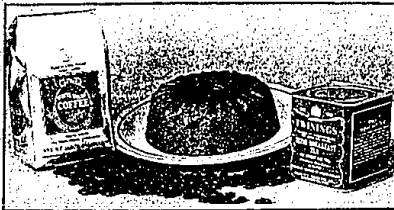


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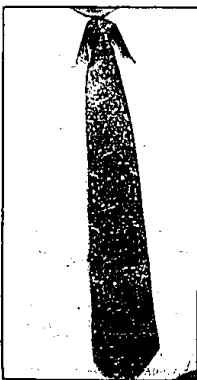


Top 'o mornin' to ye

Start St. Paddy's Day — Friday, you know — off in grand style with a cup of brimming Irish Breakfast tea or maybe a steaming cup of Irish creme coffee topped off with a generous slice of moist Downey's Irish whiskey cake. Get all the fixin's for this special treat at Jacobson's. Twinning tea, \$4.50; Whitehouse coffee, \$7.95; and Downey's cake, \$12.

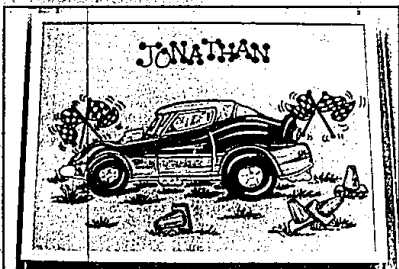
Non-partisan

Strictly non-partisan, but definitely an eyecatcher, is the timeless beauty of Hermes. This European look is evident in this pure silk necktie with subtle elephant motif. He won't forget the giver. \$85. Jacobson's.



African art

The "Out of Africa" trend is picking up in home decor. These original modern pieces are easily affordable. Copies of antique pieces such as masks or statues, \$79.95. Colony Interiors, Sugar Tree Mall, West Bloomfield.



Name-game pinups

A special place for important notes, phone numbers, homework or photos. Design your own board or have store artist work up something special for you. Order ahead for prompt delivery. Priced according to size and style. From \$17 to \$36. Marmell Toys and Gifts, Farmington Hills.

STREET SENSE

Jane: Growing up is hard to do

Dear Barbara

Why do I keep attracting the same type of man into my life? He is anywhere from 11 to 23 years my senior, divorced, has a daughter and is usually lonely. His whole life is his daughter. After a few months of lavish affection and attention, the relationship wanes, then ends miserably. How do I break the "older man" syndrome and meet someone closer to my age?

Jane

Dear Jane,

The "older man syndrome" is not uncommon — even high school students who have never heard of Sigmund Freud talk about boys who are "fixed" on their mothers and girls who are "fixed" on their fathers. It's not just that the kind of man you describe is a father figure, more importantly, he is a safe one who will not marry you. So you pretend you want to get married without the danger of it's happening. If you want to break the "older man" syndrome and meet someone

closer to your age, you will stop wasting the years you have between 20 and 30 and look for an age-appropriate man who wants to get married and give love.

It is a tremendous task for a girl to start out wanting to be a child and to then desire to become a grown woman, a wife and mother.

Barbara

Dear Barbara,

I am the mother of two boys 12 and 13. Because of my upbringing, I guess, I find it extremely difficult to discuss sexuality with my sons. I have asked my husband, their father, to have discussions with them, but he also is uncomfortable with it.

I have bought books for them to read, but I don't think it is right to have a book be their main source of sexual education.

Your help in this situation would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Birmingham

Dear Birmingham,

The difficulty that both you and



Barbara Schiff

your husband have in discussing sex with your sons is due to the fact that each of you is not free of fears, misconceptions and misinformation about sex.

I agree that giving your sons a book as their main source of sex education is not the best way for them to learn about intimacy and love be-

tween two people.

Might I suggest that before you and your husband discuss sex with your sons you do the following: First, buy "The Joy of Sex" and "More Joy of Sex" by Alex Comfort. Read them together and work together as a team to increase your joy and comfort with sex.

When you have reached this stage of growth and development, not only will you be able to talk about sex and love, but the relationship between you and your husband will be a closer one.

This would be a joint venture between the two of you for both personal and mutual growth and development.

I hope this answer has helped.

Barbara

To V.C.K.: Here's to your barefootedness. Barbara

If you have a question for Barbara Schiff, an experienced therapist and counselor, send them to Street Sense, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

A 'fishy' reason for Tip-Up-Town

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and has 72 miles of shoreline. And directly across the street from the Tip-Up-Town headquarters are the Prudenville Trails, offering more than 200 miles of trails.

As far as fishing, Houghton Lake is a favorable spot for pike, walleye, perch and pan fish.

"We have some monster pike out there," said Piche. And as proof, moments after Piche made that statement, Randy Ruggero of Addison Township (north of Rochester) showed up with the eventual fishing contest winner in the northern pike division, a dandy 39-inch, 15 pound, 11 ounce, which he had just caught with a minnow on a tip-up.

AS WITH most festival-type events, there are often bumps to iron out in the presentation and Tip-Up-Town U.S.A. is no exception. The biggest problem festival organizers face is the ice on Houghton Lake.

The lake is shallow, not more than 25-feet in its deepest hole. Subsequently, the ice freezes solid up to 20-inches thick, making the lake very appealing to people who want to drive their motor vehicles right out to their favorite fishing hole.

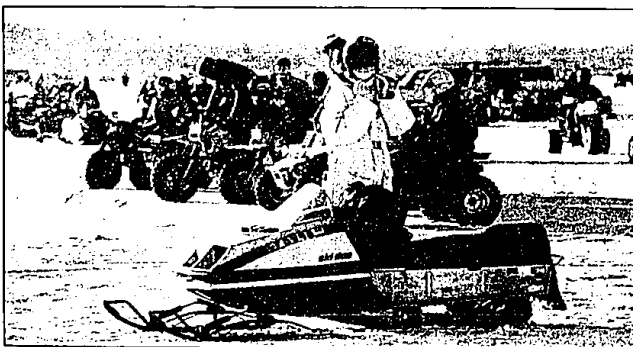
The problem occurs when the temperatures fluctuate, ice melts and then refreezes. This action causes pressure under the ice, causing pressure cracks to appear on the surface of the ice. If people stay away from these cracks with their vehicles there usually aren't many problems. But inevitably, each year, someone drives over a crack and quickly receives a free car wash.

This year, among others, a fellow lost a brand new suburban when he parked directly over a pressure crack.

"We have hundreds of cars out there (on the lake) every year," explained Piche. "If people use reasonable caution we usually don't have many problems."

In recent years, Tip-Up-Town U.S.A. has been flooded with snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

"We're not a snowmobile carnival," Piche said. "We try to accommodate the snowmobilers, but that's not our No. 1 priority. Our priority is to make this a family event. You don't have to own a snowmobile or want to ice fish to come up here and really have a good time."



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Snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, even cars can be found on frozen Houghton Lake during Tip-Up-Town time.

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