



Six-year-old Andrew Hilliard looks for Germany on his new Christmas globe. Andrew and three-year-old brother Matthew stayed in Germany with their mom Karen, while dad Tom served in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War. This is the first Christmas in three years the Hilliards have come home to Michigan to be with Karen's family, the Jaskes of Farmington.

Army family shares 1st Christmas after Gulf War

Family togetherness at Christmas is nothing Karen Jaska Hilliard takes for granted. For the first time in three years, the 1975 Farmington High School graduate came home with her husband, Tom, and their two sons ages six and three, to share the holidays with her family. In all, 16 members of the Jaska family gathered at the house on Robinwood Street to exchange gifts and cut a yellow ribbon off of the family Christmas tree, welcoming Tom, Karen and their family home. A career Army family for 13 years, the Hilliards were stationed in Germany and Tom served time in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf war, where he was responsible for moving supplies and needed items. They are now stationed at Ft. Leavenworth in northeastern Kansas, where Tom attends a command and general staff college. Being away from family for months and involved in a war made the Hilliards put a special emphasis on home. "I think it makes you appreciate



Karen (Jaska) Hilliard and husband Tom Hilliard, a major in the U.S. Army, talk about how happy they are to be home with family this Christmas.

your family and your friends," said Karen. "You learn not to take things for granted." As young as they are, sons Andrew, 6, and Matthew, 3, are learning about living in different parts of the world. They liked living in

Germany, she said, even when most of the military men and women were called to serve in the Persian Gulf. There, many of the families were in the same dilemma and supported each other, she said.

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OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**
DATE: JANUARY 16, 1992
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
ITEM: Rezoning Request 7-11-91
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the official Zoning Map of the City of Farmington Hills by amending Section 34.32 of the City Code by changing the zoning classification of the following parcel of property as follows:
Resized from RA-1, One-Family Residential District classification to RC-2, Multiple-Family Residential District classification.
23-31-315-004
TIN, R&E, East 1/4 of West 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, located east of Drake Road, north of Grand River Ave. 10.61 Acres
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The proponents in this matter are Kaftan Enterprises Inc. and the YMCA of Metro Detroit, who seeks this rezoning for development of multiple-family housing.
Any person who is interested in this proposed zoning map amendment is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change at the public hearing above mentioned. Copies of the Zoning Map, Zoning Map and Application for Rezoning may be observed at the Planning Office, Farmington Hills City Hall at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director
Planning & Community Development
City of Farmington Hills
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Hartsock says aid cuts put city in cash pinch

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on discretionary spending, and said in turn lesser sales tax revenues and gas revenues mean less of that money comes back to the city.
But he hopes the recent passage of a federal transportation bill will allow some money to come back to the city. Even the proposed Haggerty Connector project west of the city in Novi would help alleviate snarled Farmington traffic, he said.
CURRENT ECONOMIC conditions mean cities have to work even harder to keep their residents informed, so they understand the problems. They should also be encouraged and invited to get involved, Hartsock said.
"There's just a whole host of ways residents can be involved," said the new mayor, who encouraged citizen participation in his recent re-election bid. "I'd like to see people who have never been involved come forward, raise their hands and introduce themselves."
Despite the size of the city, Hartsock said, there is always the need for more involvement. "You don't have to be an architect to serve on the planning commission or an attorney to serve on the ZBA," he added.
Although he spoke out against cablecasting meetings during his campaign, Hartsock said he would be in favor of cablecasting more in-depth programs about city issues, so residents could have a better understanding of them. He also wants a multi-media approach to better reach residents.
"I don't think we can just send out the information and assume people are reading it," he said. "We have to attack it from a lot of different media."
Though financial issues and better communication with the public will be Hartsock's thrust in the near future, he admits following in the footsteps of councilwoman and former mayor, Shirley Richardson, will be tough.
"Following Shirley Richardson is a task," he said. "She did things as mayor that others never dreamed of."

He said, because of that, future Farmington mayors may find themselves more involved than ever in various events and activities.
HARTSOCK SAID his strength for the city will be his financial background, as they city faces statewide tax freezes and other declines in revenues. Currently a partner with the investment firm of Roney & Co. in Farmington Hills, Hartsock has also owned his own business and has an accounting and political science background. "Going forward, that's going to be critical," he added.
Also, he would like to get more involved in talking with students and other school groups about the city and local government. He believes that involvement at a younger age could foster an interest in government in young adults.
Hartsock invites citizens to get more involved in the budgeting process, which begins in the winter and is gone over in the spring. Residents should know they do have a say in what programs are put into place or cut, he said.
"I would love to have a group of people present as we go through, line-by-line. As mayor, I would be more than happy to have them voice their opinions."
"The last thing I want to hear is 'you can't fight city hall.'"

Anyone can reach any level, says Hills chief

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Grant said. "We have a good council." Grant said. "I think Aldo (Vagstad) did a terrific job as mayor in bringing the council to a very good working relationship with each other. I plan to continue to put a lot of effort in that too."
There's other prospects, too. "Another thing that I'm looking to in 1992 is with President George Bush signing the new highway transportation bill, Michigan can be looking at as much as \$175-200 million in new highway money and I'm very hopeful that this will be the opportunity for us to finally address the problem of M102 (connector)."
Grant's got high hopes for the new

Haggerty interchange in 1992. "We only have one interchange in our city for six miles of freeway, we need another interchange to get some (traffic) relief for Orchard Lake Road and Haggerty Road."
Grant credits the innovative thinking of Hills police chief William Dwyer and Hills fire chief Rich Marinet, as well as the numerous hours volunteers from these departments give which saves the city thousands of dollars. "I will be a strong supporter of improving upon our fire and police protection wherever we can."
"One of my big priorities will be public relations. We have a lot of great things going on in this city and we sometimes lose focus."

Wooddale Cub Scouts

Some 75 Cub Scouts in grades 1-5 at Wooddale Elementary in Farmington Hills designed and baked cakes for their annual "Cub Cake Bake."
In the spirit of our monthly theme of Frontier Days, they saw cakes in the form of covered wagons, log cabins and coon skin caps.
Moms are encouraged to stay out of the kitchen so the boys can learn,

first hand, about measuring ingredients, cooking times and even mixing colors to get the right shade of brown for their coon skin cap or brown for the logs in his log cabin.
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