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today's hot line

what's inside

Restudying Study

The township board is still restudying that second MSU study. A second report on the restudy of the second study can be found inside.

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Demonstration

There will be fireworks in Farmington Township Friday with the "street people" showing up full force. A prediction on which direction the demonstration will take is made this week by the Enterprise & Observer.

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Dynamo On The Go

If you find pre-school youngsters hard to entertain, you'll enjoy finding out how one mother plans to keep 200 of 'em busy next week. She's Margaret Miller's "Woman on the Go" for today.

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Curtain Drops

After 14 years, the curtain goes down on Wally Roberts' "Curtain Going Up" Of Wally reminisces—and reveals his true identity.

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Uncommon Concerts

Mozart and Stravinsky have a lot in common, as you'll find out from a series of uncommon concerts this summer. Schoolcraft College's Court Orchestra will offer four outdoor programs that are unique in concept and quality.

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Graduations

Ferris State College has honored 40 students from Observerland; page 2A. Wayne State University has granted degrees to 135 area students.

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upcoming

WHEN YOUNGSTERS are having trouble with reading, many parents have been taking them to Madonna College's unusual center for help. The story, in words and pictures, will be told in Sunday's edition.



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Planned Community Alternative To Suburban 'Ticky-Tacky'

by HOWARD KOHN

Farmington may pioneer a cure to the suburban syndrome of residential conformity.

Right now if you live in an apartment all your neighbors live in an apartment. If you live in a two-story four-bedroom red brick house all your neighbors live in a two-story four-bedroom red brick house.

But under a bold new housing concept, a single man can start out in an apartment, move to a two-family house when he marries, move to a single family house when he has a family, and then move to a low house when he retires — all in the same community.

Philosophers have historically contended that a society's attitudes can be predicted just by looking at its housing. A grass hut means an uninhibited lifestyle; a stone house means an authoritarian lifestyle.

Philosophy aside, Farmington residents may soon be able to live in a planned community of apartments, single family houses, two-family houses, low houses, terraces, efficiencies and townhouses.

PULTE HOME Construction of Southfield is set to build a Planned Residential Development (PRD) here as soon as the township board okay's a new zoning ordinance.

The township planning commission, which studied the ordinance for a half-year, gave it the go-ahead last week. Oakland County's coordinating committee has a month to review it before it goes to the township trustees.

However, the ordinance is expected to pass without a fight. PRD is designed for large tracts of land, in the 200-600 acre range.

Pulte would be building on 320 acres on both sides of Drake Rd. north of 12 Mile.

(The following article is an analysis of a Planned Residential Development (PRD) proposed for Farmington Township. The township's zoning ordinance will likely be amended to provide for a PRD and construction may begin within a year. The impact of PRD on the social life of a community is examined in Howard Kohn's report.)

PRD's may be a long-range solution to America's frenetic populace which doesn't want to be categorized and filled away in subdivisions or tenements.

PRD's pre-empt the familiar argument of ticky-tacky boxes stacked in rows by specially marking land for "open space."

At a ratio of at least one acre per 200 bedrooms, "open space" will not include space set aside for parks, golf courses, water areas, rights of way, schools or other limited use areas.

"Open space" should be the rural equivalent of a dormant meadow. Originally the ordinance read one acre per 100 bedrooms but

plains Dave Stader, commission secretary.

Another safeguard against crowding is the 10 per cent limit on one-bedroom efficiency apartments. Most apartments will have two or three bedrooms, approaching the four-bedroom average of single family homes.

NEVERTHELESS, even with all of the restrictions, the density of PRD's will be higher than that of the typical subdivision. PRD's should average about 2.5 units per acre, compared to 1.25 in subdivisions.

The actual PRD population will probably be lower than a subdivision's.

Planners, disagreed about this latter claim, arguing that it might be too dictatorial to the developer.

"However, this keeps a developer from building all multiples first and then abandoning the project without ever building a single family," ex-

PRD design has been the basis of "New Towns" conceived to provide for every socio-economic class and every age group within a single community.

"New Towns" experiments, favored by social critics like Paul Goodman, give maximum use to each square foot of land without cheating on open space.

Parkways joining common backyards are one technique. Some "New Towns" have reserved land in the middle similar to the old town square tradition.

"New Town" classics are being tried on the East Coast and West Coast but haven't been built in the Midwest yet.

Still the PRD idea is gaining popularity in Michigan and was recently passed by the Troy city commission. PRD's are called "New Towns" but will embody many similarities, including neighborhood schools, shopping centers and churches.

Two Residents Die In Military

ROTC Casualty

A 20-year-old Farmington man died of a heart stroke Sunday while on guard duty in a Reserve Officer Training (ROTC) camp at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Robert Alloway, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Alloway, of 23750 Farmington Rd., died after collapsing while serving extra guard duty at the camp.

Military medical officials said his body temperature was above 110 degrees by the time he reached the camp hospital.

Despite the annual high Georgia temperatures, fatal heat strokes are rare.

Alloway would have been a senior at Northern Michigan University where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

His parents have refused a military funeral for Alloway, although he could receive the same rites as a Vietnam casualty.

Alloway was in the second week of a six-week program, which ROTC cadets are required to pass.

The funeral will be Thursday at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 1 p.m., and burial will be at the White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.



ROBERT ALLOWAY



STEPHEN J. KINGHORN

Vietnam Victim

Stephen John Kinghorn, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kinghorn of 28036 Harwich, Wood Creek Farms, was killed in action in Vietnam on June 13. He was an Army warrant officer and helicopter pilot and had been in Vietnam since the beginning of February.

Kinghorn graduated from North Farmington High School in June 1965, attended Northern Michigan University and worked in Bryn Mawr, Pa., for a year before enlisting in Army flight training in 1967.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Janice, to whom he was married

in August 1968 and a sister, Judy.

Services were held June 27, in the Harper-Mulligan Funeral Home, with burial in Valley Forge, Pa.

Teen Fun At Center

If you're a teen-ager looking for summer fun why not drop in the Southeast Farmington Teen Center?

Under the direction of the Farmington Area YMCA and the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee, the center provides young persons ages 13 to 18 with so much to do that the summer months never hang heavy.

Set up in one of Shawassee School's portable classrooms, the center utilizes the school playground for baseball, basketball and other outdoor sports. Indoors there are pool tables, ping pong tables, games, music and so on.

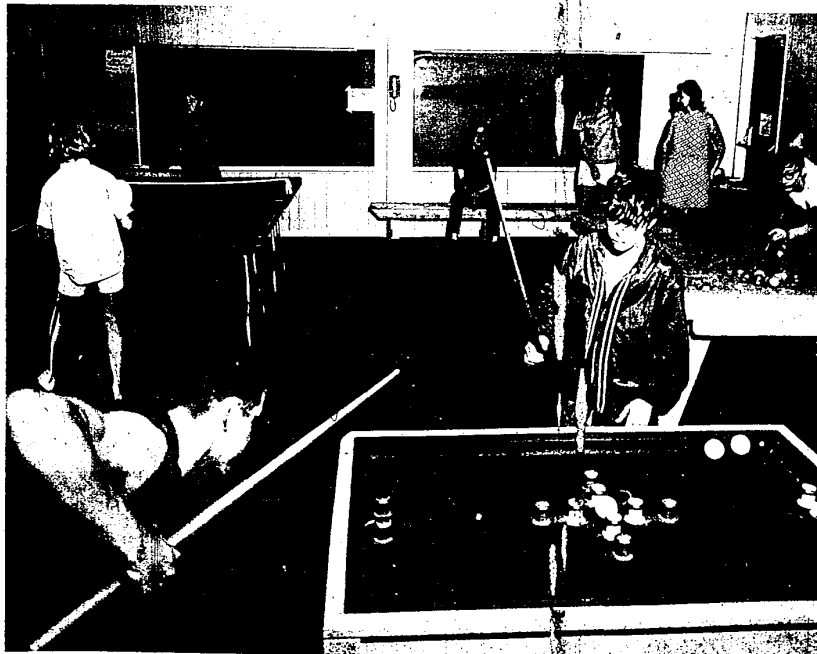
Funding for the operation is through United Community Services and the Office of Economic Opportunity. Program director is Lynn Boutwell, teacher and coach from Dearborn Heights, who works with two recreational assistants.

Center hours are from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Bus trips are taken on Tuesday and Thursday for swimming, hiking, horseback riding, to go to the Zoo, Greenfield Village and other places.

Boutwell works also with a six-member youth committee in determining activities, setting rules and policies and in maintaining the facility. The committee keeps the center youth-oriented. The Rev. Peter Larsen of the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation also assists.

Griffin Solos

Marine Second Lt. G. Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn G. Griffin, 28115 Glen Orchard, Farmington, has made his first solo flight. He made the flight in a T-2A "Buckeye" jet trainer while undergoing basic jet flight instruction with Training Squadron Seven, Naval Air Station, Meridian, Miss.



GOOD TIMES — Fun like this is available to Farmington area teenagers at the Southeast Farmington Teen Center behind Shawassee School. The Farmington Area YMCA is operating the center.

the second year to provide youth with summer activities. (Evert photo)