

## Drug Rap Line Operating For Teens On Bad Trip

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Suppose you're a kid on drugs... you've freaked out, flipped... LSD, pot, speed, all of it has turned on you... it's a weekend because you're a kid and that's when you use drugs... what do you do?

In Farmington, help is as near as your phone. Dial 626-2266.

A kid like you will answer: "Drug Rap Line." It isn't important where the phone is located. What is important is that you can talk kid to kid. The kid at Drug Rap Line will talk you down. He isn't the police, your parents, a teacher, a clergyman, nobody who turns you off. He's a kid like you, but he isn't on drugs. And he offers help.

young persons got down to the nitty-gritty of what's troubling youth today.

Out of this grew concern for youth in trouble with drugs. But the concern also encompassed the larger scene of the epidemic drug problem in the adult age group.

donation or to serve in some way may call Don Thompson at 851-1835.

Hopes of the adults involved in this project and they want to stay out of the picture) is that a second line of referral can be set up at North Farmington Baptist Church.

**DRUG RAP LINE**

*If the drugs which once turned you on have turned on you, you need help. At the other end of Drug Rap Line is someone your own age who wants to help and won't rat. There's a chance you may get help and no chance you will be exposed. Drug Rap Line will be taking calls weekends until midnight.*

626-2266

For now, however, the nucleus group answering the phone this weekend at Drug Rap Line will concentrate on youth.

THESE YOUNG counselors are six to eight boys or girls aged 15 to 17, all trained by a psychologist. They will man the phone from Friday afternoon to midnight all three days of the weekend.

For now, there is only one phone line on which to call. For now, there are only one or two doctors who have offered to handle referrals. For now, there are just a few adults working with the youthful counselors.

This isn't static. If great need is apparent, the need will be met.

THERE IS NEED right now for funds and administrators. Interested persons wishing to make a



NO NAMES—The Drug Rap Line will be in use this weekend for Farmington youth in trouble with drug use. No names will be revealed, neither the name of the caller nor receiver. (Evert photo)

### today's hot line what's inside

#### Selling A Smile

A man who can smile not only gains more friends but can pick up \$12,000 on the side with a part-time job teaching others to smile. The job's not that simple but Oakland County Prosecutor Thomas Plunkett has purchased a smile to help improve community-police relations in the county.

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#### Sharing A Smile

Daniels Den thinks smiles are so healthy they ought to be shared. A township patrolman must be smiling after the township agreed to pay \$1,500 to his attorney for successfully defending him on a misdemeanor charge. But there is a township detective who successfully defended himself against charges made by superiors and there has not yet been any reimbursement. The Den thinks smiles should be shared.

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#### Why Neighbors Smile

The star of television's kid show, Mr. Rogers, likes to keep his viewers informed about what's happening in the friendly neighborhood. And the Farmington Enterprise & Observer wants its readers to know what's happening in their neighborhoods also, with such columns as Wood Creek Farms, Canterbury Commons, Local News and Kendallwood Kommets.

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#### A Big Split

Observerland members of the New Democratic Coalition are leaders in a move to split the NDC from the state Democratic Party. Dennis Pajot reports in an exclusive story. And Republican State Chairman Bill McLaughlin lists the top GOP Senate prospects.

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#### Since Sputnik

When the Russians launched Sputnik a dozen years ago, American schools were put under intense pressure to teach lots of science and math. It's 1970, and what's happened? The Observer Newspapers surveyed five school districts and got some surprising answers.

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#### Realtors Merge

A prominent Observerland realtor has merged with an outstate firm to form what appears to be the largest real estate operation in Michigan. The story of Westdale and Booth is told in the Business Beat.

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SIZING UP TEACHER — Mrs. Elaine Ettinger, a teacher at Fairview School, submits to the calipers as Dr. William Forbes of Oakland University demonstrates how to involve elementary pupils in scientific experiences. Dr. Forbes addressed Farmington teachers at their in-service workshop Jan. 21. (Evert photo)

## Southend 'Yes' On Annexation?

Six persons living in the southern half of Farmington Township have hinted to Trustee Thomas Nolan that south end residents might very well vote in favor of annexation to the City of Farmington if that question is placed on the ballot.

The six were answering an appeal from Nolan for help from residents in fighting the annexation attempt. But the answer received was not what Nolan was hoping to receive.

THE SIGNERS of the letter, who believe south-end residents may be willing to join the city, are William Hatton, Catherine Vignoe, Tom Pinner, A. Kovary and J. Wright.

In December, Nolan issued a statement appealing to township residents to fight the annexation attempt. "This is not the time for citizens to sit back. It is time to get up and fight for what is yours—the Industrial Park tax base.

"Write the governor, write the Boundary Commission—pledge your support. I will work if you will. Contact Township Hall and leave your name."

THE ANSWER Nolan received began:

"My-o-my! Who is crying HELP now? Who is suddenly willing to work? Who is pointing out that the city wants to steal our winnings? WHAT WINNINGS?"

"Speaking for the residents in the south end of Farmington, we are compelled to point

to only the truth. That is, NOTHING has been provided in this end of the township.

"The number one priority problem is local roads. For more than 12 years residents have pleaded for ditching and gravel. This minimal effort would make it possible for workers to get into the primary roads and to their jobs. Each time you were approached your answer was 'we can't do anything—pay special assessment and pave.'

THE LETTER stated persons in the south end prefer gravel roads to paved roads.

"After paying the exorbitantly inflated assessment, neither the township nor the county road commission properly inspects that paving to make sure the contractor is delivering per specification.

"Proof of this is when after only five or six years that paving breaks up and those residents again have to pay while still paying for the first job.

"Don't say you have nothing to do with this," the letter to Nolan stated. "You are there to represent the best interests of the residents of the township."

THE WRITERS then turned their attention on a donation made by the township to the Oakland County Road Commission.

"Why did our township board give the road commission \$25,000 worth of hard-earned taxpayers' money, or should we say 'a drop in the bucket', to quote Supervisor Curtis Hall.

"Now, Mr. Nolan has publicly got all excited over the possible annexation and has said light for what is yours. Is it really a difference—gravel and annexation?"

Why is Nolan asking citizen support to fight annexation? the writers asked.

"Is it because it affects you much more personally than a little gravel that would go to 'those south-enders'? You certainly made it obvious that when a critical situation occurs we should make ourselves heard.

"But, Mr. Nolan, when we at this end of the township yell about \$25,000 freely given to a so-called road commission, it falls on deaf ears.

"Why wasn't the \$25,000 worth of gravel purchased by you, our representative board, and distributed in as many distressed areas as it would cover?"

"You know, the crowning blow to the parting of that money was when Mr. Van Roekel was asked why that money was not included in the list of contributions, he admitted after much stammering he did not know about the \$25,000.

"We are not deaf to the many things that must be done in our community and we are not unaware of the terrific expense of doing those necessary things, but when our representative board gives the road commission \$25,000 worth of hard-earned taxpayers' money, or

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IF YOU WANT IT SOLD... DIAL GA-2-0900. OBSERVER WANT ADS DO IT EVERY TIME!

## Harrison Causes Boundary Shifts

The opening of two new schools next September will mean changes in the pattern of attendance in the east side of the Farmington School District.

The Farmington Board of Education adopted school attendance boundaries for the 1970-71 school year at its last meeting. The boundaries reflect one new elementary school and a new high school.

HARRISON HIGH on 12

Mile Rd. between Orchard Lake and Middle Belt is scheduled to be ready for use in May.

The sixth grade students who will attend Harrison reside in the area between Orchard Lake and Inkster between 11 and 12 Mile Rds. In addition, ninth grade students in the area north of 12 Mile between Middle Belt and Inkster will travel to Harrison.

THE OPENING will mean a reduction of about 300 students at each Farmington and North

Farmington High Schools and at East Junior High, according to district estimates.

The two older high schools' estimated enrollments for next year are about 1,500, while East Junior High will be the largest junior high school with approximately 1,200 students.

Woodcreek Elementary School, just north of 12 Mile between Middle Belt and Inkster, will open with approximately 350 students in September. It will draw its students from an area bounded by Middle Belt, 11 Mile, Inkster, 13 Mile and Northwestern Highway.

Anticipated enrollments of four elementary schools near Woodcreek show drops compared to the present enrollment. Highmeadow Elementary at 2075 Highmeadow will lose more than 190 students to the new elementary school.

THE TOTAL elementary enrollment projected by the district for next fall is 8,700, up only 100 students from this year.

Three elementary schools will have enrollments larger than this year's, but all will increase by less than 50. The other 16 elementary schools will have fewer pupils next year compared to this year.

Total high school enrollment is expected to be up 500 from this year to over 4,100. Students attending junior high schools will be down about 400 because of the ninth graders' attending Harrison High.