Magic show is grand finale for Scouts camporee

OHN HOVANESIAN, who has been billing himself as "John the Magician" since he was 12 years old, will perform his

special brand of magic for about 200 Special Need Scouts in Clinton Valley Council's Boy Scout Camp Agawam on the evening of May 9. His show will be the grand finale of a weekend-long camporee for mentally and physically handicapped scouts

from throughout the metro area.

"John possesses an uncommon ability to understand and fulfill the handicapped secusity needs," said William Spice, scout executive for Clinton Valley Council, who asked Howanesian to return to the camperce for a repeat performance.

"His affable personality and warm sense of humor make these special people feel at ease with him, and this opens the pathway to growth and learning for them," Spice said.

The Clinton Valley Council which

The Clinton Valley Council, which encompasses most of Oakland and Wayne counties, will be assisted in running the camporee by scouts who are members of the Order of the Arrow, a service fraternity of honored Boy Scouts.

Hovanesian is an Eagle Scout, a number of the Order of the Arrow ssistant scoutmaster for Troop 179 in Farmington.

On hand to assist at the camporee will be several scouts from Trops 1919. the troop's Junior assistant secutimaster Dan Valdez, who is also the chapter chief of Order of the Arrow's Ottawa Chapter, and the troop's secutimaster Charles Williams.

"John stole the hearts of all the Special Need Scouts last year," Wil-llams said. "It's a great credit to our troop to have such a talented adult leader."

HOVENESIAN'S talents in working with Special Need Scouts — and pulling a rabbit out of a hat — extend to his studies at University of Michigan.

Now 20 years old and an honors college premedical student, he was given the James B. Angell Scholar

designation this spring. With a major in chemistry he has earned a perfect, or 4.0, grade point average for in three consecutive terms.

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For many years Hovenesian earned money by giving his magic shows for everything from private parties to grand-openings – for nursery school tots through senior adult events.

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The magician always structures his show for his audience, whether on stage or table hopping for close-up magic tricks and balloon sculpting. But the doves and the rabblts are always with him.

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This troop is comprised of mentally impaired, trainable, handicapped working with the patients most certainly added me in understanding the handicapped — as well as in my pursuit of a medical career," he said.

Throughout his career as a magician, he has always mixed charging for a performance whith benefits. For the most part his benefit performances have leaned toward scouts and scouting and through churches after his training in "Christian Magicians.

FOR THE FIRST time Boy Scouts from the troop organized in Farmington Training Center will be at reached by calling 474-3770.



John Hovanesian, known as "John the Magicisn" since he was 12, works his special sleight of hand when Special Need Scouts from throughout the metro area join for a camporee.

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Chalkboard lists events that will take place in Farmington Public Schools through the week. The calendar is compiled by Paul Barber, the schools' music coordinator who can be reached at 471-6441.

date	school	event	time	location	fee
Apr. 27	All	School reconvenes	a.m.	schools	
Apr. 29	Power	Spring vocal concert	7:30 p.m.	gym	\$1.50
Apr. 29	Staff	Appleworks: spreadsheet	4 p.m.	NFH Rm 217	free
Apr. 30	NFHS	Chess Club	8 p.m.	Aud.	free
Apr. 30	NFHS	Spring instrumental concert	8 p.m.	aud.	\$1.50
Apr. 30	Wood Creek	Live from Mr. Wizard presentation	1 p.m.	gym	free

Reye's Syndrome - aspirin link confirmed in study

National Reye's Synforme Founda-tion has announced.

The study, published in the April issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, found that more than 90 percent of the children and young adults with Reye's Syndorne had been exposed to sall-cylates — any salts or organic compounds of salleylia cald — during a recent illness. Salleylia cald els exystalline compound, as in aspirin.

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A new multicenter study proves the link between the development of Reye's Syndrome and the use of aspirin for treating such illnesses, the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation has announced.

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REYE'S SYNDROME is a serious and often fatal disease that has been associated with the flu, chicken pox or an upper respiratory liness. It affects children from infancy through young adulthood.

The disease can develop from three to five days after the onset of the flu, chicken pox, an upper respi-

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ratory illness or other viral infec-tion. It affects all organs of the body, but predominantly the liver and brain. It is non-contagious and is of-ten misdiagnosed as encephalitis, di-abetes, drug overdose or sudden in-fant death.

IN THE study, data from 70 pedia-tric care centers and the Center of Disease Control, Atlanta, compared histories of 27 cases of Reye's Syn-drome with those of 140 controls from January 1985 through May 1986.

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Controls were matched for age, race and type and timing of onset of illness. Twenty-six of the 27 cases of Reye's Syndrome occurred in children who had taken salleylates, the study said.

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