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STRESS HOTLINE
Henry Ford Hospital's "Stress Hotline" – 876-8200 – offers easy-to-use
suggestions on dealing with stress
whether it is caused by too much work
or too many dirty dishes in the sink.
To help people avoid the holiday
blues, or to shake it if you're already
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Care Hotlines also offers five simplethough-effective suggestions. The hotline, available 24 hour a day, can be
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● FREE BOOKLETS

Three new booklets full of information and helpful hints are now available free of charge from the American Lung Association of Michigan (ALSEM).

"The Asthma Handbook" is a 28-page booklet for adults who have asthma. Designed to help the asthma victim learn more about living with his/ her disability, the handbook discusses what asthma is, what triggers an asthma attack, how diet affects asthmatics and examines several common asthma medications.

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"Your Child's Lungs Are for Life"

details common and uncommon respiratory infections, danger signals which mean serious iliness, chronic conditions, allergies and reactions to environmental conditions.

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"As You Live You Breathe" is a cleverly illustrated introduction to the cleverly illustrated introduction to help youngsters understand how we breathe, what causes breathing difficulties and how the condition of the condition of the To get copies of any of the cooklets, write ALASEM, 28 W. Adams, Detroit 48226 or call 961-1697.

**(NYRODUCTION TO RECOV-ERY*

Brighton Hospital has launched "Introduction to Recovery," a service in its outpatient department designed to help those whose drinking has begun to interfere with their day-to-day functioning.

"Introduction to Recovery" is a 12-week outpatient group therapy program that helps the chemically dependent learn about the disease, its effects and its treatment. This service is de-

signed for persons with a history of al-cohol or substance abuse but not cur-rently needing in-patient treatment. The group meetings begin with a film or lecture on alcoholism or chemi-cal dependency. This is followed by group therapy led by an addiction counselor.

counselor.

The topics covered during the 12-week program include the disease concept of alcholism and chemical dependency, the effect of the disease on fami-

ly members and friends and recovery using Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and other community resources. For additional information, call 227-6143.

● MENTALLY ILL SUPPORT GROUP
The Suburban West Support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday night at the Suburban West Community Cen-ter, 11677 Beech Daly Road, north of

Plymouth Road, Redford Township.
The group is made up of friends and relatives of mentally ill persons. There is no charge for the meetings, and membership is open to all persons trying to cope with the problems presented by mental illness.
For more information, call the center at 937-9500 or 537-1963.

ROMP Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, sponsors

ROMP (Recovery of Male Potency) meetings at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month, in Conference Room 2. However, there will be not meeting in December. The next session will be Thursday, Jan. 17.

The group is intended to provide edu-cational and emotional support to cou-ples who suffer from the effects of im-potence. Confidentially is assured. To register, call 467-4570.



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Because Christmas and New Year's fall on Tuesday this year, you'll find us at your home on the Saturday before each holiday (Instead of Monday).

This means our carriers will spend Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve with their families.

This means your local business people can let you know about last minute

Christmas gifts and specials in time for you to take advantage of them (the gifts, not the merchants).

This means you can do the same with our Classified section--place an advertisement or respond to one before the holiday.

And, finally, this means a few temporary changes in our deadlines:

Deadlines for Saturday, December 22 and Saturday, December 29 editions:

Thursday, December 20 and December 27 -- 5 p.m. Thursday, December 20 and December 27 -- 12 noon

Deadlines for Thursday, December 27 and January 3 editions.

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