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Pass the popcorn: Kids, tell us why your pet is a hero to win tickets to see the new movie "Gordy" about a heroic pig. /7B

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League champs: Farmington Hills Mercy won its fourth consecutive Catholic League girls golf title Monday. /1C

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'Beauty' wrestles with growth



Power Road, from 11 Mile to its dead end at the OCC campus, lives up to its Natural Beauty designation. But some Power Road residents are uneasy about a developer's plan for a 41-house subdivision.

BY MARY RODRIQUE AND ANDRILL GOUTANT
 STAFF WRITERS

Last November, when historic Power Road north of 11 Mile was de-

clared a Natural Beauty Road, residents seemed to breathe a sigh of relief.

The designation affords the road a place in history, guaranteeing that its

meandering, pastoral quality will be preserved.

Stop right there. Even as city officials were lining up to praise the idea and unanimously vote for the residents' wishes, a developer was completing a plan to combine properties totaling more than 22 acres and develop a new subdivision of 41 houses on lots of 90-by-120 feet of more than 3,000 square feet and starting in price at \$250,000.

"We weren't even aware that this was submitted," said By Kernicky, president of the Power Road Homeowners Association and a 25-year resident.

In fact, Kernicky and his neighbors did not become aware of the plan until March when they learned that the developer, Joe Trupiano of Livonia, would take his plan to the city plan-

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Humorous headgear crops up on walk



Photo: L. Adams/Staff Photographer

When the Rev. John Evans, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church, dons an unusual hat for the 10th annual Farmington CROP Walk Sunday for a story and more stories please see 7A.

Indians speak out about stereotypes

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
 STAFF WRITER

North American Indians don't say "How" as much as they wonder how long stereotypes will continue.

Wayne Jackson, who is of the Tuscarora Nation Bear Clan, introduced himself to the audience Tuesday at the Farmington Training Center. He

noted he didn't utter the expected Indian salutation.

"Did you hear me say, 'How'?" asked Jackson, who presents Native American programs to schools and organizations. "That's those cartoon Indians you see. You can't trust those cartoon Indians."

Or, the Cleveland Indians.

The baseball team with its animated "Wahoo Sam" logo drew the ire of Detroit-based Indian World president Adrienne Brant James, who also spoke at Tuesday's program sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council.

"We're not mascot; We're people,"

said Brant James, who is a member of the Mohawk Nation Turtle Clan.

"You just have to look at the logo on the uniforms of the Cleveland Indians. The man looks like an idiot. Such are products of history, which

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Local activist remembered

BY TOM BARR
 STAFF WRITER

For more than 30 years, Curtis H. Hall, who died May 5 at age 88 at his Midland home, had strong ties to the Farmington area through the public schools, the old township government and the business community.

"He did a lot of good things for the community," recalled Bill Conroy, longtime friend and former business associate. "He was a big contributor . . . a real leader."

Mr. Hall was born Sept. 15, 1906 in Lake City, Mich., son of the late Ezra

S. and Annie (Ross) Hall. He came to Farmington in 1927 to teach in the Farmington school system.

He taught more than seven years here, and also coached basketball and football. In addition, he served three years on the board of education, the last year as president.

Next, he opened Curt Hall Pontiac, an auto dealership in Farmington that he maintained until 1968.

He is probably best remembered, however, as the Farmington Township supervisor, an office he first won in 1969. He guided the township

through a period of rapid growth during his 12 years of service.

Mr. Hall helped develop the township's Industrial Park and, according to colleagues, worked "behind the scenes" in the movement that led to the incorporation of Farmington Township. Cityhood came July 1, 1973.

"He was a good administrator, a no-nonsense kind of man," said Bob McConnell, a township planning

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Curtis H. Hall