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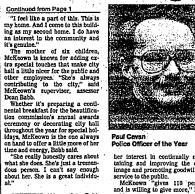
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to life, Feiten said. Being the youngest, "she was missing the give and take of a large family."
One of Luisa's first gifts from the Farmington family was a Siang Dictionary, to help her understand. this country's "crazy slang," she added. "We are so inundated with slang, It's ridiculously hard."

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Not only is the American form of English filled wittl slang, but it is different from the British form of the language that Luiss became accustomed to after spending ber summers in England with her father and a group of his students.
The daily journals she kept during her summers in England gave her the incentive to keep one for pear-long stay in the United States.

"I think it takes a good deal of maturity myself," Jane Felten sald. "I would have a hard time sending my daughter off to a foreign country. I think it's been a fun experience for all my kids." The experience has not only brought Luisa close to the Felten family, but has brought some of the realities of today's world to light.

Both Jane and Luisa believe if more people had such exchange ex-periences, "the world would learn to understand one another," Jane

"Both of us have this little



OFFERING AN anecdote, Babb recalled when McKeown was told of her award. "Med I don't do anything special," Babb recalled McKeown saying.
"But that's what makes her so special, just her being her," Babb added.

Other employees and supervisors who nominated McKeown lauded



Paul Cavan Police Officer of the Year

her interest in continually main-taining and improving the city's image and promoting goodwill and service to the public. McKeown "gives 110 percent and is willing to give more," Babb said

As Employee of the Year,

As Employee of the Year, McKeown was given a commemorative plaque and a \$500 award. An engraved plaque will be displayed in city hall in her honor. Farmington Hills City Council authorized the employee recognized the complex of the conference of the complex of

FOUR EMPLOYEES were also honored Monday as outstanding employees. They include Loretta Conway, Department of Special

Outstanding Hills employees

Services senior adult activities coordinator, Kathyrn Frey, deputy city clerk; Walter Lay, oquipment operator in the Department of Public Works, and Wendy Therrier, secretary in the police department's juvenile section.

Nominating criteria for outstanding employees includes outstanding fob performance, relations with co-workers and the public and the posities countribution made to the employee's department and city.

lic and the positive contribution made to the employees department and city. The four outstanding employee recipients were awarded \$200 each and a commemorative plaque. Also becomed Monday were the Public Safety Officers of the Year. Folice Chief William Dwyer boorded Paul Cavan of the department's juvenilo section as Police Officer of the Year. He was lauded for his work as a liaison between the department and the schools, as well as for his work in cracking computer hardware fraud case, which led to his being asked to speak at seminars on the topic, Dwyer said.

Fire Chief Richard Marinuced honored John Wells as Firedighter of the Year. Wells we Firedighter of the Year. Wells well as Firedighter of the Year. Wells will be involvement to just about every aspect of the department. Including public fire education and medical training. He has spoken to approximate.

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OTHER EMPLOYEES were honored for their years of city service. Two law enforcement officers, Capt. Russell Conway and Sgt. Albert Havner, were honored for serving 25 and 20 years, respec-

for serving 25 and 20 years, respec-for serving 25 and 20 years, respec-Honored for 15 years of service were Ila Aldrich building division, Michael Hawley, zoning division, Sg. Dennis "vehford, police de-partment; Charles, Rosch, finance director; Harold Rowe, soning su-pervisor; and Harold Sweet, fire department. For 10 years of service, those honored include Renad Elill, public works; Donald Menzice, enji-neering, Shirley Shottroff, public services; and Josephine Spencer, zoning. For five years of service the fol-lowing were honored: William Cos-

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Detroit man saved from burning house De Priest would argue with that point.

John Wells Firefighter of the Year

ance or ideas have served the public or contributed to the efficiency or economy of the city."

City employees in November were asked to nominate employees they felt were deserving of outstanding recognition. A nise-member committee selected the Employee of the Vara as well as those recognized as outstanding employees.

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"Here I was, trying to de cardiopulmenary resuscitation on him and
deep these she that of the house,"
Cowan said, "I was so worried that
Vide or Mila would try to run back
inside to see if there were others in
the house, I can understand trying to
save lives, but I can honestly admit
that I wasn't about to let them go in
and risk their own lives."
Mia said that she would do it again
"in a minute" if she had to, despite
operating in such a frightened state
throughout the incident.

"I KNOW I'M used to that sort of thing but not like that, not right there," she said. "I certainly don't feel like a bero."

Taken to the emergency room at Sinal, where he was treated for smoke inhalation and released, De Priest had sought for days to find those responsible for saving his life.

Just recuperated from a November robbery and shooting incident that left his right arm immobile, De Priest said that his run of luck this past year was "depressing."

"I talked to Mrs. Cowan," he said.
"It was important for me to tell her how grateful I am for what they did."

Cowan, who said that she tries to instill independence in her children, including 22-year-old Lavorise, and

is proud of what her kids did.

"Kids nowadays try to be popular and think that taking a life with agun is one way to do that," hhe said.
"I think it's important to abow thay young kids in Detroit today do have other things on their mind and that here's an example of two who saved, rather than took, a life."

Russ Tuttle, Botsford public rela-tions director, agrees and said he will contact the Detroit City Council to see if commendations for their heroism can be awarded.

For Cowan, the reward has been

received.
"Just to see my two kids react that way and save a life is enough."

Money awarded

The Farmington Historical Muse-um was awarded a grant recently to use greenery to screen the building from its neighbors on Oakland

The \$3,800 donated by William Slocum of the Slocum Foundation was used to plant 21 evergreen trees

along the rear property line.

John Grissim and Associates pro-vided a landscape design for the landscape screening. The design pro-vided a combination of 6- and 10-foot evergreens, according to information from the city.



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