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## today's hot line

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### Library Disclosure

An important meeting all Farmington residents will want to attend is Wednesday's hearing sponsored by the Farmington Library District to show plans for the new library and discuss finances. A story on that hearing is reported inside and other important meetings are listed in today's Community Calendar.

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### Earth, Apollo, Dogs

Today's editorial includes advice on how Farmington Township residents can help keep their share of the earth clean. Daniels Den shares a poem written by a Farmington sixth grader on the Apollo 13 crew plus comments about the most despised of all animals.

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### The Head-Standers

It used to be only clowns stood on their heads. But today, head-standing is a fast-growing sport in Farmington schools. Parents will want to read today's report on the head-standers.

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You can find a book covering any subject and written for every age level. We surveyed the area bookstores to find out what you are reading these days. Our story is on the Feature Page.

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The Inter-Faith Center for Racial Justice has its own methods, says News Editor Tim Richard after attending a seminar. His story is in the church section.

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### Final Hawaiian

## TRAVEL PARTY

THURSDAY  
APRIL 30, 8 p.m.  
at  
STOFFER'S  
NORTHLAND INN

R.S.V.P.  
345-8442



EAST PICKS UP -- East Junior High School students observed Earth Day Wednesday by gathering trash from their school grounds. Bob Potter of the district's maintenance department, standing on the truck, helped the students load. Students at the right of the picture are holding a stove they found near the school. (Evert photo)

## Earth Day Here Students Learn, Work

By WYLIE GERDES

Farmington high school students joined millions of persons across the country Wednesday in investigating problems capitalism, industrialism has caused in the nation's environment.

Named "Earth Day" by nationwide supporting groups, the day saw assemblies, teach-ins and demonstrations urging minimized pollution.

THE CONDITION of our environment is becoming the overriding political issue. Polls show the public is becoming more and more concerned, and politicians from Richard Nixon to William Miliken have latched on to that concern.

The issue brought many high-powered public figures to the Detroit area to lend their smarts to the crusade. Ralph Nader, the kingpin of consumerism, was scheduled to appear at Wayne State University's version of Earth Day.

Newspaper Columnist Stewart Alsop appeared in Birmingham. U.S. Sen. Phil Hart and State Sen. Sander Levin, both candidates for public offices this year, also appeared at

Wayne State along with Mel Ravitz, president of the Detroit Common Council and U.S. Representative Don Riegle.

North Farmington and Farmington Senior High schools both had assemblies on the environment.

AT NORTH FARMINGTON, the assembly was addressed by Art Hansen, a graduate student in ecology from the University of Michigan who is also finance director of Environmental Action for Survival (EAS).

His talk was sponsored by the North Farmington chapter of that organization. Farmington High's program was an hour-long assembly of the entire student body which drew less than overwhelming response.

Four men divided the hour speaking on pollution topics and a fifth moderated.

The Farmington High students reacted most to Robert Miller, a young engineer employed by the air pollution control department of the Michigan Department of Public Health.

MILLER BEGAN his re-

marks by saying he was a typical bureaucrat. He urged his audience to form new attitudes toward environment.

"Frankly, there's a need for revolution in our country," Miller said.

"The attitudes which radicals and revolutionaries are proposing aren't all bad," he continued. Students reacted to his statement with a small amount of applause.

He said the nation has been "ecologically apathetic" and noted population growth is a critical problem.

Miller said it took a million years for the world's population to grow from 2.5 million to five million. The rate of increase accelerates, he said, as the population blooms.

From the world population doubling in a million years, the rate has increased from doubling in 200 years, to doubling in 80 years, to doubling in 37 years, Miller said.

"Twelve thousand people starved to death yesterday," The engineer said.

BY 1975, he added, wholesale famine unequalled in the history of the world may occur.

"Technology can buy us some time," Miller commented, "but population growth has to stop."

"Our unlimited freedom to breed in the world is just intolerable in the long run," he added.

Miller attacked the basis of Detroit's economy, the automobile, for being responsible for one-half of air pollution.

"The most inefficient design to get people from place to place is the automobile," Miller said.

"We need a wholesale change in individual attitudes toward our environment," Miller concluded.

THE ASSEMBLY'S moderator, Jerome Fulton a member of the prestigious conservation association the Sierra Club, also drew a reaction from the students.

After Miller's speech, the moderator said the students could help solve the environmental crisis by deciding now not to have more than two children.

When some students giggled, Fulton replied "It's ceased to be funny. Each of you should resolve not to have more than two natural born children."

Other speakers were R.J. Alexander from the Oakland County Department of Public Works; Farmington City Manager John Dinan; and Fred Cheek, an official for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

CHEEK, a sanitary engi-

## Township May Drop Tax Rate

Farmington Township officials are hoping they can reduce the township's millage rate by 20 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

It was known the township board was considering a slight millage reduction but it was not publicly announced until Wednesday.

SUPERVISOR CURTIS HALL released the information while participating in a taxation panel discussion sponsored by the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

Hall announced during the tax clinic that the township's proposed budget shows a reduction from 2 to 1.8 mills. The two mills represents the rate voters approved for police and fire protection.

In addition, the township receives a minimum of one from the county allocation board and collects another 1.5 mills for library operation and expansion.

The 1.5 mills, however, is under the authority of the Farmington Library District which has sole ability to lower the rate.

ALTHOUGH IT MAY seem like a small reduction, it must be remembered the township has authority to reduce only two mills.

It finally approved, it would be an 11 1/2 percent reduction in the township's controllable tax rate.

Hall said he has been told the township's state equalized valuation (SEV) factor for 1970-71 will be one.

The factor will not be formally certified by the county until the first week in June, after which the township board can begin serious work on the final budget.

The one factor means township assessments will not be raised by the county. Those property owners receiving higher valuations for 70-71 will have been reassessed by the local assessor.

HALL EXPLAINED the millage cannot be reduced any further because the township's population growth requires additions to its police force.

"Because of our growth," he said, "we have been adding two-three police officers a year at a \$15,000 salary."

Hall said another four policemen are included in the proposed 70-71 budget which will increase expenditures by \$50,000.

The township approved its proposed budget and salary schedules the first of this month. Once the millage to be allocated by the county is officially known, the township can make a final decision on lowering its millage rate.

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## Construction Gets Lift From 'Copter



OVER THE TOP -- An air-conditioning unit about the size of an average car is air lifted to the roof of the Topp's Department Store now under construction on Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington Township. The copter, which can lift up to 5,000 pounds, was used because it's more dependable and quicker than a crane. (Evert photo)

## City Boosters Seek Legal, Planning Funds

The parent committee promoting cityhood for Farmington Township has changed its name, reorganized, and is ready now to begin a fund raising drive to continue its court fight.

The Protect Our Boundaries Committee has voted to incorporate under the name Future Farmington Association, Inc. (FFA).

CHAIRMAN OF the committee is Robert McConnell, of 20106 Valley Side Dr., who last fall led the petition drive seeking incorporation for Farmington Township.

The change in organizational structure is based on the recognition that a broad educational campaign must be conducted within the community to achieve the kind of local government desired, explains McConnell.

One of the important tasks of the FFA, he adds, will be to undertake research useful to orderly planning and development of a city from the present township government.

relating to tax base, tax revenues, millage, projected population growth, future requirements of the community and alternative forms of city government.

THE FUND RAISING drive about to be launched is to raise money to finance the research project and to pay legal expenses involved in the pending appeal in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The drive will be launched in the near future but donations are now being accepted by William Flattery, fund raising chairman at First Federal Savings & Loan Association, 23220 Farmington Rd.; or by Keith Deacon at Manufacturers National Bank, 28305 Orchard Lake Rd.

FFA Officers are McConnell, president; Fred Fairfield, vice-president; Barbara Benz, secretary; and Deacon, treasurer.

McConnell says representatives from all areas of the township, as well as the two villages, will be included on the board of directors.