

today's hot line

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A delicate question of the rights of the community and the rights of the individual is raised by the tragedy that struck a Farmington Hills neighborhood last week. Margaret Miller asks three psychologists for their views on how to recognize possible danger. See Observing Life. Page 1D

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There's a horse population explosion going on in Michigan, particularly in some Observing Life suburbs. Martha Mahan finds that affluence, large suburban homesites and a desire for family togetherness are spurring the trend. Page 12B

Vietnam Benefits

Charles Larson, newly elected commander of the American Legion, is seeking more benefits for veterans of the Vietnam war. You can read the details on Page 3A

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Many of the top performances and floats at the Founders Festival were captured on film. You can find these pictures on Pages 4A, 1C and 3C

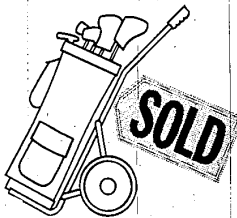
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Which floats were judged the best in the Founders Festival parade? The answers can be found in the list of winners on Page 2C

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Huge I-96-696 Interchange Promised Within A Year

The mammoth interchange of Highways 696 and I-96 that has been a source of much discussion and argument for months will become a reality not later than next summer.

This assurance was given the Farmington delegation that called on the State Highway Department last week to seek a solution for the long delay.

"We were told by John Woodford, State Highway Director, that the target date is now late next summer at the latest," William Flattery, of the Chamber of Commerce stated.

"We have the assurance that a time table will be forwarded within a week. Once we have that it

will just be a matter of time until the entire plan is a reality.

The delegation stated that the most urgent demand would be the opening of the turn from I-96 to 696. All this needs is a finish grade.

The next in line is the section from 696 to I-96 into Farmington. One bridge on this section is now completed and the other is well on the way as workers are now preparing to pour the concrete.

It also was pointed out that study will be made to remedy the hazardous condition at the exit of I-96 onto Grand River.

The highway officials also promised the group that a study (not a long term) would be made to change the ramp at I-96 at Freedom Road and Farmington Road.

The meeting with the highway officials was arranged by State Senator Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) and the Farmington delegation included the following persons: Mrs. Margaret Halava, Peter Prokop, Bob Smith, William Flattery, Bob Deadman, city manager of Farmington and Floyd Cairns, acting city manager of Farmington Hills.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM JAEGER waiting word on kidnapped daughter. (Evert photo)

Suspense Revealed By Grieved Mother

By MARTHA MAHAN

FBI agents told the Jaegers that Susie's kidnaping "doesn't fit any pattern." Mrs. Jaeger said. "You can speculate in any direction you want, and everything is possible."

Susie's father appeared disinclined to believe the little girl was the victim of a sex crime. "They searched the area so carefully and went over it so many times, that it seems it couldn't have been the common type of thing, they would have found the body in the area."

One Montanan, a sheriff from another county, took a week's vacation and brought

over dogs he has specially trained to find buried bodies," the father said. "But the animals failed to turn up a clue."

The family decided to return home, Mrs. Jaeger said. "because our presence was not necessary, and we knew we had to come home sometime."

"We've got bills coming in, my husband has to get back on his job, and we have to go on living," she said.

It was thought, too, the mother said, that the person who made the single ransom call July 2 might call again once "things cooled down" and the family had returned home.

The family still may return. Continued on Page 3A

Council Head Maps Big Year For Rap Line

By DOUG JOHNSON

FARMINGTON John J. Borbi, 31, has been elected to head the 21-member governing board of the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC), the agency that runs the Rap Line program.

He got the job after a few brief months on the board last year as the appointee from the Jaycees. His aim is to make the council's programs well known in the community and to get all 21 members of the board involved in the group's activities.

Borbi, who admits to a lack of expertise in the counseling field, said he became involved because of his own children, his love of administration and his respect for what Rap Line had done to date.

The key program the council sponsors is the crisis phone lines that help youth with drug abuse and related problems. Phone calls often lead to private counseling sessions with trained volunteers or the program's regular director and, as well, group rap sessions.

"I think the whole concept is fantastic. I believe kids rapping with kids is important as long as we keep a handle on it with professional, adult supervision. We have to mesh the two -- kids and adults. We can't have Rap Line without both groups," Borbi said.

Borbi was named board chairman for FAAC in July and says he has several general goals for the group:

- To raise the needed funds -- nearly \$60,000 -- to continue the program for 1973-74.
- To help direct the Rap Line efforts to another abuse problem developing among teenagers -- alcoholism.
- To get all 21 members of the board involved in FAAC

activities on a more personal level.

• To increase community awareness of the council's functions.

• To direct the hiring of a new program director and the placement of additional volunteers.

On the alcoholism issue, Borbi said that his group is "hearing from a lot of agencies about teenage alcohol abuse."

"It is news to me that 10 and 11 year-olds can be alcoholics. It's almost beyond belief," Borbi said.

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The FAAC is seeking a new director, currently the program is being run by the director's assistant, program coordinator Joseph Damiani, a secretary.

Graduate students in social psychology and social service are acting as volunteers. So are area teenagers trained by the program's professional director.

"I think we have one of the best youth services programs around," Borbi said.

"We are moving ahead and making changes. I hope to keep a good cross-section on the board. I am particularly interested in getting younger people involved on the board."

The board currently has two positions open, Borbi noted. The group meets the second Thursday of every month.

"I want an active board. I hope all board members will take part in at least one board project this year. And at least one of them should attend all rap sessions we hold."

"A lot of the parents of kids referred to us have been in rap sessions, and I think it's a very good idea. The board can do the same," Borbi noted.

"As president I want to serve as an administrative head. We want to let the professionals run the program," Borbi said.

Borbi said the Rap Line phone calls have remained fairly stable over the past few years.

In summer, the calls slack off somewhat, however. June's phone log shows 341 calls were received by the Rap Line counselors and included calls related to drug abuse, employment, suicide, school or family problems.

Borbi said a good part of the line's calls have nothing to do with drugs but other problems such as trouble at home.

Some calls come in out of boredom and nothing else.

Borbi, who is national sales manager for automotive products made by Lear Siegler, Inc., has lived in Farmington about eight years. Married, with three younger children, he is active in Jaycees, and worked in the Pat Novak campaign for county commissioner.

He attended Wayne State University and is a metal-burger by training. He worked for Rockwell Standard and F. I. before accepting his current post a few months ago.

The Rap Line operates out Continued on Page 2C

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Bring On Sesquicentennial

Bring on the sesquicentennial.

That was the optimistic cry of the officials following the most successful Founders Festival in history that closed last week.

"The success was almost beyond belief," Robert Beauchamp stated, "as all of our plans and hopes were realized -- thanks to the weatherman."

It so happened that on days that it rained the drops stopped in time to permit all the events to go on as scheduled.

True, the rodeo was conducted in mud on Thursday, but it didn't stop the performers from putting on a show that attracted an estimated 10,000 spectators during the three-day stand.

As usual, the parade was a real drawing card and helped to swell the Festival attendance to more than 100,000 for the three day period.

"While not geared to make money," Beauchamp said, "the festival realized a goal in staying in the black and the figures will not be known until the wrap up meeting on Thursday night."

The rodeo, a new event this year, was the real surprise of the festival. With capacity crowds at each performance the Jaycees expect to net approximately \$10,000.

This money will be used to further the Jaycees programs throughout the year.

It was stated before the event last week that the Festival was to be a guide for

the sesquicentennial next year.

But with the success of this year's event, there is no fear of planning bigger and better events for next year.

And if this year's event can be a guide, the officials say with confidence, the sesquicentennial will be something beyond the dreams of a few months ago.