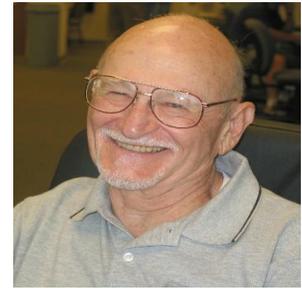


NOBODY ASKED ME BUT.....

By Matt Schwartz



The fates have been very kind to Sylvia and me. We've been blessed with a new arrival! Conceived after much thought and discussion and born on March 6th, Boo Boo was monitored and delivered by Dr. Les Rothberg in what appeared to be excellent physical condition. The cute and cunning little tyke took to her brand new surroundings like the little darling that she is. And although she received her official name at her naming ceremony, she already responds to the nickname selected by the family, "Boo Boo".

She has really been a wonderful addition to the household although I must confess that after a few days of pleasurable existence, she began to show signs of serious illness. A call to Dr. Rothberg brought quick results. After a careful examination he diagnosed the need for an immediate operation involving the transplant of a vital organ. The operation went off without a hitch and our Boo Boo is back with us again, alertly responding to all our stimuli, vital and entertaining.

She's a pure joy to have around. Unlike our former offspring she is obedient and helpful. She learns quickly and never complains. Friends who see her for the first time marvel at the brightness and beauty of her face and the image she projects. Unlike her siblings, Boo Boo is quite satisfied with her diet, surroundings, attention and training. If once in a while she acts a bit out of sorts or complains that she hasn't been fed adequately or quickly enough she immediately responds to corrective measures on our part.

Another joyful thing about having Boo Boo is the reasonable costs involved in her gestation, delivery and post natal care. Not only is Boo Boo exactly what we wanted but also we were pleased by the "bottom line" for the whole blessed event. That's a tribute to the doctor who was involved in every step of the way. I also think that I haven't seen Sylvia happier as she is no longer subjected to the imprecations I was constantly muttering regarding our earlier offspring, the fact that I'm really a "Mr. Mom" with this child, relieving her of any maternal duties, and the pleasure she gets from playing with Boo Boo as the desire strikes her.

For those of you who are not too happy with your present offspring or whose former baby is showing the unmistakable signs of aging and/or should really be moving into the 21st century, stop beating up on yourselves. Do yourselves a favor and create a baby that will give you many years of pleasure and joy as Boo Boo is giving us. Buy a really good, up-to-date, loaded computer and full 17 inch flat screen, LCD monitor (did I fail to mention that Boo Boo is a computer?). You'll never regret it!!

Thank you, Matt, for coming out of "retirement" to lighten our days with another laugh or two. I am sure we have all felt the same way about a new blessed event - computer. The Editor