Construction accident claims arm

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He possibly was trying to dislodge a-rock found in the machine near where the limb was severed, Farmington Hills police said.
Inspectors from the Michigan Department of Labor-Burcau of Safety & Regulation were expected to visit the job site Wednesday.

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HIS BOSS said Richards is wellversed in the machine's operation.

"He's a good operator, said James
Habig of Haibig & Landscaping, Holly. "I'm pretty shaken up. I can't tigure out how he gol his arm caught. I
can't understand it."

Richards has worked for Haibig
about four months. He has spent the
past month in Farmington Hills, preparing the Country Club Corporate
Park site for landscaping.

Haibig was in Waterford at the
time of the accident, which occurred
about 6 p.m. Tuesday. Only Richards

and a dozer operator were at the Farmington Hills job site. The dozer operator, a 37-year-old West Bloomfield man who who asked that his name not be used, said he saw Richards waving with his right arm, as if in distress, while standing next to the machine. "I then heard him say, 'Shut the machine off. Shut the machine off. Shut the machine off. The then said, 'I got me.' There was a lot of screaming going on."

AS THE dozer operator turned off the huge topsoil shreader, Hichards freed himself and asked to be driven to the hospital. Instead, the dozer operator used a kerchief to apply a tourniquet to the arm and had Richards lie in the bed of a pickup truck.

"I put a jacket under his bead to make him a little more comfortable," said the dozer operator, who then Hagged a motorist with a car

phone to call for help.

A passerby used his tie to make the tourniquet tighter. Richards never lost consciousness, "He knew what was going on," the dozer operator said.

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Farmington IIIIIs medies treated Richards until Community EMS paramedies arrived.

It took Farmington Hills fire-fighters 70 minutes, using a pry bar, the Jaws of Life and an air chisel, to free the detached limb from the top-soil shreader.

They then wrapped it in sterile gauze, doused in sallne, for trans-port. "Our whole intent was a possi-ble reattachment later," said Deputy Fire Chief Peter Baldwin.

In business 15 years, Halbig said this was the first had accident an employee has suffered. "I don't think any of the guys have had more than two stitches in 15 years."

TV station, magazine honor area teachers

A North Farmington High School teacher is one of 12 area teachers who will be honored during a half-hour program airing on WDIV-TV, Channel 4.

"The 4th Annual Newsweek-WDIV Outstanding Teacher Awards," hosted by News 4 An-chors Mort Crim and Carmen Har-lan, airs Saturday at 7 p.m.

The 12 teachers, including chemistry teacher Beverly Schmitt of North, are being acknowledged for achieving the highest standard of excellence in the education profession and for giving unselfishly of

themselves to benefit their stu-dents.

The program features biographical career sketches and in-class film footage of the teachers interacting with their students. Viewers will get a glimpse of the qualities that make each educator extraordinary in the profession.

"The 4th Annual Newsweck-WDIV Outstanding Teacher Awards," taped at Detroit's Roosteriali on May 15, also includes excerpts of the teachers receiving their awards plus comments from Katharine Graham, chairman of

the board of the Washington Post Co.; Alan Spoon, president of Newsweek; and Alan Frank, WDIV's vice president and general

The Teacher Awards were estab-lished in 1987 when WDIV and Newsweek magazine created a spe-cial fund to honor outstanding edu-cators serving the Detroit area. The fund provides each honoree with a 12,000 grant. Each teacher is awarded a genuine crystal apple and a commemorative Newsweek magazine cover bearing his or her photo.



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