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**國 Top teachers** 

Faith Clay, a fourth grade teacher at Bemis Elementary School in the Troy school dis trict, and Vicki Shaw, a third trict, and Vicki Shaw, a third yarda feacher at Gill Elementary School in Farmington Public Schools, are the February Teachers of the Montils of the Observer & Eccentic Newspapers. Both the Troy and Farmington districts are on, mid-winder break this week so hook for the Teacher Feature with picture and story honoring Ctay and Shaw in next Hussday's edi-tions of the Observer & Eccentic Newspapers.

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🖪 Scholarship

Farmington Hills dentists Dr. David Clark and Dr. Carolyn Romzick are spon-soring their 4th annual scholarship for local high

scholarship for local high scholarship for local high school seniors. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one individual gradualting from Farmington High School for tharrison High School or tharrison High School in the scholarship is directed toward students who plan to pursue a curriculum in mathematical programment of science at a lour-year college or unifersity without native.

or science at all other year college or university upon graduation from high school. He scholarship is merit based Students should have a 3.5 grade point average or higher, and be involved in extra curricular activities in helis school community or church. Scholarship applications will be available through the quidance office of the local high school pelginning March IV. For more information, contact your quidance counselor or Dr. Romatick at (248) 855-4850.

Chili Cook Off

The Mydols will perform at the Farmington/Farmington Hills eighth annual Chili Cook Off on March 9 at Page's Off on March 9 at Page's Food and Spirits in down-town Farmington. All proceeds from the event will go to the Farmington Hills Police Department's K-9 unit.



Application forms are avail able at Page's, which is for at-ed on Farmington Road just south of Grand River

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The Hydols are four man what got together at a neighborhood barbecue and decided to form a "pont" band. They write their own songs, which include Soccer Mom Stomp, Runaway and Jack Mintes Mintella Good Judy Davids, Lead quitar. Paige Gibert, bass/socals, Pat Migough, drums, and Kara Ramussen, vocals. To tearn more about the Hydols, visit their Web site at http://members.aoi.com/the-mydols.





Hitchell Hall and a feathered friend cheer for the Farmington Unified hockey team during their Tuesday night regional playoff game against Redford Catholic Central. The game was moved to the Compowate Arena in anticipation of a large crowd and over 3,500 fans tilled the arena. The Farmington Flyers lost the game 4-3. See today's Farmington Observer sports section for the story and photos.

## Hills crime stats down in 2002

BY PAUL R. PACE STATT WRITER

Crime statistics for 2002 show Farmington Hills continues to be an even safer city than in its previous, award-winning year.

The 2002 data shows a 13.5-percent decrease in serious crimes compared to 2001, said Police Chief William Dayer.

In November 2002, a research company that collects FBH data announced Farmington Hills ranked 23th-safest among large cities in the nation for 2001. Cities with 75,000-plus popul-lions that reported crime data to the FBH for the six most serious crime categories were included in the rankings.

Statistics measure the categories of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft.

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Dwyer credits community policing programs, aggressive enforcement, community awareness and involvement.

"Crime prevention is a cooperative effort, teaming law-enforcement professionals with the community they serve. Digether we have worked to make Farmington Hills a safe community to live, work and play; he said.

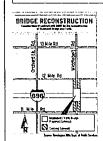
He noted Farmington Hills police officers were homored by the departments Chatlon and Awards load the safe of the said of the said

Comparing the most serious group A crime offenses, there was a decrease in marker from 1 in 2004 to more in 2002; assault fell from 917 cases to 829; burglary fell from 5398 to 344; larveny from 1,291 to 1,778; cyleich theft from 153 to 104.

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56 in 2001 to 61 in 2002, due largely to charges of

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#### Middlebelt detour set

BY JONI HUBRED STAFF WRITER

Motorists who use the Middlebelt/1-696 bridge will be forced to take a detour this summer, as the aging struc-ture will be replaced by the Michigan Department of

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### Hills family tired of defective sirens

BY PAUL R. PACE STATT WRITER

A blaring weather siren woke Farmington Hills resident Bill Hass at 2 a.m. recently, with no storm in sight. The alarm, located about a mile and a balf away from Hass' home, malfunctioned. He and

his family are getting a little tired of hearing the system go off accidentally day and night. "It's been like that for four months," he said. "I'll turn on when there's clear, blue skies." It is suspects the defective alarm is located at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake mads. Tracey Metlee, emergency

management coordinator for Oakland County, oversees the emergency alert streas county-wide. She said her office has got-ten reports from a defective alarm that officials are inspect-ing along 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

There are two sirens along

couldn't find a problem in either one, so we're working on replac-ing the radios for them, she said.

The systems there are almost 25 years old and 'since they are mechanical and contain aging radio components, they can do

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## Granholm fund-raiser lunch nets \$3,750 for Mercy High

BY SUE BUCK

Loud applause helped introduce the last fiem offered for hid at the Mercy High School auction. Saturday, according to one observer. The "Lunch With Jennifer Granholm" item had cansed furor among anti-abortion protesters and supporters in the weeks bedding up to the event. The auction of more

than 600 items helped raise funds for the private school, which is located on 11 Mile Road east of Middlebelt Road in Farmington

Hills.
Granholm has said she personally opposes abortion, but supports every woman's right to choose.
Abortion opponents have called her to task on the stand, because of her

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Judy Parran, affiliate vice president of Right to Life Michigan, came to pray at the abortion profest.

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