

FARMINGTON NOTES

Color him happy

Michael Gorabelli, a third grader at St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills, won first place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Oakland County Council Loyalty Day coloring contest.

He was sponsored by the Boardhead-Farmington Hills and Auxiliary Post 2269.

Third graders from five Farmington-area elementary schools participated in the contest. More than 300 coloring books were placed in the schools. The books were to be colored and then judged on the basis of neatness and originality.

Michael received his award at VFW Post 1669 in Royal Oak last Sunday during a Loyalty Day program.

Subdivision notice

Attention, residents of the Holly Hills Farms subdivision at 13 Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington Hills:

The semiannual meeting of the subdivision's homeowners group will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Farmington Hills Branch Library on 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

Josephine Spencer, a zoning officer for the city of Farmington Hills, will speak, and an election of board members will be held. For more information, call Gail Heynes at 628-6055.

Hills hotel honored

Radisson Hotels International has presented its top honor — the President's Award — to the Radisson Suite Hotel in Farmington Hills.

The hotel was selected from among more than 300 Radisson hotels and resorts worldwide. The award is the symbol of outstanding quality for the chain.

The hotels are evaluated on such qualifying criteria as "quality performance review," guest comment card ratings and comprehensive implementation of Radisson's "Yes I Can!" customer service program.

Nancy Koziatek, general manager of the Farmington Hills hotel located on Grand River at Halsted, received the award from John Norlander, president of Radisson Hotels International.

Marks pushes home rule

By BILL COUTANT
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Farmington Hills City Councilman Ben Marks hopes to put state legislators' feet to the fire by reporting their stand

on home rule. Marks, Michigan Municipal League president, has traveled throughout the state, preaching the importance of home rule, a legislative accountability.

He now plans to send a report on how those legislators vote on key issues affecting home rule.

"That's the best way to make them accountable," he said.

Marks, who has visited most of the cities and villages represented by the league over the past few months, sent out his first "Home Rule Vote Report" earlier this month to municipal officials throughout the state.

"Each time the Legislature votes on legislation that directly impacts home rule, we will send you a Home Rule Vote Report, to let you know if your senator or representative supports your home rule decision making



Ben Marks

authority," the letter said.

Marks said home rule lost out in the Legislature on the issue of local control of pesticides, something the Farmington City Council has already debated. A bill to pre-empt local control of pesticides passed recently, and a compromise amendment to preserve home rule authority also failed.

Police arrest one man, and release another after chase

Farmington Hills Police released a man they said had no idea that he was going to be part of a grocery store robbery.

Milton Dukes was released after officers from the Hills, Southfield and Detroit surrounded a woods behind WKBD-TV studios. Dukes told police his friend Freddie Tyrone Hales, 30, of Southfield had gone into the Kroger store on 11 Mile and Middlebelt to cash a check. Hales came running out a few minutes later and the

chase was on. Police used helicopters in an effort to catch the suspect. Dukes was released with no charges.

Hales turned himself into Farmington Hills Police on Saturday. He was arraigned on Sunday on a charge of larceny from a person, a 10-year felony. There was no weapon involved in the crime, police said.

Hales faces a preliminary exam Friday at 8:30 a.m. in 47th District Court.

Wheeling around



SHARON LAMBERT/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Under wraps: Tom Angelella, a Farmington Hills 8-year-old, doesn't let a few raindrops spoil his fun on roller blades in the driveway last week. The blue umbrella adds a colorful touch to the scene.

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