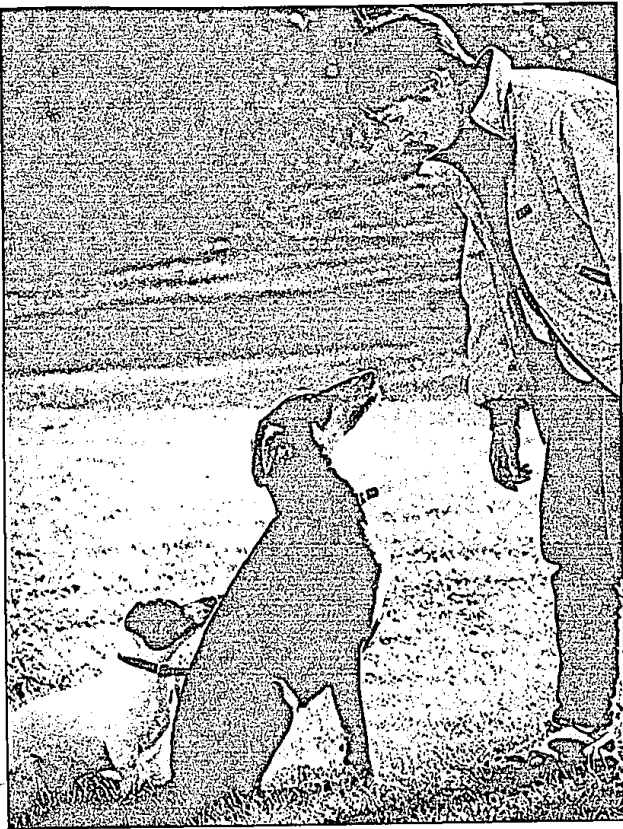


## Day in the park



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Good listeners: Emily Thomas of Farmington Hills talks to her dogs, Jackson (left) and Zara, in Farmington's Shaiwassee Park. The three often enjoy an outing in the park with a half dozen other dog owners described as "regulars" by Thomas.

# Briggs, Knollenberg scrap over abortion

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With eight days to go before the election, the 11th U.S. Congressional District race between Democrat Walter Briggs and Republican Joe Knollenberg is heating up.

Both candidates have been issuing a stream of press releases, and Briggs has gone on the attack. His latest move was to hold a rally last week at the Northland Family Planning Clinic in Southfield featuring pro-choice Republicans who are bolting the party in favor of Briggs.

Briggs is pro-choice. Knollenberg opposes abortion unless the life of the mother is threatened by the pregnancy.

Republican Janet Good, a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and the Catholics for Choice, said, "He (Briggs) is pro-choice and we must convince our friends and families to support him."

Carol King, Michigan Abortion Rights Action League executive director, added, "Joe Knollenberg is against a woman's fundamental right to choose and against our rights of privacy... He is a threat to our rights."

Said Barbara Marko, who is on the board of Planned Parenthood and the Republicans for Choice groups: "He (Knollenberg) is way over the line." A longtime Republican, Marko said the abortion issue has posed a conflict of beliefs.

"We're terribly frustrated," she said. She added she will support Ross Perot for president.

"I'm voting against my pocketbook, so to speak," she said, referring to the "tax and spend" perception of Democrats. But the women's rights issue plus the fact the next president may have the opportunity to name several new members to the ranks of the aging U.S. Supreme Court justices swayed her decision to not vote Republican.

Marko said conservative extremists, such as Pat Buchanan,

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dominated the Republican National Convention.

"That's why so many moderate Republicans have abandoned the Republican Party. They have driven the moderates out of the party," Marko said.

Knollenberg has stood fast on his opposition to abortion, saying he supports adoption instead.

However, he said the issue has been blown out of proportion, and the economy is seen by most voters as the key issue.

"There are so many issues facing the people of this district that it is too bad my opponent is a one-issue candidate and has to stoop to such campaign tactics," Knollenberg said.

He said he has a wide range of supporters including pro-choice advocates.

## Whoops, Broomfield can't vote for man he endorsed

Yes... but no.

"Obviously there was an error in the script."

That's how Terri Hauser, U.S. Congressman William Broomfield's press secretary, described an erroneous radio ad in which Broomfield said he would vote for fellow Republican Joe Knollenberg and urged others to do the same in the 11th U.S. House race.

The only problem is that Broomfield no longer lives in the newly drawn 11th U.S. Congress-

"I believe in a woman having the right to make her own decision when it comes to abortion," said Pat Hardy, a Knollenberg supporter.

"I also feel there are so many other important issues in this campaign. I am supporting the candidate that I agree with the other 98 percent of the time."

Tom Schellenberg, another Knollenberg supporter, said, "Those women voting strictly on the issue of choice stand to lose the most under a Democratic administration. Women are the first to be harmed when the economy is down. Single issue voters are in most cases their own worst enemy."

"There may be an effort to focus on one issue. This is a mini-issue campaign," said Knollenberg.

Knollenberg said he has other sharp differences with Briggs, such as Knollenberg's support of the presidential line-item budget veto, his support of term limits for elected officials and different views on eliminating capital gains tax. He is focusing on those issues.

"Our campaign has not taken on a negative tone. They pose me in a light that is very negative," Knollenberg said.

sional district. The district doesn't include Orion Township, where Broomfield maintains his legal address.

Knollenberg is hoping to replace Broomfield, who announced he was not seeking re-election after 36 years in Congress. Broomfield endorsed Knollenberg, a longtime campaign supporter.

The Knollenberg support ad was pulled. And as for Broomfield voting for Knollenberg, "If he could, he would," said Hauser.

## 7 Farmington businesses are ticketed in liquor sting

Seven out of 20 Farmington businesses who sell liquor were ticketed in a sting operation this month for selling liquor to a minor, according to information from the city's public safety department.

And those businesses can look for stepped-up enforcement from the city, including unannounced visits and checks, over the next 12 months.

"We will be visiting the violators more often," said public safety Director Frank Lauhoff. "We are serious. We want them to be more careful."

Lauhoff praised the 13 city businesses that passed the Oct. 16-17 spot check, in which public safety officers and a 19-year-old justice student and criminal justice major from West Bloomfield visited the businesses and attempted to purchase liquor.

Although the 65 percent of licensed businesses checking for identification was down from the 85 percent noted last year, Lauhoff said the numbers still show improvement from when the

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city began the sting operations in 1986 and only 25 percent of businesses checked for identification.

The seven businesses ticketed included:

■ Bel-Aire Drugs, 24089 Orchard Lake Road.

■ Bel-Aire Lanes, 24001 Orchard Lake Road.

■ Fresh Approach Market, 35243 Grand River.

■ IGA Supermarket, 24065 Orchard Lake Road.

■ Two Perry Drug Store locations, one in the Grand-Halsted Center and the other in the Crossroads shopping center.

■ The Rustic Pub, 31030 Grand River.

Lauhoff said each of the seven sellers was issued a local ordinance violation and the licensed business also will be cited by the department and by the Michigan

Liquor Control Commission. Of the seven business violators, none were cited in 1991.

Each of the 20 licensed businesses in the city received a letter in September from the department, warning them of the October-November sting operation. The letter reinforces the department's policy of encouraging the use of the emergency 9-1-1 number when any illegal purchase of alcohol is attempted and offering training for licensed businesses.

Current Michigan liquor laws require the LCC to suspend or revoke the license of a business if it is found liable within a 24-month period three or more times.

The Farmington sting came during National Drug Awareness Month, being recognized locally with a focus on the use of alcohol and tobacco.

## Farmington sets repairs for fire training tower

A fire training tower owned by Farmington and used by that city and several neighboring fire departments will be repaired, according to action by the city council Oct. 19.

The 14-year-old metal doors and frames used in the facility, as well as hatches between the floors of the tower, have rusted and deteriorated. The council will spend about \$8,000 for the design and replacement.

The fire tower was built in 1978

using a government grant, which required that the facility be shared with other area fire departments. Cities that use it include Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi and the Oakland Community College Fire Training Academy.

City Manager Robert Deadman said the repair was recommended because of safety concerns for those training.

"It was either close the tower or repair it," he added.



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### Farmington sets 2 joint meets

The Farmington City Council has scheduled two joint meetings with city boards and commissions in an effort to meet regularly with all such groups.

The council will meet Nov. 2 with the city's Historical Commission and on Nov. 16 with the city's Zoning Board of Appeals. Both meetings will be held at 7 p.m., one hour prior to the regular city council meeting.