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liaison officer Pat Sidgo about a conversation overheard between two students. Based on that information, police conducted a surveillance operation and obtained search and arrest warrants.

Inside Thompson's Southfield apartment, they found thousands of video and audio tapes, as well as photographs and written records that documented his encounters with young boys. As publicity spread, adult victims have come forward, some from out of state.

Jim Thompson

Whether additional charges will be pressed isn't known, but for the balance of this year, Thompson will be housed in the Oakland County Jail.

After accepting his plea of "no contest," Oakland Circuit Judge Deborah Tyner sentenced Thompson to four years proba-

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tion and a year in the county jail on a charge of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, and four years probation/nine months incarceration for fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, with credit for the 71 days he has been imprisoned since his arrest on Feb. 25. He must also pay nearly $3,000 in court and supervision costs and fees.

Judge Tyner ordered Thompson to undergo HIV testing and mental health treatment and to have no contact with the victims or unsupervised contact with anyone under 18. In addition, he may not legally change his name, and he'll be registered as a sex offender.

Though Thompson made no admission of guilt, his plea carries the same weight in criminal court as a guilty plea, according to Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Charles Snell.

After the sentencing hearing held Friday morning in Oakland County Circuit Court, Thompson's attorney Thomas Warshaw said he didn't want to talk to the media. However, when asked whether he would continue to represent his client should the victims' families decide to sue, he said the plea couldn't be used against Thompson in civil proceedings.

Dwyer had high praise for the bus driver, officers Sidgo and Rose Mackie, who has spearheaded the investigation.

"We feel, as an agency, we're able to take a person off the streets, we feel good about that," he said. "The officers have done just an excellent job."

Music students earn scholarships for camp

Music scholarships are awarded by Marshall Music Company of Lansing to students deemed most worthy based on musicianship, citizenship, and musical achievement, as determined by the school music staff and school administration.

Marshall Music Company annually gives several hundred scholarships to students in schools serviced by the firm throughout the state. Each scholarship is in the amount of $365. Students participate in concentrated sectional and large group studies along with other outstanding student musicians from throughout the state. They also have the opportunity to play under the direction of nationally known conductors.

Local students awarded music scholarships at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for 2000 summer study:

- Kyle Mason, alto sax – Our Lady of Sorrows
- Eva Sellers, violin – Flanders Elementary
- Cassandra Rescoe, trombone – Eagle Elementary
- Gilbert Knie, French horn – Gill Elementary
- Alex Dobbs, trombone – Longacre Elementary
- Rachel D-Arcy, violin – Flanders Elementary
- Michael Golfetto, cello – Highmeadow Common Campus
- Laura Phelps, flute – Farmington High School
- Loren Evola, viola – Hillside Elementary
- Nick Eason, string bass – Hillside Elementary

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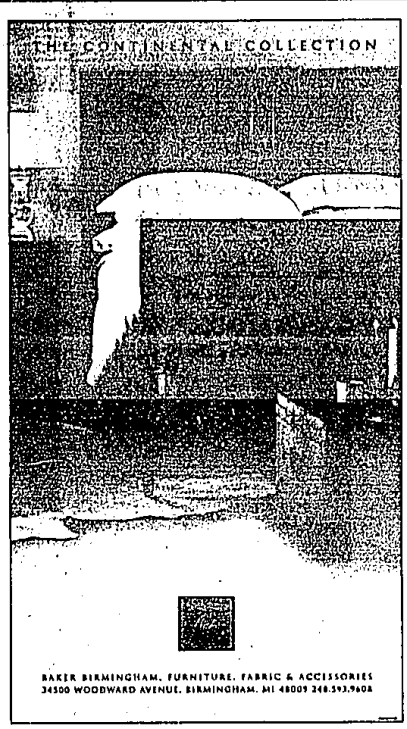
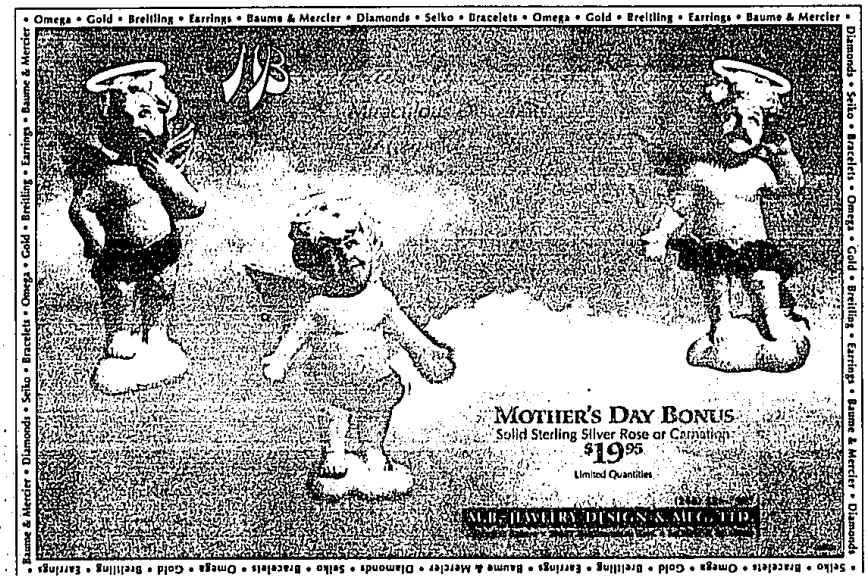
A variation of "take your kid to work day" is taking place Thursday afternoon at North Farmington High School.

Farmington Hills resident Dhiru Patel, manager of paint facilities planning at DaimlerChrysler, said he and several other professionals from the automobile company will talk about their careers during an assembly at the North auditorium.

Patel's daughter, Avni, is a freshman at North.