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## Man arraigned in rapes



By LARRY O'CONNOR  
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A Farmington Hills man, who is charged with the sexual assault of a Farmington girl, has also been connected to the rape of a 76-year-old woman in Lyon Township. Michael Bartok, 35, pleaded not

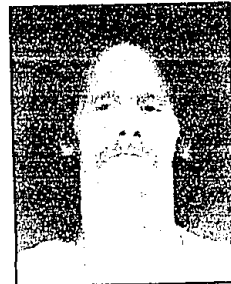
guilty Wednesday on two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of second degree in Farmington's 47th District Court. Charges are related to the sexual assault of a Farmington girl, 16, in the Downtown Center parking lot in June.

She was inline skating when a naked man wearing a stocking dragged her and forced her to have oral sex. The man also grabbed her breasts during the assault.

Judge Maria Parker set bond at \$200,000. Preliminary exam is set for 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8.

In the afternoon, he was arraigned in 62nd District Court in Novi on charges that he raped a 76-year-old woman in Lyon Township July 1.

A not-guilty plea was entered for



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## Trombones in River City



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Airing it out: North Farmington freshman Laurie Szarfranski (left) and Kim Wylie play their "air trombones" during a rehearsal of "The Music Man."

## 'Music Man' includes women, children, too

By LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

Call it moon and pop theater — but don't forget to include the daughters and sons.

The combined Farmington schools and community production of "The Music Man," to be staged at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 7-9, at the North Farmington High Auditorium, has become a family affair.

The third annual production fea-

tures Farmington Hills police officer Duane Fox in the lead role of Professor Harold Hill. Fox is joined by his daughter, Erin, 11, this year.

The Petrusas and Szarfranski, in particular, have taken to the stage in a big way. Both Farmington Hills clan names will be seen in the program with the frequency of the surname Smith in a New York telephone directory.

Michael and Janet Petrus have

roles as do their children, Jessica and Julian.

Joe and Esther Szarfranski and their three kids, Becca, 16, Lauris, 14, and Tom, 10, are busy rehearsing. When a tenor was needed, Esther also enlisted her brother, Carl Royce, who is an organist at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Either end her daughters, Becci and Lauris, were involved in last

year's production of "Anything Goes."

"My husband and little boy were left out last year," said Esther, music director at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. "So this year we decided we would all try out."

"It's enjoyable to have everyone involved in it. It's a family-type adventure."

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## Bates to continue work with families

By BILL COUTANT  
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Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Nancy Bates says her contacts in Lansing have helped the city, but she won't be collecting any political chips.

Bates, 62, is running for her second full term on the city council, but she doesn't plan to use the office as a springboard to state offices.

"I hope to spend the rest of my days in Farmington Hills working on issues that affect children and families," said the grandmother and legis-

lative aide to Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills.

Because of her association with Lansing and some influential Republicans, such as the late Gov. George Romney, Bates is sometimes discussed as a future state representative — but not by her.

Since long before her tenure on the city council, Bates has championed family issues. As a director for community affairs for the University

### HILLS COUNCIL CAMPAIGN

Hills Center church outreach program, Bates worked on issues that affect the family.

She also founded the Art Start preschool on 13 Mile and has helped organize the Meals on Wheels program for seniors.

"That's how I bumped into Jan Dolan," she said.

As mayor in 1992, Bates made the

See BATES, 2A



Nancy Bates

### A bunch of same-names

Members of the recent Smith wedding should have worn numbers on their backs like ball players. And then you'd need a score card to tell them apart.

Jennifer Sue Smith, whose parents live in Farmington Hills, married Matthew John Smith July 8 in Worthington, Ohio. A bride and groom with the same last name is unusual enough, but it gets even more uncommon.

The bride's parents were listed as Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Smith of Almond Circle in Farmington Hills. The groom's father? Why Thomas A. Smith Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, of course.

Want more confusion? The best man was Jeffrey T. Smith, brother of the groom and a Columbus resident. One of the groomsmen was Farming-

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ton Hills resident Jeff Smith, brother of the groom.

### Meeting on millage

Attention, Neighborhood Watch coordinators in Farmington Hills:

An informational meeting on the proposed 1-mill tax proposal to enhance the city's police and fire departments will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, in the city council chambers at City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

Three proponents of the millage — City Manager Bill Costick, Police Chief Bill Dwyer and Fire

Chief Rich Mariucci — will speak at the meeting. Although the meeting is mainly for Neighborhood Watch people, it is open to those interested in the crime-prevention as well.

### Memory Lane

From the Sept. 1, 1955, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

A record enrollment of 4,236 students — up from 3,553 last year — was expected at Farmington Public Schools, according to Superintendent O.E. Dunkel. At Clarendonville, enrollment was expected to top 2,000, up from 1,928 a year earlier.

Short item: "Marriage is an institution — run by women, financed by men."