

## Father's Day Contest

**Picture Dad!**  
We're celebrating Dad this year with a special contest. Send us a favorite photograph of you and your Dad with a short caption, explaining why it's your favorite (funny, sentimental or just interesting). We'll hold a drawing of all entries and award a winner from each Observer Newspaper with two tickets to the Ford Senior Players Championship golf tournament at the Dearborn TPC, July 8-14. Participants are expected to include Tom Watson, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite and senior "rookies" Fuzzy Zoeller and Ben Crenshaw. All tickets include a free shuttle bus ride to the front gate of the TPC. To enter, send your photo to Joni Hubred, 33411 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335. Photos will not be returned. All entries are due by 5 p.m. Thursday, June 6. Even if your name isn't selected for a prize, you'll have a chance to show Dad how much he means to you. We'll have a special page on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, where we'll publish the photos.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### THURSDAY

**Dinner honors Hartsock:**  
Friends, family and colleagues will gather Thursday to honor long-time city councilman Bill Hartsock, who resigned earlier this year. He will be roasted and toasted at the event, which will be held at Farmington Hills Manor.

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## Memory and honor



**Flag bearer:** Wally Christensen examines the name of a war veteran on a toppled tombstone in Clarenceville Cemetery Thursday. Christensen was joined by his wife and daughter in placing American flags on gravesites of veterans in honor of Memorial Day.

## Monday service honors local heroes

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In memory of the Sept. 11 tragedy in New York City, a special service will be added to the traditional Memorial Day remembrance in Farmington.

Wally Christensen, chair of the annual Farmington Memorial Day parade said the lives lost Sept. 11 included everyday heroes like police officers and firefighters. During the Monday event, several local heroes will be honored.

"We hope to continue this every

year," Christensen said.

This year's public safety heroes are Robert Schulz, who was selected the Farmington Public Safety Officer of the year; Farmington Hills Firefighter John Dresden III, who initiated the fabrication of various tools used by the entire department to enhance the level of services; and John Crump, a 17-year veteran of the Hills police department, who is assigned to the patrol division.

Crump helped to save a life in May 2001 by administering CPR until medics arrived with a defibrillator and, in July 2001, continued a foot

pursuit to take a suspect into custody, even after Crump pulled a hamstring.

A special plaque and tree in honor of those who gave their lives Sept. 11 — the fallen law enforcement and firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice — is already in place near the Masonic Temple and Memorial Park.

"This Memorial Day takes on even a greater significance when considering the tremendous sacrifices made by police officers and fire fighters

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## Crime's up, but city's safe, chief says

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The Farmington Hills Police Department received many awards in 2001 for its focus on community policing, but officers were also very busy making arrests.

In fact, the department's highest number of arrests were made with a total of adult and juvenile cases at 3,463 compared to the year 2000 with 2,887.

Some positive notes in the department's 2001 annual report:

There were 18 fewer commercial break-ins than in 2000, with the year-end total being 91, the second lowest number of burglaries reported since 1991. There were four fewer incidents of arson, a total of 24.

Though residential break-ins increased slightly last year, total reported incidents represented one of the lowest in 10 years, said Police Chief William Dwyer.

The most serious crimes, known as Group A offenses, rose 10 percent last year. Those crimes include murder, sex offenses, robbery, larceny, drug violations and weapons. Total Group A offenses went from 4,463 to 4,935.

The city experienced one homicide last year as compared to four the previous year. The 2000 number reflected just one incident, wherein a man killed his wife and children, then committed suicide because he was distraught over gambling debts. Robbery went from 25 to 29 and larcenies increased from 1,276 to 1,591. Fraud cases jumped from 216 to 292. The specific crime category of impersonating others went from 20 cases to 101.

Dwyer said using stolen credit cards and other people's personal information and numbers to get credit or purchase items is a national trend on the rise.

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## 3 vie for C'ville Board posts

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The last few weeks have been rough for Clarenceville School Board candidate Kim Bibik, but she's still in the race.

The 1979 CHS graduate lost her mother Monday night. Although she has had much to deal with, she's still determined in her desire to make a difference.

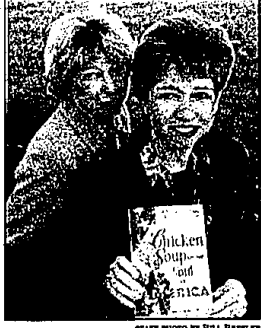
Bibik, incumbent Gary Garrison and challenger Evonne Mellé are all vying for two open seats on the seven-member board.

The district's biggest challenge in the coming months will likely be replacing its superintendent; Superintendent Tom Tattan is in negotiations with Waterford Schools. And the candidates seem to agree on one goal: maintaining and improving an already successful district.

Board members serve in a district that educates more than 1,900 students at a high school, middle school and two elementary schools. Bibik and Mellé are both new to board campaigns; Garrison has served two terms.

**Kim Bibik**  
"It was the weekend before the deadline," Bibik said of her last-minute decision to run. "I had thought about it before. I came home and talked to my husband. His support of it really pushed it for me."  
A freelance photographer who con-

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**Chicken Soup chefs:** Carolyn Trapp's contribution to "Chicken Soup for the Soul of America" started with an e-mail she sent to her mother Edith Broida

## Hills woman's e-mail ends up in the 'Soup'

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The words poured out of Carolyn Trapp at 2 a.m. that morning in mid-September, more than 1,700 of them, each speaking to a sense of hope for the future in the continuity of the past.

She wrote them to her mother, sharing a story that had moved her so much she couldn't stop talking about it.

"Last night I attended a bar mitzvah that would have been inspirational at any time, but for the three-hundred-plus who attended in the aftermath of the events of Sept. 11, 2001, it was an amazing, life-affirming experience," Trapp wrote.

After that awful Tuesday, when ter-

rorists flew planes into the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and a field in Pennsylvania, Trapp and her husband — along with her brother and sister-in-law — joined millions of other Americans who sought comfort in faith experiences. They attend the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, a 35-year-old congregation whose members practice humanistic Judaism.

The Temple's bar mitzvah program is different from traditional Jewish rite of passage for 13-year-olds. The bar mitzvah boy, Jackson, had spent a year studying the life of a personal hero and would present what he'd learned during the ceremony.

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## Akouri opens offices for House bid

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Instead of working out of his home, coffee shops, or out of car trunks, John Akouri now has a campaign office in Farmington Hills.

The office officially opened Friday with family, friends and supporters of Akouri, who is running this year as a Republican for state representative for the Farmington area's 37th District.

Members of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce were also on hand, as well as members of the business community and other city leaders, to celebrate.

Carleigh Flaharty, president of the chamber, and John Anhut of the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation joined Akouri in the rib-



**Campaign advice:** "You gotta get out there and work!" says John Anhut of the Hills Economic Development Commission. Carleigh Flaharty, Chamber of Commerce director, and State House candidate John Akouri get the point.

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