

# Things amiss at Livonia's Hunters Run

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**HUNTERS RUN**, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia (322-9600), provides a cozy lodge-like atmosphere with subdued lighting and shuttered windows. The beamed ceilings and outdoor prints add to this sense of country dining. Unfortunately, the restaurant could use some good, old-fashioned country cleaning. Our vinyl tablecloth was dirty when we sat down. One water glass and a coffee cup had to be replaced for the same reason. Relatively casual dress (jackets and slacks, for example) is appropriate, and customers included both younger and older couples. Our reservations were honored, and we were courteously and promptly led



a counting for taste  
**D. Gustibus**

to our table. Dinner took an hour and a half. General Atmosphere — 15 points maximum. Points awarded — 10.  
Our waitress was extremely pleasant, and she did a very good job of serving us and pacing our meal properly. However, the busboys were as bad as she was competent. Long delays in getting water, taking our dirty silverware from our dishes and putting it on the table, not clearing all the dishes at the end of a course — these and similar problems could not be forgiven even though our waitress tried to remedy one thing after another when asked. Service — 15 points maximum. Points awarded — 10.  
The selection of appetizers included some unusual offerings. We tried the baked mushrooms, stuffed with roquefort cheese (\$3.25), and enjoyed the interesting taste blends. The steak slices on garlic toast were ten-

der and came cooked medium rare as ordered, although some of the garlic toast was burned. Both the sauces served with the steak were disappointing. The barbecue tasted like a popular supermarket brand and the borsalotti was thin and unexciting. Also, even though this was an expensive hors d'oeuvre, priced at \$7, canned mushrooms, instead of fresh, topped the beef. The drinks were weaker than average.  
A salad is served with entrees, and the house creamy garlic dressing was quite good. Although there was not a lot of variety or imagination used, the salad was large and fresh. The Greek salad (\$5.95) had a few unusual additions (artichoke hearts) and a peculiar omission (red onions), but it was also fresh and tasty though not cold when it came to the table. Before the Entree — 15 points maximum. Points awarded — 11.  
The prime rib (\$10.95) was overcooked, with very little seasoning added, but it was a large portion, very tender and worth the price. The scallop, flavored with garlic and cooked in wine (\$11.95), had a gentle flavor and was a good choice. The cottage fries, which we ordered especially crisp, came undercooked and very greasy. This problem of not preparing our entrees as we ordered them detracted considerably from

our enjoyment of the main dishes. Entree, Vegetables and Garnishes — 50 points maximum. Points awarded — 21.  
The pastries are not baked at the restaurant, but the lemon cheesecake (\$3) was light and not overly creamy. It was one of the best tastes

of the meal. The hot fudge sundae (\$2.95) was large, but the sauce was so thin and runny that the vanilla ice cream alone would have been better. Dessert — 10 points maximum. Points awarded — 6.  
The dinner was not costly at \$40 per couple but certainly no great

bargain either. Quantity cannot make up for a lack in quality and so, all things considered, this total was disappointing. Price/Value — 15 points maximum. Points awarded — 9.  
A Counting for Taste — 100 points maximum. Total points awarded: 67.

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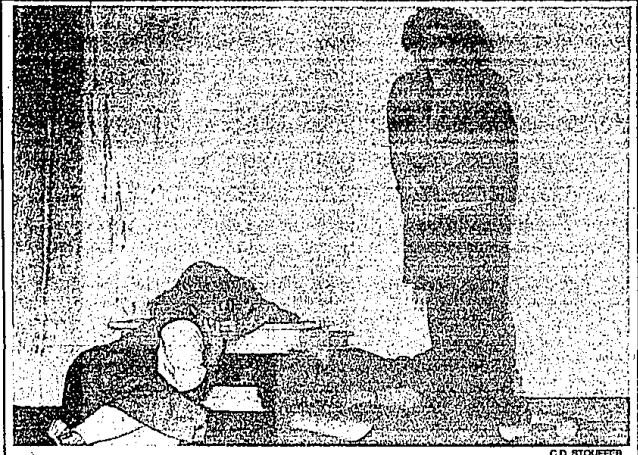
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