

# Eateries from page 1B

oons, video games, large-screen television sets and coloring books to entice kids.

The Ground Round has its popular penny-a-pound concept on Tuesdays. Children aged 12 and younger are weighed in and charged accordingly for items on the kiddie menu.

Marketing pioneer McDonald's is testing a new, health-conscious Happy Meal called "Build Your Own Happy Meal."

This plan allows children and parents to select additional choices, including carrot sticks or apple sauce, and 1 percent low-fat milk or a small low-fat milkshake.

Shield's recently introduced a gimmick in which the kiddie choices are presented on a View-Master. With each click of the View-Master, children see cuddly stuffed bunnies, koala bears and elephants showing off the nachos, spaghetti, pizza and chicken strips.

"The kids seem to enjoy it," Moraitis said.

At Ground Round, the "penny-a-pound" gimmick on Tuesdays is a roaring success.

Parents love saving money on their children's meals. Kids go gaga over cartoons, clowns and other assorted excitement.

"It keeps the kids involved as mom and dad can enjoy their dinner," said Frank Gatte, regional director for several Ground Round restaurants, including outlets in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Royal Oak.

On a recent Tuesday evening, families streamed through the doors of the Livonia Ground Round. Children were quickly

weighed, then given a sticker or servers know how much to charge. "Daddy, I weigh 46 pounds," exclaimed a small, pony-tailed girl in pink sweats. Her meal, chosen from the kiddie menu, would cost 46 cents.

Bingo the Clown, a.k.a. Bob Fenoff, of Northville, kept very busy making balloon animals and schmoozing with customers.

Meals (burgers, chicken fingers, etc.) include fries, apple sauce and beverage. These children's meals cost around \$2.60 every day but Tuesday. Harmon and daughters Valerie, 10; Stephanie, 8; and Lauren, 6, munched complimentary popcorn and took in the busy scene. "The kids are fascinated," Harmon said. "This breaks up our week."

Adults can choose from several burger varieties, barbecued ribs, chicken, pasta and Mexican fare. Prices are in the \$5 to \$6 range.

What's the motivation? Several hand-clapping, singing servers through the dining room, bringing complimentary ice cream cake with fudge sauce to a group celebrating the 11th birthday of Ryan McKay, of Livonia.

Nearby, Shannon and Steve Turbiak of Livonia with children Elizabeth, 6; Kristin, 2; and Emily, 3.

"The people are very friendly and seem to like children," said Sharon Turbiak. "They understand. They bring extra napkins and are very accommodating."

The Turbiaks were clearly having a good time. "We come often," Sharon Turbiak said. She added, with a laugh: "Once they start weighing mom and dad we'll stop coming."

Shield's, which introduced its deep-dish pizza back in 1946, also has large-screen television sets, video games and a laid-back, friendly ambience.

Calvin Newby, a Detroit accountant, and his wife Vickie, a teacher, both like the picante pizza, extra cheesy and spiked with tangy salsa.

"The Newbys' 11-year-old son Ronald dashed off to play video games."

"Ronald always orders spaghetti," Vickie Newby said.

Sampling the kiddie menu were Scott Funke and his pizza-loving pal, Phil Snyder. The boys, both 8 and Redford residents, are second-grade classmates in Helen Carano's class at Vandenberg Elementary School in Redford.

Both boys enjoyed the novelty of the View-Master and kept busy with crayons and puzzles. Scott finished off his spaghetti and Phil had enough pizza to take some home for a later snack.

Most items on the Shield's kiddie menu are priced at around \$3. Cheese pizza is around \$5, and is enough to feed two or three children. Desserts are 99 cents.

Shield's has other outlets in Troy, Sterling Heights and Novi. A carryout store is in Royal Oak.

Families with children now account for 40 percent of Shield's business, Moraitis said. The chain is hoping to substantially increase that segment.

"The one thing parents love is that they don't have to worry about (children) running around," Moraitis said. "This keeps them busy so they don't get restless."

# Treat kids to nachos, sweet sips

See story — "Eateries encourage Kidding Around," on Taste front.

green onions. Serve with sour cream and salsa. Makes one generous child-sized serving.

3 ounces sweet and sour mix  
Sprite  
Orange slice  
1 maraschino cherry

## GROUND ROUND'S AWESOME ALLIGATOR

4 ounces cranberry juice  
1 ounce strawberries  
Sprite  
3 maraschino cherries  
Blend cranberry juice and strawberries. Pour into glasses, add ice. Top with Sprite. Garnish with three cherries, appeared. Makes one serving.

## GROUND ROUND'S SOME SUN LEMONADE

2 ounces cranberry juice  
2 ounces orange juice

Fill glass with ice. Add cranberry juice, orange juice and sweet and sour mix. Top with Sprite. Garnish with orange slice and cherry spear. Makes one serving. Here are some other restaurants that cater to kids — Elias Brothers Big Boy has an extensive children's menu and reasonable prices. The kids can keep busy with puzzles and crayons furnished by the restaurant.

Kathy and Jack Maxwell of Livonia also like the Old Country Buffet in Westland which has an all-you-can-eat concept. "The (children) like to make their own choices," Kathy Maxwell said. "With a buffet, they can choose their own."

# Winner from page 1B

Whisk in the two cheeses and the salt and pepper. Stir until the sauce thickens and pour over the steamed broccoli.

## CHEWY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

¾ cup butter  
½ cup sugar  
½ cup brown sugar  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1½ to 1¾ cup flour  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
¾ cup chocolate pieces

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. In a large bowl, cream the butter, sugar and brown sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Add the flour, soda and salt and mix until all the ingredients are blended. Add the chocolate pieces to the batter.

Drop teaspoonfuls of the batter on cookie sheets, leaving 2 inches between the cookies. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes.

# COOKING CALENDAR

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## HUDSON'S

Hudson chefs will compete to create the most delicious recipes in the Midwest using products from the gourmet department. There will be a "Great Southwestern Barbecue Cookoff" at Hudson's in Westland Mall, Westland, 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 27. A chili cookoff will take place 1-3 p.m. at Hudson's in Oakland Mall, Troy, and a "Salsa Stampede," cookoff 1-3 p.m. Thursday, April 29 at Hudson's in Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi.

## SOUTHFIELD ADULT EDUCATION

A series of four Italian Regional Cooking classes will be offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning May 6. The cost is \$29 per class or \$108 per person for the series. For registration information, call 748-8700.

## KITCHEN GLAMOR

Recipes to get you in shape the Weight Watchers Way, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, Novi store, 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, Redford store, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, West Bloomfield store, and 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, Rochester store. There is no fee for this class. Call 837-1300 to register, or for more information.

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