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## Beating the Heat on Mackinac Island's Main Street



As the heat index heads toward 90 degrees, with no clouds in sight, tourists look for an ice-cream cone and Mackinac Island horses look for a bucket of water Wednesday, August 1. Horses Mark (front) and Dick are offered water by Mike Romano (front) and Gary McDonnell. The men are Mackinac Island Carriage Tours employees. The buckets are filled between carriage stops and lined up curbside near the Carriage Tours ticket booth on Main Street. "We actually get quite a few dogs stopping at the buckets too," said Mr. Romano. The geldings have a water break about every 20 minutes, said Brad Chambers of Carriage Tours, and drivers keep an eye on them during the tour to Surrey's Hill, watching for signs of dehydration and overheating. They are not always thirsty when they make the Main Street stop, said Mr. Romano, who can usually tell when they want water. "Their ears come up, and they look at the bucket," he said. Water also is available for the animals, including dray horses, at various spots on the Island like Surrey's Hill, Arch Rock, Main Street, the Arnold dock, the Cadotte Avenue horse barn, and the 4-H barn. "They get a lot of attention," said Brad Chambers of Carriage Tours, "that's for sure."

### Police Chief Resigns; City Sets Sewer Moratorium

By Eric Fish

The Mackinac Island City Council, meeting Wednesday, August 1, accepted the resignation of Police Chief William Lenaghan and imposed a 180-day moratorium on tapping into the city's sewerage system, cutting in half a six-month plan proposed by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Chief Lenaghan has led the Mackinac Island Police Department for five years and will take a position as a Public Safety Director at Leoni, between Jackson and Grass Lake. His employment here will end in mid-September.

Speaking for himself and on behalf of his wife, Lois, Chief

Lenaghan wrote in his letter, "This move takes us closer to permanent retirement and the family obligations that have become more pressing as of late, requiring more and more of our focus and time."

He wrote that he has a great deal of pride in the advances the department took in the five years under his supervision. He said at the meeting that he appreciated the support he has received while here, and received a round of applause from Council and a dozen residents comprising the audience.

"We're sorry to see you go," Alderman Mike Hart said.

DPW Director Bruce

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### Bridge Celebration Tops All Expectations

By Karen Gould

With cheers, tears, and exclamations of awe, the Mackinac Bridge was celebrated by thousands over the weekend for connecting Michigan's peninsulas for 50 years. Symbolically recognizing that link, four Michigan Air National Guard fighter jets from Selfridge Air National Guard Base flew above the bridge from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City to begin the celebration, and a parade of 50 convertibles, one from each year since the bridge opened, drove across the Mighty Mac Saturday, July 28.

Residents of the two towns, along with thousands of visitors, lined streets, filled hotels, ate traditional birthday cake,

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Mackinac Island's 2007 Lilac Queen Kristi Kamphuis (left) and Princess Dana Roguska ride in the 50th anniversary parade of the Mackinac Bridge. They participated in both the St. Ignace and Mackinaw City parades July 28. Here, they are on Central Avenue in the Mackinaw City parade.