

She's visiting

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to life, Felten 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 Slang Dictionary, to help her understand this country's "crazy slang," she added. "We are so inundated with slang. It's ridiculously hard."

Not only is the American form of English filled with slang, but it is different from the British form of the language that Luisa became accustomed to after spending her 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 her year-long stay in the United States.

"I think it takes a good deal of maturity myself," Jane Felten said. "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 experiences, "the world would learn to understand one another," Jane said.

"Both of us have this little dream."

Outstanding Hills employees cited

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"I feel like a part of this. This is my home. And I come to this building as my second home. I do have an interest in the community and it's genuine."

The mother of six children, McKewen is known for adding extra special touches that make city hall a little nicer for the public and other employees. "She's always contributing to the city," said McKewen's supervisor, assessor Dean Babb.

Whether it's preparing a continental breakfast for the beautification commission's annual awards ceremony or decorating city hall throughout the year for special holidays, McKewen is the one always on hand to offer a little more of her time and energy, Babb said.

"She really honestly cares about what she does. She's just a tremendous person. I can't say enough about her. She is a great individual."

OFFERING AN anecdote, Babb recalled when McKewen was told of her award. "I don't do anything special," Babb recalled McKewen saying.

"But that's what makes her so special, just her being her," Babb added.

Other employees and supervisors who nominated McKewen lauded



Paul Cavan
Police Officer of the Year

her interest in continually maintaining and improving the city's image and promoting goodwill and service to the public.

McKewen "gives 110 percent and is willing to give more," Babb said.

As Employee of the Year, McKewen 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 recognition program in fall 1986 to recognize employees "whose perform-



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 nine-member committee selected the Employee of the Year as well as those recognized as outstanding employees.

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

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

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

The four outstanding employee recipients were awarded \$200 each and a commemorative plaque.

Also honored Monday were the Public Safety Officers of the Year. Police Chief William Dwyer honored Paul Cavan of the department's juvenile 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 a computer hardware fraud case, which led to his being asked to speak at seminars on the topic, Dwyer said.

Fire Chief Richard Martonucci honored John Wells as Firefighter of the Year. Wells was selected for the honor because of his involvement "in just about every aspect of the department," including public fire education and medical training. He has spoken to approximately

10,000 students in the community about fire safety.

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

Honored for 15 years of service were: Ida Aldrich, building division; Michael Hawley, zoning division; Sgt. Dennis "Schford, police department; Charles Rosch, finance director; Harold Rowe, zoning supervisor; and Harold Sweet, fire department.

For 10 years of service, those honored include: Ronald Ellul, public works; Donald Mendes, engineering; Shirley Shottroff, public services; and Josephine Spencer, zoning.

For five years of service the following were honored: William Costick, city manager; David Call, assistant city manager; Marilyn Cairns, city clerk's office; Darla Crowe, public services; Dennis Atkins, Brad Christy, Steven Norris, Ronald Schwartz and Donald St. Clair, all of the fire department; and Ernest Anderson, Brian DeGrande, Kim Derry, Carolyn Fisher, Richard Harvey and Charles Rorum, all of the police department.

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Detroit man saved from burning house

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"Here I was, trying to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation on him and keep these kids out of the house," Cowan said. "I was so worried that Vida or Mia 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 hero."

De Priest would argue with that point.

Taken to the emergency room at Sinai, 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 Lavarice, and

is proud of what her kids did.

"Kids nowadays try to be popular and think that taking a life with a gun is one way to do that," she said. "I think it's important to show that 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."

Money awarded

The Farmington Historical Museum was awarded a grant recently to use greenery to screen the building from its neighbors on Oakland Street.

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

Russ Tuttle, Boiaford public relations 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."

along the rear property line.

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

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