

## FESTIVAL

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basking in some air conditioning from an open truck.  
Suzanne Lichtman, executive director for the Founder's Festival, said the rain didn't cause too many problems for crafters, vendors, artists or patrons.

"We recovered from it very well," she said of the thunderstorm.

As for the crafters, she said most are professionals and know how to deal with it.

"Most (crafters) come prepared to deal with all types of weather," Lichtman said.  
In other weather related festival news, the 1939 film "Wizard of Oz," in which a wayward tornado plays a major role, enjoyed a revival at the Civic, and attracted some Dorothy wannabes.  
Free Thursday and Friday showings of the classic film starring Judy Garland proved to be a hit, said Holly Mansell, Civic manager.  
"I've had a lot of parents say that this is the first time they've

seen 'Wizard of Oz' on the big screen," Mansell said. Some children saw the film for the first time on the Civic's big screen.  
Lichtman labeled herself among the enthralled after seeing the film on the big screen. The scene that shifts from sepia to Technicolor was a scene that she said was particularly memorable.  
"A lot of have seen 'The Wizard of Oz,' but not on the big screen," she said.  
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## EXAM

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failed to appear for his preliminary exam in January.  
Quinn was extradited back to Farmington Hills from a Philadelphia jail in April after authorities nabbed him for skipping that court hearing.  
The eight criminal sexual conduct charges are 15-year felonies. Quinn is also charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance, a seven-year felony; one count of a drug possession,

a two-year felony; and one count of possession of a Taser gun, a four-year felony.  
Matthew Martin, Oakland County assistant prosecutor, said the judge cannot force Quinn to serve his sentences consecutively if he is found guilty.  
Police said they confiscated homemade videotapes of Quinn and the alleged victim at his apartment. One tape shows the woman sedated while Quinn engaged in sexual intercourse, said Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer in an earlier interview.

The prosecutor's office said in a statement that the tape shows the woman with an intravenous needle in her arm and appearing to drift in and out of consciousness while allegedly being assaulted. Toxicology results in the case show the street drug Ecstasy and an amphetamine were in the woman's system, said Martin in an earlier interview.  
No date was set Friday for Quinn's arraignment on the charges in Oakland County Circuit Court.

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## VAGNOZZI

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ingly, the 76-year-old is also an active advocate for the elderly. He supports taking another look at property tax rebates for seniors, the cap on which was set 27 years ago and never changed, and encouraging companies to keep health care for retirees.

"Seniors are living longer, but they are more active," Vagnozzi said. "Our community has a great senior program. I would like to see more of that."  
Having been in charge of a nephew's mental health care, he has had a great deal of experience with Michigan's mental health care system, which he believes is abysmal.  
"The closing of the Lafayette Clinic was a world-class

tragedy," Vagnozzi said, "because it was a first-class research facility. We can do better. We should do better. We just don't take care of those who are the most vulnerable."

Term limits, he believes, have led to a number of problems, including the loss of experience and an increase in the power of lobbyists. He said most state lawmakers don't understand the issues communities face.

"Not many of them come out of local government, so they don't know local government," he said. "Look at the trouble we've had getting a sound barrier (on I-275). It's a local issue, and they're not listening."

While opposed to giving tax breaks and incentives to large corporations, Vagnozzi would rather see incentives going to smaller companies.

"I would concentrate more on small business. That's where the jobs are," he said, adding he favors the progression of the Single Business Tax decreases. "Small business has



Aldo Vagnozzi

to stand on its own and fight for tax incentives. Big business will do what's best for them."

He wants to keep the tax caps imposed under Proposal A, which limits property tax increases until a home transfers ownership. He acknowledged there is some unfairness for younger home buyers; however, the limit helps keep older folks from being taxed out of their homes.

Still, he said, "I think it could be improved. We need a system that keeps up with inflation and deflation and guarantees a certain level of funding (for schools). I don't know whether Proposal A does that."

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The advocate should have experience with hospitals, and be local. That person might need to use persistence to obtain information or move on your case, and must be diplomatic in the doing.  
If you are seeing a doctor in his office, and feel unsure about your ability to understand what he may do or say, bring an advocate with you. That person can assist in the same way as he or she would in a hospital setting.

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## Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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