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## Mandatory drug test won't halt abuses

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JUST SUPPOSE... It's 1999. Prince is a major attraction on the golden oldies tour. Steven Spielberg is the nation's president. Than Turner is the country's No. 1 sex symbol – still. And on the local incus front... A 21-year-old Redford man sucs the school district, claiming he made it through 12 years of education and eventually composed a dissertation on nuclear fission on his computer, but never through the read it.

learned how to read it. A mailman in Birmingham has eriminal charges filed against him for a liegedly biling a dog he claimed attacked him. The animal was listed in critical condition. State prison officials and the Southfield city council reach an agreement to furn Northland Center into a state penitentiary. Security measures already in use make the shopping mall a perfect choice, state officials claim. Southfield council members assure store hours will remain

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a perfect choice, state officials claim. Southfield council members assure store hours will remain the same. In sports . . . Rochester and Troy school board members initiate a Testing for Tots program, which they explain is an expansion of the urinalysis drug testing first started for high school athlices in 1988. Under the new program, all grade school youngsters wishing to participate in recess will have to undergo weekly drug tests, just like high school athletes. OK, OK — quit supposing. Fairy tale theater is over. Quite budierous anyway, isn't 12' How could any of those things ever happen? And yet, that bit of sports news. . . Last week, when Kirk Gibson signed his revealed there was a drug testing clause included. Even though it was in direct confilet with the agreement signed between the baschall players' union and management last summer, there it was.

Random drug testing of athletes competing in International events is already commonplace. Before long, the drug-testing clause written into Gibson's contract will be in the majority of pro athletic contracts

athletic contracts. Soon, colleges will start revoking scholarships of athletes who can't pass urinalysis. Never mind how they do in Biology 10.1 Li's the drugs, those devil-created concections ruining their minds and, in particular, their athletic skills that interest these muckrakers.

AND WHO'S GOING to argue with them? It's AND WHO'S GOING to argue with them? It's like going to a doctor for a checkup. You could be inperfect health, but you're worked because of atriaking. So you alk your doctor. You toll him you chick sith beers or so a week. It is to omeeh? How many doctors would say drinking is all right? Not marky (H any. How many peeple will go on record saying drugs are good? Even fever. This is commonly called the pendulum effect. And personally. I'm more concerned about the ultimate swing of that pendulum than 1 am about how many Michael Ray Richardsons ruln how many Michael Ray Richardsons ruln Lucrative basketball careers through drug abuse. Let me explain. I spent my formative years (some call them deformative years) in the beyday of drugs. In the decades spanning 1065 to 1875, narcotics were everywhere.

1975, narcottes were everywhere. WiTH SQ many horrible tales associated with drugs, how could they flourish se? That's easily answered — human nature. It was an era of rebellion, remember. Our clears said go, we said no. They said don't, so we did. You can tell where my argument leads. Young folk haven't changed so much, especially in the US. of A, where freedom of expression is a national past lime. But don't believe me. Slart clamping down on athletes at all levels. Insist on blood tests. Invoke estrict penalities. Try to force the problem to disappear. It will only get worse, of course. Already, weightlifters — the most common drug abusers (Sterrolds) in International competition — are it. Down in the drugs. But these erusaders who haskt on strict penalities for those who misbohave will, in the long run, cause greater harm. Testing athletes' urine int'n necessary. If they abuse drugs long enough, it will become evident. Their skills will diminish quickly, their careers will end prematurely and they'll disappear.

PRO ORGANIZATIONS that insist they need drug testing to protect the capital they're invested are misguided. If that's their only concern — and believe me, it is — they should offer shorter contracts (as the Tigers did with 1 Giusson) with greater performance bonuses. That's interpret the short of the short of the short of the shorter performance bonuses. That's The dynamic thirting lower bills sport, no one cares what drugs he abuses. That's why lesting is lillogical. Butcoation, early in life, is the only answer. An honest depiction of what drugs do to an abilete's body, either in classroom education to pre-teens or as part of the sport camps so many youths. Nock to, will have an impact far greater than any threat imposed by drug testing. The, people don't always respond logically to Togic. It's another quirk of human nature. But forcing them to respond would be like trying to take urinalysis tests into a strong wind. "Fulle. PRO ORGANIZATIONS that insist they need

41. Things were not going well for the Tariars. But then, with 4:32 left and OU down by five (74-69), Howze fouled out. And that started the chain reaction that eventually led to OU's downfall. "With Howze out, we din't have to worry as much about the middle. WSU coach Charlie Parker said. Skinner, though, was still a problem. He sank four straight long jumpers in one attreth of the scane dhalf and finished with a caree-could half and finished with a caree-chipd 21 points on 10-for-14 floor ahooling. "We made an adjustment in our zone to take away their outside shooling." Parker explained. They were shooling basically from two positions, from the corner and higher up on he wing, so we have change our defense. Tarker explicited in zone defense from a 2-1-2 to a 1-2-2, which "weak-

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With its 118.05-88.4 win against Southfield-Lathrup Monday, the Farm-ington Harrison gymastics team is off to a jackrabbit 4-0 start — which may lead you to think all's been rosy. Think again. Harrison has had its full complement of gymnasts induct only once this sea-son. Injuries (a rash of them) and vaca-tions have kept the Hawk's scores bo-low 120 points in three of the four meets.

tions have kept the Hawks' scores oc-low 120 points in three of the four meets. Still, the team keeps winning. "We've already qualified for the re-gional meet as a team, you know, so I'm real happy about our start," sec-ond-year Hawk coach Linda Perkins said. 'I think if we had everybody there (against Lathrup), we would have scored 125." Missing from the lineup was the team's third highest all-around score team start highest all-around score team starts have a score of the team start highest all-around score team starts have a score of the team start highest all-around score team starts and the score of the team starts have a score of the team starts and the score of the team starts and the score of the team and shares the uneven parallel bars record with Tracy Solomon (6.5). Against Lathrup, Burningham won all four events. Sha score 10.5 on vaukt, 8.25 on bars, 8.0 on balance beam and 8.55 on floor excretise. Tracy Solomon also had a productive meet. She placed second on vault (3.5), scond on bars (8.35), third on beam (7.35) and second on floor (6.4).

Also chipping in were Jamie Lyons (third on vault, 8.4) and Julie Runk (third on floor, 7.6).

Harrison's next action will come in the Farmington city meet Wednesday.

NORTH FARMINGTON wen one and lost one Monday night.

The Raiders won the meet, bealing Walled Lake Western 125-96.05. But they lost their fourth best scorer. Lisa Brundle took a fall on bars and injured her knee. She will be lost to the team for at least two weeks.

"Once Lisa went down, I think some the fight went out of the girls," rth coach Mary Glitz said.

Elleen Murtaugh led the Raiders, winning the vauit with an impressive 9.05 and the floor exercise, 8.85. She also placed third on bars (7.6) and sec-ond on beam (7.4). Lucine Toroyan won the bars event

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with an 8.65. She was second on vault (8.35), fifth on beam (7.05) and fifth on filoor exercise (7.3). Having a big night for North was Kara Karau. She placed third on vault (8.1), second on bars (8.4), fourth on beam (7.2) and second on Horo (8.3). Wondy Reimer won beam for West-ern with a 7.8. North is 3-1 on the season.

FARMINGTON, despite a solid ef-fort from freshman Jackle Daly, lost its first meet of the season, 110.15-100.20 to Birningham Seaholm, Mon-day. Daly won vault with an 8.45, then placed second on beam (7.75), third on bars (6.60) and third on floor (7.65). Pam Goodhue earned a fourth on bars with a 5.1. Farmington is 1-1.



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When you're going for the green.



ened the middle, but put two players on the free throw line extended." The move was possible because Howze wasn't there to challenge inside. wasn't there to challenge inside. THE RESULT: With 58 seconds left and OU down 81-79, Scott Bittinger's hooping pass toward Skinner on the wing was intercepted by Lowry, play-iti one of two free throws to extend WSU's lead to 82-79. After two free throws to extend WSU's lead to 82-79. But again, the new-look Tartar de-fense turned the tirk, This time Lowry and Lowry hill two free throws with sits seconds left, making Skinner's last-sec-ond driving Joyu Jones. The waj way how a disspointed foreg Kampurg, the other a disspointed foreg Kampurg, the other a disspointed the main the final phinule. Kampe then added another link to the chain of "At the time of the game, we needed

Raheem Muhammed put WSU ahead to stay, scoring on a short hook. Strunk fouled Muhammed, who led all scorers with 25 points, and he hit the free throw for an 81-79 lead with 1:18 to go. Lowry finished with 23 points, Dwight King had 15 and McCree netted 10.

derail Pioneers

Oakland University's men's basket-ball team lost by chain reaction Satur-day at Wayne State. The scoring summary won't show that. It will reveal that the Pioneers threw the ball — and their chance for victory — away twice in the final min-ute in losing 84-83 at WSU's Matthaei Building the pience? The bering

Tracy Solomon scored well in each of four events Monday to help Harrison defeat

By C.J. Rissk staff writer

Late turnovers

Pictory — away twice in the innin-tie in losing 84-83 at WSU'S Matthaol Building.
What caused the miscues? The begin-ning of the answer can be found in the carly moments of the second half.
Of Innin 100 Uranied 37-32 at the half, largely due to Grady Lowry's hot hand (15) Inst-half points) for the Tartars, The Floneers trailed 34-23 with 519 left before half(lime: a b 3 spurt down).
Howse, Innied to sity points while drawing three founds in the opening half, cardy the fair the second. Recaming ends the lare, Howze scored eight plats in just over five minutes and half to fore the 10 minutes were gone.
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then added another link to the chain of doom. "At that time of the game, we needed someone to take over, to take charge out there. And our big guy (Howze) was on the bench." Howze (inished with a team-high 22 points. He also grabbed six rebounds. Strunk and Wall Dixon cach scored 13 points, with Strunk getting 11 rebounds. ROB SKINNER'S pinpoint jumpers from the corner helped open the middle of WSU's zone defense for Howze, and by the 16:25 mark, OU was ahead 42-

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"WE DID everything we possibly could to win this game," Kampe said. That the Pioneers did, even with Howze on the bench. OU scored sis straight points to recapiure the lead at 75-74 with 2:56 left, with Dixon getting two buckets. The teams traded baskets, with Bittinger giving OU a 79-78 lead at 1:34.

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