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2-Year-Old Boy Is Rescued; Man Charged In Fatal Crash

By DAN McCOSH

"I really don't know how I did it," Robert Falls, of West Bloomfield, said after he successfully revived a two-year-old boy who had stopped breathing when he was found in the wreckage of a car crash which killed his mother, Mrs. Doris Smart, 26, of Union Lake.

The tragic accident occurred on 14 Mile Road, west of Halstead Road. A car driven by Richard Johnson, who gave police a Lansing address, plowed head-on into the Smart car.

Nickolas Smart, 2, "is going to make it," after three days in the intensive care unit at Pontiac General Hospital, according to a hospital spokesman.

He is apparently paraplegic, the spokesman said. His brother, David, 4, is listed as "critical" at Botsford General Hospital.

Johnson, who was described by witnesses as weaving back and forth across the road before crossing the center line, was scheduled to be arraigned on a manslaughter charge in Farmington District Court Tuesday. He also was ticketed for driving while intoxicated.

Falls and David Brakoa, 26254 Kiltartan, Farmington Hills, were driving ahead of the Smart car when they say

they saw the collision behind them and the woman's car burst into flames.

Stopping and turning around, they tried to put out the burning car by throwing dirt under the hood. "We were afraid it was going to explode," Falls said.

They were joined by several passersby and neighbors in the area, who put out the fire with the aid of an extinguisher while Falls and Brakoa broke out the rear windows of the car and got the older boy out.

"We didn't notice the other boy at first," Falls said.

The second child had no pulse or respiration when he was removed. Falls tried chest massage, then cleared his throat and applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation which revived him after several minutes.

Falls said he had no first-aid training and still doesn't know what made him do what he did. "I guess it was instinct."

His actions have earned him consideration for a "life-saving citation," the highest honor for civilians in Farmington Hills, police said.

The accident brought the fatal traffic toll to 13 this year in Farmington Hills, one of the worst traffic records in the memory of the police department.



THE FARMINGTON volunteer fire department had to work for half an hour to remove this traffic victim from the car after a fatal crash. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

YES Reports

A youth employment program which was the center of a budget storm last year gave its annual report to the Farmington City Council Monday.

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Oakway Symphony

Observerland's newest symphony orchestra is going to be called the Oakway Symphony, after the two counties from which it will draw its membership. Players are needed, as well as members for the Women's Auxiliary.

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At Interlochen

Four area musicians will have a chance to play in a concert featuring famed pianist Van Cliburn. An audience of 4,000 persons is expected to be at Interlochen Music Camp for the event this weekend.

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Not So Traditional

Couples in Observerland are finding ways to make their weddings more meaningful to them. We've described a few in Observing Life today.

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Board Member

A lady recently elected to the Farmington school board by an impressive margin has well-defined ideas on the relationship between schools and community. You can meet her and learn some of these ideas in today's Observing Life.

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Burglaries Cut

A California suburb managed virtually to eliminate burglaries when it originated a program to identify household goods. For the background of a program now in use in Farmington, see:

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To Represent Michigan

Teen Wants To Become 'President'

By MARTHA MAHAN

A presidential candidate is packing his bags to take off for Washington Wednesday and the start of his campaign.

Tony Fernandez, 17, and a Farmington High School senior, has his eye on the leadership of Boys Nation, the American Legion sponsored program designed to provide an insight into U.S. government.

He is believed to be Farmington's first delegate in the 28-year history of Boys Nation.

Fernandez will be among 100 young men gathered in Washington for the mock political convention and election and visits and discussions with high level government officials.

All were selected from delegates to earlier Boys States held throughout the nation. They represent every state in the Union except Hawaii but including the District of Columbia.

Michigan's other delegate this year is Todd Polavin of Grandville.

Fernandez is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Fernandez of 21281 Woodfarm Drive, Farmington Hills. His father is a Ford Motor Co. engineer. He has a 10-year-old brother, Robert.

Fernandez has "always been interested" in politics, he said, and served as class president in both his sophomore and junior years at FHS as well as being active in debate and drama.

He was an unsuccessful candidate for Student Council president for the 1972-73 school year.

He also was picked to serve as chairman of the Federalists, one of two mock

political parties at Wolverine Boys State.

His party candidates won the posts of lieutenant governor and attorney general at the youthful convention but lost the "big jobs" of governor and secretary of state to the opposing Nationalists.

In Washington, the 100 delegates will choose a president, vice president and president pro tem of the Senate.

The campaign there will be "tougher," Fernandez conceded.

Young men chosen by their classmates and school staffs

to attend Wolverine Boys State were "outstanding people who had shown leadership qualities at their schools," he said.

In Washington, the competition will be among the "leaders of the leaders."

Chosen for Wolverine Boys State from Farmington besides Fernandez were Brad Borgman, Jeffrey Herman and Steven Koinis.

Fernandez, a slender, dark-haired, thoughtful young man, said Boys State gave him the opportunity to "meet an enormous amount of people and to get a glimpse of government and the way things work out politically."

"I can't say I think our

generation is going to be the dogs when I see the kind of young leaders who were at Boys State," he said. "When you have people like that, there's hope."

In Washington, Fernandez looks forward to meetings with Secretary of Defense Richardson and Secretary of State Rogers and a possible visit with President Nixon.

The delegates also will tour the Pentagon and State Department and travel to a variety of capital sights.

Fernandez foresees a possibility of a political career in his own future, although not until after he has established himself as a successful lawyer with a "visible income assured."

He speaks knowledgeably

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TONY FERRANDEZ packs his suitcase for the trip to Washington. (Photo by Fran Evert)

Sign Changes Are Adopted

The Farmington City Council introduced a new sign ordinance Monday which will be the new standard for businesses in the community.

Changes proposed by the Chamber of Commerce were included in the new ordinance, after a series of last minute meetings on the proposal.

While some changes were included in the rewrite of two existing ordinances, the main advantage to the new law is clarity, according to a report by City Manager Robert Deadman.

Richard Tupper was the only councilman opposing the ordinance, on the basis it should have a provision for planning commission review

of variances before they go to the city council.

In other business, the council:

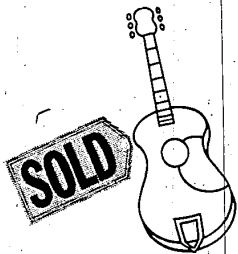
- Received one bid for National Bank of Detroit, or 5.25 per cent on Drake Road paving bonds.

- Approved a distribution schedule of six years for tape recordings of public meetings.

- Authorized the purchase of microfilm equipment for city hall records.

- Appointed Mayor Ralph Yoder delegate to the Michigan Municipal League conference.

- Set a November election date for the Detroit Edison franchise, up for a year renewal.



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