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## TODAY

**Good citizens:** The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will honor eight high school students, their parents and school counselors. /3A

**Reward offered:** A local businessman is offering a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the conviction of whoever vandalized his business. /3A

### COUNTY NEWS

**Nowhere to go:** Oakland County has five of the 53 sites that are collecting radioactive waste as Lansing lawmakers refuse to step up to the problem. /7A

### OPINION

**A job well done:** They always called him Dull Dan. But he got things accomplished. And Oakland County will miss the only county executive it has known. /6A

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**Healthy Appetite:** Detroit Country Day School senior Amy Underwood takes a low-fat approach to healthy eating in her recently published "The No Red Meat Cookbook." The recipes focus on poultry, fish and dried beans as a tasty alternative to red meat. /1B

### STREET SCENE

**Funky sounds:** A melting pot of races and genders, Brotherhood Recipee thrives on social and racial equality. The funk-based music of the Detroit Music Award-winners, however, takes a more light-hearted approach. /6B

### CABLE TV WEEKLY

**Local access:** "Speakers Row" will be presented on Channel 12. Check your cable guide for time and date.

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## Former mayor named magistrate



Joan Dudley, former Farmington Hills mayor, is now a magistrate in the 47th District Court. She replaces Marla Parker, who won election to a judgeship in the Farmington court.

BY BILL COUTANT  
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Former Farmington Hills Mayor Joan Dudley wasn't sure how she would feel after being sworn in as the new magistrate for the 47th District Court, but she must have felt right at home after being formally installed Wednesday by Judge Fred Harris.

"I'm not sure it's hit me yet," Dudley said. "I think it will take a few days."

Dudley, who replaces Marla Parker, will serve as a part-time magistrate along with Dennis Phenev and James Brady. Parker became a district judge in the Farmington court by beating Jack McDonald in the November election.

community involvement. Retiring Judge Margaret Schaeffer, whom Parker will replace, noted her common ground with Dudley.

"We were neighbors and she and I served on the city council together," Schaeffer said. "She's going to be terrific."

Harris, who named Dudley as Parker's successor, echoed Schaeffer's praise after the swearing-in ceremony Wednesday.

"Now she's on the payroll," he quipped. "We all have confidence in her."

Dudley worked on Harris' 1990 reelection campaign.

Court Administrator John Grewell said Dudley will make \$120 per half day as a part-time magistrate.

"Some courts use full-time magistrates," he said. "This gives us more flexibility."

Magistrates hear routine traffic and misdemeanor cases, approve warrants and arraign suspects on many criminal matters. They can not impose any sentence of more than 90 days and can not hear jury trials.

Dudley, a graduate of Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing and a practicing attorney for the last six

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### Popular place



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Changing times: Brothers John (left) and Pete Ginopolis, co-owners of the Farmington Hills restaurant that bears their name, stand near what used to be the dance floor during the establishment's singles-bar days.

## Plain folks just love this celebrity eatery

BY BILL COUTANT  
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If you didn't know the Ginopolis Restaurant by reputation, the pictures of sports and entertainment celebrities on the walls as you enter leave little doubt that this is a landmark as much as it is a flourishing business.

And co-owners and brothers John and Pete Ginopolis will tell you that it's not the celebrities that make

their business a star, it's their regular customers.

"It's like I told one customer, 'You are the celebrity,'" said Pete Ginopolis.

That may sound like a line, but the business does thrive on return customers.

"My business is in Redford, and I'm here for lunch," said Paul Rehmman, a Plymouth resident and customer since the business opened

and before. "I used to go to Capraros (the restaurant the brothers and their father George had opened in 1967 at Telegraph and Schoolcraft in Redford). I pass a hundred restaurants to come here."

The restaurant, which features a full menu, an oak bar and jerseys belonging to such local sports heroes as Lou Whitaker and Steve Yzerman, was not a new kind of venture for the Ginopolis family.

George, Johnny and Pete had owned or tended bar in Detroit, Dearborn and Redford before building the present establishment in 1982. George died in 1980.

### Former singles bar

The restaurant, at Middlebelt and 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, started as a singles bar, a move that John

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## Longtime bookstore owner dies at 61

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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Jerry's Bookstore was a place to browse. Within its homey confines, perhaps an odd western or a paperback romance would be found.

Regulars always left with the lasting impression of the love and will of two people who both had polio and operated a business despite disability.

The Cunninghams operated Jerry's Bookstore for more than 20 years before retiring in 1989 to the Upper

Peninsula.

"He always said, 'The first time I saw you I knew I was going to marry you,'" said Bertha Cunningham, who met her husband at a club for people with handicaps.

Such marked the determination of Jerry Cunningham, 61, who was wheelchair-bound. He died Dec. 11 of pneumonia. The Cunninghams would have celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary Jan. 7.

An avid hunter, Jerry Cunningham shot a deer from his wheelchair on the

deck of his home a week before he died.

"He told me, 'If you see a deer let me know,'" said Bertha Cunningham. "I saw a big deer in the yard and I told him about it. He shot it instantly."

"He was such a perfect shot in everything he did, you know."

With hangman's noose, Bertha went to retrieve the dead animal and helped her husband clean it. Afterward, he gave the venison to a neighbor.

Such generosity wasn't unusual for Jerry Cunningham, who was more than willing to impart with advice or his knowledge of books at his store.

Jerry was diagnosed with polio and confined to a wheelchair when he was 9. He became a voracious reader, particularly westerns, according to his brother, John Cunningham of Livonia.

"Jerry was an ambitious fellow even though he was in the wheelchair

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### Something to draw on

Nine young artists — including Lauren O'Connor, 6, and Katie Carrico, 7, from Farmington Hills — have proven that a little monkey business does pay.

As winners of the Detroit Zoological Society's drawing contest called "Capture the Wildlife," the children will receive family memberships good for 12 months of free admission to the Detroit and Belle Isle zoos, and to more than 100 other zoos nationwide.

A herd of zoo animal likenesses poured in from children from throughout the metropolitan area. The top three drawings from three age groups were selected based on creativity and neatness. The two Hills winners were in the 6- to 8-year-old age group.

### FARMINGTON FOCUS

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit fund-raising arm of the Detroit Zoo. It funds numerous projects, including the Elephant Rhino House and Chimps of Harambee Exhibit, and sponsors many fund-raisers and special events at the zoo.

### Author . . . author!

Brigitte L. Thompson, an author and longtime Farmington Hills resident, has been awarded third place in the Arizona Authors' Association 1992 National Literary Contest.

Thompson's entry, "Fairy Moon," is a story about a surprising romantic encounter. Originally from Berlin, Germany, Thompson

has lived with her husband David and her son Pete in Farmington Hills for 26 years. In the 1970s, she authored a neighborhood news column for the Farmington Forum newspaper.

Thompson has been a Cub Scout den mother and girls softball team manager, as well as president and beautification chairman of the Botford Garden Club. A member of Romance Writers of America and Ridgewriters of Farmington, she is currently working on a romantic novel and several short stories.

Arizona Authors' Association is a non-profit organization of writers and others in the literary field.

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