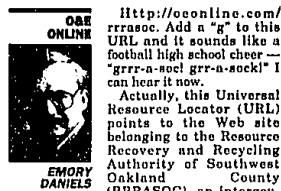
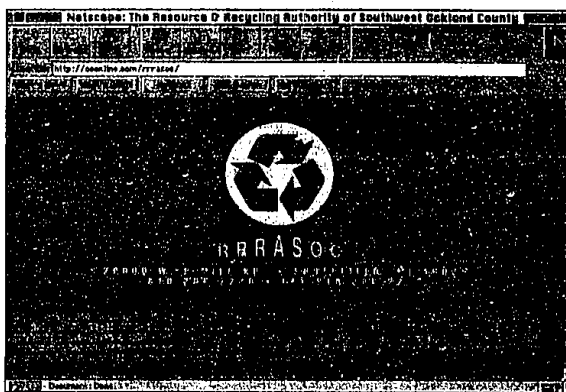


# Web green with environmental sites



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 authority created by the member communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wixom and Lyon Township.  
 The Web site was designed and placed by the Web masters of O&E Online for RRRASOC whose goal is to establish and operate solid waste management projects, including recycling.  
 Besides assisting in the management of recycling and solid waste programs, the authority also helps member communities with legislative and policy analysis, technical expertise, contract negotiation services, public education, and cooperative purchasing services.  
 If you visit this site at <http://oeonline.com/rrrasoc>, you will find some recycling fun facts, such as:  
 • Recycling one tin can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours.  
 • Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.  
 • A 20-year-old tree makes 785 paper bags.  
 I also learned at the authority's site that for each ton of paper the Observer & Eccentric recycles (and we do) we save 17 trees, 464 gallons of oil, 42 gallons of gasoline, 4210 kilowatt hours, 7000 gallons of water, and 3.5 cubic yards of landfill space. Makes us want to recycle two tons of paper (which



Green site: A forest greets visitors on the main page at the RRRASOC web site at <http://oeonline.com/rrrasoc>.

we will).  
 From the site's home page I clicked off on "MRF" and learned about the authority's Material Recovery Facility at 8 Mile and Evergreen in Southfield.  
 This facility, which accepts materials collected from residential and commercial recycling programs, has more than 45,000 square feet of space used for sorting, baling and storing recyclables.  
 Each day more than 260 tons of material can be processed and shipped out to the recyclables markets to be made into new products.  
 Even in building the MRF facility, recycling was a top priority. Demolition debris taken from the site was recycled whenever possible and "waste" where children are concerned. Features include a Red Alert! which spotlights the recent discovery of lead in mini-blinds, and other areas on how to test

your home for lead to where the most common sources are found.

• Netapediton at <http://sunsite.doc.ic.ac.uk/netapediton> is the Web site of a team conducting scientific experiments in the Amazon Rainforest - regularly feeding their research results back to the Internet. Visit this site and participate in an eight week journey complete with sounds, daily logs and intense graphics.  
 • Mountain Zoo at <http://www.mountainzoo.com/> is an Exotic that's full of live events and ideas for things to do in the mountains. Case active volcanoes with National Geographic photographer Roger Reasmeyer or view the details and race results from the Mountain Biking World Cup in Mt. Snow, Vermont.

• Smithsonian Magazine at <http://www.smithsonianmag.si.edu> allows users to browse each article the Smithsonian explores monthly in its print edition.  
 From the frontiers of science to marvels of the natural world this official site, produced by Oculus Interactive, will mesmerize, educate, and entertain.  
 • If you access <http://www.sfzoo.com/> you will arrive at the San Francisco Zoo, home to more than 250 species of exotic and domestic mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.

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## Environmental Web Jewels

- Planet Earth at [http://www.nosec.mil/planet\\_earth/planets.html](http://www.nosec.mil/planet_earth/planets.html) takes onlineers on a virtual exploration outside of Earth's boundaries. There are complete tours of the solar system, space calendars, eclipse predictions and information on the basics of space flight.
- Dangers of Lead at <http://www.knowlead.com/> was created by Carolina Environment, Inc., to educate about the dangers of lead, particularly where children are concerned. Features include a Red Alert! which spotlights the recent discovery of lead in mini-blinds, and other areas on how to test

### HOT LIST

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<http://www.knowlead.com/>
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- ♦ **San Francisco Zoo**  
<http://www.sfzoo.com/>

## La Plata

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Now that his 11 years on the federal bench have officially come to a close, LaPlata has joined the Birmingham law firm of Alan Miller P.C. as a trial lawyer.

"The thing I've always been most proud of, both as a circuit judge and as a federal judge, is that I'm fair. I never let my personal biases affect my decisions," said LaPlata, from his chambers in Ann Arbor.  
 "I was able to run a court and give fair decisions, and do it quickly. That's all I'm going to ask for as an attorney."

Before LaPlata stepped down from the federal bench, he was a judge in Michigan's Eastern District had 14 active judges, with several more on senior status. The Detroit native may be the first federal judge in the state to retire from the lifetime appointment, rather than take senior status like his colleagues. Handling a smaller docket did not appeal to 71-year-old LaPlata.

"I've been sitting up there with a robe on for years," said LaPlata, who will continue to draw his annual judicial salary for life. "You don't get to see the weather. There's no windows."

Enjoying the good outdoors on his way in and out of the courthouse isn't the only thing LaPlata hopes to gain by returning to litigating.

It's the satisfaction, he said, of "doing something that I like doing. It's challenging."

A retired marine colonel, LaPlata spent 24 years as a trial attorney before serving as Oakland Circuit Judge from 1979 to 1984.

After being nominated by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he became a federal judge in 1985.

## Observer Eccentric Pine Knob

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