

# Festival fare

## Parade highlights week of celebration

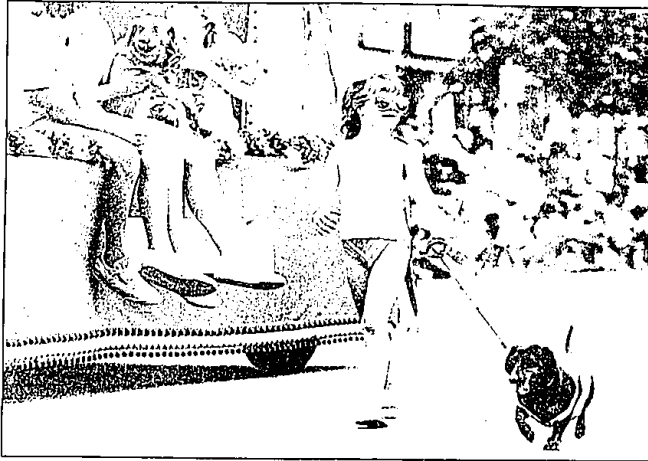
**L**AST WEEK'S heat put a bit of a damper on the 22nd Farmington Founders Festival parade — one of the most popular events of the six-day annual fest.

Parade entries were down to about 70 from about 100 last year, partly because prizes weren't offered for floats and because payment of participant expenses wasn't made. The number of parade watchers also seemed lower.

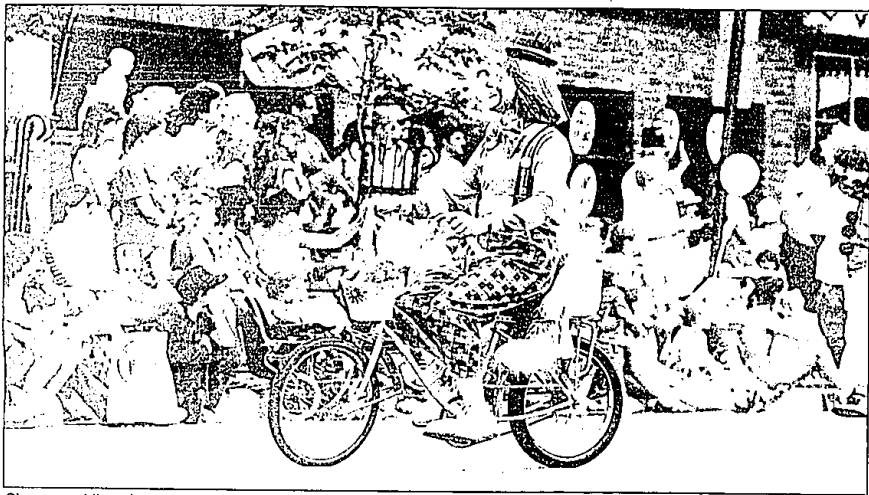
But those who braved the weather were entertained by floats from local civic organizations and businesses. Farmington and Farmington Hills fire departments also joined the fun with displays of fire and medical units and equipment.

Parade enthusiasts completed the morning's fare of entertainment with hopes that next year the weather will be a little cooler.

Staff photos  
by  
Randy Borst



Children who participated in the pet show with the Pets & Particulars float during the parade.



Clowns on bikes, in cars and on foot entertained the crowd along the parade route.



Melissa Guerreso of Farmington Hills blows up balloons for the Over 30 Ladies Softball Club float before the start of the parade.

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