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Tom Waits

who sings of waitresses, strippers, and old cars, of down and outs who are into muscatel and gin, and of late nights and smokey barrooms is back with

"Small Change"

his fourth album on Asylum Records. Waits' music is a lesson in reality with its bluesy, jazzy and cool presentation of pain, poverty and perversion. "Small Change," a small price to pay for a contemporary talent.

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Area birders plan holiday watch

By E. G. WHITE-SWIFT
Of the Emerald

Don't expect to find a partridge in a pear tree this Christmas. Eugene birdwatchers have been looking each Christmas season for the last 35 years with no luck.

They haven't found many pear trees, either. It's all part of a national tradition called the Christmas Bird Count.

Count areas are organized wherever qualified teams of birdwatchers can be put together, from Alaska and Canada and as far south as Venezuela. Each count area leader chooses a central focal point for a 15-mile circle. Each team makes a search of its assigned count circle during one calendar day of the Christmas holiday season, compiling a species-by-species list of the numbers of all the birds it can find.

Eugene's count circle is centered on the Danebo School. The circle takes in most of Fern Ridge Reservoir to the west; Alvdor; Milorn and Riverview School to the north; Coburg; Armitage Park and Springfield; Lane Community College; Spencer's Butte; and parts of Fox Hollow Road, Lorane Highway, and Coyote Creek Rd.

Last year, 74 Eugene birdwatchers combed the count circle from sunrise to sunset. The overcast skies and slight breeze were not ideal weather conditions, but the experienced birders still counted 68,896 individual birds within the circle.

"In recent years," says Chip Jobanek, compiler of the count results, "the Eugene Christmas Bird Count has established a long string of counts recording over 100 species of birds. In fact, any count failing to exceed 100 species would have to be judged a major disappointment.

"Last year's count maintained that string easily with 123 species," he adds. The record count is 130 species found in 1973. Jobanek credits increased

participation and advanced equipment for the count success.

The Eugene count is just one of the 21 count areas around the state. Portland, Salem, Corvallis, Baker, Coos Bay and the Malheur Wildlife Refuge are a few of the other counts. In figures compiled by Jobanek, birders around Oregon found about 235 species and counted over 520,000 individuals.

Nationwide, 124,651,593 individual birds were sighted by 28,688 qualified observers who were organized into teams which covered 1,141 count areas. The complete count lists are published in the July issue of American Birds, the Audubon Society's ornithological journal.

The findings ranged from zero birds to millions. Point Barrow, Alaska, found zero species and "about zero individuals." Catemaco, in Vera Cruz, Mexico, spotted more species than anyone (293). Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Missouri, with a huge concentration of wintering blackbirds, had the highest total of individual birds, 38,568,401, although it represented only 58 species.

All this is a far cry from the first Christmas Bird Census taken on Christmas Day, 1900. Bird-Lore editor Frank Chapman proposed "spending a portion of Christmas Day with the birds and sending a report of the 'hunt' to Bird-Lore before retiring that night." The suggestion was made as an alternate activity to the traditional Christmas "side-hunt" on which hundreds of birds were shot during a single hunt.

Eugene bird "hunters" will be counting the birds on Dec. 26 this year. Chip Jobanek (747-7598) and Dan Gleason (686-4535) are coordinating all the interested birders. A complete list of all the bird counts around the state is available in the University's Survival Center.

Who knows, they might even find partridge this year.

Collector's Corner joins Goodwill store

By LISA JOSLEN
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The Women's Auxiliary of Goodwill Industries of Lane County has incorporated its Collector's Corner Store within the Eugene downtown Goodwill store, 72 E. 11th Ave.

The Collector's Corner Store, formerly located in the old Montgomery Ward's store on West 11th Avenue, opened Dec. 2. The store was moved because the lease ran out on the Ward's building.

The Collector's Corner Store features antiques, old books and records, picture frames, china, silver, candlesticks and dolls. The

store even carries old fruit jars — the blue "Ball" type with a metal clasp. The store may occasionally sell old clothing, but usually the clothes are used in the Auxiliary's fashion shows.

The store is staffed by 50 volunteer women. They use books to judge the value and price of antiques, silver and china. Auxiliary member Ann Lynch said they've been dealing with valuable items like this "for a good many years," although they often have "real old stuff" appraised.

The collectable items come out of regular donations, which are received on the philosophy that "something somebody throws

away, somebody else wants."

Ann Lynch said on rare occasions someone will leave Goodwill a house full of antiques in their will.

Comparing the store's prices with other secondhand antique shops, Ann said that they are probably lower.

"Antiques can really be jacked up in private places, but in a Goodwill antique store, there may be something that is hidden and not priced very high." She added that the store does try to stay in competition so private dealers don't come in and buy everything.

Ann said the store was doing great so far. She added, "We think that it's going to help the sales in the Eugene store as well as the Auxiliary's sales. We think it'll bring more people to the store."

The store's profits will go to Goodwill Industries programs for handicapped people in this community. The programs, staffed by 185 persons, include a rehabilitation facility for mentally, emotionally, and physically handicapped people.

The Collector's Corner Store, open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., may also be incorporated into Goodwill stores in the Gilbert Shopping Center and in Springfield.

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