Newt's wheels?: Annemarie Scanio had a photo taken in front of a vintage avocado Ford Mustang. A spokesman at U.S. Rep. New Gingrich's office confirms the Con-gressman owns an avocado 1967 Ford Mustang.

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Annemarie Scanio found the D.C. in Washington Myashington might as well stand for dilemma and conundrum. The Farm-ington High se n i o r received a crash course in both



attending the National Young Leaders Confer-ence in the nation's capital Dec.

3-8. Those selected see the sights and the Senators, but also delve into politics with their own model congress. Two parties — Nationalists and Federalists — debatted immigrations reliev

debated immigrations policy.
Scanio, 17, lined up on the
Federalist side, which split into
four caucuses on the issue.
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She gets glimpse of D.C.-style dealings

government aid and education to a full ban on immigration all together. Scanio tried to work on a compromise between the two positions

positions
"Although I didn't believe in it,
I did my best to sway others to
believe in it." Sennio said.
The purpose of the leadership
development conference is to
give students a sample of the
polemics involved in decision
making.
"The conference provides the
opportunity for students, like

for politicians," said Stanio, who is a letter winner in soccer and swimming at Farmington High Working with 25 people, it was so hard to get one thing done.
"I can't imagine trying to get abili passed with that many people in (the U.S. Congress)."
More so, Stanio found herself in the minority. The stance she advocated was not one she personally endorsed.
Others aplit down extreme lines, proposing that both lilegal and legal immigrants receive government aid and education at full ban on immigration all

future."
Scanio plans to attend either the University of Michigan or the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Sho's not sure what she'll major in but is considering political science after attending the

ical science after attending the conference. A teacher and Farmington High alumni member recommended Scanio attend. She paid her own way to Washington D.C. Visits to the Washington Momorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Korean and Vietnam war memorials were highlights of the trip, she said. The real cye-opening experience came from meeting other students from across the country.

There was a girl from Califor-

nia who had never seen snow before," Annemarie said. She met her representative, U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-West Bloomfield; but didn't get a chance to rendezvous with U.S. Sens. Carl Lovin or Spencer Abraham. Another student from Massachusette ran into a similar situation.

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"This girl ... was hoping to meet Ted Kennedy, but he washit here." Scanio said. "I said, "He's probably in West Palm Beach or something."

Scanio didn't run into Nowt Gingrich either, but was told the Georgia U.S. Representative's avocado-colored early model ford Mustang was parked outside. She posed for a picture in front of it.

A Gingrich spokesman confirmed the Congressman, in fact, owns a 1987 avocado Ford Mustang.

"Cool," Annemarie said.
The trip itself will remain a vintage one in her mind.
"It was wonderful," she said.
"It was probably the best experience I've ever had."

Farmington Hills church displays Christmas scenes

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, will portray scenes from the Christmas story along the outer edges of the church park-ing lot from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

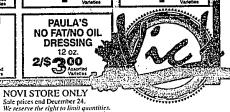
Everyone is invited to drive the road to Bethlehem and expe-rience the Christmas story with music, pantomime and live ani-mals. It is free. For more infor-mation call the church office at 626-3620.

CLARIFICATION

A photograph on the front ing to Santa Claus after he land-page of the Thursday, Dec. 12., ed by helicopter in downtown issue incorrectly identified Julie Farmington. Tashjian as the 6-year-old talk-



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