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ALL in the line of duty.
Trooper Judy
Anderson of the
Northville post
from the Michigan Department of State Police for her role in
the rescue of an East Lansing
man dangling by his arms from
an 1-275 overpass Judy 5 in
Farmington Illils.
Police officers and
bystanders thwarted the suicide
try by pulling the 35-year-old
man to safety from the Grand
River overpass above 1275 as
rush-hour traffic spec by below.
Anderson, 27, has been a
trooper for 4 years.
WARMING the rold

WARMING the cold. WARMING the cold A pickup site for the fourth annual Coats for the Cold drive, running through Dec. 20, is at Farmington Hills City Hail, 3155 II Mile. Coats will be distributed directly, and indirectly through service agencies, to those in need this winter. Last year, the Salvation Army alone received 900 coats, said drive coordinator Mike Bouchard of Beverly Hills.

#### QUOTE of the week

1 had his whole life in my hands and didn't know if I was helping him or not.

Farmington High freshman Tammy Allen, who helped per-form the Heimlich Maneuver on a choking student: 1A.

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#### Marks paces election spending

By Joanne Maliszowski stati writer

Big money didn't ensure top bill-Big money didn't ensure top biliing with voters for spending leaders
Ben Marks and Lawrence Lichtman
in the race for four regular terms on
the Farmington littlis City Council
Nov. 7.
The two outspent first- and second-place finishers Aldo Vagnozzi
and Jonathan Grant.
Topping \$11,200, Marks, a councilman since 1994, finished third in the
election while winning the last fouryear term.
He was followed by Lichtman
Jahaning commissioner, who spent
approximately \$7,500 on route to

winning a two-year council term.
Vagnozzi, a two-year incumbent, spent the third largest amount, 575%. Runcuren Grant, Farning-ton-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce chairman and new to the council, spent 33,100, according to post-election campaign finance reports filed with the Oakland County Elections Division.

Marks said he had to raise and spend a lot of money to overcome controversy surrounding his last two years on the council. The days of spending \$1,000 in a local election hid are over, the said.

Plagued by criticism for filing his pre-election funance reports late and paying the maximum \$300 fine,

Marks' post-election report was filed by the Dec. 7 deadline. "I had to work harder. I wanted to reach a lot of people. I had to over-come some of the slamming done by some of the candidates," Marks said.

IN THE race for a special two-year term to fill the remainder of former councilman Joe Alkateebs term, successful challenger Nancy Bates spent less, \$3340, than defeat-dincumbent Paul Sowerby \$4,251. Sowerby was appainted in March. But Bates had help. Both Farmington Hills Mayor Ter-y Sever and state Rep. Jan Dolan, H-Farmington Hills, filed campaign Innance reports declaring money

they spent to help get Bates elected. According to reports, Sever spent \$265 in postage, printing and print-ing supplies. Dolan spent \$632 in pos-tage, mailing labels, printing letter and endorsement cards. Bates is Do-

and endorsement cards. Bates is Do-lan's personal aide.

In his unsuccessful bid to retain the council seat he had been appoint-ed to in December to fill Dolan's va-cancy, Philip Arnold spent \$4,360. He raised \$6,176 en route to finishing fifth, behind Lichtman.

MANY OF Marks' opponents, in-cluding some council colleagues, have eagerly awaited a peck at his election finance reports to see who, particularly builders and developers.

contributed to his war chest.

"I didn't have any more develop-ers than I did last time. I did pur-posely avoid taking it this time. I turned down a lut of unsolicited con-ributions." Marks said.

In addition to a \$22,000 personal loan, a deht he forgave on the post-election report, Marks raised a good portion of contributions, \$4.465, at a fund-taiser. Other contributions came directly from individuals Large contributions came from daughter Rita Milan (\$500), former councilman Joe Alkateeb (\$500) and Marks 'sister, Alice Berlin (\$300).

Other notable contributors were

### Quick-thinking students save classmate's life stuffed the other half into his mouth and swallowed it. That apparently cut off his breathing, causing him to turn red, then blue due to lack of ox-ygen. He jumped up and down, fran-tically gesturing to the stunned class and teacher, according to witnesses.

Two quick-thinking freshmen at Farmington High saved the life of a choking classmate last week, after learning lifesaving techniques in a

choking classmate last week, after learning lifesawing techniques in a health class.

Jeff Moore and Tammy Allen, both freshmen, used multiple applications of the Heimlich Maneuver to dislodge a doughnut lodged in another boy's throat. The doughnut had apparently blocked his breathing.

The Heimlich involves standing behind the victim with arms around his chest, putting pressure on the chest area from the front.

"It didn't seem like it was really happening — everyone thought he was faiking it," Moore said.

A young man was cating a doughnut during a reading break in a second-hour history class Friday morning when the incident occurred.

In a joking manner, the youth had stuffed haft a dough into his mouth. Thinking it had gone down, he

and teacher, according to witnesses.

ALLEN WAS the first to take action, attempting the Heimlich on her friend.

"At first, I though he was kidding. Then he turned to me and looked at me, in my eyes. You could tell by the look in his eyes." She said.
"I had his whole life in my hands and didn't know if I was helping him or not."

After a half dozen attempts, and for help to the gymnastum arost helf the boy it. Woore's hands and ran for help to the gymnastum arost half. Moore deen used the Heimlich Maneuver 20 to 30 times to dislodge pieces of the donut.

"I already knew how to do it," he said. "My dad did it last year to Please turn to Page 4

#### Man killed when his car goes into path of truck

Mike Leiss of Hadley's Towing & Recovery of Farmington Hills carries the driver's door of

A Union Lake man was killed when he disobeyed a red light at Haggerty and Nine Mile and drove into the path of a tractor-trailer truck Monday morning, Farmington Hills police said.

A utility pole on the northwest corner was snapped as a result of the crash, toppling power lines and shutting down Haggerty, between Nine and 10 Mile, until early Tuesday.

Nine and 10 Mile, until early Tues-day.

Arthur Lawrence Yacobelli, 33.
was pronounced dead at the scene.
He died of multiple injuries, the
Oakland County Medical Examiner
said.

"We have no idea why he disregarded the light," said officer Ed
Fitzpatrick of the Farmington
Hüls Police Department Traffic
Scetton.

WITNESSES SAID he "had more than enough time to stop" but "new-er broke stride," Fitzpatrick said.

According to police, Yacobelli was westbound on Nine Mile at 10 ann, in a 1987 Pontiac Sunbird when he disobeyed a red light at laggerty.

The driver of a northbound Foodland Distributors truck entering the intersection on a green light noticed the car and swerved on the wet pavement. But he couldn't avoid crashing into the driver's side of the Sunbird.

The grash pushed the car north

The crash pushed the car north on Haggerty 200 feet. The heavily damaged car came to a stop in the middle of the road. Farmington Hills firelighters had to extricate Yacobelli, who was not wearing a seat helt.

Meanwhile, the truck crossed the center line, jumped the west curb of Haggerty, climbed a hill and clipped a series of power lines, the force of which snapped a utility pole. The pole held up Edison and

Bell lines as well as the traffic sig-nal.

The truck came to a stop at the top of the hill. The driver, a 48-year-old Howell man, was treated at Providence Hospital-Novi for bruises and pain, then released. He told police he was wearing a seat belt.

"He did a good job in keeping the truck under control," Fitzpatrick

Said.

Farmington Hills and Novi firefighters assisted Farmington Hills
and Novi police officers in traffic
control until utility crews repaired
the utility pole, power lines and
traffic signal. Repairs weren't
complete until 3:30 a.m. Tuesday.
One Michigan Bell worker was but
when he feld from the pole onto a
real estate sign.

The crash resulted in Farmington Hills' seventh traffic fatality of the year.

#### Noisy new freeway irritates residents

More on I-696, 5A

By Susen Buck

Today, all 28.2 miles of 1-696 are scheduled to open, but some Farmington Hills and Southfield residents who live along the freeway corridor want the noise along their newly widened stretch to go away.

Both Farmington Hills and Michigan Department of Transportation (MIODT) officials are working to have construction of sound barriers begun by at least mid-1990. Earlier projections estimated 1991 or 1992.

and Farm Meadows subdivisions no-ticed an increase in noise beginning in October, when the original Jour-lane stretch that opened in 1953 attrough then Farmington Townshap grew to elght lanes.

MDOT will host an open house 330-5 p.m. and 7-8-30 p.m. Wedness-day, Jan. 24, in the Farmington Itilis City Council Chambers to allow citi-rens interested in noise barriers a chance to review preliminary design plans and provide feedback to the proposed sound abatement.

Farmington Hills and MDOT officials will conduct a field inspection

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#### Hills couple turns backyard into special wildlife preserve By Joanno Maliszowski staff writer

Wildlife in Farmington Hills is saying "yes" to Joe and Judy Derek's almost two acres. "I thought something had to be done to bring back wildlife habitat." Joe Derek said. "We're here to share a planet. Somebody's got to do something."

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In the middle of suburbla, with maniteured lawns and bushes, and with little left in a natural state, the Dereks' 1.9 acres on 10 Mile, be-tween Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads, is a rural-like heaven for wildlife.

The National Wildlife Federation also thinks so. The couple's property

is designated as the 7,871st backyard wildlife habitat in North America. Thanks to the Dereks, wildlife irray find habitat, food, water, cover and places to ratse their young, according to the wildlife federation. Of course, Mother Nature has lent her expertise with a creek running through the property and an inviting wooded hill.

About half his property naturally provides a setting for wildlife; the other half is Joe's doing with wood and rock plies, bird feeders, a ellifree creek and attempts to maintain natural environment where trees and brush remain.

Birds – doves, phesants, red cardinals and even soveral hawks – are the most obvious residents and visi-

tors to the Derek acreage. But there's the snakes, raccoons, oppo-sum, skunks, woodchucks, muskrats, chipmunks and squirrels.

WITH AN eye as quick as a hawk's. Derek quickly turns and reaches for the binoculars each time he sees something move in his yard. If either Judy or Joe hear an unusual noise in the night, out Joe goes with a flashlight to see what is visiting or deciding to move in.

By keeping visual track of the bird feeders, for example, the Dereks can tell what has been in the yard. "The bird feeders are filled. That means the hawks have been around." Derek said. Other birds are unwilling to



Joe and Judy Derek, in the rustic back yard of their Farmington Hills home.

dine when they know a hawk is in the area.

Second their word, the Doreks are

From their yard, the Dereks can watch a kaleldoscope of wildlife act