



Buddies

At least that's what Carolyn Tolley of Farmington Hills and the puppet Harry Hourat were for the Detroit Auto Show run. This is the third show for Tolley who was Miss Michigan United in 1980.

Watch owls at Independence

Winter photography and Oakland County owls are the subjects of nature interpretive programs at Independence Oaks County Park.

Nature photographers who want to learn how to take better pictures during the winter will get some tips from photographers Hartley Anglin and Bill Barnard from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

If snow conditions permit, participants will seek owls on skis from 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. Without snow, the program will be on foot.

Meeting place for both programs is the park headquarters. Cost is the park entrance fee of \$2.50 per vehicle for Oakland County residents and \$4 for non-residents.

Pre-registration is required by calling 858-0903 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Tel-Twelve sold

Local developer buys back center

By Jackie Klein
staff writer

Ramco-Gershenson Inc., a Farmington Hills-based developer, is the new owner of the Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield.

The firm recently bought the 650,000-square-foot, 60-store center from Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and plans to renovate the mall, said Joel Gershenson, president of Ramco-Gershenson.

"The company's decision to buy the Tel-Twelve Mall is based on the family's original involvement as developer of the shopping center and on the development's consistent positive track record," Gershenson said.

The mall was originally developed by Aaron and William Gershenson and opened in 1968. The center was sold to

Equitable in 1978.

"We're business people," Gershenson said in a telephone interview Monday. "There's a sales potential for every piece of property. Equitable was the right buyer at the right time, and this major acquisition was an offer we couldn't refuse."

"WE BELIEVE the purchase at this time is most appropriate. It represents a statement of confidence by a Michigan company in the future of our state's economy. We also think Southfield is the best location in Michigan, and the market area hasn't yet peaked."

The heavy concentration of office buildings and residences in the area has brought many shoppers to the mall, Gershenson said, and he expects business to grow and attract new tenants.

The Gap and Casual Corner recently opened in space vacated by Kresge's, Gershenson said. And a number of new tenants will be added to the roster.

"New tenants, renovation of the mall and other new concepts will give the center a shot-in-the arm and an exciting uplift preparing for the 1983 economic recovery," Gershenson said.

"The mall is 14 years old, and a lot has happened with the state of the art in the retail business. We're planning new ceilings, seating, landscaping and other amenities to create a more pleasing atmosphere for shoppers."

"We know Tel-Twelve well because we've been the mall's managing agents. And nobody knows better the potential of the Southfield trade area. We're optimistic about Detroit. Michigan has been good to us, and we believe in putting back what we take out."

THE COMPANY expects to complete new leasing at the mall within 60 days, Gershenson said. Among new tenants are choice women's ready-to-wear stores, he said.

Tel-Twelve isn't as large as some other shopping centers, so some tenant areas will be shifted in order to maximize space, Gershenson said. The trend in retailing is smaller stores and greater tenant mix to offer more services, he said.

Mall manager Ron Scovold has successfully combined retail operations with educational, cultural and entertainment events, Gershenson said, and they will continue.

The mall offers a wonderful opportunity to provide community events, and we're committed to promoting that," Gershenson said.

Math competition set for February

The seventh annual Detroit Country Day Junior High School Mathematics Invitational Competition will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

More than 150 seventh- and eighth-grade students from more than 40 Oakland County public, parochial and private junior high schools will participate in the competition.

The event, brainchild of CCDS Mathematics Department Chairman Richard Morrow, includes three contests: within-a-contest, a one-hour "Math Power" exam which consists of 38 multiple-choice questions intended to test students' mathematical ingenuity; a 30-

minute team calculator contest; and the Rapid Rabbit Relay, involving answers by each team member to portions of a problem in order to reach a solution to the problem as a whole.

Trophies will again be awarded to winners and second-place finishers in each grade in the individual contest and to the winning school team in the calculator and relay contests, Morrow said.

An engraved "traveling trophy" will be awarded to the school with the highest combined team score for all three contests. Last year's winner was Boushan Park Middle School (Troy). Previous school trophy winners have in-

cluded Berkshire Middle School (Birmingham) and Detroit Country Day.

Morrow, who also initiated the new, area-wide, high school Metro Computer League, said "Students who have a special analytical talent need to compete

as much as the athletically talented need to compete in sports. Putting math and sciences into such a limelight will help motivate all students and improve general efficiency in these fields of study."

Reach-out to shut-ins

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