Bars do battle for festival prize

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For now though, Smoberman said he "thought it was just outstanding" that about 200 spectators showed up to watch the Battle of the Bars — even in the rain.

Each bar or restaurant fielded one team. They were awarded points for successful brew in any one of the five contests. The overall winner was Mountain Jack's, Smoberman said.

"YOU DIDN'T have to win every event," he said. "If you entered every event and just placed you could get points."

Gathering top points were Showbis Pizza Place in the tug of war; Be My Guest in the tray relay; Mountain Jack's in table setting and O'Sheahans in the pie eating. Allen Hughes of the Michigan Panthers presented the teams with their awards.

While all the contests seemed successful, Smoberman said, table setting, the one he was most unsure about, "turned out to be one of the most enthusiastically received."

In that contest, participants ran a relay with the first runner taking a tablecloth, the second following with silverware and yet another with plates.

The tray relay called for runners to carry a tray(s) of water-filled glasses 100 yards. At the end of the course, bartenders would measure the amount of water the runner lost along the course, Smoberman said.

OF ALL the contests, the pie-eating competition drew the most chuckles when asked what it was like.

"People mainly wore the excess home," McLaughlin said, referring to the 40 cream pies each approximately 9.5 inches in diameter.

Even though most of the competition was pie in the eye or pie all over the shirt, O'Sheahans' team took the contest's prize by consuming "two full pies" Smoberman said.

"They were big pies," he said. "But nobody got sick."

"While eating, they had to keep their hands under their chair and someone else fed them."

Action on nursing home delayed

By Mary Lou Callaway
special writer

Action on a proposed special use and site plan for a West Bloomfield nursing home was delayed until next month by the Township Board.

Robert Gurwin, represented by attorney James Glun, wants to build a 86 million, 200-bed, one-story complex on 15 acres at Maple and Drake.

Gurwin, administrator of Dearborn Heights Convalescent Center, is one of four who want to build nursing homes in the township. He also is one of nine asking for certification from the state.

His petition was recommended for a site plan and special use approval by the planning commission (8-3) in June.

OPPOSITION WAS presented at Monday's public hearing by neighborhood residents who want Drake paved.

Local builder Herman Frankel also opposed the complex because he is applying for a state certification to build a congregate community of apartments and medical facilities for senior citizens.

Frankel's plans have not been presented to the planning commission.

West Bloomfield Continuing Residency Committee and Farmington Hills-based Citizens for Better Care also oppose township action on this issue before state certification is granted.

Gurwin had told the planning commission "special use approval would give us a leg up." But his architect, Edmund Landon, said approval would not influence the state's decision.

"Approval will be construed as an endorsement," said Frankel.

But Glun said the board is considering land use, not health care.

THE 15-ACRE PARCEL at this proposed site is owned by Robert and Richard Rosin and Gerald Richter. In 1981, they brought suit against the township, claiming the residential density requirement (3.75 homes per acre) is unreasonable.

The case will be dismissed if Gurwin gets approval for his plan, according to township attorney Paul Bibeau. No plans exist for the rest of the site.

Trustee Raymond Holland, who serves on the planning commission, already voted against recommending approval. At Monday's township board meeting, he and Treasurer Andrew Lobodecky voted against delaying the decision.

Both officials said they prefer to wait for the state to award certification before voting for any nursing home facility.

MIKE GLUGOLA, a Drake Road homeowner, said: "I'll fight it until this township does something about Drake Road. People in Nash Acres and Pebblecreek subdivision are willing to sign petitions to stop this until something is done about (paving) Drake."

Road problems are a separate issue, Glun said. Township Supervisor John Doherty agreed.

Glun emphasized Gurwin's experience, his participation at Harper-Grace Hospital, endorsements by other hospitals and the taxable $6-million investment.

"It's an ideal location and land use on a problem parcel," Glun said. "There is a very real need in the community for this kind of care."

Cozier elected president

Charles T. Cozier of Farmington Hills has been elected president of the Greater Detroit Society for the Blind Board of Directors.

Cozier, a corporate insurance administrator for Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company, has been a trustee of the Greater Detroit Society for ten years and an executive committee member for seven years. He is a graduate of Hanover College in Madison, Ind.

The Greater Detroit Society for the Blind, a Torch Drive service, is accredited by the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind.

Cities want changes in cable-TV bill

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"CABLE IS a fast-changing market with varying aspects of competition," Bjorklund said. "Cable is a unique situation."

As approved by the Senate, the bill would allow local governments to retain control over granting franchises to cable firms. But the bill calls for taking away local government control of rates, programming and general operation of the system.

And those are the things that concern officials in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

In Farmington Hills' resolution, officials are urging that the bill "provide at least for the local regulation of basic cable-service rates. In Farmington, officials say rate regulation by the municipality "should be based on the company's financial position, a reasonable expected rate of return, its plans for expansion of services and market conditions . . ."

The Senate bill allows the cable operator to adjust cable rates according to the growth of the Consumer Price Index, which mirrors the rate of inflation.

"The Consumers Price Index may have little to do with the cable operator's costs," Deadman said in a report to the City Council last week.

As for programming on public access channels, both cities are adamant that the cable operator may use these specifically designated channels only with SWOCC's approval.

"These are the things that makes cable a more viable source," said Lark Samoeilian, SWOCC's executive director, about the 10 public access channels available to the tri-city franchise area.

Deadman indicated that in some areas of the country, cable operators are trying to control programming.

IN THEIR resolutions, city officials also addressed the possibility of not renewing a franchise when it expires.

According to the Senate bill, renewal is nearly automatic. But city officials say that the cable firms' rates should be reviewed at the time of renewal and if they seem excessive then communities should have the chance to deny renewal.

"The bill creates a responsible framework for the renewal of franchises and provides down the line for deregulation of certain rates," Bjorklund said.

City officials also want cable firms to be treated as any other business in the community which pays taxes and fees. But the Senate bill provides that a "franchise fee shall include any tax, fee or assessment of any kind imposed by a franchising authority or governmental authority on a cable system."

In other words, the cities do not want the cable firms to receive credit for taxes or fees paid to a franchising authority, such as SWOCC, which received fees from MetroVision for the opportunity to serve the area with cable TV.

But Bjorklund said that "in order for cable to completely develop — the more we are treated as a business the better off we are and our subscribers are.

Although the SWOCC has tried not to become involved in the cable-TV business, Samoeilian said, commissioners support local control of public access channels and the idea that "cable is treated as a business."

Even though both sides have different ideas as to how the cable industry should or should not be regulated, Samoeilian contends that "people (involved in the debate) are not as far apart as it sometimes seems."

Right now, MetroVision is continuing with its construction of cable lines and has about 5,000 subscribers in the tri-city area.

Hills peace activist draws jail sentence

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their trespassing, which the foursome violated Aug. 9.

They presented no defenses in their appearance before Thorburn.

"He asked them if they would obey the injunction if they were released, and they said, in good conscience they couldn't," Hansen said. "They called his bluff."

The group distributed a flyer in May that said they weren't going to obey man's law that they would obey God's law, which would involve civil disobedience, Hansen said.

In addition to the 30 days in jail, they also received a $250 fine for violating the injunction. The hearing date for the trespassing charge is slated for Sept. 12 before 52nd District Court Judge Michael Batchik.

"I would do it over again and I will continue to do it," Jaegar said. "I think as Christians we should put our money where our mouths are, if we believe in God. That we should act according to our faith, which should be shown by the lifestyle we live."

Police raid park, arrest manager

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Livonia patrolman William Morris said police have had complaints about drugs being sold to adults and juveniles — including high school students from Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills — in the trailer park.

"We have made at least three or four other arrests in that trailer park for drugs," said Morris, the officer in charge of the case. "These were at different trailers. This one happened to be in the main office," he said.

The charges against Jordan and Talaky carry a maximum sentence of four years each, Morris said.

Officers from Livonia, rather than Farmington Hills, made the arrest because departments are allowed to make arrests out of their jurisdiction if the case involves a felony, Morris said.

The "peace community" will continue to protest the manufacture of the engine for the cruise missile, Jaegar said. "I don't believe you can preserve life by killing people."

Jaegar is a housewife and author of the "The Last Child," which tells the story of her daughter, Susan, who was kidnapped out of the family's tent during a camping trip in Montana 10 years ago. Her daughter was killed.

Her husband, Bill, 52, said, "She's handling this (jail sentence) well, and she feels this is a duty and she has to do it."

He said he regrets that the visiting hours are only half an hour a week.

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