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## Our Towns

### COHA meets

The Farmington Hills Council of Homeowners Associations will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at the Farmington Community Library, on 12 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake. The meeting's topic will be real estate legal issues.

### Mother's Day

Thanks to everyone who entered the Farmington Observer Mother's Day contest, which asked readers to put their feelings for Mom in just a few words - enough to fit on a florist's note card.



The winner chosen by random drawing is Farmington resident Margaret Cowley, who received a dozen roses from Wesley Berry Florist in West Bloomfield. Cowley, in turn, delivered her roses to a close friend's beloved aunt, Marycrest Home resident Suzanne Grove.

Look for their photograph in Thursday's edition of the Farmington Observer and a complete list of entries on A2.

### Free child ID

It takes about five minutes. It's free. It could help locate a lost child. It's Child ID Fingerprinting - and it will be taking place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 17, at AAA Farmington Hills, 38751 W. 12 Mile.

Parents who bring their children to the Child ID event can expect to receive a 5-by-7 card with their child's photo, fingerprints and other personal information that can be used by law enforcement agencies for identification purposes.

For more information, call (248) 553-3700.

### Mercy art exhibit

Almost 300 young women will have their artwork on display at this year's Mercy High School Art Exhibit to be held 2-7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 18, and 3-6:30 p.m. Monday, May 19, at Mercy High School.

Featured at this annual exhibition will be media including drawing, painting, printmaking, wheel thrown and hand-built pottery, jewelry and computer graphics. Some senior art students will have the honor of having a solo exhibit within the larger show.

Mercy High School is located at the northeast corner of 11 Mile and Middlebell. For more information, call (248) 476-8922.



Tom Chrzanowski enjoys a moment with FEA secretary Annie Miller and Walled Lake MEA former secretary Mary Overstreet.

## Surprise award evokes tears, memories

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

Though sometimes on opposite sides of the fence, both union officials and Farmington Public Schools administrators agreed to a special award for Farmington Education Association President Tom Chrzanowski a surprise - the first-ever FEA Distinguished Service Award.

The conspiracy involved both the invitations Chrzanowski thought were sent out and those that actually were. The latter group clued participants in to

the surprise May 6 at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. It wasn't until the guests arrived that Chrzanowski realized something was up. More than the usual crowd showed up for the annual Teacher Hall of Fame and Friend of Education Award Ceremony.

"And I thought we had a good, trusting relationship," joked Chrzanowski, who soon realized his usual, well-laid plans had gone awry. "My wife has often accused me of not being very observant," Chrzanowski said. "When I walked in and saw these

tables and chairs, it never dawned on me to count them. I see my MEA family and I see my blood family."

Chrzanowski was honored for his 30 years of service to the association and 22 years as president.

According to the event's program, the award was given "for a career of fiercely defending members' rights and for other services to the FEA and teachers of Farmington that are too numerous to mention."

Chrzanowski has bargained every

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## Library, bookstores subject to subpoena under federal act

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

The new USA Patriot Act gives federal officials the authority to examine library and bookstore patrons' records.

And if investigators do check into what books you check out and Web sites you view at a library, you will never know it.

Bev Pappi, director of the

Farmington Community Library said in the post Sept. 11, 2001, world. "There's a fine line we have to walk protecting a person's right and preserving freedom."

Libraries can be served with a subpoena requiring them to give officials access to records of a patron's use, Pappi said.

The Farmington Community libraries only have on record what books a patron has checked out. As soon as a

book is returned or a past-due fine is paid, the records are purged, she said.

Because libraries are typically viewed as protectors of freedom of expression and access to information, the new law can create a tainted feeling among library leaders, Pappi said.

"Libraries have always been at the forefront of protecting

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## School budget hearing Monday

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Public Schools district residents will have the opportunity to comment on the district's 2003-04 budget at a forum Monday.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas St., north of Grand River in Farmington.

Supr. Bob Maxfield and Mary Reynolds, director of business, will provide updat-

ed information on the district's budget.

"It's pretty straightforward," Maxfield said.

The district's operating budget is \$139,600,000, the bulk of which goes toward compensation for 1,650 full-time staffers, according to Reynolds. More than 2,000 paychecks are cut every two weeks; staff members serve about 12,000 students.

Reynolds expects revenues will fall short of expenditures by about \$3 million, which

will come from fund equity. About half will be used for one-time costs.

The district faces both a reduction in enrollment and no increases in school aid. About \$200,000, after expenses, will be generated next year when the district initiates a shared time program with Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington. The district will provide art, music and phys-

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### Another kind of classic

The first of the Monday evening cruises drew more than just sharp cars. Frank Horenkamp brought two of his vintage bicycles. He describes his Havelornes as the girl's versions of a Peeewe Herman bike. Behind Horenkamp Dave Heckman parks his 1960 Corvette.

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