

FARMINGTON
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Applause for her!

Barbara Jablonski, social services director for Botsford Continuing Health Center, has been named the organization's "Applause! Applause!" winner for April. The monthly award is given to those who have provided exceptional care and service to residents of the long-term care facility. The director of social services has more than 15 years of experience in long-term care facilities. She's been at Botsford for five years. "Being part of a team where everyone cares about working with the residents and knowing that management is willing to listen makes BCHS a nice place to work," Jablonski said. Jablonski, a Bloomfield Hills resident, is responsible for admissions to the facility and meets with all new residents and their families. She also investigates insurance options, signs contracts and evaluates any special needs and requests. In addition to her job, Jablonski co-chairs the monthly Alzheimer's Association Family Support Group at BCHC, the annual Alzheimer's Association benefit walk and the steering committee of the Geriatric Social Workers of Southeast Michigan. She also speaks to community groups as a representative of BCHC. Jablonski is attending Eastern Michigan University, pursuing a master's degree in social work.

About retirement

Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement, a four-part seminar, will be offered 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning April 19 or 21 in Room 6 of the Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawwassee, Farmington Hills. Cost of the 10-hour seminar is \$49 and there is a \$25 materials fee that includes a 160-page workbook. The class is taught by professional instructors and no products are promoted or offered. The program is sponsored by Farmington Adult and Community Education. For more information, call Patricia Karas at the Community Education office at 489-3333. Items for Farmington Notes may be mailed to the Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336, faxed to 477-9722 or dropped off at the newspaper office.

A student with Merit

Farmington senior's a rocker and a scholar

■ A young man of many talents, that's Farmington High's Amir Baghdadchi. The Merit Scholar is headed for the life of an English professor or perhaps that of a rock 'n' roller.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Farmington High senior and Merit Scholar Amir Baghdadchi says when it comes to academic success, you have to want it.

That doesn't mean you can't take a walk on the wild side, though. Baghdadchi admits to doing both.

He's the one who carries a 3.8 grade-point average, is president of the Physics Club and vice president of the school debate team. He participates in the Quiz Bowl all four years and wins two medals in National Latin Exam.

Then there is the erudite extrovert. The highly animated one who performs comedy sketches, lip-synching and rock 'n' roll during the school's annual talent shows.

He wears a goatee, a tie and Chuck Taylor tennis shoes and plays bass in a fledgling 1950s, funk, folk, country and western outfit called Big Willie & the Flaming Debutants.

"If I don't become an English professor," said Baghdadchi, who plans to major in English at the University of Michigan, "I'll lead a life of rock 'n' roll."

Wouldn't mom and dad be proud. Actually, his parents have been an inspiration to Baghdadchi. He



Laid back at FHS: Amir Baghdadchi, a Merit scholar, seems at ease in the halls of Farmington High School.

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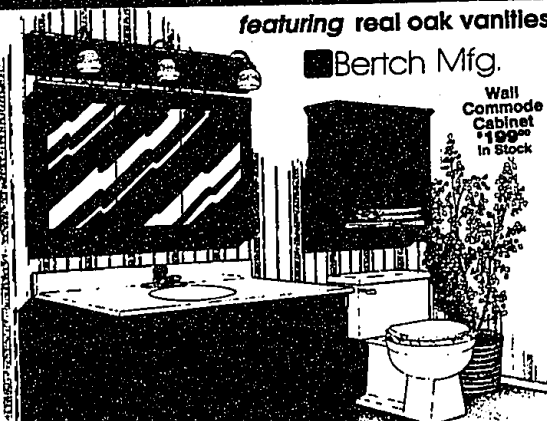
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