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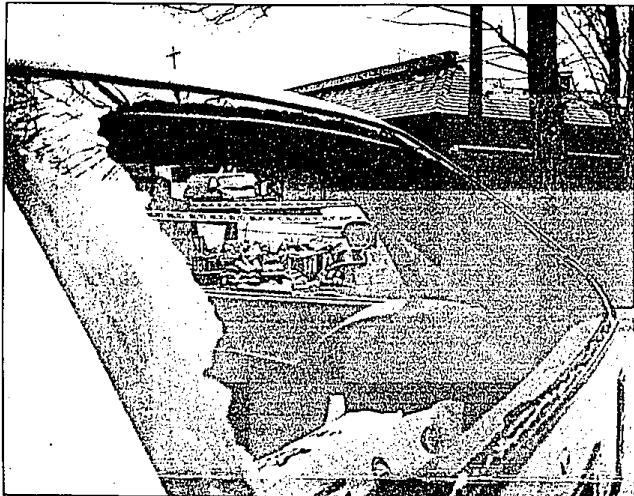
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MAGNET school. Parents may apply this week for their children to attend Farmington's Common Campus Elementary School, slated to open at this fall. Hours are Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Highmeadow School. Registration selection for the school will be done by lottery this month.

STUDY delayed. A study of traffic patterns in downtown Farmington was delayed for about 30 days, and is just getting under way, according to city manager Robert Dearman. The study was commissioned after residents from the Old Village Association, a downtown neighborhood, complained about excess traffic.

PARK development. A small city-owned parcel of property just west of the Village Commons in Farmington will become a small park area. City councilwoman Shirley Richardson will head a committee to raise funds and plan a gazebo on the land.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Little Caesars International denies rumors that the company will move its home office to the Fox Theatre in downtown Detroit instead of building a new headquarters in the Hills. Farmington school officials announce boundary changes for high school borders, affecting North Farmington students in the northeast part of the district.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

The Burger King wall that was damaged is visible through the broken window of a car owned by Conrad Beger. Beger had two cars damaged by a car that crashed through the wall after being chased by police.

Car crashes through wall, fuels feud with restaurant

By Casey Hans
staff writer

A fleeing car that crashed through a cinder block wall in Farmington last week has char-broiled the temper of a neighbor of a fast-food hamburger restaurant.

Conrad Beger was angry Wednesday morning after a vehicle being chased by Farmington police officers turned into the Burger King parking lot on Grand River Avenue and ran through a cinder block wall at a high rate of speed.

The vehicle hit and damaged two cars owned by Beger, a vocal critic of the Burger King.

The incident occurred shortly before 1 a.m. after the restaurant had closed.

Beger, who lives at River Glen condominiums and calls himself "kind of a rebel" for the neighborhood, has had an ongoing dispute with the restaurant for nearly a year, alleging problems with garbage, noise and odors from the restaurant. Owners have repeatedly denied the allegations.

One of Beger's cars was totaled and the other had \$3,000 in damage when the car came through the wall

and into the condominium complex's parking lot and yard, Beger said.

THE INCIDENT occurred after a man driving an estimated 70-80 miles per hour along Farmington Road was chased by police in both marked or semi-marked cars, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The driver continued through subdivision streets at approximately 60 mph before traveling across Grand River into the Burger King parking lot and through the wall. The driver was not injured, and fled his car on foot before being captured by police.

Arrested was Craig Michael Champagne, 24, of Farmington Hills. Champagne was arraigned in 47th District Court on high misdemeanor charges of fleeing and eluding police, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and driving without a license. He pleaded not guilty to the charges and was released on bond.

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Police receive 180 phone tips in rape case

By Joanno Maliszewski
staff writer

Police Chief William Dwyer has beefed up the department's detective force and provided detectives with more than 180 telephone tips to help identify the man believed responsible for raping three Farmington Hills women.

As of Friday, telephone tips were still coming into the department after Dwyer requested community help in identifying the rapist suspected in many if not all of the 10 sexual assaults in the last year in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills.

Police obtained new physical evidence suggesting that the man who raped a Farmington Hills woman March 31 traveled to Cleveland for the Easter-Passover weekend. Police will not reveal the nature of the new evidence.

Fourteen detectives, four of whom were reassigned from other department divisions, are following up on the telephone tips. "We're also working on information from Cleveland," Dwyer said.

Evidence collected at a Cleveland motel over the holiday weekend has been sent to the Michigan State Police crime lab. Evidence implicates the same man in the March 31 rape and the Thanksgiving rapes of two Farmington Hills women at their home, Dwyer said.

"THE INVESTIGATION is a very complicated and involved one," Dwyer said. "We've broken it into certain categories. You have information from previous assaults. We're working on physical evidence, trying to tie it to the Thanksgiving rapes of the two women in Farmington Hills."

Dwyer said he is certain the three rapes in Farmington Hills and the three sexual assaults in Bloomfield Township are related. At this time, he said he's unable without question to connect the rapes to those in Birmingham and West Bloomfield.

Nevertheless, he has "almost entirely" ruled out the Farmington Hills assaults from a March rape in Independence Township that resulted in a widely distributed composite drawing of a suspect.

Farmington Hills police have referred about 20 calls relating to the

The latest description available of the rapist is that he is a white male, 20-30 years of age and 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds and having a slim build. When last seen he was wearing black driving gloves, black ski mask, acid-washed button-fly jeans and a dark shirt, according to police.

composite to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Dwyer said.

Police still can find no similarities between the female victims that might aid in identifying the rapist. "There's no common link between their ages, employment or social life. There's no common denominator at this time," Dwyer said.

Despite news reports to the contrary, police have no connection between the Oakland County rapes since April 1987 and a series of early morning rapes in Cleveland. "They don't have the same MO (method of operation)," he said.

DWYER ALSO said he believes the rapist responsible for at least the three Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township rapes alone, despite television news reports that suggest a woman works in conjunction with the man.

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In the latest incident, a Farmington Hills woman in her 30s was raped at 9 p.m. in her home near 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads by a knife-wielding man wearing a ski mask.

Dwyer urges anyone with info-

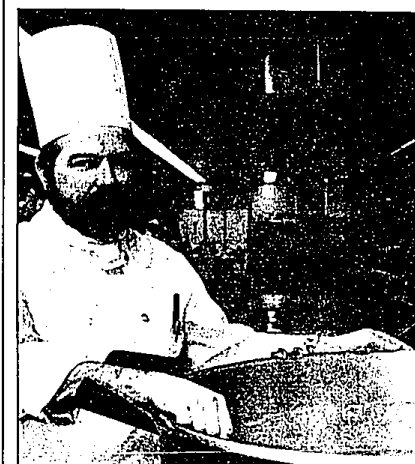
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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Kevin Enright caused even more of a stir than the ladle in his soup last month when the Oakland Community College instructor was named Michigan's finest chef.

Great recipe Chef never lets anger boil over

By Susan Steinmueller
staff writer

When it comes to being a chef, Kevin Enright has an award-winning recipe for success.

The 34-year-old instructor in the hospitality program at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College was recently named chef of the year by the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association.

"I think one of the main things you have to have is a very good attitude, and an even keel attitude," Enright said of successful chefs.

"You have to be pretty even, because failures follow successes all the time because you're doing so many different things. Things change in this business all the time."

The state award also recognizes involvement in the profession, a local chapter of the American Culinary Federation, which promotes education in the profession. Enright, a member of the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine since

people

1976, is its vice president and has served on the board of directors since 1980.

ENRIGHT IS coordinator of OCC's 3-year chef's apprenticeship program, which is connected with the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine. Students train as a chef's apprentice under the supervision of an American Culinary Federation member chef, and attend classes once a week. They earn a degree and certification as a cook.

Enright, an OCC chef instructor since the end of 1984, became coordinator of the apprenticeship program when it moved back to OCC in 1985. He's proud of its good reputation.

"The students get good feedback from the employers," he said.

And Enright is proud of the projects associated with the pro-

gram. Every year, students fashion a major ice sculpture for display at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

He organized and planned this year's exhibit, a Michigan winter scene involving 80 blocks of ice and depicting a cross section of a lake, with underwater and above water scenes of fish and birds.

Although he did a little of the actual sculpting, Enright said "the idea of it is that the students are able to do ice carving. Everybody can get involved in it."

Before going to OCC, Enright worked at the Double Eagle Restaurant in Troy from 1980 to 1984. He recalls his time there fondly, saying he was given the freedom to try different things.

He remembers that a regular customer named George once asked for "something different." Enright satisfied a steak with green peppercorn and brandy sauce, and served it with fanned avocados on top. The customer then requested the steak each

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