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# Thomas: No doubts on Warfield



BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Ken Warfield stepped up his state Senate campaign Monday by touting a Westland mayoral endorsement and pledging to improve school funding, fix roads, beef up local police departments and make health maintenance organizations more accountable.

Warfield, mayor of Wayne, sought to

The race between state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and challenger Mayor Ken Warfield of Wayne is civil in tone to date. Both men tout their records, with Warfield citing an endorsement by Westland Mayor Bob Thomas.

boost his Democratic campaign against 8th District incumbent Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, by publicly accepting an endorsement from third-term Westland Mayor Robert Thomas.

"Bob Thomas and I have worked together as mayors to fight for the things our cities need," Warfield said. "I am very pleased that he supports my bid to bring that fighting spirit to

Lansing."

Warfield drew applause from nearly 40 supporters who attended a press conference at Democratic Party headquarters in a strip mall near the southwest corner of Ford and Wayne roads.

Contacted Monday afternoon at his office, Bennett said he wasn't surprised by Thomas' endorsement of Warfield.

"It is not something that I will harbor any ill will over, whatsoever," he said. "I understand party politics."

Bennett touted his own accomplishments, such as helping to secure money for Newburgh Road improvements and being highly accessible in Lansing to local government leaders.

Bennett also cited priorities such as fighting to keep imported solid waste out of Michigan and providing equal educational opportunities for students — though not necessarily by throwing more money at schools.

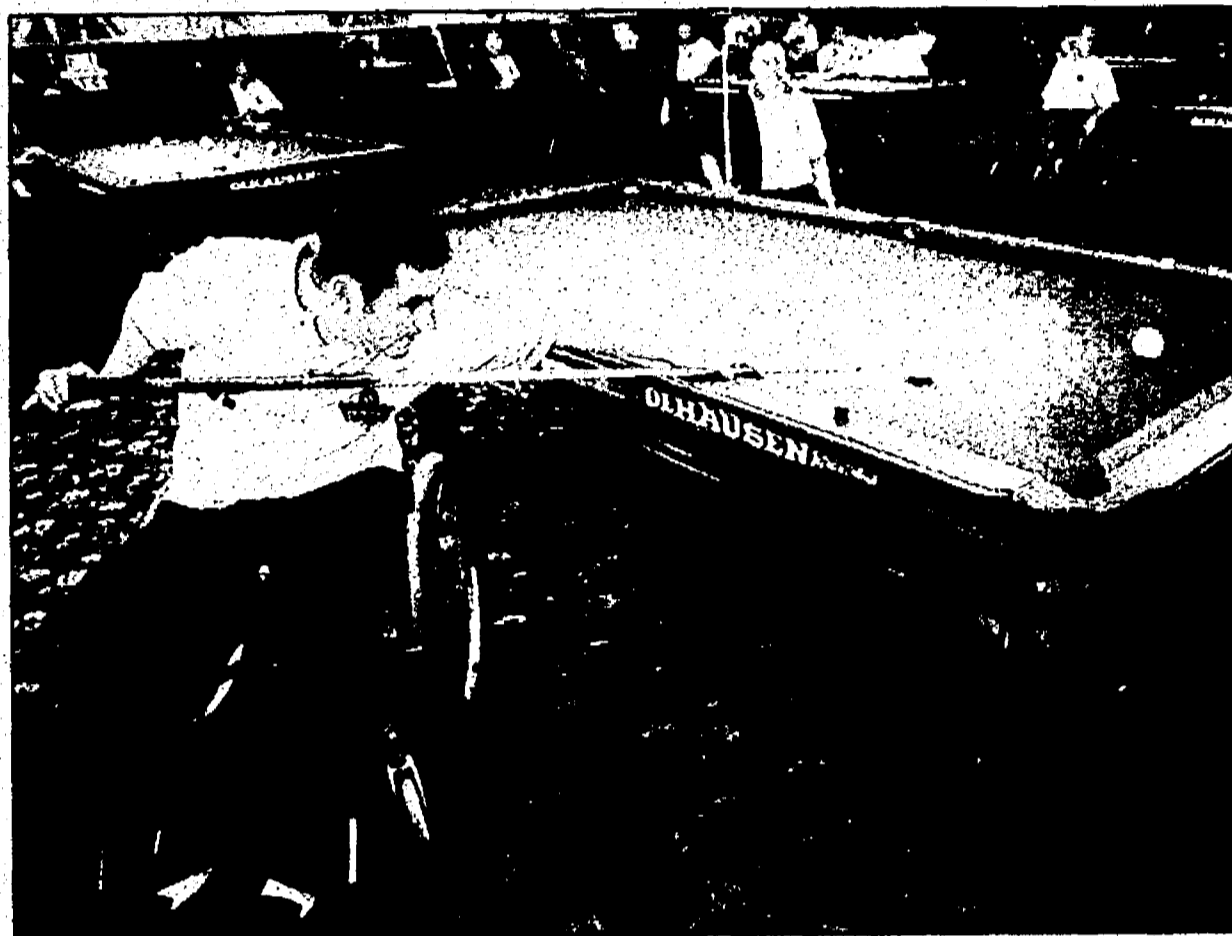
### Civil tone

Neither Warfield nor Bennett made direct attacks on each other Monday as they prepared to head into the final two months of the 8th District Senate campaign. Warfield is trying to thwart Bennett's bid for a second four-year term.

The district includes Westland, part

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## Shooting cool



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Near and far: Paul Flannighan of Scotland with Team Europe (left) takes a shot in the international wheelchair pool championships. Bqb Calderon of Livonia with Team America takes aim versus Europe at The Electric Stick in Westland.

# Pool players know all the right moves

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Charlie Dorman came all the way from Glasgow, Scotland, to shoot pool in Westland. That's 3,495 miles as the crow flies. "It's an experience," he said. More than that, the first-ever Olhausen International Wheelchair

Team 9-Ball Championship drew top players from eight countries and 10 states to The Electric Stick, 6581 N. Wayne Road.

"It's a healthy rivalry is the nicest way to put it," Dorman said. "But it is very competitive. Nobody playing wants to lose."

The three-day international compe-

tion, which was to end late Wednesday, pitted Team Europe against Team America. Twelve top-ranked players made up each team.

That event followed an annual three-day U.S. championship, also at The Electric Stick, that was won this year by Aaron Aragon of Lake Elsinore, Calif.

"This gets us all out of the house and away from the TV," 40-year-old Joe Blankenship of Orange City, Calif., said. "And these people playing are super nice people. We see friends that we haven't seen since the last tournament."

In total, nearly 70 wheelchair pool players participated in the back-to-back championships. And make no mistake — they're good.

"We play all over the United States," said Blankenship, a former

Detroit resident who also restores Chrysler muscle cars — one of which appeared in the movie "My Girl."

Inside The Electric Stick on Monday morning, a hush fell over the pool hall as Team Europe and Team America players challenged each other in one-on-one competition.

Various competitions would be played to see which team accumulated the most points leading up to Wednesday's closing ceremonies, which was to include an international trophy being awarded.

"We could still play with the able-bodied guys and give them a good competition — if not beat them," Blankenship said. "There are some good players here."

ESPN was scheduled to film the

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Team member: Allen Meadows of Pasadena, Md., is a member of the Team America wheelchair pool players.

# Program targeting drunken driving earns kudos

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A new Alcohol Enforcement Team that hit Westland streets July 24 appears to be snagging drunken drivers, police officials say.

"Everybody's very happy with it," Police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Westland officers arrested 63 drunken drivers from July 24 through Aug. 30 — more than double the 31 arrests made during the same period last year,

he said.

Those are citywide numbers. But Brokas said 23 of the latest 63 drunken driving arrests can be attributed directly to new Alcohol Enforcement Team patrols.

Those patrols focus primarily on Wayne and Ford roads on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Viewed another way, only two patrol cars were involved in more than a third of the city's drunken driving arrests

between July 24 and Aug. 30.

Each of the two Alcohol Enforcement Team patrol cars has only one officer.

The new program has resulted in other arrests and tickets, too. Altogether, the officers issued 97 tickets to motorists from July 24 to Aug. 30 — for problems ranging from curfew violations to drunken driving.

Mayor Robert Thomas has said he hopes the new program will warn motorists that if they continue to drink

and drive in Westland, then they likely will be caught.

Thomas and police officials launched the program after a study showed that Wayne and Ford roads have more than their share of problem drivers.

Police officials have noted that Wayne and Ford have more liquor establishments than many other Westland roads.

City prosecuting attorneys have

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# Local boat business owner faces felony charges

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

The 74-year-old owner of a Westland boat-repair business faces criminal charges following a police investigation prompted by customer complaints, police said Tuesday.

Edward Connolly was arraigned on felony charges Tuesday in Westland 18th District Court following a several-month investigation into customer complaints that their property came up missing from Westland Marine, 8630 Middlebelt near Joy, police Sgt. James Ridener said.

Customers reported they had been told that boat motors and other parts they brought to Westland Marine were stolen during break-ins, Ridener said.

One man's entire boat and trailer came up missing, Ridener said.

Connolly's attorney couldn't be reached for comment.

Felony charges against Connolly came after police executed search warrants at his Westland business, his Howell home and a warehouse that he used in St. Joseph in southwestern Michigan, Ridener said.

On Tuesday, Connolly was arraigned on charges of conducting a continuing criminal enterprise, perjury, attempting to obtain money under false pretenses and malicious destruction of property. He was being held in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond.

Connolly is scheduled for a Sept. 10 a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial on the charges — the most serious of which car-

ries a 20-year prison term upon conviction.

"People would bring in their boats for service, and they would be told that the place was broken into and their property was stolen," Ridener said.

"We recovered a lot of those items that had been reported stolen," he added.

Police couldn't confirm that the case involved insurance fraud.

An investigation that started prior to last Christmas was led by the Metro Street Enforcement Team, which includes officers from Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Inkster. The case stems from complaints dating back as far as 1994, Ridener said.

One Redford Township man said his father's boat was taken in for repairs that were repeatedly delayed, and finally the motor was reported stolen.

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pledged intense prosecution of those caught drinking and driving.

Brokas, meanwhile, said the Alcohol Enforcement Team's efforts seem to have sparked new enthusiasm throughout the

police department for cracking down on drunken driving.

"The whole department seems to be doing a better job on drunk drivers," he said. "They all seem to have taken this to heart."

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finals for later airing.

National games drew players from California to Connecticut, and international competition brought players from England, Scotland, Belgium, Ireland, Austria, Germany, Canada and the United States.

Monday evening, wheelchair players challenged local dignitaries in a charity benefit to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, which helps terminally ill children realize

dreams such as traveling to Disney World.

Companies such as Olhausen Billiard Manufacturing Inc. helped pay for this year's tournament.

Bob Calderon, a Livonia resident and president of the national group, has said that wheelchair pool enthusiasts are trying to draw new members to help the organization grow.

He can be reached at (734) 422-2124.

# Woman injured

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Garden City doctors placed an unconscious 90-year-old woman on life support following a two-vehicle accident Monday afternoon in Westland.

Mary Zaplinsky was described as being in critical condition after the car she was riding in apparently pulled in front of a Ford F-150 pickup in the intersection of Warren Road and Central City Parkway, police Officer Jack McIntosh said.

Zaplinsky suffered internal injuries.

"She's on life support," he said. "She almost died at the scene."

Zaplinsky was a front-seat passenger in a 1990 Ford Tempo driven by her 75-year-old sister, Nellie Szewchuk, who suffered lesser injuries, McIntosh said.

Both women are from Dearborn Heights, but they have separate residences, he said.

way when it was hit by a pickup headed east on Warren, McIntosh said.

Szewchuk apparently hesitated to make her turn and then pulled into the truck's path in the intersection, McIntosh said.

The truck driver, who was rounding a slight curve on Warren, apparently didn't have enough time to avoid hitting the Tempo on the passenger side, McIntosh said, based on statements from witnesses.

Neither the truck driver nor his 12-year-old daughter was injured, and both were restrained by seat belts, McIntosh said.

The Dearborn Heights sisters were restrained only by a shoulder belt but not a lap belt, the officer said.

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident, he said.

The truck driver isn't expected to face criminal charges following reports from witnesses who said he didn't appear to do anything wrong, McIntosh said.

The investigation is continuing.

Witnesses told police officers that the Tempo was turning from westbound Warren onto southbound Central City Park-

# Friendly rivalry aids good works

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

The final score: Westland firefighters, 13; Westland police officers, 11.

No doubt there will be some good-natured jabs in the wake of a Friday golf competition that pitted firefighters against police officers.

It could be said that firefighters have more idle time to practice their golf game.

Or, it could be said that firefighters used their superior golf skills to blaze their way to victory over police officers.

The truth, however, is that the two sides merely had a good time playing golf while raising money to help the city's Youth Assistance Program.

Firefighters and police officers came up with a scoring system for games they played Friday at the Fellows Creek East course in Canton Township.

In the end, a crystal bowl known as the Chief's Cup went to Fire Chief Mark Neal's office, not Police Chief Emery Price's.

"We did this to have fun and to bring the two organizations together," Assistant Fire Chief Bob Fields said. "Everybody had a good time, and it promoted goodwill between the two

departments."

Fields and police Sgt. Tim Kennedy planned the outing, which could become an annual event to help worthy organizations.

"We raised \$400 for Youth Assistance," Kennedy said, and even though the police department lost the contest, "we had a real good time."

This year, a total of \$400 went to the Youth Assistance Program from the Westland Police Officers Association, Westland Firefighters Local 1279, Westland Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, and Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Committee.

Individual players could accumulate as many as three points, Kennedy said, and three people - all firefighters - did just that: Fields, Chief Neal and Neal's son, Scott.

Three from the police department accumulated two points, Kennedy said. They were Sgt. Tom Harris and Officers Jack McIntosh and Brian Sorensen.

Kennedy and firefighter Jeff Pochon also took some medals in individual competition.

Meanwhile, the two sides may try to schedule another event, possibly bowling.

After all, the police department has to settle the score.

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**Good times:** Steve Nowland of Garden City (left) tries for a strike. Below is Nicole Krull of Livonia, using body language to coax the ball. At right is Scott Shelton of Garden City and below (small photo) is Roger Klein of Westland, cheering after picking up a spare.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL



## Bowlers show their stuff, have fun at the same time

Things were rolling right along at Vision Lanes on a recent Thursday. Therapeutic recreation program participants from Westland Parks and Recreation took to the lanes for their Thursday night bowling.

"We usually have around 40," said Margaret Martin, therapeutic program supervisor for Westland Parks and Recreation. The program draws those ages 15 to 50 or so with developmental disabilities. The year-round program for teens and adults is supplemented by a separate children's bowling program.

"We run about 100 activities a year," Martin said. Recent activities have included a Cedar Point trip, movie nights, camp, shows at the Fox Theatre, arts and crafts and others. There's an upcoming mystery trip.

"We do lots of stuff," said Martin, who has been on the job for nearly five years. "They were doing bowling when I came. We've expanded it quite a bit."

The program is one of the larger of its kind, she said, and draws participants from neighboring communities.

"People who have impairments have the right to have activities just like the rest of us." The supervised program offers fun with friends and the chance to learn a new activity.

The bowlers use adaptive equipment, such as ramps. Bumpers are put in for sessions by the staff at the bowling alley. "Vision Lanes has been very nice to us," Martin said.

For information on the program, call (734) 722-7620.



## Traffic woes surface

A group of Westland women whose children attend Livonia Public Schools are angry over new no-parking signs at the end of their street.

But the couple who live at the corner of Ravine and Joy Road say the signs are needed because the women's vehicles have been encroaching on their property and making it harder to sell.

Judy Bowles, one of the mothers, said her group is concerned for their kids' safety and plans to petition the Westland City Council for the signs' removal.

The signs prohibit parking, standing or stopping within about 150 feet of the corner.

The women, most of whose children attend Garfield Elementary School, drive the youngsters to and from the pickup point at the end of the block two to three times a day, depending on whether the kids attend half or full days.

Renee Gizicki, Bowles' sister, said she and the other women "don't feel safe that our kids have to run 200 feet to the bus," citing the 8 a.m. rush-hour traffic along Joy, where the bus stops, and the vehicles going in and out of the Green Grainger landscaping business located on the west side of Ravine.

But Larry and Peggy Sullivan, who have lived on the corner since 1982 and are trying to sell their house, say the women's vans, pickups and cars have chewed away five feet of their property from the roadside and that some of the kids and vehicles have damaged trees, shrubs and in-ground sprinklers.

## PLACES & FACES

### Busy Friends

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold a mini book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 4-5, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Paperbacks will be sold at eight for \$1. Hardcover books will be sold at 50 cents each.

The Friends will receive proceeds from an appraisal clinic 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the library. The clinic is offered by Frank Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills.

Price for the verbal appraisals is \$3 per item or two items for \$5. Detailed photographs can be used for large unwieldy items, such as armoires.

To reserve a spot, call (734) 522-3918 and leave your name and items you will be bringing. Walk-ins will be taken if time permits.

### Lottery winner

Monica Kurtiniatis of Westland won in the fourth drawing of the "Michigan Getaway and Play" travel promotion of the Michigan Lottery. The eight grand-prize winners were announced during the Aug. 22 "Road to Riches" television show.

The prize is a weekend getaway to one of three Michigan destinations: the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Garland Resort in Lewiston and Homestead Resorts in Glen Arbor.

### Town Hall

Mayor Robert J. Thomas will hold the next City of Westland Town Hall meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. The meeting will be hosted by Willow Creek Apartments, 1673 Fairwood Drive, off of Newburgh, between Cherry Hill and Ford.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

The Public Library of Westland will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. Fall hours begin Tuesday, Sept. 8. They are: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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### WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

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### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Registration for Fall Storytime Session II begins Oct. 1 and the session runs from the first week of November until mid-December. **Creation Station,** 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5. Children's Activity Room. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity. Stop in and participate in our make and take craft. Designed for ages 6-11, you can get as simple or as intricate as you like with your work. **New this fall!** At 11 a.m. every other Saturday in the Children's Services Area, **Story Lady Saturdays.** The Story Lady will be reading in the Children's Services Area two Saturdays a month throughout September, October and November. These sessions will feature the Story Lady sharing some of her favorite books for children. Sessions will include Sept. 12 and 26.

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# Granholm wins over delegates at Dems confab

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Granholm, not Geoffrey Fieger, got the movie star treatment at the Democratic state convention — a nominating speech by retiring Attorney General Frank Kelley and a parade led by a drum corps and pom-pom persons.

"That loud welcome is going to shatter another glass ceiling," said Granholm, 39, of Northville Township as she was nominated Aug. 30 by acclamation for attorney general — the first of her sex to be picked by one of the major parties.

"I'll take your case," she said repeatedly as she talked about criminals, polluters and con men.

Kelley, retiring after 37 years and 10 elections, said Granholm "has personally prosecuted and convicted hundreds of criminals. She has won 145 major drug cases. As Wayne County corporation counsel, she administers a budget of \$10 million and has a staff of 70."

"She reorganized her department to make it more efficient and has wonderful morale," said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who appointed her and promoted her candidacy. Prosecutor John O'Hair also praised her work on his staff.

Mildred Jeffrey, grand old lady of the labor movement and the party, seconded her nomination.

## Link in chain

Granholm touched delegates with her stories of prosecuting a 50-year-old man who took nude photos of a young girl he had contacted through the Internet, and of unsupervised children playing outside a Detroit crack house where a bust had been made.

"I would have done that job for nothing (because) I worked for the people," she said.

With her were husband Dan Mulvern, a lawyer and administrator of a private high school, and her three children, aged 8, 7 and 1.

The Canadian-born former Republican described Kelley and Jeffrey as "links in a chain that



Jennifer Granholm

extends back to (Gov.) Soapy Williams, (Sen.) Phil Hart and (UAW president) Walter Reuther. I hope to be the next link in that chain. I will take the chain that Frank Kelley helped forge and pull others along."

Granholm was nominated without opposition. All other candidates, including Wayne Sheriff Robert Ficano and Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, dropped out days earlier.

## No upset

Democratic delegates passed up a chance to upset Fieger's apple cart when they agreed to his choice of state Rep. Mary Lou Parks, leader of the House Black Caucus, for secretary of state.

Three-fourths carried signs for John Austin, a Genesee County road commissioner who had been the leading candidate until Fieger decided he needed a black at the top of the ticket.

Austin backed off and made Parks' nominating speech, but clearly his heart wasn't in it. He noted he had been running for the post for 18 months. When he asked those in the delegation who had met him to stand, about two-thirds did so.

"Naturally, I'm very disappointed not to be part of the ticket," said Austin, who then spent less than a minute extolling Parks' virtues.

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# Locals say Smietanka has substance

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Two western Wayne County delegates explained why the Republican state convention revolted against Gov. John Engler's choice for attorney general and nominated John Smietanka instead.

"Some of us want qualifica-

tions," said Livonian Dan Piercecchi, a former district party chair and Smietanka supporter. "Scott Romney is a nice guy, but ..."

"Smietanka never stopped campaigning after 1994," added Harry Greenleaf, of Livonia, also a former district chair and Ford Motor retiree. Smietanka spent 12 years in

the Berrien County prosecutor's office and 14 in the U.S. attorney's office for western Michigan. Romney, 57, of Birmingham, is a corporate lawyer with no background in either government or politics.

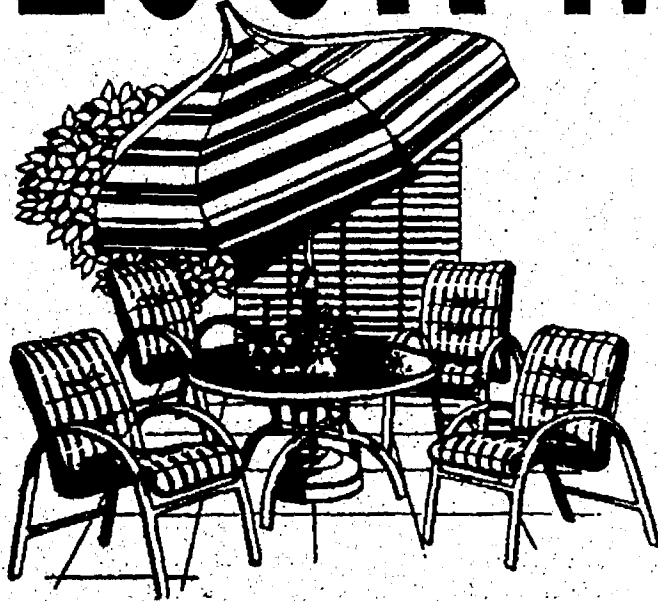
Smietanka led 1,039 to 950 in the Aug. 29 balloting when Romney conceded in the Grand Rapids convention hall.

Otherwise, GOP delegates rubber-stamped his entire slate for the Nov. 3 statewide ticket.

Romney won majorities in nine of the 16 congressional districts, but his majorities were small — just 55 percent in his home 11th District while

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# Democrats stress teamwork, public education

It's not the Geoffrey Fieger party. It's the public education party. The fast-talking gubernatorial candidate, behind 55-31 in the polls, played second fiddle in the two-day production known as the Democratic state convention. Party leaders displayed neither Fieger's face nor name on the stage of the Lansing Center Aug. 29-30 but a banner saying "Teamwork ... public education and health care."

"The theme of this convention is public education," said Kathleen Straus, president of the State Board of Education, as she nominated Rep. James Agee of Muskegon as Fieger's running

mate for lieutenant governor. "Jim Agee wants to keep public funding for public education," she said to great applause. "He wants accountability for charter schools, the same as for regular public schools."

She added lightly, "He looks like he was sent from central casting."

Agee, 58, is the Democrats' top spokesman on school legislation. Ruddy-faced and white-haired, the Detroit Redford High graduate has taught at Pontiac and was superintendent in Muskegon when he retired in 1992 and ran for the House. He also briefly sought the gubernatorial nomination last year.

"John Engler has disassembled public education, gutted collective bargaining and funded charter schools," Agee said in his acceptance speech.

After looking at several possible women running mates, Fieger, a governmental neophyte, settled on the Muskegon educator to give substance to his theme that public schools are his No. 1 priority.

The party helped by emphasizing student speeches during nominations for the four education boards. "The student focus was suggested in the planning progress," said party chair Mark Brewer, who declined to take credit for the idea. "We have a

rule: No (ed board) candidate acceptance speeches."

So a young niece nominated State Board of Education member Barbara Roberts Mason, and Dave Massaron, president of the College Democrats of Michigan, nominated University of Michigan regent Phil Power for a new term.

"We need to do more to reach out to young people. We have a college recruiter on the Democratic Party staff," said Sharon Gire, who was nominated for the State Board of Education. Gire, a state representative from Macomb County, chaired the House Education Committee.

Here is the Democratic slate

for education boards:

- State Board of Education - Gire and incumbent Mason, an official of the Michigan Education Association. Mason advocates a mandatory core curriculum and statewide testing.
- U-M Board of Regents - Power, chairman of this newspaper company, and Kathy White, Ann Arbor resident, patent lawyer and professor of law at Wayne State University.
- Michigan State University Board - Doris Sims, governmental affairs director for the National Association of Social Workers, and John Schlinker, labor lawyer from East Lansing who taught extension courses at

MSU but didn't attend it as a student.

Both fought off challenges from MSU senior student Nick Krieger of Ludington. Krieger pledged to repair Morrill Hall, named for the congressman who sponsored the 1863 Land Grant College law. Krieger came closest when he got 1,031 vote to Schlinker's 1,428.

- Wayne State University Board - Ron Amen, Wayne County deputy sheriff and chief steward of the union representing the court division, and former state Sen. John Kelly of Grosse Pointe.

## Smietanka from page A5

Smietanka won 71 percent of his base 3rd District.

Of the 10 Republicans that Democratic Attorney General Frank Kelley has defeated since 1962, only Smietanka, 57, of Ada, has tried a second time. Some - such as Oakland's L. Brooks Patterson, the late Richard VanDusen and Bill Farr - went on to other things. Others - such as Clifford Taylor and Myron Wahls - got judicial appointments for their sacrificial lamb efforts.

**Monaghan rescues**

Smietanka ran poorly against Kelley in 1994, losing by 444,000 as Engler was re-elected governor by 711,000 votes.

When it was reported that Romney could raise a \$1.5 million war chest, Smietanka supporter Tom Monaghan, the Domino's pizza baron, said he would match it. National committeeman Chuck Yob and Monaghan made Smietanka's nominating speeches.

Retiring Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld, receiver of much applause and bouquets of roses, nominated Romney, saying his father George and mother Lenore "instilled in their son a commitment to serve."

Rep. Al Cropsey, R-DeWitt, added that Romney is "staunchly

pro-life" and "didn't need to be told about the second amendment" (right to bear arms).

Democratic delegates were thunderstruck - then pleased - at Smietanka's victory. Three weeks earlier, they were happy at the prospect of campaigning against the inexperienced Romney. This week, they were salivating at taking on Smietanka.

Smietanka's nomination left Wayne and Oakland counties off the top of the slate for the first time in generations. Engler is from Isabella County; Dick Posthumus, the lieutenant governor nominee, is from rural Kent County; and incumbent Secretary of State Candice Miller is from Macomb County.

**Baker rejected**

The convention's only other contest came for regent of the University of Michigan. Former regent Deane Baker twice attempted a comeback after being bumped from the ticket in 1996.

Baker, of Ann Arbor, trailed state Rep. Jessie Dalman, R-Holland, by 805 to 348 when he conceded. Cropsey made Dalman's seconding speech, describing her as "pro-life; for equal rights, not special rights; for equal opportunity, not quotas."

Baker was trailing David

Brandon of Plymouth by 804 to 217 when Baker threw in the towel.

Brandon, retiring CEO of Valassis Communications in Livonia and chair of the Central Michigan University board, was nominated by national committeeman Yob, who said Brandon would seek to have U-M issue charters to public school academies. U-M never has issued a charter, while CMU has issued the majority of the 100 or so charters in the state.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, also called Brandon a good party man. "He has been there for the party. He has been there for the district. He attends district meetings to help plan for future elections," Bennett said.

U-M engineering student Jim Riske, of Eastpointe, got fewer than 100 votes and dropped out quickly. His platform: Cutting tuition 10 percent, cutting student room rentals from \$368 to \$225 per person per month, and "correctly" implementing technology.

**Rest of slate**

Others on the GOP slate:

- State Board of Education - incumbent Gary Wolfram, 47, Hillsdale College professor, and Eileen Lappin Weiser, arts devotee from Chelsea.

Michigan State University board - incumbent Delores (Dee) Cook of Greenville and former trustee David Porteous of Reed City.

Wayne State University board - incumbents Elizabeth Hardy, Franklin Village resident and Birmingham lawyer, and Vernice Davis-Anthony, Farmington Hills resident and officer in St. Johns Health Systems.

Supreme Court (for two eight-year terms) - Maura Corrigan, Grosse Pointe resident and chief judge of the Court of Appeals, and Wayne Circuit Judge Jeffrey Collins, first black Republican nominee for the highest court.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, seconded Corrigan's nomination, recalling that as an FBI agent "I watched a judicial system that was collapsing, judges who thought it was right to coddle criminals. I never thought I would be up here nominating a judge."

Supreme Court (to finish a four-year term) - incumbent Cliff Taylor of East Lansing who was appointed by Engler to fill a vacancy.

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## Rivers to host public forum

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a public briefing, "Tax Cuts, Social Security and the Budget Surplus," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. Rivers represents the 13th

District in Congress. The district includes the townships of Plymouth and Canton and the cities of Westland, Plymouth and Garden City. It also includes part of Livonia.

The program is designed to clarify the confusion surrounding the budget surplus, tax cuts

and the Social Security system. Rivers will begin the public briefing by addressing these topics, then she will open the floor for questions and comments from the audience.

For information, call Carrie Auster at Rivers' district office at (734) 741-4210.

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## Columnist to teach animal behavior class

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This five-week class meets one night a week starting Monday, Sept. 14, at 8 p.m.

For information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Department at (734) 462-4448.

Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks Park in Oakland County.

## Software bug delays freeway sign system

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Motorists won't be reading messages on freeway overpass signs to aid them through traffic congestion just yet.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has postponed the activation of 54 freeway signs in the metro Detroit area, because software still must be coordinated to interact between the systems, according to a state official. The signs were supposed to be turned on by late August.

The signs are part of the Michigan Intelligent Transportation System, a \$33 million expansion of a 32-mile traffic management system to 148 miles on Detroit area freeways, including I-75, I-96, I-94, I-275 and I-696. The

signs will assist motorists and alert them of construction tie-ups and accidents on these freeways.

Robert Parsons, an MDOT spokesman, said the anticipated activation date of late August was delayed until mid- to late October.

"It's an elaborate system put together on a 'design-build' contract with a number of challenges before it was activated with a number of different technologies featuring fiber optics and a coaxial system," Parsons said.

"Putting it all together requires complex computer programs for two-way reliability."

Parsons said the message information is received by the sign, then posted. Television cameras send pictures

back to MITS so operators know the message is indeed posted.

"There are difficulties in the software side of it, not the hardware side," Parsons said. "They really are at a point that once they fix difficulties with the software, the whole system will be turned on."

MDOT officials demonstrated the Michigan Intelligent Transportation Systems Center in Detroit. It shares with State Police reporters in July. Cameras took pictures of traffic at several locations, and signs were activated for the tests at that time.

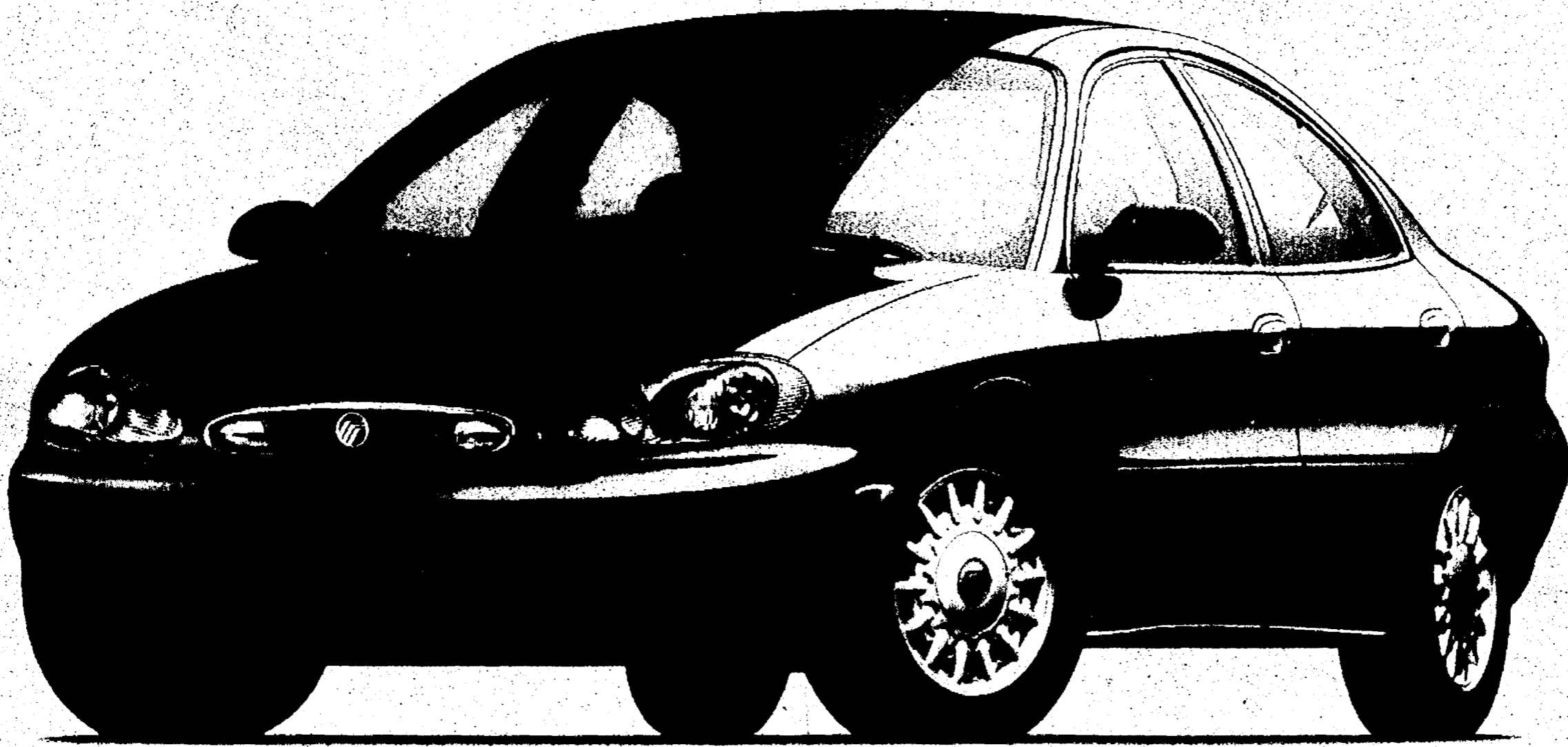
Parsons said it was all a matter of coordinating "all that activity" with the computer software.

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# McNamara calls for arbitration in airline strike

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara believes the airline industry needs compulsory arbitration hearings to resolve contract disputes. He favors a system similar to one used by police and firefighter unions in Michigan.

McNamara made his comments on day four — Tuesday — of the strike by Northwest Airlines pilots. The strike has forced the airlines to cancel hundreds of flights and in turn has affected local air travelers at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

"Unfortunately, what (the airlines) have is a monopoly," McNamara said. "They are no different from the telephone, water or utility companies. These are things that are necessary to sustain life."

"I don't think they should be allowed to strike. I think it's a horrible mistake."

McNamara said his office has not gauged the strike's economic impact, but knows it hits the area hard. It has silenced the terminals at Detroit Metro, where Northwest runs the hub of traffic there with about 70 percent of Metro's flights.

McNamara talked with White House officials and representatives from Northwest's management and pilots union on Monday in separate conversations. President Clinton has decided at this time not to intervene, but U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater met with Northwest President and CEO John Dasburg and leaders of the pilots' union Tuesday.

"They said they are monitoring it, but I don't know what the hell that is," McNamara said about the White House. "I think they just want this thing to go away."

McNamara was not taking sides, either.

**"Both these guys are the bad guys. They've thumbed their nose at the public and hunkered in. They've said 'to hell with the public.'"**

*Ed McNamara,  
county executive*

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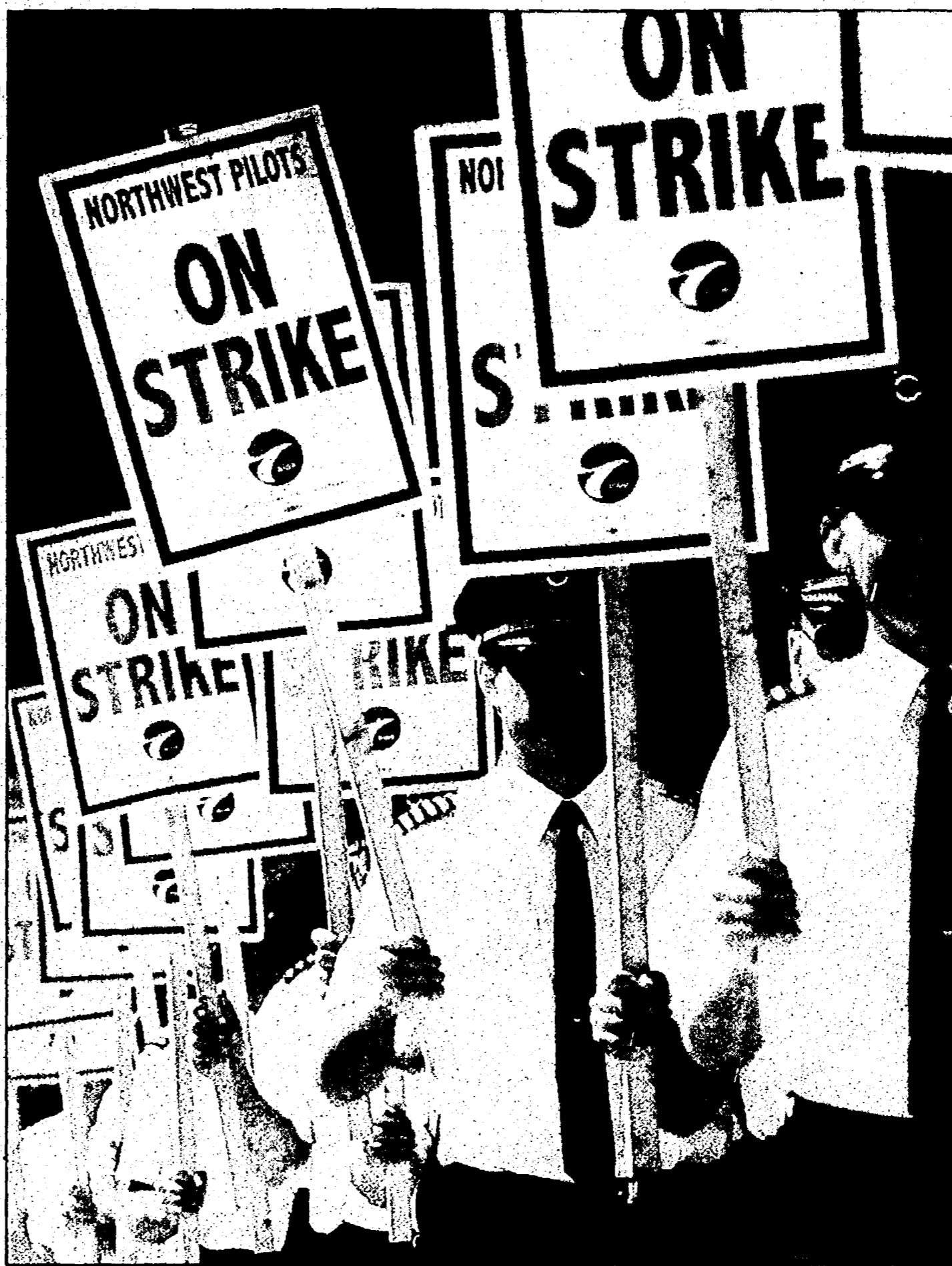
McNamara opposes new regulations on airlines. "That would be foolish. All they would do is build another new building in Washington, fill it with file cabinets and bureaucrats and start to say no to the airlines." If an airline wanted to add a flight between Detroit and a city in Arizona, it would take two years for regulators to reject it, McNamara said.

"Regulation is the wrong answer."

Police and fire unions can obtain a new contract through Act 312 arbitration. An arbitrator rules on one side or the other for each issue of contention between the negotiating parties. "If one side wants a 6 percent wage hike, and the other might want them to work 10 consecutive days under a new contract, they can resolve their differences through arbitration," McNamara said. "That's what we need here."

Despite the labor dispute, McNamara said he has not lost respect for Northwest. "I'm very disappointed with both of them and that this could not have been resolved without a work stoppage."

To prepare for the strike, Wayne County officials set up four passenger assistance coun-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Grounded:** Northwest pilots walk the picket Monday at Detroit Metro Airport.

ters in the terminals to inform travelers about travel options and alternatives. Brochures have been prepared which offer travelers information about other airlines, ground transportation, hotels and restau-

rants.

**Strike continues**

Travel agents went about their business as usual, even through Northwest's cancellation of flights late last week.

Fred Mena, owner of Westland Travel, said he hadn't felt any effect on his business when contacted just hours before the strike deadline. The airlines

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# Airport chief says expansion on target

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

David Katz doesn't believe the Northwest strike will impact the \$2 billion expansion at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, but he acknowledged it is devastating to this region's economy.

The strike means \$9 million in lost tourism revenue for Michigan, Katz said Wednesday at a lunch with the Canton Economic Club. Gift shops at the airport are down 55-60 percent, along with huge business losses for taxicab companies and restaurants in Romulus. The airport itself brings \$4.2 billion into the area a year. Katz compared the airport's impact to five auto plants.

"Everybody's down. It has a snowballing effect."

The county also is losing \$90,000 a day in passenger facility charges, an approximate \$3 per person surcharge on airline tickets to be dedicated to airport capital improvements. "These are dollars we will never get again," Katz said.

But Katz later said during a question-and-answer session that the airport expansion is financed by \$1 billion in airport bonds. "Those dollars are in the bank. These are revenue-backed bonds."

If one revenue source falls short, "the airlines pick up the difference," Katz said.

Katz wore a green vest to reflect the airport's efforts at improving customer service, particularly during the strike. "These green-vested employees have helped some 6,000 citizens since Friday," Katz said. "We're in the information business right now."

Katz held up a brochure specially printed for the strike with

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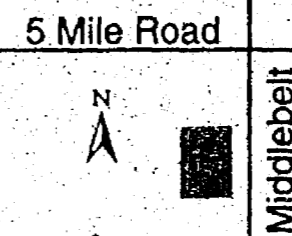
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lists of routes flown by airlines other than Northwest, restaurants, bus and Amtrak schedules.

Airlines generally select a hub from which to operate, Katz said, so Northwest's selection of Detroit is not that unusual. Dallas-Fort Worth and Chicago were two examples given by Katz of other hub airports.

"People ask why don't you have another airline come in. Well, they paid billions of dollars to invest in airports in Cleveland and Cincinnati. That (moving the hub) doesn't make a whole lot of economic sense."

On the bright side, Katz highlighted some of the airport expansion improvements. "All 65 rest rooms are scheduled to be renovated by the end of 1998. Twenty have been done so far."

About \$2 million was spent on

a curbside renovation to triple the parking along Lower Rogell Drive. Electronic and mechanical improvements have been made in security for nearly \$500,000. "Security is very important to us, especially with all of the things going on in the world."

Katz said County Executive Edward McNamara telephoned Northwest's union and management officials every day to get them back to the bargaining table.

"He's telling people that this strike needs to be resolved without hurting the rest of us," Katz said. "He's telling (Clinton) 'please step in, Mister President.'"

Steve Ragan of Plymouth, a former assistant to the airport's deputy director during the 1980s and now employed with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann

Arbor, said Katz has accomplished much in the short time he has directed the airport.

"I think the county has reacted to the strike wonderfully. They have responded well to a difficult situation. Katz has kind of thrown off the mold."

Ragan agrees with the county's efforts to get Clinton to step in. "The effect on our local economy, along with the GM strike, can be devastating. (McNamara's) proposal that there ought to be legislation for binding arbitration in these situations makes a lot of sense."

Jeff Enyeart, vice president and general manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Farmington Hills, said: "(Katz's) numbers are right on."



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On target: Airport Director Dave Katz told guests at the Canton Economic Club Wednesday that the strike won't affect expansion plans at the airport.

# Strike from page A9

positioned themselves where their clients are left in an "awkward situation," but the "cooling off" period before the strike gave Mena enough time to notify the public about the problem.

"Of course we warned them of a potential strike. People were already taking precautionary steps."

The only ones who would be affected were those who booked

more than 30 days in advance, but for others who booked more recently, they could be directed elsewhere. "Thank goodness we knew about it ahead of time," Mena said.

Suzie Merucci, a travel consultant with All Aboard Travel in Livonia, said about 20 percent of that office's clients booked with another airline before the strike for events such as weddings.

"They are booking whenever

it's possible, but for our corporate travelers, Northwest is the only one that flies nonstop to several business districts."

Travelers can check the status of the strike on its Web site at [www.nwa.com](http://www.nwa.com) or they can call Northwest at (800) 225-2525. They are eligible for refunds or re-accommodations on other airlines.

# Granholm from page A5

Fieger left the crowd cheering with his first major speech since winning the Aug. 3 primary.

## 'Rockin' the boat'

"Many politicians told me, 'Sit down, Fieger, you're rockin' the boat.' But the people all said, 'Stand up, Fieger, you're rockin' the boat.'"

Fieger - who irritated many in his own party by calling Archbishop Adam Maida a nut, referring to Jesus as "a goofball who got nailed to a cross" and threatening to "kick John Engler's fat ass" - pledged that "you will see a gentler, kinder Geoff Fieger."

When delegates protested, "No, no," Fieger said, "OK, just so I can kick his (Engler's) gluteus maximus all across the state. See, I'm learnin'."

"I never attended the Specs Howard School of Political Doubletalk," Fieger said.

"I'm angry and grieving for those workers in Flushing killed in an accident that could have been prevented had not the governor vetoed a bipartisan bill to protect worker safety. That won't happen during Fieger time."

He referred to the Aug. 25 accident when a wall collapsed

during work on a high school project. Under a 1937 state law, public school construction sites are exempt from state inspections. Four workers died.

"Republicans won't give money to protect job safety, but they'll give millions to corporate executives to learn to speak German or to learn stress-reduction techniques. They're gonna need it with me."

"We'll wean business from government handouts. I will require drug testing of all corporate executives before they get corporate welfare."

"I will not give a penny of money to private education," Fieger said after ripping a voucher plan endorsed by many Republican candidates.

"Nobody owns me, and nobody can buy me out. I will serve without salary."

Fieger promised to end the single business tax and reduce the sales tax, gasoline tax, real estate transfer tax and fees "that are disguised taxes." He promised to fully fund special education.

And he closed on a note that had unionists cheering uproariously:

"Michigan will never become a

'right-to-work' state."

## Ticket filled

The party nominated Fieger's choice for lieutenant governor, state Rep. James Agee of Muskegon (see related story), and three Supreme Court candidates:

■ Incumbent Justice Michael Cavanagh, seeking a third term, and Wayne Circuit Judge Susan D. Borman, both seeking full eight-year terms.

■ Wayne Circuit Judge Carole F. Youngblood for the short term challenging Republican incumbent Cliff Taylor.

Youngblood's nominator, U.S. Rep. David Bonior of Macomb County, praised her for certifying a class-action lawsuit against an insurer that had refused to pay for bone-marrow transplants, "ending the insurance company's tactic of divide and delay."

Meanwhile, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce attacked Youngblood for failing to file a pre-convention campaign finance report with the state on time, suggesting she was hiding contributions from lawyers who file personal injury lawsuits.

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## Timely issue Child-care woes vex parents

**R**esidents of a Westland neighborhood were very vocal recently with criticism of plans to open a child-care center in their midst.

While we understand the concerns of nearby neighbors as far as safety and noise issues, we do think the issue of the availability of child care was pushed to the side.

The proposal to open a child-care facility for up to 40 children at a time was rejected by the Westland City Council after residents came forward to complain.

We hope Terry Leberle, the Westland woman who proposed the new business at a former medical office at Warren Road at Bison, will consider locating at another Westland site.

Leberle's plan was to provide daytime care as well as evening care for children of parents who work the afternoon shift. She called that type of child-care virtually non-existent, and we think that type of child-care is definitely needed.

For example, in 1990, 7.2 million mothers with 11.7 million children under the age of 15 worked full or part time during non-standard hours, according to Census Bureau statistics.

Leberle's proposal was rejected as many residents felt it wouldn't be a good fit with the neighborhood, and emotions run high sometimes when proposals take on a negative spin.

But, the issue of child care is one that many parents must deal with on a daily basis.

From child-care centers that close during the holiday season to those that aren't open past 6:30 or 7 p.m., working parents must do a

**■ But dual-working parents and their child-care needs is a trend that isn't going away.**

lot of juggling and rearranging of schedules.

But dual-working parents and their child-care needs is a trend that isn't going away.

Consider:

■ In 1995 there were about 21 million infants, toddlers and preschool children in the United States, more than 12.9 million of these children were in child care, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education.

■ In 1994, 62 percent of married mothers with a child under age 6 were in the workforce, compared with 30 percent in 1970, according to the center.

■ Eight out of 10 employed mothers with children under 6 are likely to use some form of nonparental child-care arrangement, according to the center.

Since Leberle's plan was rejected, she now must come up with a new proposal to bring before city officials if she hopes to open a business. She has said she will still consider Westland.

We hope that she or another child-care provider can come up with a site and a plan the city and neighbors can find more palatable. A center offering extended child-care services would almost certainly be a draw for working parents from Westland as well as neighboring communities.

## Workers deserve recognition

**A** couple of years ago on Labor Day, we noted how major corporations were playing down the contributions of their workers.

They quit showing employment figures on page 2 of their annual reports and hid them on page 57, almost as an afterthought.

They stopped featuring photos of workers and concentrated instead on pictures of the products. The old notion of a company being a three-legged stool - with management and customers being the other two legs - had gone out the window by 1996. In its place was an unstable two-legged stool, and workers were reduced to a trash heap called "downsizing" or "right-sizing."

What a difference a couple of years have made! Today, there are worker shortages. Companies are being advised to treat research and scientific workers better.

Companies are being driven to improve their employee communications and training efforts, according to R&D Magazine's annual career satisfaction survey, sponsored by Kelly Scientific Resources.

Kelly Scientific Resources is the scientific business unit division of the area company we know as Kelly Services. Kelly Services provides more than 800,000 employees annually in office services, accounting, engineering, information technology, legal, scientific, marketing, light industrial and home care.

The majority of research workers were satisfied in their positions and praised their employers for being more open to new ideas, providing better job performance feedback and providing more opportunities for training and development.

Numerous R&D survey results support these findings. For example:

■ Nearly 58 percent of respondents said

their employers are open to new ideas, versus only 34 percent in 1997.

■ More than 57 percent said employers are providing feedback about job performance, versus only 49 percent last year.

■ Nearly 60 percent said their employer offers them training and professional development opportunities.

Rolf Kleiner, senior vice president and general manager of Kelly Scientific Resources, said, "In today's labor market, retaining employees is especially critical, and employers are getting that message from their employees. When you find good people, you need to work extra hard at keeping them challenged and growing."

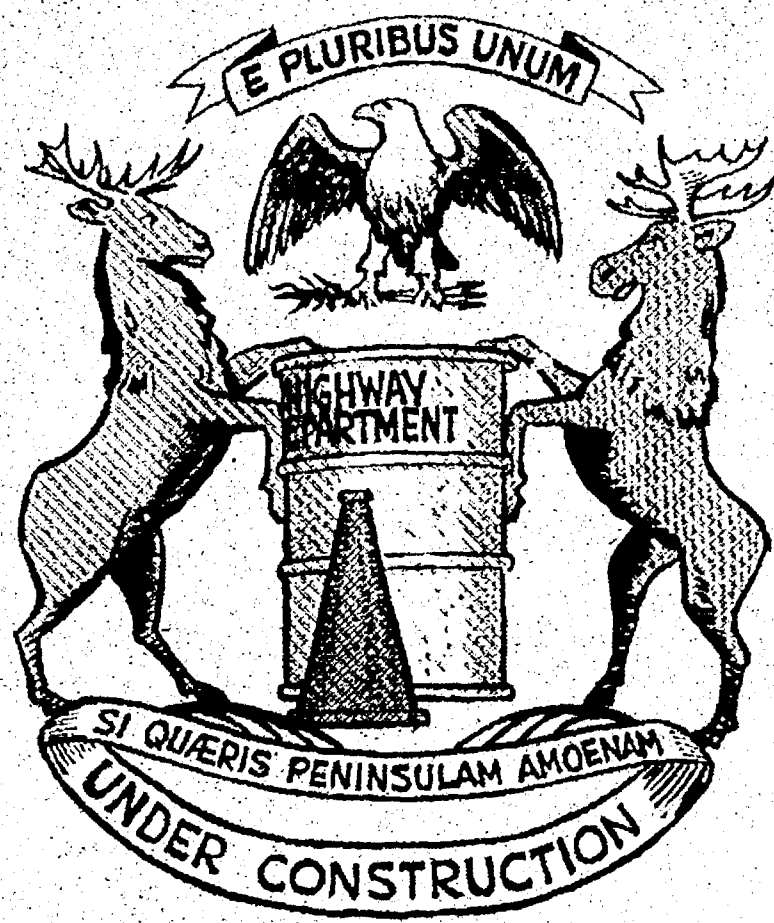
The survey results show that company efforts are paying off. More than 35 percent of respondents say that in five years they plan to be in a better job with their current company.

Tim Studt, editor in chief of R&D Magazine, said, "Our research has consistently shown that scientists like what they do and intend to stay with their current companies. However, this year's results point out that today's employers understand that maintaining employee loyalty requires action on their part. Today's managers of research companies are working hard to communicate and listen better."

The R&D survey was sent to 5,000 research and development professionals in the U.S. and Canada. More than 33 percent responded.

Now it's time for all companies to recognize that all workers at all levels deserve recognition for new ideas, feedback and training. And while they're at it, corporate annual reports should recognize growth in employment, not just earnings per share, as a benchmark of corporate success.

ARKIE HUDKINS



### LETTERS

#### New era slogans

**O**ur mom and pop 401(k) investors have become "true believers" in the new era cult of equities. Unfortunately, this has been encouraged by the Wall Street-Washington elite for many years now.

Like most true believers, mom and pop are a little fuzzy on the theological underpinnings of their new faith. But they know all the slogans.

"Buy the dip." "It always goes up." "I'm in it for the long term."

But there is a problem. The slogans aren't true.

To those who say the stock market always goes up, I humbly suggest a careful study of the 1930s and 1970s.

Technically, and in general, many stocks do go up because they reflect the sum total inputs of billions of people who go to work every morning, and hopefully "add value" to some aspect of the global economy.

But periods of speculative excess do tend to creep in. And it is the extraction of speculative excesses that give the stock market its historically bad name.

Unfortunately, the extractive process is so long and painful that few people can tolerate it over the long term. Sooner or later, they get out. True "bear markets" can last for years and take 40 to 80 percent of a person's invested money.

True bear markets are not these sharp one-day drops followed instantly by an "apology rally" that we have become used to of late.

But, be advised, there is one new era slogan that sadly may accurately describe the recent unpleasantness on Wall Street.

"It's different this time."

Walter Warren  
 Westland

Apparently, it did not appreciate the business we had given it over the years to put forth any effort to retain us as customers. Certainly it knew that Americast was courting MediaOne customers, but it sat idly by and let them be drawn away. That makes me wonder if it is or was truly interested in providing service.

Years ago, thanks to government interference, MediaOne's predecessor cable company won a monopoly in Westland. Everyone was in its grasp. It was "take it or leave it." Now, Americast, a new kid allowed to be on the block, won a war without even a battle. That's not competition! That's surrender or cave-in. And another reason why citizens must demand that government remain out of their lives and their choices. We could have had cheaper prices all along without the monopoly imposed on Westland residents.

Beatrice Scalise  
 Westland

#### Analogy falls short

I just didn't get the analogy between choosing your child's school and choosing judges and police officers in Tim Richard's article about "Engler campaign literature" in last Thursday's paper. And labeling School Choice Yes as a "sinister" group is downright silly. The whole point is that the schools got into really bad shape as a monopoly. They've been providing a worse education at a higher price than many private and parochial schools. Competition is already making them more accountable and cost-effective. Tim's clearly biased and poorly thought out article is editorializing, not reporting.

Pamela Boyd  
 Clarkston

#### Monopoly woes

**Y**our front page discussed competition between two cable companies in Westland. Yet I see the term competition as describing two or more agents vying for the same end. When Americast came calling, it came with cheaper prices but fewer premium channels for that price. We heard nothing from MediaOne. Not a letter; not a call; no bartering for price.

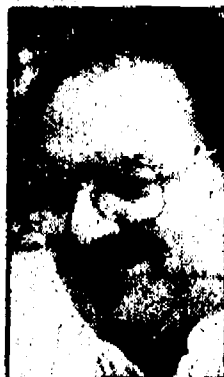
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#### QUESTION:

What are your plans for Labor Day weekend?

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"None whatsoever. Just stay at home with the kids and grand-kids."

Don Petreer



"I'll just stay at home and enjoy the family and take advantage of the good weather."

Bob Picl



"Just whatever my girlfriend tells me to do."

Bob Frenette



"I'm going to my papa's (grandfather's) to visit."

Brittany Hazlett

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Vacation fun times also available close to home

The first week of our July vacation, my husband and I headed to Goderich, Ontario, north of Sarnia. We enjoyed our time there, including lazy days on the Lake Huron beach. When we returned home, however, the fun wasn't over. That second week of time off in mid-July beckoned, and we responded. It started that Sunday with a trip to Toledo with my church group, Geneva Presbyterian in Canton, to see the Mud Hens play baseball. They lost to the Buffalo Bisons, but the loss didn't spoil our fun. That day, we dined with the others from church at Tony Packo's, made famous by Jamie Farr's Klinger on the TV show "M\*A\*S\*H."

The other sports-related highlight of the week was a Wednesday trek to The Palace to see the Detroit Shock take on the Washington Mystics. The Shock won in a game that was not all

that close (scorewise or in distance) but was enjoyable.

I'd never been to The Palace before, but my husband warned me it would be roughly 35 miles each way from our Plymouth Township home. I'd watched women's basketball on TV and was excited about seeing the pros play. In fact, I'd never seen a pro basketball game, only high school and college.

I kept a particularly close eye on Lynette Woodard of the Shock, who at 39 is my age. The Shock tickets were only \$8, which made for an inexpensive evening, too, although the parking was the standard issue \$6 charged when the Pistons play. I couldn't resist another Shock T-shirt, giving me a total of two plus the one I'd bought earlier for my dad. (I figure women wear sports apparel for male teams, so why not the reverse?) Another highlight of the week was



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a trip to the Detroit Zoo. I visited the Penguinarium, my favorite, and was surprised to note it had opened in 1968. I remember that well.

The butterfly garden was another pleasant stop at the zoo, and I would have stayed longer but didn't want to let it get too crowded. We also rode the zoo train that day, and didn't mind the 50 cents per person charge. Our vacation also included a "Ply-

mouth culture" day, with visits to the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts (home of the Plymouth Community Arts Council), the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Museum. At the latter, we enjoyed seeing the Abraham Lincoln collection of Dr. Weldon Petz.

It wasn't during vacation, but our summer months have included two visits to Greenfield Village with friends Phil Setla and Pam Young of Redford. I'd been under the mistaken impression the Dearborn spot hadn't changed much since my school-day visits, and was pleasantly surprised.

This last time we went, on a Sunday, we heard a spirited discussion between two actors portraying Wilbur and Orville Wright as young men. A number of others were there during the weekend celebration emancipation, with men portraying black soldiers of the 19th century and George

Washington Carver.

We also watched a baseball re-enactment from the late 19th century, and it was interesting to see how the game's rules and terminology have changed.

My point is simply that our region has a great deal to offer in terms of fun things to do. I'm glad we got out and did all we did this summer. We have two weeks of vacation coming up, and will spend the second doing fun stuff close to home. Cranbrook, Frankenmuth, who knows? We won't be able to do it all, but we'll certainly enjoy what we can do.

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# Loan sharks swim in many waters these days

In American folklore, businessmen - particularly financiers - were fiscally conservative.

They deplored our nation's "tobogganing into the murky valleys of deficit finance," according to a novel of the 1950s. They shrieked at the "sea of red ink" in which the federal government was awash. A Republican joke of that era was about the Gov. Soapy Williams cocktail - "Michigan on the rocks."

"A family can't spend more than it takes in for very long," they used to say, "and neither can the government."

Families, too, were advised to "pay as you go." Conventional consumer wisdom warned against borrowing for anything but the house and car; then maybe for durable consumer goods.

In the 1970s, however, we began hearing that we were an entire nation of squanderers. The government's debt was so large that it was soaking

up all the available new capital.

Results: Young couples couldn't get loans for a new house, or else had to pay interest rates that an earlier generation would have considered usury. People starting businesses couldn't get capital. Women entrepreneurs, in particular, were bitter at the financial system for failing to make capital available for the kinds of service industries women were wont to enter.

Suddenly this year we are seeing an explosion of invitations to go into debt. What's more, the financiers are inviting us to mortgage our homes for non-necessities. I quote from UC Lending's "special offer" to get its MasterCard (R):

"Go out to dinner. Take a vacation," it says beguilingly. "Every time you use it, you access your home equity loan."

Naturally, the company wants to protect itself doubly. When you blow a bundle in Hawaii or Vegas, you put

up your home as security. If you die or change identities, you can "add peace of mind by adding mortgage protection insurance to your UC Lending loan."

In other words, you borrow not to finance the business you are starting to produce your patented invention; you borrow not for the shelter of your family; you mortgage your family's shelter for banquets and vacations.

Metropolitan Financial Inc.'s brochure has a picture of a beach umbrella, a sand castle and an oceanic cloud formation. "Want to pay off all your bills right now? Go on vacation? ... It's easy! With summer here, now is the time to make your dreams happen!" it begins. "We'll custom design a Second Trust Deed home loan up to 125 percent of your home value, no equity required."

One can only shudder at the prospect of naive consumers, who think the good times will roll on fore-

er and Northwest Airlines will never be struck, getting sucked into the morass. In the past, they lost their purchases to the repo man. Now they are invited to lose their houses. It strikes me as a bad way to run a household.

And it's all the more shocking because business is encouraging it.

For some folks with strong eyes, there is a way to keep these invitations to extravagance out of your mailbox. One company, in very tiny, gray type, has put this notice on the bottom of its advertising:

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That, they say, should keep the loan sharks out of your mailbox.

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# Fieger's gifts at the podium could go a long way in governor's race

I attended the Michigan Democratic Party's state convention in Lansing over the weekend.

I wanted to see what Geoffrey Fieger was really like and what kind of ticket he could put together to counter the blizzard of negative publicity he experienced ever since he won the Democratic nomination for governor.

(Let the record also show that I also went to be nominated to run statewide for another term on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Perceptive readers should be alert for any hint of bias in what follows.)

To my ears at least, Fieger is, indeed, a great speaker. He's passionate, emotional, articulate - sometimes eloquent and sometimes merely loud. He does have the capacity, so rare these days, of truly moving a crowd, especially younger people. If he ever succeeds in getting John Engler onto the same platform with him, watch out!

Fieger also made a smart move in picking state Rep. Jim Agee, a former teacher and school superintendent from Muskegon, to join the ticket as lieutenant governor. Agee is well-respected as a low-key, decent and smart fellow, an expert on education and on the state budget.

Talk in the aisles at the (very nice and new) Lansing convention center was that Fieger intends to meld his rhetorical firepower with Agee's deep knowledge of Lansing minutiae to launch a wholesale assault on the wrongdoings of the Engler administration.

The strategy makes sense.

Harsh ad hominem attacks on John Engler's character and genetic antecedents may have helped Fieger score his big upset win in the Democratic primary. But they won't help him in a general election where he is already regarded by the media, at least, as a bombastic loose cannon. Better merge passion with substance between now and Nov. 3.

And, certainly, any administration that has gone on for eight long years will have plenty of skeletons in the closet that any incumbent governor would prefer not see the light of day. I'd bet there will be much ferocious talk between now and Election Day about school funding, the state Accident Fund, lax oversight over charter schools, lucrative state contracts let to big Republican Party contributors and so forth.

There is some evidence (mostly from Kent and Oakland counties, normally Republican, where Fieger ran unexpectedly well) that the state GOP organized the faithful to cross over and vote for Fieger in the Democratic primary



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on the theory that he would be easiest candidate for John Engler to defeat.

This may prove to be so, but I keep wondering about the old line that you'd better not wish for something too hard or you might wind up actually getting it. If the delegates to the Democratic convention are to be believed, the election for governor might wind up much tighter than the experts think.

Two concluding footnotes from the weekend in Lansing:

1. Jennifer Granholm, Northville Township resident who won nomination as attorney general, could be a real star. She's smart (Harvard Law School), experienced (top civil lawyer for Wayne County), attractive and a good speaker. When the assembled Democrats heard the Republican convention had dumped Scott Romney, Gov. Engler's pick for AG, for John Smetanka, big grins broke out all around the hall.

2. On grounds of the continuing labor dispute between labor and management, the Democrats continued to ban reporters from the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News from covering the convention. For a party desperate to showcase its nominees and ideas, continuing this symbolic feud with the largest circulation newspapers in the state is silly and self-destructive.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail: [ppower@online.com](mailto:ppower@online.com)

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

## 'Remarried with Kids': no easy task

Jim sat stoned-faced in the marriage counselor's office. His arms were folded tightly over his chest and his demeanor read, "Nothing's going to change this situation."

Becky, on the other hand, nervously rambled on, trying hard to explain to the counselor how Jim's dogmatic, authoritative bark did not endear him to her 16- and 14-year-olds.

"Jim has expected these kids to toe the line from the day we got married. He didn't bother to develop a relationship with them, he just started giving orders. They really resent him and frankly, it's caused so much strain, I'm not sure I want to stay with him."

Jim defended himself with, "I may be wrong, but I think kids need discipline, and Becky is a pushover. I was hoping that I could change that and not let them take advantage of her anymore, but it seems to have backfired. Now, I feel like all three of them are against me."

The "kid" problem in Jim and Becky's reconstituted family isn't unusual in blended families. And there are more remarriages than ever. The grueling statistics tell us that 51 percent of first marriages end in divorce. But a more startling but little-known fact is that 72 percent of second marriages fail, and worse yet, 93 percent of third marriages fail.

### Unique to second marriages are two dilemmas. The first is blending (or more truthfully, grinding) two sets of children together.

Why such dismal statistics? With first marriages, no longer are couples committed to "tough it out" as they did in the early and middle part of the century. As the 3-A's get more exposure and media attention (adultery, addiction, abuse), fewer people are willing to stay in a bad marriage.

Unique to second marriages are two dilemmas. The first is blending (or more truthfully, grinding) two sets of children together. Children never ask to be placed in new setups. It is not their natural desire to have step-parents and possibly step-siblings.

As Neil Kalter puts it: They fantasize about the "divorce fairy tale" which always means that mom and dad will get back together. Children can be an enormous obstacle to "remarriage bliss," if they are not considered in the equation, because frankly, "The Brady Bunch" ain't gonna happen.

Second, the new couple must bring together two households and two financial institutions. This involves working through questions like what to do with your current home and furnishings and how to combine money.

If you are in a remarriage or know someone who is, a free and invaluable workshop series is available to you. The 14-week seminar will address issues like improving communication, how to deal with stepchildren, how to combine money and much more.

Whether the remarried couple has been married two weeks or 20 years, this workshop offers insights and tools on how to improve the marriage. Beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 9, the workshop will run each Wednesday night until Dec. 16.

Hosted by Ward Church in Northville Township, the guest lecturers are ALL remarried people. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. It may be exactly what's needed to pump some life into the relationship.

Call (248) 374-5912 to sign up now.

Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## From here to L.A.

### Salem grad finds film work is a perfect fit



Hard at work: Edmond Goff, 1989 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, works on remastering films at the Spelling Entertainment-owned Image Edit. When he's not at work, he is in pre-production for his first film which he will film in Detroit.



As a kid, Edmond Goff loved the movies, catching the latest release on the silver screen or on video tape. Little did he know then that it was he wanted to do as an adult.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

As an intern for VH1 in London, Edmond Goff worked on shoots with Lisa Stansfield and The Beautiful South, both low-key, adult-oriented pop bands. Having been in the United Kingdom for six months, Goff was admittedly a little homesick for American music.

But when a fellow American came by the VH1 and MTV studios, Goff got a taste of it in person.

"I was sitting there one day and a big huge entourage of black guys were walking down the hallway," Goff explained. "It was Snoop Doggy Dogg. The section that I worked in was really quiet. When he walked by production, everyone was surprised by how tall he is. But then he stopped and said, 'VH1, how come y'all don't play my (music).'"

Goff, a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, can spew vignettes like this at a drop of a hat. At 26, he's already worked overseas, studied at an experimental school in Washington state and worked for Aaron Spelling. Now, he is set to

begin work on his first film. "There's nothing else really I wanted to do," Goff explained about making a film. "I wasn't good with math or studying in school. I got my college degree and everything was a struggle to get. I always loved movies growing up. I would always rent them or go up to the cinema to see the latest blockbuster. I didn't know until I got older that this was what I wanted to do."

Goff, who now lives in Glendale, Calif., is working on pre-production for a film about his uncle who was shot to death at his workplace. "I'm trying to raise some money and find some investors and find a producer to help me bring this screenplay to the big screen. I haven't started casting yet, but I've talked to a few people from home."

Local actor Jerry Salas of the movie "The Incorporated" has agreed to appear. Other more well-known Michigan actors and actresses round out his wish list. He wants to keep it within Michigan.

"Basically, it's based on experiences that have happened in my life before I actually was able to find my own

way," he said. "Everything is real. Nothing is really fabricated. In keeping with the realism, I'd like to find Michigan people to play these roles."

"I want to do something positive for Detroit and Michigan filmmaking."

### Close to the heart

The storyline is one that's close to his and his family's hearts.

"My uncle Rick was murdered while he was working for a trucking company in Detroit. Basically, an employee took his life. It destroyed my family in every possible way. The man who did it was acquitted. It's really a touchy subject," Goff said before pausing. "There was no justice for him. I have written a screenplay based on that. It's about the aftermath of losing this uncle whom he was very close with, coming to terms with things."

"Also in the story, a year passes and he's coming to terms now with the situation. You move on with your life. The world can be cruel but it can't be that bad."

The character travels to the countryside to be with his family for the one-year anniversary of the death of his uncle. When he returns home "everything is completely shattered. His apartment has been robbed. He feels violated again and it goes from there."

Upon graduating from Plymouth

Salem High School, Goff studied film at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. After his fourth year, he traveled to California to do an internship with the now-defunct Savoy Pictures. Goff maintained the script library.

"If we're looking for a rewrite for a specific title, we'll look maybe for a writer with experience writing comedy," he said. "When they're looking to attach a writer to (a project), they'll look through their spec scripts in the library."

By that time he decided that he "hated Ypsilanti and that I wasn't going to come back." He moved to Seattle, earned Washington state residency and enrolled in Evergreen State College in Olympia.

"It started to get too hot (in California)," he said. "I'm not a real tropical person. I like rain and I like moisture."

Evergreen State is a small liberal arts school that boasts alumni such as Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons," Michael Richards, who played Kramer on "Seinfeld," and Jonathan Peneman, the founder of SubPop Records.

"It's a really small liberal arts school, something that you don't even think exists; it's a school where you don't have to take any prerequisites," he said. "You take what you want to

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## Mission work gives her new perspective on life



Guest speaker: Lindsay Fuqua of Garden City will speak about her mission work in Ecuador during next weekend's "River Rush" at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Lindsay Fuqua is nestled in her seat on the vine-covered back deck of her parents' Garden City home. The petite 18-year-old girl tucks her green-corduroy clad legs close to her and says something that usually isn't heard.

"I love poverty; I love the simple life. I don't want to be too dependent on that. What I do have is nice. But if I get bogged down and frustrated by it, I'll get rid of it so I can be simple," she explained.

The Garden City High School senior learned about poverty during a her mission work this summer in Ecuador with Compassion International and in Brazil with her church, Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. She was so taken by the Ecuadorian mission that she hopes to move there after graduating from Colorado Christian University.

In Ecuador, she was able to chose a child to sponsor.

"I hadn't sponsored anyone before. When I saw this girl, I said 'This is the one I want to sponsor,' she said. "Her house only had two

rooms, it was really tiny. We read our favorite psalms out of the Bible, and sang songs and colored. I gave her my sweater, which was huge on her."

"We had a relationship based on God. I called her my sister in Christ. It was neat to see someone in another country learn about their relationship with God."

Fuqua and Brian Henderson of Detroit will speak about their experiences in Ecuador as part of "River Rush," a two-day event at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit with Extreme Arena Sports action, world-class communicators training in life skills of leadership for youth and music concerts.

The event, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, features musical guests Steven Curtis Chapman, DC Talk, Jennifer Knapp, Out of Eden and Greg and Rebecca Sparks.

"River Rush is an opportunity for young people to explore their leadership potential. It's a two-day event designed to give them skills that lead to character and skills that lead to the seven marks of a

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**WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

**Krider-Doyle**

Robin Krider Kelly of Roseville announces the engagement of her daughter, Denyel Marie, to Larry Timothy Doyle, the son of Joyce E. Doyle of Livonia and the late John E. Doyle.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Center City High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She is employed in the human resources department for J.L. Hudson.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed by the State of Michigan as a civil engineer.



A September wedding is planned at the Michigan State Alumni Chapel.

**Fucinari-Ahmet**

Pauline Brandenburger of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Tara Lynn, to Joseph Lawrence Ahmet, the son of Jerry and Sandra Ahmet of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in design. She is employed by Workplace Integrators in Bingham Farms as a commercial designer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in telecommunications. He is employed by Compuware Corp. in Farmington Hills in professional services.

A February wedding is



planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

**Burkhart-Putman**

Beatrice Burkhart of Livonia and James Burkhart of Norwood, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Marie, to John David Putman, the son of Marilyn Putman of Lake Forest, Calif., and Hugh T. Putman of Plano, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1994 graduate of

Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a senior auditor for Guaranty Federal Bank, FSB, in Dallas, Texas.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, Texas, and a 1990 graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas. He is employed as a senior auditor at Comerica Bank-Texas in Dallas, Texas.

A September wedding is planned at All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas.

**Ebner-Rinehart**

Mary Ann Rinehart and Gregory Ralph Ebner were married May 23 at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey, Calif. The Rev. Jerry Maher performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hobbs of Colorado Springs, Colo. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Ebner of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is employed as a recreation programs coordinator by California State University at Monterey Bay.

The groom is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He is a captain in the U.S. Army.

The bride asked Cindy Wangelin, Linda Rinehart, Gillian Egan, Linda Durbin and Jennifer Arvia to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Martin



Ebner, Paul Ebner, Neil Ebner, Rob Rinehart and Capt. Pat Matthews to serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Lake Tahoe, Calif. They are making their home in Monterey.

**Jeffrey-Dobson**

Barbara Jeffrey of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Susan, to Stanley Dobson of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She is employed as a nurse for Detroit Medical Centers.

Her fiancé is a 1979 graduate of Pennsylvania State University. He is employed as an engineer for Key Plastics in Novi.

A February wedding is planned in Maui, Hawaii.



**Robertson-Connolly**

Jim and Bonnie Robertson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lynn, to Christopher John Connolly, the son of Terry and Ellie Connolly of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed at Crowley's corporate office as an assistant buyer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed at UC Lending in Troy.



An October wedding is planned at St. Benedict Catholic Church.

**Longwell-Hubbard**

Nanci and Chuck Cheseldine of Pell City, Ala., formerly of Livonia, and Gary Longwell announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Longwell, to Grant Roderick Hubbard, the son of Mike and Marilyn Hubbard of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Franklin High School. She is employed as an assistant manager at Dayton Hudson.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington Harrison High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a technical recruiter at EDP Con-



tract Services. The couple is planning a wedding in Maui, Hawaii.

**Sovel-Gergis**

James and Donna Sovel of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Catherine, to Terence Ramzi Gergis of Farmington Hills, the son of Ramzi and Mary Gergis of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed by Northwest Airlines.

Her fiancé is a 1987 Birmingham Groves High School graduate. He is employed in management at Ameritech.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn.

**Jacques-Malcomson**

Henry and Claudia Jacques of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Ann, to Scott David Malcomson, the son of David and Janet Malcomson of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is employed by St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti with a bachelor's degree in sports medicine and athletic training.

A September wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

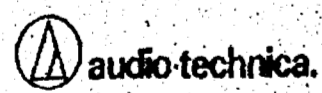


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**PRESCHOOL OPENINGS**

Little Lamba Preschool of Plymouth has openings in its 4-year-olds class. The preschool offers a low student-teacher ratio with experienced Christian teachers in a themed-based, academic program. For more information, call (734) 414-7792.

**SINGLE POINT**

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will feature Wayne Watson in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The concert is free of charge, however, a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the Single Point offices at (248) 374-5920.

Single Pointers will be riding to Northville via the 10275 bicycle trail and Hines Drive on Saturday, Sept. 5. The group will meet at the church at 11 a.m. Helmet are mandatory, and water bottles and locks are recommended. Participants should bring money for lunch or a picnic lunch.

Single Point also will offer a seven-week divorce recovery workshop 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 17, in Knox Hall. A donation of \$25 for pre-registration or \$30 at the door. Free child care is available. Call the Single Point office for more information.

**HOLIDAYS**

Calvary Baptist hosts Bobby Michaels

The first Christian artist to be allowed to tour the People's Republic of China in more than 40 years, Bobby Michaels will bring his music ministry to Calvary Baptist Church Sunday, Sept. 13.

Michaels will share in the 11 a.m. worship service, then be in concert at 6 p.m. at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Formerly a backup singer for notable entertainers like Freddy Fender, Linda Ronstadt, B.J. Thomas and John Denver, Michaels had a serious cocaine addiction when he found the truth of God and His gentle voice of forgiveness through

Jesus Christ.

In 1985, he teamed up with producer/arranger Kurt Kaiser in London's Abbey Road Studio to record his debut album, "I Have No Reason." The next album, "Time," produced by Dick Tunney, produced a highly acclaimed project heard in more than 32 countries.

Michaels, who performs more than 200 concerts a year around the world, made his historic concert tour of China in 1986. He now balances his work between national and international ministry, singing to many different nationalities on national television programs and through public

appearances.

His most recent project, a hymn entitled "This Is My Father's World," which appeals to all ages, promises hope and encouragement to all. It is receiving global play.

He is the founder and international director of the International Christian Academy of Performing and Fine Arts in South Africa, a non-racial, short-term seminar-based, interdenominational, equal opportunity school which is training all South African ethnic groups in music, drama and art.

For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.



Bobby Michaels

through May to provide support for mothers. The first meeting will be Friday, Sept. 11.

Meetings include a devotion relevant to mothering, small-group discussion, crafts and refreshments. There also are periodic guest speakers and special presentations. Child care is provided.

The registration fee is \$20, and there is a \$5 per meeting charge to cover the cost of craft supplies, children's program expenses and paper products. To register or for more information, call Barb Pilat at (734) 953-0381 or (248) 344-1629.

**BLOCK PARTY**

Merriman Road Baptist Church will host a community block party 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The event was created to give people in the community an opportunity to meet with neighbors and make new friends. The party is free and will include food, live music, classic cars, games and prizes for the children, puppets, clowns and face painting. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.

**MOM TO MOM SALE**

Sacred Heart Church will host a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Children's clothing, baby furniture and maternity items will be for sale. Admission will be \$1. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

**WOMEN'S AGLOW**

Diana Baily will be the speaker when Women's Aglow Westland/Canton Chapter meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 12, in the Community Room of AutoNation, 39600 Ford, Canton. Treasurer of the chapter, Baily is a single mother of a 3-year-old son and knows first-hand what it's like to juggle going to school and working full-time. Her love of the Lord makes her a motivator and encourager for Christ. She will share Biblical truths concerning God's will. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

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**'CARAVAN'**

The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will start its "Caravan" Scouting program for youth age 4 through the sixth grade on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, youth do activities with adult guides to achieve spiritual, mental, physical and social development in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Youths in first-sixth grades will earn badges in such areas as camping, cooking, physical fitness, Bible reading, crafts, first aid, personal care and many other topics. Children age 4 through kindergarten will be in the Caravan group called Benson's Buddies where activities and learning Bible verses are offered in a fun and exciting way.

The club meets 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

**MOMS**

Registration is being accepted for the 1998-99 MOMS (Mothers Out for the Morning) program at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. MOMS meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. two Fridays at month September

vides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a Labor Day picnic, starting at noon, Monday, Sept. 7, in Pavilion No. 3 at Rotary Park, Six Mile west of Merriman, Livonia. Lunch will be at 2 p.m., and participants should bring a dish to pass and their drinks. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

The group meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974. For coffee and conversa-

tion at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

**SUNDAY LESSONS**

Church of Today West-Unity meets at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook south of 13 Mile. The church offers youth education and Bible classes, meditation, Artist Way and Unity Basics courses as well as a Thursday Night Study Group, led by Barbara Cleverger, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile west of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at http://

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# New Jersey seaside resort provides ultimate in recycling



VIRGINIA PARKER

**HOOKED ON HISTORY**  
In Michigan, we are lucky to have many towns where charming Victorian homes line the streets. Architectural historians quickly point out, though, that the term "Victorian house" is a misnomer. The popular description groups several styles - usually Gothic, Italianate, Queen Anne or a combination of elements from all three - under one umbrella. Many of our communities, such as Bay View in Petoskey and Mackinac Island have long benefited from a healthy summer tourist trade. My family, like countless others, has warmed to favorite spots -

reserved, little pockets of yesteryear that offer respite from the hustle and bustle of modern life. Anyone who shares our enthusiasm for historic homes would love the abundance in Cape May, N.J. It was one of the earliest Atlantic seashore vacation spots. Vacationers swarmed there in the 1700s even before the U.S. nation. Don and I drove there this August for the first time. Our 3-1/2-hour route from Manhattan along the lush Garden State Parkway was a far cry from travel two centuries ago. For example, it took Philadelphians four days by way of rutted, dirt roads to travel to Cape May. When possible motorists preferred traveling under sail by packet boat along the shore. Advances in 19th-century technology proved a boon to the city's economy. Steamboats brought

larger crowds; railroads were even more convenient. Ironically, though, the automobile drew people away from Cape May to closer and more modern resorts. Disasters also brought change. The Great Fire of 1878 burned the whole center of town, and 30 acres went up in smoke in just one day. Fire department assistance from Camden and Philadelphia, of course, arrived too late to do any good. The cataclysm marked the end of the large wooden hotels and the beginning of the ornate cottages that survive today. **Restoring and asset** Then, in 1962, a nor'easter pounded the New Jersey coast for three days, wreaking havoc on Cape May. We can empathize, having followed with horror the terrible devastation of such hurricanes as Andrew and Hugo. Assessing the extensive storm

damage, the town decided to restore its one remaining asset - the ugly wooden houses which many had been clamoring to tear down in the name of urban renewal. Restoration of the buildings gave Cape May a rebirth. Today, the entire city is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. Many of Cape May's structures have highly ornate decorative detailing. The introduction of jig and scroll saws made possible the intricate wooden trims for peaks and wide porches, sometimes referred to by the non-technical but very descriptive "carpenter's lace." Some buildings are so elaborate that they are referred to as "wedding cake houses." Nothing is without its drawbacks, though. In Michigan, winters make us contend with the damaging effects of salt on our cars. In Cape May, dampness and salt mist from the sea harm

the wood and paint. Not only are repairs and painting constant companions of home and B&B owners, but multi-color schemes demand painstaking attention. Victorians loved detail; busier was better. A Queen Anne exterior, for example, typically was decked out with three to six colors. Part of Cape May's ambience as a step-back-in-time resort by the sea is that it offers pleasant cafes and shops in a quaint, outdoor pedestrian mall. Mere steps away lie sandy beaches and the Atlantic Ocean. Most of all, Cape May possesses an incredible concentration and mix of yesteryear's styles, which blend influences from both North and South. **A visual treat** It was a treat to visit Cape May, not only to drink in the visual array of historic houses, but also to note what they repre-

sented. We decry that, despite strides in recycling, we are still very much a throw-away society. But that is not true everywhere. Preservationists, homeowners and business people in Cape May worked together to fight the impulse of define progress as "out with the old, in with the new." As in other states, preservation efforts in Michigan are swelling. Individuals, communities, our state Historic Preservation Network all contribute to efforts that preserve our building heritage rather than tear it down. Cape May is a shining example of why historic preservation throughout our country is worth all the trouble. *Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.*

## NEW VOICES

James and Barbara Kirtley of Westland announce the birth of Ashley Bryce May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dawson, Paul Kirtley of Romulus, and Shirley Kirtley of Augusta Township. Michael and Elaine Husken of Canton announce the birth of Rachel Lauren June 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Roy and Deana Husken of Sterling Heights and Gary and Beverly Bonus of Clinton Township. Nick J. Yarmak of Westland and Crystal D. LeBlanc of Livonia announce the birth of Alexis Marie May 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Michael J. and Patricia J. LeBlanc of Livonia, Alexander J. Yarmak of Wixom and Jane Yarmak of Westland. Great-grandparents are Francis and Deloris LeBlanc of Livonia. Jason and Brandi Ford of Inkster announce the birth of Fantasia Alime June 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Norman and Sue Browne of Westland and Ora Morris of Ypsilanti.

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Farmer of Canton announce the birth of Rachel Suzanne May 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Charles Farmer of Clinton, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. Jan Sharp of Laurel, Miss. David and Toni New of Westland announce the birth of Brandon Troy June 12 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Maurice and Kerry Sturm of Ohio and Luenda New of Westland. John Parkinson Jr. of Dearborn and Emily Pedersen of Garden City announce the birth of Jonathan William Parkinson May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Les and Marilyn Pedersen and Carol and John Parkinson. Christopher and Genevieve Mills of Wayne announce the birth of William Thomas June 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Jeremy Joseph. Grandparents are Grendon and Annice Mills of Garden City and William and Patricia Brunette of Inkster. Keith and Florence Champagne of Westland announce

the birth of Allyson Marie May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Alex, 3 1/2, and Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Lawrence and Patricia Brown of Wayne and Lillian Champagne of Dearborn Heights. Mark and Lisa Bianchi of South Lyon announce the birth of Ava Monet June 1 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Rico and Joan Bianchi and Chuck and Sharon Parmer, all of Plymouth. Great-grandmothers are Angelina Bianchi of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and Frances Foster of Garden City. Kevin Przybylowicz and Sandra Murdza of Westland announce the birth of Savannah Bay Przybylowicz May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Anthony and Anna Murdza of Dearborn Heights and Norbert Przybylowicz of Westland. Lisa and Bill Schultz of Romulus announce the birth of Hailee Ann June 27 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Karen and Walter Schmiede of Romulus, Pat Keller of Whitmore Lake and Bill Schultz of Redford.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### CYO volleyball champs

St. Robert's of Redford recently defeated St. Michael's of Livonia, 15-8, 15-10, to win the 12-team Ladywood Catholic Youth Organization Preseason girls volleyball tournament (grades 7-8).

Members of the St. Robert's squad include: Deana Binford, Becky Bulter, Ashley Cecil, Jackie Green, Kristen Kummer, Calli Lucas, Ginny Mager, Katie McDonald, Sara Robak, Anne Roosevelt, Amy Szymanski, Nikki Yesko.

The team is coached by Debby Karabees-Betts and Cameron Kompoltowicz.

### Youth soccer runner-ups

The Livonia YMCA Meteors, an under-15 girls team, recently finished second in the Dearborn Invitational Soccer Tournament (Aug. 28-30), losing only to Birmingham in a championship shootout after two overtime periods.

Members of the Meteors include: Ashley Aja, Elizabeth DiPonio, Jamie Hartick, Katherine Koch, Jennifer Kupstas, Rebecca Rogozan, Laura Shiskovsky, all of Livonia Stevenson; Jennie Bartkowiak, Elizabeth Obrecht, Livonia Ladywood; Meghan Parnell, Amy Sanders, Livonia Churchhill; Beth Leffingwell, Farmington; Melissa Hoger, Farmington Hills Mercy; Larisa Fill, Deanna Kowalkowski, Kristy Ward, Northville; and Emily Shollack, Hartland.

The team is coached by Mike Peterson, Wally Kowalkowski and Derrick Steele. The team manager is Tina Bartkowiak.

The under-12 Livonia Y Meteors, coached by Frank Baker, also took second in the Dearborn Invitational.

They outscored their opponents, 13-3, including two shutouts, but lost 2-1 in sudden death overtime.

Members of the Meteors include: Annie Bernacki, Maureen Bielski, Melissa Brais, Kari Coleman, Kelli Godfrey, Danielle Holowecy, Laura Jetke, Kelly Kane, Ele Keeler, Jillian Mallory, Tara Manus, Jennifer Perkins, Tracy Repoz, Lindsay Rowe, Stefanie Stephens and Maggie Vaillancourt.

### Westland drop-in hockey

Drop-in hockey will be offered from 10-11:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, Sept. 1, 1998 through April 16, 1999, at the Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

All players (18 and over) must wear full equipment, including helmets. The cost is \$5 per player (goalies skate free). Limit of 20 players.

Westland Arena also offers skate sharpening during drop-in hockey house for \$4.

For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

### Westland open skating

Open skating will be offered from noon-1:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-2:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 1 through April 19, 1999, at the Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

The cost Monday through Friday is \$1.75 for students and senior citizens and \$2.25 for adults; Saturdays and Sundays, \$2.75 and \$3.25, respectively.

Skate rental is available for \$2. Skate sharpening is also available for \$4.

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### Group skating lessons

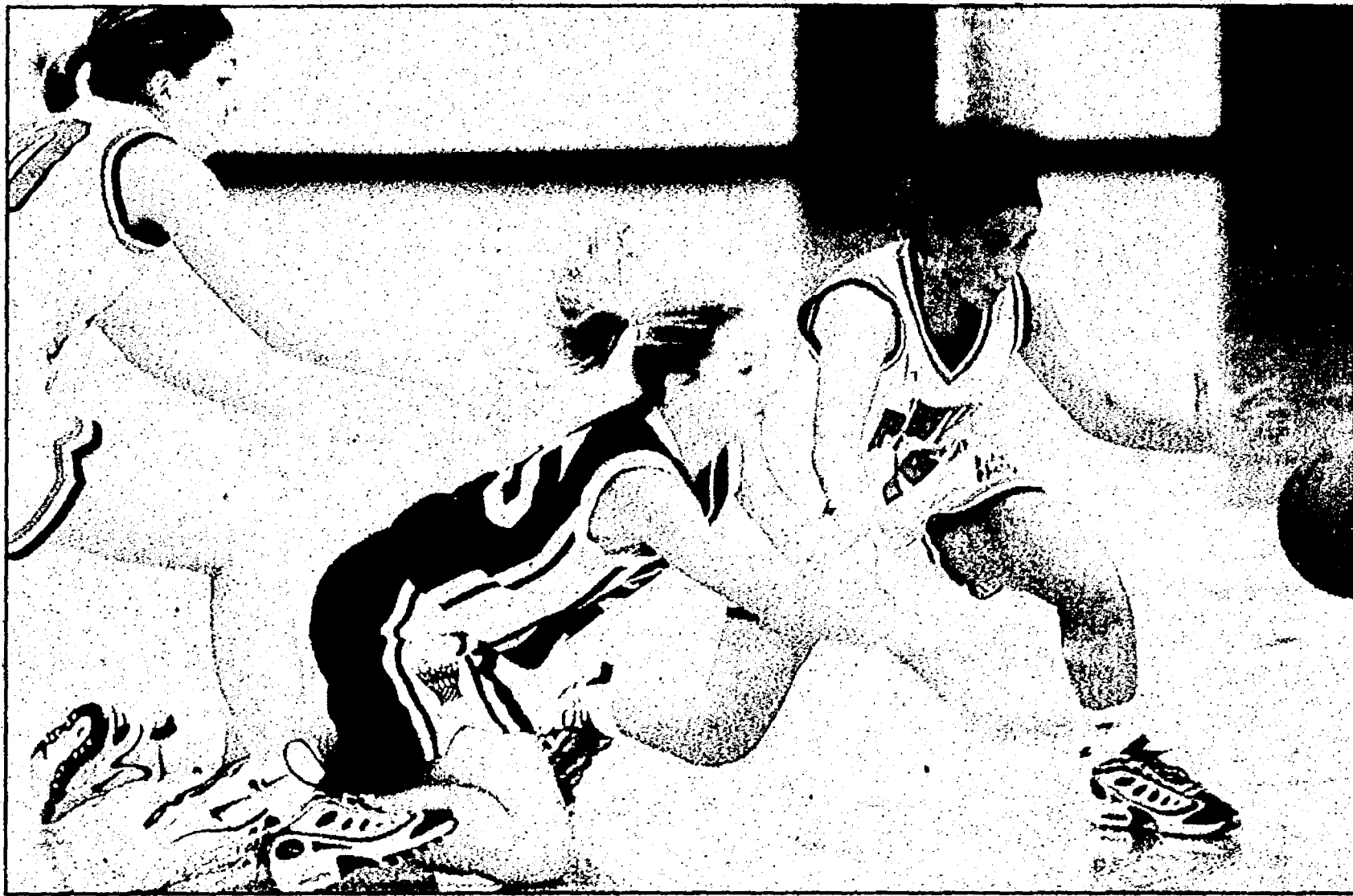
Figure skaters and hockey players can sign up for group lessons, 4:50-6:50 p.m. Mondays and 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays, at the Westland Sports Arena.

The lessons are geared for beginners.

The cost for the seven-week program is \$36.75 (late registration is \$5 more after Sept. 12).

For more information, call Jenny Walker, figure skating director, at (734) 729-4560.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.



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Mad scramble: Livonia Ladywood's Melissa Harakas (center) goes to the floor in pursuit of the ball as Sara Hughes (left) and Mary Wiesen (right) of Flint Powers contest.

## Tough to take

### Blazers can't hold lead, lose to Powers

BY NEAL ZIPSER  
STAFF WRITER

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday's season-opening loss to state-ranked Flint Powers Catholic may have been accepted by last year's Livonia Ladywood basketball team.

But times have changed. The 53-45 loss at Ladywood was hard to swallow for the Blazers, who let an 11-point third quarter lead disappear to one of Class B's better teams.

"Last year, this may have been a moral victory for us, but I told the team that we have to get past the moral victories," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "The way we lost was also tough because we were stuck on 33 for five minutes in the third quarter."

Actually, the Blazers were stuck on 33 points for 5:49. Powers, looking surprisingly bad for

the Flint coach said. "We started beating them to the loose balls and that set the tone for the rest of the game for us."

Senior forward Marta Joseph led a balanced Powers scoring attack with 12 points. Sophomore center Kelly Koerber came off the bench to contribute 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The Blazers did shut down senior forward Aimee Pearson. The All-Stater finished with just six points on 2-for-12 shooting. She failed to reach double figures just once in 25 games last season.

Sophomore forward Michelle Harakas led Ladywood with a game-high 14 points, while senior guard Erin Hayden added 11. Sophomore forward Melissa Harakas netted 10 points.

The Blazers got off to a good start, the Flint coach said. "We started beating them to the loose balls and that set the tone for the rest of the game for us."

Please see GAME, C2

## CC star injured during scrimmage

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

#### PREP FOOTBALL

Tuesday was the first day college football coaches, according to NCAA rules, could call high school seniors.

Instead of wishing Redford Catholic Central's two-way standout Casey Rogowski good luck in the upcoming season, the best any recruiters could tell him was to get well.

Rogowski, an all-state candidate at linebacker and fullback who lives in Livonia, broke the fibula bone in his right leg in a four-way scrimmage on Friday at Temperance-Bedford.

Rogowski's knee also was swollen from the injury and he was scheduled to undergo an MRI on Wednesday, he said. The injury will keep him out at least four to six weeks and possibly the season if his knee requires major

surgery, Rogowski said doctors told him.

He started at inside linebacker last year when the Shamrocks completed a 12-1 season with a Class AA state championship, their fourth this decade.

Rogowski, 6-foot-3 and 245 pounds, is a three-sport standout. He was the state's undefeated Division I heavy-weight champion last year and in the spring batted over .400, earning All-Observer first-team baseball honors.

Rogowski is the second CC player lost to a major injury in the preseason. Leon Perez, a 6-5, 290-pound junior who was battling for a starting job on the offensive line, will miss the season with a broken ankle.

Rogowski said he'll be behind his team throughout the season even if it means only watching on crutches.

"They want to win and I still think

they're going to do it," he said. "I'll be there to contribute all I can."

Rogowski was taken off on a stretcher after injured on the third play of a scrimmage against Temperance-Bedford.

He was tackled by a Bedford player after receiving a fake hand-off from quarterback Dave Lusk. Rogowski did not have the ball.

"It was a play-action pass and I carried out the fake and the kid went for my knee," Rogowski said. "Either he thought I had the ball or something."

Rogowski said he had trouble sleeping Friday night. Pain was just one of the feelings he experienced since he was counting on his senior year to prove he's a major-college player.

"I was scared, disappointed," Rogowski said. "It felt horrible. I've broken fingers and my nose before, but that's about it."

See grid prognostications, C3.



Casey Rogowski  
CC senior



### Prep soccer action

Foot soldiers: Livonia Franklin's Dave Moldovan (left) and Westland John Glenn's Corey Dahn collide in going for the ball during Monday's Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game. Glenn pulled out a 2-0 victory to raise its early season record to 2-0. Franklin, meanwhile, playing its seventh game in 10 days, falls to 2-4-1. For a complete roundup of high school soccer games, see page C2.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

### PRO HOCKEY

## Bad knees force out Al Iafrate

### Livonian tells Carolina he's done for now

Livonia native Al Iafrate's professional hockey career appears to be all but over.

The 6-foot-3, 240-pound defenseman, who played 12 seasons in the National Hockey League, will not report to the Carolina Hurricanes' training camp because his chronic bad knees have not responded to off-season rehabilitation efforts and treatments.

Reports say the 32-year-old Iafrate agreed to a base salary of \$300,000 with Carolina, a contract laced with incentives for games played along with productivity.

"We share Al's disappointment in having to announce his retirement," Hurricanes President and General Manager Jim Rutherford. "We knew when we signed him that his health may prove to be a question mark, but we had hoped he could contribute to our team this season."

"This is a unique situation, however, and Al should be commended for his decision to retire before coming to camp. He could at least have earned his base salary which we agreed a month ago. Instead, Al has decided to retire and forgo his contract with the Hurricanes."

Iafrate played in just 21 games last year for the San Jose Sharks before being picked by Nashville in the recent expansion draft.

He became a free agent on July 1, and 13 days later the Hurricanes had announced the two parties had agreed to terms.

Iafrate sat out the 1994-95 and 1995-96 seasons because of knee and back problems.

The Bentley High School product, chosen to play for the U.S. in the 1984 Olympics at the age of 16, was drafted in the first round by Toronto and played 6 1/2 seasons with the Leafs before being dealt to Washington in exchange for Bob Rouse and Peter Zezel during the 1990-91 season.

He enjoyed his best year NHL year with the Leafs in 1992-93, scoring a career-high 25 goals with 41 assists for 66 points. He also posted a plus-15 rating.

The following season he was traded to Boston (for Joe Juneau) where he feuded with Bruins management over treatment of his injuries.

That same season the NHL owners locked out the players for more than half the season.

After being out two seasons, the Bruins then traded Iafrate to the Sharks for Jeff Odgers and a 1996 fifth-round draft pick. He played a total of 59 games in San Jose.

Last season Iafrate scored two goals and added seven assists. He played in the first-round of the playoffs, scoring a goal, and later joined Team USA at the World Championships.

In 12 seasons, Iafrate played in 799 games, scoring 152 goals with 311 assists.

He is a four-time NHL All-Star selection with a slap shot clocked at 105 MPH. he won the NHL Skills competition for the hardest shot four different times.

This season, Iafrate was expected to bolster the Hurricanes' power-play.

Iafrate, who was unavailable for comment late Tuesday, could possibly undergo more knee surgery.

"From my understanding, he intends to have another knee operation and take all the necessary time to properly rehabilitate his knee," Rutherford said. "We wish him the best, and if his condition improves to the point where he plans to return to the NHL, the Carolina Hurricanes would be interested."

COLLEGE SOCCER ROUNDUP

# Schoolcraft opens season impressively

What a way to start the season.

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team is taking its show on the road to Chicago for the first two weekends, playing four matches in that time before the start of the Region 12 season. The first road trip was last Friday and Saturday, when the Ocelots met — and defeated — junior varsity squads from Lewis University (Ill.) and Valparaiso (Ind.) University.

Such a beginning raised SC coach Van Dimitriou's optimism level. It also answered a few questions about his team, although not all of them.

"We're going to be a very versatile team again," said Dimitriou. "I think we're going to be all right."

"We do have a lot of new people on the team. You can see that, instead of playing like a team, that everybody does their own thing for a few seconds when they first get the ball. That's what we're doing this week (in practice), that's what we're going to work on — team

situations."

Two of the positive things the team came away with last weekend were victories: 2-1 against Lewis on Friday and 3-1 over Valparaiso on Saturday.

In the win over Lewis, Naum Popovski (from Livonia Stevenson) knocked in the first goal, converting a pass from defender Aaron O'Neill. The goal came 10 minutes into the match.

Lewis tied it midway through the second half, but Scott Hulbert pounded home the game-winner for SC with 10 minutes left, punching in his own rebound after fielding a pass from Ayman Atwa (Livonia Franklin).

The first half against Valparaiso the following day was action-packed, with all four goals scored prior to the intermission. The Ocelots never trailed, getting a goal from Bart Mays (Livonia Stevenson) just seven minutes into the game when a Valparaiso defender inadvertently headed Mays' shot into his own net. O'Neill made it 2-0 10 minutes later, fielding a pass

from Rob Gumber and finishing it.

A 25-yard blast by Ryan Konley (Plymouth Salem) completed SC's scoring; Matt Nyholm assisted.

This weekend's trip doesn't figure to be any easier. The Ocelots play in a tournament outside Chicago against Prairie View CC at 1 p.m. Saturday and South Suburban CC at 11 a.m. Sunday.

## Lady Ocelots rolling

If it's true that good things happen to good people, geez... SC women's soccer coach Bill Tolstedt must be ready for sainthood.

Tolstedt's Lady Ocelots opened their season by walloping Hillsdale University 7-2 Saturday at Hillsdale, leaving Tolstedt — starting his second season as coach — dumbfounded. "I'm pleasantly perplexed with this team," he said. "I just didn't view us as being this good this soon."

"It was a game we absolutely dominated. The pace was there, the enthusiasm was there. It was a well-played game from all

the way around the field. We're looking forward to heading out to New York (this weekend)."

They should be. SC has 16 goals in their two scrimmages and their first match, and the good news is it's coming from a half-dozen different players. In the win over Hillsdale, Annie Hagenah knocked in four goals and Shannon Konarski, Julie Majewski (Plymouth Canton) and Paola Cereghino got one apiece. Meghan Jannuzzi, Lisa Tolstedt and Hagenah added two assists apiece.

Now if that sounds fabulous, then get this: On Monday, Dawn Koontz, who led SC in scoring the year before Tolstedt took over as coach, came into his office and said she'd like to rejoin the team. Koontz, a Plymouth Canton graduate, netted 17 goals and six assists in '97.

Just what SC needs, going into its first major test of the season, at Monroe College in Rochester, N.Y. The Ocelots play the host team at 1 p.m. Saturday, then meet Genesee CC at noon Sunday.

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

### Crusaders rule Durango

Anyone who might have thought the unexpected loss of some key personnel might knock Madonna University's volleyball team down a notch or two — well, think again.

The Lady Crusaders showed their mettle last weekend at the Skyhawk Volleyball Invitational in Durango, Colo., twice beating both Embury-Riddle and Colorado Mines en route to claiming the tournament title.

Sophomore middle hitter Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston) and senior outside hitter Rayna Vert were named to the all-tournament team. Malewski finished with 88 kills in 19 games (3.3 per game), with six solo blocks, 18 block assists and 13 service aces; Vert had 66 kills (3.5 per game), 52 digs and 12 aces.

"We had a wonderful week," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "One thing I liked most — we were able to keep the pressure on. We showed good cohesiveness; we started well and kept going. And we got real good play off the bench."

The Crusaders opened last Friday with wins over Colorado Mines (15-7, 15-9, 15-10) and Fort Lewis (15-8, 13-15, 15-9, 15-9). On Saturday, they beat Embury-Riddle in two tough back-to-back matches (15-13, 15-17, 17-15, 15-9 and 15-5, 10-15, 15-2, 11-15, 15-12) before besting Colorado Mines in the championship match, 15-13, 15-9, 15-5, to finish the tourney with a 5-0 record.

In the final, Madonna showed it was not about to be dominated by one or two players. Nicole Burns led the Crusaders with 15 kills and a .591 kill percentage; Erin Cunningham had 11 kills, and Stephanie Uballe had eight kills and three block assists. Cunningham finished with 64 kills, while Burns had 48 and Uballe 31; Uballe also totaled four solos and 18 block assists in the tournament. Deanne Helmsom collected 233 assists to kills (12.3 per game).



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Heads-up: Franklin's Ross Bohler controls the ball.

# Glenn nips Franklin; Sicilia's 4 goals spark Chargers

Adam McGahan scored on a cross from Jim McPartlin with only seven minutes to play Monday, leading Westland John Glenn to a 2-1 boys soccer triumph over host Livonia Franklin.

The Rockets improved to 2-0 overall with the victory, while Franklin drops to 2-4-1.

Glenn led 1-0 at halftime on senior Ian Bain's goal in the 37th minute from Corey Dahn.

Franklin's Bill Fischer tied it with 16 minutes to go in the game on an assist from Mike Vega.

On Friday, the host Patriots lost to Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 2-0, in a non-leaguer.

**•STEVENSON 7, W.L. WESTERN 1:** Seven different players scored Monday as host Livonia Stevenson (3-0 overall) drilled Walled Lake Western.

Sergio Mainella opened the scoring on a penalty kick. He also had two assists.

Tom Eller and Nick Soper each contributed one goal and one assist. Jeff Budd, Martin Kennedy, Mike Thomas and Matt Freeborn.

Mike White also drew an assist as the Spartans led 5-1 at intermission.

Joe Suchara (first half) and Joe Zawacki (second half) split time in the nets for Stevenson.

"We have a big game Wednesday at Canton and I was happy to see we didn't look past tonight's opponent," Stevenson first-year

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

coach Lars Richters. "We were able to do some things to prepare for Wednesday, and the boys were able to get the job done."

**•CHURCHILL 8, N. FARMINGTON 1:** Mark Sicilia pumped in four goals and added one assist Monday, leading Livonia Churchill (3-0 overall) past host North Farmington (6-2 overall).

The Chargers led 3-0 at halftime.

George Kithas contributed two goals and two assists. Rob Sharp, Josh Monthel and Eric Sicilia also drew assists.

Steve Kleczynski (first half) and Brian Druchniak (second half) combined in goal.

North's lone goal was scored by Craig Hearn in the second half.

"Our goal was to stop Hearn and make the rest of their players beat us," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "Our defense did a good job of keeping him in check. And when he went to midfield we pretty much shut him down."

**•REDFORD CC 1, AA PIONEER 1:** Junior midfielder Pat Griffin scored 15 minutes into the first half Tuesday, converting a pass from senior midfielder Andrew Kogut on a free kick.

"Some of our players made decoy runs to the right, Griffin peeled off to the left and Kogut slipped the ball right next to the wall," CC coach Dana Orsucci said. "He was one-on-one with the

keeper, about eight or nine yards out and knocked it past him."

Host Pioneer tied the score about 15 minutes later on a header off a corner kick. The outcome left CC at 2-1-1 overall.

On Aug. 27, CC beat Riverview Gabriel Richard 7-0 in a Catholic League crossover game.

Josh Brooks led the Shamrocks with two goals. Kogut, Chris Podolak, Klai Shirin, Matt Epacs and Mark Sulkowski had one goal each.

Kogut assisted on three goals and Pat Gannon, Show and Podolak contributed one assist each.

**•TRUMAN 5, WAYNE 4:** Ken Raupp scored a pair of goals Monday, but it wasn't enough as the Wayne Memorial dropped its season opener at Taylor Truman.

Ention Dishnica and Tim Stark also scored goals for the Zebras.

**•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 1, PCA 0:** In a non-leaguer Tuesday at Lutheran Westland (1-1), senior co-captain Clint Gowen scored the game-winner with eight minutes to play against visiting Plymouth Christian Academy (1-1).

Senior co-captain Ryan Ollinger, moving up from sweeper to midfield, made the feed on the play.

Goalkeeper Andy Glesman turned in the shutout.

"We played better in the middle than we did in our 1-0 loss to Southfield Christian," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "I was pleased by the effort of everybody."

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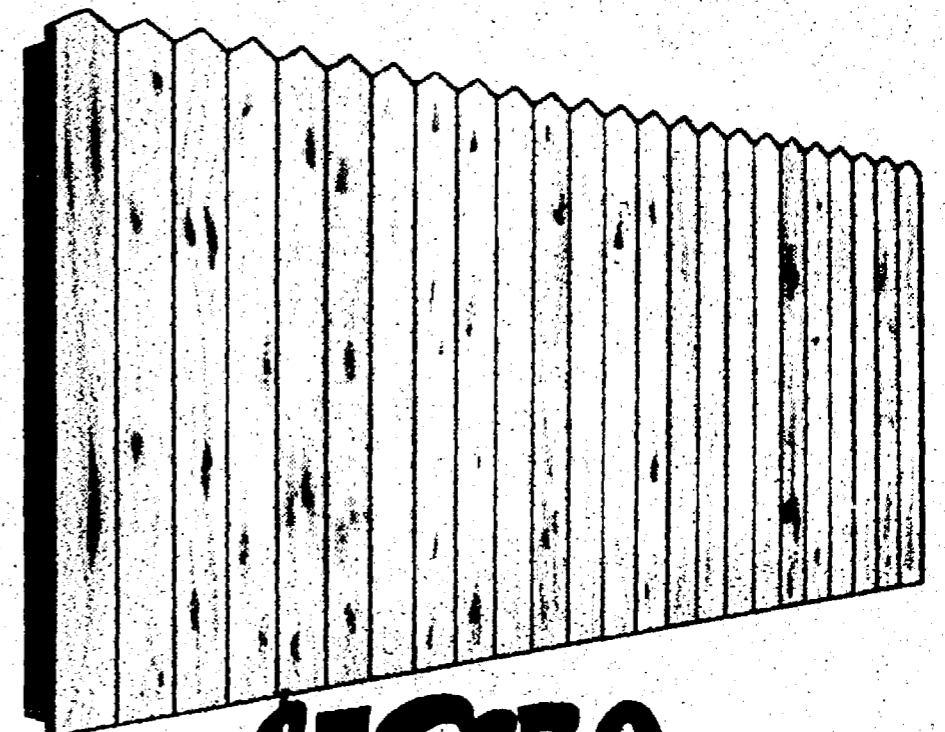


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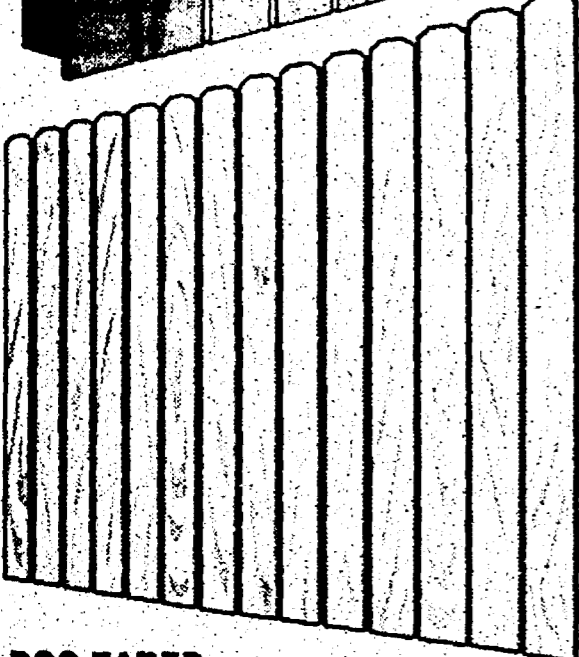
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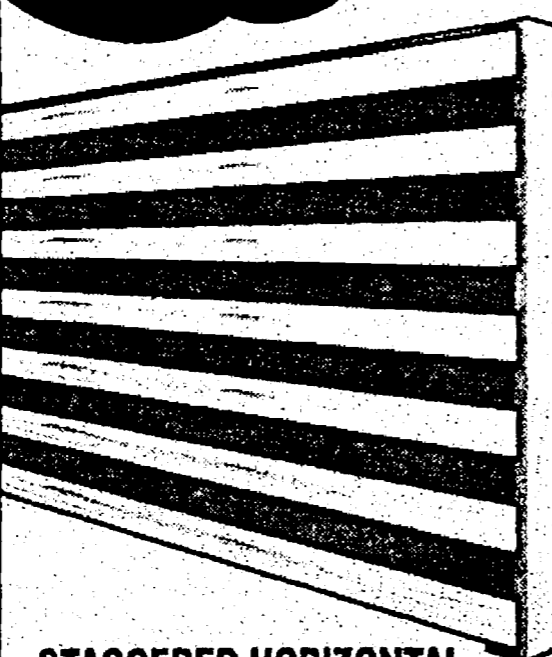
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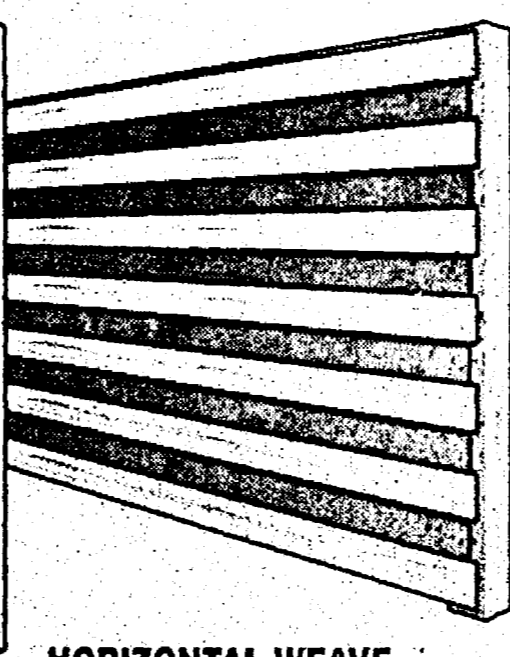
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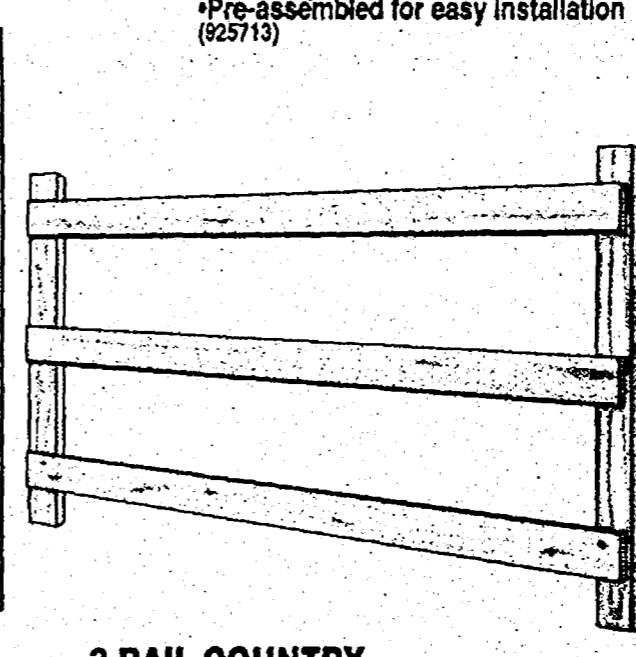
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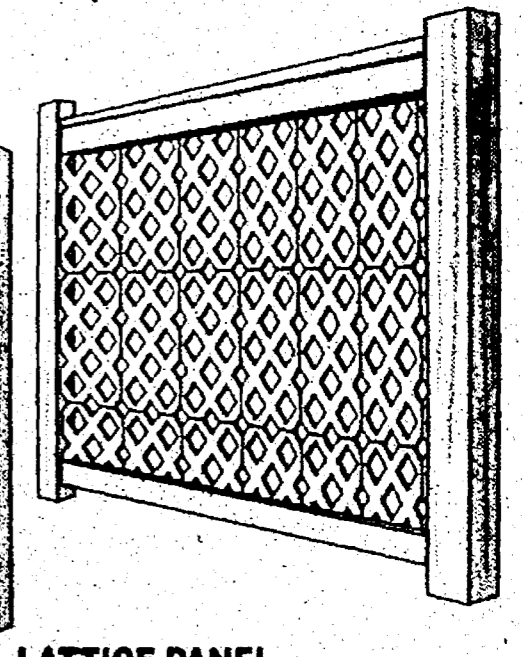
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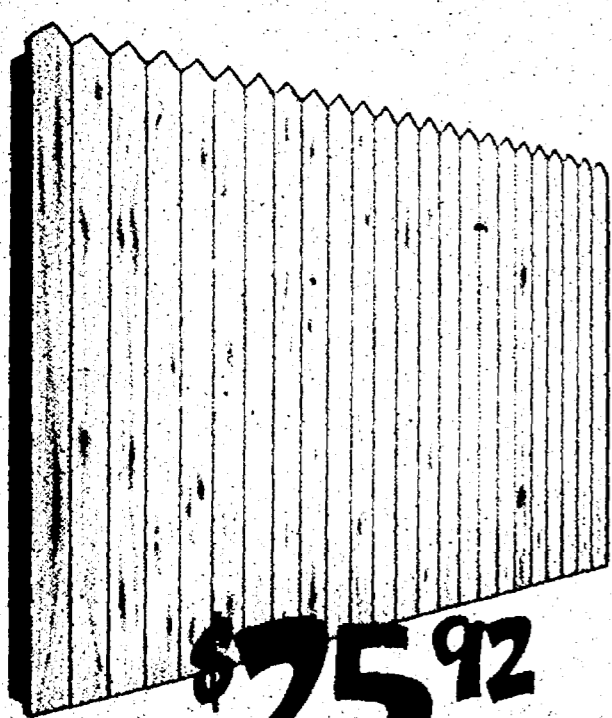
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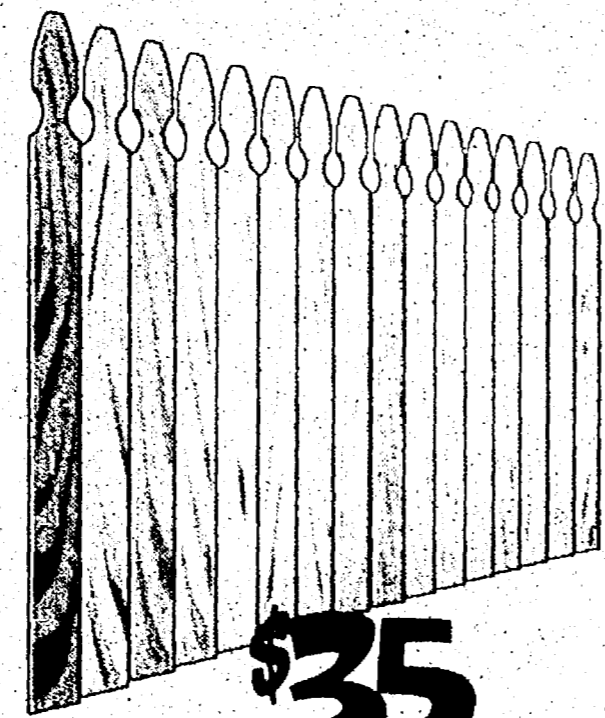
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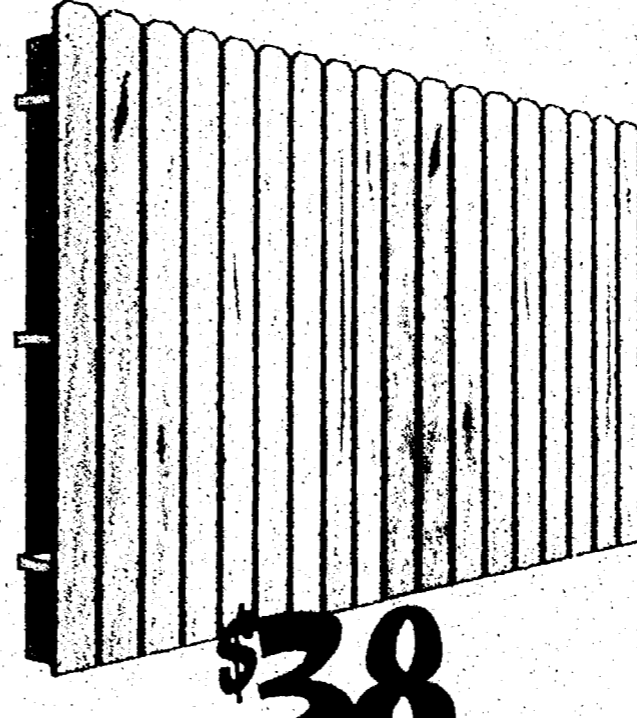
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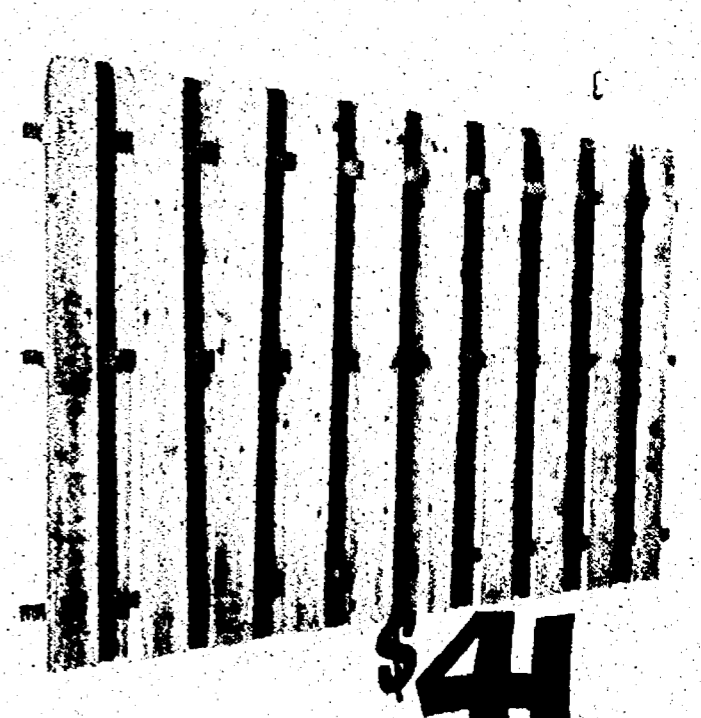
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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 4**  
 John Glenn at Det. Colley, 4 p.m.  
 Adrian at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Dearborn, 7 p.m.  
 Garden City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Belleville, 7 p.m.  
 Farmington at Novi, 7:30 p.m.  
 RU at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.  
 Monroe at Canton, 7:30 p.m.  
 Farm. Harrison at Oxford, 7:30 p.m.  
 Cranbrook at C'ville, 7:30 p.m.  
 Thurgton at Taylor Kennedy, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
 Luth. N'west at Luth. Wsld., 1 p.m.  
 St. Agatha at Port Sanitar, 1 p.m.  
 N. Farmington vs. O.L. St. Mary's at Pontiac Silverdome, 1 p.m.  
 Bishop Borgess vs. Divine Child at D.H. Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.  
 Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Pontiac Silverdome, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 Flat Rock at Luth. Wsld., 6:30 p.m.  
 Dondora at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.  
 Muron Valley at Warren Zos, 7 p.m.  
 Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
 F.H. Mercy at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
 Blrm. Marian at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Grosse Ile, 7 p.m.  
 Farmington at Milford, 7 p.m.  
 N. Farmington at Brighton, 7 p.m.  
 Novi at Farm. Harrison, 7 p.m.  
 St. Agatha at St. Alphonsus, TBA.  
**PREP BOYS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 Redford CC at U-Desjout, 4 p.m.  
 R.O. Shrine at Luth. Wsld., 5 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Crestwood, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 4**  
 S'field Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Farmington at RU, 5:30 p.m.  
 W. Bloom. at N. Farm., 5:30 p.m.  
 Lakeland at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
 S'craft at Prairie St. (Ill.), 1 p.m.  
**Sunday, Sept. 6**  
 S'craft at S. Sub. (Ill.), 11 a.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
 S'craft at Monroe (N.Y.), 1 p.m.  
**Sunday, Sept. 6**  
 Schockcraft vs. Genesee at Monroe Trolley, noon.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
 Kellogg CC at Schockcraft, 7 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday, Sept. 4-5**  
 Madonna at Midway (Ky.), TBA.  
 TBA — times to be announced.

**GIRLS TENNIS**

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 4  
 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4  
**Sept. 1 at Ladywood**  
 No. 1 singles: Crystal Tomczyk (LC) defeated Amy Elschen, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2; No. 2: Melissa Buckshaw (LL) def. Ashley Mehl, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Julia Arcler (LC) def. Emily Donnelon, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Melissa Winchester (LL) def. Steffi Graber, 6-4, 6-4.  
 No. 1 doubles: Jean Wu-Aditi Saxena (LC) def. Kristen Catalgio-Paula Sist, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5); No. 2: Adrienne Mahr-Courtney Satko (LL) def. Lindsay Joslin-Lauren Sneed, 7-6, 8-4; No. 3: Barb Gzembski-Anne Piontek (LC) def. Gabrielle Gugliemott/Katie Olex, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Monica Anderson-Maggie McGlinchey (LL) def. Jenny Stanick-Lindsay Watch, 6-3, 6-0.  
 Dual meet records: Churchill 0-0-1, Ladywood 1-0-1.

**PREP BOYS GOLF RESULTS**

LIVONIA STEVENSON 205  
 FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 208  
 (Note: Stevenson won tiebreaker)  
**Aug. 31 at Whispering Willows**  
 Stevenson scorers: Mike Byberg and Steve Polanski, 39 each; Chris Thomas and Roy Rabe, 42 each; Kevin Yuhasz, 43; Matt DiPonio, 45.  
 Harrison scorers: Kenny Lee, 38 (medalist); Matt Lee, 39; Chris Scott, 41; Brian Grohman, 42; Kevin Geary, 45; Corey Miller, 48.  
 Dual meet records: Stevenson 2-0 overall, 1-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Harrison, 2-1 overall and Wood 1-0-1.  
 2-1 WLAA.  
 PLYMOUTH CANTON 208  
 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 210  
**Sept. 1 at Fox Creek**  
 Canton scorers: Jon Johnson, 38 (medalist); Ben Tucker, Justin Allen and Matt Rosol, 41 each; Derek Lineberry, 44.  
 Churchill scorers: Mike Lightbody and Will Bashara, 39 each; Tom Fitzstephens, 43; Randall Boboige, 44; Brad Bescoe, 45.  
 Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0; Churchill, 0-1.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**DEREK BESCO UPDATE**  
 Westland John Glenn High product Derek Besco, a right fielder and designated hitter, has appeared in 49 games, hitting .235 for the Jamestown (N.Y.) Jammers, a Detroit Tigers rookie farm club in the New York-Penn League.  
 Besco has six homers, 18 RBI and 11 stolen bases.  
**YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS**  
 Tryouts (1999) for the Novi Heat Premier travel baseball team (ages 15-16 as of July 31, 1999) will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Novi Sports Park (field No. 8), located at Eight Mile and Napier roads.  
 For more information, call Dale Haberman at (248) 349-3663.  
 •The Novi Youth Baseball League will stage 1999 travel baseball tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 19 and 29, at Novi Sports Park (field No. 8), located at Eight Mile and Napier roads.  
 Age-group teams include: 9-10 (call Dave Blaszcak at 248-380-4972); 11 (call Dave Gillian at 248-348-7222); 12 (call Mike Neville at 248-471-5057); 13 (call Greg Hatcher at 248-347-3338); 14 (call John Ferras at 248-380-8298).  
 Tryouts for the 13-year-old team will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Powers Park (Green Field) and Saturday, Sept. 26 at Powers Park (field

No. 1).  
**JIMMIE'S 2ND IN NSA TOURNAMENT**  
 After a second place finish in the National Softball Association state tournament last weekend in Hartland, the Westland men's slowpitch softball team sponsored by Jimmie's, Varsity Athletics, Que Sports and Easton heads Friday to Shawnee, Kan. as the No. 1-ranked team in the U.S. Slowpitch Softball Association World Series.  
 Three players from Jimmie's made the all-tournament team.  
 Catcher John Sampson (formerly of Westland John Glenn High) batted .706 with a .773 on-base percentage. He clubbed six homers and had 16 RBI.  
 Second baseman and pitcher Joey Gerdes hit .550 with two homers and 11 RBI, while center fielder Brian Donehue (Westland) hit .810 with 11 RBI.  
 Softball World/Raiders of Grand Rapids knocked Jimmie's out of the tournament, 20-19, despite second baseman Ruben Gonzales going 4-for-4 with three RBI.  
 Randy Windham went 3-for-3 with two RBI and Jason Riggs was 3-for-4 with two RBI in a losing cause.  
 Jimmie's opened with a 23-19 victory over Orbital Engineering of Livonia as Bruce Wood was 4-for-5 with six RBI. Chris Schefter (Westland) added three hits and three RBI.  
 In the second round, Jim Harvey and Tom Lengyel each col-

lected four hits and combined for nine RBI in a 31-19 five-inning mercy rule win over Woodworks of Bay City.  
 Jimmie's then edged the Raiders in the third round, 21-20, as Donehue went 4-for-4.  
 In the fourth round, Jimmie's edged USA Cash of Lapeer, 25-24, as Gerdes, the winningest pitcher went 4-for-5 with six RBI.  
**FINESSE FASTPITCH TRYOUTS**  
 The Finesse softball program, winners of two world slowpitch championships the past three years, are converting their program to fastpitch for girls ages 10-18.  
 The tryouts will be at Wayne-Ford Civic League fields in Westland.  
 Here is a schedule for the upcoming tryouts:  
 •12-and-under — 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 (call coach John Tonner at 248-624-3187);  
 •14-and-under — 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 19, and Sunday, Sept. 13 (call coach Duane Anger at 810-254-7125);  
 •16-and-under — 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 19 (call coach Bob Baço at 734-522-5607);  
 •18-and-under — noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 19 and Sunday, Sept. 13 (call coach Barry Patterson at 734-487-3964).

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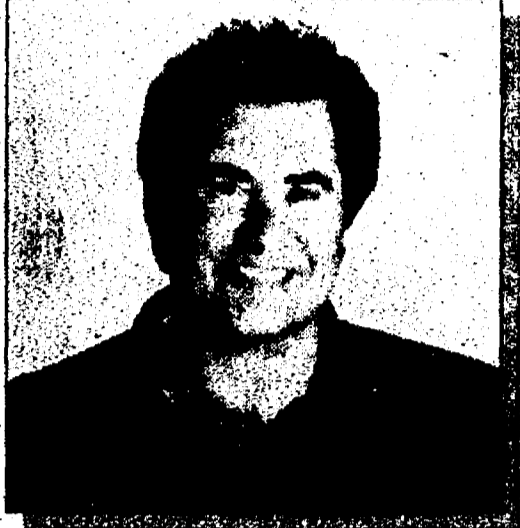
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SATURDAY



Phil Lasley Trio plays 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

SUNDAY



Struggling to thwart a conspiracy that might set off a wave of world terrorism, Marcus Ray (Jean-Claude Van Damme, right) uses a punishing martial arts move to fight off a thug in "Knock Off," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Randy Scott of Southfield is just one of the many outstanding artists performing at this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. See schedule of performers inside.

## Sonspiration

Rapper son persuades dad to record first album

STORY BY CHRISTINA FUOCO • STAFF WRITER

With his guitar and cornet in hand, Olu Dara has played with some of the greats during his 57 years. He was one of Art Blakey's Messengers and has backed talents such as Henry Threadgill, Taj Mahal, Brian Eno and Cassandra Wilson.

Now, thanks to his son, the multi-platinum-selling rapper Nas, and Atlantic Records, Dara is a bandleader in his own right having released "In the World: From Natchez to New York."

"He said, 'Dad, I want my peers to know where I come from.

Would you mind?' I said, 'Well, I guess not.' Atlantic, they had been pursuing me for quite a few years ago. They called again on the same day that my son talked to me so that's what did it," Dara explained.

Nas, born Nasir Jones, has released two albums, 1994's "Illmatic," which peaked at No. 12, and 1996's "It Was Written" which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts. Because of his son's popularity, Dara said, his audience is ever changing.

"I have a new audience. I

wouldn't say mostly younger, but there is quite a few younger people. There's people of all ages even little ones. I mean 5 or 6 or 7 years old."

Dara calls his debut album "In the World: From Natchez to New York" a mixture of American music. It fuses hip-hop, jazz, a little bit of funk, and be-bop.

"You can't really categorize like we used to. There used to be a nice little box called jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel. There's a good

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**Family Influence:** The 57-year-old jazz cornet/guitar player Olu Dara had never been inspired to record his own CD until his son, rapper Nas, persuaded him to do it. The result is "In the World: From Natchez to New York." He performs Saturday, Sept. 12, as part of the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival.



**WHEN:** Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 10-13, at several locations throughout Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 747-9955 or visit <http://a2.blues.jazzfest.org>

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Maceo Parker will perform 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 for reserved seats, and \$35 for gold circle seats. Gene Harris is no longer on the bill.

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Lou Donaldson Quartet performs 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12. Tickets are \$20.

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U.S.-23 to the Geddes Road exit, then west on Geddes Road and cross Huron Parkway. Park will be on the left and parking is at Huron High School. Lot will be on right.

11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12:

- Groove Collective
- Olu Dara
- The Atomic Fireballs
- Michael Ray and the Cosmic Krewe
- Rick Roe Quartet
- Poignant Plecostomus

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13:

- Bo Diddley
- Paul deLay
- New Orleans Klezmer All-Stars
- Rosie Ledet - The Zydeco Sweetheart
- Root Doctor
- Robert Jones

There are several packages for Gallup Park performances. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the gate, and \$12.50 in advance for students. Two-day passes are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate, and \$22 in advance for students. Kids ages 12 and younger are admitted free to Gallup Park shows. An "All Pass" includes one Maceo Parker ticket, one Lou Donaldson late Saturday show ticket and one two-day pass to Gallup Park. Those are \$55 in advance, or \$75 for Gold Circle seating.

## Comedians stand-up for Muscular Dystrophy Association

"Comedy for a Cure"

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6  
**WHERE:** Chatters, 7640 N. Wayne Road, (at Cowan) Westland.  
**ADMISSION:** \$3, tickets available in advance, and at the door, call (734) 422-3737 for more information, or [www.citylist.com](http://www.citylist.com) on the web.

Upcoming comedy benefits:

- "Gilda's Club Family Walk and Block Party" - 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Cobo Center, Detroit. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the event, call (248) 577-0800.
- Comedy Night 7, For Action Against Hunger - 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Music Hall Theater. Tickets are \$25 per person, sponsorship packages and group discounts available, call (248) 350-FOOD during regular business hours.

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Having to work Labor Day weekend is no laughing matter, but if you have to, serious comic relief's available Sunday at Chatters in Westland.

"I think it will be a fun time," said Kevin Zeoli of Garden City who talked about 20 of his funny friends, metro Detroit's hottest stand-up comedians, into presenting "Comedy For A Cure" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and celebrate the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

"It gives people a chance to get out and

enjoy comedy, and the comedians in metro Detroit a chance to perform," said Zeoli. "It was real easy to get people to do it."

Each comedian will do 7-8 minutes of stand-up. Zeoli's the MC. You can make a donation to be eligible for prize drawings to be held throughout the evening. Prizes include a 19-inch Zenith color TV, home stereo system, gift certificates for dinners, movie passes and Lions' game tickets.

"You can drop in and stay as long as you

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Kevin Zeoli

### ARTS, EATS AND BEATS

## Festival serves up variety of local bands

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Missy Gibson admits that Los Angeles wasn't exactly her cup of tea the first time around. Still, she forced herself to move there two years ago and she hasn't looked back.

She's jumping into the music industry feet first. L.A. has brought to her a developmental publishing deal, the chance to meet her idol (Rickie Lee Jones), the opportunity to act, contribute to movie soundtracks and a management deal.

"I spent some time out here before when I was working with Fuel

Records," Gibson said via telephone from her L.A. office. "I had decided that I really hated L.A. at the time. I kind of knew, though, that careerwise it would be a good move. So I forced myself begrudgingly to return. The second time, it's been a lot better."

Gibson and her band Breech - including guitarist/co-writer Philip Watts and accordion player Joe McAlevey - will get to talk all about it on Monday, Sept. 7, when they perform on the Pepsi Stage of Arts, Eats, and Beats, a free festival of art, food and music throughout Pontiac-Labor Day weekend, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7.

The three stages of music - Kmart National, Pepsi and the Heineken stages - will feature more than 70 bands. See sidebar for schedule of performers.

A 1986 Birmingham Seaholm High School graduate, Gibson will debut new material on Labor Day. Some of the new tracks were produced by Gabe Moffatt who has also worked with Wilson Phillips.

"We're a far cry from Wilson Phillips, though," she said with a laugh.

Gibson's deal is a co-publishing deal that she signed with Hugo Burnham, a former A&R rep for Qwest Records who

at the time worked for EMI. The contract allows her to keep her royalties and share ownership of the songs.

"It gives EMI administrative rights of the songs. Technically they could go and sell it to a movie or another singer. But a lot of things are understood. They run things by me. For me, it was a point of credibility to sign the deal," Gibson explained.

Adding further credibility to her and Breech was a management contract with Spivak Entertainment, who also represents Tori Amos and Collective

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Soul. "I'm their only unsigned artist," she said with a sigh. Although she received a "large" advance payment, the credibility is more important than money. "It seemed like the right thing at the right time for me." The Breech that reached popularity around here is much different from Gibson's L.A. vision. The songs are lush pop songs, however, Gibson still injects her venomous vocals. Long gone are the days when she tapped her foot on a mic for drums and was accompanied by Thomas Trimble, now of American Mars, on guitar. Breech's music will be heard in two upcoming independent films. Gibson did the soundtrack for "No. 1 Mom" starring Soleil Moon Frye ("Punky Brewster") and she contributed songs to and played a "Gen-Xer" in "Apartment 8," a short for the American Film Institute. "I'm a little old to be playing a 'Gen-Xer' but it was fun. Moving out here

was the best thing that ever happened to me." It's safe to say that success is in the cards for the pop band Brilliant. "I had a reading done four months ago and he focused on my career and the band. I thought they just say what you want to hear. Like if you ask him, 'Am I going to meet the person I'm going to spend the rest of my life with?' Of course he's going to say yes," said fretless bass player Stephen Vilnius of Ferndale. "What he was doing was dropping these little chips and watching where they landed on certain spots of his little board. They kept falling between not completely financial success but bordering on serious financial success. Interpret that as you will. He said the lineup was really strong and we had to get over a certain hump which, hopefully, we did or are in the midst of doing. I had him do it three or four times just to make sure." Singer Steven Cooley predicted that

part of the success will stem from Brilliant's sound, which he called "somewhat different than what you would hear in Detroit." It's not your typical manufactured rock outfit, he added. Vilnius, 28, and Cooley, 31, are seasoned veterans. Cooley has drummed for the Killer Flamings (he left the band just prior to playing Tom Arnold's wedding), and Steve King and the Ditties. Vilnius moved from Michigan to California in the mid-'80s where he was turned on to rockabilly and European pop. The band - which also includes guitarist David Johnson and keyboardist Daniel Denton, both of Troy, and drummer Bob Gilbert of Oak Park - is influenced by The Cure, Garbage and Peter Murphy. Brilliant is working on its first widely distributed CD. Robb Roy recently returned to this side of the pond from a European jaunt in support of its second CD "Heroes and Cocktails," due out this month on the London-based Caos Records.

"We did four dates in Scotland, north of Aberdeen, and we played in London at the Rock Garden. The whole city (London) was really wonderful. We were treated like gold there," said guitarist Michael Kudreiko. Band members also got to bob-nob with some of rock's top musicians and singers. Bassist Kevin Pruett hung out with Liam Gallagher, half of the dueling Gallagher brothers of Oasis. Drummer Duane Huff rubbed elbows with James Brown's band. Robb Roy got its lucky break after meeting Pravin Mistry of Caos Music, ironically, at Rumors in Royal Oak. Mistry runs an engineering company in Dearborn and, Kudreiko said, he "frequents clubs looking for new talent." The handshake led to "Cocktails and Heroes," on which the band pays homage to "The Detroit Sound." Robb Roy kept the sound in Detroit, too. The drums and bass were recorded at Harmonie Park Studios, the location of radio station WXDG-FM's "Edge Sessions," while the rest of it was done in Kudreiko's home studio in Dearborn. "They can say I'm really a perfectionist when it comes to the recording,"

The Arts, Beats and Eats Schedule
When: Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7. For more information, visit http://www.artsbeatseats.com or call (248) 564-4177.
■ Kmart National Stage, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 2 Water St. Friday, Sept. 4 - Howling Diablos, 6 p.m.; The Jeff Healey Band, 7 p.m.; Johnny Winter, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 - Spring, 6 p.m.; the Mighty Blue Kings, 7 p.m.; Big Head Todd and the Monsters, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 - Lucinda Williams, 6 p.m.; Pieces of a Dream, 7 p.m.; Morris Day and the Time, 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 - Jo Dee Messina, 2 p.m.; Martina McBride, 4 p.m.
■ Pepsi Stage, Saginaw Street, just south of Huron Street, will host local bands ranging from jazz to western swing: Friday, Sept. 4 - Sean Blackman and John Arnold, noon; Alberta Adams, 2 p.m.; Bonne Temps Roule, 3 p.m.; Vudu Hipples, 4 p.m.; The Articles, 5 p.m.; American Mars, 6 p.m.; 2 Star Tabernacle, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 - Eliza, 11 a.m.; Danny Cox, noon; Surfin' Pluto, 1 p.m.; Kung Fu Diesel, 2 p.m.; Michael King, 3 p.m.; Big Barn Combo, 4 p.m.; Dean Ferlita, 5 p.m.; Brilliant, 6 p.m.; Robb Roy, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 - The Civilians, noon; Fogloves, 1 p.m.; The Volcanos, 2 p.m.; Starlight Drifters, 3 p.m.; Chris Mills, 4 p.m.; Fez, 5 p.m.; Thornetta Davis, 6 p.m.; G.R.R. at 7 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 7 - Kerry Grant, noon; Robert Jones, 1 p.m.; Breech, 2 p.m.; Broken Toys, 3 p.m.; Mudpuppy, 4 p.m.; Jill Jack at 6 p.m.
■ Heineken Stage will feature classical, country, blues and jazz music: Friday, Sept. 4 - Scandinavian String Quartet, noon; County Legends and Superstars, 1 p.m.; Steele Canyon, 2:30 p.m.; David Myles and Mylestones, 4 p.m.; O.C. Roberts and the Samaritans, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 - Diamondback, 1 p.m.; Tony Phillips, 2:30 p.m.; Lisa Cunningham and 7th Heaven, 4 p.m.; The Edge, 5:30 p.m.; Straight Ahead 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 - Kristyn Smyth, 1 p.m.; Janis Leigh and Luck of the Draw, 2:30 p.m.; Charles and Gwen Scales, 4 p.m.; Kimmie Horné, 5:30 p.m.; Alexander Zorjic, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 - Billy Mack, 1 p.m.; Sassy, 2:30 p.m.; Janice Keegan Quartet, 4 p.m.; Johnny Bessett, 5 p.m.

Kudreiko said as singer Graham Strachan rolled his eyes and laughed. Kudreiko and Strachan both grew up in Livonia.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings grid with columns for National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, United Artists, and others. Includes titles like 'Dead Man on Campus', 'Wrongfully Accused', 'The Avengers', etc.

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mix of music nowadays." Dara recorded his album in three days, top speed for most major-label artists. "I was doing a play at the same time. I'd go to rehearsals every day and then go to the studio and play a couple songs and go to bed. The next thing I noticed, the CD was out." Dara has a storied background. He was raised Charles Jones III in Natchez, Miss. Leaving Tennessee State University in 1959, he joined the U.S. Navy in order to play music and travel. He lent his talents to groups in Europe, Africa and the Caribbean allowing him to venture beyond traditional blues and jazz.

"Every country I went there were different sounds, sounds I hadn't heard. I hadn't listened to African music at all before that. I found out that there's a definite proximity to Mississippi blues. But that music is very happy," he said. "Even if they're singing about something sad, you would never know it unless you knew the language. That amazed me. That's why I'm attracted to happy music today. I don't feel I have to make a big statement, an intellectual statement. My thing is to make myself happy and, in turn, make the world happy." Upon settling in New York in 1963, he met a priest of the traditional

African-originated Yoruba religion who gave him the name Olu Dara, which means "God is Good." Dara further studied jazz by taking in R&B and Broadway plays and off-Broadway theater. A "sideman most of my life," Dara toured with Art Blakey and The Messengers and a host of others. His recording history includes working with Material, Taj Mahal and Brian Auger. He also found live theater intriguing. He wrote the music and performed in Aishah Rahman's "A Tale of Madame Zora," and the Crossroads Theatre Company productions of "To Clean It Around" and "To Show My Shine."

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like," said Zeoli. "We'll keep the laughter going, and donations flowing. I think it will be a fun time." Food will be offered for sale. Zeoli said he feels like a kid every time he steps on stage. "It's like the first time you went up to the plate to hit a baseball. There's always a fear, but you learn to calm yourself down. This is what I'm good at, and I believe my stuff is funny. I'm having a blast. It just feels too right." Jim Hamm of Garden City was one

of the people who encouraged Zeoli to pursue his dream of being a comedian, and will be participating in "Comedy for a Cure." "A lot of people build their weekend around the Jerry Lewis Telethon," said Hamm. "I'm glad to help." His act includes lots of observational comedy, a lot of it built on relationships. J.R. Remick of Westland, who calls himself an "impressionist character voice guy," is also looking forward to participating in "Comedy for a Cure."

"I'm a firm believer in giving back," said Remick. "Comedy for a Cure" will feature performances by: Alice Faye, Frank Turner, Kevin Kramis, Paulene Navay, Bill Bushart, Saz Demilio, Tim Lilly, Mark Goldberg, Leslie Ann Thompson, Jim Edwards, Bill Hildebrandt, Frank G., Rob Little, Keith Lenart, Sherry K., P.J. Batland, Gregg Walker and Bam Bam.

DESTINATION: CRANBROOK Summer Fun at Cranbrook Institute of Science. The Robot Zoo June 13 through September 7, 1998. WOW! NEW FAMILY EVENING SHOWS. Laser Beatles. Secrets of the Summer Sky. Includes details about various exhibits and showtimes.

# Don't waste your time in 'Slums of Beverly Hills'

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Perhaps a telling indication of a movie's merit is the extent to which its stars even remember the plot. Last week, co-star and Oscar-winner Marisa Tomei told a national talk show audience that her character in "Slums of Beverly Hills" was "cousin to three kids whose mother has died." Oh, Marisa, you are so cute, but so wrong!

It is clear that her uncle Murray (Alan Arkin) is divorced, not widowed, and his beleaguered custody of the trio is an important reason d'être of the story. It is also understandable why she'd want to put this well-meaning, but-uncomfortably crude telling, of first-time writer/director Tamara Jenkins' youth behind her.

Just inside the city limits of Beverly Hills are rows of low-rent hotels with names such as Belle Vista and Camelot that cater to transients. And in 1976, there's no one more transient than those in the Abramowitz clan, who duck out as soon as the landlord comes knocking, and abandoning their few possessions. As down-on-his-luck dad Murray explains his good but unaffordable intention, "We're here for the school district; furniture is temporary, but education is permanent."

Murray faces his nomadic



Slumming: Eli Marienthal (left), Natasha Lyonne and Marisa Tomei star in "Slums of Beverly Hills."

future with blinders on ("I'm 65. I'm in the best shape of my life."), while the kids seem content to eat a hearty dinner of Trix. Oldest brother Ben (David Krumholtz, a riot as elf Barnaby in Tim Allen's "The Santa Clause") is a wannabe actor who rehearses "Guys and Dolls" in his underwear. Little brother Rickey (Eli Marienthal) doesn't mind sharing a bed with Ben and his nocturnal gas emissions (don't go yet - those are the least objectionable emissions in the film).

In the middle - and the

author's alter ego - is teenager Vivian (a wonderfully fresh-faced Natasha Lyonne), whose developing sexuality and overdeveloped bustline take us into areas that, thank-you, we'd just care not to go. She lets a pot dealer, Charles Manson T-shirt wearing neighbor (Kevin Corrigan) under her blouse for some adolescent exploration, trivializing the episode as a "building thing." At least we're spared meeting the building's less worthy neighbors.

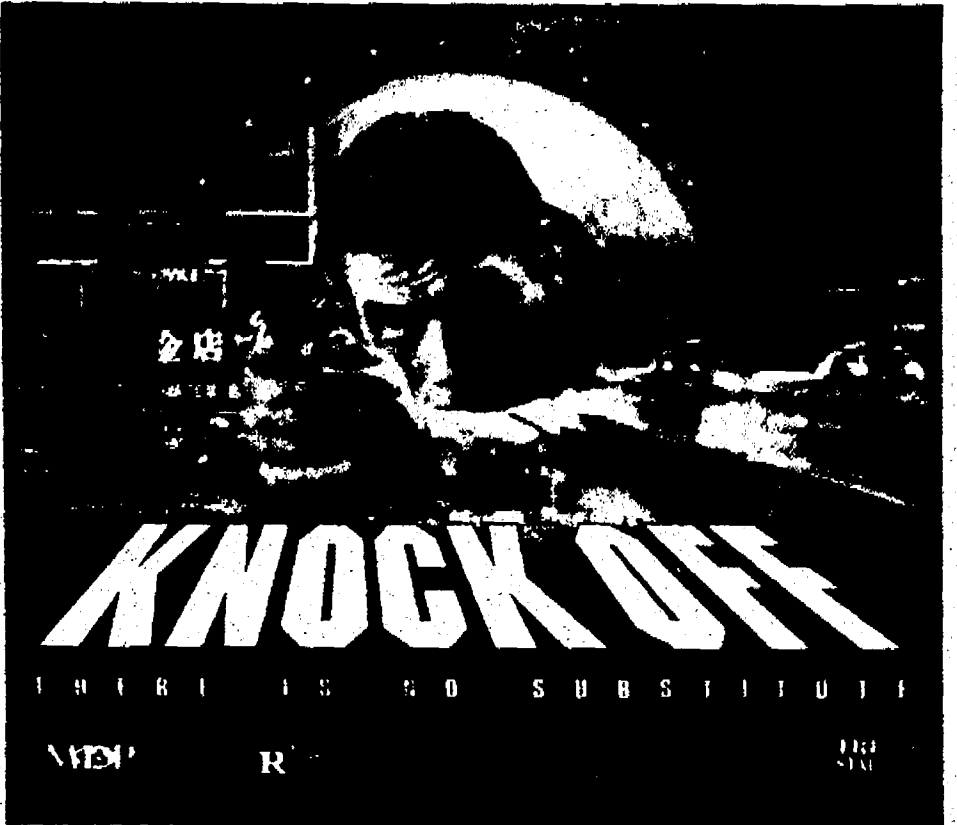
Enter kooky cousin Rita (the memory-impaired Ms. Tomei). She's just escaped from her lat-

est rehab center, and her father (Carl Reiner, slumming himself for just one scene) offers to pay brother Murray to take her in and straighten her out. This allows the family to go movin' on up to an actual furnished apartment ("finally - we're rich"). It also allows Rita to teach Viv a few things every budding woman should know, like how to disco dance with a vibrator. The scene may have played as groundbreaking in the Fox screening room. It should have been left in the ground.

Viv's anatomy - she whines on about having inherited her mother's breasts and her father's nose - and her bodily functions and fluids are the grist for this coming of age tale. Writer/director Jenkins did what she was taught - she wrote about what she knew. Trouble is, her anger is uninteresting, and her characters are unlikeable. She admits it herself, through Viv: "The whole family is sick. I hate us; we're freaks." Well, as we said in the 1970s, Right On.

Natasha Lyonne has played the daughter of Woody Allen ("Everyone Says I Love You") and Richard Dreyfuss ("Krippendorf's Tribe"), as well as Meryl Streep's niece ("Heartburn"). That's some pedigree, and her performance is the film's highlight. If you really want to see

Alan Arkin and Carl Reiner cook, go rent "The Russians are Coming, The Russians are Coming." It's been 30 years since they made it, and you'll still laugh your angst off.



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# Music producer offers dream list



ANN DELISI

As our summer season rumbles onward, I've been eliciting season previews from our on-camera hosts. But this week I called a behind-the-scenes guy: *Backstage Pass* music producer Ron Pangborn.

Now, we have a lot of top-notch music contributors who advocate all kinds of guests for the show. And it doesn't matter if they're performing jazz, opera, rock or country - Ron has to make it sound amazing. From making most of the calls for music bookings to technical and equipment rundowns to working with our crack crew on the final air mix, week in and week out, it's Ron who brings it all together.

So who better than Ron to give us a musical preview of the upcoming season on

*Backstage Pass*? Of course, given the fickle nature of music booking, it would be impossible to predict which acts will actually make it onto the Big Show. So I told Ron to consider this an open letter to Santa - what do you wish for in Season Three? "One of my main objectives will be to reintroduce people in Detroit to the master musicians who still live here. We've done fairly well with that with people like Hal McKinney, Russell Green, Marcus Belgrave and some others. I'd like to continue."

Who's on your wish list? "For starters, Chicago Pete. He's a blues guy who will be performing at Montreaux with the Rodney Whitaker Quartet." Rodney appeared last season on *Backstage Pass*. "It should be a rocking show. Rodney is Pete's son-in-law, so there's a family connection there."

"Johnny Bassett is another blues guy. The hook with Johnny is that he was in the Fortune Records rhythm section, an old Mom and Pop, pre-Motown, Detroit-based label that did very well in its day. The Fortune Records building was on Cass Avenue not far from where the Town Pump is now."

"And Beans Bowles was like the horn guy at Motown. What Pistol Allen was to drums and Earl Van Dyke was to keyboards, Beans was to the horns at Motown. He was also involved in the presentation of the acts when they went out on the road. A lot of them were young kids, and he helped them with their touring etiquette. He's a great horn player, and still gigs around."

Hey, wishing's cheap. What else do you want, Ron? "I would like to see us do more of the kind of thing we did with James Carter. More than just booking the act and making sure they sound good, I'd like to help put together the band, discuss repertoire with the artists - to start with concept and build the ensemble out of that." If you

recall Mr. Carter's appearance on the show, the concept was to put together an ensemble of artist who influenced Carter - a fast-rising star in contemporary jazz - during his formative years in Detroit. "So, as opposed to coming in with his regular touring ensemble, maybe we put together some of these Fortune Records guys to play with Johnny Bassett. Some of them are still around. They could give us a perspective on what was going on in Detroit before Berry Gordy made his mark." That would be fascinating!

What else? "Every season we deepen our relationship with major record labels, and they provide us with national touring

and recording acts. I hope that this year we actually have an opportunity to co-sponsor concerts with either radio stations or performance venues. I sense that this year we might try to do more rock. We've always represented it, but we've been bombarded by so many things that we haven't always done as much as we should. I also want to get some contemporary Gospel on the show, plus world music and reggae. And we hope to continue our good relationships with all the players in Detroit's classical scene."

As *Backstage Pass* continues to earn high marks as a showcase for music on television, we can

afford to be ambitious. Like Ron says, "We stand up in comparison to any of the shows that do music - Letterman, Leno, Conan - we're doing as well, often better. We put out a first-rate product in terms of sound."

On tonight's show, Gerry Craig tours the Brodhead Armory, Blair Anderson hosts a performance from last spring's Plovers Theatre production of "Joe Turner's Come and Gone," plus music from Jewel collaborator Steve Poltz and the Arianna String Quartet. That's on *Backstage Pass*, at our new time - 7:30 p.m. tonight, repeated Friday at midnight on Detroit Public Television.

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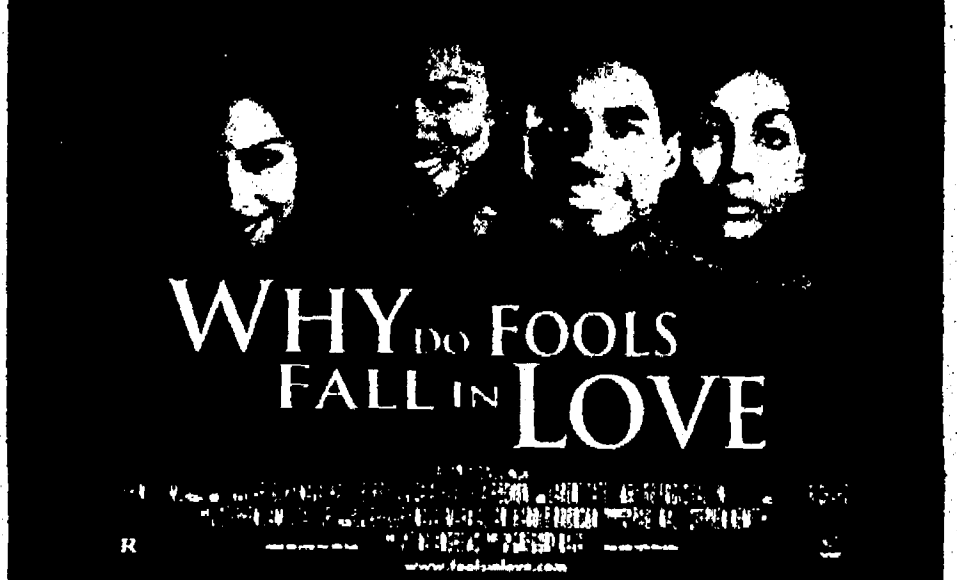
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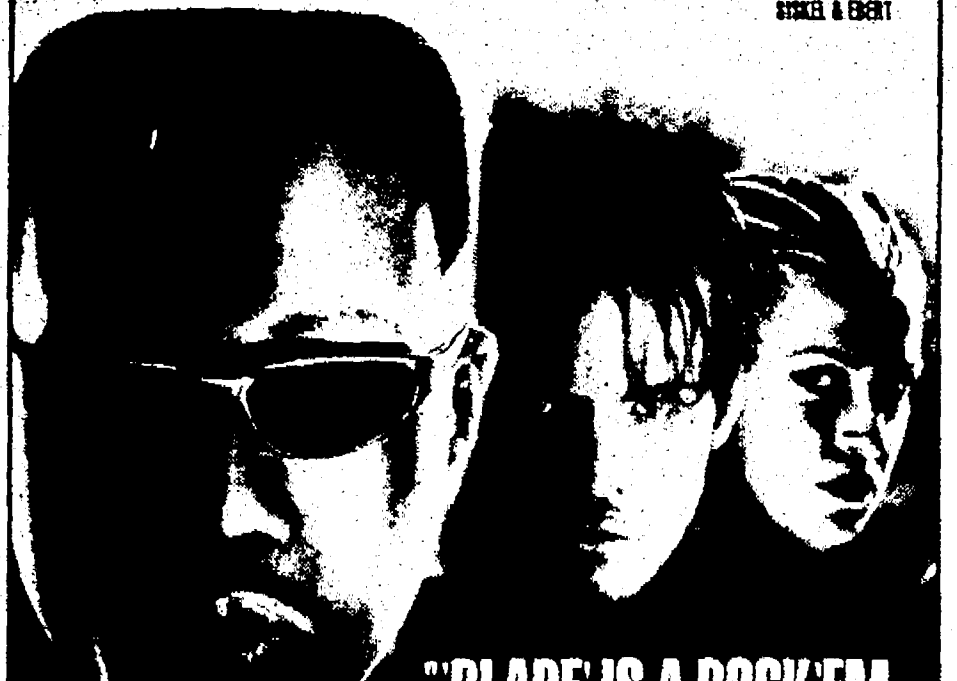
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DINING

# Tomatoes Apizza makes an exceptional pie

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Open since mid-July, Tomatoes Apizza is developing a reputation.

"It's really different," said Hien Trinh of Farmington Hills, a student at University of Detroit Mercy Dental School, "I love the crust, it's crunchy. It's definitely like nothing we've had around here. It's not all dough."

Owner Michael Weinstein, 25, and his business partner Jayson Kakos, 24, know "Good Pizza's Hard To Find," and are confident that once people try Tomatoes Apizza, they will order it again, and again. Their location in the Concord Center Plaza isn't the best, it's easy to pass by on busy Halsted Road if you don't know what you're looking for. An umbrella table outside the carry-out restaurant helps draw attention, as does the colorful mural painted by Susan Weinberg, and sign designed by Amy Wybo.

"If you have a good carry-out, and it's exceptional, people will find it," said Kakos. There's seating for 10 people, and soft drinks are offered for sale.

Weinstein and Kakos grew up in the same neighborhood in West Bloomfield. They met in middle school and have been friends ever since. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, Weinstein said he always wanted to be in the fast food

**Tomatoes Apizza**  
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Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, 4-11 p.m. Sunday.  
Menu: Pizza  
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business, "because it works."

He discovered pizza in New York, and it reminded him of the pizza he enjoyed with his father on trips to New Haven, Conn. "My dad grew up in New Haven, and he took me there when I was 10," said Weinstein.

"This is good pizza, it's the way it's supposed to be," he said taking a bite of a fresh-from-the-oven pie. "It's got a thin, crispy crust, it's got character and depth, it has truth, it's real. There are no shortcuts involved in making it. This is not gourmet, everyone should be eating this pie. This pie is for everyone."

Tomatoes Apizza offers three varieties of pizza - Red Pizza, crust topped with crushed tomatoes and seasonings; White Pizza, crust topped with mozzarella cheese, fresh tomatoes, garlic, basil, and seasonings; and Classic pizza with tomato sauce, cheese and your choice of topping.

Weinstein worked at a pizzeria for six months while attending the Culinary Institute of America, and after graduating, he moved to New Haven, Conn., to learn how to make the pizza he loved.

**History**

New Haven and pizza have a long history. According to Weinstein, in the early 1900s, immigrants from Naples arrived on the Eastern seaboard. One of these immigrants, Frank Pepe, worked in a bakeshop in New Haven. To earn extra money, Pepe bought the bakery's day-old bread, spooned on chopped tomato and spent his mornings and evenings establishing his business on Wooster Street, now considered a mecca by pizza aficionados. This was arguably the first pizza in America.

By the 1920s, Frank Pepe's "Neapolitan Apizzeria" was famous. Other pizza men followed, and these were the men

Weinstein wanted to learn from.

The first place he went was Sally's. "I told them I needed a job and that I had been making pizzas for five years," said Weinstein. "They tried me out, and I did a nice job, so after a day they asked me to fill out an application. They were very nice, and I didn't want to be a sneak, so I told the truth about my background."

Telling the truth cost him the job. "They're real proud of their pizza and probably thought I would steal the recipe."

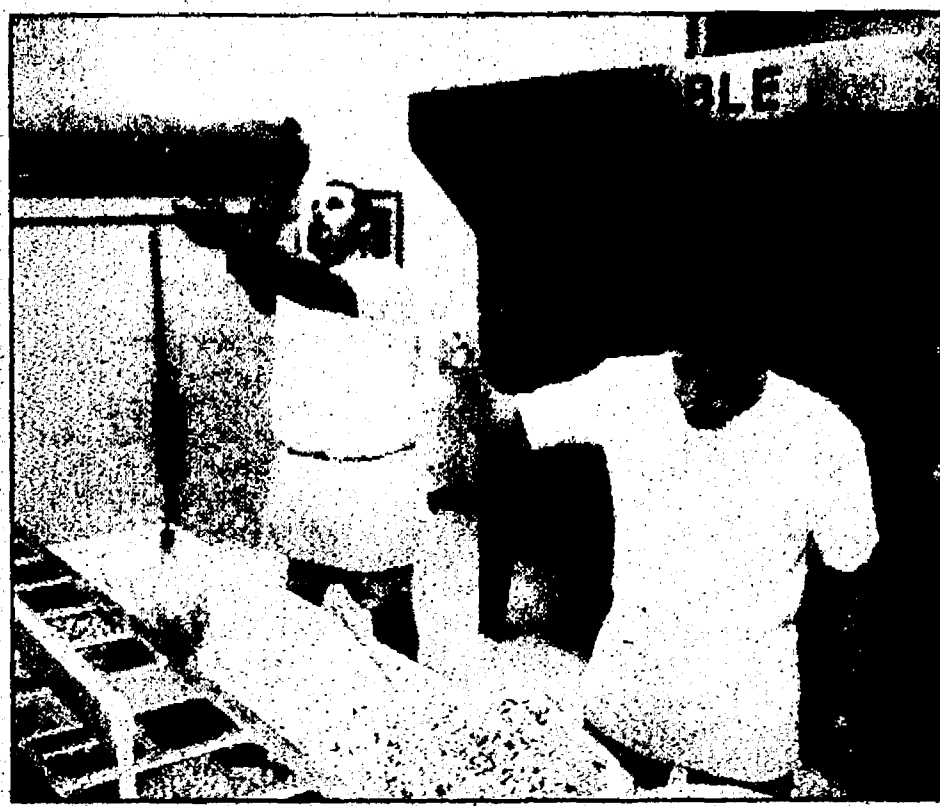
Determined, Weinstein walked down the street to another pizza maker, Lou Abate. "I asked for a job, and he said 'let me see you make a pizza.' I did, and he said, 'so who are you really?'"

Weinstein told the truth this time - he trained at the Culinary Institute of America, and wanted to open a pizzeria in Michigan that sold pizza like the kind Lou made.

"Lou learned how to make pizza from his father," said Weinstein, "and his father learned from this guy named Johnny Two Fingers, who learned from old man Pepe."

Weinstein worked there for six months, and knew he was ready to go into business on his own when Lou said, "Mike you make a pretty good pie, just like that."

On a trip home to attend his good friend Jayson Kakos' wedding, the two talked about open-



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Making pizza: Jayson Kakos (left) and Michael Weinstein make pizzas with character and depth at Tomatoes Apizza.

ing their own business.

Kakos doesn't have Weinstein's culinary background, but he knows about running businesses. His father owns a liquor store, and his mother a tanning salon. "I've been working for my family since I was a pup," he said. "Mike made us dinner, it was the best food I've ever tasted. After that I was convinced he could cook."

"We take a lot of pride in what we do," said Weinstein. "Everyone who makes a pizza here has to have respect for it. How it's cooked makes a huge difference. We cook it on a seasoned brick and took a lot of care in choosing every ingredient from the flour and yeast to the tomatoes and cheese."

**WHAT'S COOKING**

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Johnny Rockets - home of the Original Hamburger, opened Monday, Aug. 31 at the Star

Southfield, 25333 12 Mile Road. Johnny Rockets captures a time when the corner malt shop was the friendliest place in town.

The Pontiac Silverdome's Main Event Restaurant reopened Sept. 1 after extensive interior changes departing from the former sports bar theme and placing the diner in a casual,

comfortable county club setting. With an all-new menu featuring Canadian Baby Back Ribs basted in Big Jack's barbecue sauce, the Main Event is billing itself as the "best place in town for ribs." Other sure-to-be popular items are steaks, seafood and oversized burgers. Hours are Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to

10p.m. Friday until 11p.m. Saturday 6p.m.-11p.m. Closed Sundays. On Detroit Lions game days, the Main Event will offer Game Day Buffet service. For reservations call (248) 858-7888.

No. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar (27790 Novi Road in The Hotel Baronette): Wednesday, Sept. 9, beginning at 6:30

p.m., \$60 per person, tax and gratuity not included, Brancott Vineyards from New Zealand, five-course dinner with wine pairings. Call (248) 305-5210 for reservations.

**NEXT WEEK IN DINING**

Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 W. Warren, (east of Middlebelt) in Garden City, (734) 762-7756, has a new menu, and attitude.

The white tablecloths are gone, and the restaurant is comfortably casual. Manager Michele Williams of Garden City has been training staff to help create a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

Chef Calvin Hill's new menu offers pizza, chicken, steaks, Italian dishes, seafood, prime rib and daily specials.

Ron's Fireside Inn is open 4-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2-9 p.m. Sunday.

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