

By SANDI HORNE

## Wet war waged

With a blow of the whistle and a powerful spray of water, the battle was on between the Farmington and Farmington Hills fire departments. Both teams came out fighting in this second annual showdown, with the Hills team defending their championship by winning the best of five series 3-1. The first round ended in a tie. Although the fire department water fight has long been a part of the Founder's Festival Activities, this year marks only the second time the contest took place between the Farmington and Farmington Hills teams.

Before the contest, Farmington team member, Pete Amato, favored the Hills counterparts to win again. "Farmington Hills has had a lot more practice, but we have enough spirit to win," he erroneously predicted. For the contest, a barrel was suspended on a wire across the Kmart parking lot, Halstead and Grand River. Each team is on one side of the barrel armed with hoses. A point is scored when one team squirts the barrel across to the end of the other team's line.

In the early stages of the contest, Farmington seemed to have the edge, as they powered the barrel close to the

other end of the wire. However, round one ended in a tie, as neither team could get the barrel to the end of the line.

Farmington Hills dominated the second round, winning after a few minutes of play. Farmington quickly won round three with a big power drive, tying the score.

In rounds four and five, Farmington Hills showed its experience by scoring two tough points, to win the fight by a score of 3-1.

Farmington will have to wait until next year to prove they have enough squirt to win.

## Services conducted for drowning victim

Funeral services were conducted Monday for a Farmington Hills boy who drowned during a storm last week in the Detroit River.

Stuart Weiner, 17, was aboard a rented boat with his family and friends when it capsized during the July 25 storm.

Gershon Weiner, his wife, and son Joel Goodman, 6, were rescued after the boat sank. Hadley Edwards, 38, Dorothy Sheiman, 56, and Rourke Ruffing, 24, of Farmington Hills were rescued with member of the Weiner family.

Weiner's body was found at 7:15 a.m. Sunday under the Ambassador Bridge by members of the Detroit Police Department's Harbor Master's unit.

Weiner is survived by his father, Dr. Gershon R. Weiner; mother, Myra Goodman; of Huntington Woods; brothers, Joel Goodman and Bruce Weiner; sisters Aimee Goodman and Sandra Weiner; grandmother, Phyllis Weiner of Oak Park; grandfather, Abe Levenson; and great grandmother Ruth Goldberg.

SERVICES were conducted at noon Monday in the Hebrew Memorial Chapel in Oak Park.

Weiner was one of four persons who drowned during last week's storm. The bodies of three other victims were discovered by Detroit Police and the Coast Guard over last weekend.

## Gymnasts display their abilities

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Move over Olga Korbut and Nadia Comaneci, here come the Gym J's. Farmington's young Olympic hopefuls, the Gym J's, performed a gymnastics exhibition in the downtown Farmington shopping center last week as part of the Founder's Festival activities.

The exhibition included tumbling runs, balance beam routines, and solo and duet performances by several of the girls.

The Gym J's are with the Farmington Y, and compete in meets with teams from other Y's. They perform olympic gymnastics, including all-around seen on the real Olympics, the balance beam, uneven parallel bars, vaulting horse, and floor exercise.

The ages of the girls on the team varies from 5 to 15 years. Some have been with the team for three or four years, some for less than a month. All the girls, regardless of age or experience, showed off their talents to an enthusiastic festival crowd.

Jennifer Frasier, 8, performed a solo floor routine, and a beam routine. Jennifer has been competing for two years with the Gym J's.

JENNIFER SAID she "gets a little nervous, but likes performing before a lot of people."

Anne Marie Jacobson, also 8, said

she's been competing for one year. "I like the way they teach you here," she said. It shows. The one-year veteran performed a solo balance beam routine.

Another team member, Patricia Berdish, said the team is divided into classes. "Class two is higher, for those who are more experienced, and class

three is lower, she said. Class three came in first in the tri-state meet last year, between Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

Jennifer Frasier said she became interested in gymnastics by watching T.V. "My favorite is Olga Korbut," she said. "I'd like to be in the Olympics some day."

### Mansfield receives BA from Adrian

Lorraine E. Mansfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Mansfield, 23006 Frederick, received a BA in elementary education from Adrian College this May.

Ms. Mansfield graduated summa cum laude from Adrian, attaining a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 basis. Ms. Mansfield was one of 12 to receive this honor.

### Warren's a grad

Robert Neal Warren of 21508 Chestnut, Farmington, was a recent graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Warren received an associate degree in applied science.

### Earns law degree

A Farmington Hills man was among 2557 Boston College graduates who received degrees recently at commencement ceremonies in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

James D. Bruno, 28105 Belcrest, received his Juris Doctor degree from the college's law school.

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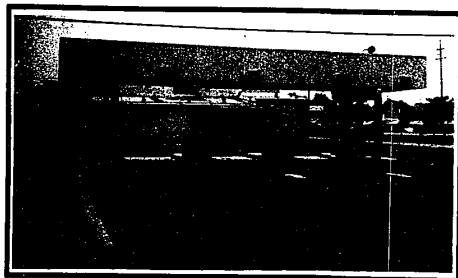
## Obituaries

VIRGINIA FENNER

Virginia L. Fenner, 60, of Farmington Hills died July 19 in Botsford General Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were July 22 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, with the Rev. James Wright of St. Alexander Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

Mrs. Fenner was a nurse at St. Ann Mead nursing home. Surviving are her husband, Bernard; sons, Theodore Hadding of Florida, Walter Hadding of North Carolina and Timothy Fenner of Union Lake; brother, William Ziegler of Union Lake; and 15 grandchildren.

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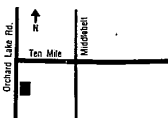
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