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Talking turkey about Thanksgiving table

I think most of you will agree that Thanksgiving is a special and personal holiday. Although it arrives at a hectic time of year, it is one day we can gather our loved ones around us, relax and reflect on the meaning of home and family.

Never is the dining room table so much the facus of our lives as it is on Thanksgiving Day. The entire celebration revolves around the bounty that overflows the table and the people who are seated around it.

I know you're all busy and may not have thought past the turkey and stuffing yet, but I have a few unusual ideas for your tabletop. These are tidbits shared by shoppers who were browsing the atores last week before the mad rush hits. Talking with them reminded me that a shopping trip can be an opportunity to meet the most delightful people. chtful people. I encountered Tina Farrish in Rochester, hap-

I encountered Time Fartish in Rochester, nep-pily scanning the brimming shelves at the Plain & Fancy Gift Shop. She enthusiastically related her vision of the ideal Thankagiving centerpiece. "I like a traditional look," she soid, "My table is stream with autum leaves, corn and goards. And the addition of artificial bittersweet lends the per-fect finishing touch."

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Farrish pointed to the arrangement pictured below (\$38) to exemptify her ideas. She especially liked this combination of lacy branches, harvest-hued oak leaves and acorns, and paper ribbons because she could build around it on the table and use it as a permanent wall decoration throughout the season. Plain & Fancy also has long ropes of bittersweet for \$26.50.

Farrish, a downtown Rochester resident, will be working in the emergency room at Crittenton Hospital on Thanksgiving day but she still looks forward to a post-shift dinner.

A more contemporary table may require the visual excitement of hand-crafted, functional serving pieces. If you are a pottery enthusiast or a collector of sugar and creamers, you'll want to visit Chameleon Galleries in Plymouth. An apple-shaped sugar and creamers are worked in clay by Sarnh Fredericks (\$150) and given an unusual, life-like matte finish. Her dramatic collection includes teaports and perfume bottles.

Also admiring these works-of-art was Shirley Smith from Bingham Farms. "They ere so unusual," she said, referring to the sugar and creamer set. "Wouldn't they be also flutly striking on a table or a dessert tray?" A practical indulgence or a stunning gift, the fruit shapes and harvest colors are perfect for a seasonal table, but not limited to autumn.

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Now that the table decor is decided, maybe this year I can find that little something extra to add some zing to the old-favorite family recipes. I wandered into Williams-Snomma at the Somerset Collection, and joined the small crowd gathered around the sample tray. There, spread on a simple piece of cracker, I tasted the most delicious pecan pumpkin butter by Muirhead out of New Jersey (\$6.50)

Signature of the state of the state of the spire, sweet condiment, and as we paid for our finds, abe told me of her eight children and 22 grandchildren who inspired her to be the award winning cook that she is. A Royal Oak fiber artist, Kelly plans to use the pecan pumpkin butter in her pumpkin pie recipe. "But I might, just eat it by the spoonful," she quipped.

Whether your Thanksgiving table is laden with turkey or ham, combread or sweet potatoes, whether simple or ornate, spare or bountful, I hope it is surrounded by those who mean the most to you.

hope it is surrounced by successive the control of the mails & mainstreets for unusual tree toppers to adorn your own evergreen or to give to a favorite newlywed couple celebrating their first Christmas together. Please call or write to share your favorite shopping stories or tips, time-saving hints, gift ideas, unusual shops or trendy new products.

Linda Bachrack is a Birmingham resident. If you have a touch-tone phone, you can leave a mes-sage for her at 953-2047, Ext. 1889. Nature ribbonod



Nature ribboned: Lacy branches, harvesthued leaves and acorns, and ribbons.

Comedian's reading to preface Santa's arrival at Fairlane

By Susan DeMaggio Staff Writer

To welcome Santa to Fairlane
Town Center this season, the marketing folks persuaded comedian Dave
Coulier to stop by Sunday afternoon
and introduce the Main Holiday
Man.

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Coulier is popular with the kids for his work on ABC-TV's "Full House" and "America's Funniest People." An Emmy-winner, he has also hosted the Nickelodeon series "Out of Control."

Coulier's cartoon voices and standup comedy routines combine his interests developed while he was growing up in St. Clair Shores.
The comedian will read "Winston
Woodchuck's Jewel of a Holiday"
with his own touches, Santa will appear on stage in the Hudson's Court
as Coulier finishes the story.
The book tells how Winston, with
the help of a genie named Bill, discovers the true meaning of friendship.
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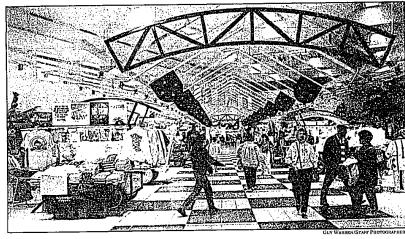
Town Center by World Kids Press. It cannot be bought, but shoppers whose holiday receipts exceed \$150 at Fairlane will receive the book as a

A jazz quartet will entertain shoppers while everyone waits for the man in the red flannel suit to appear.

lane's weekly story hour begun in August, The program features WNIC radio personalities reading award-winning children's books. Response to the reading program has been "un-believable" according to Fairlane staff. The series will resume after the holidays on Jan. 8.

Fairlane Joins malls throughout the area, each planning unusual en trances for Santa.

Coulier's reading is part of Fair more information call 593-3546.



Pushcart Market: Shoppers stroll through Southland Mall's new Assembly Line Pushcart Market ready for the center's grand reopening Thursday. The pushcarts help smaller retailers participate in the mall scene.

GRASS-ROOTS SHOPPIN

Southland's big facelift gives small retailers a chance



A pyramid, new retail space, a food court, a palm forest and several new retailers are part of the face-lift for the 22-year-old Southland shopping mall. The grand reopening for the downriver mall is Thursday.

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When the Rouse Company of
Maryland bought Southland Mall in
1989, the first order of business was
to arrange a facellit for the 22-yearold downriver shopping mail.

Thursday the bandages come for to reveal an 85-foot high glass pyramid towering over the Eureka Road
entrance; 52,000-square feet of new
retail space; a food court surrounded
by a 40-foot high palm true forest;
fountains; footbridges; family-size
restrooms equipped with toddler-accessible sinks, coat hooks and
changing tobles; a market on pushcarts; kiosk shopping; and
boutiques enclosed in glass.

The grand reopening also marks
the debut of the Southland Critters.
These winged animals were designed to resemble hood ornaments

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"It's exciting with a copital 'E' to be a part of this reopening," said Charleen Lamphear, manager of sales and marketing. "A team of shoppear and merchants met three years ago to suggest improvements and new ideas for the mail, and this week it's finally going to happen. We're all very excited about the finished product."
Responding to the recommendations of the improvement committee, several new realities, as were another to the mail to close merchandise gaps. These include a sports equipment store, more restaurants, more gift shops, and movemen's ready-to-wear stores.

women's ready-to-wear stores. Southland Mall has a tradition of steady sales — even through the early 1980s when a recession put un-

employment in the 17 downriver communities at 30 percent, Lamphear said.

"This area is big on family," she said. "Most familities have one child more than the national average. They tend to grow up, marry, and remain in the area. It's not unusual to see three generations shopping together on a Saturday afternoon—mon, grandma and the kids."

A large population of Canadian shoppers also frequents the mall traveling south off the Ambassador Bridge. Lamphear said the mall advertises regularly in Canada.

Southland Mall offers a marketing program for fledgling retailers. New merchants can rent space in the Motor City Market. Here merchandles is displayed on kiosks, self-contained glass shell units which fold up when the mall closes. As their business grows, they can progress to renting pushcarts As their business grows, they can pracked along a row known The Assembly Line Pushcart Market. "We provide these retailers with support through soles tips, merchandise suggestions and affordable

rents," Lamphear said. "When they reach a point when they need even more space they can move into one of six glass-walled boutiques known as our Central Shops."

The multi-million dollar expansion demonstrates the commitment of the Rouse Company and its partner CIGNA Investments Inc. to the downwiser community according to

ner CIGNA Investments inc. to the downriver community, according to Jill Creps, vice president and gener-al manager of Southland. "Both owners of the center have enabled us to offer an enhanced re-tail offering to our shoppers in a beautiful and intimate environ-ment." she said.

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Taylor Mayor Cameron Priebe will preside over the 11:30 a.m. rib-bon-cutting ceremony in the new Pienie in the Park food court. The Taylor High School Band will play, and the elementary school choir will

The Rouse Company is responsi-ble for such shopping areas as Har-bour Place in Baltimore, Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston, Under-ground Atlanta in Atlanta, and Union Station in St. Louis.

Monday, Nov. 16

LEGWEAR PREVIEW
See hollday hoslery designed by Doena Karan & DKNY.
Through Nov. 21, Saks Fifth Ave, first floor,
Somersot Collection, Big Beaver Road/Coolidge Hwy. Troy.
643-9000.

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1.10 p.m. "The Paper

1 selves. Lakeside Mail, M-59/Schoehnerr, Sterling Heights 247-1744.

HOLIDAY MAKEOVERS. Estee Lauder professionals will offer make-up tips. Call for appointment. Saks Fifth Avenue. Cosmetics, 1st floor. Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/C collidge, Troy. 643-9000 etc. 363.

Thursday, Nov. 19

LUNCHEON Mini fashion show, St. John's group, Sak's Fifth Avenue. 86/person, R.S.V.P. Somersat Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy. 643-9000 art. 317

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Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Tray.
643-9000

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

SANTA ARRIVES
In horse-drawn carriage, 6:30 p.m. At Dennisons/Max & Erm's entiance on Six Mile Road, Churchill High School band will play, leading parade through the mail, Laurel Park Piace, Six Mile/Newburgh roads, Livenia. 462-1100.

SANTA ARRIVES
Thentifical production of "Magic in Toyland." 7 p.m. Photos with Santa following. Play without Santa performed at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Wonderland Moll. Plymouth/Middlebelt roads, Livonia. 522-4100.

SANTA ARRIVES
On horseback. He ladding Santa will be a parada of knights in Sorthback. Renaissance costumed to a borehold. Renaissance costumed colleges, tumpeters and troubdoors. Santa will um on koll-day lights and to

EASTER SEALS
Gift wrap store opens on Upper level, next to JC Penney.
Volunteers will wrap gifts and check packages and coats.
Proceeds benefit Easter Soals.
Lakeside Mail, M-59/Schoolmerr, Sterling Holghts.
247-1744

307H ANKVAL MOLIDAY PARADE
"Chistimas Wikhes," 9 a.m. northbound on Middlebelt from
Six Mile Road. West on Seven Mile Road to entrance of mail
pailing lot. Rosts, morthing bands, clowns, costumed cha-acties. Free hot cho

BENETI WRAPPING
10 a.m. through Christmas, Focus: HOPE and ORT (Organization and Renabilitation through Training) volunteers will staff gift-warp bootins, \$1.25-\$10 per package. Northland Mail, Eight Mile/Greenfield, Southfield. 851-3993.

TOYLAND PERFORMANCE Repeated at 1 i a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wonderland Mall, Plymouth/Mildalebelt roads, Livonia. 522-4100.

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PMOTO PACKAGE BENEFIT
Sponsored by Wonderland Mail and WOMC radio. 1.1 a.m. to
5 p.m. Each dollar from a photo with Santa package will
benefit Children's Hospital's "Christmas Is For Kilds" fund.
Wonderland Mail, Prymouthy/Middlebelt roads, Livonia.
522.4100.

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PUPPET SHOW
2 and 7 p.m. "A Christmas Carol." Repeated Sunday 2 p.m.
Feotures marionotics, rod and life-site puppets interacting
with audience. Performing Arts Court.
Lakeside Mail, M-59/Schoehnerr, Sterling Heights
247-1744.

Sunday, Nov. 22

CELEBRITY READING
Davo Couller, stor of "Full House" and "America's Funniest
People" will read "Winston Woodchuck's Jewel of a Holiday." Next, Couller will welcome Santa in Hudson's Court.
Faidane Town Center, Dearborn.
593-3546.