Katrena Langdon (left), Wendy Cline and Kristen Sar-

rauh limber up at Oak-land Community College prior to beginning the Farm-ington Hills leg of WalkAmeri-ca on Sunday morn



Event goes on

Although the rain fell hard and the wind blev cold Sunday, at least the event wasn't halted. Walt recalled one year when a thunderstorm forced a cancellation of WalkAmerica.

The weather did make an impact, however. Each in the nearly empty H Building symnasium by 12:30 p.m., volunteer workers were already breaking down tables and chairs. Despite the lack of an audience, the band Two Stops Higher kept cranking hits by Sheryl Crow and Joe Jackson.

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hits by Shoryl Crow and Joe Jackson.
Spokeswoman Maggie Champagne of the March of Dimes still called the event successful.
I really have to admire the walkers' tenacity," she said. "They were all in good spirits when they came back, although all of their clothes were wet.
"More than one of them told me it was for a good cause, it was fun and they'd do it every year, rain or shine."
The March of Dimes expects to meet its 81.5 million goal for the 15 southeast Michigan walks, Axtell said. About \$50,000 of that is from the Farmington Hills walk.

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and have made a visible presence in town.

"I don't think people would be out here on a day like this it wasn't important to them."

The bad weather might have forced some walkers to retreat early, including the Blackers. But that wasn't the case with the Wrights, who live in Brighton.

Maggie said the rain actually increased their enthusiasm for the cause.

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Whenever they felt like getting on the bus, some of the volunters at each checkpoint encouraged them to keep walking.

"They said, 'Come on, keep going," said Rosalie Wright.

Because they did, the Wrights met a new friend at the fourth checkpoint, which was operated by Farmington's Page's Food & Spirits. The pair and 73-year-old Rolland Walt of Farmington Hills bumped into each other while waiting at a traffic stop:

'They finished the walk together and plan on continuing their new friendship. "That is, if my wife lets me and her husband lets her," said Walt with a wink and a smile.

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and a smile. Walt said a little rain wasn't going to keep him from showing

## FCC reverses self: Cable rate was OK

When it comes to change, the Federal Communications Commission has token the jingle out of the pockets of Farmington area cable subscribers.

The FCC overturned its previous ruling, which would'required Time Warmer to refund customers 65 cents it overcharged them in 1997 and part of 1998. Time Warmer didn't refund the money, filling an

behind closed doors the industry lobbyists were able to get that reverued. "I think that's a sad commentary in (SWOCC's) ability thave some modicum of influence on even the basic rates." In the decision, the FCC ruled Time Warner's "methodology acceptable" in how it calculated its basic rate of \$16.12. The FCC subsequently OK'd the cable

## Defense delays to see police interview tape Bond stays on fake kidnap charge

A proliminary exam has been adjourned until Friday for a man accused of faking the kidnapping of his 12-year-old son in order to extort money to pay a gambling debt. His \$100,000 cash bond will

remain the same.

The postponement allows the defense attorney to review a videotape where Marko Ivezic is interviewed by Farming-

ic is interviewed by Farming-ton Hills police about the fake abduction April 18. Ivesic, 27, is charged with filing a false report of a felony, inducing a minor to commit a felony and attempted false pretenges more than \$100 in pretenses more than \$100 in

Police found the Farmington Hills man's son, Zoran, hand-cuffed to a sink at a Farming-ton Hills hotel. Ivezic told ton Hills hotel. Ivezic told police his son was abducted at gunpoint near Gill Elementary the night of April 17.
"I cannot comment until I know what is on the tape," said Martin Mattes, Ivezic's

said Martin Mattes, Ivezic's attorney after the preliminary was adjourned.
At Monday's hearing, 47th District Court Judge Fred Harris granted the delay but refused Ivezic's request to reduce bail to \$50,000. Many of Ivezic's family attended

Monday's hearing The family c a n n o t afford the \$100,000 cash bail, the attor-



County Jail.

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"They just do not have those type of assets," said Martin Mattes, attorney.
Judge Marla Parker set bail because of Ivezic's potential for harming his family. His estranged, wife had a protection order against him, which expired April 13.

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If he posts bail,-leczie will-have to wear an electronic tether. He is also required to surrender his passport.

Mattes asked Judge Harris if a priest, the Rev. Primus Prenk Ndrevashav, could speak in support of reducing leczic's bail.

"I'm not inclined to even touch the bond ... until I have all the facts of the case," said Harris, who did not preside during lvezic's arraignment April 20.



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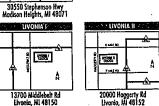
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