

# Teens' save tot pinned by garage door

By Chris Rizk  
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A simple ride home from school ended up an adventure in lifesaving for five North Farmington High School teens recently when they were credited with saving a 3-year-old boy.

"We feel real good about it now, but at the time we felt kind of bad," said Jack Herberholz, a sophomore. "I kept looking at little kids saying that it could have happened to any one of them."

"I don't know what I would have done if they hadn't driven by," said Judy Jonna, referring to the March 26 incident in which her son, Jeffrey, was pinned by a garage door. "All I know is that Jeffrey is still with us."

It is the valiant efforts of the five that Judy Jonna attributes to saving her son. She and her husband, Frank, of Jonna Construction Co. in Farmington Hills, have drafted a letter to

North Farmington principal Don Cowan and Farmington Hills Mayor Ben Marks commending the teens.

Herberholz was joined in the rescue by fellow North students John Krol, a junior, Pete Keller, a sophomore, his sister, Suzanne, a junior, and a girlfriend of Susan.

All five were on their way back from picking up Suzanne at an after-school activity when they noticed a pair of feet protruding from a partially closed garage door at the Jonna's house on Willow Creek in Farmington Hills.

"IT WAS really weird," Krol said afterward. "There we were, driving down the street when Pete yells out, 'Hey, look at that, look at that boy lying on the ground.'"

"Pete drove on about 20 yards and must of thought something was funny because he reversed the car. We saw this little boy lying on his stomach with his feet hanging out of the

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garage."

The students weren't prepared for what they found when they reached the garage. Little Jeffrey Jonna was trapped between the garage door and the ground and was blue from a lack of oxygen.

While Jack, 15, rushed inside the garage, Pete, 16, ran into the Jonna's house to notify the mother. Krol remained outside the garage to help

Jack lift the door off the boy's body.

Krol, 16, a weightlifter and member of the football team, said he relied on strength and determination to lift the heavy door enough for the mother to pull Jeffrey out.

"Jack and I tugged real hard to raise the door just a couple of inches more to get the door off the boy," Krol said. He later went to school to bench press "more than I've ever done in my life."

Jeffrey had been trapped and unable to breathe for so long that he had become unconscious. Judy administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the kitchen table while Herberholz checked for a pulse.

KROL LATER expressed the admiration he felt when he watched Herberholz respond to the emergency. "I didn't even know he knew how to check for a pulse," Krol said.

Suzanne called an emergency medical unit while her girlfriend helped calm older Jonna children.

"I really didn't think much of it at the time," Herberholz said. "I wasn't thinking too much at first because I'd never really seen a body that wasn't breathing before. I think I was in shock."

Judy said the family did not know exactly how the accident happened. Jeffrey may have climbed a step near the garage and activated the

garage door opener, she said in a phone interview from C.F. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Jeffrey remains there, one week after the accident and is slowly recuperating, she said.

Doctors have diagnosed brain damage due to the lack of oxygen and have said that Jeffrey will need several months of intensive therapy, Judy said.

KROL, WHO operates a garage door opener at his home, said, "Every time I press a garage door opener now, I'll think of that."

"I don't feel so bad about it now but then I was kind of depressed about the whole thing. I had never seen a lifeless body before."

Herberholz said they plan to visit Jeffrey when he returns home from the hospital. "We'd kind of like to be around to watch him grow up," he said.

## 1st phase of new park scheduled for summer

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By early summer, work is expected to begin on the first phase of developing the 212-acre Heritage Park. Farmington Hills City Council has authorized spending about \$800,000 to complete the first of many expected improvements at the park, west of Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile.

Though improvements probably won't be completed until late fall, the public will slowly begin to see changes that should be in use by summer 1988, special services director Dan Potter said.

"We're following the master plan that was adopted for the site," Potter said, adding that improve-

ments to be made will adhere to the concept of a passive park.

This year, residents will see development of a picnic area complete with cooking grills and playfields. The playfields — ball diamonds, volleyball courts, a cross-country track will not be regulation by any means. The fields will be dirt and will not be used for organized sports. Also to be included near the picnic area are horseshoe courts, a physical fitness court with 20 stations, tot swings, a sandbox, monkey bars and bike rack.

"We won't be tearing anything major out to put these in," Potter said.

A NEW park entrance, north of Ridgewood Drive, will be installed

as well as a new roadway from Farmington Road to the parking lot near the Spicer estate house. Restrooms are expected to be built this summer.

Another road extending to the center of the park and another parking lot at that point also will be built, Potter said. This central parking lot will be for residents using the picnic areas (several are planned), sled hill,

nature and cross-country trails.

The appearance of the park immediately adjacent to Farmington Road will be getting a face lift in the first development phase. A decorative fence will be erected along the thoroughfare.

The nearby existing pond will be enlarged to accommodate a windmill, which will provide water for the pond. The pond area will be part

of the park's nature study program, Potter said.

Though city officials plan to develop the estate house into a nature center, immediate plans call for using the house as offices for the city's special services/parks and recreation department.

In order to use the house as offices, water and sanitary sewer service, as well as electric and gas ser-

vice, will be installed this summer at a cost of about \$100,000.

Planned park improvements will be paid for primarily with revenue generated from a new .5-mill levy approved by voters last June for parks and recreation development. Water and sewer improvements will be paid for with revenue in the city's water and sewer funds.

## McDonald's leading anti-drug crusade

McDonald's Restaurants of Southeastern Michigan have joined in a nationwide effort against drug abuse in a program called "Newsweek On The Drug Crisis."

All stores in the seven-county metropolitan Detroit area, including Farmington Hills, will be distributing a special educational edition of

Newsweek to area schools, community groups and civic organizations through April 26.

This educational magazine offers an opportunity to reach young people, providing much-needed information on drugs such as case histories on substance abuse, up-to-date research and writing from the editorial staff of Newsweek and discussions

on drug testing and deglamorizing drugs in sports and entertainment.

"Through a program like this, we may help a few more kids say NO to drugs — and that's the first step in making the drug crisis a thing of the past," said Hugh Ross, president, Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association. "We're very

excited about this project."

"Newsweek On The Drug Crisis" is published by Newsweek as a result of support by McDonald's. It is a 24-page magazine with color photographs, an inside letter from President and Mrs. Reagan and joint anti-drug statements from McDonald's and Newsweek.

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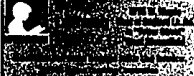
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