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BEAUTY AND THE BEST



Jeffrey Bruce

Resolutions:

This New Year will be the best one yet

It's never too soon for making resolutions that will change your life or appearance for the better. And since New Year's Eve is just around the corner, here are some promises I think you should make to yourself.

(And the happiest holidays to all!)

- I resolve to... never wear blue eye shadow. No, that was too easy. You expected me to say that. Let's get down to some more realistic resolutions.

- I resolve to... ignore anybody who wants to tell me which season I am, forever confining me to a limited number of colors. Astute women have always known that any color can be worn as long as it is properly blended, muted, combined or highlighted with complementary colors.

- I resolve to... not put on make-up in public. Watching a woman pull out a mirror, lipbrush, lipstick, lipliner and try to balance them while applying at the dinner table is not sophisticated. That's why women's rooms are well lit and appointed.

- I resolve to... not wear more than one hair-style at the same time. Simplicity is so much more attractive and glamorous. Let us also take time to say a fond farewell to the shag, skunk stripes and ponytails on women over 50. They deserve a well earned rest and we can be sure that there are plenty more fashion horrors just lurking around the corner at the mall.

- I resolve to... promise that the more I get tan, the darker the lipstick, not the lighter. The days of Connie Stevens pink are well gone.

- I resolve to... admit to myself that I really know how to get and stay in shape. There are no magic potions, psychic networks, reading of the cards, etc. that will transport me into the next Cindy Crawford. Eating less, exercising more — it's that simple. I also agree to grow old gracefully. Only in Hollywood is there perpetual youth, and the price for that is way too high.

- I resolve to... not buy products just because they have an unpronounceable name or special ingredient. Do you really think that they will work because they are in a foreign language. Does "effetto immediato" make your toes tingle? Does "hydrassimil" make all the difference?

- I resolve to... not base my wardrobe on that of a Calvin Klein or Vivienne Westwood model. I also will agree to leave the wearing of clothes from another decade to somebody who didn't live through that decade the first time.

- I resolve to... leave sherbet colors behind in makeup and enjoy them where they belong — on the dessert tray.

- I resolve to... really start looking after my skin. I promise to have facials regularly and start using a night cream and wear eye cream.

- I resolve to... ignore claims of products that they are superior because they contain an exotic plant extract/aromatic juice/bark/royal jelly/whatever — brought to you at great expense from the remotest part of S. America/Borneo/Africa/Siberia/whatever.

If you are so intent on natural products, then cut out the middle man and wear no makeup or deodorant and smell as nature intended.

- I resolve to... choose my fashion role models carefully. Not all of us can have the luxury that movie stars enjoy with wardrobe consultants, personal makeup artists, hairdressers, etc. at their every moment. On the other hand, it seems clear that Anna Nicole Smith, Pamela Anderson, Courtney Love, Steven Seagal, and others too numerous to humiliate have not yet got around to buying a mirror.

- I resolve to... enjoy life more, worry less, and be certain to catch Jeffrey, starring in Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" at the Crosswell Opera House in Adrian (two weeks in January - (517) 264-7469 for tickets. For more information about my upcoming appearances in the Detroit area, 1-800-944-6588.

Editor's Note: Beauty expert Jeffrey Bruce welcomes readers' questions about makeup, hairstyles or fashion for upcoming columns. Send inquiries c/o Malls & Mainstreets, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or send a fax to: (810) 644-1314.

Lauder spa draws Hudson's shoppers



BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

What's so special about the new Estee Lauder spa at the Hudson's Somerset Collection North store? Give Estee Lauder president Robin Burns a few moments and she'll tell you with words like "totally pampered, luxurious surprise, and fantasy."

Burns came to Troy recently to check-out the finished spa and promote its presence in the community.

Indeed, Lauder's spa is not only clean, it's classically designed in a antique golds and vanilla creams with privacy doors and curtains throughout. Yet there are many other spas to choose from in town which also claim to pamper and please in elegant surroundings.

"Ah, but all of the products used for our massages, manicures, pedicures, facials and body wraps are Lauder's finest," Burns pointed out. "And this new 3,000-square foot Hudson's spa is one of only seven that we've opened in very exclusive department stores around the country. The demographics here should



Robin Burns

prove a good partner to this state-of-the-art spa."

Hudson's president Dennis Toffolo called the spa "a fabulous addition to our new store at Somerset. Our guests recognize the Estee Lauder name as one associated with the highest standards of quality and customer service."

Each of the 20-some staff members is a licensed aesthetician or massage therapist, trained to make your visit one you'll want to schedule monthly. The spa has four sound-proof treatment rooms complete with soothing sound effects and aroma therapy collections.

Two pedicure "throne," have whirlpools below the seat level to eliminate uncomfortable positions. Curtains can be drawn to assure privacy.

Another private "break" room serves beverages and meals delivered from Hudson's Marketplace department. Make-up stations offer lessons and how-to's which Burns especially recommends for teens and bridal party members.

"These days we all lead very busy, very stressful lives and anything we can do to look or feel better is important," she said. "Our customers will find they are well taken care of here."

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Aromatic mood treatments

Spa visitors can "positively affect their moods" with an aromatherapy treatment. After filling out a personal profile, a custom blend of oils from herbs and flowers is created for the client and administered in a sound-proof, private room with soothing lighting. From \$65.



Spa break: In between treatments, this Estee Lauder client relaxes in the "lunchroom" where meals are served from Hudson's Marketplace.

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there is a two-month wait for appointments during prime times like weekends, or for groups of friends who want to be treated at the same time. Bridal parties also need to book well in advance of the big day.

In addition to the popular Day at the Spa package for \$185 (which includes hand and foot massage, pedicure, manicure, facial, lunch and make-up) Lauder has a holiday special for a year of monthly Day at the Spa visits for \$2,000 — complete with a robe and basket of products.

For appointments or more information, call (810) 816-4255.

Parisian event has a French twist



The good life: Buffet's work is recognized worldwide for its whimsical fantasies, cinematic style and native impressionism. His creation of the sculpture "Le Sommelier" (known as Gaston) for the Monnaie de Paris, has become the Oscar of the wine industry, handed out to exceptional chefs by Champagne Perrier-Jouet.

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Vive La France! Parisian Department Store salutes the work of Guy Buffet, Saturday, Dec. 14 with a special shopping program showcasing the French artist's line of gift items.

"From 1 to 4 p.m. in the main aisle of the men's department we'll have chanteuse Jeannette Lorente and her accordionist Walt Lipiec performing "La Vie En Rose" and other favorites. We're serving refreshments and offering shoppers a wide assortment of Buffet's designs on gift items like signed and numbered prints, five different series of serving plates, neckware and baseball caps," said events director Jane Bassett.

"Unfortunately, Buffet can't be here, but his spirit is surely captured in his fun, very joyful art."

Buffet was born in 1947 in the same Montparnasse neighborhood where Chagall, Picasso, and Matisse had studios. His family owned a restaurant in town and since many of the patrons were artists, the conversation often centered on painting. Buffet's biography has him listening intently as he drew on napkins in a corner of the dining room.

He enrolled in the Beaux Arts de Toulon. After graduation, he joined the French navy serving as a gunner on a cruiser, touring the Pacific Islands, and painting in his spare time.

By 20, he was the official artist of

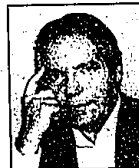
the navy with his work in the Navy Museum in Toulon.

As a civilian he returned to Hawaii, painting for patrons. He was commissioned to do 50 paintings on French Polynesia and 50 paintings on China. His works on the forgotten people and places of Hawaii hang in libraries throughout the state.

Returning to Paris in 1983, Buffet met his wife Laurence, and teamed up with Pierre Ernst, of Perrier-Jouet Champagne where he created many famous images for the world of fine dining. In the last few years, Buffet has enjoyed dual-citizenship residing in both Paris and Maui with his wife and two children. He is focusing his art on the great restaurants in America, acquiring new sponsors such as Absolut Vodka, Grand Marnier and the Ritz Carlton Hotels. His first retrospective book, "The World of Guy Buffet," was recently published.

Last year, he entered the Japanese market under the sponsorship of the Fujiankei Group.

Parisian is at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia.



Guy Buffet

MONDAY, DEC. 9

Toys For Tots

Shoppers bringing in a new toy through Dec. 20 receive an entry for a \$1,000 mall shopping spree drawing plus coupons for mall discounts.

Orchard Mall, Orchard Lake/Maple. West Bloomfield. (810) 851-7727.

Gift givers

Gift givers who accumulate receipts totaling \$200 or more in one day, receive a complimentary musical snow globe in a gift box from the Customer Service Desk near the Food Court. Gifts will be wrapped for a donation to Focus Hope through Dec. 24.

Northland, Eight Mile/Greenfield. Southfield. (810) 669-6272.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

Holiday concerts

Mercy High School singers serenade 7 p.m. Repeat performance on Dec. 14. Pianist Craig Knutsen performs at 2 p.m. on Dec. 15. Santa Breakfast on Dec. 14 at noon. Jingles the Magic Elf visits, too. \$6 tickets available at mall management office.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 478-1160.

More holiday concerts

Novi Choralaires perform at 6:30 p.m. Novi Concert Band at 7:45 p.m. On Dec. 11 at 6:30 and 7:45 p.m. Novi High School Symphony Band. On Dec. 12 Wallick Lake Western Band and Orchestras 6:30 and 7:45 p.m. On Dec. 14 and 15 day-long performances scheduled featuring sounds from Greece to Tahiti.

Twelve Oaks, 12 Mile/Novi. Novi. (810) 348-9438.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Concert series

Holiday mood music starts at 7 p.m. in East Court. On Dec. 13 strolling carolers throughout the mall. Ongoing Share The Wealth program benefit Salvation Army — with each sum of \$160 in receipts a blanket will be donated in the shopper's name. See Customer Service Desk.

Westland Center, Wayne/Warren. (313) 426-6001.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

Holiday happenings

American Heart Association free blood pressure screening 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Garden City High School choir performs 1 p.m. Center Court. Plus month-long Red Cross Blood Drive. Spend \$100 in any mall business and receive a free cookbook Dec. 14-24. Drop off non-perishable food items, clothing and toys for local YMCA at Information Booth through Dec. 24. Wonderland, Plymouth/Middlebelt. Livonia (313) 522-4100.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Kwanzaa Celebration

A celebration of African heritage 1 p.m. Tel-Twelve, Telegraph/12 Mile. Southfield. (810) 353-4111.

Talos for Tots

Local celebrities read children's classics 11 a.m. to noon in Center Court. Children bring pennies for Children's Hospital. Bid on Gingerbread Houses donated by bakeries to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (810) 585-4000.