

Winner takes home big TV

Nov. 5 was a lucky day for Kathleen Padden, 34, of Birmingham. That's the day she won a large screen television — first place in a circulation promotion offered by The Eccentric that drew more than 2,000 entries.

"I enter everything," Padden said. But the TV set was the first thing she won since winning a set of pots and pans when she was seven years old. "Every time my mom used them, I'd say 'Did you ask to use them, because they're mine you know?'"

She keeps the television in her bedroom, what she now calls her private screening room, because it won't fit into her wall unit in her living room.

"It's like being at the theater every night," said Padden, who added that her favorite show is "Murphy Brown."

Padden, who is single, has a sister in Lake Orion. The rest of the family lives "back East." She

owns a business in Birmingham — Primary Account Management — that is half account management and half manufacturer's representative for such goods as giftware, cameras and plastics.

Asked what her favorite hobby is, Padden said house renovating and, yes, that does include moving walls.

"It's a lot of fun," she said. "If I could make this work, I'd be even happier. I just need a benefactor. I wonder if you can advertise that for me."

Padden hasn't given up on winning. The day she won the TV she went out and bought a lottery ticket "just in case." Asked if she won, she said: "Are you kidding? If I had, you'd get a recording saying I was in Tahiti." She's still buying lottery tickets, figuring that "things come in threes."

But she wasn't the only winner in the contest. Also winning was a



Kathleen Padden winner of television

Southfield woman, who received a mini camcorder, and Maddy Gargano of West Bloomfield, who won a tailgate package consisting of binoculars, a stadium blanket and a picnic basket.

Speaker's topic is racism

Jane Elliott, creator of the "Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes" experiment, will give a public lecture Dec. 2 at Oakland University.

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. in The Crocker of the Oakland Center. Public Admission is \$7 with a \$1 discount for tickets purchased before Dec. 1. For information, call (313) 370-2020.

Jane Elliott has been chosen as one of ABC-TV's "Person of the Week" for her work in understanding racism and the ef-

fects of bigotry.

In her trademark discrimination sensitizing exercise, participants are labeled inferior and superior based on the color of their eyes. Through this exercise, she has increased the awareness about racism to tens of thousands of individuals. Those have been through it have said it is an emotionally significant and life-changing experience.

The speaker is a recipient of the National Mental Health


Association Award for excellence in education. The documentary "The Eye of the Storm" covering her work, has won the Peabody Award. Her other films are "The Eye of the Beholder" and "A Class Divided." Both won Emmy Awards and deal with the effects of racism on both the perpetrators and the victims.

Elliott has appeared on "The Today Show," "The Tonight Show," "Donahue" and "Oprah Winfrey."

Auction aids disabled

New Horizons of Oakland County is having an auction to raise money to benefit disabled folks.

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