

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

General Cinema, Showcase Cinemas, Star Line, etc. Listings for various theaters and movies including 'The Jackal', 'The Rainmaker', and 'The Remains of the Day'.

BOOKS

'Birds of Detroit' could be the perfect stocking stuffer

Birds of Detroit by Chris C. Fisher and Allen T. Charter. Lone Pine Publishing, \$9.95



This handsome, informative guide arrives just in time for stocking stuffing. For the avid birdwatcher or the young would-be birdwatcher...

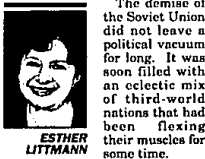
rendering the subtle differences between some species with precision.

The authors' descriptions of the birds' features and habits are clear and simple, straight English rather than scientific.

The quality paperback is superbly designed by Carol Drach for attractiveness and quick field reference.

Foreign policy expert looks at danger of rogue regimes

Rogue Regimes by Raymond Tanter. St. Martin's Press, 1997, \$29.95



ESTHER LITTMANN

The demise of the Soviet Union did not leave a political vacuum for long. It was soon filled with an eclectic mix of third-world nations that had begun flexing their muscles for some time.

Belligerent and ambitious, they now seek to confront the world and the sole remaining superpower on their own terms.

The latter policy was, in fact, adopted by our government in the 1980s, when Washington sought to accommodate Iraq as a means of curtailing the new danger coming from Iran.

Each description includes a reference to someplace in the metro area where the bird described is most likely to be found and under what circumstances.

The publishers provide birders with several visual aids. At the top of each page is a symbol showing where the bird featured would be found.

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The authors use some human analogies, but a note at the front warns about overstating any bird's "humanlike" habits.

The book also includes some interesting information for novice birders, a glossary, references, a checklist and indexes of names (common and scientific).

This is the perfect book to introduce children to bird watching. Take them out to a park and see how many beautiful birds you find.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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