

### table talk

**A VALENTINE** Weekend at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills combines food and lodgings. Included is a room overnight, champagne, fresh flowers, Valentine candles and continental breakfast in the morning, for \$222 per person. The romantic package may be booked for Friday, Saturday or Sunday, Valentine's Day. The phone number for reservations is 641-1400.

Throughout February, the Kingsley is honoring dinner-cub cards from other Detroit-area restaurants. Most of these cards offer a dinner free when another dinner is purchased at the same time.

**SENIOR CITIZENS** get a Sunday-brunch bargain at the Michigan Inn in Southfield. Brunch, open from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., is \$9.95 for adults, \$2 off (\$7.95) for senior citizens and \$4.95 for children under 12. To commemorate Valentine's Day, this Sunday's brunch will be adorned by red and white decorations, plus flowers for women patrons. Reservations are recommended. The Inn's phone number is 559-6500.

**CHUCK MUER** restaurants in metropolitan Detroit (also Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Toledo) will be official caterers of the 1983 Detroit Grand Prix, coming up this summer.

The restaurants will host press conferences, sponsors' breakfasts and other events that tie in with this year's sports car race on the streets of downtown Detroit.

Special Grand Prix packages will offer breakfast, dinner, transportation to and from the race, and race tickets. Prices range from \$42 for general admission to \$100 for track-side seating (slightly higher in Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Toledo). Participating restaurants in the northern suburbs are Charley's Crab

In Troy, Diggers in Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Charley's in West Bloomfield, Southfield Charley's in Southfield and Uptown Charley's in Madison Heights.

**THE GOOD Earth Restaurant & Bakery**, which emphasizes healthy and hearty meals, is a new addition to the Tally Hall shopping and dining complex in Farmington Hills.

Part of a national chain of more than 30 restaurants, the Good Earth serves hot and cold sandwiches, salads, and international entrees such as a vegetarian-style Good Earth burrito at \$6.95 and Malaysian cashew shrimp at \$6.45.

International beers and wines may accompany a meal or snack. Breads, cakes and pastries are baked with whole grains and honey at the Good Earth. Thin-grain rolls, unsalted butter and soup or salad go along with all entrees.

A NEW luncheon menu, providing a meal for a flat \$6.50, is featured at the Golden Eagle Lounge of the Dearborn Inn.

A choice of three soups, hot deli-style sandwiches, salad bar and beverage are included in the price. Luncheon is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Pierre Fracalanza plays the piano during Happy Hour (4:30-7 p.m. weekdays). Hors d'oeuvres are free and house-brand cocktails are \$1.

**DON'T FORGET** to feed the birds this winter. Tubby's Submarine Shops is helping out by making surplus bread available to anyone who wants to distribute it for feathered friends or other birds.

The surplus bread is from the inside of buns used to make sandwiches at the 31 Detroit-area Tubby's shops. For further details, contact the Tubby's manager.

— Ethel Simmons

### Klassic Klowns giving show

A free clown show will be presented from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 540 Woodward. Klassic Klowns Alley 70 will entertain museum visitors in the circus exhibit, "Sawdust Memories," on display in Dodge Hall.

"Sawdust Memories," in celebration of the Shrine Circus' 75th anniversary, depicts Detroit's role in circus history

through costumes, posters, figurines and other circus memorabilia.

Klassic Klowns Alley 70 is a member of Clowns of America, a national professional organization devoted to the promotion of clowning. It has performed at numerous events through metropolitan Detroit, such as the Special Olympics, March of Dimes Parade and Detroit Express Soccer Games.

# Jimmy Lifton cuts a rock recording

By Ethel Simmons  
staff writer

Rock singer Jimmy Lifton, former Southfield resident now living in Los Angeles, is taking up the new 12-inch single record of his song "I Wanna Talk to You."

The disc, packaged in an "album" cover bearing his name, is available to radio stations and soon will be offered for the general public. It's on the Orphan Records label.

The 12-inch single is a new format that a lot of record companies are going to, instead of 45s. The sound is better, and it's easier for DJs to handle," the dark-haired, 28-year-old performer explained.

The tune was recorded in Los Angeles, where Lifton has lived for the last two years. One side of the record is a

three-minute version of the song. The flip side is a five-minute dance mix.

**LIFTON EXPECTS** his career will be moving right ahead. "I've got people in the music industry behind me," he said.

"In the studio we recorded an album's worth of songs, from tapes, and pressed this one. We wanted to pursue radio airplay."

Lifton said the record has been getting good crossover play on rock stations and also rhythm-and-blues stations.

Asked to describe his kind of music, he said, "All my material is different. It all has that Jimmy Lifton sound."

He said his style has been called "urban rock" but admits, "I'm not sure what that means. It's a term to describe newer music."

DETROIT-AREA stations playing "I Wanna Talk to You" include rock radio WRIF, hit-oriented WABX, rhythm and blues WJLB, WLBS and WGRP.

Lifton writes his own songs, as well as playing keyboard and doing vocals. Two Detroit musicians lend a hand on the record. They are Marc Dawson, bass guitar, and Carl J. Vest, drums.

Jimmy Lifton was born in Southfield, where he started playing in bands during junior high school. He is a graduate of Southfield High School. His parents are Dr. Herman and Polo Lifton of Southfield.

"Once I was in high school, I started playing seriously in a band," he said. He did club work after high school. A year before going to California, he did studio work in town.

While in L.A., he has done studio work and scored symphonic-type music

for Griffith Observatory. For one of the planetarium programs, Lifton played background music while science-fiction writer Ray Bradbury read prose and poetry.

**TALKING ABOUT** careers in the music business, he said, "It's up to you. You gotta have the faith and drive to keep going when people tell you you can't do it. I'm having a ball."

"I'm looking forward to releasing an album on a major label very soon," he continued. "This one is on my own label, as a marketing tool for promotion."

When he returns from his record-promotion tour, Lifton has three German shepherds waiting for him back in California. "I want to have someone to keep dogs. I want to have a ranch someday," he said.

## King's Singers slated

The King's Singers will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Friday at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

For ticket information call Orchestra Hall at 833-3700.

Established in 1968, the King's Singers each year tours through England, the Continent, the Far East and North America. The six members of the group bring their blend of musical and personal qualities to everything from the austere lines of Renaissance polyphony to madrigals and folk music in various languages, contemporary pieces written for them and a wealth of popular music.

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P.S. Valentine Weekend would be a great time to try our Honey-morning weekend package (and it's not just for honeymooners!) Call 879-2100 for details and reservations.

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