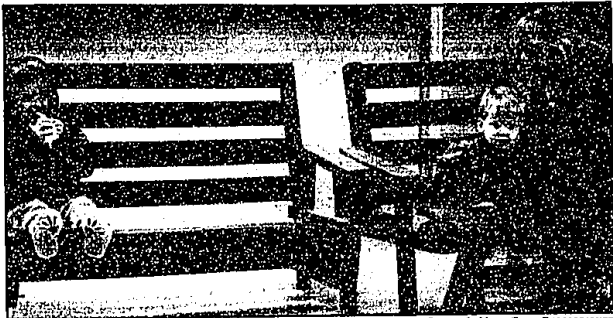


**Rummaging through the rummage**



At Hills church: The Thayer siblings — Mark, 5, Scott, 1½, and Jenna, 7 — situate themselves among the items for sale at the recent St. Alexander's Catholic Church rummage sale. The family, including parents John and Mary Jo and sister Karen, all former members of the parish, stopped in to visit Father Jim Wright and discovered the sale. The Thayers, who now live in Okemos, didn't buy anything. A list of area rummage sales may be found on the Observer calendar page.

**Earth Week Festival planned**

Trash will turn to "treasure" and quail will be released to highlight the third-annual Earth Week Festival Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

"The local folks are getting used to it, so we're looking for a good crowd this year," said Joe Derek, naturalist for the city of Farmington Hills.

Last year, about 1,000 people participated, and that included "a lot of adults," Derek said.

In the "Trash to Treasure" contest, participants and groups are asked to use their creativity to make a piece of art or some other useful object from trash.

There will be three age groups — Youth (12 years and under), Teen (ages 13-19) and Adult (20 and over). Entry forms may be picked up at the Farmington Hills Special Services office behind City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

Entries may be submitted 3-7 p.m. by Friday, April 28, at the Day Camp Center of Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Entries will be displayed during the festival, April 29-30, at Heritage Park. Awards will be made at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29. A special "People's Choice" award will be made at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

Contest prizes — savings bonds and gift certificates — will be provided by Waste Management of Michigan and McFarland Florist & Greenhouses.

The live quail will be released in Heritage Park at noon Saturday, April 29.

Other Earth Week activities include: arts and crafts for kids; face painting; button making; kite

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making (using recyclable materials, of course); a pancake breakfast 9-11 a.m. Sunday, April 30; a bake sale, nature seminars including one on "Woodland Creatures" by Derek; a walk-a-thon to benefit International Special Olympics and Team USA Girls

Basketball; free pine seedlings, alphan raffie; guided nature walks; free bird seed; and fireman clown.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Team Farmington at 489-3849.

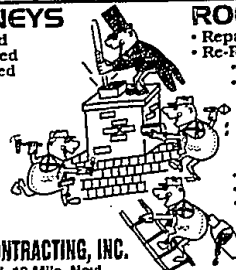
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**Fire department honors heroes**

The Farmington Hills Fire Department announced awards at the awards committee meeting this month.

Winning life saving awards were Farmington Hills police officer Jim Kase, CEMS paramedics Michelle Bohr and Jeff Burger, Fire Department District Chief Bob Rehtoy, Capt. Wally Kurzeja, and firefighters Todd Salley and Gary Delp.

Farmington Hills firefighters Sgt. Marty Knorp, Sgt. John Dredson, Dennis Martin, Chuck Rollins and Jeff Strock were awarded unit citations.

The life saving award and unit citation recipients were involved in a medical emergency where the patient had a heart attack. The patient, former Station 3 firefighter of 17 years William Christmas regained a pulse and

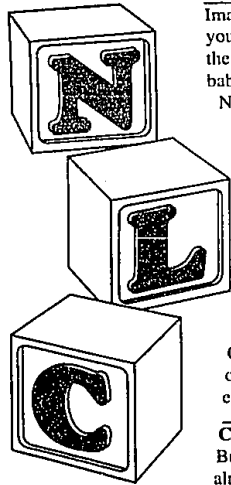
was later released from Botsford General Hospital without complications.

Sherry Freeman, who stopped to give aid after witnessing a traffic accident, was given a civilian citation. She recently completed an Emergency Medical Technician course and applied techniques she learned to the injured driver of one of the vehicles until Hills firefighters arrived.

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