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## REAL ESTATE

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## Attention CLASS OF 1999

The staffs of the Canton and Plymouth Observers are looking for one high school senior, male or female, who would like to have his or her final year of high school documented through words and pictures from September through June.

We hope to chronicle the trials and celebrations of a student preparing to graduate — from studying exams, working, and socializing to deciding on a career path, going into the military or attending college.

To be eligible you must be of senior status at Plymouth Salem or Canton High Schools; graduating in June of 1999; live in Canton, Plymouth or Plymouth Township; have permission from a parent or guardian; be willing to be photographed at events such as homecoming, school activities, prom and graduation; and be involved in at least one in-school or extracurricular activity.

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Due to the size and time considerations, we will be choosing only one student for our "Year in the Life" project. If you are interested in participating and have received permission from a parent/guardian, please contact us (either you or your parent) as soon as possible. We'll be asking that you and your parent sign a waiver stating you agree to be photographed.

Call (734) 459-2700; write Plymouth or Canton Observer, Year in the Life Project, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170 or e-mail [tschneider@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:tschneider@oe.homecomm.net)

We will accept names until 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7.

# Deal possible in bond lawsuit



BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A group of local residents has molded a behind-the-scenes effort to settle the lawsuit filed by Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva against the Plymouth-Canton school district, which is blocking the administration from selling \$80 million in bonds to build schools and buy equipment.

**Plymouth-Canton school officials will consider meeting with Jerry Vorva to settle his lawsuit over the 1997 bond election. A group including former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell and attorney Mike Gerou is acting as an intermediary.**

For the first time, there appears to be an indication from both sides of a willingness to settle out of court.

Plymouth resident and former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell enlisted the help of several people in an attempt to settle the lawsuit, which is now in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The lawsuit is holding up the sale of bonds to build elementary and high schools, as well as buy buses and tech-

nology equipment.

While Pursell won't name all those involved, he enlisted the help of Plymouth attorney Michael Gerou and Plymouth Library Board President Hugh Harsha.

"We've talked to a number of the different players, and it's my impression there is willingness on both sides to sit down and discuss ways we can make this whole issue go away," said Gerou. "We're a bit past the exploratory stage, but we're not in the middle of negotiations. Both sides recognize it would be in the community's best interest to resolve this."

## A community divided

Pursell said he got involved in trying to mediate a settlement because the issue is dividing the Plymouth and Canton communities.

"This is our community, and I don't like to see this type of conflict tear it apart," said Pursell. "Let's get this thing behind us and plan for the future."

"The crunch question is, 'What do you mean by settlement?'" he added. "What do you mean by negotiations? Does it just mean the millage election, or a plan for the district's future?"

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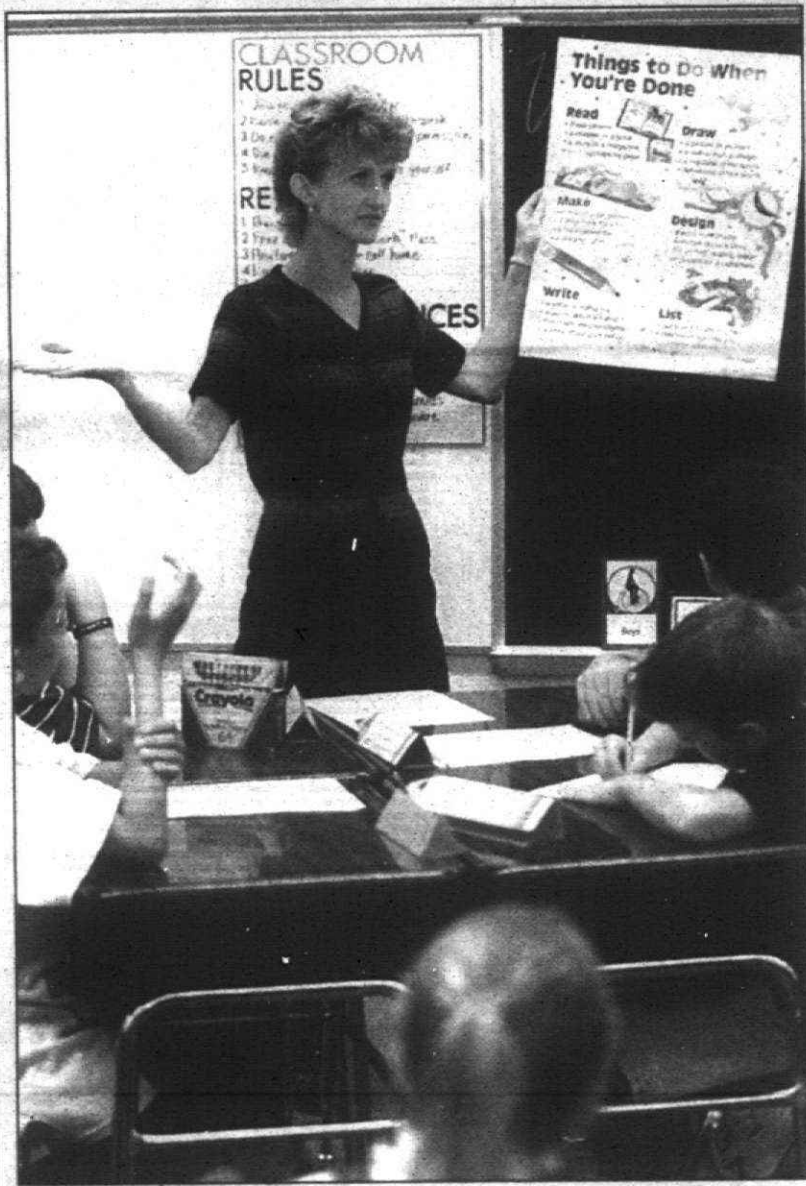
## First bell

### A learning experience at Hulsing

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Hulsing Elementary fifth grade teacher Lora Jarvi said she "was just as nervous as the kids were" on Tuesday, the first day of classes in the

Plymouth-Canton school district. For the first time, Jarvi has a classroom she can call her own after being a substitute teacher in the district the past two years, including most of last year at Hulsing.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Ready for learning:** Fifth grade teacher Lora Jarvi counts down from one to five to quiet her students on the first day of classes at Hulsing Elementary in Canton Tuesday.

"It really helped working here," said Jarvi. "I got to know a lot of kids in this building and it made the experience easier."

"I don't think there's anything more nerve-racking and stressful than going into a classroom every day and facing a whole new group," said Jarvi about being a substitute. "It eased my mind to know this was the only day I was going to go in and not know everyone. It's going to get easier every day."

Jarvi admits that despite being able to "chill out the night before," she was nervous, even after spending the previous two weeks preparing her classroom.

"I was a little anxious, making sure I had everything together and anticipating what the kids were going to be like," she said. "All in all, it went pretty good."

Jarvi gets two thumbs up from a number of her students ... at least on the first day.

"She's really nice, as nice as my teacher last year," said Pawel Kargol of Canton. "Fifth grade is kinda like fourth grade, but a little tougher ... but a bit more funner."

"Mrs. Jarvi is nice," added Bryan Pruett of Canton. "She has treats, and you can earn a homework pass so you don't have to do your homework."

"I like my teacher. I think she'll do a good job," predicted Alexandra Martin, also of Canton. Jarvi has received a world of education on how to conduct her first class.

"I've read a lot, and talked with other teachers on the Internet who have given me ideas on what works and what doesn't," she said. "I think organization is important because it helps the kids know where things go and where to find things. That helps ease their anxiety."

Jarvi spent much of the first day showing her new students where to find supplies, where to put their personal belongings, and about her rules, consequences and rewards.

"I want them to learn how to respect others when they're in a group," added Jarvi. "And I use myself as an example a lot, to let them know I make mistakes and have to follow the same rules."

Please see FIRST BELL, A3

# Man killed in rollover on Warren

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Family and friends were shocked by the death of 24-year-old Jayson McDonald of Plymouth, who was killed in a one-car rollover accident in Canton Township early Saturday morning.

The Wayne State University student had so much going for him, they said. In January he was hired to his "dream job" as a computer information systems analyst at EDS. More recently he moved out on his own, living not far from family in an apartment in Plymouth.

About 2 a.m. Saturday a motorist found McDonald's black 1998 Pontiac Grand Am on its roof in a ditch on Warren Road, west of Lotz. A nearby telephone pole was split in two with wires hanging across the road.

The 1992 Plymouth Salem High School graduate was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

Officer Leonard Shemanske said excessive speed was a factor in the crash, although an accident investigation team has yet to determine how fast the car was going or if alcohol was involved. The speed limit on Warren is 40 mph. McDonald was wearing his seat belt.

Police found skid marks on the south side of the road where the car left the westbound lanes, slid on its side hitting a road sign warning of a curve up ahead. The Grand Prix went into the ditch, rolled over and hit the telephone pole.

McDonald had been playing pool with friends earlier that night, said his mother Patty McDonald.

"They all left together and his roommate was in front of him," she said.

When McDonald didn't come home, the roommate figured he turned off the road to visit a girl, she said.

The oldest of four children, McDonald was known around town working at various well-known Plymouth establishments during his teen years. His first job was helping his mother deliver the Plymouth Observer when he was in fourth grade.

Later, he worked at Sherwin Williams Paint Company, Station 855 and delivered pizza for Hungry Howies and Little Caesars.

His love of computers began at

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# Voter referendum sought on softball center plan

BY VALERIE OLANDER  
STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Mark Wira is circulating a petition to force township officials to put a referendum on the ballot if the township intends to buy the privately-owned Canton Softball Center for nearly \$5 million.

He has until Oct. 18 or 45 days from today (Thursday) to collect signatures from 10 percent of the registered voters. According to Clerk Terry Bennett that would be about 4,370 signatures based on the 43,700 currently registered to vote. However, the deadline for putting a proposal on the Nov. 3 general election ballot has passed, Bennett added.

"When did Canton Township get in the business of managing private enterprise?" said Wira, who is a financial planner for Ann Arbor Financial Investment Advisory Corp. in Plymouth.

Wira said officials shouldn't be spending taxpayers' money without the consent of voters.



## What do you think?

Should Canton officials go ahead and finance the \$5 million privately-owned Canton Softball Center without asking consent of the voters?

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Two weeks ago the board of trustees unanimously approved the financing of the ball fields. Approximately \$1.5 million will come from the general fund and another \$1.5 million earmarked for building six new ball fields at Independence.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Ask the people:** Mark Wira believes residents deserve a say-so if tax dollars are going to be used to buy the Canton Softball Center

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National Tech Team in Southfield where he became a troublemaker for Hewlett Packard computers. At EDS, McDonald was responsible for 2,000 desktop computers for General Motors.

"It was the job of his dreams," his mother said.

He attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn and transferred to WSU to finish his studies.

He loved playing basketball. He played in a bunch of Gus Macker tournaments. There had to be at least six of them this year. It seemed almost every other month he was in one of those," said Patty.

He started playing basketball in elementary school while



Jayson McDonald

# Rockettes hold clinic for elementary girls

The Plymouth Salem Rockettes will be hosting two clinics this fall for girls in kindergarten through the fifth grade. The first clinic, on Sept. 26, will be offered focusing on Pom Pom routines and the second clinic, on Oct. 10, will be an advance clinic focusing on dance.

The cost will be \$20 for the first clinic and \$10 for the additional one. Each participant will receive a Rockettes T-shirt and snacks will be offered at both. Each clinic will run from 9 a.m.

noon on the dates previously mentioned and open registration will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 9 and 10, at the Plymouth Salem High School.

Girls can also register by mailing in their registration form that will be handed out through the elementary schools.

# CANTON CONNECTION

### Grand re-opening

The Canton Builders Square store shows off its new look with a week of special activities continuing through Saturday.

The Canton Police and Fire Departments will demonstrate equipment and vehicles outside the remodeled store 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. There will be discounts and special promotions as well.

The store is at 42000 Ford Road.

### Fly with the Pilgrims

The Flying Pilgrims annual Mac MacAtee Memorial show and demonstration for radio-controlled model airplanes is set for Sept. 19-20 in Superior Township.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Spectators and hobbyists are welcome. Admission is free and concessions will be available on the field, Ridge Road, one-quarter mile north of Geddes.

### All's fair

Canton residents Cassie and P.J. Caram have won ribbons at the Michigan State Fair for their

### Mary Kay milestone

Betsy Walter of Canton has qualified as a team manager for Mary Kay cosmetics and has earned the use of a red Pontiac Grand Am.

Walter qualified by meeting specific sales and team leadership requirements and will work with her unit's independent sales director during the next year.

### Performing arts center holds grand opening

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the grand opening of the new location of Canton Dance and Performing Arts. The grand opening will be 4:30-6:30 p.m., Friday at 8567 Roads Dr. The event is open to the public.

# 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 consumer.

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.



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.

### 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

# 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 qualifications," said Livonian Dan Piercechi, 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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## 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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16 and 17, also for six weeks at the college's Livonia campus. Students can brush up on textbook reading, listening skills and memory retention so they can get off to a good start this fall.

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## Columnist to teach animal behavior class

Schoolcraft College will offer a class in animal behavior this fall.

Taught by Observer Nature Columnist Tim Nowicki through the Department of Continuing Education, Animal Behavior will focus on the basic principles of

behavior in different animals, such as bird song, migration, predator and prey relationships, and communication.

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 to 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.

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*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-



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

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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.

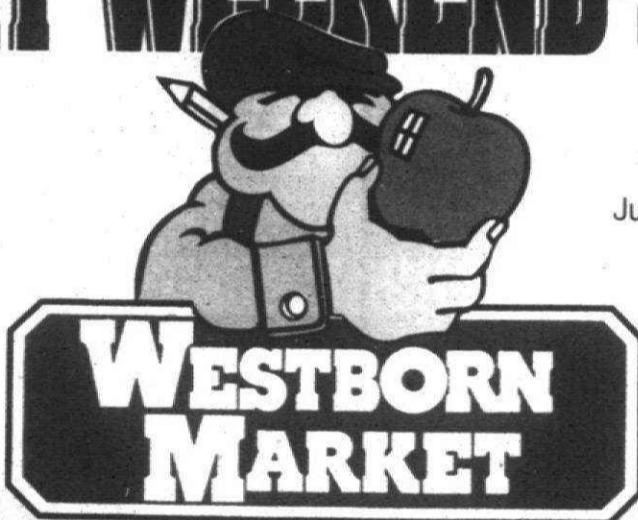
Katz wore a green vest to reflect the airport's efforts at improving customer service, particularly during the strike. "These green-vested employees have helped some 6,000 citizens since Friday," Katz said. "We're in the information business right now."

Katz held up a brochure specially printed for the strike with

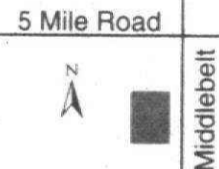
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lists of routes flown by airlines other than Northwest, restaurants, bus and Amtrak schedules.

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 curbfront 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 with out 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."



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.

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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.

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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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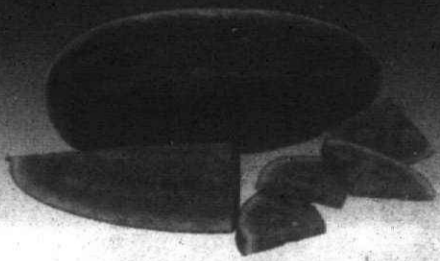
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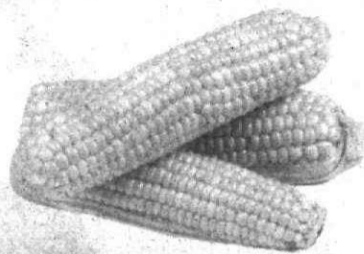
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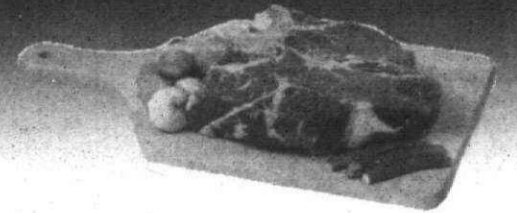


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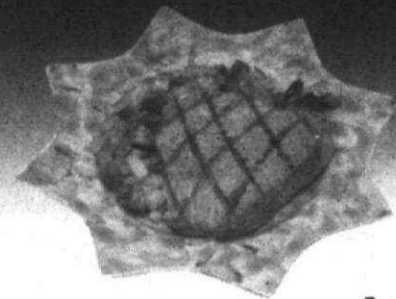


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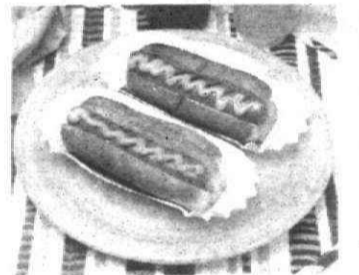
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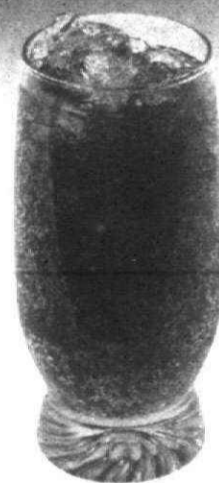
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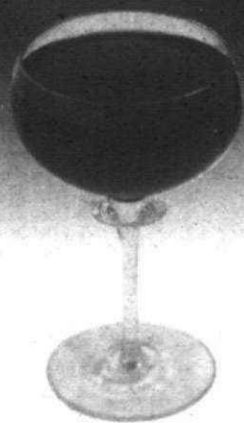
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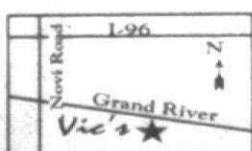
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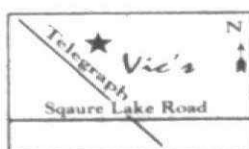
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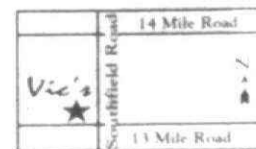
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## 'Remarried with Kids': no easy task

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"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 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.

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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, watching 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



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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 girl tucks 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 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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# New Jersey seaside resort provides ultimate in recycling



**VIRGINIA PARKER**

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 Elaina 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 Luvenda 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

#### Canton starts well

A year ago, it was easy for Plymouth Canton's golf team to surprise Western Lakes Activities Association rivals, simply because the Chiefs were not expected to do that much.

This year, after winning the WLAA championship in 1997, it figured to be much tougher. No one would look past the Chiefs this season.

Livonia Churchill, which was thought to be a title contender going into the season, found the going just as rough this year, however. The Chargers might not have looked past Canton in the teams' league-opening dual match, but they couldn't beat the Chiefs, either.

Canton's 205-210 victory Monday at Fox Creek in Livonia was highlighted by four golfers posting scores of 41 or better. Jon Johnson led with a medalist-earning 38; Ben Tucker, Justin Allen and Matt Rosol each scored a 41, and Derek Lineberry shot a 44.

Churchill was led by Mike Lightbody and Will Bashara, each at 39. Tom Fitzstephens shot a 43, Randall Boboige had a 44, and Brad Bescoe carded a 45.

Canton is now idle until Wednesday, when it plays Plymouth Salem at Hilltop.

#### Kicks swat foes

The Plymouth Kicks '89, an under-10 boys select soccer team, posted a 3-0 record at the Waterford Cup '98 Tournament Aug. 14-15, registering three consecutive shutouts while outscoring their foes 20-0 to finish first in Flight A.

Team members are Grant Blakey, Paul Carhini, Kevin Costa, Joshua Hammond, Gabe Hicks, Matt Kulczyk, Michael Marek, Blaine Paden, Jeff Selasky, Brian Walsh, Brett Windecker, Alex Lumley, Danny McLaughlin and Nicolas Vella. The team is coached by Rick Kulczyk and Paul Lumley.

Members of the Kicks also placed first in their division at the 3-vs.-3 Soccer Shootout, played in July at Birmingham Groves HS. The Kicks posted a 5-1 overall record, defeating Vardar in the semifinals and the Carpathia Kickers in the finals.

Team members were Kevin Costa, Gabe Hicks, Andrew Koet and Matt Kulczyk.

#### Cruisers sparkle

Four 12-year-old members of the Plymouth Canton Cruisers swim club competed with Team Michigan at the Central Zone Meet held recently in Minneapolis.

In individual events in their age division:

- Ben Dzialo was first in the 1-mile open swim, third in the 100-meter butterfly, fifth in the 50 freestyle, sixth in the 50 fly, seventh in the 200 free and ninth in the 400 free;

- Kyle Silbernagel was eighth in the 50 free, ninth in the 100 free, 12th in the 50 fly, 13th in the 100 fly and 18th in the 50 backstroke;

- Amy Mertens was 5th in the 100 breaststroke and seventh in the 50 breast;

- and Alicia Dotson was 24th in the 50 fly, 48th in the 50 free and 57th in the 100 free.

The foursome is coached by Matt Erickson and Phil Hoffmeyer.

#### Indians tryouts

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club is having tryouts for its 11-year-old team at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at Don Massey Field in Plymouth (located on Plymouth at Haggerty).

The tryouts are open to all players (no residency requirements) with a birth date between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1988.

The Indians are looking for athletes and their parents who want to compete at a national level, including post-season play, on a 50-game schedule (including tournaments).

For more information, call Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695 or Dave Sarkissian at (248) 486-6553.

For information regarding other Indian age-group teams, call: 10-and-under, Nick Marrone (734) 459-0695; 12-year-olds, Bruce Price, (734) 453-9180; 15s, Jeff VanCamp, (313) 522-0184; and 16s, Greg Lenhoff, (734) 455-0793.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

## Crusaders collect opening tournament title



The annual season-opening trip west proved a successful one for Madonna University's volleyball team, which ran into some difficult competition but escaped unscathed, with an unbeaten record and a tournament title.

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 Embry-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 63 kills in 19 games (3.3 per game), with six solo blocks, 13 block assists and 12 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 Embry-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 54 kills, while Burns had 48 and Uballe 31; Uballe also totaled four solos and 18 block assists in the tournament. Deanne Helsom collected 233 assists to kills (12.3 per game).

## Chiefs ambush Stevenson

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

One-word descriptions for Wednesday's Plymouth Canton-Livonia Stevenson soccer match:

"Marvelous!" fits well — if you're a Canton fan.

"Unlucky," works well — if you're a Stevenson backer.

But for those supporters who aren't quite so rabid, who have seen these two battle before in an early-season showdown, the most accurate term would be: "Typical."

Yes, Canton played well when it had to, taking control of the game with two goals early in the second half and then hanging on for a 3-2 home-field victory. And yes, the Spartans had plenty of opportunities to turn that outcome around, particularly in the first half, which made it seem that fate was residing in the Chiefs' corner.

Yet, what it comes down to is this: Canton and Stevenson almost always play a match like this, particularly early in the season.

This time Canton prevailed. But don't think for a moment Chiefs' coach Don Smith didn't offer thanks to the soccer gods for the breaks bestowed upon his team.

"I'm getting too old for this kind of stuff," said Smith afterwards, after witnessing more than a half-dozen point-blank scoring chances go awry for the Spartans. "I was worried. They were stuffing it down our throats for a while."

That was in the first half, and although the score sheet might indicate otherwise, that was indeed when Canton won the match. Stevenson owned the first 25 minutes of the game before the Chiefs awakened to at least make it a bit closer over the final 15 of the half.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Scoring ace: Canton's Scott Wright is mobbed by teammates after scoring the game's first goal. He had two on the night and has 10 for the season.

And yet, the score at the break was 1-0 — favoring Canton.

Go figure.

"In the first half we had all sorts of chances, but we gave up one chance and they capitalized," described Stevenson coach Lars Richters.

Anyone who's ever played against a Don Smith-coached team knows you don't want to give them any second opportunities. Stevenson could have, indeed should have, been ahead two or three goals at the half. Instead Canton was — thanks to the single most impressive player in the game, Canton's Scott Wright.

Stevenson's defenders gave Canton's quick-footed co-captain far too much room, and it made a huge difference. But it wasn't his speed that earned the Chiefs their first goal; Instead, teammate Evan Malone got pulled down just outside the penalty box in front of the Spartan net. Wright took the direct kick, burying it in the upper right corner with 9:52 left in the first half.

That seemed to give Canton a spark entering the second half, while Stevenson suffered a letdown. Five minutes into the second, the Chiefs' Steve Epley — another of their co-captains — dribbled around and

through three Spartans, then unleashed a wicked shot from 20 yards that left no chance for keeper Joe Suchara. The goal, with 34:37 left, gave Canton a 2-0 lead.

It didn't remain that way for long. This time, both Epley and Wright got into the act, Epley getting control of the ball in front of the Stevenson net and tapping it to Wright for an easy strike. That made it 3-0 with 27:21 left.

"It seemed Scotty had a lot of room in the middle," said Canton's Smith, a favor he had to be thankful for. After all, Wright's averaging two goals a game for the 4-1 Chiefs (Stevenson slipped to 3-1).

Still, as Smith or Richters — who was an assistant to former Stevenson coach Walt Barrett — know all too well, games between these two are never easy. The Spartans kept plugging, and finally it paid dividends when Tom Eller's throw-in just above the end line to the right of Canton's goal reached Mike White, who flicked it to Tommaso Mainella for the scoring header. That came just one minute after Canton's third goal, making it 3-1.

"I dislike losing as much as anyone," said Richters. "But I'm proud of the way we came back after going down 3-0. When you get behind like that, that's when character really shows."

The Spartans kept driving at the Chiefs and, with 5:43 still remaining, Eller — dribbling laterally in front of the Canton goal, 22 yards out — turned and pumped a shot past keeper Don Koontz to make it 3-2.

The pressure continued to the end. Indeed, Koontz had to make three leaping saves in the last 30 seconds to preserve Canton's win.

Which only proves, once again: It's great to be good, but luck helps.



National champ: Jeff Angiulli, of Canton, reached one of his most sought-after goals when he won a gold medal at Nationals.

## Got the gold Angiulli skates to national title

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's a busy time for Jeff Angiulli. And it's bound to get busier before the year is over.

The Canton native is a part-time college student at Eastern Michigan; he works part-time, and he works out full-time in an effort to further his blooming international roller skating career.

Angiulli's most recent accomplishment, and his most impressive to date, was winning the gold medal in Senior Figures at the U.S. Roller Skating National Championships, held Aug. 13-18 in Fresno, Calif. Which gives him quite a bit of momentum heading into the World Championships, to be held in Bogota, Columbia starting Nov. 7.

"I have a good chance to do really well there," said Angiulli. "It's going to be a good one."

His confidence is growing, as it should be, but it's taken time and nurturing. Angiulli has skated the past five years out of Rolladium in Waterford under the tutelage of Bud Patton. "He's one of the best coaches in the world," said the 21-year-old Angiulli of Patton, whose record proves it: He's coached seven world champions.

Angiulli's improvement has been steady. He's skated at two Olympic Sports Festivals, twice finished

fourth at the Worlds — including last year's, held in Reus, Spain — been a member of the U.S. World Team for four years, and finished second at the 1997 National Championships.

But the goal he aspired for: most, the one he desired since he first put on a pair of roller skates in a Tiny Tot class he took with his mother, had eluded him.

Until this year.

"The goal I set when I was five-years-old was to win Nationals," said Angiulli.

With Patton's assistance and guidance, Angiulli accomplished that by refining his skills. "I've been with him five years, and I'm getting more consistent," he said. "Also, I have a better outlook."

Which means, in a sport judged by his peers, there's little room for emotional roller-coaster rides. Angiulli has worked at keeping such fluctuations under control.

"Whatever happens, happens," he said of the upcoming international championships. "As long as I train hard and skate well."

No, it won't be easy. His main competition is expected to come from Italy and Germany.

But there's no denying Angiulli is headed in the right direction — up — and that his schedule is bound to remain packed.





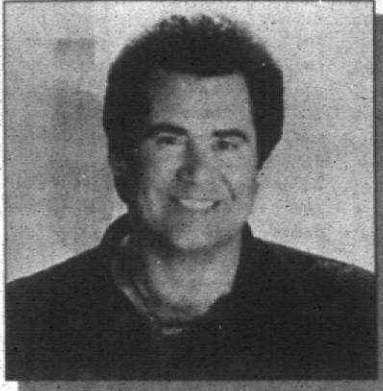






## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Wayne Newton performs 7:30 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. Persons holding tickets for Newton's Jan. 16 Palace concert should call (248) 377-8601. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

### 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

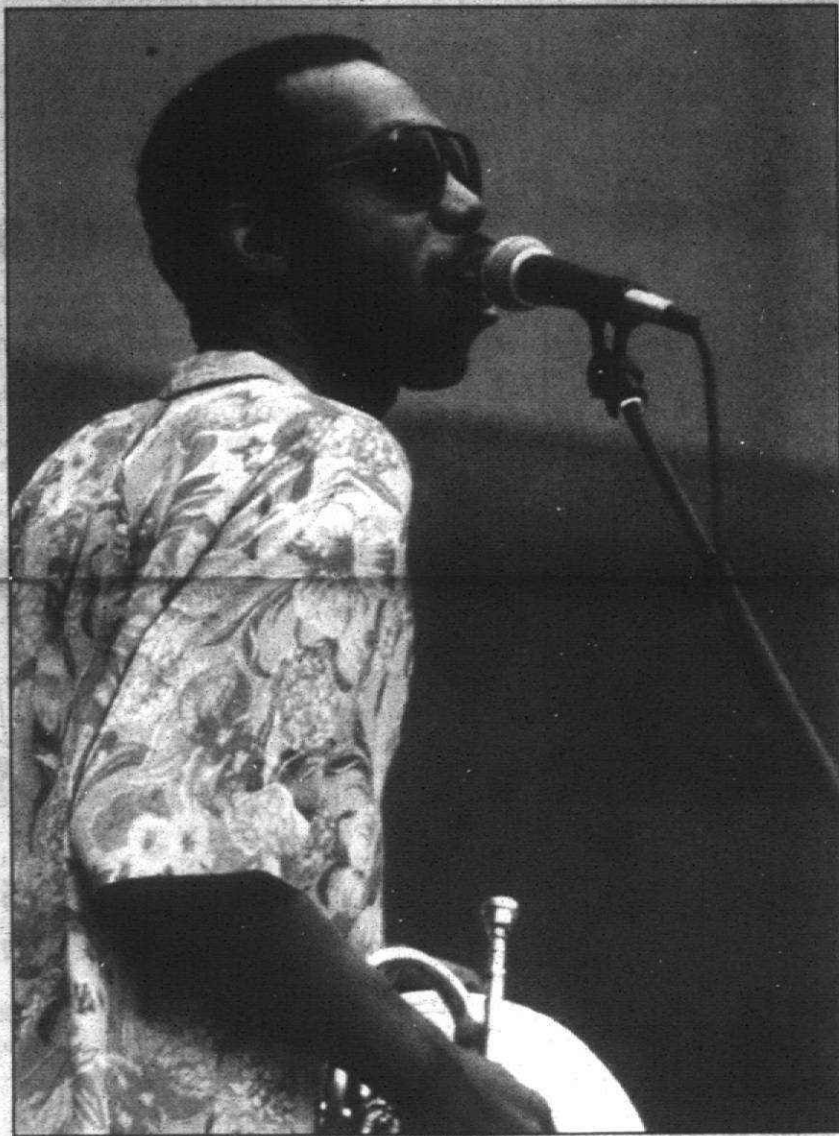
wouldn't say mostly younger, but there is quite a few younger people. There's people of all ages even little ones. I mean 5 or 6 or 7 years old."

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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Blues and jazz films will be shown Thursday, Sept. 10. Showtimes and films will be announced this week.

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.

### BIRD OF PARADISE

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

### GALLUP PARK

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11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12:

- Groove Collective
- Olu Dara
- The Atomic Fireballs
- Michael Ray and the Cosmic Krew
- Rick Roe Quartet
- Polgnant 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 diners, 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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