

Monkeys

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dedicated to Scott in the same way the first book was dedicated to Danny.

In 1994, Ann published "Tiger's Vacation." Two new sock animals were introduced in this book — Jake The Rattlesnake and Hobby the Horse. The story has Tiger interacting with a live raccoon, tabby cat and toad — until he meets up with stuffed Jake. The photos are even more enchanting than the first, and three more patterns are included at the end of the book. A gift version of this book also includes a pair of red-heeled socks.

The public's response to the books was overwhelming. Many copies sold and big book brokers like Barnes & Noble and Ingram's Distributors carry the publications.

In October, Ann was invited by the Home and Garden Network to tape a segment for The Carol Duval Craft Show. She demonstrated how to make Jake The Rattlesnake on the program. She also made a David Letterman sock monkey and sent it to him in appreciation for bringing back the sock monkeys in his scene from the summer film, "Cabin Boy."

Ann philosophized about the sock monkey revival.

"These sock creatures have a strong, nostalgic appeal," she said mentioning the many calls she's received from people throughout North America.

Ann was a very clever mom and very talented. She was also looking to end a 15-year career as a psychotherapist that took a lot out of her. Perhaps becoming an author would be a good idea, especially if her stories could take some pain out of the world.

"I'm always amazed at what specific memories people of all ages have about their sock monkeys. I hope my books encourage the continuation of homemade family traditions that are so much less common today, but which I think are starting to make a comeback."

You can order the sock animal books from your favorite bookstore or directly from Jamondas Press by calling 1-800-223-7873. The books are \$7.95 each. Gift packages which include the socks are \$11.95.

The socks sold separately with patterns for the monkey, elephant and tiger are \$7 for two pair, \$13.50 for four pair, \$36 for 12 pair. Tax and shipping are extra.

Auto Show preview to raise funds for children

The Charity Preview gala, which officially kicks off the 1996 North American International Auto Show, is expected to raise more than \$1.6 million for 10 Detroit-area children's charities.

One of the largest black-tie events in North America, the 1995 preview drew 13,827 people in 1995 and brought in more than \$1.6 million.

This year's gala begins with a pre-party in the Cobo Center concourse at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, followed by a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6 p.m. when the doors open. The Charity Preview

ends at 9 p.m.

These charities include: Barst Human Services; Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan; Boys Hope Detroit; The Children's Center; Children's Services of Northeast Guidance Center Assistance League; Detroit Institute for Children; the Easter Seal Society of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties; Judson Center; March of Dimes; and the Detroit Police Athletic League.

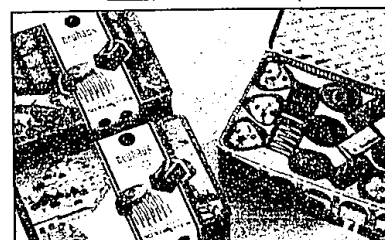
Tickets are \$150. For information, contact the coordinating charity, The Detroit Institute for Children at (313) 832-1100 x205.

Warming Up To UGG Boots



Sheepskin footwear: From the beaches of Malibu to streets of Boston, the hip are slipping into Uggs worn without socks to keep feet dry and comfortable. Australian founder Brian Smith is touring the U.S. promoting the virtues of his sheepskin-lined products, named "Shoe of the Year" for 1995 by Footwear Magazine. Look for them at Jacobson's, Hudson's, Kinney Shoes, and Bavarian Village. Laced boots \$118; sandals \$50; pull-ons \$150.

Chocolates Arrive



Belgium's best: Saks Fifth Avenue in the Somerset Collection, Troy, has added Neuhaus Chocolates to its collection. Neuhaus, master confectioner since 1857, is the oldest chocolate house in Belgium. Neuhaus uses a high percentage of cocoa and a minimum amount of sugar to create an extremely rich confection.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features the latest news briefs from mall and Main Street shopping centers. Mail submissions to: Retail Details, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48209. Fax them to: (810) 644-1314.

JEWELRY STORE OPENS
Universal Diamonds debuts at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, next to DEB Shop.

HANDFUL OF NEW SHOPS
Five unique stores opened recently at Lakeside in Sterling Heights. These include Nordic Track Fitness at Home, Calendar Club, Frank's Kids Corner, In The Garden by Frank's and Christmas by Frank's. "Appealing to special interests — niche marketing... targeted selling... seem to be the retail watchwords of the '90s," said Janita Gaultlett of Lakeside, announcing the new leases. "These new stores have very focused product lines offering very distinctive merchandise. They can be a saving grace for gift-givers."

BOUTIQUE OPENS
Mont Blanc, manufacturer of fine writing instruments and accessories, opened a boutique in the Somerset Collection, Troy. No longer content to feature its luxury goods in department store showcases, the Mont Blanc company hopes to grow its retail sales through stores of its own. Mont Blanc will be in the mall's lower level, near Godiva Chocolates.

MANAGEMENT SHAKE-UP
Hudson's recently created a new management structure which features new "regional director positions." Three regional directors report to Hudson president Dennis Taffolo for the operation of seven stores each.

These include: Jean Sinclair of Troy who will oversee operations at Hudson's Oakland, Lakeside, Lansing Mall, Meridian Mall, Grosse Pointe, Fashion Square and Grand Traverse stores.

Michael Gilligan of Milford, former Westland store manager, who now oversees operations at Hudson's Northland, Eastland, Southland, Westland, Fairlane, Summit Place and Franklin Park stores.

Steven Prebelch of Minnesota, will relocate to direct operations at Hudson's Twelve Oaks, Briarwood, Woodland, Cross-

roads, Lakeview Square, University Park and Glenbrook Square stores.

In other moves, Denise Ames has been appointed manager of the Grand Traverse store, Larry Anderson, to store manager at Oakland Mall in Troy, Mark Elliot to manager of the Franklin Park store in Toledo, Robin Koller to manager of the Southland store in Taylor, Deb Moog-Council to manager of the Crossroads store in Kalamazoo, Cynthia Morris to manager of the Woodland store in Grand Rapids, David Pascoe to manager of the Fairlane store in Dearborn, Karen Simpson to manager of the Briarwood store in Ann Arbor, Chris Wozniak to manager of the Twelve Oaks store in Novi.

COFFEE CO. BUVOYT
The Coffee Exchanges in West Bloomfield, Rochester Hills, Royal Oak and Birmingham have been bought by a Minneapolis couple who have changed the name to Caribou Coffee, adding the local coffee houses to their national chain.

John and Kim Puckett currently operate 41 Caribou Coffee shops throughout Minnesota, Georgia, North Carolina and now Michigan. Until Dec. 25, the couple will donate \$1 from every sale of the 2-bag coffee gift pack (\$14.95) to Habitat for Humanity. They will give \$2 from each purchase of a 4-bag gift pack (\$28.95).

PROMOTION REMINDER
Lakeside, Twelve Oaks and Fairlane shopping centers remind customers to redeem their receipts for school fundraising credits at the schoolhouse booths throughout the malls through March 31, 1996. The centers' goal is to donate \$250,000 to Michigan schools by the promotion's end. For more details contact (810) 348-9438.

NEW AT LAUREL PARK
Eight new retailers have been added to the mix at Laurel Park Place: Brookstone, Dean Witter, Golf Stuff, Not Just Books, Mirage Fine Collectibles, Parsely, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme, TRM Communications and the World Bead Co. The mall is located at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

Time stories:



Stylish fun: Akteo Watches are a collection of 180 designs for gift giving created by French watchmaker J.C. Mareschal. They're themed for professions, sports, hobbies and music. Priced \$100-\$150 at David Wachler & Sons Jewellers in downtown Birmingham.

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