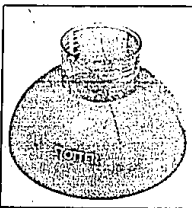


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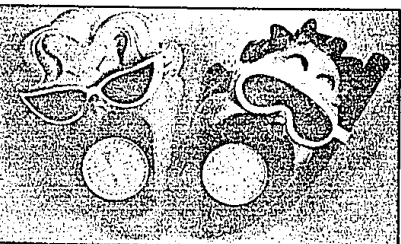
## Wacky tee-off

If you can't dazzle your friends with your tee shots or putting, surprise them with these wacky covers by Carousel. These Country Clubbers offer protection for your clubs while adding humor to your game. \$8 each. Social Expressions, 175 W. Maple, Birmingham.



## Fast lane

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# Feelings aren't unusual

Dear Barbara,  
I have been divorced for three years. My husband wanted a divorce because he had found another woman, whom he has since married. I was replaced by someone younger who is more successful in the business world. I was a homemaker before my divorce.

Since then, I have found work but still consider my main job to be raising my children. As the cost of living goes up, I will need to work more.

The problem is that I feel envious of my husband and his new wife's ability to apparently raise their standard of living while I struggle to make ends meet.

They have recently bought a new larger house that my kids are excited about and I feel terrible about. I can't seem to find a way to work through these feelings.

The adult in me says "grow up, worry about your own life." Nevertheless, I feel left behind. That was supposed to be me in that new house. Can you offer any suggestions on how I might stop feeling such anguish?

L.L.

Dear L.L.,  
Your letter has pertinence for an ever growing segment of our society. I thank you for the opportunity to

discuss how divorce feels to those who have been "left behind."

You ask for suggestions on how you might stop feeling "such an anguish." Research shows that women, after divorce, go through a period of bereavement typical to all serious losses. So how you feel can be expected and is normal. The problem is the length of time it takes to complete the mourning process. If extended for too long, it then becomes abnormal.

From the reading I have done, I would place two years as the upper limit of normal.

Do you have family and/or friends who could serve as support systems during this painful period? Change happens to everyone and we are responsible to adapt.

Barbara

Dear Barbara,  
I'm writing after reading your column for the first time. I was very impressed. It seems you are providing a very much needed forum for your readers.

I feel lost in trying to come up with a solution as to where I can find the kind of man accepting of my particular circumstances. I'm an attractive, intelligent, successfully career-oriented woman of 33 years. I've been married 10 years, now di-

vided with two children. So what is my problem, right?

It seems many men in my age group seem to be suffering from a "Biological Clock Syndrome" more than any women I've known. I've had my children already, so the issue of babies in my future is out of the question. I would like to find someone who can appreciate this.

I have the ability because of my unique position to wait for a very, very long time to find the right companion in my life. It's just I'd rather not if it can be avoided. Do I have to keep looking for an eight plus-year spread to have common ground?

Mature Beyond My Years

Dear M.B.M.Y.,  
Thank you for your kind words and interesting letter. You very clearly present the problem of your age group, even if they don't have children.

In our current culture, women of your age group are at a disadvantage. There are not enough men to go around for female "baby boomers." Many older men are dating and marrying younger women in their early 20s.

It would seem clear that maturity is not what they are looking for. In a letter that I recently received, one of the women in your age group de-



Barbara Schiff

scribed the search for an adequate man as a "crap shoot." She was one of the rare ones who got lucky and found what she wanted. Many others settle for safety in a marriage without getting what they want. Others are often willing to overlook an eight plus-year spread, if they find common ground otherwise.

I wish I were wise enough to tell you what to do. Fortunately, you sound mature enough to work it out for yourself.

Barbara

If you have a question for Barbara Schiff, a certified therapist and experienced counselor, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

# Islanders treasure serenity

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an area of farms, where people had to scratch out a living."

Now Kemppainen and her husband, Steve, operate Lakeview Resort, also on Potagannissing Bay. "When we bought the resort, we had no idea what we were getting into," she said. "But it turned out to be a great life."

THE ISLAND, 18 miles long and nine miles wide, has 150 miles of rugged scenic shoreline, 30 sheltered bays and coves and 34 inland lakes.

Much of the southern shore is lined with privately owned cottages. Most of the forested state-owned land is without roads and cannot be toured by car. But hikers can walk the land's rutted dirt roads — if they're not afraid of meeting up with a bear. Last year, the Department of Natural Resources allowed bear hunting on the island for the first time since 1983.

"Thousands sought a permit," said

Burton of Stream Line Sports. "Twenty-three bears were killed."

The most hectic time on Drummond Island is "when the ice goes out" in the spring. That's when the ice melts and perch, walleye and smelt all begin their annual runs.

Resort owners scurry to get their cottages ready for the hordes of fishermen who descend on Potagannissing Bay. Most of the resorts offer places to clean and freeze the fish.

Summer is taken over by sailors, boaters and tourists seeking the island's sheltered coves and quiet solitude.

In the fall, fishermen return once again for the fish runs. And hunting for deer, ruffed grouse, woodcock, rabbits, fox, coyote, bobcat, bear, geese and ducks also begins.

Most of the resorts now keep one or two cabins heated in the winter for visitors who come to cross-country ski or snowmobile. The 10-minute ferry from De Tour Village runs all winter.

GETTING OFF the ferry, visitors are reminded by the replica of a fort that Drummond Island back in the early 1800s was a British fort, the last outpost of the British Empire on U.S. soil. The island is named after Sir Gordon Drummond, a British commander.

The first permanent white settlers, the Seaman family, arrived in the 1850s. A memorial park in the old settlement of Drummond memorializes the wife in the family, Betsy Seaman.

Many islanders today can trace their roots to two of the original families, the Seamans and the Balleys.

Before Monaghan brought jobs and prosperity to the island, the chief employer on the island was a limestone quarry. Now, joblessness

on the island is a memory from the past.

"Some of the smaller resorts now have a problem getting extra help during the busiest times," said Monaghan.

Those planning a vacation on the island can contact the Drummond Island Chamber of Commerce, Box 296, Drummond Island, Mich. 49726, or call (906) 493-5245.

The chamber mails out a seven-page brochure, listing all the facilities and services the island offers.

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# VIDEO VIEWING

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a European production with portions of the sound track dubbed. There is a certain distance and awkwardness in such productions.

The main problem, however, is the script which is so badly structured that Weller and Seymour stare at one another for long periods with nothing to say. This is love? Obsession? How about bad filming?

Then, after these dull moments, with apparent embarrassment, they recite surrealistic, disconnected lines that presumably have philosophical meaning. Most of Weller and Seymour's delivery has the impact of a first reading. They have personality and character although he's on screen for a very short time.

VISUALLY, the film has some attractive moments but, for the most part, it is a sophomoric exercise. "Symbolism 101." However he did it, Ernesto Sabato managed to adapt what is billed as his "best-selling novel" into one of the most leaden, unentertaining films available in a long time.

Another part of the problem is the gigantic VCR market. There is so much money to be made selling and renting videotapes for home use that none of the players in the video business need to worry about market acceptance. Apparently, anything and everything breaks even or makes money so anything and everything is acquired, packaged and distributed.

If you're just whistling in the dark, then "The Tunnel" may be all right. If you want some dramatic excitement and entertainment, move quickly along the shelves of your favorite video store.

"Dead Aim" is another Vestron offering this month, although I didn't have time to screen it. It's billed as an exciting detective thriller with exotic dancers, drugs, the FBI and the KGB.

It also got a name cast — Ed Marinaro, Corbin Bernsen, William Sanderson, Darrell Larson, Isaac Hayes and William Windom — but dramatic quality is not the question press agents deal with.

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