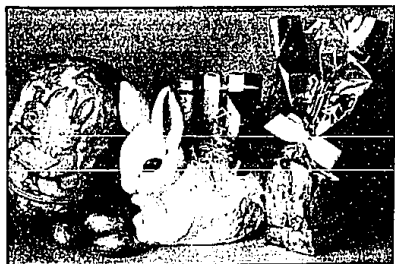


street seen

Charlene Mitchell



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. 319.



Easter goodies

Beat the Bunny to the punch with these Godiva special treats. It's chocolate at its premium best. At the left, a colorful papier-mache egg filled with chocolate eggs, \$15; in the center a ceramic white bunny filled with treats, \$22; and individually wrapped bunnies, \$6.50. At Jacobson stores.



Z-Z-Zsational

Even the Easter Bunny would opt for a sleepover in this polyester Hugster sleeping/cuddle bag. Machine washable. \$130. Jacobson stores.



Chick in the hand. . .

The no fuss-no muss chick to give for Easter are these furry little critters that fit in the palm of your hand. The warmth of your hand and the love in your heart makes them sing — thanks to special sensor tucked inside. \$7.95. The Mole Hole, 129 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

Designer touch



Every wardrobe should have a designer original and Mireille Plouffe would like to fill the bill with one of her many designs. Two of them are shown here. At the left, a polished cotton jump suit, \$145. At the right, a soft-flowing three-piece spring knit featuring a swing jacket with raglan sleeves. The jacket is \$145, skirt and top are each \$75. What's nice is that you can pick from a variety of colors and fabrics for your own special "look." Mireille Boutique, 32751 Franklin Road, Franklin.

Shades of summer

At the beach, poolside or with your favorite outfit, this handpainted sun visor with jeweled front is sure to turn a lot of heads. It's your everyday visor transformed into something elegant, yet still practical enough to wear on the tennis court or while riding your bike. \$25. Escapades on the Boardwalk, 6615 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.



STREET SENSE

Cleaning up your own mess

Dear Barbara,

I have been going out with a man for some time now who has been separated from his wife for almost 2½ years.

The problem is he won't pursue divorce. He has purchased another home, continued to work hard at his business and supported his "wife" since that time.

The wife feels fine with this situation because she doesn't have to work and enjoys the comforts of a very nice lifestyle. She has no interest in pursuing other men at this time for she is hopeful that he will come back.

I have since moved in with him, with promises of divorce soon to follow but as yet, nothing. Is this hopeless?

Unsure

Dear Unsure,

The medical statement is that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Instead of preventing the situation you are in, you moved in with him and now have to cure it. Sometimes there is no cure for a disease and if you don't prevent, there is no answer.

Your letter sounds as if his wife is being unfair to you because she doesn't want a divorce. She made no contract with you. Your contract is with her husband and it seems that

either he doesn't recognize such a contract or he's not living up to it.

Now that you've made a mess for yourself, how are you going to clean it up?

Barbara

Dear Barbara,

My mother is very difficult lady who has had a chronic female problem for over a year. She lives in Nevada and complains constantly. I had no patience dealing with this, but now that one of her doctors has notified me that steps must be taken as my Mom is mentally unstable and his office cannot be disrupted by her.

He wants me to bring her home where she has family, but we all feel that in the long run, the problem should be handled in her familiar surroundings and then, after recovery, we want to look into bringing her home. Mom is in her late 70s and difficult. Please advise.

Tammy

is Westland

Dear Tammy,

I am putting your letter in the paper because it deals with an ever increasing problem of an aging society. Many other readers may run into a similar problem with elderly parents. However, I can't feel I will be able to give you an adequate answer because of the many missing



Barbara Schiff

facts not furnished in your letter and the complications that could arise because of unknown details.

How did your mother get to Nevada and is anyone there responsible for her? Is she living alone? What are the financial considerations? Could she afford a private institution or could only a public one be considered? If she needs hospitalization, could she then be admitted as a ward of the court?

Is she a Nevada or Michigan resident? If she is "difficult" in the doctor's office, can it be assumed that

she is difficult outside of it as well? What is her diagnosis?

The doctor that she seen could commit her in Nevada, then she would be in familiar surroundings and possibly return when she was more stable. Has the doctor refused to sign papers committing her? Have you asked him? I wonder, has he tried to take more responsibility and you have balked, or does he refuse to get more involved?

There is also the possibility that we are dealing with your personal problem of guilt rather than what your mother wants for herself. You wouldn't want to "railroad" your mother for your own convenience? She may not be sick enough to need commitment or to need to return to Michigan.

As you can see, I've asked more questions than answered. If you send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope with those answers, I'll try to be of further assistance. If you prefer to write me anonymously again, I will answer in the paper. Please let me know what happens.

Barbara

If you have a question for Barbara Schiff, an experience therapist and counselor, write her care of Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Dear Boss . . .

Daytona is a 'beach'!

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"I'm from Michigan," he said. "I went to Northville High School and graduated in hotel management from Michigan State University."

MURRAY HAS also been in management at the Long Beach Airport Marriott, Orlando Airport Marriott and the Orlando Marriott. He was general manager for the Holiday Inn Fort Lauderdale North and the Holiday Inn Ft. Lauderdale Beach.

But, boss, his most important job may have been as a student journalist at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

I knew you would be jumping up and down at that one, so I wrote down the details and then wandered onto the beach for lunch. We both know how much lunch is covered by my expense account, so I leaned through the opening of a mobile hot dog stand on the beach and asked for one "with the works."

I started talking to the owner/cook and guess what? Vern Gillard retired from Ford Motor Co. in Michigan in 1978 and moved his

family to Florida. He and his son Kenny spend their days selling hot dogs and cold drinks on Daytona Beach.

"What's going on here?" I asked. "How come all you guys from Michigan are down here?"

"What's the temperature in Michigan today?" Kenny asked.

"It was 29 degrees when I left," I said.

"It's 83 here," he said.

IT'D NOTICED that, in fact, the beach scene is so remarkable that I am forced to stay another week to finish my research. I need to check out the fishing pier, the kids playing the video machines and riding the pump cars. And, of course, I must drive my car up and down the world's most famous beach.

The beach is a little busy. The spring breakers are here. The University of Michigan students have gone home, but Michigan Staters are in full swing.

Don't worry. I'll be back. I'll do a great story on all the new and fascinating things that are happening in Daytona Beach. Maybe next week. No, make it the week after.

Iris

If you have a travel question for Iris Sanderson Jones, send it this newspaper at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 481250.



The Michigan Connection at the new Daytona Beach Marriott Hotel in Florida includes hotel general manager Michael Murray.

Even the men like body pampering

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And for the first time since he opened the salon three years ago, Soller said the volume of men's return clients has become consistent.

"IT USED to be when a man would come in for a facial or nail service just out of curiosity," he said. "Now he makes it a routine part of his overall grooming."

Taking time out for self-indulgence is a kind of perk that many busy executives don't get to do as often as they'd like. Bruce Goldman, owner of L'Homme Vogue men's store in Southfield has booked a series of body massages and facials after using a gift certificate for the service.

"I never knew how wonderful it would be," he said. "At first, all I could think about was that here I was being treated to all of this and I was missing work, but then I finally calmed down and enjoyed it. It really relieved the stress."

He added that working 60 hours a week in his store makes it difficult to pamper himself, but he has vowed to do more of it.

It's much the same story for Melanie Davidson. As president and founder of a modeling agency, she knows the importance of always looking good, but must do a lot of juggling in order to take time for salon appointments.

"I know I deserve some special time for myself, and working with models and fashion experts every day, I can't afford for my skin, nails and hair not to be perfect all the time, but just taking time out is hard," said Davidson, whose naturally good looks are enhanced by the time she manages to devote to maintenance.

Although the Bloomfield/Birmingham area has more full service salons than some other suburban communities, the trend is growing with skin care salons opening in remote areas as well.

A GLANCE at the Yellow Pages should help you find a reputable salon, but word-of-mouth is probably the best reference. Always ask about whether the salon offers discounts for first-time clients. Most do.

Also ask the salon receptionist to describe the various treatments, if you're not accustomed to getting facials or pedicures. Salon services do vary as well as prices.

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