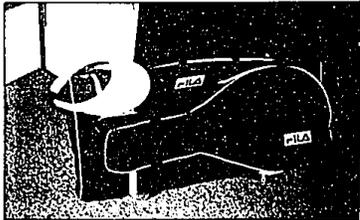


### street seen Charlene Mitchell



Street Seen reporter Charlene Mitchell is always looking for the unusual and the unique. She welcomes comments and suggestions from readers. Write her in care of this newspaper, 30251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2306, Ext. 313.

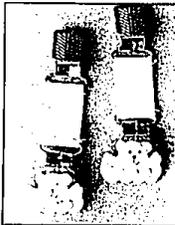


### Netting efficiency

For the serious tennis buff, the modular bag by Fila is a wonderful compartmentalized tennis carryall. The racket case detaches from the bag to carry separately and there is a detachable bag for shoes and/or accessories. Shoulder strap. Navy polyester with red trim. \$135. Tennis Plus, Applegate Square.

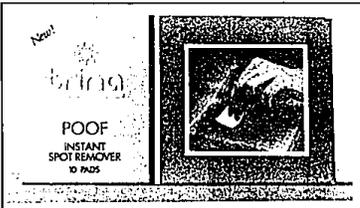
### Clip those losses

It's that time of year when youngsters traditionally lose their gloves and mittens as fast as mom buys them. Keep up with the handwarmers with this clip-on fasteners. Plastic decorations make them a lot more exciting than the plain metal ones. Choose from hearts, rainbows, cars, robots, or prehistoric dinosaurs. \$4-\$6. Order directly by phone from Tisket-a-Tasket, 651-4789. Also available at other children stores in metro Detroit area.



### Moo-velous

The hottest culinary items right now are anything that have cows on them. This is a butter dish of black ceramic with white pin dots by Hutton. \$68. Itona and Gallery, Farmington Hills.



### Disappearing act

What a convenient and easy way to get those darn lip-stick spots off our collars. These individually wrapped spot remover pads will take off makeup, gum, tar, adhesive tape or wax in a jiffy. Easy to carry in your purse or briefcase. \$2.69 for a box of 10. Warren Drug Store, Farmington Hills.

### Moving words

Words to live by every day of the year are offered by the Quote Calendar that gives you the date at the same time. For instance, today's word to the wise is: "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." Mark Twain said it. The inspirational calendar is \$9 and available through Birmingham Marketing, 288 E. Meple or call 642-8777.



# STREET WISE

## Winter fun at a savings

Make tracks — downhill, cross country or tire — to winter fun at your favorite resort or place of lodging with the 1987-88 Ski and Stay Card from the American Lung Association of Michigan.

The card lists more than 30 of the state's ski resorts, hotels and bed-and-breakfast establishments that have agreed to give 50-100 percent off lift tickets or a percentage off on lodging — places like Boyne Mountain, Cannonsburg and Crystal Mountain are included.

The card is available for a \$25 donation to the American Lung Association of Michigan. And while cardholders enjoy their favorite type of skiing or a relaxing getaway weekend at discount prices, the donation will work to pay for programs that promote healthy lungs.

The Ski and Stay Card is valued at more than \$275 and can be used once at participating resorts.

To order the card or for more information, call the toll free at 1-800-292-5979. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

## It's time for 'karneval'

"The Germans call it 'fasching' or 'karneval'."

"The French call it 'mardis gras.'"

"The Brazilians call it 'carnival.'"

But whatever it's called, it's that wild and wacky time before Lent when anything — well, almost anything — goes.

Detroit's Rheingold Male Chorus will stage its 59th annual "karneval" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the

Bavarian Chateau, 5251 E. Outer Drive, Detroit.

Holding sway over more than 600 revelers will be Prince Wilhelm Frederic I and Princess Sally Ann. In addition to awarding more than \$600 in prize money for the best and most imaginative costumes, the royal couple and their subjects will be entertained by the Red-White Carnival Dancers from London, Ontario, and the Rheinlander Orchestra.

Food and refreshments will be available and tickets for the fun fest cost \$9 per person. To order tickets, or for more information, call 264-3654.

## It's beach part time

No, the Beach Boys aren't back in town. The party's in the town of Beach, about 35 miles south of Traverse City.

If you're in the neighborhood on Feb. 13, you might want to stop by for the annual Benzie County Winter-fest.

The festival will bring back a bit of summer fun, with a dash of winter added, on the shores of a frozen Crystal Lake. There'll be softball and golfing tournaments, a 1950s-style beach party that will include a bathing suit contest and a bonfire (probably, to clear up the goose bumps on the bathing beauties — both male and female).

Throw in a pancake breakfast (every festival has one), a fishing contest, snowmobile race, snow sculpture contest and model airplane demonstrations.

Capping off the festival will be a fireworks display, not quite as lavish as that put on for the Statute of Liberty's celebration, but by the same company, Vitale Fireworks.

Don't say we didn't warn you.

## 'Cat' opens at Meadow Brook

Truth and falsehood? Greed and sexual confusion? Sounds like a rerun of "Dallas" or last year's less than thrilling conclusion of "Dynasty," but it's not.

It's Tennessee William's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," which opens Thursday for a four-week run at the Meadow Brook Theater.

The play will be staged Jan. 28 to Feb. 21 at the theater, on the campus of Oakland University near Rochester.

Linda Gehringer, a native Detroitter, plays the "cat," Maggie, in the production. A resident acting company member of the Dallas Theater Center, she had a continuing role in "Dallas" during the 1986-87 season.

Paul DeBoy, a four-year veteran of the Totem Pole Playhouse in Pennsylvania, will play the disintegrating young man, Brick, while Detroit actor/playwright/director Arthur Beer plays the domineering Big Daddy and Broadway and Hollywood actress Jeanne Arnold his garulous wife, Big Mama.

The play will be staged at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 6:30 p.m. Sunday this week. Curtain times for the remainder of its run will be 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Wednesdays, 6 and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays except Feb. 20 when the curtain will go up at 2 and 8 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 377-3300.

## Teachers strut their creativity

Looking for an out-of-the-ordinary art exhibit?

The Sarkis Galleries of the College of Art and Design, an affiliate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, will host a graphic communication faculty exhibition Friday through Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The exhibit will be in the college's Yamasaki Building, 245 Kirby and will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The multimedia exhibit will feature a variety of work by 23 faculty artists in the college's graphic design and illustration program.

## Wanted: Athletic prowess

If you're athletically inclined, Livonia Mall wants to hear from you.

No, it's not organizing a softball team or looking for woggers. The mall is staging an athletic fundraiser for the March of Dimes, the Bar None Chocolate.

The clochathon will be Feb. 5-7 and participants will be able to measure their "personal best" in a three-minute triathlon, using a rowing machine, stationary bike and treadmill, or in a less strenuous bar toss game.

If you're willing to show off your athletic prowess in public, then head out to the mall next weekend. It's at Seven Mile and Middlebech, Livonia.

# It's no more 'nice guy' except for . . .

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ally nice. Be ready in 20 minutes. We're bringing him to the apartment."

"Are you crazy? I'm sweating to death. I look like a mess. The apartment's a mess. Can't we do this . . ."

Click. No time for a shower. Slip on some makeup. Throw on my white dress. Spray on a ton of Ralph Lauren perfume. Toss everything into the closets.

Knock. Knock.

Ruff! Ruff! Lunge.

"I'm gonna kill you. The dog? You made me dress up for Ron's dog? I can't believe it. I'm gonna kill you."

I imagined David Letterman standing somewhere near the army of cockroaches, wisecracking: "It's

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During another even more harrowing misadventure, we nearly

drove off a mountain cliff while turning into a movie producer's driveway. Lucy had met this middle-aged man years ago when she was an extra on a television sitcom and she wanted to (what else?) fix me up with him. Believe me, he wasn't

worth risking my life for.

Lucy married a guy named Ricky (honest) and intensified her match-making activities because, after all, she had a Ricky and her best friend didn't have a Fred.

I told Lucy I didn't want to be fixed up with any more of her "nice guys" unless his name was William Hurt. Now, there's a guy I'd risk my life to meet.

Just last week, Lucy informed me she was "giving up and letting God" be my matchmaker.

"Uh, listen, could you help God along a little and dig up William Hurt's phone number or something?" I pleaded.

"Hmmm," she pondered. "Does he live in New York or L.A.?"

## Blind dates can be fun, nightmare

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Like the young man, a Matchmaker client, who appeared at his blind date's door with flowers.

"GOOD MOVE, nice thought," Kessel said, "but the flowers were plastic."

Despite claims that matchmaking agencies have reduced dating to a computer printout of who is compatible with whom — you say you don't want a six-foot tall date, if you're only 5 feet tall (and you're the guy) — Kessel said his agency has a 70 percent success rate.

That is, 70 percent of Matchmakers clients maintain a friendship, companionship or marriage relationship.

"We don't claim to find lifelong partners," he said. "It's not a science. There's no computer in the world that can match two people up."

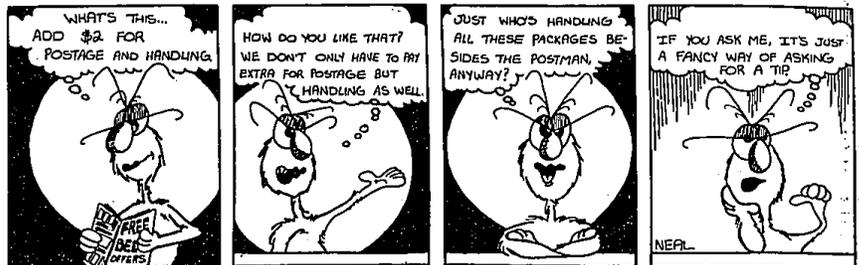
"People are guided by similar lifestyles, similar goals and similar perspectives in life."

## Outlying Areas - a continuing story



by Ray Kosarin

## Grumblecord



by Neal Levin