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**DETROIT TIGER** Frank Tanana will make his pitch at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, during the 25th-annual Farmington Jaycees Community Leadership Prayer Breakfast at Glen Oaks Country Club on 13 Mile east of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Tanana, known for his motivational messages as well as for his mound work, will highlight the program, which will also include a musical solo and the presentation of the Jaycees Distinguished Citizen Award. The public is invited to attend at a cost of \$12 per person. For reservations, mail checks to: Farmington Jaycees, c/o Janet Powell, 31805 Coronet, Farmington Hills 48334. For more information, call 553-0928.

**HOW DO you spell winter relief?** Some spell it T-R-A-V-E-L. Observer travel editor Iris Sanderson Jones will offer suggestions for making travel dollars go further when she speaks at a Chamber-of-Commerce luncheon at noon Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Clarion Hotel, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$13 for members and \$15 for non-members. Call the chamber at 474-3440.

**SPEAKING OF** the local chamber of commerce, it will co-sponsor an "after hour" business mixer 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Hawthorne Valley, 7300 N. Meridian, Westland. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, and display tables will be available for \$30 each. Additional information may be obtained by calling the chamber at 474-3440.

**ATTENTION, dads and their daughters** who are looking for an evening of fun: The Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services is sponsoring "Daddy and Daughter" dances 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, and Friday, Feb. 14, at the Mercy Center, 11 Mile Road west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

The program includes dancing, refreshments, corsage for daughters and bouquets for dads and photos of the couples. Registration must be made in person at recreation headquarters in the blue house behind City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. Early registration is encouraged. Call 475-9570 for more information.

**MEMORY LANE** — From the Jan. 17, 1992 Farmington Enterprise: Item From the Around the Block column: "We almost had an unexpected and unwanted visitor last Friday when a side rack on a truck broke loose, spilling heavy spools of wire cable all over South Farmington Road. One of the spools came to an abrupt rest in front of the office! The mishap occurred as the truck was turning onto Farmington Road, from Grand River. Several spools fell off, one missing a car waiting for a light, another headed our way. We figure the driver of the car was pretty much unnerved. As soon as the dust cleared, he took off right through the red light."



SHARON LEMICUX/staff photographer

Walter Lay, crew leader and heavy equipment operator for the Farmington Hills Department of Public Works, prunes overhanging tree award.

## Mr. DPW(onderful) He's 1st in department to win award

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

Walt Lay is one of those guys you rarely hear about. But you couldn't live without him.

"You just have to get up and come in to work," said Lay, an equipment operator and crew leader for the Farmington Hills Department of Public Works.

Like the other guys with whom he works, when the snow starts blowing and drifting — regardless what time of night — Lay gets out of bed, dressed and comes to work to get the big snow plows scraping the roads so

you can get to work in the morning.

"There's no day alike. Everyday is something different," said the 15-year city employee who is the 1991 recipient of the city's outstanding employee award.

Surprised is an understated description of Lay's reaction to news that he — the first DPW employee — was chosen by his peers as the number one employee of the year.

"Surprised? I wasn't even thinking along those lines," he said. "I couldn't believe it."

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## Woman he saved helps honor Hills officer of year

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

Judy Palmer won't ever forget Farmington Hills deputy police Chief Mirl Spencer.

"If it wasn't for the deputy chief, I wouldn't be here today," said Palmer, a Wallis Lake resident.

On a winter afternoon in January 1991, Palmer was having lunch with a friend at the Brasserie restaurant on Orchard Lake Road, north of 19 Mile. Thankfully for Palmer, Spencer was there too having lunch with Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer.

Spencer remembers looking around the restaurant — like most people do while waiting for their meal — when he saw Palmer, a woman he didn't know then — "grasp her throat. She tried to say something, she pushed her chair back and stood up. Her face started turning blue," Spencer said following the incident.

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Farmington Hills deputy police Chief Mirl Spencer (left) got a big surprise during the 16th Annual Farmington Hills Recognition Awards Night Jan. 6. Judy Palmer (right) arrived to help honor him as the 1991 Police Officer of the Year.

## Father weeps as son's killing is described

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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Bad Moore of Farmington Hills hunched over and cried into his hands as details of his 21-year-old son's New Year's Eve murder unfolded during testimony in Detroit's 36th District Court Friday morning.

A prostitute was describing how his son, Cary C. Moore, of Farmington Hills, was murdered in Detroit.

"They were pushing him. I couldn't tell which one was. They grabbed his arm, pushed him back toward the truck. I heard gunshots at that time," said Linda Price of Detroit.

Price testified that she saw Moore — who died from multiple gunshot and stab wounds — being robbed about 2:20 a.m. Dec. 31 outside the La Ren Cen Motel, 18850 Woodward.

She was one of three witnesses who testified at a preliminary examination of murder charges against two Detroit men, Earlendo Carter, 25, and Myron Williams, 21, in 36th District Court.

Judge David Martin Bradfield of the 36th District Court bound over Carter and Williams for trial in Detroit Recorder's Court on one count each of first-degree murder and felony firearms in connection with Moore's murder.

ARRAIGNMENT IN Recorder's Court is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 17. Carter and Williams remain in the Wayne County Jail without bond.

Both stood mute to the charges and no guilty pleas were entered on their behalf at their arraignment Jan. 2. If convicted, Carter and Williams face life in prison.

Bad Moore reported his son missing to Farmington Hills police about 7:30 p.m., Dec. 31, more than 12 hours after he had been shot to death in Detroit. Moore had been missing since the evening of Dec. 30, when he reportedly dropped off a friend at a Farmington Hills bar.

Judge Bradfield denied the Observer's request to photograph the



Cary C. Moore  
1988 yearbook photo

1½-hour proceedings because he said it would be disruptive to the courtroom.

"The guy didn't look like he was hit. He was still standing," Price said through tears.

She had met Moore and walked away from his truck before Carter and Williams approached Moore's new Ford Bronco outside the La Ren Cen Motel, 18850 Woodward, and demanded money, according to testimony.

TENSION HUNG over the courtroom as Price offered three different versions of what happened early New Year's Eve. At first, Price said she saw Carter. Then she changed her mind. "I can't really be sure it was Lannie (Carter) that night."

When questioned by Carter's attorney, Jeffery Edison, on her change in testimony, Price said: "I can't really be too sure. The person had a hat on. And I have a habit of not looking people in the face."

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## Teacher's attorney defends stop in park

By Casey Hans  
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The attorney for a North Farmington High School teacher charged with indecent exposure is angry with the charges, saying his client only stopped in Hines Park last August to relieve himself.

Farmington resident Charles Scheer, 55, a shop teacher at the north side school, was "willingly interviewed by police" the day after the incident and had only stopped in the park because a restroom he tried to use was closed, said Farmington Hills attorney Brian Herschfus.

Scheer was charged after a woman who saw him and believed he was masturbating, reported the incident

to police. "We feel my client's reputation was impugned because of this charge," Herschfus said. "Everything she saw was indicative of a man urinating... and not of a man masturbating."

"Obviously we will seek my client's vindication" and "regain his once sterling reputation."

Scheer is suspended from his teaching job with pay, pending court action on the criminal charge and a school district investigation surrounding the Aug. 14, 1991, incident in Hines Park in Northville Township, said employee relations director Susan Zurvalce.

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