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**EXPANDED** mail hours. Both the Farmington and Farmington Hills Post Office branches will have expanded window service hours for the holiday period.

**TREE** lighting. The Farmington Jaycees invite everyone to celebrate the holiday season and light the Farmington Community Christmas Tree at 7 tonight at the Farmington Historical Museum, 33805 Grand River, west of Farmington Road, Farmington.

The Farmington High School Choir will provide music. Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas carols around the tree.

**VISIT** with Santa. Santa is coming to Metroville's community television studio. The jolly elf will visit the Farmington Hills studio, 37635 Enterprise Court, 6-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19. The visit will be broadcast on Channel 12. For reservations, call 473-7268.

**25 years ago:** Judge John J. Schulte Jr. ended 40 years of service to the city of Farmington Nov. 29 as he left the municipal court offices to go into retirement at the age of 80. Farmington's old town hall building, the subject of several years of controversy, finally had its fate sealed this week after the Farmington Township board of trustees and the Farmington city council agreed to sell their interest in the landmark and the downtown corner to the Farmington Masonic Lodge. Charles Williams of Forest Park subdivision is the newest member of the Farmington Township zoning board, filling a vacancy.

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer  
Farmington High counselor Dan Collins talks with 11th-grader Christina Ghafer during a job interview training program. The video camera is used to tape the students so they can evaluate their performance during the interview.

## One of the best Career program wins national honor

By Casey Hane staff writer

A Farmington schools career development program that touches children in every grade has been recognized as one of the top programs in the country. Farmington Public Schools is one of three Michigan districts, plus one each in California and Oregon, lauded for their "most nearly comprehensive career guidance programs," according to information from the state Board of Education.

"This award belongs to the hundreds of staff members . . . that are involved," said Corky Parrott, Farmington career development coordinator who works with counselors and teachers to integrate career information into the classroom.

"I know there are more than 600 (staff members) involved. And parents are very interested in career guidance."

Officials will receive the award at tomorrow night's school board meeting. It will be presented by Dorothy Beardmore, vice president of the state board of education, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of State Career Development/Guidance Supervisors.

**INFORMATION FROM** Farmington's model program has been shared with 30 other Michigan school districts, and with schools in Canada and countries overseas. It is one of the few programs which covers all grade levels, teaching students decision-making skills and career awareness, Parrott said.

Some other strengths include:

- realistic career planning for each student beginning in grade six,
- job placement services for all students up to age 25,
- coordination with Oakland Community College to explore training opportunities for graduating seniors,
- career days at the district's middle schools, plus career speakers and field trips,
- business partnerships with local companies.

To date, North Farmington and Farmington high schools and at least one elementary have some sort of business partnership developed.

**ATTEMPTS ARE** made to integrate career education into the everyday classroom. Home economics, English and Government are just a few of the classes that reinforce this philosophy.

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## DNA tests help build rape case

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Police believe results from a new sophisticated DNA test will lock the case on an Ohio man charged in 10 Oakland County sexual assaults since April 1987.

"Along with other physical evidence and the DNA testing procedure, we have a very solid case. We are confident he will be convicted on all warrants issued against him," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said.

Steven Allen Szeman Jr., 25, of Rocky River, Ohio, is charged in 10 attacks between April 1987 and March 1988: three rapes each in Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township, an Independence Township rape, an attempted rape in Birmingham and an armed robbery in West Bloomfield. Szeman's arraignment in Oakland County Circuit Court could be as early as this month.

DNA — deoxyribonucleic acid — is an organic substance found in the nucleus of living cells. DNA provides the genetic code that makes each person individual and unique.

Results of the DNA tests on body tissues taken from the assault scenes will be used in the prosecution of Szeman, a former West Bloomfield resident, in Oakland County Circuit Court, said Oakland County assistant prosecutor John Slevin.

Szeman was arrested in North Olmsted, Ohio, in connection with a Nov. 10 rape of a 24-year-old woman there. He's being held in the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Jail in lieu of \$250,000 cash on rape, robbery, burglary and assault charges.

DNA tests on Szeman are expected to be completed and returned to Oakland County within 10 days.



John Slevin assistant prosecutor

Szeman's rare blood type made it easier to identify him as the prime suspect in the Oakland County assaults, Dwyer said. Only .07-percent of the population has the rare blood type, he added.

**SLEVIN EXPECTS** the DNA test results on Szeman to be admitted as evidence, following what is called a Frye hearing, in which testimony is taken "to show it has been readily accepted as a scientific procedure."

The Frye hearing is expected to be held in relation to another rape case in Oakland County Circuit Court in which DNA test results also will be used, Slevin said. The DNA test also is used in paternity cases.

The DNA test is one of the newest procedures available to law enforcement and forensic science. Considered as reliable as fingerprints in

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DAN DEAN/staff photographer  
Aaron "Frank" Galloway, 7, took his basketball signed by the Detroit Pistons with him when he was hospitalized in October for complications from leukemia.

## Frank Galloway: a scrappy fighter who never gave up

By Bob Sklar staff writer

Aaron "Frank" Galloway was a scrappy little fighter, wise beyond his years, who drew the strength to battle leukemia from Psalms 56:3: "When I am afraid, I will trust in thee."

In the final days when pain killers weren't always calming, "the Psalm gave him comfort and peace," said his father, Dan. "The night he died, he said it many times."

The Southfield Christian Schools second grader died Wednesday in his Farmington Hills home, amid the warmth of his parents, his sister, Sarah, 10, and the family cockapoo, Charlie.

"I cherish the seven years I had with him," said his father, a Dow Chemical sales manager whose family moved to

Country Oaks subdivision from Charlotte, N.C., in 1984. "He was a delight, an absolute delight."

Frank had a strain of leukemia marked by extreme pain and susceptibility to infection. In the 2½ years he lived after diagnosis, he had frequent blood marrow tests and blood product transfusions.

But even though "he had been through so much, he never complained," said his mother, Sally, a Southfield Christian Schools administrative secretary.

**DAN DESCRIBED** his son as "very mature because of what he went through," but nonetheless "a regular kid who enjoyed sports and cowboys like any boy would."

A special thrill came in October when Orchard Lake city councilman Anthony Baginski, who works with Dan, and Orchard Lake building official Joe Casey, who

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— Frank's father Dan

knows center Bill Laimbeer, arranged for Frank to visit a Detroit Pistons basketball practice in Windsor.

At the end of the two-hour practice, the players autographed a basketball and gave it to Frank. They also signed the back of his jersey. "It was the best day of my life," Frank said afterward.

Frank spent January to May in Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

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## Community, rec programs turn duplication into plus

Interagency Council also a liaison, 7A

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

When it comes to community and recreational programming, duplication is OK.

"There is going to be duplication because there is room if the programs are successful. With communication, we can avoid competition and duplication in programs that are not so successful," said Dan Potter, Farmington Hills special services director and Council of Community Resources chairman.

Before the council formed two years ago, the notion

of agencies offering similar programming was viewed as perhaps not such a wise choice when competing for the same consumer attention, participation and dollar.

"We're all in the same boat, rowing for the same quality of life. We may all have a different mission," said Kevin Bush, Farmington Area YMCA executive director and a member of the 10-agency council.

But two years of talk, cooperation and idea sharing later, agencies such as the Farmington Area YMCA, the Community Center of Farmington and Farmington Hills and the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services have reached an understanding. "It wasn't here in the beginning. You had people trying to establish

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## State ombudsman is problem solver

By Casey Hane staff writer

Business is Richard Allen's business. Ombudsman for the Michigan Department of Commerce since 1984, his office was created by the governor five years ago to be a champion of business causes, although he stridently is not a lobbyist.

"We are an individual problem solver in state government. We are directed to take your side," the for-

mer Republican state legislator from Illinois told a handful of businesspeople in Farmington last week.

"We have become a center of knowledge of business problems with state agencies. There was never anything like that before."

Allen is a traveling ambassador, talking with business owners and managers and answering business-related questions. He speaks in Farmington to small business owners and managers.

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