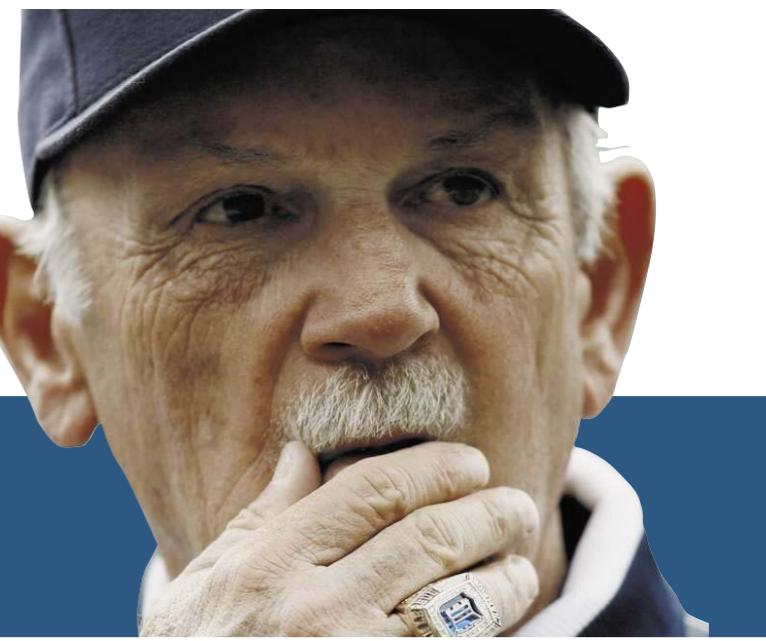


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TOUGH RULES SLASH SAFETY NET

No cash for some jobless

Baptists reach out, inspire



The Rev. E.L. Branch, left, praises God on Sunday at Third New Hope Baptist Church in Detroit. Third New Hope, which boasts 3,000 members, is the host church for the National Baptist Convention USA, which starts Monday in Detroit.

40,000 expected at convention in Detroit

By NIRAJ WARIKOO
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Every week, Cynthia Pough of Detroit makes sure to sit in the pews early at Third New Hope Baptist Church on the city's west side.

"It inspires me," Pough said after services Sunday. "It uplifts me, and keeps me going throughout the whole week."

For Pough and millions of African Americans in metro Detroit and nationwide, the Baptist church is a cornerstone of their lives and history.

But can the black Baptist church remain vital in years to come?

It can — with some adjustments, say supporters and experts, who note that Baptists are still by far the largest denomination among African Americans.

Beginning Monday, up to 40,000 people are expected to attend a five-day gathering across Detroit of the National Baptist Convention USA, the biggest black religious group in the United States.

"The African-American church ... is always wrestling with the question of relevance," said Rev. E.L. Branch, pastor at Third New Hope, host church for the convention. Yet, he added, it "remains one of the key anchors."

■ **CHURCH PARTLY A VICTIM OF ITS OWN SUCCESS. 5A**

High school hockey coach arrested on child sex charges

By JOE SWICKARD
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Grosse Pointe South High School ice hockey coach Bob Bopp, who took the Blue Devils to the 2007 state championship, was arraigned Friday in Taylor District Court on seven felony charges of sexual assault and child pornography for alleged incidents in 2007-08.

Charged with three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, Bopp, 53, faces a possible life sentence, if convicted. He is also charged with sexually abusive activity with a child, a 20-year felony, and distributing obscene material to a minor.



2004 photo by RASHAUN RUCKER/Detroit Free Press
Bob Bopp has been Grosse Pointe South High School's head hockey coach since 1992.

The charges stem from a reported sexual assault in Taylor on a 16-year-old Farmington Hills boy.

James R. McBee, 20, of Highland also was charged. The men are being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail.

■ **CHARGES SHOCK HOCKEY COMMUNITY. 5A**

34% of out-of-work Michiganders can't collect assistance

By KATHERINE YUNG
FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITER

Despite billions of federal dollars being poured into Michigan's unemployment benefits program, the safety net for jobless workers doesn't stretch far or wide enough for a growing number of residents as the state jobless rate hits its highest mark in a quarter-century.

More than 232,000 jobless Michiganders — 34% of the unemployed — were not eligible for benefits due to the program's rules, many of which were established decades ago.

Another major problem: A growing number of unemployed residents are running out of the benefits, even though payments have been extended several times.

The Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency estimates that between May and December, more than 99,000 Michiganders will have exhausted their 79-week benefits. They face a job market that's expected to get only worse as more auto plants close.

These problems are coming to a head as Michigan's unemployment rate soars. In May, it climbed to 14.1%, the highest since July 1983.

"What are we going to do about that as a society, as a government?" asked Rick McHugh, an attorney for the National Employment Law Project, an advocacy group for low-wage and jobless workers.

If Michigan changes a few of its rules, federal money is available to help one group of unemployed workers to obtain the benefits. But so far business groups are resisting the move.

■ **JOBLESS MICHIGANDERS PUSH STATE TO CHANGE TOUGH RULES ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. 2A**



Darryl Rasper, 39, of Washington Township filed for unemployment benefits only to discover he wasn't eligible. Now the self-employed contractor spends much of his time on the computer looking for a job.

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COLLEGE COSTS

MSU hikes tuition for next two school years

Tuition at Michigan State University will rise 5.2% this fall and another 4.9% for the 2010-2011 school year, trustees decided Friday. **3A**

GUNS ON CAMPUS

You can carry at MSU, just not in buildings

By ROBIN ERB
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People who have permits to carry concealed weapons may now walk or drive through Michigan's largest university campus without fear of running afoul of a campus-wide weapons ban.

Michigan State University trustees voted 7-1 on Friday to make that exception to avoid a conflict with state law.

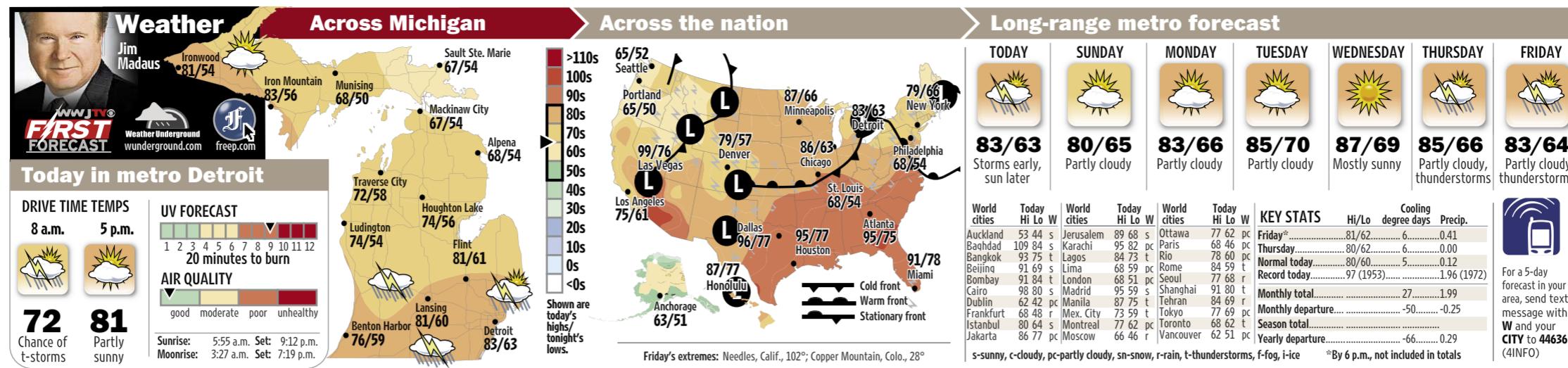
That's not to say MSU students or anyone else can take a sidearm into the biology lab or

a fall football game. State law bans weapons in buildings and those with weapons must stay outside, President Lou Anna K. Simon said.

The issue was raised by campus police who had to issue citations to people with guns during traffic stops, even if those drivers had permits to carry a concealed weapon.

The University of Michigan continues to ban guns on campus.

■ **ISSUE RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY. 5A**



Jobless workers urge benefit changes

By KATHERINE YUNG
FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITER

Thanks to recent government efforts, unemployment benefits in Michigan now last about 1½ years. The problem: about a third of the state's jobless people are not eligible for this assistance.

The benefits — a government safety net created during the Great Depression — have become increasingly important as thousands of Michigan workers lose their jobs each week.

But long-standing rules that govern the program exclude a variety of workers, including many part-time employees, self-employed people and certain commission-based professionals.

The situation has left thousands of Michiganders like Roger Caruso struggling to stay afloat amid one of the state's toughest job markets in decades.

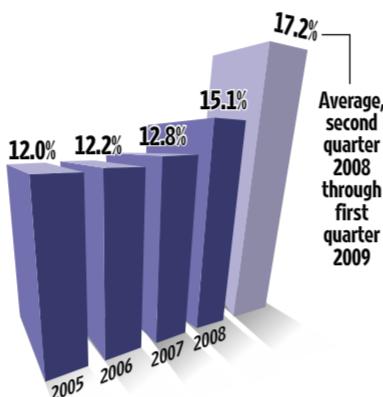
Caruso can't collect unemployment benefits even though he has been looking for a job since closing down his Warren sheet metal prototype company at the end of last year.

"We should have some de-

Michigan's true unemployment rate

The state's official unemployment rate stood at 14.1% in May. However, this rate excludes people too discouraged to look for a job, those who want a job but aren't currently searching for one, and part-time workers who couldn't find full-time jobs. Including these factors, Michigan's unemployment rate is much higher.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency



cent safeguard set up," the Ferndale resident said.

Another former self-employed worker, Barton Foster, ran his own executive search and recruiting firm in Livonia for 18 years. His company, the Barton Group, paid into the unemployment system for his employees.

But faced with a sharp decline in his business, Foster, 58, closed his company last year. He has been looking for a job since August but isn't eligible for unemployment benefits.

"It would absolutely help if I could get unemployment benefits now," he said. "I am in

danger of losing my house."

About 450,000 people in Michigan are receiving unemployment benefits out of 682,000 residents counted as unemployed, according to the state's Unemployment Insurance Agency. That leaves out 232,000 Michiganders, or 34% of the total unemployed.

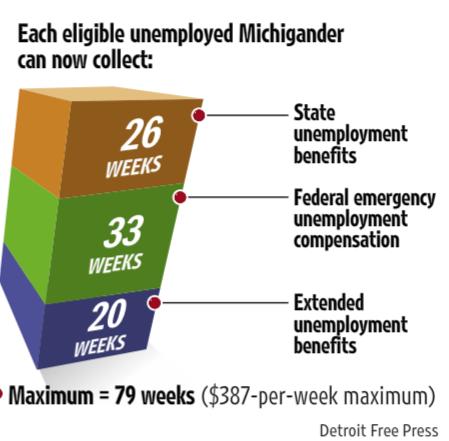
The program's rules aren't keeping pace with changes in how people work.

For example, even though the state is encouraging residents to start their own businesses, self-employed workers lack any kind of wage insurance should their firms fail.

"We have to create a safety

Lengthening the safety net

Thanks to federal money, Michigan has been able to extend the amount of time qualified jobless workers can collect unemployment benefits. Here's the breakdown of the extensions that have been added:



Each eligible unemployed Michigander can now collect:

net that is relevant to these people," said Lou Glazer, president of the Ann Arbor think tank Michigan Future Inc. "The whole system has to be rethought."

What's being done

To help tackle the problem, the National Employment Law Project — an advocacy group for low-wage and jobless workers — has been trying to pass bills in Lansing that would enable laid-off part-time workers to qualify for unemployment benefits.

Money that would pay for this provision for the next two years has already been set aside by the federal government as part of the national economic stimulus package. But Michigan must alter its regulations in order to claim it.

The bills also would enable workers currently eligible for unemployment benefits to receive an extension of the benefits, if necessary, while they undergo training for new jobs.

"What we are really debating is, 'Do we want a good safety net system or not?'" said Rick McHugh, an NELP attorney and the group's Midwest coordinator.

These bills, however, face opposition from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, which represents about 7,000 businesses, trade associations and others.

It fears employers will get stuck with the additional cost of these benefits after the federal money runs out.

Michigan already owes the federal government more than \$2 billion that it borrowed because it ran out of money to pay unemployment benefits.

"Businesses are struggling, there is a cash crunch ... and now the state Legislature is asking employers to dig further into their already empty pockets," said Wendy Block, the chamber's director of health policy and human resources.

Even if the bills pass, McHugh acknowledges that a lot more work needs to be done to modernize the state's unemployment system.

"These are a couple of baby steps in the right direction," he said. "People care about unemployment insurance that never did before."

That's the case with Darryl Rasper, 39. The former manufacturing consultant for General Motors Corp. assumed he could collect unemployment benefits when the automaker canceled his contract and others in January.

Out of the safety net

Everyone who loses their job doesn't automatically qualify for unemployment benefits. Under state regulations, here are some of the categories of workers who cannot receive aid:

- Workers who made less than \$4,306.50 during a specific time frame determined by the state.
- Self-employed workers.
- Independent contractors.
- Part-time workers who are looking for another part-time job.

■ Real-estate salespeople, investment company sales representatives and insurance agents and solicitors who are paid wholly or mainly on commission.

■ Some home improvement and home remodeling salespeople.

■ Farm workers, except those who work for an employer with a cash payroll of at least \$20,000 in a calendar quarter.

■ Religious organization workers, though some organizations have voluntarily elected to cover their employees.

■ Household workers, except those who work for employers with a cash payroll of at least \$1,000 in a calendar quarter.

■ Elected officials and government officials in major policymaking positions.

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The self-employed contractor filed for the benefits only to later discover he wasn't eligible. He said he thinks self-employed workers should be given the option of deciding whether or not to pay into the system.

"It kind of stinks that we don't get the unemployment benefits," the Washington Township resident said. "People's businesses are going down."

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