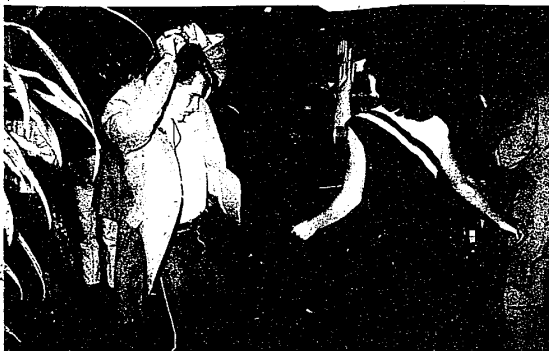


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Any place you looked, this was the scene in the shoulder-to-shoulder crush during Tottingham's "Evening Eclectic" launching the new men's shop.

## Toting it all up, it was a fun time at Tottingham's opener

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Helen Kitzens and Larry Ebel gave a preview party recently to celebrate the opening of their joint venture, a distinctive new men's shop they've titled Tottingham's.

"An Evening Eclectic" was how they billed their party which previewed the handsome store, which is filled with English country tweed jackets, British tan poplin suits, proper Oxford cloth shirts and humber-shoots (unavailable). There are also Gucci-like sweaters, blue jeans and cowboy boots.

The dashing shop features a mix of menswear for the man who wants to approach dressing with a certain sense of dry humor while maintaining an "old money" look during the 1980s. Quality, pizzazz, moderate prices and a casual air that a proper English gentleman might assume should be transplanted to our shores, are descriptions that sum up the Ebel style.

True to British form, Ebel hired a limousine for the evening which remained sedately parked at the store entrance in the Bloomfield Commons shopping mall.

THE USUAL party fare (wine and cheese) was supplemented with a table laden with huge submarine sandwiches in the front of the store. Dancer-models whooped it up on a portable dance floor in the center of the shop and, at the rear, a sweet table was replete with fruit tarts, fresh cherries, strawberries and miniature Suiklers candy bars.

When the models were not on the dance floor, they ran through the store in jogging clothes. The shoulder-to-shoulder crush at the preview opening included many of Larry Ebel's clients, many of whom credit the imaginative interior designer with aiding their successful beauty and salon careers with his store design expertise.

Included in the crush were Mira Linder, Roz and Sherm Becker, Heidi Branchau Stein, Ricki Nederlander and Yannis Karimialis. Yannis brought his "houseguest" Eric Root, who he introduced as a Beverly Hills hairdresser to the stars.

Ten years ago, Root said he was doing hair at Saks' Troy beauty salon. Today, the Royal Oak native does such celebrities as John Travolta, Suzanne Summers, Rhonda Fleming, Rita Hayworth and Bette Davis.

TINY beauty expert Mira Linder came to the party toting a huge ribbed cactus plant to keep company with Tottingham's western wear. Roz Becker stole the fashion scene with a Yves Saint Laurent red suit with tri-color red Pierrot collar blouse.

Mona Rappaport's muted green suede suit was liberally, though inadvertently, sprinkled with somebody else's wine, and her husband, Dan, sported a brand new Tottingham sweater under his leather jacket.

Ricki Nederlander hobbled around the party in a leg cast monogrammed "Tottingham's" with the final letter painted on her toenail. Heidi Branchau admitted her hairstyling salons have taken a back seat in the last few weeks while husband Mike Stein campaigns for a state representative seat.

As the party spilled out onto the sidewalk at evening's end, departing guests were given a labeled

Frizbee, complete with candy kisses and an envelope containing a note and a wallet-size card from the host and hostess.

"Enclosed you will find our super-exclusive Charter Club membership card. Only 2,000,000 were printed," the note informed the guests.

It all added up to razzle-dazzle, new preppy, old money — to wit, a super introduction to the Tottingham's style.



For the ultimate in foot gear, Tottingham's suggest the Western boots at left while Ricki Nederlander, at right, sports her cast.

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Larry Ebel, with his partner Helen Kitzens, has designed Tottingham's for the man who approaches dressing with a sense of dry humor while still hanging on to an old money look.



## Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

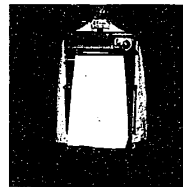
### Chocolate Fantasies

Oh hell, why not be a sport? If your Dad has always dreamed of owning a Mercedes, a Rolls or a Porsche, buy him one this Father's Day for just \$22.50 at Chocolatissimo and let him eat his heart out. If he's into golf, how about a one-foot high solid chocolate golf bag complete with chocolate golf clubs (\$20)? There's also a small golf bag package with a ball and two tees for \$5. Then there's a racquet ball racquet for \$2.50, a tennis ball, an filled with Godiva chocolates (\$12), a chocolate necktie (\$3.50) and chocolate tool sets (\$5.50 to \$6.50). Chocolatissimo, Somerset Mall, Troy, 643-7748.



### Pressing Matters

Oh, Dad, poor Dad, his wrinkled trousers are hanging in the closet and he's feeling so sad. So, how about buying him a Corby Corinthian Valet Stand (\$300) complete with an electrically heated trouser press. All he has to do is hang his trousers on the stand, turn on the timer and, voila, his trousers will be pressed to perfection. The stand also includes a sturdy coat hanger for his jackets and a tray to hold his wallet, credit cards, loose change or what have you. Gwynn's, 112 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 646-7060.



### Gentlemen Callers

If your Dad has telephitis (I'm told there's no known cure), he surely would be more comfortable with an ITT Multi-Feature Phone. Priced at \$300, the computerized phone recalls 24 different numbers at the mere touch of a button. If the number he calls is busy, the phone will keep redialing the number for up to five minutes. Then an audible signal will alert him to pick up the receiver when the number is free. The phone also has a clock (with alarm), a four-function calculator, an LCD display that shows the elapsed time of each call and a power backup. What will they think of next? Party Line, 352-8288.



### It's in the Bag

If it's Tuesday, it must be Belgium. And what do you do if you forgot to pack the black strappy sandals that go perfectly with your black dress and all you have are brown espadrilles? If you're smart, you'll attend Lynn Portnoy's free seminar, "A Trip in a Bag," at Claire Pearone, June 16 at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. Miss Portnoy has traveled extensively throughout the world carrying just one piece of luggage and looking chic from morning to night. She'll provide tips on packing and co-ordinating a fool-proof travel wardrobe. Coffee and treats will be served one half hour before each session and the store requests that you RSVP. Claire Pearone, Somerset Mall, Troy, 643-0770.



### Solo travel to be topic

"Vacation Travel Alone Can Be Fun" is the topic for the 8 p.m. Thursday meeting of SPACE, an agency for the widowed and divorced and their families.

Travel agent Steve Kalt will be the guest speaker. Kalt, who travels extensively and exotically, believes that divorced and widowed persons can enjoy solo traveling.

A question-and-answer period will follow his talk.

The meeting will take place at the offices of the National Council of Jewish Women, 16400 12 Mile in Southfield (suite 106).

A donation of \$2 will be asked. For more information call NCJW at 557-9604.



### June is Cherry and Mahogany Month at Wiggs...with exciting 20% SAVINGS!

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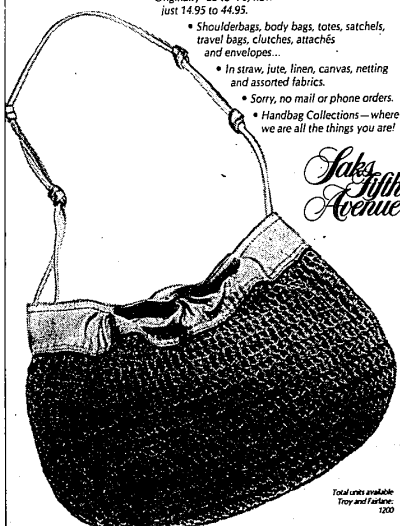
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