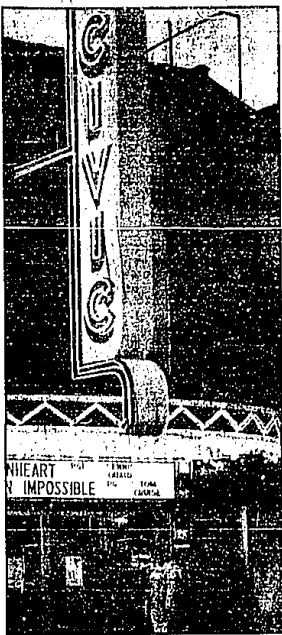


Show goes:  
Sometimes,  
while standing  
in line at the  
Civic Theatre in  
downtown  
Farmington,  
ticket-holders  
and passersby  
are entertained  
by the banjo  
playing of Skip  
Rosenthal,  
owner of Books  
Abound.



Superman's cool: Three-year-old Eric Forman of Farmington Hills takes a spoonful of superman ice cream from his mom, Paula Forman, as they took out at the traffic on Farmington Road at Grand River. Eric's brother Adam chose cookies and cream flavor while mom went without.

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own hot fudge sundae," said Hills resident Gloria Lewis. "Every once in awhile, there's nothing like it."

And although the crowd had arrived, Kathy Mihajlovski said she wasn't too rushed as she served up the creamy treat.

"Sunday seems to be the busiest," she said.

Several people enjoyed the view of Friday's beautiful sunset, whether on rollerblades or while enjoying supper.

"It's a beautiful evening, so I wanted to bring my husband down here," said Barbara Wilson, who said she often shops in the downtown area.

The couple enjoyed the view from Dagwood's as they sat outside to enjoy their supper.

Several diners were also outside at the Downtown Cafe, enjoying the weather.

Michael and Brenda Gaiser relaxed near the fountain in the downtown shopping center with

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Joe Impullitti

—Farmington Hills resident

their five children. Michael Gaiser has worked as an architect in Farmington for 10 years.

"We're planning to move here," he said.

Many in the younger crowd, and some a little older, were enjoying some good coffee and

entertainment at the Grand Cafe, across from the shopping center. "The M.J. Combo" played.

"We get a lot of people who are going to the movies (at the Civic Theater)," said waiter Jeff Moon. "We like to come here and it's

nice to see younger people enjoying themselves," said Joe Impullitti of Farmington Hills, who was enjoying the coffee and music with his wife Cathy.

And what would a Friday or Saturday evening be without the familiar strum of a banjo, a tradition carried on by Skip Rosenthal, owner of Books Abound.

Rosenthal, who used to play in pizza parlors while patrons sang along with words on a screen, started to play outside his store

10 years ago.

"I saw people lined up, waiting for the movie," he said. "It seemed like a natural."

The Friday night moviegoers missed out for one of the few times, but Saturday's crowd enjoyed the ragtime fare while lining up for "Dragonheart" and "Mission Impossible."

It may be nothing fancy, but spending a weekend evening in Farmington suits a lot of residents just fine, thank you.



Java music: Livonia Stevenson High School graduates and students perform at the Grand Cafe, a few doors down from the Civic Theatre. From right is Mike Hoenerhoff, Jeff Kumpula, Mike Jellick, Bill Davidson and Danan Sudindranath.

Loyal fans: From left (clockwise) Joseph Harrick, Don and Carol Copeland and Mary Harrick wait for their granddaughter and daughter, Carrie E.V. Copeland to sing with the band, M.J. Combo.



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