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First Budget

The first city budget for Farmington Hills will have a public hearing soon. What the council plans to do with the new city revenue is outlined on:

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Traffic Check

The old and new city police departments in the Farmington area are combining forces to check out old cars for safety defects. What they expect to accomplish is outlined on:

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Long Hair

Its biblical history and modern implications are discussed today by our religion columnist, Lester Kinsolving. See Religion Update in our Church Section today.

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\$10,000 Recipe?

It's possible for a Farmington homemaker who loves to create new dishes. Meet her today in Observing Life.

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Better Ratio

The male-female ratio was better and the music was just as good at Tuesday evening's chamber music concert at Schoolcraft College. Compared with the first concert the ratio was up to two men for every three women from one to three. Maybe for the third, July 17, it will be even-steven.

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SALES?
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Suburbia

Traffic Jams From I-696 Construction

By DAN McCOSH

Expressways, past, present and future, are likely to become a major headache for Farmingtonites this summer.

The "favorite" turnoff for homebound commuters, Orchard Lake at I-696, will be a bottleneck all summer, as construction on 12 Mile Road, Orchard Lake and the expressway ramps blocks traffic in the area.

Further west, Farmington's industrial park is already suffering from the construction of a mammoth interchange where the new I-275 crosses the east-west artery, and park officials are trying to do something about it.

A third expressway problem is currently being tackled by the Chamber of Commerce — expediting the construction of a ramp at the

proposed interchange with the idea of adding an additional exit to I-696 for Farmington residents.

Orchard Lake is being widened from the expressway bridge north of the intersection of 12 Mile Road, an effort to move traffic off I-696 more quickly which has been blocking up, sometimes onto the expressway ramps.

Orchard Lake is closed to local traffic from 12 Mile about 500 feet north. This means commuters to north subdivisions will have to take wide detours.

One suggestion offered is for commuters from Detroit to take the Northwestern Highway exit off I-696 to either 12 Mile Road or 13 Mile road, rather than brave the Orchard Lake interchange.

Twelve Mile at Orchard Lake is also being widened and will be down to one lane several times this summer,

according to the Oakland County Road Commission.

"Drivers will just have to live with it — it's going to get worse before it is going to get better," a county engineer said.

Richard Tupper, chairman of the Industrial Park Assn., thought he could "live with" his problem too — until he discovered it could be as long as two years until his problem is solved.

On a map, the industrial park appears conveniently serviced by both I-96 and Grand River Ave.

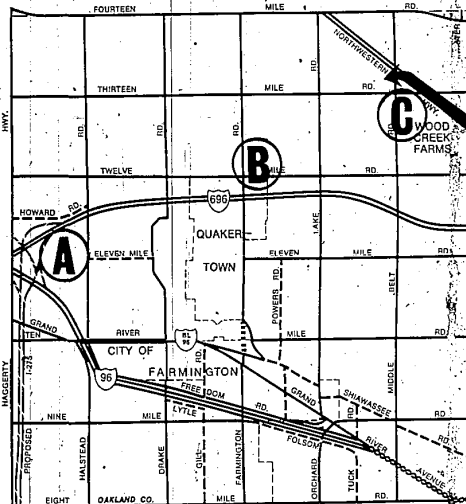
In reality, the turn-off onto 10 Mile near Halstead Road is difficult, complicated by the proximity of three streets intersecting in the area.

"It's just a mess," Tupper said. "Sometimes traffic backs out on the expressway in the morning," he added.

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THE EXIT off I-696 onto Orchard Lake Road was this bad when it was good; now it's worse. It was an attempt to relieve backed up traffic on the ramps that prompted the construction now blocking the road. (Evert photo)



EXPRESSWAY CONSTRUCTION and work on nearby roads are causing traffic problems. At (A), the new intersection between I-275, 696 and I-96 is causing motorists in unusual numbers to head north from the industrial park, across 12 Mile to (B), where they run afoul of construction on Orchard Lake Road. One suggestion, particularly for homebound motorists, is use Northwestern (C), at least for the north end of the city.



YOU'RE NOT alone, as if you didn't know, while you wait on eastbound Grand River at Halstead, near the industrial park. The industrial park association is concerned the situation might not be better for two years. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

Ransom Is Ignored

Jaegers Keep Waiting For Susie

By MARTHA MAHAN

This week end, which was to have marked the return to Farmington of seven-year-old Susie Jaeger and her family from a month long Western vacation, finds the parents remaining in Montana tortured by the child's still unsolved kidnapping.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jaeger, are determined to remain at the abduction site, a relative said, until either the mystery is solved or the FBI indicates their wait is hopeless.

"They don't intend to return as long as the FBI thinks it's wise for them to stay," said the little girl's great-grandmother, Mrs. Louise Kaiser of Walled Lake.

"At this point they don't want to return. If, finally, there is no hope, they will have to."

Meantime, no new contact has been made with a caller who telephoned a ransom demand July 2 and with whom the parents have announced they were ready to negotiate.

Whether the caller was a crank or the actual kidnapper "we don't know," an FBI agent said.

The call was received at the office of the sheriff in Denver, Colo., the agent reported. He said it included a demand for \$50,000 to be left at a certain location but gave no time or date for the money to be placed there.

A packet of money was left at the specified site "for a period of time," the federal agent said, and a watch was kept on it. Since the location was "in a public place," the money was retrieved by the FBI when no one attempted to pick it up.

"We don't know whether the call was worthwhile or not," he said. "There are always a lot of opportunists in cases like this."

The Jaegers said, however, that the caller referred to something about their missing daughter which they had forgotten and which had not been publicized. While the ransom demand had raised family hopes that Susie might be found alive, Mrs. Jaeger was described

as weakening under the draining tension. "If they would just come forward and make their demand or take the money or do something," Mrs. Kaiser quoted Mrs. Jaeger as saying

in a telephone conversation. "It makes it so hard, just waiting and not knowing."

"I wonder what they are waiting for," the older woman said. "If we could only get it over, one way or another."

Founder's Queen Search Is On

A chance to be the most honored young lady in Farmington for a year as the Farmington Festival queen is up for grabs again.

The contest, for unmarried girls between 17 and 22, is still looking for applicants, according to chairman Elinor Morandi.

In an unusual twist, there are nearly 50 sponsors this year, and about half still don't have a girl to sponsor, with two weeks to go to the contest, she said.

Applications are available at the chamber of commerce office, Farmington and Grand River, or at the Sunflower Health Food Store, 2439 Halstead Road.

Deadline for entrants is Thursday, July 19. The girls will compete for cash and scholarships in the contest as well as the honor, she said.

other! All we can do is hope and pray, and we're doing a lot of that."

The land, water and air search of the area from which the little girl vanished from her slashed campsite sleeping bag June 25 has been discontinued, the Gallatin County sheriff's office reported.

But the FBI hunt for the little girl's abductor continues nationwide.

Agents have visited relatives, friends and Farmington neighbors of the Jaegers "in hopes of developing any leads," a spokesman in the Detroit FBI office said. Checks will be made of any suspects who might develop from the talks, he said.

"We've put in lots of hours on this case," the Detroit FBI man commented.

Agents are searching particularly for Mrs. Jaeger's sister, Mrs. Patty Coy, 26, whose whereabouts are unknown. She is not sought as a suspect, the agent said, but as a possible source for leads to the abductor.

Mrs. Coy, described as a "free spirit," was last known to be living in Ann Arbor, and it is thought she may have gone to Florida, the FBI man said. Florida agents are looking for her there.

One neighbor, Mrs. Doris Dewar, said Mrs. Coy used to babysit for the Jaeger children on occasional weekends.

Mrs. Dewar also confirmed that the Jaegers had gone to Montana with the idea of looking the area over for a possible future home.

"They were going with the idea of looking over the territory and seeing what the job situation was," she said, "because they were thinking of possibly moving there."

Jaeger, a die design engineer, was "trying to get out of this rat race, as he called it," Mrs. Dewar said.

Even though Farmington is a small town, she said, "there is some of the big city here."

Jaeger felt life in the West would be more peaceful and his family safer.