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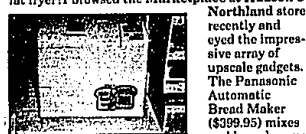
LINDA BACHRACH

Kitchen gadgets aid eating fresh

When Julie Rosso and Sheila Lukins first opened the legendary Silver Palate, they sought to define their passion, the American cooking style. They believed it transcended their inherited culinary traditions and coast-to-coast regional favorites. And certainly American cuisine was not merely that of other cultures replicated with American ingredients.

Rosso and Lukins concluded that our emerging cooking style is slowly evolving as we learn to "lighten up but retain taste, trim quantities without sacrificing pleasure, create simple, fresh, clear, and distinctive flavors, use our sense of humor, and allow enthusiasm and ingenuity to reign."

Today, this same philosophy holds true. And to help us create those healthful, fresh, light but tasty dishes, manufacturers have developed a bevy of "must have" machines. Every new bride needs a bread maker and a pasta extruder. What college dorm room lacks a hot air corn popper? And those with young children praise their juicers and rice cookers. If the kitchen is stocked with all these healthy food inventions, who needs a deep-fat fryer? I browsed the Marketplace at Hudson's

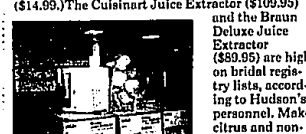


Northland store recently and eyed the impressive array of upscale gadgets. The Panasonic Automatic Bread Maker (\$399.95) mixes and kneads your bread dough, calculates the loafing period and then bakes the bread. All you do is add the ingredients. There's even a digital timer so you can preset the machine to prepare the loaf up to 13 hours in advance. Can you imagine waking up to the aroma of fresh-baked bread or pastries?

Leanne Silverblatt received her bread baker for Hanukkah and declared it "the best thing that ever happened to our household."

The Panasonic Rice Cooker and Steamer comes in five-cup (\$49.95) and 10-cup (\$59.95) capacities. No more sticky, gloomy rice. The cooker keeps the grains fluffy and warm for up to five hours.

A perfect graduation gift, the West Bend II Hot Air Corn Popper (\$16.95) uses no oil for fewer calories and no cholesterol. Team it with Hudson's Marketplace gourmet popcorn packed in a canning jar complete with red scoop (\$9.99), and a wooden popcorn bucket that holds all four quarts (\$14.99). The Cuisinart Juice Extractor (\$109.95) and the Braun Deluxe Juice Extractor (\$39.95) are high on bridal registry lists, according to Hudson's personnel. Make citrus and non-citrus fruit and vegetable drinks with no preservatives or additives. The Braun model comes with a recipe book that includes Strawberry Banana Smoothies and Kiwi Spritzer.



Americans are pasta crazy and we've been told that, minus the cream sauce, pasta dishes are healthy and energizing. Lorraine Shalvoy of Rochester Hills recommends the following recipe for a simple, yet delicious supper. Combine four ripe tomatoes, cubed, with one cup of fresh basil leaves, three cloves of minced garlic, one cup olive oil, two teaspoons salt and a dash of freshly ground pepper. Let marinate for at least an hour. Serve over linguine, or your favorite pasta.

Of course, that linguine can easily be made fresh in a classic steel pasta machine (\$38.95) from Crate & Barrel in The Somerset Collection in Troy. Boil it in the eight-quot white-enamel pasta cooker (\$39.95).

To expand your repertoire of low-fat, heart-healthy recipes, invest in The Vegetable Market Cookbook by Robert Budwig (\$24.95 at Crate & Barrel). This artful book with gorgeous illustrations explores the best of the vegetable markets from open-air stalls in France and Italy, to floating markets in Bangkok.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

- Green plants keep malls healthy.
- Sampling sales. When is a sale really a sale?
- Shopping breaks at cappuccino bars.



WILLIAM HANSEN

Winter concert: Kidrock "Rory" of Ready, Set, Learn! performs at Lakeside to kick off the mall's second annual Family Night Series. Family Night is the mall's way of saying thank you to its patrons.

It's tabletop time for brides to be

BY SUSAN DeMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

In "The New Tiffany Table Settings," Tiffany vice president John Loring writes: "The history of modern table settings opened on a momentous day in 1633 when Charles I of England declared once and for all that 'it is decent to use a fork.'"



Since that day, bridal registries have been helping home-makers select not only their forks and plates, but also their finger bowls, ice plates, compotes and stemware. The winter months are the busiest for tabletop retailers because couples who become engaged over these romantic holidays begin preparations for all those June weddings.

The local leader in the bridal registry business is Hudson's. The Dayton-Hudson-Marshall Field Co.

registers 86,000 brides a year companywide, according to Mary Dearing, divisional merchandise manager in the company's Tabletop department.

Another leader in the bridal registry business is Heslop's, registering 8,000 brides a year in 13 stores throughout Michigan. President Ron Heslop said January-February is the busiest time of year for his registry business.

Dearing will be one of several experts on hand Saturday to talk to engaged couples at Hudson's Bridal Fair in the Southfield Pavilion.

"I'll be explaining to new brides that lifestyle, not tradition, should guide their selection of china and crystal patterns and pieces," she explained from her Minneapolis office. "Yet traditions will play an important part in the new lives they are beginning."

Traditionally, beverage glasses are sold in sets of three — one for wine, one for water and one for champagne. But if a bride knows

her family and friends like to drink ice tea with their meals, that bride should add long glasses to her registry. Likewise, additional bread and butter plates should be ordered by a bride who likes to serve luscious desserts, Dearing said.

Dearing refused to name the patterns that sell the best, saying that each Hudson's store stocks the patterns that sell well in that community. Price settings for fine china begin at \$99 and go as high as \$1,200 for hand-painted place settings with gold trim.

Vin computer, Hudson's sales consultants can locate pieces and patterns anywhere in the Dayton, Hudson and Marshall Field inventories. Last year, the corporation debuted a 1-800-21 I DO I DO number that facilitates bridal gift giving for customers throughout the country.

At the Oakland Mall Hudson's store in Troy, a bridal registry video

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RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features the latest openings, closings, new merchandise lines, personnel changes and other news around the Malls & Mainstreets community. Mail submissions to: Retail Details, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Or fax them to: 313-591-7279.

■ McDEVITT'S EXPANDS

Retail businesses in suburban malls and on suburban Main Streets are invited to submit announcements of upcoming special events and promotions for Added Attractions. The deadline to submit announcements is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send announcements to: Malls & Mainstreets, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Or fax them to: 313-591-7279.

MONDAY, JAN. 17

PUPPET SHOW

The little puppet theater presents "Peter Rabbit" daily through Jan. 31. Call the mall for performance hours. No admission fee. Meadowbrook Village Mall, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills, 313-9451.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19

FUR CLEARANCE

Bricker-Turn's furs will liquidate Hollywood's Dicker and Dicker collection of furs through Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.). The furs have been featured on game shows such as Queen for a Day, Wheel of Fortune and Let's Make a Deal. The Dicker and Dicker team announced their decision to go out of business last month. Orchard Mall, 15 Mile/Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 655-9200.

THURSDAY, JAN. 20

KEEPING RESOLUTIONS

Part of New Year's series to help shoppers stick to

McDevitt's Hallmark in the Seven Mile and Farmington Center in Livonia is celebrating its grand reopening. The store doubled its size to accommodate a much larger selection of religious articles, giftware and seasonal cards. It also has extended its merchandise lines of Precious Moments, Cherished Teddies, Calico Kittens, Snowbabies and other collectible items.

For more information, call the store at 478-0707.

■ 1994 FASH BASH

This year's ultimate fashion show, Hudson's Fash Bash, is set for Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Fox Theater, Detroit.

Tickets will be available in June priced at \$100, \$35 and \$25. For more information, call 833-2323.

ADDED ATTRactions

1994 goals. Travel writer Rick Sylvain discusses holiday options 7 p.m. Center Court. No admission charge. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy, 595-6000.

CAR SHOW

10 Oakland County auto dealers host exhibits of their latest cars and trucks. Throughout the mall. Regular mall hours. Through Jan. 30. Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford, 662-0123.

FRIDAY, JAN. 21

FASHIONS DU JOUR

Casual looks from Land and Seas and Eddie Bauer will be informally modeled during lunch, noon to 2 p.m. D. Denison's and the Garden Court Restaurant inside the Marriott Hotel. Laurel Park Place, Six Mile/Newburgh, Livonia, 462-1100.

MAKE-UPS

Hudson's and Montell Paris present international make-up artist Bat Sava, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sava introduces the latest make-up techniques and hottest new colors. Guests receive a gift from Montell Paris. Cosmetic Department. Repeated Jan. 22 at Summit Place, Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake, Waterford, Lakeside, Hall/Schoenher. Sterling Heights, 566-2800.

SPORTS COLLECTIBLES

Stamp, cards and coins for show and sale through Jan. 23. Regular mall hours. Special celebrity visits

Rory rocks Lakeside families

■ Lakeside Mall brings top-notch family entertainment to the shopping center each month as a way of saying thank you to the families that shop there throughout the year.

BY SUSAN DeMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't Pine Knob or Meadow Brook under the stars, but for the children who attended Rory's concert at Lakeside last week, it well could have been.

Rory, kidrocker and pixie-voiced host of the Learning Channel's Ready, Set, Learn! program, took the small stage in the mall's Performing Arts Court and treated many of the kids to their first live concert.

With her four-piece Knock Your Socks Off Band, Rory had her audience singing, clapping and wiggling around to the beat of tunes like, "Yuck, That's Disgusting!" "Takin' my Bubble Bath," and her signature song, "Family." For 45 minutes, the children enjoyed Rory's performance, moving closer and closer to the stage, until by the end of the concert, many could look right up into Rory's eyes. "I loved Rory's singing," said Anneliese Pall, 7, of Clinton Township. She clutched an autograph book just signed with a special note from Rory. "I would like to come back to the next show at the mall because it was really good and fun."

Erin Potts, 7, of Shelby Township, explained that her family came to the show because brother Nathan, 4, watches Ready, Set, Learn! and it would be a treat to see Rory in person for free the night before the mall.

"She was really good," Erin said — and Nathan nodded. Lakeside manager Miles McFee of Rochester Hills, whose own two young daughters set out to meet Rory after the concert, said her performance marked the beginning of the second children's concert series sponsored by the shopping center and Comcast Cable T.V.

"The concerts are the highlight of our first-Wednesday-of-each-month Family Night," he said. "It's our way of giving something back to the community that supports us all through the year."

McFee said 1,000 to 1,500 children show up for each concert, which attempts to present the hottest, highest-quality children's performers available. Recent performers have included Norman Foote, Linda Arnold and Joni Bartels. Characters such as Aladdin and Jasmine also have appeared at Family Night, so has Snow White and some of the dwarfs.

The mall gives concert-goers a free autograph book, which they are encouraged to bring to each Family Night to collect the signatures and messages of their favorite stars.

See FAMILY NIGHT, 8A

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

BRIDAL FAIR

Information for engaged couples and bridal parties at annual Hudson's bridal fair, A Marriage of Style. Includes brunch, visits with manufacturer's representatives and bridal party fashion show beginning at 9:30 a.m. Southfield Pavilion, Eyewitness Morning Host Jill Dittmeier is emcee. Shuttle will transport guests from pavilion to one from Hudson's Northland store. Guest appearance by designer Vera Wang 1-4 p.m. in the Northland Hudson's bridal salon. Third level: \$15 per person. Tickets on sale now by calling 443-6332. Northland Mall, Eight Mile/Greenbelt.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23

CLASSICS BRUNCH

Co-sponsored by WQRS-FM, noon to 2 p.m. Roundtable brunch catered by Sebastian's Grill. Proceeds benefit Detroit Institute of Arts youth programs and Center for Creative Studies (Detroit) music education programs. Reservations required. Tickets \$20 per person, available at concierge desk. The Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Cookridge, Troy, 643-6360.

STORYBOOK SUNDAY

Children's reading program. WHIC-FM disc jockeys take turns reading children's stories every Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. Center Court. Children can pick up forms for book reports that can be redeemed for mail discount tokens. Fairlane Town Center, Michigan/Hubbard, Dearborn, 593-1370.