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variety of ages. Live entertainment, which includes jazz artist Alexander Zorjic, Farmington Community Chorus and magician Mark St. John this year, is similar in scope.

The festival has been devoid of faddish attractions such as bungee jumping or pet rock displays.

"Some ideas go to a waiting because of the space we are confined to," Soronen said. "Innovation is difficult."

"It's changed and evolved. What we have now hasn't changed over the last few years."

More arts and crafts will be on display this year, Soronen said. A small tent is being added to allow a wide variety of crafts to be displayed, "so they are not all looking at ducks and bunnies," Soronen said.

Also, Creon Smith of the historic Botsford Inn will be hosting a garden luncheon noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16, where people

can meet city officials and the new Miss Farmington.

One of the more popular attractions is the best of a single drum: The one carrying the raffle tickets for a Corvette or \$30,000. Tickets are sold for \$100 each. Only 1,000 tickets are available, though, in order to keep the odds of winning favorable.

Many friends go in together on one ticket. In the past, as many as seven people have chipped in on the winning ticket.

So far, 200 or so tickets have been sold this year. "We're really hoping to sell the whole lot," Soronen said.

Selling enough raffle tickets to cover expenses is one anxiety-provoking aspect for festival planners, Soronen, who is in her 12th year working on the event, has learned that optimism goes a long way.

"A good time will be had by all," Soronen said.

Botsford employee describes captivity

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With her voice trembling and her body shaking, Karen June Stewart came home to Westland on Wednesday afternoon and described the terror of believing she would be killed by her abductor.

After nine days of captivity, the 36-year-old employee of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills was escorted 450 miles home by police after William Joseph Lavack, 30, surrendered to authorities, police said.

Lavack, armed with two guns and explosives, had barricaded himself and Stewart for nine hours inside a cabin in a wooded area near Kiva, a small town 25 miles southeast of Marquette, said Michigan State Police Lt.

Robert Dossetto.

"I kept trying to tell him what he wanted to hear," Stewart said, facing a barrage of reporters inside a Westland Police Department conference room. "It kept me alive."

Wringing her hands in her lap, Stewart said she pretended that she still loved Lavack, her former boyfriend, even though she said he threatened to kill her. She accused Lavack of pointing a gun at her but said he never fired.

"He said he loved me, and he didn't want anybody else to have me," Stewart said. "I never thought I'd see Westland again."

Lavack ended a nine-hour standoff by voluntarily surrendering to authorities at 2:15 a.m. Wednesday. Stewart said she was

abducted when she left work and met Lavack about 7 p.m. June 27. She has accused him of stalking her even though she tried to end their relationship.

Lavack was scheduled to be arraigned today (Thursday) in Westland District Court on charges of stalking Stewart and breaking into her home on June 18. He also was to be charged with being a habitual offender because he has past convictions related to weapons, burglary and assault, Westland Sgt. Terry Donohue said.

On Wednesday, authorities had just begun preparing the paper work that is expected to result in an abduction charge against Lavack, said Westland police Chief Emery Price. Lavack, a Lincoln



Karen June Stewart

Park resident, was brought to Westland in a separate car Wednesday.

"He voluntarily surrendered himself and the hostage without incident," Dossetto said.

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Officers contend they lag well behind other Oakland County public safety departments in terms of pay and pension. Pay scale for a Farmington PSO is between \$25,599 and \$38,261. Public safety officers also do firefighting in addition to police work.

The city wants to hold spending. Officials cite the possible long-term effects of caps on property assessments, which will cut revenue to the city.

"We want something that will

put us in line and not cripple the city," Madigan said. "Again, we base all our demands and issues strictly on comparables."

"That has been our main concern: To get into the mainstream of what other public safety departments, or other police departments, earn."

Arbitration is seen as a last resort for public employees.

"Normally in the private sector when you get to a certain point

where you can't negotiate any longer and you're at an impasse, you either walk off the job or do whatever else you have to do," said Jerry Radovic of the Police Officers Association of Michigan. "In this case, we're not allowed to strike. We have (Public) Act 312."

An arbitrator has to pick one of each side's final offers on economic issues, Radovic said. On non-economic issues, an arbitrator can work out a compromise.

Non-economic issues can in-

clude such things as promotions, work scheduling and vacation.

Madigan said he'd feel confident with the union's demands if it goes to the arbitrator.

"I'd expect to fare well in some (issues) and I'd expect to lose some, too," he said. "I guess it's the nature of the game, and the risk. From experience, an arbitrator is not going to rule basically on one side on all issues."

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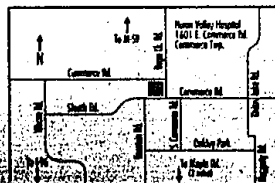
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