

Hills Police Department receives traffic safety award

The Farmington Hills Police Department has again been recognized by the Michigan Associations of Chiefs of Police for its traffic safety efforts during 2002. The department was presented with awards for both Excellence in Traffic Safety and for Excellence in Commercial Vehicle Safety at the MACP's mid-winter conference in Grand Rapids. The department also received the MACP award for Excellence in Traffic Safety

last year. As part of the recognition, the police department, on behalf of the citizens of Farmington Hills, was awarded \$10,000 to use toward the purchase of traffic safety equipment. Each year, agencies throughout the state seek consideration for these awards that are sponsored by the MACP, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and AAA of Michigan.

Winners must demonstrate a commitment to traffic safety within their community. Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said, "I'm particularly proud of this recognition in that it acknowledges the dedication of our department members and the community cooperation that is so necessary to providing the highest level of traffic safety to the residents of Farmington Hills."



Pictured from left to right: Officer Michael Claramillaro, Sgt. Patrick Comini, Chief William Dwyer, Officer Daryl Slowinski, Officer Martin Goble

Historical Society meets

The Farmington Historical Society will present a special speaker at its next monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the lower level meeting room of the downtown branch of the Farmington Library.

The speaker is Jeremy Gold, a social studies teacher at Farmington High School, who has made a study of A.J. Crosby, an early Union Army enlistee from Farmington.

One of his students is a descendant, and he has a scrapbook belonging to Crosby. Gold will do a Powerpoint presentation.

Note: The meeting date is corrected from an article in Sunday's Observer.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Crosby

Jobless women get spa help

Tamara Spa of Farmington Hills is looking to give women who have lost their jobs in a tough economy a break and lift their spirits. The Spa is seeking nominations of women who could use a little lift by being pampered. Write a brief letter explaining the nominee's job loss circumstances and why they deserve "a break," and send it to Tamara Spa "Give Me A Break" 32520 Northwestern Highway Farmington Hills, MI 48334-1446. Entries should be postmarked by March 7, 2003.

Six women will be chosen from the entries received. Along with spa services that will rejuvenate, winners will receive gifts from area retailers that will help them boost their confidence, self-esteem, and help them get back on their feet again. Tamara Spa, in business for the past 23 years, was voted "Best Spa" in Metro Detroit by HOUR Detroit magazine, (June 2002).

DSO offers Kids & Strings locally

Young children will be given the opportunity to experience the exciting world of live music at an interactive concert tailored just for children ages 4 and up and their families, called "Kids and Strings," on March 8. The concert, presented by the Special Services Department of the City of Farmington Hills, will be performed by the Ambassador String Quintet, all members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. A special feature of the concert will be the pre-performance "visit the instruments" time in the lobby of the theatre. From 10:30 a.m. to curtain time at 11 a.m., student assistants will be on hand to not only demonstrate the string instruments, but allow children hands-on contact and a chance to try making their own music. Led by the five DSO musicians, the audience will hear selections such as, "Old MacDonald" and "Orange Blossom Special," as well as Copland's "Hoe Down" and classics from Vivaldi, Strauss and Debussy. A lively commentary will be included, as children are invited to meet the string family. Ambassador String Quintet members include DSO string players Larry Hutcheson and Paul Winger, both from Farmington Hills, as well as

DSO members Caroline Coade, Marian Tanau and Hal-Xin Wu. The concert will be the first live musical performance to be presented in the new Farmington Players Barn Theatre, the result of a partnership between the Farmington Players and the City of Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$11 each, and are available in advance at the Costick Center, or at the door the day of the concert. Limited seating is available; please call the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division for more information, (248) 473-1857.

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