



Peaceful Kingdom: The Crystal Forest will house Santa Claus at Twelve Oaks' holiday exhibit in center court.

## RETAIL DETAILS

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### NEW SPORTING GOODS STORES

Sports and Recreation Stores, of Tampa, Fla. enter the Michigan market this month with three stores: Telegraph north of Square Lake in Bloomfield Township, on Ford Road in Canton and in Roseville.

Sports and Recreation sells a complete line of sporting equipment and apparel, including diving and marine items. "We offer every day low prices and we'll meet any competitors price," said spokesman Tom Jupena. Watch for company-backed fishing and softball tournaments and sales associates with experience Japeta promised.

### JACOBSON'S HONORED

The Karmanos Cancer Institute (formerly the Michigan Cancer Foundation) has selected Jacobson's as one of its Heroes In The Fight Against Breast Cancer. Jacobson's will receive the Institute's Award for Philanthropy. Since its inception four years ago, Jacobson's has been the lead local sponsor of Race For The Cure, a 5K race/walk to promote breast cancer awareness and research.

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ing in center court.

Christmas ornaments can be purchased for the Tree of Life to benefit the Angela Hospice of Livonia, an annual holiday fundraiser.

Wonderland Mall in Livonia also features a Tree of Memories, with shoppers purchasing ornaments to benefit the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan. Santa Claus comes to the mall on Saturday, Nov. 18 as star of T.C. Bear's "Holly Berry Show," 10 a.m. noon, 2 and 4 p.m. in Center Court. T.C. hosts a holiday sing-along after each performance.

Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills brings Santa in a flash of magic, Friday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in center court. Shoppers can register to win a drawing for a 12-month lease of a 1996 Cutlass Supreme through Dec. 19. For the first year, the mall joins two Cub Scout packs, Waldenbooks and the Department of Social Services, to collect gifts for 400 of 800 Oakland County children who are wards of the state. A tree at the mall is decorated with tags bearing the name and holiday gift wish of these children. Shoppers may select a child's tag and purchase the desired gift which will then be wrapped and distributed through caseworkers. Cash donations will

be collected to provide gift certificates for the children whose names are not on the tree.

The Somerset Collection in Troy invites Santa to High Tea on Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. and again on Dec. 9 at 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, available through the Concierge Desk.

Santa arrives at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. on "The Magical Snowflake Express." A music and dance review takes guests on an imaginary journey across the globe. Children receive "Holidays Around the World Coloring Book." The Southfield High School Band performs.

The mall's display depicts holiday celebrations on the seven continents of the world through 47 animated figures dressed in native costume.

Lakeland Mall in Sterling Heights welcomes Santa on Friday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. Mall decor also celebrates holiday time around the world with a talking tree in center court.

Tremaine and the City Lights Quartet serenades Santa when he arrives at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. In Hudson's Court, Mall decor features giant jeweled ornaments and gift boxes throughout the center.

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## The voice of public education

## Balancing the budget... what will it cost our children?

Today marks the beginning of the 74th annual American Education Week, celebrating the accomplishments of our public schools—the schools that have helped democratize our nation, strengthen our communities and broaden opportunities for all people.

This nationwide celebration of public education is particularly meaningful in today's political climate.

There is currently a game of "budget roulette" going on in Washington, D.C., and Michigan's children may be some of the biggest losers. In the name of "helping" future generations, Congress is pursuing the most massive education cuts in our nation's history. In a historic reversal of our country's long-standing commitment to advancing education for all Americans, Capitol Hill lawmakers have chosen to slash a staggering \$36 billion from vital education and training programs over the coming years. The consequences could be serious.

If proposed education cuts stand, 7,456 Michigan children will be dropped from critical Head Start Programs in the next few years. This quality early childhood development program is a proven, cost-effective means of assuring school readiness. At the same time, while parents are telling pollsters that they want teachers to help students with "the basics," Congress—through cutbacks in Title I funds—is choosing to deny more than one million children the extra schooling they need to develop basic reading, writing and math skills. Of those cast aside, 30,100 will be Michigan youngsters.

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Further, as violence escalates in our communities, Congress wants to gut programs aimed at keeping schools safe and drug-free—programs serving 559 out of 561 school districts in our state and 39 million students nationwide. And just when our students need opportunities to prepare for jobs of the future, Congress is proposing to cut off college grants to 360,000 young people next year, including 14,000 right here in Michigan.

As a taxpayer, I agree that we must find a way to avoid saddling our children and grandchildren with a mountain of federal debt. But as a parent, as a teacher and as

president of the Michigan Education Association, I have grave concerns about the methods Congress is using. The budget cuts for education and children's programs are four times greater than the average cuts for other federal programs. This disinvestment in education will mean fewer opportunities in the future for the very same young people lawmakers claim they are trying to help.



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Ironically, Congress is taking these backward steps just as school enrollments are nearing an all-time high. With mounting pressure on the country's young people to master the information age and compete successfully in a global economy, Congress couldn't have chosen a worse time to pull back from investing in our children's education. It's equivalent to pulling the rug out from beneath their future.

Today's students are showing solid gains—national 1995 SAT scores are up from last year in both verbal and math skills, and Michigan's 1995 graduating students scored above the national average. America's students are tackling more difficult coursework, school dropout rates are down, and the number of high school graduates going on to college has risen 13 percent in the last 15 years.

We need to continue this forward momentum. Americans understand that strong support for education programs is critical. The vast majority of us oppose sacrificing education programs—even to balance the budget. Recent polls have shown that nearly 90 percent of the public supports the current level of federal funding for financial aid to college students. To balance the budget, more than two-thirds would choose to reduce defense spending before cutting federal investment in student aid programs.

As we observe American Education Week, it is especially appropriate to tell our members of Congress that they must not balance the budget at the expense of our schoolchildren. They must understand that this is not the right choice for future generations. If these education cuts are enacted into law, classrooms will become more crowded, and our nation's youth will lose crucial opportunities.

It's a bad choice for the children of Michigan and for the children of America.

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