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Artistic decoration

The glowing watercolors of artist Jim Patterson will deck the Farmington Hills and Farmington city halls from Nov. 19 through Dec. 20. This exhibit is part of the resident gallery Art in the Corridor program sponsored by The Farmington Area Arts Commission and the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division. The Farmington Hills City Hall is at 31555 N. Mile at Orchard Lake Road, the Farmington City Hall is at 23600 Liberty at Grand River.



An award-winning artist who works with transparent watercolors, Patterson paints a variety of natural scenery, capturing the beauty he sees in nature into a moving, colorful design. Recently, he has been painting outdoors, which allows his technique to flow throughout the painting, providing a balance of color and composition that awakens the viewer's imagination.

Patterson has exhibited locally and throughout Michigan at art festivals, juried and non-juried shows and one-man shows at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Great Lakes Maritime Institute and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The recipient of numerous art awards, he recently received the Grumbacher Color Award at both the Farmington Artists Club Exhibit (spring 2002) and the Livonia Artists Club Spring Show. His "Bright Bouquet" painting was published in the Artistic Touch 3. As part of the Jim Patterson exhibit, anyone may attend a "Meet the Artist" reception at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at the Farmington Hills City Hall, and tour the exhibit with Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates.

For more information, call (248) 473-1856.

Dunham joins firm

John W. Dunham has rejoined the firm of Dykema Gossett as a staff attorney in the Employee Benefits Practice Group in the Detroit office.

Dunham's experience includes the design and drafting of retirement, health and fringe benefit and deferred compensation plans and compliance issues related to such plans. He is a member of Dykema's Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act task force and specializes in HIPAA compliance issues applicable to employers that maintain group health plans. A resident of Farmington, Dunham received his juris doctorate degree from the Detroit College of Law and his bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University.

Confession solves local robberies

BY PHIL FOLEY
STAFF WRITER

A chance trip to the bank and a sharp-eyed waitress who wants to be a cop someday helped end a string of bank robberies that have plagued western Oakland and Wayne counties since July.

Novi Police Chief Doug Schaeffer announced Wednesday that a 37-year-old San Diego man living in Redford confessed

— after being arrested in Allen Park the night before — to orchestrating the series of robberies.

According to police, the man apparently used the same method of operation in all cases: He allegedly gave female prostitutes "kits" that included demand notes and disguises, then took them to the banks and reassured them the bank manager was in on the robbery.

Louis Golematis, owner of the Lazy Lizard Restaurant in Novi's Main Street development, said he was in Bank One across the street from his restaurant about 3 p.m. Tuesday by accident.

"Normally I don't make the deposit. Usually my cousin or my wife does it on Mondays. It was just a coincidence that I was in there," he said.

It was a coincidence that proved to be very unlucky for a

37-year-old woman standing at the window next to Golematis. Dressed in a floppy hat and sunglasses, she had just allegedly handed the teller a note announcing a holdup.

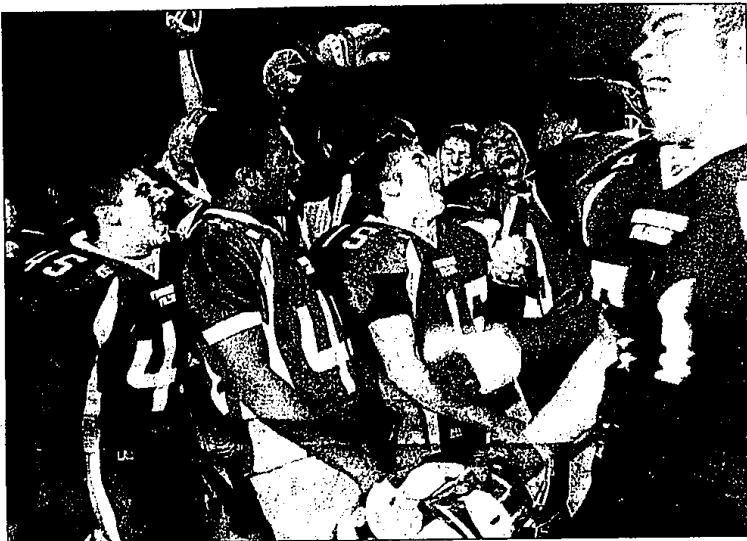
Golematis said his teller tried to tell him what was happening, but he didn't realize it until after the suspected robber was gone. "All their faces went white and they just stopped," he recalled.

After answering questions

from Novi Police, Golematis returned to his restaurant where he told his employees what had happened. "I tried to make a joke of it," said Golematis.

He said when he first came into the restaurant, he noticed a woman sitting at the bar who looked familiar. Golematis said the woman, who was trying to call a taxi, ran from the restaurant.

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All the right moves

Farmington High football players were jubilant Saturday night after a win over Detroit Central moved them farther into post-season play than powerhouse Harrison. The Falcons travel to Allen Park Friday night at 7:30. Details and a preview of the game are in our Sports section.

Rogers, Moffitt ready for board

BY JONI HUBBARD
STAFF WRITER

Life's about to change significantly for Mike Rogers.

Newly elected to represent the 14th District on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Rogers will be leaving his job with the Road Commission of Oakland County to avoid conflicts of interest.

"I will not retain the position," he said. "It'll create a problem."

But he's not gone yet. Citing plans to resign by the end of the year, Rogers was back at work the day after elections. "I have a job, and I take it very seriously."

As an experienced civil engineer, he said he has already been approached by a number of private firms. He plans to

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Joppich appointed city attorney

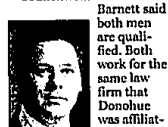
BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Steven Joppich was appointed Farmington Hills city attorney Monday, replacing the position held by John Donohue, who passed away over the summer at the age of 52.

In a 6-1 vote, the council said Joppich, 35, was the best person for the job. City Councilman Barry Brickner made a motion to appoint attorney Tom Schultz to the position, who, like Joppich, also has filled in at different council meetings since Donohue's death.

Brickner cast the lone vote for Schultz, saying that as the attorney for the Hills Planning Commission, Schultz has proven he's capable of knowing city

issues. "I've worked with him before," said Brickner. Councilwoman Vicki Barnett said both men are qualified. Both work for the same law firm that Donohue was affiliated with and represents the city.



Joppich

Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton Trux and Morley, based in Farmington Hills. She said choosing Joppich allowed for the planning commission and the City Council to each have its own attorney representing

PLEASE SEE JOPPICH, A10

Students learn nursing firsthand

BY SUZ BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Farmington High School senior Jennifer Nachtweih donned a yellow, gauze gown at Botsford General Hospital before she entered a fifth-floor hospital room Nov. 11 for Nurse Now. The one-

day program allows high school students to follow nurses around for a day as they practice their craft.

Many of the people she encountered were respiratory patients. The hospital experience was informative, Nachtweih said: "I watched them administer drugs

to not make the blood clot, anti-coagulants."

Nachtweih chose to learn about three nursing specialties. She later was headed to the emergency room and the rehabilitation section. She knows she wants to

PLEASE SEE NURSING, A5

Leukemia Foundation honors Hills couple

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Though their children never suffered the effects of leukemia, Farmington Hills residents Alan and Sharyn Cornfield gave years of their time to help the Children's Leukemia

Foundation of Michigan.

At the group's 50th anniversary celebration this year, the Cornfields were honored as the agency's most outstanding volunteers with the Children's Leukemia

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Sharyn and Alan Cornfield have been honored as the most outstanding volunteers with the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan's Sylvia and Harry Brown Award.

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