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TODAY

Cable Guide: WDIV-TV Channel 4 will televise America's Thanksgiving Day Parade at 9 a.m. from Detroit. An item in today's Cable TV listings incorrectly lists the 9 a.m. to noon time period as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Critical Injury: A Farmington Hills police commander's son is seriously injured in a car crash. /A6

SPORTS



Hawks roll: Farmington Harrison High vie for the state crown Friday. /C1

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District sparks football lights study

**By TIM SMITH
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Friday night football in Farmington is back in the spotlight. An ad hoc committee will soon convene and begin studying the feasibility of adding banks of lights to the football fields at Farmington, Harrison and North high schools. Heading up the panel will be FHS principal Jim Myers, Harrison parent Lance Pesci and North parent Mary Barnes.

The committee, to include athletic directors, residents, police and other

district staff members, could make a recommendation as soon as February and perhaps bring night football next season, said Farmington schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield. Board members, during the Tuesday, Nov. 18, regular meeting, endorsed the concept.

The recommendation to form the ad hoc committee followed a countywide survey of other metro area high schools. Virtually all other districts have lighted fields, with successful results. The Farmington proposal, spearheaded by Pesci, included input from football, soccer, band and pompon backers from the three high schools.

According to Maxfield, it was emphasized "in the heart of the report" that Farmington currently is the only Oakland County district with non-lighted fields.

"Friday night football has become the way of the world outside of Farmington," Maxfield said.

All three Farmington district high schools play varsity football games on Saturday afternoons, which often conflict with other student activities, such as band invitations.

School board Vice President Cathy Webb said the survey was "overwhelmingly convincing" in support of night

football. "It (survey) had comments such as, 'Why in the world would you ever have football games on Saturday?'"

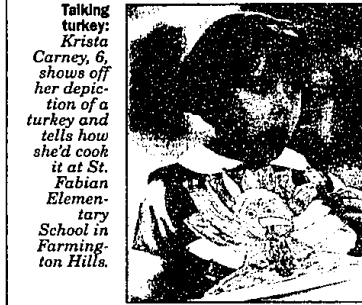
Webb listed reasons other than football why Farmington should join the ranks of the illuminated.

"Many of our bands are missing out because they have overlapping competitions during football season," Webb said. "I'm real pleased we're going to take a look at this."

Webb, a member of the Farmington Hills Commission for Children, Youth

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'... cook for 10 minutes really hot, 10 degrees'



Talking turkey: Krista Carney, 6, shows off her depiction of a turkey and tells how she'd cook it at St. Fabian Elementary School in Farmington Hills.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Turkey recipes - from a kid's perspective

**By TONY BAUCATO
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Thanksgiving in our town is full of rich history.

The Thanksgiving Day Parade has been a fixture since 1926. The Detroit Lions this year will be playing their 63rd Turkey Day classic. And, for many, those two events are followed by the traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, as friends and family gather around the table to give thanks.

The Thanksgiving turkey, for most, is the staple of the family meal. Whether it be cooked by mom, dad or grandparents, the recipe is basically the same.

Or is it?

We found there can be a variation

on - a theme when it comes to cooking the Thanksgiving turkey ... as told by Farmington-area first-graders.

Maybe two hands, or classes, are better than one. The combined first-grade classes of Sue Rizzi and Nancy Covey at Flanders Elementary School in Farmington gave us some suggestions.

Emily Leonard "goes to grandpa's house for turkey. He puts it in the oven to cook for 10 minutes really hot, 10 degrees."

Andrea Zinkosky shared grandma's recipe, telling us to "put stuffing in the turkey, then put it in the oven. Cook for 10 minutes at 12 degrees."



Pensive prep: Andrea Zinkosky, a first-grader at Flanders Elementary, puts some thought into grandma's turkey recipe which will 'cook for 10 minutes at 12 degrees. Below right is classmate Alyssa Judd's depiction of her cooking turkey.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MERVILL

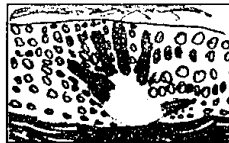
"My cousin's mom makes the turkey," said Kelsey Niemi. "She puts it in a pan with potatoes and gravy, and cooks it in the oven for 20 minutes at 10 degrees."

Stu Surmann is more a hunter than a gatherer.

"First, you shoot the turkey with a gun and chop its head off, yank its feathers and then wash it with water. Warm it up for 20 minutes, add a dab of salt, then cook another 30 seconds. Then it's ready to eat."

Seth Gee reminds everyone to use the correct utensils.

"You go to the market, get a turkey,



take it out of the package and put it in a pot with spices. Put a hole in the turkey for stuffing, but don't use a

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Scout leader to face trial

**By GREG HOWALSKI
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After a full day of testimony Friday in 48th District Court, Steven Potter was bound over for trial on charges he sexually abused a 4-year-old nephew.

At his preliminary examination, Potter was bound over by Judge Kincaid to Small to Oakland County Circuit Court on charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and three counts of child sexually abusive activity.

Each is a felony punishable with up to 20 years in prison and/or \$100,000 fine. No arraignment date was set and bond was set at \$250,000.

Key witnesses at the examination were Potter's sister and the boy. Small instructed that the media not identify them, and she heard testimony from the boy in her chambers.

Potter, 32, was arrested Nov. 7 in his West Bloomfield house. Police were alerted by the boy's mother who said her son had told her that he and Potter had played a "penis game."

Police searched Potter's room in his parents' house and discovered several Polaroid pictures showing the boy naked and Potter performing oral sex on the boy.

U.S. Customs investigators also confiscated Potter's computer to see if any child pornography was downloaded from the Internet.

Potter originally was released on a \$10,000 bond when he faced initial criminal sexual conduct charges. But that was appealed by the prosecutor and Small raised the bond to \$150,000. When additional charges were filed relating to the photos, the judge set an additional \$100,000 bond.

Potter had been a leader of a Boy Scout troop in Farmington and police were investigating to see if any complaints would arise from that association. No one has come forward yet.

4th Hills suicide this year frustrates police

**By LARRY O'CONNOR
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The body of a woman was found in a room at the Holiday Inn on Friday, the victim of an apparent suicide - the fourth such incident in Farmington Hills this year.

Police found a note stating the woman was a patient of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, and to contact attorney Michael Schwartz, who works in the same law office as Geoffrey Figier. The woman had needle punctures on

her left hand and right forearm, police said.

Police were unable to find any identification and tried repeatedly to reach the attorney without success. Police later identified the woman as Bernice Gross, 76, of West Palm Beach, Fla. She suffered from multiple sclerosis, police said.

"I think that's what the good doctor and Mr. Figier are looking for is national attention: Almost all the

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Firm view

Hills fills new economic coordinator post

**By LARRY O'CONNOR
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Farmington Hills' new Economic Development Corporation and the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

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Big ball

Payment for a few auction items still needs to be collected, but Richard Daguanno is still quite happy.

A week and a half after the third annual Cornucopia Ball, he's figured the total cash raised for Farmington Hills Community Foundation on Children, Youth and Families will be almost \$95,000, which doesn't include the \$10,000 in-kind contribution that puts the event over the hundred grand mark for the first time ever.

"This is the biggest year of the three," said Daguanno, foundation chairman. "It has increased each year, so that's a good sign."

Money raised goes for the foundation's goal of funding the city's teen centers once a federal grant expires, and other youth and family programs.

Dippy do

How does caramel apple dip sound to you? Or bright pink fruit dip? Or maybe even chocolate fudge dip?

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Those and other tasty treats were sampled last week by second-grade students at Lanigan Elementary School, in efforts to find which dips might be suitable for the school lunch menu.

Clementy, vegetable dips trailed behind in the taste test. The top vote getter was caramel apple, followed by marshmallow fruit, bright pink fruit and chocolate fudge.

"The dips are being created to encourage students to eat more fruits and vegetables," said Ruth Feber, of Farmington Public Schools' nutrition services department. The dips were made thanks to a \$500 USDA federal grant.

Floating along

Look for Debra Arnanau, manager of English Gar-

dens' Merchant of Vino flower ships and Farmington Hills resident, marching in America's Thanksgiving Parade Thursday in Detroit.

Arnanau won an employee drawing to join the marchers alongside the English Gardens' "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" float, complementing the creation as either a pretty maid or a flower.

Top 10 in new toys

The Oct. 6 issue of this newspaper featured a story on children at the Farmington YMCA Prime-time program at Engle Elementary School who got a chance to test toys in the Duracell Kids' Choice National Toy Survey. Well, they made some popular choices.

National survey results show two of the local favorite games - Bop It (by Parker Brothers) and Light Wars (Tiger Electronics) - made it into the national top 3. The top games among 600 kids ages 4 to 11 were, in order, Bop It, Hoppin' Poppin' Spaceballs (DSI Toys) and Light Wars.