



### Good news

Goodfellow paper sale Chairman Bruce Habermahl (left) accepts a check for \$662 from Farmington Jaycee Glen Moody. The Jaycees matched the funds they raised from the paper sale on Dec. 10. (Evert photo)

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# Harry and Ron are off to Rose Bowl

Some Michiganders will be strutting the runs in Pasadena instead of bucking the dust and snow on New Year's Day when the Michigan Wolverines return to the Rose Bowl after a five-year hiatus.

Among the thrills will be Redford Observer editor Ron Garbinski and Farmington Observer photographer Harry Maube who managed to finagle tickets to both the Michigan-San Diego conference center and Superbowl XI, also in Pasadena this year.

Equipped with a citizens band radio, new radial tires on a 1976 Pinto wagon, and "traveling light," as Maube said, the duo will explore the back roads and small towns of the West on a "Discover America" trip.

"If I will have hit all the continental states," said bachelor Garbinski, who considers traveling his first love.

"Hawaii will be my next venture," he continued, although he doesn't expect to actually see Alaska on the three-week trip.

"The O.K. swings westward," is how Maube describes the venture. Although he's looking forward to the games, his enthusiasm for the Superbowl has waned since the Pittsburgh Steelers lost in the playoffs to Oakland.

However, Maube, who lives in Farmington, studied at the University of Michigan and is hoping for a big UM win over the Trojans.

His major interest in the trip is checking out the small towns in the western U.S.

"You can get a different perspective on what you do when you talk to people who live in small towns and desolate areas," he observed. "I'm a chronic newspaper collector, especially small town newspapers. I like to talk to local editors and they're usu-

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## Protect your home while vacationing

Christmas vacations, holiday ski trips, weekend visits or Rose Bowl get-a-ways—these are the times when burglars score on the gift giving season.

Christmas holidays are a time for sharing and showing thanks by giving. It's not time for residents to visit the local police station to file burglary reports.

Home burglars want to gain entry quickly, quietly, without being seen and with as little effort as possible while you are away enjoying the festive season.

But you can make a thief's task difficult and frustrating by simply taking several precautionary measures.

Any delay of a potential burglar in gaining entry increases the chances of his being apprehended. So place as many obstacles between him and his goal.

The first in home security is to give your residence an "at home" appearance while out of the house.

The second most important action is to light the dark places. Areas between home and attached garage should be well light.

WHETHER YOUR absence is to be of long or short duration matter little to the burglar.

He can enter and ransack your home in minutes. He is aware of the weak points in home security but if he has trouble getting in, he will go elsewhere.

So if you plan to be out of town this holiday season, follow these precautionary measures:

- Purchase one of the several relatively inexpensive automatic timers available. These light your home when expected and as well as darken them at your normal retirement hour. Also leave a constant light in a room not viewable from outside such as a bathroom.
- Arrange for a dependable neighbor to watch your house while you are away. Leave a house key and phone number where you may be reached.
- Lock your windows and equip them with one of several devices which limit the height they may be raised. Restrict the opening to maximum of four inches. Make sure basement windows also are properly outfitted.
- Equip your outer doors with a good lock. The most effective are the square section dead bolt type. To combat burglars breaking a small corner of the glass panels on side or rear doors, equip them with a lock which requires a key both inside and outside or install a chain door guard.
- Be certain that if a milk chade is forced open, the burglar cannot reach in and unlock adjoining doors. If the milk chade is fairly large and offering possible entry, latch and bar it.
- Make arrangements to have your sidewalks shoveled.
- Stop all deliveries and accumulation of mail, newspapers and hand bills. Have a friend clear your porch of all such items.
- Keep your garage locked when you leave. Tools and ladders there could assist the burglar.
- By lighting the night, you can help create a safer neighborhood.
- If you have any questions concerning home security or anti-crime campaigns, contact either the Redford Township Crime Prevention Bureau, the United Northwestern Realty Association and the Western Wayne Oakland Board of Realtors.

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