

Cat survives 15-floor fall

What's able to leap tall buildings with a single bound? It's "Supercat." Or, as affectionately called by its owner, Iris Finsilver, "little Superwoman."

Anna, a six-month-old kitten, leaped off the 15-story apartment building (a 100-foot drop) at the North Park Place Apartments in Southfield last week and survived the fall apparently unscathed.

"Anna was just sitting on the balcony and looking up at the sky," said Mrs. Finsilver. "When I called her name, she jumped. I think she was startled."

Mrs. Finsilver said she thought the kitten had died. "I called my husband and then notified the maintenance engineer, who brought her upstairs," she said.

Rick Cooper, the maintenance engineer, said he found the kitten in the bushes in the back of the apartment building. "She was hissing and I put her in a box and took her upstairs to Mrs. Finsilver's apartment."

"When I took Anna out of the box, she took about four steps and then laid down because she was in shock," Dr. Jeffrey Feld of the Nine Mile Road Veterinary Hospital, who treated the kitten, said it was "just a miracle."

"Fortunately, the cat had fallen into some bushes," said Dr. Feld. "It came out with some problems — it was in shock, had some coordination difficulties and couldn't breathe."

"Incredibly, we didn't find any broken bones. We found a minor problem in the chest with air filling up in the chest cavities as a result of the fall, and some bruises."

Anna has a history of leaping from tall objects, according to its owners. "She just loves to jump," said Mrs. Finsilver.

The Finsilver, who began putting their cats (Anna and Sigmund) out on the balcony when they misbehaved, have decided not to allow them to play there any longer.

"Since March, we've been putting them out on the balcony," said Stuart Finsilver. "The cats didn't like being out there in the cold weather, but when it became warmer, they loved it. Instead of a punishment, it became a reward."

Mrs. Finsilver said when the incident occurred, she suggested to her husband that they write a book about Anna's experience entitled, "God is my co-pilot."



Iris Finsilver returns to the 15th-floor balcony with her cat, Anna. The young feline fell from the balcony last week and landed safely on the Southfield landscape far below.

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Through computers provided by Com-Share, Inc., race results, including times and rankings listed by sex and age division, will be available 10 minutes after the last finisher crosses the line.

Plodgers from the races will benefit the Michigan Special Olympics. Registration deadline is July 6. For registration information, call 665-7052.

Offices announce holiday schedules

All Secretary of State branch offices will be closed on Friday and Saturday for the Fourth of July holiday.

Motorists whose licenses or vehicle registrations expire on July 3, 4 or 5 should renew prior to the Fourth of July weekend.

THERE WILL BE no regular residential or business mail delivery or lobby window service at the Farmington Post Office on Saturday.

Special delivery service, express mail service and holiday collection service will be provided.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Farmington Hills Summer 1981 Tax Statements are payable from July 1, 1981 through August 31, 1981. A 4% penalty added on September 1, 1981, plus 1/2% interest per month on unpaid balance.

City Hall Office will be open for payment of taxes 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with the following exception:

Friday, July 3, 1981, Closed all day.

For taxpayers convenience, a night depository, located on the east wall of the front courtyard, is available for after hours tax payments. Also, tax payments may be made at any National Bank of Detroit. They will accept tax payments until 3:00 p.m., August 31, 1981.

Whether you pay your taxes in person, through the mail, or by night depository, be sure to return BOTH COPIES of the tax bill.

Applications for deferment of 1981 taxes will be available at the City of Farmington Hills Treasurer's Office. If your income for 1980 did not exceed \$10,000 and you are a paraplegic, quadriplegic, senior citizen, eligible serviceman, eligible veteran, eligible widow, blind or totally or permanently disabled, your application must be filed with the City of Farmington Hills Treasurer's Office no later than September 15, 1981. Summer taxes that are deferred will be payable along with winter taxes no later than Monday, February 15, 1982.

By law, PAYMENTS BY MAIL are recorded by the Treasurer on the date actually received. Payments received after August 31, 1981, will be returned with added penalty.

CHARLES D. ROSCH
Finance Director/Treasurer

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