

Kroger to expand store on 11 Mile

The rumors were wrong: Kroger on Middlebelt will not be forcing tenants out of the strip mall to make room for its own expansion.

At a Farmington Hills zoning meeting Dec. 8, the zoning board approved the variances The Kroger Co. requested to expand its grocery store in the Mid-Eleven shopping center at Middlebelt and 11 Mile roads.

The company owns the shopping mall, and the company could move further into the existing building, forcing tenants out, or add to the building — the company will add to the building.

"There are several tenants, and that is certainly a consideration with any new plan," said Ron Spurlock, vice president of merchandising at The Kroger Co. "We're able to expand and maintain existing tenants."

The store's south side line will be moved 24 feet so it lines up with the rest of the building. Fifty feet will be added to the rear of the store. About 13,500 square

feet will be added to the 30,000-square-foot store. Up to 90 parking spaces will be added.

"If you've looked at our newer stores, they're at least that large or larger," Spurlock said. "We wanted to provide the additional variety and additional departments that our customers are asking for."

The additions will include an enclosed dock and a garbage compactor instead of a dump. Both should help reduce noise levels and improve the appearance of the store, he said.

"There's just a lot of plusses being able to provide a better store and improve other things that their neighborhood would appreciate," Spurlock said.



Trip winners: Arnold Campbell (left) drew the winners in the Farmington High music patrons trip of the month raffle. Group member Lynn Morgan holds the awards.

Raffle helps FHS musicians play on

Area residents can do more than dream about a nice vacation, they can win one.

To raise extra money for the music department, the Farmington High School Music Patrons are sponsoring a fund-raiser, with the winner of a monthly drawing receiving a trip.

The money raised will go toward instruments, uniforms and supplies for the music department.

December winners of a trip to Nassau, Bahamas are Darrell and Carol Underwood of Novi. Aungberg Interiors of Birmingham took the second-place prize of \$100.

There are two prizes per month. The winner can take the trip or take \$900 instead.

Winners are selected on the first business day of each month at the Farmington High School music department. Anyone interested in joining should contact Lynn T. Morgan at 478-8434.

- Upcoming trips include:
- Las Vegas in January
 - Freeport, Bahamas in February
 - Acapulco in March
 - Toronto in April
 - Nassau, Bahamas in May
 - Orlando, Fla. in June
 - Cancun, Mexico in July
 - Jamaica in August
 - Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in September
 - Nashville in October
 - Las Vegas in November
 - Nassau, Bahamas in December

Turkey ties



Truly ugly: Eagle Elementary School students display their winners in the school's Ugly Tie Turkey contest. Winning students are Emily Galopin (left), first; Mickey Siegel, second; Jessica Palett, third; Jeffrey Pinkston, fourth; Megan Loch, fifth; and Lowell Weiss, sixth. Emily won a \$10 gift certificate to the Men's Wearhouse in Farmington Hills.

SEASONED GREETINGS

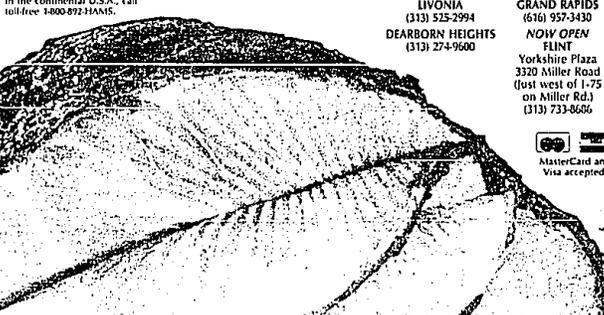


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POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

ASSAULT

A 17-year-old Harrison High School student told police she was sexually assaulted Dec. 7 by another student in the stairwell of the school. According to the Farmington Hills police report, a 16-year-old student took the girl from a classroom and into the stairwell where she sexually assaulted her without penetration. A police officer reported that she saw marks and bruises on the girl.

ARRESTS

Two Farmington Hills men were arrested Dec. 8 after police stopped a 1989 Nissan on Grand River and 10 Mile for broken brake lights. Both the 17-year-old and a 19-year-old were arrested for possession of marijuana. In another incident, a 21-year-

old Redford man was arrested for possession of narcotic paraphernalia after police stopped his 1979 Chevy for a broken brake light on Grand River.

THEFTS

Abramson, Levitt & Diegle on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills reported \$170,000 worth of furniture, computer equipment and corporation files stolen Dec. 8.

In unrelated incidents, a Whitlock Road resident reported Dec. 8 \$580 worth of clothing, jewelry and tools stolen.

On Industrial Park Road on Dec. 9, the owner of a 1992 Ford reported hubcaps valued at \$480 stolen and the owner of a 1989 Cadillac reported hubcaps valued at \$640 stolen.

Speedway on Eight Mile Road reported Dec. 9 that \$225 worth of soda was stolen from a soda machine on the building's grounds.

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