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Brewing art: The works on display at an Oakland County gallery could be everyone's cup of tea. In the exhibit at the Swidler Gallery in Royal Oak, John Glich of Farmington Hills, Patrick Irla and Gary Stefani of Birmingham, Adam Shirley of West Bloomfield and other artists fashioned a variety of teapots and tea infusers that put "tea" in "creativity."/1D

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Area's bad intersections pile up



A list of the 12 worst intersections in Oakland County contains three in the Farmington area. Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake is the worst corner in town, finishing third in the county.

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It's no surprise to Michael Bolla that he works at the third worst intersection for accidents in Oakland County.

"There's probably an average of an accident a day," said Bolla, co-owner

of Bolla's Marathon gas station at the busy corner of Orchard Lake and 12 Mile roads.

"There's just a mass volume of people — and everyone's in a hurry," Bolla added. "People cut each other off. There have actually been fist fights. People duke it out."

Rob Madgwick, manager of Silver-

man's restaurant just south of the gas station, wasn't shocked either.

"I can believe it," Madgwick said. "There are so many inconsiderate people. They just won't wait."

The busy intersection — the crossroads of Farmington Hills — was one of 12 that the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County considers the worst last year.

Three of those corners are in Farmington Hills: Orchard Lake and 12 Mile roads, Orchard Lake and 14 Mile (ninth place), and Grand River and Halsted (12th).

Although there can be little civic

pride in making this list, Hills City Manager William Costick said there is a silver lining.

"Twelve and Orchard's always been a problem," Costick said. "So has 14 and Orchard. But what's happened is that through the decade accidents have gone down."

Costick said the growth in Novi, West Bloomfield and other communities has taken some of the traffic away from Farmington Hills' worst intersections. Most of the accidents, he said, do not involve injuries.

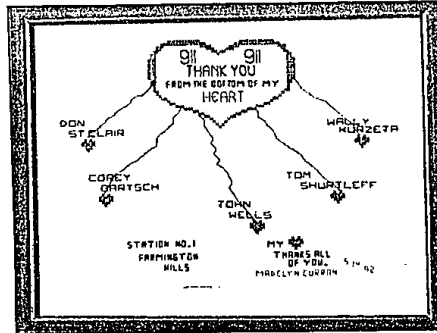
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Her heart goes out to these '911 heroes'



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Fond memories: Madelyn Curran (seated center) extends thanks to the paramedics and firefighters who saved her life. They are: (standing, from left) Tom Shurtleff, Terri Witzman, John Wells, and (standing, from left) Don St. Clair and Corey Bartsch. A cross-stitched heart (pictured on the right) goes out to Madelyn Curran's helpers.



By MARY LOU SONG
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Madelyn Curran lived to say, "Thank you."

Now she vows to say it until her dying day.

At a recent awards banquet for the Farmington Hills Fire Department, the 79-year-old Curran thanked the firefighters and paramedics who saved her life after she suffered a heart attack May 14 in her Farmington Hills home.

"I have some real heroes," Curran told the audience.

"I am here tonight, living and breathing," she started to say, and then broke into tears. Her speech ended in hugs.

Curran also presented a cross-stitch bearing the names of those who helped save her life. She said she did the piece because she wanted something permanent to honor her "911 heroes."

Station No. 1 is planning to hang the cross-stitch in the lobby.

The firefighters and paramedics also received Life Saving Awards from the Hills fire department.

Those honored included: firefighter Corey Bartsch; inspectors Walter Kurzeja, Donald St. Clair and John Wells; Lt. Thomas Shurtleff; and CBMS workers Terri Witzman and Kevin Dunbar.

On May 14, Curran said a friend was visiting her house, just a few blocks away from Station No. 1, when she suffered the heart attack. She said she felt woozy and sat down in a chair. At first, Curran's friend thought she had fallen asleep, but realized that something was wrong. He called 911.

When the crew reached Curran, she was not breathing and had no pulse. They administered drugs, put Curran on a ventilator and tried to restart her heart. Finally, they did.

That was on a Thursday, and Curran doesn't remember anything except waking up the next Tuesday in Botsford Hospital.

"My friend said he never saw such excellent teamwork," said

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Only one restaurant gets liquor license to go

By BILL COUTANT
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The numbers weren't good for three Farmington Hills restaurants that wanted liquor licenses. But another establishment, the House of Ing restaurant, came away with one after Monday's Hills City Council meeting.

After a good bit of discussion, the council agreed to hold on to two of the city's four new Class C liquor li-

censes. The city is allowed the additional licenses based on the current population census. But those four could be the only new liquor licenses available until the next census, in the year 2000.

Mayor Jon Grant said keeping two of the four licenses, which allow beer, wine and liquor by the glass, would allow the city some flexibility in the coming years.

"This is primarily because we only have four liquor licenses through the next assessment period," Grant said.

"We don't want them depleted."

The city awarded one of the four licenses to the Copper Creek Golf Course after several months of debate. That left three. Two of those are being kept for the future.

That left one license for four suitors: the Spring Garden Cafe, in the

Orchard Plaza on Orchard Lake Road; a proposed restaurant for the Freeway Plaza, on 10 Mile; the House of Ing, a Chinese/American restaurant in the Halsted Village Shopping Center on 12 Mile; and the Chalet of Farmington Hills, a catering/banquet hall on Grand River.

All four had submitted applica-

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Used instrument sale

If you're tired of tooting your horn — or if you need a horn to toot — check out the Farmington Schools' annual Used Instrument Sale 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the cafeteria of East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt Road.

The sale is open to anyone wishing to buy or sell a band or orchestra instrument, metronomes, music stands and other music items.

Those bringing things to sell will be asked to donate \$2 per item to cover space and advertising. For more information, call 489-3412.

Holiday mixer

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce is one of several area chambers partici-

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ating in a holiday mixer for business people 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Jack Cawley Chevrolet, 7020 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Those who would like to attend should call the Farmington chamber at 474-3440 for reservations.

Say yes to life . . .

The Little Professor bookstore in the Grand River/Halsted shopping center in Farmington will continue to support Farmington Families in Action and its "Say Yes To Life, Say No To Drugs" program.

From Dec. 2-6, store owners Rich and Paula

Herstein will donate 15 percent of the sales of regularly priced books — if the buyers mention Farmington Families in Action.

Memory Lane

From the Nov. 20, 1952, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

■ E.F. Ballou, former Farmington Township dog warden, was found not guilty of cruelty to animals in Oakland County Circuit Court. He had been accused of leaving his dog tied out in the hot sun without water.

■ The first deer to make its way toward a Farmington-area table was brought down by Bill Tamm, who shot the 165-pound buck near Milford.