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**H**EAR ye! Hear ye! At councilwoman Jean Fox's request, Farmington Hills Mayor Terry Sever urged all residents to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first president of the United States. Sever has proclaimed April 16-30 as a period of observance commemorating the 250-mile journey of Washington from his home at Mount Vernon, Va., to New York City for his inauguration at Federal Hall. "The process of government established by the Constitution and first implemented by George Washington still protects our liberties 200 years later" and "continues to assure the ultimate authority of 'We the People.'" The proclamation reads. "The bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution is being celebrated through 1991.

**TODAY** is Arbor Day in Farmington as proclaimed by the city council. This is Arbor Week in Michigan. April 22 to May 20 is Keep Michigan Beautiful Month. May is Keep Farmington Beautiful Month.

### QUOTE of the week

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Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer, who has gotten more than the usual number of complaints about youths soliciting money for various police organizations (see story this page).

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## Witnesses say suspect spoke of murder plans

By Carolyn DeMarco staff writer

Anthony Joseph Bonelli planned to kill his former girlfriend because she was interfering in his relationship with another girl, witnesses for the prosecution testified Tuesday in a preliminary examination in 40th District Court.

The Bloomfield Township courtroom overflowed with classmates of both the victim, Kristina Marie Fracchia, a student at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, and the defendant, who had attended North Farmington High School before his January transfer to the Farmington Training Center, a district-run special education center for students with emotional, physical or mental problems.

Friends of Bonelli testified that he had planned to go with Fracchia to Orchard Lake in her car, strangle her, throw her body into the lake and make it look like an accident.

"He told me about a girl bothering him," said North Farmington student Robert Kaszorgis, 18. "He said, 'I'm tired of it, I can't handle it. I'm going to kill her.'"

Presiding Judge Gus Cifelli ordered Bonelli, 17, charged with first-degree murder in Fracchia's drowning death, bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court for arraignment May 4 before Judge Alice Gilbert. There is no bond and Bonelli is being held in the Oakland County Jail.

**NORTH FARMINGTON** student Jim Nader, 17, a childhood friend of Bonelli, testified that Bonelli told him of his plans on Tuesday, March 14, the day before Fracchia's death, and asked in advance for a ride from Orchard Lake at 1:30 a.m. Thursday.

Fracchia, 17, died late Wednesday night. Oakland County Drain Commission workers found her fully clothed body Friday morning, March 17, floating face down in shallow water near the north shore of Orchard Lake in the city of Orchard Lake Village. Her mother reported her missing late Thursday.

Witness Christopher Kassa, 16, a North Farmington student, told the courtroom Bonelli called him from the Oakland County Jail two weeks ago, confessing that he killed Fracchia, but called it an accident.

Kaszorgis, a relative of Venet Assner of West Bloomfield, Bonelli's other girlfriend, testified that on the night Fracchia was killed, he received a message to call Bonelli's number on his beeper as he sat in a local restaurant. He described Bonelli as a friend.

When Kaszorgis returned the call, he said Bonelli wanted a ride later.

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Increasing traffic in the 2.2-square-mile city of Farmington, coupled with a request to do so by the Old Village Association, resulted in the city council establishing a traffic and safety board Monday night. This view is of Farmington Road, looking south from Shilwassee.

## Police chiefs: Look for high-pressure pitches

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Farmington and Farmington Hills police chiefs are warning residents to be wary of police organizations soliciting money.

Words of caution came as the Farmington Hills Police Department and the Farmington Department of Public Safety are in the midst of receiving more than the usual number of complaints about youths soliciting money for various police organizations.

"People are being bilked and they are being bilked bad," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said.

The police chiefs urge residents to avoid donating or promising money over the telephone for the police organizations. Door-to-door solicitations are not characteristic of the police organizations.

Neither police department endorses, supports or receives money from the organizations that annually

asked to donate money to various police organizations.

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## New board will review city's traffic patterns

By Casey Hans staff writer

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## Suburban students address racism on college campus

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Racial tensions are increasing on state college campuses. Not since the 1960s have our state universities been faced with such a volatile issue. Suburban students, black and white, find themselves surrounded by, and involved in, this controversy.

It rages from Wayne State, where a sit-in by black students continued through the week, to the University of Michigan, where debate rages over a proposed anti-racism class, to Michigan State, where black student and parent groups have demanded a list of changes.

Though circumstances differ among the state's three largest

universities, the challenge remains the same: black and white students struggling to learn in harmony while their parents live in a society which remains overwhelmingly segregated.

The Observer's Eccentric sent a team of reporters to talk with students on how they are coping with this issue.

Thirty black students are milling around in front of Wayne State University's Helen Newberry Joy Student Services Center this muggy, drizzly Monday as a student sit-in continues. They're laughing, joking, their demeanor a far cry from that of 1960s protesters.

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Wooden protest shanties such as the one at "Diag" at the University of Michigan. Only the loft calling for a "Free Southern Africa Now" vandals pay much attention to them, some student and a pro-Palestinian one in the background deny they are constructed by various groups on "The



Anthony Joseph Bonelli bound over for trial