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## Carriage Parade Planned at Festival of the Horse



Grand Hotel Hackneys Jester (left) and Duke are driven by Stable Manager Ben Mosley as they trot in front of the hotel on their way to the West Bluff. Riding in the Grand's 1904 Brewster Vis-a-Vis antique carriage are hotel guests Steve Tarachow of Wisconsin and Stacey Smith of California. The carriage will be on display during the Festival of the Horse Thursday, July 23, through Saturday, July 25.

### Island Equine Culture To Be Focus

By Karen Gould

Elegant antique horse-drawn carriages will parade down Main Street to showcase Mackinac Island's horse culture Friday, July 24. The parade,

which starts at 7 p.m., is part of the three-day Festival of the Horse that begins Thursday and runs through Saturday.

The antique carriages, tours of Grand Hotel and private West

Bluff stables, carriage driving demonstrations, a breed show, horse culture lectures, a live auction, and an old-fashioned barn raising party are planned by the Mackinac Horsemen's

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### Zoning, Sign, and Blight Changes Get OK

By Kerri Jo Molitor

Changes to the city's zoning, sign and display of merchandise, and handbill ordinances were approved by the Mackinac Island City Council Wednesday, July 15, and the city rejected a business license for an entertainment company that council members said was

too much like a carnival.

The zoning ordinance now states that approved building projects begin within one year of the issuance of the permit or it will expire, unless an extension is requested by the applicant and is approved by the planning commission. It also states that if the work is begun

within the one year time limit, it must be complete within two years of the permit's issuance or extension. If it is not completed, then all work that was done must be removed from the property by the owner and the property should be restored to its original condition.

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### German Documentary To Feature Astor

Crew Shoots Film on Mackinac Island

By Kerri Jo Molitor

Pioneers turned millionaires is the idea behind a five-part documentary series filmed by German film company Gebrueder Beetz, and one of those pioneers, John Jacob Astor, led them to film on Mackinac Island Friday, July 10.

Mr. Astor built a fur trading empire in the Great Lakes and Canada in the late 1700s, headquartered on Mackinac Island.

A film crew of three, Kai Christiansen, Joerg Hammermeister, and Suzanne Heinz, have traveled around Germany and the United States following the path of Mr. Astor and four

other famous pioneers, Levi Strauss, Henry John Heinz, Henry Steinway, and William Edward Boeing. All of the pioneers in the series began their lives in Germany and moved to America to find success.

"Astor, I think, is completely unknown in Germany," Mr. Christiansen said, explaining their decision to make a docu-

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### Yacht Racing Season Begins With Chicago-Mackinac

3,000 Sailors Heading for Straits Saturday

By Karen Gould

New sailing challenges, yacht club competitions, and a race addition highlight the 101st sailing of the Chicago Yacht Club's Race to Mackinac that begins this Saturday, July 18. If weather forecasts stay true, wind direction and speed combined are expected to make an average paced event this year, racer Dick Coates of Mackinac Island said.

A total of 350 boats have registered to compete in this year's race, with about 3,000 sailors participating.

With winds coming from the south, sailors would be using their spinnaker sails, said Mr. Coates, who estimates the first boats will begin crossing the finish line at Windermere Point on Mackinac Island late Sunday or early Monday morning. The last boats, he said, probably would arrive early Tuesday,

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### MacMan To Set Sail July 23

By Kerri Jo Molitor

The Mackinac to Manitoulin International Yacht Race, now dubbed MacMan, will be part of a week of Mackinac Island sailing events that include the Round the Island Race. The MacMan race starts Thursday, July 23, from Mackinac Island.

Thirty racers are registered for the competition, which heads east from Mackinac Island across the northern part of Lake Huron to the False Detour Passage and into the North

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