

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.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

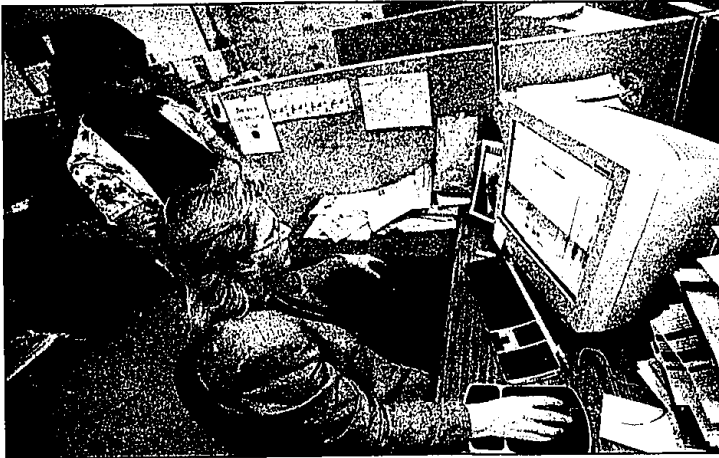
MONDAY

Farmington City Council: Officials will meet 8 p.m., Monday at City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street in downtown Farmington, to consider an agenda that includes a public hearing on the proposed 2002-2003 fiscal year budget, adoption of the millage rate, consideration of a policy regarding fences on corner lots and a request for a sign variance at 34200 Nine Mile Road.

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Copy editing: Farmington Observer Editor Joni Hubred shows East Middle School student Sasha Fowler how newspaper pages are designed.

For a child

Mentors needed for growing program

Bill Hines watched last year as a mentoring program offered through Farmington Public Schools touched the life of his son.
This year, Hines decided he wanted a piece of that action.

"I saw the ability he had to relate to his mentor. It made me want to help," the Daimler Chrysler employee said at the program's annual celebration breakfast May 21.

In its fifth year, the mentorship

program teamed 26 adults in fields ranging from public service to veterinary medicine with sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students from East Middle School. Next year, plans are to spread its success.

"We have committed ourselves to extending this program throughout the district," Superintendent Dr. Bob Maxfield announced.

That means finding mentors for students in three other middle schools. Recruitment is likely to happen largely through word of mouth; parents who attended the breakfast with their children were encouraged to consider doing what Hines did.

Assistant Superintendent for

Instructional Services Jan Colliton talked about how mentoring related to a communitywide effort promoting 40 developmental assets identified by the Search Institute of Minnesota. After surveying hundreds of students, the Institute identified qualities most associated with students who experienced success - and lacking in students who made poor life choices.

"Where do (kids) get these things? They get them from caring adults. They get them from you," Colliton said.

I can tell you without question,

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Friends help mark end of Hartsock's career

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Former Mayor Bill Hartsock, who served on Farmington City Council for more than 28 years, was roasted and toasted Thursday at the Farmington Hills Manor.

The celebration drew a crowd of more than 100 - former dignitaries, present public servants, candidates for public office, friends and family. All the Farmington mayors who served since 1965 attended.

"The fun and jabs began early in the evening. 'I want to give you a history lesson to add some perspective,'" said Farmington Mayor Jim Mitchell. "When Bill was first elected in 1973, the city of Farmington Hills was five months old. So in a way, Bill is as old as the Hills."

It was a time when the last troops were pulled out of Vietnam, the Watergate investigation got under way and Coleman Young was elected to his first term as Mayor of Detroit, Mitchell said.

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He added that for him to serve as long as Hartsock did, he would have to stay in office until he is at least 73 years old.

Former Councilman and Mayor Dick Tupper who lived next door to Hartsock for 26 years narrated a "slide show," with help from former Councilman and Mayor Ralph Yoder. Featured were pictures from Hartsock's early days; he made his first bid for office at age 21.

Yoder described Hartsock as "suave."

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Family portrait: Grace Vthinen (Annette's neighbor), Bill's son Chris, his mother Annette, Bill and Carol Hartsock enjoyed Thursday's dinner at Farmington Hills Manor.

FHS grads leave behind concrete evidence

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The Farmington High School graduating class cemented memories of their alma mater with a contribution toward bench purchases.

Class President Julie Kimmel announced the lasting senior class gift at the Senior Reflections Program.

"The seniors raised money during their four years at Farmington High," said Denise Albrecht, a parent and member of the Falcon Society. "Their biggest fundraiser was the Senior Year Homecoming Day."

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Benched: Junior Lindsey Schlotterer and senior Nate Meyer check out the new patio furniture at Farmington High.

Company says workers are paid prevailing wages

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Local trades union representatives started protesting outside Farmington Hills City Hall Thursday, because they believe workers are not being paid prevailing wages for skilled labor performed on the 47th District Court being built on the municipal campus.

"They're paying less than what they're supposed to be paying," said Bill Kesslack, business representative for the Painters Union District Council 22.

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He said he'd heard about the lower wages second-hand, from former workers. Hellmer said he had proof of previous jobs involving West Bloomfield Schools where pay stub records showed the wage paid was far less than the prevailing rate that includes fringe benefits and health insurance.

He said it's difficult to police wage

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