

# City gets 2 lifesaving devices

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

Botsford General Hospital plans to donate two pieces of lifesaving equipment to the Farmington Department of Public Safety — a device expected to save more lives in heart-related emergencies.

Public safety director Frank Lauffhoff said the two automatic defibrillators, worth about \$15,000, are expected to increase the numbers of lives saved in the city. The hospital's Community Emergency Medical Services division, or CEMS, will do the training, and Lauffhoff said he hopes to have the defibrillator program operating by late summer.

In a lifesaving situation, the first four to five minutes are critical to restoring blood flow so the potential for organ damage is reduced,

Lauffhoff said. "Because our response time is two to two-and-a-half minutes, we feel there will be frequent situations where it can be used. Our response time is the reason this type of equipment can be lifesaving."

He said the equipment is also important for Farmington because the city has an older population more prone to heart attacks and similar problems.

The automatic defibrillators are computerized machines with electrode pads which adhere to the patient's chest. The machine analyzes the patient's heart rhythm and tells the person on the scene whether to administer voltage to the patient to regulate the heartbeat.

IT IS USED primarily in heart attacks, electrical shock emergencies

and other incidents which cause a heart to stop or fall into an abnormal rhythm. The neighboring Farmington Hills Fire Department has used such equipment to save lives for several years.

All the public safety officers in Farmington are trained as Medical First Responders, and several officers are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians. All officers will go through an additional eight hours of training and quarterly recertification on the machines.

"This is the next logical step in the process of providing a very valuable service to our residents," said City Manager Robert Deadman. "This will be a valuable asset."

Lauffhoff said his department saved several lives this year using cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and he expects many more to be saved be-

cause of the defibrillator units. "It (the new equipment) will do more good than we know right now. Instead of just doing CPR, we can see what the patient needs," he said.

Greg Beauchemin, president of CEMS, said he was pleased with the city's involvement. "Botsford and CEMS are committed to... emergency medical services in this area," he said. "We fully support the use of defibrillators by the city. They work very, very well."

The city responds to between 400 and 500 medical emergencies each year, of which 150 calls are related to heart problems, including attacks or respiratory problems.

In the 1980s, the Michigan Department of Public Health approved the automatic external defibrillators for use by basic emergency medical technicians.

# Store owner faces obscenity charge

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A Southfield resident who owns a Farmington Hills video store faces a misdemeanor charge of possession with intent to distribute obscene materials after police investigated a complaint that the store was selling or renting obscene videos.

Habib George Qasbi, 59, owner of Major Video Super Store, 23300 Middlebelt, pleaded not guilty to one count of obscenity second degree at his arraignment before 47th District Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer Thursday. A pre-trial hearing has not yet been set. Qasbi is free on \$5,000 personal bond. It is unclear if Qasbi faces a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

"This investigation was initiated due to complaints the department

received from concerned citizens and parents. They are concerned about minors being able to purchase these obscene tapes," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said.

AFTER RECEIVING the complaint, an undercover Farmington Hills police officer bought a video titled "Gang Bang" from Major Video Super Store, police said.

Said Qasbi's attorney, George Garis, "His position is that he wants to comply with the law. This is an on-going business. He wants to be sure he knows what he can do."

The tape was reviewed at the police department and was sent to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office and a judge for further review before an arrest warrant was issued, Dwyer said.

stores in the city," Dwyer said. "But when we get complaints we will take the appropriate investigating action."

Dwyer said parents who made complaints are concerned about minors buying or renting adult videos. Garis said Qasbi keeps adult video fare in a separate room near his office and can determine whether minors are in the room.

"He (Qasbi) has kids himself. They (adult videos) are in a separate room with a closed door. Nobody underage can buy them," Garis said.

Qasbi, according to his attorney, will not allow youths under 18 years of age to buy or rent R-rated videos and no one under 21 years of age can buy or rent X-rated videos.

"I would like to get an idea of what the standards are," Garis said.

# Fireworks assault victim: 'I'm not a bigot'

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"You're going to tell the jury, 'I'm going to protect what I can replace instead of my head?'" Pitts asked. Was responded, "I wanted to live."

QUOTING TRANSCENDING, however, Pitts said Was's eyes were closed part of the time. "I was being kicked in the body mostly, and my instinct was not to do anything, and they'll give up," Was said Wednesday.

Despite Was' testimony, Mohammed (Michael) Fayz — the man who dragged her out of the crowd that night — identified

Rutherford in court as the woman he saw hitting Was' 19-year-old daughter, Toni. "I said to Cassandra 'Rutherford to back away and leave her alone,' Fayz said.

Toni Was begged Fayz to rescue her mother from the crowd. Cassandra Rutherford faced in front of Fayz and Toni Was as they made their way toward the crowd and

Joanne Was. Fayz testified he did not see Rutherford hit or strike Joanne Was.

Despite objections from assistant prosecutor Lindsey Pitts demanded to know how much money Was wanted from her civil lawsuit. Was said the civil suit was filed so she could "get to the bottom" of the incident.

"You have to sue to change things. Unfortunately people don't change things out of the goodness of their hearts," Was said.

An annoyed Pitts, however, con-

tinued to ask her what she would be satisfied with: \$5 million, \$4 million, \$3 million, \$2 million, \$1 million. "I really can't answer that," Was said.

"You want some money," Pitts shouted at Was. She responded, "Not the way you are making it sound."

Pitts shot back, "I'm asking you do you want \$500,000?"

When Was didn't answer the question, Massey Jones looked at Pitts

and said, "I'm going to ask counsel to move on."

Massey Jones later urged Lindsey and Pitts to stop dragging out what was supposed to be a five-day trial. The trial will in the sixth day of testimony when it resumes Monday.

"Though the rest of the world thinks this is the only case in the city of Detroit, it is not," Massey Jones said. "I'm not getting the kind of cooperation I expected from the officers of this court. This is not the only case in the world."

# Storm drain repair bill could swell to \$500,000

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Assistant chief engineer for the Oakland County Drain Commission, Joseph Kozma, said drain commissioner George Kuhn has made the project a "top priority" for the county because of the problems. A total of 50 problem areas has been noted and will be studied by engineers, he said.

"Each problem is unique and each has to be looked at individually," he said. The engineering study is expected to take a couple of months, so the work is not likely to be done by the time spring rains hit the area. County maintenance crews are doing what they can to handle emergency problems.

SOME OF THE problems include

road crossings where culverts are being undermined, turns and bends in the drain which are eating away at residents' back yards, and even one case where a swimming pool sits dangerously close to some drain erosion.

Deadman said, if the repair amount is large enough, the county may sell bonds, giving the participating cities some 20 years to pay off the debt. Kozma said his department has "no way of knowing" how much the project will cost, and had based the estimate of \$500,000 on the 50 problem areas at \$10,000 each.

Farmington City Council members voted to approve \$5,950 as their portion of a \$50,000 assessment to pay for the engineering study and interim repairs until a study can be completed. Farmington Hills has yet

to consider such a payment.

The \$5.5 million Caddell drain project — named for an Oakland County drain commissioner — was approved in the early 1980s to prevent flooding problems along a corridor which includes the Red Roof Inn area near 10 Mile and Grand River, an area which is prone to flooding. It was built to alleviate floods such as the ones that struck

the area in late 1981 and, to a lesser degree, floods that hit last year.

A large part of the money for the project, about \$1 million, was spent on retention basins to hold water, and release it at set intervals, Deadman said.

It covers an area ranging from Haggerty Road south of 10 Mile in Farmington Hills to the industrial park in Farmington Hills.

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Such was the result when people believe in good faith. Who knows what potential disaster lies with the home brewed remedies, presently marketed as something that "can't hurt but may help."

Point 2: doctors are too proud. They won't accept something if it isn't scientific. Science doesn't have all the answers but does understand when a medical product is foolish, fraudulent, or potentially dangerous. People who disparage scientific opinion on such matters are either misinformed or swindlers.

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# Hills woman advises those with cancer

A seminar series is planned for the Detroit area to help cancer patients deal with issues not often addressed or discussed by the medical community.

Joanne Zuroff, a Farmington Hills resident and a former journalist and broadcast reporter who has had both breast and ovarian cancer, has started Recovery & Discovery, a company presenting seminars for active, recovering and recovered cancer patients.

The seminars, which will be launched in April and May of this year, are daylong events. Speakers from all over the country will be sharing information and education on sexual and psychological issues, hair (wigs), make-up and fashion, how to get the most out of vasectomy, urinary, exercise, support systems and many other concerns.

The four seminars will be on April 27-28 and May 18-19 at locations around the metro Detroit area. Information on the seminars is available by calling Recovery & Discovery at 313-626-1985.

"I STARTED Recovery & Discovery to help those who lack the information and courage to confront many of these problems independently," said Zuroff.

"No one tells you how to deal with your eyebrows or eyelashes falling out or how to dress to make yourself feel better while going through chemotherapy. There are so many resources in the Detroit area and I want to make them available to you."

"The seminars will be taken out of the hospital environment," says Zuroff. "They will be held in local hotels and historical homes. Her plans may also include a newsletter to keep former seminar



Joanne Zuroff

attendees updated and a series of seminars for male cancer patients. Zuroff was born in Tiffin, Ohio, and attended Ohio State University, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. She has a diploma in broadcasting from the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts and has been a news reporter and newscaster.

Zuroff is a member of Alpha Omega Women's Auxiliary, American Friends of Bar-Ilan University, was a trained guide for the Holocaust Memorial Center and is a member of the national speakers bureau of American Women for Israel and Torah (AMIT).

She is a member of the Jewish Welfare Federation, the League of Jewish Women, Hadassah, Orit, National Council of Jewish Women and the Women's Orthodox League. She is also writing a book, "Once Upon a Tumor," a bright look at a woman's dark days of cancer.

Zuroff and her husband Arnold have five children and four grandchildren.