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Be a chef

Screening of applicants
who wish to enroll in the
award-winning chef apprentice
program at Oakland
Community College's
Culinary Studies Institute
will be held at 9 a.m.
Thursday, June 26, at the
Orchard Ridge Campus in
Farmington Hills.
In order to be admitted to
the screening, applicants
must bring a certified check
for \$10 made out to
Michigan Chefs de Cuisine
Association; a handwritten
essay of 150 words on "Why I
Desire a Career in Culinary
Arts"; a high school diploma;
a resume; a record of documented
work experience and
references; and post-high
school transcripts, if applicable.

Successful applicants
must also complete the college's
ASSET testing procedure
before being accepted
into the program.

The \$10 is fully refundable
if the applicant is not
accepted.

For more information call
Chef Kevin Enright at (248)
522-3710 or (248) 522-3700.

Docents needed

The Holzarust Memorial
Center will begin its annual
training session for individuals
wishing to serve as
docents.

The orientation session
for interested adults with
daytime hours to spare will
be held at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, June 25, in the
HMC's present location, 6602
West Maple Road in West
Bloomfield. Master docents
as well as new candidates
are invited to attend the
meeting.

Pre-registration is necessary
for those new to the
HMC docent program. For
information, call Selma
Silverman at the HMC, (248)
661-0840.



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ER medical resident Melissa Martens suits up along with fellow resident Bob Porzio (center) who's getting help from a Farmington Hills firefighter.

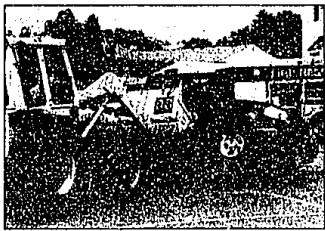
Botsford docs get an inside look

BY PAUL R. PACE AND KIM KOVLELL
STAFF WRITERS

Volunteering to be cut
out of a mangled SUV is
probably not listed in
most medical residency
requirements.

But staff at Farmington
Hills' Botsford General
Hospital thought there
was no better way to teach
future emergency room
doctors about the trauma
a crash victim suffers than
to get a first-hand look.

Along with the help of
the Farmington Hills Fire
Department's EMS and
Ford Motor Co., more
than 15 medical residents
at Botsford witnessed and
experienced what happens
to an accident victim
before he or she is
wheeled into the ER.



Vehicles were purposefully demolished last week to give doctors a close-up look at what victims go through in extrication procedures.

The demonstration took
place in the parking lot of
The Botsford Inn in
Farmington Hills on
Wednesday.

Emergency medicine
residents and students
learned how emergency
firefighters do their job
when it comes to crash
scenes.

fourth-year student
Chantelle Geavin watched
as firefighters sliced
through a Ford Explorer's
hinges with an air chisel.
"I'm interested in emer-
gency medicine," said
Geavin. "It's just a great
opportunity to see the
spectrum of what our
patients go through."

Dr. Sanford Viesler,
director of Botsford's
Emergency Room, said
the residents were fired up
about the training, which
was presented at the hospital
for the first time.

"It's an opportunity to
see how a person suffers
his injuries," said Viesler,
noting that finding out
what happens to the victim
is key to his or her

PLEASE SEE DOCTORS, A8

Split board OKs global ed class

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

The Farmington Public School Board turned
down a request Tuesday made by parents who
want to further review and delay a planned fall
class called International Affairs.

However, the decision was not unanimous.
Voting to approve the class with further review
after the first semester this fall were Gary Sharp,
Priscilla Brouillette, Frank Reid and Cathy Webb.
Board President Linda Enberg and board members
Jack Inch and Pam Christian cast no votes.

Some parents in the district have expressed
concern that the class may be biased in its presentation
of political and ethnic issues.

The class was developed by teachers Elias
Khali of North Farmington High School, Chip
Bridges of Harrison High School and Lisa Stevert
of Farmington High School.

Enberg asked Farmington Public Schools Supt.
Bob Maxfield about the implications if the issue
was tabled.

Students are already signed up for the course,
Maxfield said. In terms of implementing the curriculum,
he told board members, "Our staff
knows how to make informed, objective decisions."

Curriculum director Jerry Fouchey said
International Affairs is a reworking of a course
taught two years ago called National Affairs. That
would be the "fall back" if the class wasn't
approved.

Fouchey said Friday that 148 students are
signed up for the class, enough for two sections.
"That's a reasonably strong showing for a new
class," Fouchey said.

Maxfield, however, said he doesn't want to create
a situation in which the class is micromanaged.

As the board began its dialogue with parents
Tuesday, Enberg said: "As a parent of 20-year-
olds, it's totally disheartening for parents to have
their kids grow up and not agree with them on
everything. It's a difficult pill to swallow."

A high school classroom is a safe place to have

PLEASE SEE CLASS, A7

Residents alarmed by Rouge 'glow'

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

At just before dusk on a recent week-
night, Sharon Plonka let out a scream
when she looked at the color of the
creek in her back yard.

"It looked like the Emerald City," said
her husband, John Plonka.

The couple's home in the 34100 block
of Quaker Valley Lane abuts the Rouge

River, and the two became alarmed
when they spotted the fluorescent,
green glow in the creek and called
police to investigate.

John said he tried to follow the river
upstream to locate the original dump-
ing site, but failed to find an exact location.

He scooped up a gallon's worth of the

PLEASE SEE ROUGE, A8



Diesel spill

Michigan State Police and Farmington Hills firefighters responded to this semi truck and
passenger vehicle accident around noon Thursday on I-275 South of 12 mile. State Trooper
Charles Anderson said the woman in the vehicle was injured and taken to Botsford General
Hospital. Her status was not known Friday. The truck lost 150 gallons of diesel fuel in the
median, which was cleaned up within a few hours.

Local honored in journalism contest

BY KIM KOVLELL
STAFF WRITER

When Justin Robbins
entered Focus: HOPE's
19th-annual Journalism
Olympics, he simply
hoped to gain prestige for
his school paper, *Shades
of Gray*.

"Our newspaper is in its
fourth or fifth year,"
explained Robbins, an 18-
year-old graduate of
Claremont High School
in Livonia and two-year
editor of *Shades*. "We're
looking for some name
recognition."
However, Robbins

ended up walking away
with a bit more.

In a competition that
started with 90 high
school juniors and seniors
from the Tri-County area,
the Farmington Hills resident
was selected as one.

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musical acts and 175 different
tastes are some of the reasons
not to miss Tastefest July 2-6.



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