

### IN BRIEF

#### Concert is planned

The Spirit of Detroit Chapter of the Sweet Adelines women's barbershop quartet singing group will sponsor "I Love A Parade," a concert beginning at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Featured will be women's barbershop groups such as Swing Street, Accolade and City Lights Chorus. Tickets at \$10 may be bought at the door. Tickets for students and senior citizens are \$8 for the Friday concert only.

For more information, call 534-4468.

#### About investments

Steven M. Zimberg, a Farmington Hills-based financial consultant, will lead his fifth annual workshop on investments at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

Fees for the two-hour session is \$15. Call the community center at 477-8404 for reservations or more information.

#### Promoted at Mercy

Christopher J. Podges has been promoted to vice president of corporate information services of Mercy Information Services (MIS), a subsidiary of Mercy Health Services, a Farmington Hills-based non-profit health care system sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Detroit.

Podges, a West Bloomfield Township resident who holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, began his career with the Mercy system as an administrative assistant to the former Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit.

He has held subsequent positions as senior systems consultant with Merco Corp. and as project manager and implementation manager for MIS.

#### Bank promotes 5

MICHIGAN NATIONAL Bank, headquartered in Farmington Hills, has announced the promotions of five employees.

They are: Nancy Bartling, to sales officer; Kathryn Borhwick, to commercial account officer; Tobin Dahm, to special loan officer; Jerome Henson, to real estate asset manager; and Mark Muirhead, to commercial account officer.



Firefighter John Wells (right) was first on the scene after Joseph Huber (center) suffered a cardiac arrest three weeks ago. Huber's daughter, Sellina, administered CPR before the Wells and fellow firefighter Dennis Hughes arrived.

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## Firefighters give gift of life

By Tom Baer  
staff writer

It's a pretty good bet that Dennis Hughes and John Wells are on Joseph Huber's Christmas card list.

Thanks to Hughes and Wells, career firefighters with the Farmington Hills Department, Huber is still around to celebrate life's big happenings — like his 63rd birthday last Saturday.

But Huber was more dead than alive when the two firefighters encountered him in his daughters' Farmington Hills home about three weeks ago. He'd suffered cardiac arrest. There was no pulse, no blood pressure. It looked bad for Joe Huber.

"Clinically, I guess he was dead," said Wells, called

to the scene with Hughes, "but biologically he had about another eight minutes."

The firefighters, both inspectors working out of Station 2, made good use of that time and of the equipment on loan from Farmington Hills' Botsford Hospital.

USING THE so-called "heart start" defibrillation unit, they shocked his heart back into action and then gave cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Following a stay at Botsford, Huber is "a picture of health," according to his daughter, Sellina Sullivan.

"He's a miracle to us," she said. "I thought he was a goner for sure."

Huber and his wife, Eloise, who live in Sarasota, Fla., were visiting the Sullivans in the 11 Mile/Inkster area

when his cardiac arrest happened. Huber retired 20 years ago as marketing director of General Dynamics in Rochester.

Hughes and Wells, bearing flowers and a Farmington Hills Fire Department coffee mug, visited Huber while he was recovering at Botsford.

"You go on a lot of these (emergency runs) and it doesn't always go your way," said Hughes. "You can only hope that things work out like this. When they do, you really get pumped up. It's a great feeling... hard to describe."

Hughes, who has spent 10 years with the department, and Wells, with almost eight years in, were among the many honorees at the seventh annual Recognition Dinner last week at Glen Oaks Country Club.

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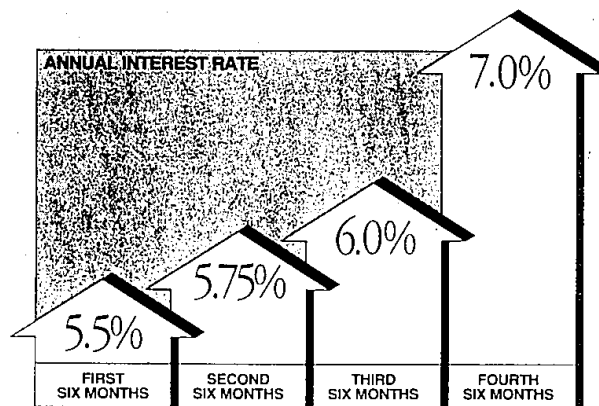
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