



President's Council

AAA agent Jerry Trochlo (front) receives his President's Council award from Craig Huffman, vice president of AAA Michigan's insurance sales force. Joining in the celebration were (background l-r), Steven Monahan, Charles Podowski and Steven Wagner, AAA officers. Trochlo, who works out of the sales agency at 28731 Grand River, has been named to AAA Michigan's President's Council for outstanding insurance sales and service during 2002.

SENIOR

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working editor at Gale. During her off-hours, she honed her skills as a poet.

When she was diagnosed with cancer, she began a journal for her young daughter. She died in 1997, leaving behind volumes of poetry and journals. The scholarship, a tribute to Collins on behalf of Gale, is designed to fuel the creative expression of local students.

After her death, Louise's husband, David Collins, also an editor at Gale, wrote a moving tribute to his wife titled *Afry Louise: A Memoir*.

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JARC celebrates grant award at dedication of group home

On Sunday, May 18, Congressman Joseph Knollenberg, R-Michigan, will announce the first federal grant funding for JARC at the dedication ceremony of JARC's newest group home.

The funding will be used to provide mental health support services and long-term case management for underserved and underserved adults with developmental disabilities who, without support, are at high risk of exploitation, homelessness, hospitalization, encounters with law enforcement, and even jail.

JARC's Executive Director Joyce Keller says, "It is heartening to see our government place a high priority on the critical issue of people with developmental disabilities. We are extremely appreciative that Congressman Knollenberg understands the plight of people in his district who lack necessary resources to live the full lives to which we all aspire."

From 1:00-3:00 p.m., JARC will celebrate the dedication of the new Jack and Evelyn Schreier Home. The much-style home is one of twenty group homes in southern Oakland County owned and operated by JARC. Two men with developmental disabilities live in the home at 29420 Minglewood in Farmington Hills.

Congressman Knollenberg will speak at the 2:00 p.m. dedication ceremony, which is open to the public. JARC is a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization dedicated to enabling people with disabilities to live full, rich lives in the community and to providing support and advocacy for their families. For more information, visit www.jarc.org or contact Anne Fleming at (248) 538-6610 ext. 339 or annefleming@jarc.org

Barker

Madelyn Grace Barker, daughter of Dr. William and Melanie Barker of Macomb Township, formerly of Farmington Hills, was born March 9, 2002. She weighed 2 pounds 8 ounces and was 14 inches long. Grandparents are Ruth Barker and Diane and Phil McQuiston of Farmington Hills.



SOCCER

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Of course, as soon as the opening kick was taken, every player on the field converged on the ball, forming a scrum of some 20 kids kicking at the ball but more often hitting someone's shins.

I was delighted to see Robert right in the middle of it, tried to will him through the sheer force of telepathy to knock the ball past the opposing goalkeeper.

As a former sports writer, I've watched a lot of youth sports, and I've always wondered about parents who shout directions at their children, frequently in direct opposition to what their coaches are yelling.

I vowed, during those sports writer days, not to become that kind of parent.

And I lived up to that vow - for about six minutes. Then, there I was, hollering at Robert to move up on defense when the ball was deep in the opposition's end, urging him to watch the ball, rather than play kick-the-rock when the action wasn't anywhere near him.

I understand better now the parents who holler at their children during the game.

I used to think they were doing it because they figured they knew better than the coaches; now I realize they simply can't help themselves. It's part of trying to support them, trying to help them be the best they can be.

No one can do that better than a parent, can they?

I bet Steve Yzerman's dad hollered instructions at his son, even with Hall of Fame coach Scotty Bowman on the bench. There's still enough detached sports writer in me to evaluate Robert's game in a fairly unbiased fashion.

He didn't score a goal, but made several good clearing kicks during his time on defense.

He hustled upfield when his team was advancing with the ball.

Passes never got to him, although I remain unflinchingly convinced he would have converted them into goals had they reached his little feet.

Frankly, it didn't matter what kind of game he played. He could have stood around, never touched the ball and allowed 14 goals to get by him, and I still would rather have been there than anywhere else on the planet.

For one hour, on one Saturday morning at one elementary school, I got the chance to watch my son having the time of his life, doing something he loves to do, and allowing me to be part of it.

That's my boy!

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the *Plymouth Observer*, and still learning to be a first-time soccer dad. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@home.comcast.net or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

AAUW hosts games night

The American Association of University Women, Farmington Branch invites men and women who enjoy playing cards and games to their Card and Game Fundraiser Thursday, May 22, 7-10 p.m., at Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

Bring friends or come alone and make new friends. Cards and popular board games will be provided, but all guests are welcome to bring their own games and cards as well. Several door prizes will be given away, and there will be a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds from this event

will go to the American Association of University Women, Farmington Branch Scholarship at Oakland University for continuing and interrupted education.

The American Association of Women, (AAUW) purpose is to unite graduates of regionally accredited educational institutions in order to promote equality, education, intellectual growth, individual worth, and development of opportunities for women and girls.

RSVP by calling Valerie Knol at (248) 615-1754.

'Flowers and Nature' welcomes spring back

The Farmington Artist Club Gallery welcomes spring with an exhibit of *Flowers and Nature* through June 30 at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

The gallery is located in Hallway C and is open to the public 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays).

The *Flowers and Nature*

exhibit will feature nearly 40 works by 13 area artists and the artwork will be available for sale.

Numbers identify each piece and price lists will be available at the Costick Center's front registration desk.

For more information about the Farmington Artist Club Gallery exhibit, call the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1866.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvements:

Construction of **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** to be located in the City as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Glenary Circle	Drake Road	Northmont Drive
Northmont Drive	Glenary Circle	Western Border of Subdivision
Elan Glen Drive	Northmont Drive	Glenary Circle
South Drive	Glenary Circle	Southern Border of Subdivision
Northmont Drive	Glenary Circle	Eastern Border of Subdivision

That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project, which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:	\$211,600.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	80.77%
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST TO DISTRICT:	\$170,800.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 2,123.15

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

INCLUDING TAX IDENTIFICATION PARCEL NUMBERS:	
23-09-104-024 through 036	23-09-153-014 through 034
23-09-152-001 through 009	23-09-154-001 through 010
23-09-162-012	23-09-155-001
23-09-152-021 through 022	23-09-176-012 through 021
23-09-153-001 through 012	

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 19th of May 2003, at 7:30 a.m., to hear and consider any comments in opposition or in favor of said improvement.

If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1971, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may require jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN,
CMCAAE, City Clerk
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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (248) 477-9722 or write: Religion Calendar, Farmington Observer, 33441 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

EVENTS

Indian Prophecy

Interested in Native American Prophecy? Come to the Farmington Hills Library at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, for a presentation concerning "Native American Prophecies on Future World Unity." The guest speaker will be Dr. William J. Martin, an internationally known visionary, seer, and traditional medicine helper. Dr. Martin is a well-known lecturer on indigenous cultures, prophecies and holistic healing. An informal conversation will follow the presentation before the library closes at 9 p.m. This gathering is sponsored by members of the Baby's Faith in Farmington Hills. For more information please call (248) 824-1863.

Coffee talk

Single Point Lighthouse Cafe offers an evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment provided by other Single Pointers. Cost is \$5. Not dogs, goodies and coffee provided. Call Single Point Ministries at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville, at (248) 374-5920.