

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1994

FARMINGTON
NOTES

FFIA honors helpers

Farmington Families In Action (FFIA) will honor the administration of the Farmington Hills Police Department and Target Stores for their donation of about \$7,000 to help the group's anti-drug activities.

The money was used to purchase books by Sharon Scott, "Peer Pressure Reversal" and "How to Say No and Keep Your Friends" - that will be handed out free to parents and students at the Fifth Grade Night program in every elementary school in the Farmington district.

The program - designed to help parents and fifth-grade students cope with "high-risk situations" - begins at Larkshire Elementary School Thursday, Feb. 24.

The Rev. Ralph Rebant of the Oakland Hills Church in Farmington Hills will be the chairman for the Fifth Grade Night program.

They're euchre champs

It was in the cards for Bernie and Cathy Koelwick as they were crowned champions in the Farmington Hills Recreation Division's first euchre tournament of the new year, held at the Heritage Park Visitors Center.

Fifteen couples competed in two divisions. In the A Division, Bill and Julia Jamison raced to a large lead and coasted home to win that title with 62 points in seven rounds. The Koelwicks, in last place after the first hand, bounced back to capture the other division with a total of 40 points in six hands.

In the championship game between the two division winners, the Koelwicks won 7-5 over the Jamisons.

The next euchre tournament will be held 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Couples can register at the Recreation Division in the City Hall complex, Orchard Lake and 11 Mile roads.

The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call Andrew Lang at 473-9578.



Unhappy barbers: Richard Johnson (left), former owner of the barber shop in the shopping center, and present owners Nick Nash and Brad Derington, aren't happy with Kroger's decision.

SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kroger plan would eat up other shops



Kroger wants to expand its store at the Mid-Eleven Mall in Farmington Hills, and that plan has many of the mall's other merchants scurrying to find space elsewhere.

BY BILL COUTANT
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The Kroger store on 11 Mile and Middlebelt is considering expanding into space now leased to other shop owners.

Although most have either already left the mall or are considering leaving, at least one businessman feels betrayed.

"They (Kroger) led us to believe our leases would be renewed," said Richard Johnston, who owns the bar-

ber shop at Kroger's Mid-Eleven mall.

Kroger requested variances from the city to expand its 30,000-square-foot store on 11 Mile and Middlebelt by an additional 13,500 square feet, thereby allowing several stores to remain at the mall in December of 1992.

But after taking several bids to expand the store into the existing parking lot, that idea was scrubbed.

"The cost of expanding into the parking lot was significantly higher than we had projected," said David

Prueter, who is in charge of Kroger's real estate operations for the state of Michigan.

Prueter said the giant supermarket chain never considered abandoning the location in favor of building elsewhere.

"We would then have to find another tenant and leave a vacant building," he said.

What Kroger did decide was to pursue two other options: Either ex-

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