Change urges single-family condos

The Farmington Hills City Council approved a change in the city code that will make it easier for developers to build single-family condominiums, instead of multiple-family ones. The council voted 7-0 to make the changes that reflect the fact that more developers are building houses under the condominium of the cond

um form of ownership than tra-

ditional subdivisions.

"This will allow the development of site condominiums," said City Attorney John Donohue.
"By all outward appearances, they will look like single family subdivisions."

Donohue said the ordinance change will help the city avoid legal problems. Until the change, a developer had to build condominiums under cluster zoning, which

He said developers like the condominium option because the approval process is much quicker in terms of the state and county. "We can now treat them (condominium projects) the same as plats," Donohue said.

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from her former position as advises and assists the director of communications at the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

THEODORE LEWIS, JR., of Farmington Hills, has been reappointed to the Mental

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A mailing will go out after an election is called explaining specifics of what the \$110 million raised would pay for in renovations and computers, Superintendent Bob Maxfield.

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"It will be very specific," field said.
Steiber also questioned the 6.25 percent interested quoted by the district's financial advisor. Interest income raised would pay for \$\$ million in costs not covered by the \$1.0 million.
The figure is three-quarters of a percent higher than in today's bond market, the financial advisor said.
"The interest rates used in the application — by today's market standard — are conservative, said Paul Stander of Staudor, Barch & Associates, the district's bond counsel. There is room for it to raise without causing a negative impact on the ing a negative impact on the millage projection."

The \$5.1 million that would be used for computer and video net-

work connections was probed, especially since the district recently spent \$3.46 million for

Internet access.

The \$3.46 million is just the start of a larger district network, Maxfield said. The superintendent added phone service for Internet access is paid through a

Internet access is paid through a consortium operated through Ackland Schools.

Sophisticated computer systems are used at both the secondary and elementary level, Maxfield said in response to another question about the need for such equipment in the lower grades.

"We're finding interestingly an awful lot of software applications at the elementary level is running on pretty sophisticated CD Rom machines," Maxfield said.

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Steiber also wondered why 44 percent of the money from the bond issue was carmarked for high schools when only 30-per-cent of students in the district

cent of students in the district attend them.

That's where the largest enrollment growth is taking place and the high schools have had the least amount work done, Maxfield said.

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ter-in-law, since she knew her brother traveled regularly in his job as supplier quality engineer with General Motors. is fine if everyone was Christian but they were supplied to the control of the con

The Green Oak Township resident was in Iowa, but Stearn's wife, Cheryl, told her sister-inlaw he usually flew on Northwest Addings

law he usually from the west Airlines.

Live TV coverage of the Comair crash continued into the evening, but Borthaume said she didn't pay much attention.

At 10:30 p.m., the family was notified that he was a passen-

"When you're part of it, it's not like it's real," she said.

Since the tragedy, Berthiaume is trying to extol her brother's

is trying to extol her brother's memory.

Family members spent an hour with a Detroit daily newspaper reporter Friday, sharing background and other ancedotes about their brother, who loved to fish and wasn't above snagging people in a prank now and then.

"He had this 'gotcha' smile," his sister said.

Stearn's life — like the other four GM employees who diedwas summed up in a few sentences an the ensuing newspaper article.

per article.

When Berthiaume called the newspaper to complain, the editor told her there wasn't enough

A memorial at a Monroe church Sunday didn't offer much solace, either. Berthiaume and others left after they felt the service strayed away from being interdenominational, though the family was assured it would be beforehand. Berthiaume and the victim's family are Jewish.

"All the songs, everything was Jesus Christ," she said. "Which

is fine if
everyone
was Christian but
they were
not.*

The
chaplain
conducting
the service
was quoted
as saying
no rabbis
were available. Berthiaume
finds that hard to believe.

"I don't know of any rabbi who

finds that hard to believe.

"I don't know of any rabbi who wouldn't have come out."

A service for Stearn is planned 10:30 a.m. Friday at Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield. Internent is at B'nai Israel Memorial Gardena.

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Her late brother was defined by his gregarious nature, Berthi-aume said.

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Richard liked to be with his family, which includes three surviving daughters. Nadine, Stephanie and Billie, and a stepson, Timothy White. He is also survived by his father, Jeas, and one grandson, Jeasce.

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one grandson, Jessee.
Seven nephews and a niece
were particularly fond of their
uncle, Berthiaume said. Four
nephews are sons of his brother,
Allyn "Ron" Stearn of West
Bloomfield.

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Berthiaume's sons, Michael and Jason, bought their uncle a fishing dictionary and the three would quiz each other. Their uncle didn't mind applying head locks and doling out a few "noo-gies."

"Richie" was more than a mere sibling to his brother and sister. "It's hard to believe," she said. "We were more than brothers and sister; We were best friends. I lost my best friend."

Robbery from page A1

unsuccessiul.

The armed robbery was the second in Farmington in less than a month. On Dec. 20, two armed men escaped with \$2,700 cash from a safe at Kentucky Fried Chicken on Farmington Paged.

Road.
Police are looking into whether the two crimes might be related.
Two men entered the northeast entrance of the Valvoline

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Center, witnesses said. Both customers were told to look down when asked to leave their respective vehicles. Neither was robbed of personal property, though one reported a car phone missing and the other had his keys taken.

taken.

After overyone was downstairs, the armed man escorted the employee to get the key the safe. The suspects pulled the phone from wall before leaving, but another employee called police from the nearby Burger King.

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One suspect is described as a black male, 5-feet 1-inches tall with a blue hood and red ban-dana The other is said to be either a white male or light-skinned black male of medium build.

Anyone with information is asked to call Farmington police at 474-4700.



