



All my children

By GLEN OZONWOOD

boogied the night away. When it was time to leave, Ruth went to bring the car around front — Ray was waiting for her in the parking lot.

At first, it looked like all Ray was planning to do was take the necklace and split. Before he was done, he took a lot more. Throwing Ruth from the car, he beat her and when she lost consciousness, helped himself to her womanly charms.

It was all pretty heavy for a soap opera and ended when Joe came to see what was keeping Ruth, pulled Ray's stocking mask off during a struggle but lost his hold, allowing Ray to beat feet into the night.

Right now, she's in a coma (they're unpredictable enough — the writers could go a lot of ways. The actress that plays Ruth must have been due for a vacation), but

Joe and Phil are hopping mad. Ray hasn't been located yet, but if he's lucky he won't run into Phil. He's threatened to cut the sleazy bastard's heart out. A typical cop reaction. Violence is a terrible tool, Phil.

While Ruth's dilemma was the major crisis at the dance, it wasn't the only one. The Edna/David mixture is heating up and came close to boiling at the party.

Dave was buffaloed into taking Edna and Kristina went with Jeff. Historically, the four haven't gotten along and the dance proved no exception. It really blew when Jeff got called to the hospital and Davey offered to take Kris home. She was hesitant, but it looked like she was going to accept when Edna appeared.

Edna had had her share of spirits and did her best to humiliate Kristina, advising her "to

keep away from my property." Kris ended up catching a ride home with Frank and Caroline and Edna ended up catching hell when she and Davey got home.

Still pretty drunk, Edna made her nightly moves on David (he still hasn't taken advantage of the situation, if you get my drift). He kept pushing her away and finally gave her a verbal thrashing that was way below the belt.

"You're a ridiculous tramp," he spat at her. "Marrying you was the biggest mistake I ever made."

Edna was not pleased. Getting up from the bed — clutching her flimsy black negligee to her supple body — she promised Davey he'd be sorry for being so mean to her. Then he'd be like his relationship to Kristina — real sorry.

Kris is getting fed up with placing second to Edna in David's plans. Like David, she's getting

tired of the situation and would like to change it. If David isn't free of Edna soon, look for Kris to go looking elsewhere.

Over at the Martins', Danny boy is really confused. With Ruth in the hospital, he's been looking after Tad and Grandma Martin. Devon's been helping him out (making food and stuff like that) but Thursday he saw Brooke and she asked him to come pick her up at work. He's thinking about the times he spent in Brooke's arms and weighing that against Devon's sincerity and good nature. Most of the time, a good personality has trouble competing with a nice bosom.

And, something to think (or worry) about. Caroline found out about Nancy's pregnancy. Right now, the crisis is still forming, but you might as well face it, Frank, the honeymoon is over.

After ogling Ruth's diamond necklace, Ray's convinced the Martins have a lot of dough. When it became clear he shouldn't plan on seeing any of it, he promised Ruth she'd pay. This week, she paid plenty.

The evening started out on the best of notes. Ruth and Joe headed for the medical society's dance at the country club and

Anything goes during German celebration

It begins 11 minutes after 11 p.m. on November 11 and lasts until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It's a time to live it up before things are "given up" for Lent.

"It" is Faschingfest, a traditional religious German holiday period and the University German Club and Deutsches Haus (German dormitory in Dunn Hall) are sponsoring their 8th annual Faschingfest celebration February 4.

Big parades, lots of extravagant floats and people in costume characterize Faschingfest in Ger-

many, says Valerie Wood, German Club member, who spent last year in Mainz, a small German town with one of the most famous Faschingfests.

"People are so happy," she says. "It's the last opportunity to let it all hang out before Lent. There's an 'anything goes' feeling."

The Eugene Faschingfest begins Saturday at 9 p.m. at University House, a co-op at 791 E. 15th and will "go until it ends," says Wood. She suggests people wear costumes, "the wilder the better." A \$1 charge covers "refreshments" and entertainment.

Special bus lanes, car pools may be T-2000 traffic solutions

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Staggered work hours and special lanes for buses and carpools should be considered in the T-2000 transportation proposal to help the plan deal more simply with traffic problems, one of the authors of an alternative transportation plan said at Thursday's Rubi-

con Society luncheon.

The suggestions are part of the Citizens' Transportation Plan, developed by Gary Spivak and others of Community Meet, an outgrowth of Eugene's neighborhood groups. Spivak outlined the alternative plan.

"We would like to see our alternatives seriously considered by city and county planners," Spivak

said. "We feel this system would work just as well as the one they're proposing."

Adoption of staggered working hours or "flex-time" would "reduce peak traffic by spreading it out," and would consequently lessen the need to build more roads, Spivak said. However, if new roads must be built, special lanes should be reserved for the exclusive use of buses and carpools, he added.

"Reverse laning" would also ease rush hour congestion, by "in effect turning three-lane roads into four-lane roads," said Spivak.

In reverse laning, the middle lane of a three-lane street flows toward downtown during the morning rush and away from downtown in the evening.

Some 30 minor projects should be dropped from T-2000, Spivak said, to allow planning to concentrate on "major bottle-necks." Some of the minor projects, including changes on Amazon Parkway, have been poorly publicized and "would come as a major surprise to people if they found out about them after the plan was adopted," Spivak said.

One "major bottleneck," is the Interstate-105 entrance at the intersection of Washington and Jefferson Streets and 6th and 7th Avenues. The T-2000 proposal calls for a freeway between 6th and 7th Avenues to route traffic away from the trouble spot. That freeway, according to Spivak, would drastically lower the value of adjacent property. The alternative plan calls for a new system of connectors between Valley River Center, River Road and other points, to allow traffic to skirt the present bottleneck.

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