

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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Recipes inspire heart and hand

When it comes to holiday menus, it seems most families look forward to traditional favorites. Whether the recipes are deeply inscribed in our memories or scribbled on a napkin from Grandma's kitchen, they are the ones that everyone anticipates for special-occasion meals.

My turkey recipe (Aunt Giti's Famous Baked Turkey) was clipped from the pages of the Times Picayune in New Orleans years ago. The edges are frayed and the instructions goose-spattered, but Thanksgiving just wouldn't be the same without the yellowed newspaper circulating throughout the kitchen to remind us of the involved procedure.

Barbara Molson of Birmingham depends on her raveled 25-year-old Pillsbury Cookbook for her holiday baking. "I also have a collection of the recipe booklets that came inside the Pillsbury flour bags," she says. "They were the forerunners of the bakeoff." People are constantly borrowing these tried-and-true recipes.

Many of us can remember our first attempts at baking, our fingers sticky with icing as we decorated Christmas cookie cut-outs. Our grandmothers rolled and patted the sweet dough to perfection. Those sugar cookie recipes are pulled from our heads each year.

And some, like Kim Christo of Rochester, rely upon fund-raiser cookbooks from church circles or local clubs to guide them through the holidays.

This season, a new crop of cookbooks is out, ready to be sampled for new old-favorites. Your menu can always benefit from an injection of fresh flavors — maybe a surprise dessert or an unusual vegetable. The folks at Les Saisons, a specialty



cooking store at 304 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, recommend some of their choices for holiday cooks. "365 Ways to Prepare for Christmas" by David E.

Monn, serves up decorating ideas, tips and techniques, in addition to a year full of recipes. It includes a detailed how-to on making a gingerbread cottage (\$16.95).

Cooking serenade

"Holidays" combines vinyl music with a CD or cassette of music from the San Francisco String Quartet (\$24 and \$26). Sarah Leah Chase celebrates foods that keep us warm in her book, "Cold-Weather Cooking" (\$13.95).

"Hollyhocks & Radishes" is an award-winning cookbook that revolves around letters that the author received from a Mrs. Chard of Michigan's upper peninsula. Mrs. Chard's Almanac, an account of her vegetable stand, garden and community, inspired the cookbook (\$23.95). While browsing at Les Saisons, inquire about their holiday cooking classes. Master Chef Jeff Gabriel creates fancy appetizers on Dec. 2 and 3. Dedicated "to everyone who will always be a kid," the delightfully illustrated "Pigails and Frog Legs" is a must-have family cookbook from Nelman Marcus. The royalties from this witty compilation benefit several children's charities. Three generations have savored the Pumpkin Cream Pie recipe and legend has it that Mrs. C. energized Santa every Christmas with

The Chili That Saved Christmas — "the best chili this side of the North Pole." This cookbook with personality is sure to delight all the kids on your list (\$19.95).

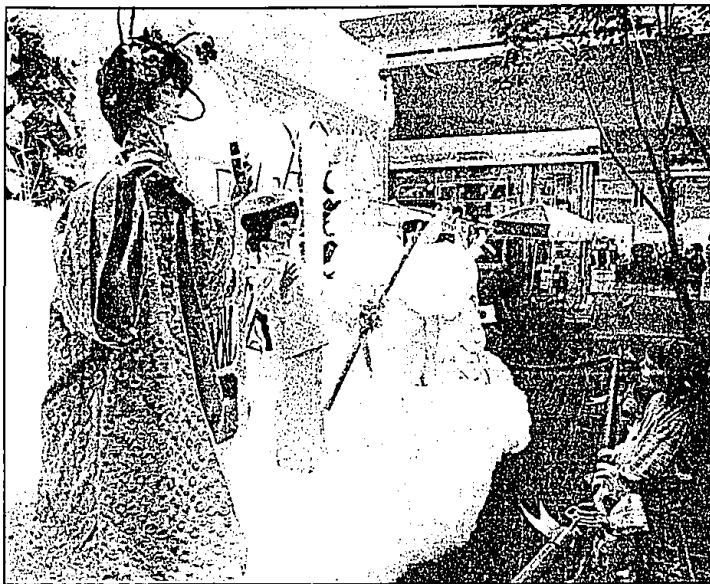
As I contemplate the turkey, I am thankful for the family and friends that will grace my table. May your blessings be as abundant.

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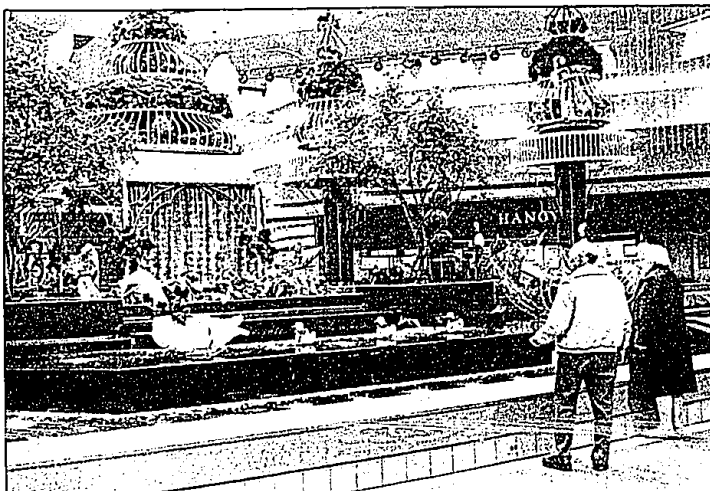
What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- Carolers, choirs and choral groups sing at the malls.
- Some ideas on what to wear to all those holiday parties.
- Linda Bachrack goes shopping for gorgeous gift wraps.



JERRY ZOLNENSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Oriental magic: Sisters Jamie Lieberman, 6, and Jodie, 4, of Oak Park, pause to study the Holidays in Japan exhibit at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield.



DAN DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Geese-a-swimming: Children of all ages appreciate the whimsy of the Snow Geese that have flocked to Summit Place in Waterford for the holiday season.

Themes liven up displays

The city sidewalks are surely dressed in holiday style this time of year. And inside the malls, the magic of Christmas is captured in light, music, and color by designers and decorators who have created sparkling delights for shoppers of all ages.

BY SURAN DEMAGGIO

STAFF WRITER
This is the best holiday ever at Summit Place, mall manager Joseph Tyree boasted.

"Shoppers will be surprised at the scope of our holiday decor this year. The morning walkers are saying it's the most ambitious undertaking they've seen here. Definitely worth a trip out to the mall."

Tyree speaks excitedly about his quarter-of-a-million dollar baby, Snow Geese at Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake and Telegraph Roads in Waterford. And well he should. Not only is the holiday program a gift to the community, but a part of the plan to upscale the mall.

"We want to keep our image of good value, but also add some stores to take the mall a step up to the point it should be in this market," he said. "We want to provide the differential advantage for our shoppers by adding some unique retailers."

Tyree said the renovation currently under way at the center's Hudson store should signal the mall's potential for growth.

The mall is decked out in red ribbons and white lights with snow geese in flight throughout the center. In a specially designated play area at center court, Mother Goose will tell stories and rhymes, children can write letters to Santa, and theater performances will be given through Dec. 24.

Several of the display units have interactive designs to delight children and there are many opportunities for parents with cameras to capture holiday memories.

The exhibit was purchased from the Harrell Company of N. Carolina, which creates displays for malls nationwide. The mall will use the display for four or five years before selling it to a smaller shopping center or use parts of the display in its sister strip centers. "That's a typical practice in the mall business, according to Tyree.

"It took three semesters to bring the display from North Carolina," Tyree said. "And before it's all up, 20 tech-

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MONDAY, NOV. 15

NEW KIDS STORE

Troy's Palace, featuring moderate to better-priced clothing and accessories for infants and children to size 14 opens. New lines include Pour Qui, Jolene, Tickle Me for girls and Tickle Me for boys. Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. 356-5040.

NEW CARD SHOP

Lee's Specialty is open specializing in stationery, gifts, and custom invitations. Details are retailer's trademark. Services include calligraphy and counseling on proper paper etiquette. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Cookdige, Troy. 643-6350.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

SANTA PARADE

Horse drawn carriage brings Santa Claus to the Sesame Street display in center court after a parade through the mall. Troy Athens Marching Band plays at 6:30 p.m. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy. 565-6000.

COFFEE WEEK

Hudson's Marketplaces through Nov. 24. Hands-on demos and product sampling throughout the day. Meet representatives from Rowenta, Braun, Le Pave, Saeko, Krups and Delonghi. At Oakland Mall in Troy, Twelve Oaks in Novi, and Lakeside in Sterling Heights, only. 597-2200.

GRAND OPENING

The Cowboy Trader Gallery, 5-8 p.m. Where the Old West meets the Midwest. Blankets, beads, turquoise and silver jewelry, baskets, books, pottery and more. 725 S. Adams. Downtown Birmingham. 647-8833.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

SATURDAY, NOV. 20

HOLIDAY PARADE

11th annual civic and mall-sponsored "Spirit of Christmas" parade, 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to Six Mile and Middlebelt for mile-long march to Seven Mile with floats, costumed characters, marching bands, Santa Claus and more. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt, Livonia. 476-1166.

SANTA PARADE

Santa arrives at Lakeside, escorted by 20 children in native costumes from countries around the globe. Big Christmas Tree lighting at 7 p.m. Fountain stage. Santa rides the Worldmobile while parents and kids sing "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" and other popular tunes. Children receive a snowman-shaped notepad from Santa. Santa's workshop is a high-tech wonder featuring monitors, international clocks and world flight maps. Lakeside, M-59/Schoonherm, Sterling Heights. 247-1744.

SESAME STREET SANTA

Gordon and Susan from Sesame Street perform live in Lord and Taylor Court, Noon and 3 p.m. Santa appears during noon performance on Sunday, Nov. 21. Goodies for children attending. Kids can send letters to Santa at the North Pole from giant Magic Mailbox in center court. Animated musical instruments provide the mall's holiday theme. Twelve Oaks, 12 Mile/Novi, Novi. 348-9438.

SANTA ARRIVES

Sing-along begins at 11 a.m. outside entrance 6, east of Penney's. Santa arrives by horse and carriage, escorted to center court by a brass ensemble playing holiday tunes. Children attending receive a free Holiday Buns. Photos with Santa continue through Dec. 24. Westland Shopping Center, Wayne/Warren, Westland. 425-5001.

SANTA AND SCOUTS

Join the Boy Scouts and Santa as they light The Giving Tree, to collect gifts for 800 needy children who are wards of the state. 11 a.m. Center court. Pictures with Santa through Dec. 24, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Daily performances of "Dinosaurs" puppet show at stage near main entrance. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Wixom/Adams, Rochester Hills. 375-9451.

SANTA ARRIVES

Elegant, horse-drawn carriage brings Santa to Laurel Park Place at 6:30 p.m. along with trumpeters, mimes, jesters and dancers. Parade through mall features dancers of Sherry's School of Dance in Novi. Children attending receive treat from Santa. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia. 462-1100.

SANTA IN SOUTHFIELD

Santa Claus arrives 11 a.m. to host visits and photo sessions through Dec. 24. Mall-wide animated display features eight vignettes depicting holidays around the world, through Saturday, Jan. 1. Regular mall hours. Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile/Telegraph, Southfield. 353-4111.

GOOSE AND SANTA

Christmas parade led by Snow Goose and Mother Goose characters, floats, marching band and Santa. Noon. Mall-wide holiday displays feature interactive children's fun. Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford. 682-0123.

SUNDAY, NOV. 21

SANTA AND THE SPINNERS

Motownstars entertain. The Spinners perform a free holiday concert, 11 a.m. Hudson's Court. Martha Reeves reads a holiday story to children. Santa appears during the performance to begin his own holiday gig through Dec. 24. Bring your cameras! Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Hubbard, Dearborn. 593-3330.