

today's hot line

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Return On Investments

Farmington residents anticipated lots of activity when they contributed to the Farmington Community Center. During the holiday season, donors are getting a full return on their investments as the Center is buzzing with activity. Photographer Fran Evert presents a pictorial report.

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Santa's NOT Coming

The Santa Claus who has been visiting the Farmington Plaza for ten years is not up to par and won't make his annual appearance this year. A report on Santa's illness is given inside along with an address where children can send Santa a get well card.

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Better Check NOW

Today's Farmington Community Calendar lists a full schedule of events and meetings in Farmington. Unless you check the calendar RIGHT NOW you may not have time to hipe a babysitter so you can attend one of five functions scheduled for TONIGHT.

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Completes Season

Christmas isn't complete without a performance of the classic "Nutcracker." A famous ballet company is bringing its production to Clarenceville this Sunday. To find out how you can attend turn to

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We Tell You.

How did your congressman vote on that Vietnam war resolution? What does he think about taxes? How did Sens. Hart and Griffin stand on raising income tax exemptions? The News and Free Press don't tell you. The radio and TV don't tell you. Only the Observer Newspapers got the local details.

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Constructive

For 41 years William H. Stoneman was one of the nation's best foreign and war correspondents. Now he teaches at the University of Michigan and offers Observer Newspapers his constructive analysis of how President Nixon could have handled the Song My massacre. No daily paper—let alone the country weeklies—has this story.

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VIP On Tour

The bad guy had a police escort out of town, but the police thought it was a pleasant chore. Who was the VIP visiting Observer-land?

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BRIGHT GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

You'll find a treasure chest of sparkling, practical gifts for everyone on your list in the "Gift Spotter" in the Classified Section. Pick the gifts, select the store, then be off on your whirlwind shopping tour. Check it now!

District Employs Pollsters To Get Sex Ed Opinions

The opinions of the community could be the determining factor in Farmington School District's handling of sex education, substance abuse and minority group understanding.

The Farmington Board of Education Monday night at its regular meeting authorized the hiring of a professional research organization to conduct an opinion survey in Farmington on the three sensitive areas. The board authorized \$500 for the poll.

Suggestion for the poll came from the Family Life Education committee, (FLE) a school board appointed group. The committee was established primarily to advise the board on sex education.

TRUSTEE GARY LIGHTMAN said the FLE recommended the opinion poll to "find the feeling or pulse of the Farmington community" regarding sex education, drug abuse and minority group understanding.

Robert Deadman, city police chief and a member of the FLE, wrote in a letter to the district, the poll "will be used as a tool to establish guidelines that coincide with majority opinions."

The board unanimously approved the survey after answering questions concerning the validity of a poll.

Aldo Vagnozzi, secretary of the board, was the

principal questioner, although he indicated his support for a poll.

"If we are going to take a poll, we ought to take the best one we can," he said. He said the delicate nature of the subject might make it "very difficult to poll and get an accurate sampling of the community."

THE RESULTS of such a survey, he continued, should be "above reproach" because of the highly emotional subjects.

"The worst thing we can do is come up with a poll which can be subject to question because of the size of the sample," he said.

Lightman said district facilities could be used to out the cost of the survey. However, most of the work should be done by a professional organization instead of district personnel, he said.

"We're dealing with a highly scientific area when we're talking about opinion polls," Lightman said.

SUPT. RODERICK SMITH said Market Opinion Research Co. of Detroit has been contacted about the survey.

He said the firm estimated the cost range of the project would be from \$200 to \$500. The firm is a "known company," he added.



GOODFELLOW DOLLS -- The dolls purchased and dressed by the Farmington Goodfellows are now on display in the Farmington Library. Visiting the library to look at the dolls last week were Nancy Austin and her mother, Mrs. Robert Austin. (Evert photo)

Township Holds Boron's Gas Station Request

The Farmington Township Board Jan. 12 will hear arguments on the proposed location of a gas station on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Farmington Rd.

Representatives of Boron Oil Co. were at Monday's township board meeting to request approval of a rezoning to allow construction of a gas station on that corner.

An unoccupied house and two old barns are located on that corner and across the street is a boarded-up house. The northeast and northwest corners of West Bloomfield Township are zoned commercial.

THE TOWNSHIP planning commission had previously voted 8-0 to deny Boron's rezoning request. The Oakland County coordinating committee upheld the planning commission's recommendation.

On the west side of 14 Mile and across from Independence Green.

An amendment to the zoning ordinance was approved which removes churches from the list of permitted uses in residential zones.

Under the amendment, church site locations will be permitted on major or secondary thoroughfares after review by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Church sites will not be allowed on interior subdivision streets, unless an exception to the ordinance is granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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On Housing

Political Charge Denied By Hall

Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis Hall Monday night promised that plans for senior citizen housing in the township would not be used as a tool to obtain political advantage prior to the November 1970 elections.

Hall stated the township's position at Monday's board meeting in response to a letter from three members of the Township Road Association.

THE SIGNERS of the letter, (William Hutton, Catherine Vignoe and Terese Pinner), said "their concern is with the possible direction that might be taken by the proposed Senior Citizen Housing Commission."

The trio asked that the Housing Commission, when established, be filled by appointees who are "ordinary" residents of the township rather than members of the Township Board.

"A committee representative of social workers, engineers, and senior citizens would be preferable to one composed of lawyers and politicians," the letter stated.

"We are concerned lest senior citizen housing in Farmington Township be tainted with certain aspects of a political football game."

From our present vantage point it would appear that the kickoff for such a football game might possibly be prior to the November election in 1970 when five members of the Township Board must stand for election."

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A 13-year-old Farmington boy was killed Friday while crossing busy Orchard Lake Rd.

Brad Streit, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Streit of 30624 Lamar, Farmington Township, was struck by a car about 5:50 p.m. Friday evening, according to township police. The boy was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Police said young Streit was struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Rita Straffon of 27715 Kingsgate, Farmington. The accident occurred near the Elks Club at 23666 Orchard Lake Rd.

Visibility was poor Friday evening, police said, and traffic was heavy. In addition, the boy was wearing dark clothes. The accident remains under investigation.

Yule Music Slated

The Farmington Musicales will bear the music of Christmas at its meeting in Nardin Park Church at 12:30 p.m., Dec. 17. Joyce Bigelow, soprano, will sing a Christmas cantata composed by Alessandro Scarlatti. She will be accompanied by Maria Schmitt.

Elenora Skillman, organist, will play compositions on the Christmas theme by Reger, Ferrarri, and Debols. Mrs. Bigelow and Mrs. Skillman are members of the Musicales, which is affiliated with both the national and state Federations of Music Clubs.

A group of Christmas selections will be presented by the Choral Ensemble of the Farmington Musicales, directed by Norma Mackin and accompanied by Beverly Nestorine.

Program chairman will be Mrs. Harvey Baird and tea chairman, Mrs. Richard Truitt.



TOP SCOUTS -- Boy Scouts from Farmington Pack 163 who have earned the Eagle Scout Award are Jim Auctenberg (top) and David Smith. The awards will be presented Dec. 14.

(Evert photo)