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Outdoor wear: Alexander relaxes in denim duffle coat

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17 combinations of suits, or blazers and sports coats. "The kinds of outfits you'd wear ties with," he said. He wears white shirts with his suits, and tattersail and striped shirts with his blazers.

He claims all his single-breasted suits are going out of style at the same time. "The actors all are wearing double-breasted suits. They're more comfortable," he said.

When it comes to colors, navy blue is his favororite. In summer, he wears khaki and light gray, but in winter perfers darker colors,

and was wearing charcoal the day of the interview.

To spark his clothes, "I have fun with ties," Alexander said. "I have a Bugs Bunny tie and a Three Stooges tie." For some of his more interesting clothing and accessory purchases, he shops through catalogues, such as those of the Smithsonian Institution and the Boston Museum of Art. He also shops at mejor Detroitures adepartment stores.

When he dresses casually, he may choose from his baseball cap collection, which includes replicates of old Detroit Tiger caps. "Once everyone learned I liked

Bugs Bunny, the bartender (et D. Dennison's. Seafood Tavern in Farmington Hills, where the interview took place) gave me a Bugs Bunny T-shirt. In the sumer, when I'm not working, that's what I wear — jeans and shorts, 'Alexander stide. Bell: Clinton'). Alexander was raised in northwest Detroit and Cecived a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. He dig raduate work at Michigan State. He is the father of three sons and a daughter. Divorced, he lives with his 29-year-old son Kevin in a Farmington Hills appartment, where he has a walk-in closet for his wardrobe.

Alexander spent three years in the Marine Corps and particl-pates in Toys for Tots, a charita-ble effort where the Marine Re-

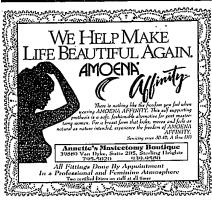
acroe collects toys for kids. At Christmas, when he goes to parties, he asks other guests to bring gifts for kids, and a Marine comes to collect them.

Alexander's name was suggested for Off the Cuff by Reseam Sopueh of Farmington Hills, a former student. She said, "I liked the way he handled himself. He dressed very well. He would dress very professionally. He was just so impressive to me."

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The right fit: Bill Alexander tries on Detroit Tigers hat from his collection of baseball caps.



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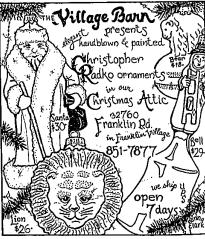
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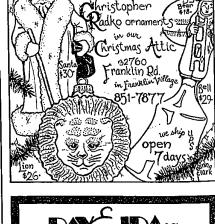
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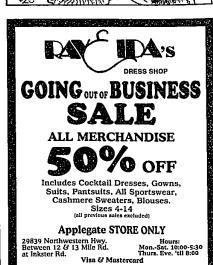
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