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An autumn ritual

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● **SPELLING BEE**
St. Francis Knights of Columbus in Farmington held its 12th Annual Spelling Bee for 47 seventh and eighth graders from area parochial schools on Oct. 27. The event was held at the council hall on Middlebelt Road.

Because of superb preparation on the part of the students, program director Don McKeever said the group decided to crown two co-champions "as it appeared that neither one was ever going to miss, and it had already lasted over four hours."

Co-champions were Margie DeWard and Jessica Jorissen, both from Beahan Junior High in Farmington.

The first runner-up was Puja Singh of St. Valentine's School in Redford and the second runner-up was Marc Vendrame from St. Michael's School in Southfield.

All four will represent the St. Francis Council at the Archdiocesan competition to be held at Patrick O'Kelly Council in Dearborn on Tuesday, Nov. 19. The two surviving students from that event will return to St. Francis again on Sunday, Dec. 1, to determine the state champion.

● **SPECIAL STUDENT**
Sarah Cannon, a senior at Harrison High School, was selected as the Student of the Month there for October.

"She's bubbly, always positive, always up . . . a major ham!" said Jenny Roberts, director of Harrison's last five school plays. Cannon has been involved in every play at the school since she was a freshman.

Described as the best comedic performer in recent Harrison plays, she has honed her dramatic skills in summer institutes at Oakland Community College and Adrian College.

In addition to drama, she has been a staff member and contributor to the Aquila literary magazine and a member of Harrison's orchestra and marching band. French Club, Nuance and Students Against Driving Drunk have also kept her busy. In her personal life, Cannon is active in her church group, participating in

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Hills asks state to OK liquor licenses

Farmington Hills City Council recommended the state to grant special liquor licenses for two planned restaurants on Northwestern Highway.

The Michigan State Liquor Control Commission had asked the council to consider the license requests by Brinker International, which wants to build franchises of Chili's Bar and Grill and Romano's Macaroni Grill on 32749 Northwestern, south of 14 Mile Road, site of the former Paddock Pools.

The commission would grant the licenses, which require Brinker to invest at least \$1 million in each business, after investigating the completed restaurants.

Brinker expects to open both restaurants by summer. Construction can begin after the city planning commission and engineers finish reviewing the restaurants' site plans and landscape proposals and issue building permits.

Brinker applied for the special state licenses because the city has

already issued all of its liquor licenses.

The city has issued 45 active liquor licenses to sell beer, wine and liquor but may receive 3 or 4 more because of population increases based on the 1990 census, Kathryn Dorman, city clerk, said. She said cities are generally allowed to issue one liquor license for every 1,500 residents.

In other business, the council set dates for public meetings in council chambers:

• With a citizens committee and Detroit Edison officials at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. They will discuss the July 7 storm and recent power outages.

• With officials from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments for a study session on the SEMCOG Regional Development Initiative at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9.

Also, the council decided to elect successors to Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi and Mayor Pro Tem Jon Grant for 1992 at its Nov. 18 meeting.

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