

# Man killed, 2 injured in auto-motorbike wreck

By CRAIG NEWMAN

One person was killed and two injured in an auto-motorbike accident early Sunday morning in Farmington Hills.

Douglas Hathorn, 18, of 30150 Green Acres, Farmington Hills, was dead on arrival at Botsford Hospital, Farmington.

Hathorn was a passenger in a car driven by John Fournie, 18, also of Farmington Hills. Fournie was treated and released from Botsford.

The motorcycle was driven by Jeff Arron Nippa, 30, of Detroit. He is reported in critical condition in Botsford's intensive care unit. A hospital official said Nippa is in "fairly stable condition."

The accident, according to police, was on Orchard Lake Road, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Mile Roads. Fournie, driving a purple Vol-

kwagen, was following an unidentified vehicle northbound on Orchard Lake, police said.

Fournie then turned left on Firwood Drive. When he was turned, the motorcycle hit his auto on the right side.

Two police officers, John Hendrick and John Koble, witnessed the accident from near the intersection.

"Right now, there is a very good possibility that Fournie did not yield the right of way to the motorcyclist," said Lt. Arlo Newell, of Farmington Hills Traffic Safety Bureau.

"But on the other hand," he said, "officers who saw the accident said the cyclist was going over the posted speed limit."

Newell estimated that Nippa was going between 30-35 miles per hour.

According to police photographs, the motorcycle was almost implanted into the automobile.

The accident is still under investigation.

"We have a long way to go on this one," Newell said.

The Oakland County medical examiner listed the death as from shock and internal injuries and fractures received in the accident.

Funeral services for Hathorn were Wednesday at Heerney-Sandquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

He was born in Detroit on Aug. 11, 1958. He has lived in the area for most of his life.

He graduated from North Farmington High School in 1974 and was attending Central Michigan University.

He is survived by his parents, Harvey and Ann Hathorn, brothers Robert, Chris and Eric and his grandmother, Rose Whitmore of Westland.



The Jaycee Rodeo, part of the Farmington Founders' Festival, wasn't all fun and games. This cowboy was knocked cold by a kick from a bull he was riding. (Staff photo by Harry Maute)

## Miss Farmington pageant is exciting—even for losers

By CORINNE ABATT

The Miss Farmington 1975 crown rests securely on the head of Janice Schriber. It was placed there by judges who decided she was the most outstanding of the 19 contestants. The city will sponsor her in the Miss Michigan pageant.

Everyone knows how a winner feels—elated, proud, tearfully happy. But the losers? Was it worth it—the anxious moments, the build-up, the hours spent preparing an act and a wardrobe?

At least three who watched Miss Schriber being crowned will probably be back next year for another try.

Debra Miller's parents encouraged her to enter this year; they hope she'll try again.

She wasn't surprised at the outcome. "I knew all along Janice was gonna win. She has the posture and the poise that's just great."

She and Miss Schriber are good friends. It wasn't as hard losing to a friend, she said.

A senior at Farmington High, she will graduate next January and probably go to college.

HER SUMMARY of the experience. "I enjoyed it because I met a lot of different girls."

Chances are, that with encouragement from family and friends, Miss Miller will polish up another jazz dance routine and be back in the Miss Farmington spotlight a year from now.

Diane Davey, 19, entering her sophomore year at Central Michigan was a late entrant in the pageant. Yet, she was first on stage for the talent, bathing suit and evening gown competitions.

"I thought I'd really be scared, but I didn't have time." Disappointing was the fact that the mike wasn't on

for her speech. Satisfying was her performance of a Grieg piano solo.

"It went very well, and I was pleased with my performance," she says.

Could be the pageant has provided the fine edge of confidence Miss Davey will need as she campaigns for homecoming queen at Central this fall.

"The pageant definitely gave me more confidence."

Her sponsor encouraged her to enter this year. She has had calls from friends encouraging her to try again.

Will she? "I'm debating it."

Joan Cianciolo was hoping to at least make it to the finals. Speaking easily and pleasantly of the pageant, she questions whether talent should count 50 per cent when the first prize is a college scholarship.

"What does talent have to do with a college scholarship?"

Then she says, "Sure, I really had a good time. Of course, I was disappointed, but I may go back and try again next year."

Miss Cianciolo put a tap dance routine together in a short period after not having danced since January. For

a spur-of-the-moment thing, she feels she did a "pretty good job."

ADMITTING SHE was a little scared before her performance she says, "I've been on stage before in high school, but I don't believe even the most professional is ever confident as he walks out and sees all those faces."

Her assessment. "It was a good experience, and I loved working with Hilda Zelek—she's a doll."

Ma Zelek is still smiling after her first stint as chairman of the pageant committee. In fact, she too plans to be back next year.

Three Farmington fire trucks were in the right place at the right time when the Job's Daughters' float caught on fire just before the Farmington Founder's Festival parade began Saturday.

No one was hurt, but the float was totally destroyed before the flames could be put out.

Because of their starting lineup for the parade, the trucks were directly behind the float. It had already been judged, but hadn't won any prizes and didn't appear in the parade.

THE PARADE, which started at 10 a.m., traveled northwest on Grand River. Betty Dunn of Troy and Pete Turgeson of Farmington emceed the event.

Twenty-five awards were offered in 12 categories.

First prize for float organization was won by the Farmington Beautification Commission, with the Jaycees taking second and the Farm-

## Fire trucks douse float

ington Hills Beautification Commission float winning third.

Burger King won first place in the commercial floats category. The Holiday Inn Vikings took second and Real Estate One took third.

First in the marching drill division was captured by the Crimson Brigadiers, with the Veterans of Foreign War Color Guard coming in second.

The Brigadiers took first and the Twirling Stars placed second in the junior town and drum category. The Challengers were third.

Competing in the miscellaneous category, the Moslem Shrine cycle patrol won first, the Moslem Shrine Americans won second and the Moslem Shrine Lancers came in third.

Lakeland High School Band placed first in the band competition, and the Moslem Shrine Oriental Band took second. Dearborn Heights Riverside High School Band took third.

SEAWAY MUSICAL CORPS won in the senior baton drum division, with the Ambassadors of Toledo, Ohio, taking second and the Mariners of Columbus, Ohio, taking third.

Best of parade-general effect went to the Moslem Shrine Motor Corps, and Pontiac Unicyclist won the prize for best non-marching drill.

The Drake's Cup, sponsored by the Drake's Merchants' Association for the most outstanding marching unit, went to the Flint Guardsmen.

The Farmington Elks No. 1985 Motor Drill Team captured the Farmington Chamber of Commerce Perpetual Trophy, and the Farmington Combined Elementary Summer Band won an honor award.

An award for the most outstanding musicians went to the Townsman Drum Corps of Leannington, Ont.

## Hills police investigate if man's body was 'dumped'

Farmington Hills police are investigating whether a man found dead near Drake and Eight Mile was murdered at the site or dumped there after being killed elsewhere.

Three other bodies have been found in Farmington Hills this year, each apparently murdered elsewhere and "dumped" in Farmington Hills.

The man, James Henry Johnson, 33, of 12822 Westbrooke, Detroit, was found at 7:30 a.m. Monday in a grassy area near Fend and Drake. A construction worker, Gerome D. Becker,

found the body next to concrete construction pipe.

Farmington Hills Safety Director Ronald Holko said the man could have been killed at the site.

"There's enough blood there that it could have been either way."

Whether the man was killed in Farmington Hills or just dumped won't be determined until the killer is caught, Holko said.

Police conducted a house-to-house search of the area, but refused to disclose results. Police also refused to dis-

vulge whether any evidence was found at the scene.

There was no identification on the body when it was found, Michigan State Police helped identify the man and conducted tests at the scene.

Oakland County Medical Examiner's office said the cause of death was "multiple blunt injuries to the head."

Police gave no motive for the killing.

## Hills may get health facility

Approval by the state for a new long-term health care facility in Oakland County is being sought. The proposal calls for the construction of a 200-bed home at 30251 Thirteenth Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

An application for a Certificate of Need has been filed with the Division of Health Facility Planning and Construction of the State Health Department, as called for by federal regulations.

Planners of the facility propose initially to allocate all of the beds to supervised residential care, with the contingency that 80 of the beds may be converted to nursing care use at an undetermined future date.

The home, to be known as Detroit Baptist Manor, would cost approximately \$2.3 million to build and could be completed by July 1977.



Searching for clues

Farmington Hills and Michigan State Police combed the area where the body of a Detroit male was found early Monday morning. (Photo by Craig Newman)

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