Bosch pins hopes on technology

Farmington Hills' largest employer, auto-component manufacturer Bosch Corp., plans to increase its revenues from \$600 million to \$1 billion

from \$600 million to \$3 billion by 2005.
"We're well on our way to achieve that," said David Robinson, president of the Automotive Body Electrical and Electronics Division.
At a press conference Wednesday, the automotive technology giant offered tours of its 2-year old manufacturing and research and development facility in Farmington Hills. Representatives also allowed reporters to drive vehicles equipped with the latest technology produced by the company, some of which are already available on the market.

One intriguing new gadget is a radar-equipped cruise control system already available on the BMW S series.

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The system allows the driver to set the cruise control and the amount of distance he or she wants from the vehicle in front. Once the speed is set, the rudar detection slows down the vehicle automatically once it gets behind a slower moving vehicle.

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Change lanes and the car will automatically accelerate to the In other words, no more having to brake and then reset the cruise control in highway traffic.

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Another feature available on luxury Ford models is automatic windshield wipers. A sensor in the windshield measures the amount of rain hitting the car and automatically sets the

intermittence of the blades without the driver having to turn a single switch. A parking assistance system, with sensors in bumpers, tells the driver how close the car is to another object, perfect for parallel parking.

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Because vehicles are becoming more technologically advanced with safety and driver-assistance features, Bosch plans to grow with the trend by developing and testing such things as satellite-enhanced sound systems that play MP3s, high-tech wiper blades and motors, fan controls, night vision enhancements and lane departure warning systems, as well as seats that detect the weight and seating position of the driver or passage for proper air bag deployment.

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play a major role in the compa-ny's electronics growth, because components are manufactured and tested at the site. Already the building is not large enough to handle the workload, so

the bomoning is not suige chough to handle the workload, so three nearby buildings are being leased to handle the company's 1,300 employees. There are no plans to add more space to the 550,000-square-foot business on Hills Tech Drive as it would require more parking spaces and an investment of millions of dollars to build a parking deck, Robinson said, Bosch elebrated completion of a \$57 million expansion last year.
We're quile proud to be part of the community, he said.
We're happy of the support the city has given us."

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company of the Observer & Eccentric. 'He is a proven manager of very high quality community newspapers. He is in synch with our values as an organization. And he is an excellent leader for the hometown communities we serve."

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers play an important role in the life of our communities, 'Mell said. 'I'm looking forward to expanding that role in the communities we serve. Prior to his position with Townsend, Neill was publisher/editor at Lerner Community Newspapers which publishes 14-weekly newspapers in Chicago and the northern suburbs as a

subsidiary of Hollinger International. Neill was instrumental in integrating pagination system for Hollinger and converting to the 50-inch web, which is now used by the Observer & Eccentric. He also reduced

Recentric He also reduced company expenses while building the e-mpany's classified and retail sales departments and a specialty publications division. Neill previously worked as the top editorial executive for two other suburban Chicago community newspaper groups. At Pioneer Press he was responsible for the editorial performance of 48 weekly suburban newspapers with a combined circulation of 210,000. He has also served as a

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ager for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, said the road's construction two years ago is causing the soil crosion issue the RCOC is talking about and it has nothing to do with the water main break. "We're committed (to repair it) if it starts to show signs of deterioration," Ellenwood said. "., We feel all damage done by the break was repaired per their specifications." Bryson said the city of Southfield owns the Inskter section of the road and is fixing that portion of damage. The south and north sections are expected to be open within the next couple of weeks.

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DREAMS to aid Fisher Center

The Naileo Group of Farmington Hills will host DREAMS 2002 Once Upon a Time, a benefit for the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, Farmington Hills, at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. DREAMS combines fashion, food and fun for all ages. A collection of the finest entrees and work from local artisans will be auctioned with silent and libe between the silent and work from local artisans will be auctioned with silent and libe bidding during the event. The highlight will be Michigan's only reality-based fashion show with models ranging from pre-teens to seniors and Fox 2 anchor Huel Perkins as the Master of Ceremonics.

A VIP ticket package is available at \$150 and includes one admission to DREAMS, valet parking and priority scatting for Once Upon a Time. General admission tickets are available at \$505 cach.

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