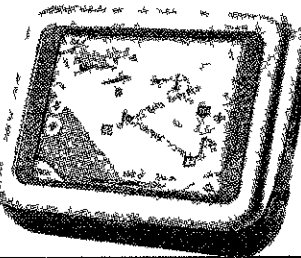


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## Nursery owner who brought palm trees to Ford Road to call it quits

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

The man that brought palm trees to Ford Road is retiring from the business that bears his name at the end of this season

It's kind of scary for me, Dennis Crimboli said. This has been my whole life. I don't want to be a stranger here.

Crimboli Nursery & Landscaping has been at 50145 Ford Road for 30 years. Ten years before that, the business was based in Garden City.

Joking that he had dreams of becoming a rock star, Crimboli, of Plymouth, says he stumbled into owning his own company.

"At 30 years old, I found myself laid off (during the holidays)," he said. "We didn't have a great Christmas that year and I said I would never have myself in that position again. I got a pickup truck and a \$5 lawn mower and I went into business."

From those humble beginnings to a sprawling 19 acres made popular by the addition of palm trees, Crimboli says he's ready to pass the torch of running the day-to-day operation to his longtime staff.

"I'm going to take time and do a little fishing," he said. "I have a great staff so I'm comfortable giving them more leeway."

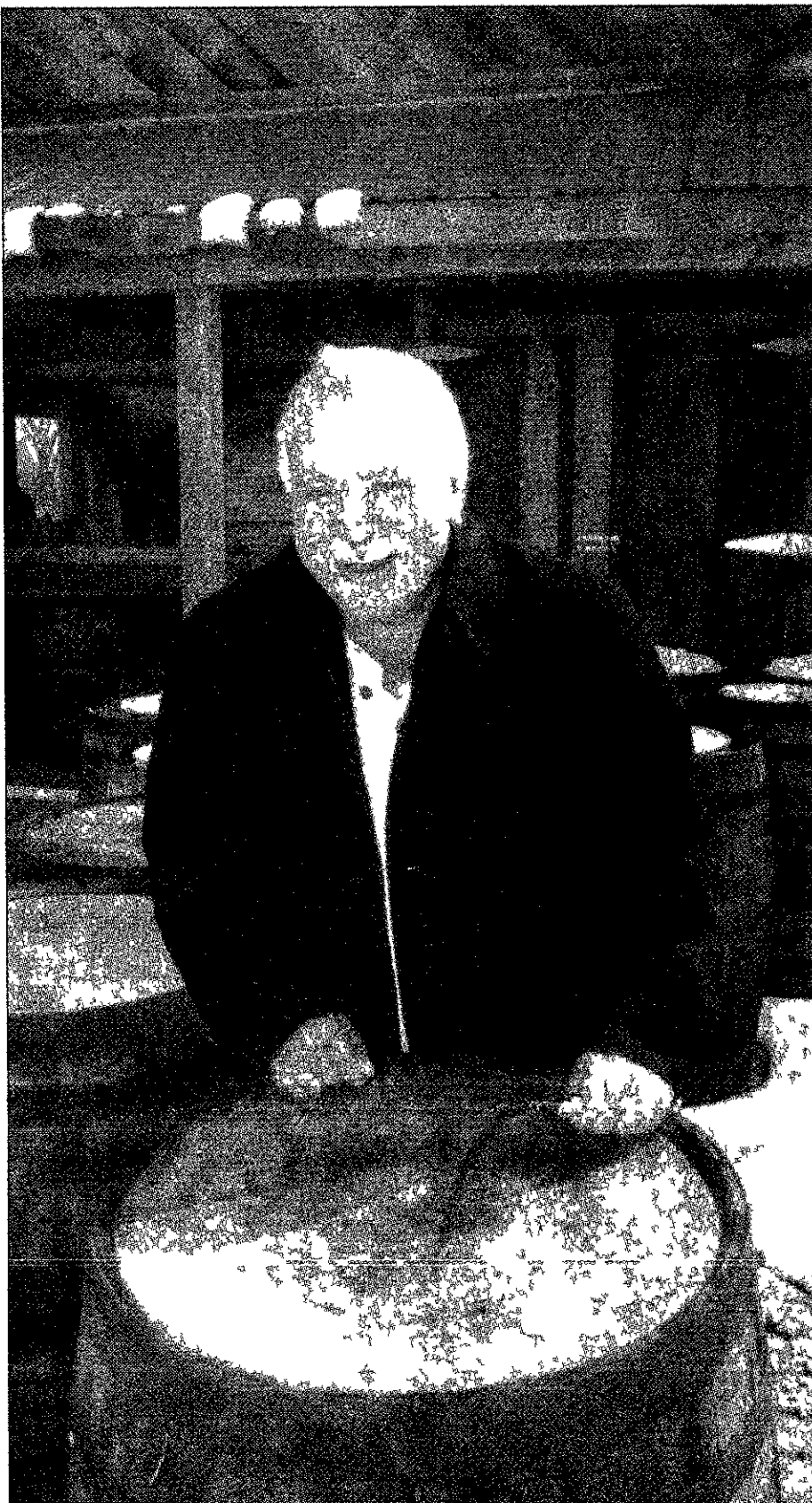
The business, which has boomed with the township's growth, offers landscaping design, tree planting and moving, stone, brick paver installation and a plant nursery. Their client base includes homeowners and commercial businesses.

"I've watched Canton grow and I've grown with them," he said, adding that he still arrives at the nursery early each morning but now has the luxury of coming and going in the afternoons.

A sign outside of his office tells customers that if they're looking for the lowest price, they may not find it there, but "welcome home" if they're looking for the highest quality.

"I'm not the cheapest price," Crimboli says. "I never

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Dennis Crimboli, owner of Crimboli Nursery & Landscaping on Ford Road, is ready to retire after 30 years.

## Cops charge woman for impersonating her dead roommate

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Christina Nicole Tracy's "outrageous" behavior after the drug overdose of her roommate have garnered her a stack of criminal charges.

Tracy, 28, faces five counts of identity theft, three counts of larceny under impersonation for dollar amounts more than \$200 but less than \$1,000 and one count of larceny under impersonation for an amount under \$200.

Tracy, who lived with 19-year-old Ashley Pierce's corpse for three weeks, has been accused of impersonating the dead woman and conning her father out of \$1,600. The identity theft charges carry a maximum of five years in prison, the three larceny counts are one year misdemeanors and the final larceny charge is a 93 day misdemeanor.

"She knew Ashley Pierce was dead and she impersonated Ashley Pierce in order to get money from her father," said Maria Miller, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office spokesperson. "We think that's pretty outrageous."

The two women were roommates for about two months in the Heathmoore Apartments, off of Haggerty, south of Ford, before Pierce's overdose. Tracy, who was later evicted from the ranch-style apartment, had been living in Port Huron, where she was arrested Friday.

She was arraigned Saturday in Wayne County's Out-County Court and given a \$50,000 cash bond. Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said it's believed that she's still in custody because she was unable to make bail. The preliminary examination is set for June 8 in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Canton police were acting on an anonymous tip on March 7 when they found Pierce's body underneath a pile of clothing in her living room.

In April, the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office determined that the teen died of a self-imposed overdose. When police discovered the body, they also found a small amount of heroin and drug paraphernalia inside the apartment.

Tracy allegedly called Pierce's father, who lives in northern Michigan, several times requesting money.

In a strange coincidence, Tracy was living with a man in Dearborn when he died of a drug overdose last year. In light of the recent situation, Dearborn police reopened the investigation into the death of Christopher McCarthy, 33, but have since closed the case again.



Tracy

## Around the world in 95 days

Canton High grad part of global run that will focus attention on unsafe drinking water

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Sri Lanka is a long way from Michigan but Shiril Leventhal will be back in her home state in August — even if it's only to run 10 miles and move on.

Leventhal, a 2001 Canton High School graduate, lives in Sri Lanka and was chosen to participate in the first-ever Blue Planet Run.

The non-stop, 95-day relay includes 20 people that will run in 10-mile intervals through 16 countries on four continents in an effort to highlight unsafe drinking water throughout parts of the world. The run will be featured on a segment of NBC's 'Today Show' on Friday.

The 15,200-mile relay will

begin Friday in New York City and will end Sept. 4 in the same spot.

Leventhal, 23, is a motivated athlete and scholar. She ran cross country and track at Canton under the tutelage of coach John Venning. On the track, she ran the 800m, mile, 3200m and was a member of the 4x800m relay. She was also a member of the National Honor Society.

Leventhal was a member of New York University's cross country squad for three seasons and has a B.S. in actuarial science from NYU and master's degree in sports management from George Washington University.

Through her career in Sri Lanka for Sewa Finance, Leventhal has worked on various water sanitation projects and

developed a passion for the cause.

"I'm serious about this and I love running so when you combine the two with travel, oh my God, excited is an understatement," Leventhal said Wednesday while in between boot camp training sessions in New York.

Saying that she hopes the unusual venture will make "people open their eyes about the world's clean water crisis," Leventhal said one runner will be on the ground at all times. She's been assigned a 3-9 a.m. shift for the first few days.

Some of the destinations will include Ireland, Poland, Japan, Germany and the Czech Republic.

Leventhal, who is the youngest participant, said her father, Leon



Leventhal

Leventhal of Canton, will meet up with her outside of his birthplace in Russia, in California and in Michigan.

The relay is slated to hit sections of the state on August 24.

"I'm so pumped up," Leventhal said. "I'm really hoping we are a success in raising awareness."

For more information about the run or to make a donation, log onto www.blueplanetrun.org.

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## Board settles on school cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education settled on \$4.2 million in budget cuts Tuesday, while hoping increasing enrollment and a boost in the state's foundation allowance will keep them from using another \$3.6 million in its bank account to balance the 2007-08 budget.

Trustees voted to raise class size by one student in all grades, except kindergarten through second, for a total savings of \$1.87 million. Their decision was made easier when Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Barbara Rodenberg, said the cut

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**Chamber luncheon**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its June networking luncheon on June 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Summit on the Park. The cost for lunch is \$20 and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

June's luncheon will feature guest speaker Bart Patterson RE/MAX Classic. As the Chamber's past chairman of the board, Patterson will speak about leadership skills.

The luncheon is being sponsored by Outdoor Fun Store, Co. and TDS MetroCom. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, June 1.

**Youth benefit**

Emmaus Coffee House inside St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton presents Shana Dunlap and Apollo in a benefit performance 8 p.m. June 8.

All proceeds benefit the St. Michael Youth Mission trip. St. Michael Lutheran Church is located at 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton.

**FROM THE WEB**

**Story:** Gas prices driving factor in plans  
**Comments by:** iroc  
**Posted to the Web page (www.hometownlife.com) 1 24 a.m. Tuesday May 29**

As an American living in Germany I certainly have a different perspective on the price of gas. After a quick calculation, I realized that the Germans pay about double the amount for one gallon of gas. That's right, about \$7 a gallon. I think it is time that Americans become more aware of the bigger picture. It is time that we think about our fuel consumption and our great BIG cars. I realize that there is a serious lack of public transportation in most areas of the US. Perhaps we can push the government to help us out here. Let's face it, SUV's, Hummers and the like just aren't necessary. It is time to be practical."

**Make-A-Wish fundraiser**

Students from Canton Premiere Dance in Canton are teaming up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan for their 2007 Showcase on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. and June 16 at 5 p.m. to help raise funds for the Foundation, a non-profit organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. The event will take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Our dancers donate their time to perform for a number

of charitable events. The 2007 Showcase theme is Make A Wish. It just seemed natural to incorporate a fund raiser for the largest wish granting organization in the world," said Debbie Custer, owner of Canton Premiere Dance. Students hope to raise \$1,000, helping them to make a child's wish come true through the Kids for Wish Kids Program, a Make A Wish program designed specifically for students looking to support the Foundation through philanthropic efforts. To learn more about this event or to get involved, contact Debbie Custer at 734-207-9774.

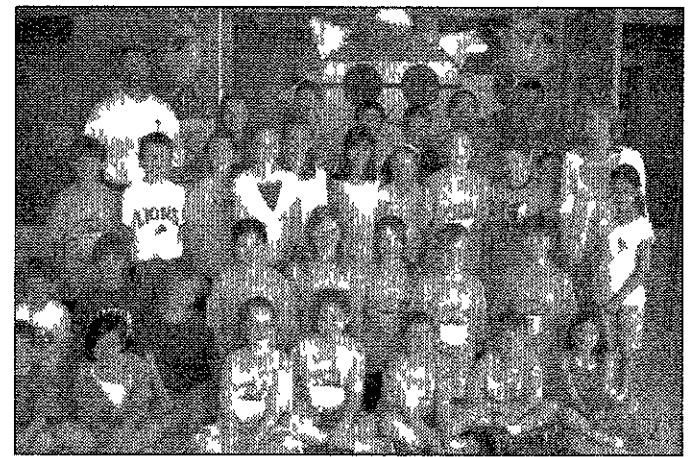
**Special Olympics**

The Special Olympics Michigan 2007 Miles for Medals Walk will take place Sept. 30 at Heritage Park in Canton. Wayne County residents and businesses are lacing up their walking shoes to raise funds and awareness for the 15,200 Special Olympics Michigan athletes, a third of which are from the Metro Detroit area.

Individuals or groups interested in participating as walkers can visit www.som1.org or call Holly Fountain at (586) 731-0922 to register.

**Summit Senior Players**

The 9th Annual production of the Summit Senior Players, It Was A Dark And Stormy Night, by Tim Kelly will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 1-2 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, June 3 at 3 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. There will be free valet parking for the Sunday matinee show. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$7 for students, and \$6 for groups of 15 or more. Tickets are available at the Summit, and can also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour prior.



**Students take up fight against cancer**

The Dodson SunJewels, pictured here with second grade teacher Terri Kay and Principal Dan Carr, raised more than any team that participated in last weekend's Relay for Life. The team raised \$23,280.91 to help in the battle against cancer. The Dodson students have been participating in cancer fund-raisers of all kinds for the last three years after losing a fellow student and past principal to cancer.

**Flapjack fundraiser**

There will be a flapjack fund-raiser 8-10 a.m., June 2, at Applebees, 43500 Ford Road in Canton. Tickets are \$5 per person for pancakes, sausage or bacon and beverage.

There will be a silent auction and raffle with more than 40 items donated from local

businesses.

All proceeds will aid Joel Bialobrzewski, his wife Melanie Cline and their 3-year old and 9-month-old boys while he battles rectal cancer and is unable to work.

For more information about the fund raiser or how you can help this young family, visit the Web site, www.outhousecreative/joel.htm.

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wouldn't impact elementary classrooms.

"It's not as if we have a whole lot of classrooms that are hovering at the edge," Rodenberg said. "I don't think it's going to be harmful to children because in most cases their class sizes won't go up."

The board also decided to cut the LEAP elementary reading program aides' hours by 33 percent to save \$130,000, which was deemed better than cutting all the aides for \$460,000. The elementary math support for split classrooms (\$90,000) and two school nurses (\$171,000)

survived the cut.

The board cut the development director position held by Tom Sklut and his secretary (\$175,000), but kept \$50,000 of the savings for future grant writing. Other major cuts included Plymouth High School Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk (\$116,000), increasing the elementary school walking distance from one mile to 1.5 miles (\$206,000), no district buses for field trips (\$50,000), and the elimination of high school media professionals (\$83,000).

The Board of Education has set a June 12 public hearing on the proposed budget.

Trustees also decided not to move the school board election from May to November, to save about 20 percent of the cur-

rent \$90,000 or more it currently costs to conduct the annual board election. Several board members were concerned November elections could lead to partisan politicking.

The cost to get into an election and the kind of fund-raising needed would go up quite a few notches, said Trustee Judy Mardigan. "I just don't think we're going to get the kind of people who have come up through the system and have served on district committees."

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez noted, "We're pushing the potential candidates to take on a lot more responsibility, and we're concerned about what type of candidates will be taking this on."

Trustee Steven Sneedman, who pushed hard to keep class sizes from increasing in K-2, said it's time for state legislators to do their part in funding education.

"I felt it needed to be said that we will do our part of the job, but we expect Lansing to do its part," Sneedman said. "If we had raised class size across the board, it would set a precedent that's what we do in this district, we raise class size. Superintendent Jim Ryan

said he feels the board is in a good position, at this point.

"The \$4.2 million in cuts, combined with a projected zero foundation allowance, leaves us with about a \$3.6 million deficit," Ryan said. "I think it's a good spot for the board to land until they see what enrollment is next year and what the foundation grant is."

Cuts of \$8 million over the past five years have stopped our ability to better perform, and now we're in some tough cuts, he said. "We're hoping the positive settlement of a single business tax will be a plus, and we hope the state legislature comes up with some revenue producer they feel is fair for the state."

Ryan said the board's decision not to increase K-2 class size will mean seven full-time teaching positions will be saved.

Not increasing the K-2, coupled with those who are retiring and those coming back from leave, gives us a better chance of recalling all our teachers, Ryan said. "I don't know if we'll get to 40, but my reputation has been pretty good so far. We've recalled everybody the last four years."

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# Rouge Rescue volunteers will help clean up future trail area

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton will hold its annual Rouge Rescue/River Day event Saturday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. along the Lower Rouge River, near Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road.

Volunteers will be participating in a number of activities, according to Canton Staff Engineer Erika Hidalgo, who is coordinating the event this year. Volunteers will be able to choose from a number of activities, including a guided nature walk, birdhouse building, and worm box construction for composting. However, the main activity will be clean up efforts in and around the river itself.

According to Hidalgo, the township received a \$3,075 grant to help pay for the stream clean-up. She said volunteers will be picking up trash, but also breaking up logjams to restore the

## ROUGE RESCUE/RIVER DAY

What Canton will be holding its Rouge Rescue/River Day site along Lower Rouge River at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor. Access the site from Palmer Road. Turn south onto Round Table into the Canton Country Acres subdivision. Round Table turns into Lancelot. Look for signs pointing to parking area. When 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday June 2. Activities. Participants will be able to choose from a number of different activities including guided nature walks, birdhouse building, constructing worm boxes for composting and river cleaning efforts. The event will also focus on educational topics such as the removal of invasive species and a Michigan snakes presentation will be given by Nature Discovery.

natural flow of the river. "People need to know we won't be tearing out the logjams. We're just trying to break the jams by practicing woody debris management. We're not removing the wood, just opening up the flow," she said.

Some of the special features this year will be a Michigan native snakes presentation by Nature Discovery, and several guided nature walks led by township officials. The guided tours are scheduled for 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.

According to Hidalgo, the tours will be lead along the area where the township will be building a trail network later this year. Township officials approved the plan earlier this year, and are waiting for permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality before they can begin construction.

When completed, it will be used for walking, jogging, and biking.

The guided tours will show people where the trails will be cut in. This will bring residents out to the site and get them familiar with the area, Hidalgo said.

Hidalgo expects about 200 volunteers to come out Saturday.

She said all volunteers will receive a T-shirt, donuts and drinks for breakfast and a barbecue lunch (around noon). Volunteers should come dressed for the weather and

location, and are urged to wear long pants, long sleeved tops, and boots. As a precaution, all volunteers should also be current on their tetanus shot. Township officials will provide bug repellent.

To get to the site, Hidalgo said people should take Palmer Road east of Sheldon, and turn south onto Round Table Drive into the Canton Country Acres subdivision.

Round Table will turn into Lancelot where there will be signs pointing to the parking area. Hidalgo said it is the same site where the township held the event four years ago.

Volunteer registration will begin at 8 a.m. Rouge Rescue/River Day will take place rain or shine.

For more information please call Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

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Rouge Rescue/River Day will take place Saturday throughout the Rouge River watershed. Volunteers will meet in Canton at 8 a.m. on the Lower Rouge River near Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road.

# Township board prepares to put Oakwood proposal to rest

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will attempt to bring closure to Oakwood Healthcare System's request to build a hospital at the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes on June 12.

"We are trying to be fair to those residents and to the whole community," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, adding that Oakwood representatives initially said they would make a decision about whether to withdraw their proposal by May 15.

When the date approached, Yack said Oakwood officials asked for additional time to look at other sites within the township, but have yet to announce any decision concerning the 88-acre parcel at Beck and Geddes.

The Dearborn-based corporation proposed building a small medical facility at the intersection and then morphing it into a 650,000-square-foot hospital.

The land, which is owned by Singh Development and was slated for luxury homes and

apartments, is packaged under a planned development district agreement for additional phases of Singh's Charing Cross subdivision.

On April 2, the Planning Commission voted 6-1 to deny Oakwood's request to alter the PDD. About two-thirds of the 540-person audience was against the proposal.

Although some board members have already said they are against the proposal, Yack said if Oakwood representatives attend the meeting next month, they'll have a chance to speak but added, "I don't know what the value would be."

David Ippel, Oakwood's division president of ambulatory services, said he doesn't expect any of the corporation's officials to attend the board meeting and called the move "appropriate for the township."

This doesn't preclude us from doing something in the future," he said. "We like that site, we always have the right to go back and appeal."

Ippel reiterated Oakwood's stance that they wish to be good neighbors in Canton.

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## Charges reduced for woman accused of beating husband

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

The felonious assault charge against Canton's Kelly



Campbell-Baumgartner

Campbell-Baumgartner was tossed out of court Tuesday

Campbell-Baumgartner, 46, still faces charges of domestic violence and assault and battery for allegedly attacking her 86-year-old husband, William Baumgartner, with a knife or fork on April 22 while the two were at Max & Ermas in Canton

Pre-trial motions will begin June 4 before Judge Edward Ewell, Jr. at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. Earlier this month, Ewell lifted a no-contact restriction between the two, who got married five months ago.

Baumgartner, who has filed for a divorce, testified that his wife continued an argument from earlier that day inside the restaurant. At the preliminary hearing, he disputed statements in the police report that Campbell-Baumgartner waved a sharp utensil near his face but admitted that she had pushed and hit him at their Canton home.

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"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

Look for upcoming dining with these local stars — July: Jay Towers of WKRK-FM (97.1), August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9), September: Chuck Gaudica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) — in all *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror* editions and online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

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wanted to be but we're the best quality for the price. It's been the foundation of our success." Crimboli's customer Lesley Rozum said she agrees with the nursery's philosophy.

"You pay for what you get," she said, adding that the company has done a lot of outdoor work on her Canton home. Everyone is really outgoing and is interested in your needs."

Crimboli, who has one adult son, caused a stir eight years ago when he lined the front of his business with a row of palm trees.

"I spend my winters in Florida and wanted to bring some of that atmosphere to Michigan and they nearly had to shut Ford Road down," he laughed. "People started calling me a marketing genius. I didn't have the heart to tell them (otherwise)."

Immediately after attracting the attention of passerbys

and the media, Crimboli began peddling palms of varying sizes. They're typically on display from Mother's Day to Halloween.

"They make good Christmas trees," he joked, adding that they've become his most popular item.

A couple years ago, Crimboli built a collection of small, wooden shops called Sweetwater Village for his wife, Linda, to manage.

"They're a little pricey but the items are unique," he said, adding that Linda is

planning to retire with him.

When his crew of seven full-time employees begin running the show without him next season, Crimboli says it will be bittersweet.

"I enjoy helping out our customers," he said. "I walk around and answer questions. I don't say who I am because I prefer to just be myself. Sometimes, they'll ask me if I work here and I'll tell them I'm here part time."

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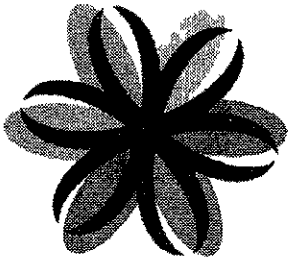
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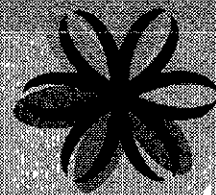
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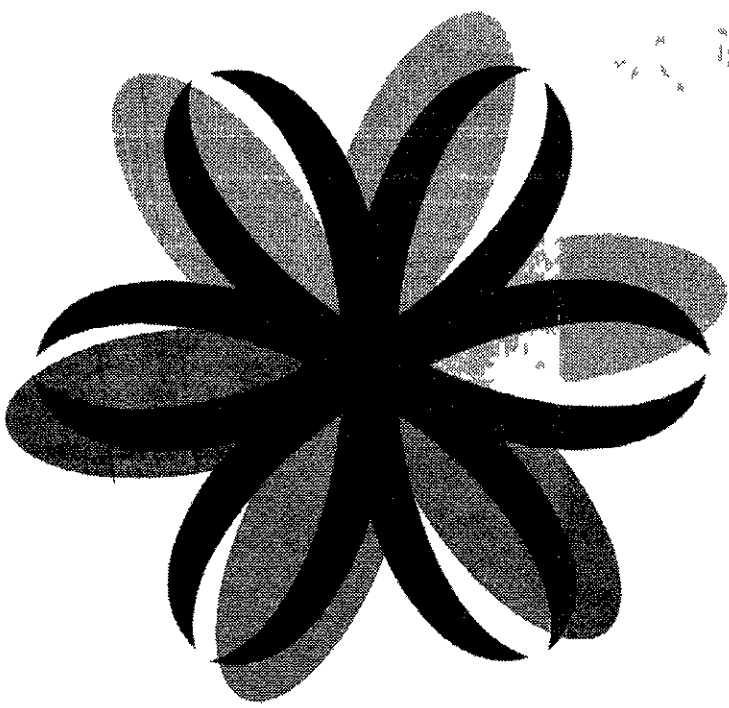
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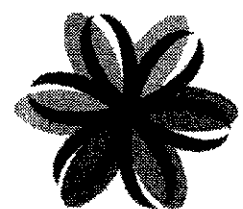


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# Vets offer advice on workplace re-entry

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

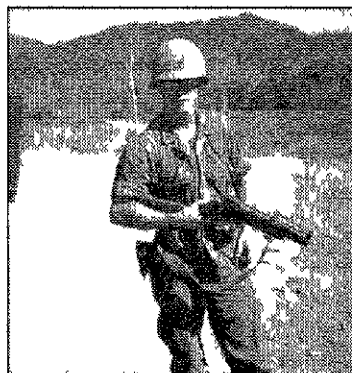
Military veterans face challenges getting reacquainted to the civilian workforce. Those who have served in the armed forces have words of advice for younger vets coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Don Bain of Plymouth Township was in the U.S. Army 1966-69 in Vietnam. He worked in the Army as a civil engineer, construction officer, and mostly as an executive officer for a combat engineer company.

The Penn State graduate took ROTC military training as an undergraduate while there as it was mandatory. He was commissioned a second lieutenant at graduation.

Bain encourages younger veterans to get involved with veterans organizations to help them adjust. It's not something anybody ever gets over, he said.

Bain recalled he got at least one R and-R and wife Elaine met him in Hawaii. It was the Chinese New Year and the cel-



This is 1st Lt. Don Bain with an M79 grenade launcher at the firing range at Ben Het (Ben Het is about 2 kilometers from the Vietnam Laos, Cambodia border intersection). Soldiers used the M79 to do what is called H&I firing (harassment and interdiction) at night.

celebration included firecrackers. I immediately dove on the floor, Bain said. So you get kind of conditioned.

Bain doesn't have nightmares but still dreams that "somehow I've joined the Army again and that I was back in Vietnam."

He stayed in the Army a year and a half after Vietnam,

resigning his commission as a captain. Bain earned a master's degree in business administration on the GI Bill from the Wharton School/University of Pennsylvania, and had a 32-year career at Ford Motor Co.

"An era of tremendous turmoil, a lot of war protests. The returning troops were not treated very well," Bain said of his early days home. "I do not have fond memories of the 70s."

He and his wife have been to a couple of military reunions and keep in touch with people with whom he served.

It's hard to make the transition. You've just got to deal with it. There are organizations available that can provide help and counseling, he said. "Get to know other veterans and have a sounding board for some of the problems they're experiencing."

There's not really a facility he knows of to help the military work with civilian employers.

I had no overlap of the two, said Bain, who pointed out Ford categorized Vietnam veterans as minorities.

I would expect they would have something similar today, said Bain, who retired in 2002 and went back to Ford for nearly two years as a consultant.

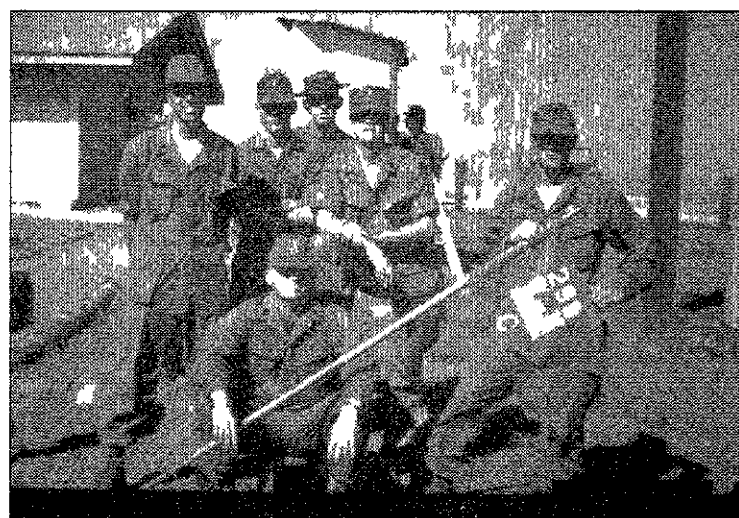
In addition to veterans organizations, there's Veterans Affairs, some businesses like Home Depot have preferential hiring and workplace assistance, Bain added.

Elaine took teaching classes while he was at Penn State. She recalled their meeting at the airport earlier in Honolulu, and how hard it was for military families to say goodbye to loved ones.

Generals are crying, and colonels are crying. It didn't matter what your rank was, said Elaine Bain, who went to school with some undergraduate protest leaders who vilified military personnel "which made it even harder for guys who came back and went to school."

"People really didn't have a handle on what was going on, plus the government had like crazy," she added.

Don and Elaine have two sons and a daughter. Don Bain said of the Vietnam service men and today's combat troops, "They were out there in the middle of nowhere just



The officers and first sergeant of Charlie Company, 299 Combat Engineers Republic of Vietnam 1968.

killing people. Military personnel were then put on a plane to fly home.

"You don't really fit in that space anymore," Elaine Bain said. "We're fortunate Donald was able to hold it all together."

Fellow Plymouth Township resident Bill O'Mara, also a Vietnam veteran, having served 1967-68 as a sergeant in the Army infantry. He was in the restaurant business as a manager before his Army service.

"After I came home, that job was still available," O'Mara said. He took his old job, and then went into sales with his dad, working for 33 years at what is now Sysco Corp. O'Mara was older about 25, when he was drafted.

All my thoughts were serve my time and come home," remembered O'Mara, who said he didn't have a lot of issues upon return to the U.S.

It felt good to be home, O'Mara recalled. He and wife Elizabeth started their family, which includes three daughters.

"Try to get back into the mainstream as soon as possible," O'Mara tells returning veterans. "Get back into doing something. See what options are available," such as military-supported schooling.

The more you sit around, the more you think about what happened," he added.

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## Labor Department: More young vets working than in past

The unemployment rate for veterans ages 20-24 fell to 10.4 percent in 2006 from 15.6 percent in the previous year according to data released earlier this year by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The drop in the young veterans' unemployment rate is the largest decline in more than a decade. The unemployment rate for all veterans remained lower than that of nonveterans.

It is encouraging to see this significant drop in the unemployment rate of young veterans, said Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. Helping America's servicemen and women successfully transition to civilian jobs when they leave the armed forces is a top priority of this department and these latest numbers show that progress is being made.

The department's Veterans Employment and Training

Service operates a number of programs to protect the employment rights of veterans and to help them succeed in the 21st century workforce.

Prior to a service member's separation from the military, VETS conducts employment workshops under the Transition Assistance Program. Young veterans are referred to one of the country's 3,400 comprehensive and affiliate One-Stop Career Centers where personalized assistance is available to find jobs and build the skills they need to succeed in the civilian labor force.

In addition, VETS continues to collaborate on research to better understand the specific issues young veterans face as they transition to civilian jobs.

VETS also conducts outreach to employers through the HireVetsFirst gov program, which emphasizes the value of hiring veterans and

helps employers find qualified veterans to fill positions.

"For the past several years, we have stepped up our efforts to meet the needs of transitioning service members and protect their employment rights," said Charles Ciccolella, assistant secretary of labor for Veterans Employment and Training. "We are heartened by the improved employment outcomes last year. We also continue to reach out to employers through the HireVetsFirst gov campaign, to emphasize the values veterans bring to their businesses, and help them recruit veterans."

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## Money Matters

Rick Bloom

and when it comes to home owner's insurance, it should be up to date. For most, a home is the single largest asset.

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At the same time you're looking at your homeowner's policy, why not review your automobile insurance? Think about raising the deductible. In the past, the standard deductible was \$100 and then it eventually moved up to \$250. In today's world, many consider the minimum deductible at \$500 or \$1,000. Remember, the larger the deductible, the lower the premium.

Find out what discounts are available on your homeowner's and auto insurance. For example, if you have a teenager who

drives your car, there is a discount for good grades.

There are more alternatives than ever when shopping for insurance. In addition to your current carrier, credit unions offer a variety of discount programs. You can also search the Internet. Even if you don't feel comfortable purchasing a policy through the Internet, it can be a great tool to check out prices and discounts available.

One mistake many people make is they assume the lowest bid is the best bid. That's not always the case. Although, I do believe that the money you save looks better in your pocket, it is important to compare apples to apples. Sometimes a policy with lower premiums offers inferior coverage. Don't assume all homeowners

and auto policies are the same. Do the research before beginning your search.

Many people will say the time they spend learning about homeowner's and automobile insurance and shopping around will not save them a substantial amount of money. However, you may be surprised. You can save money and get a better policy.

As you shop around, consider whether you need an umbrella policy. Umbrella liability policies provide additional coverage above and beyond your homeowner and automobile policy. Umbrella coverage is usually sold in increments of \$1 million and in the big picture is relatively affordable.

Although I don't recommend being overinsured, if I

have to be overinsured in one area, it is homeowner's insurance. And for professionals and business owners, or high net individuals, umbrella liability coverage does provide an extra amount of protection.

Purchasing an umbrella policy for auto and home with the same company, usually results in discounts and is easy to coordinate coverage.

The time you spend now will provide you peace of mind down the road.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at [money@hometownlife.com](mailto:money@hometownlife.com). For more information, visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTN AM (1400).

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# Kiwanis Club goes to dogs with benefit



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The Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club goes to the dogs with the club's fifth annual Tails & Trails Charitable Dog Walk Saturday June 2, in Heritage Park in Canton. Sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus, all proceeds from the annual event will benefit Paws with a Cause and the Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. The event is one of the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's major fundraisers and allows them to sponsor community programs throughout the year including the donation of personal dictionaries to each and every third grader in the Plymouth/Canton school district. The day begins with a pet first aid seminar, followed by the dog walk through some of

the most beautiful areas of Heritage Park. A packed program of events for all the family includes games for dogs and kids, contests, kids activities, tent, face painting and balloon animals and pet-related vendor booths with plenty of information and samples to give away. Though organizers hope there'll be no growling dogs, any growling stomachs can be quieted at the event's food concession stands, to the sound of doggy-themed music courtesy of Silver Sounds DJs. Heritage Park is located

behind the Canton Public Library, at 1200 S. Canton Center. Registration is \$15 per dog in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Walk-ups are welcome, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged and the first 80 registered dogs will receive a free 'goodie bag.' Current vaccination records must be presented at check-in. For more information or to register, visit [www.pckwanis.org](http://www.pckwanis.org) or call Carol at (734) 451-3500.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### AROUND TOWN

#### Grief support group

The Sharing & Caring Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Heartland Hospice. The group is held from 10-11 a.m. at Heartland Healthcare Center located at 4701 N. Lilley Road in Canton. The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is held the first and third Wednesday of the month and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. There is no charge to attend. For additional information contact Ann Christensen, Heartland Hospice bereavement coordinator toll free at (888) 973-1145.

#### St. John the Baptist 100th Anniversary

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Detroit celebrates its 100th anniversary with a jubilee banquet 1 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan in Warren. Cost is \$50. For more information, e-mail Joseph Szafranski at [joseph\\_szafranski@msn.com](mailto:joseph_szafranski@msn.com) or call (248) 661-0099.

#### Belleville High reunion

Belleville High School Class of 1982

will hold its 25-year class reunion Aug. 3-5 at the Eagle Crest Marriott in Ypsilanti. For more information, contact Bridget at [brtotary@comcast.net](mailto:brtotary@comcast.net) or call Michelle Fales at (734) 844-8704.

#### Garden walk

The Wayne Garden Club will present the Wayne Garden Walk from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 23. Tickets will be sold at Goudy Park Gardens behind Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road on the day of walk. For more information, contact Beverly at (734) 722-9666 or Sue at (734) 641-9888.

#### Comedy for a cause

A comedy fund-raiser called Big Laughs for Big Macs is scheduled for June 23 at Wise Guys Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River in Novi. Proceeds from the show will benefit Tomorrow's Child/Michigan AIDS. The cost of the show is \$15. Door opens at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. E-mail Carol at [sdsnews@comcast.net](mailto:sdsnews@comcast.net) with your questions and to register. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket can contact Tara Rolthoff of Canton at (734) 927-4691 or (734) 812-1630 or e-mail her at [elephant1175@aol.com](mailto:elephant1175@aol.com).

#### Grade School Reunion

In conjunction with its 100th anniversary, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian

Catholic Church in Detroit hosts a reunion of all former students of the parish grade school (1940s to 1980s). The event takes place 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 22, at the St. Joseph Banquet Center, 26440 Ryan (one block south of I-696) in Warren. Cost is \$45. For more information, e-mail Eugenia Tkacz at [genia46@juno.com](mailto:genia46@juno.com) or call (734) 284-2159. Deadline for tickets is Friday, June 1.

#### Michigan Dance camp

Michigan Dance Express Summer Camp is currently accepting applications for their 15th Annual Summer Dance Camp, scheduled for July 15-19 at Camp Copneconic in Fenton. Michigan Dancers ages 8-16 are eligible to attend the dance camp where they will study all forms of dance. In addition to daily dance classes, students will also participate in traditional camp activities such as boating, swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, games and more. For more information about the dance camp, please contact Michigan Dance Express at 7570 Wadding, Onsted, MI 49265 or call (313) 562-1203 or (517) 592-5326. The Dance Camp director is Jan Sickle Witte, owner of Jan's Dance Connection in Dearborn Heights and Brooklyn, MI.

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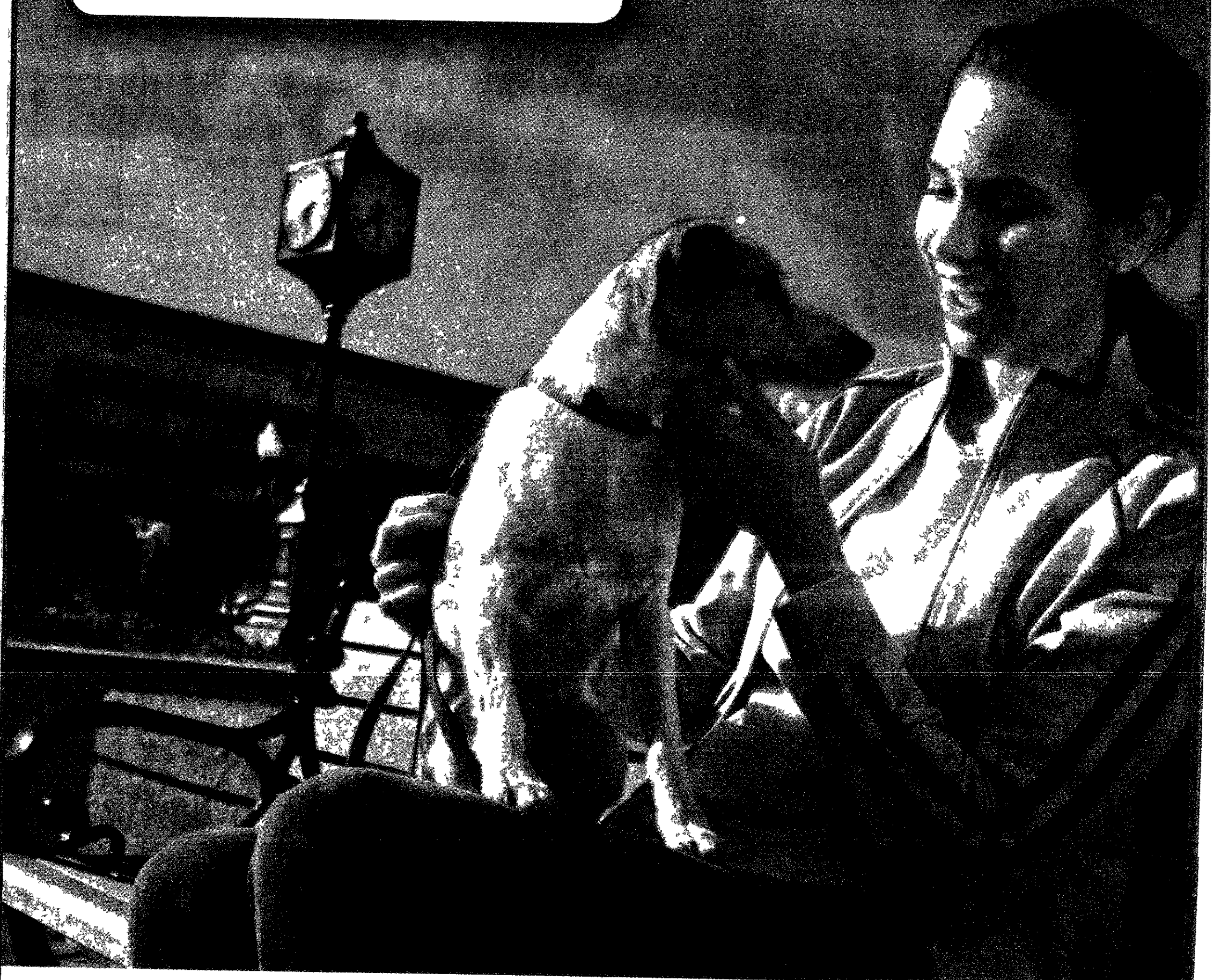




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### OUR VIEWS

## Will of voters should matter

Nancy Eggenberger won a spot on the Plymouth Canton Board of Education in the May 8 election and the current board did the right thing last week by giving her a five week head start.

The board appointed Eggenberger whose term actually doesn't start until July 1 to replace Mark Slavens who resigned May 8 after being chosen by Gov. Jennifer Granholm for a seat on the 3rd Circuit Court. That will allow Eggenberger to hit the ground running as she begins her learning curve to full-time board member.

The move also ensures the board a full seven member complement as it continues to wrestle with budget issues and decides how best to replace Superintendent Jim Ryan who will leave the district before the next school year is completed.

Meanwhile the board will have to tackle the replacement issue again in July. Despite the pending judicial appointment Slavens stayed in the race a move some thought skewed the race. As a result he was the second-place finisher and as such won his third term on the board.

So another spot opens in July. The board will certainly follow its procedures and again accept applications, but it had the chance last week to interview two of the other three candidates who were on the May 8 ballot - Kurt Heise and Larry Martin. John Nichols, who decided against running this year after a failed campaign a year ago also applied and interviewed.

Heise surprised everyone by saying from the outset Eggenberger should get this first post, he said he'll make known his interest in the next one. Martin and Nichols will also apply and a couple of others have shown interest we hope candidate Bruce Koldys is one of them.

Martin and Nichols have been involved in the district, both would make good board members. Heise who hasn't made much of an effort to attend meetings or budget discussions has still managed to educate himself on the issues.

Heise made a big point last week of making sure the will of the voters is honored. He could have made that easier for board members to do with a little more effort such as sticking around for board meetings or budget sessions. Board members must pick the person they believe best fits the job.

Still when the board meets in July to choose Slavens replacement, they should keep the voters in mind.

## Graduation is no time to get stupid

Teens throughout the area are counting down the days until they will walk out of their high schools for the last time - and out into a new world full of promise and wonder.

Graduating from high school is one of the great milestones of life. It is an exciting time of transition. Many students will be headed off to college in the fall others will take on jobs.

It is a well-earned time of celebration that should be enjoyed.

Unfortunately, many teens choose to use their new found freedom to party harder than they should and in many cases this includes drinking, drugs, and even driving too fast (and sometimes a combination of all three).

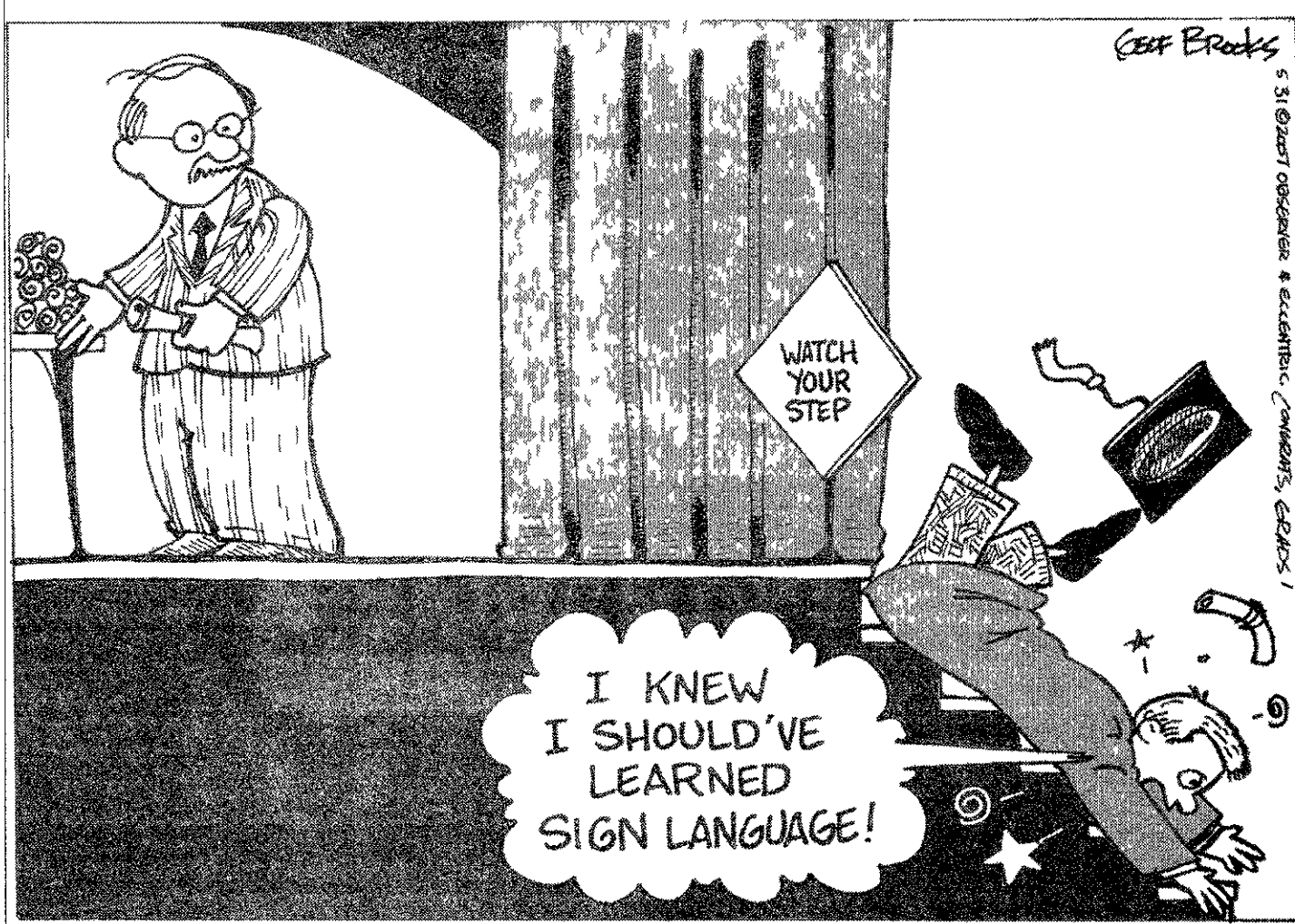
All too often teens think they are indestructible, and don't think about the consequences of their actions before it's too late. Here are some sobering statistics they should be aware of before they go out and screw up their future before it really has a chance to begin.

The graduation and prom season is the deadliest season of the year for teen drivers and their passengers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) teen traffic deaths peak in the summer when teens are behind the wheel more than at any other time of year.

Crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers according to AAA and 40 percent of teen car accident fatalities during prom and graduation season are alcohol related. Of all fatal teen auto accidents one third involve speed related collisions and one quarter involve the use of alcohol.

Excessive drinking has also been linked to a significant number of kidnappings and as many as two thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students.

So while graduation is certainly a milestone to celebrate there can be some significant consequences for celebrating too hard. Teens should enjoy themselves but not jeopardize their future.



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### LETTERS

#### Continue thinking of vets

As we look back on this Memorial Day I would like to take this opportunity to thank all veterans. It is your sacrifice that allows me the many freedoms that I enjoy each day. Thank you for ensuring the safety and well being of my family the ability to serve as a representative and the freedom to practice my own religious beliefs.

I would also like to thank the families of those who serve for your sacrifices for sharing your son or daughter, brother or sister, husband or wife with our community and our country. His or her service provides freedom for all Americans and the spread of democracy across the world.

Even though Memorial Day has passed it is still very important to live honorably for our veterans. I encourage the community to take the time to thank them and honor their memory and sacrifice through your actions. We owe it to them to raise our children with a strong foundation of patriotism. It is our duty to teach them to cherish the principles that grant us our freedom and to honor those who have put their lives on the line.

Again I thank you for your sacrifice and God bless you all!

state Rep. Phil LaJoy  
21st House District

#### Islam elevates women

This is in response to a letter to the editor titled "Muslim women oppressed" published in the *Canton Observer* on May 17.

The author alleges that Muslim women are oppressed and cites some Web sites and TV channels as reference. I humbly suggest the author should talk to some practicing Muslim women rather than relying on biased media coverage. The author further states that Muslim women are treated as property in some Muslim countries. One studies Islam from its true sources (the Koran and the traditions of Prophet Mohammed) one will find that Islam elevates the status of women and all of our confessions upon her. Allah created all of us in His image.

In the recent past Muslims involved in our country have been treated that women are out there bringing an embracing Islam to our country. I am not an oppressor of women nor would these women willingly give up their freedom and choose to be oppressed. We are making every effort to educate the misconceptions about Islam through public talks and seminars in our communities periodically.

Mohammed Yusoff  
Canton

#### Appoint Heise

As a Canton Township resident and participant in the election which voted for Kurt Heise, I would like to state that I am proud of the choice we made. I am confident that Kurt Heise will be a great asset to the board.

John + Candace M. S. ... well we welcome you to the board.

he would be unable to serve as a member of the Plymouth Canton school board if re-elected for an appointment as a judge of the 3rd Judicial (Wayne County) Circuit was to be his shortly. Yet inexplicably Mr. Slavens failed to withdraw his name from the list of candidates and almost no one who voted for him was aware that he would be unable to serve.

Kurt Heise received the next highest number of votes - more than 2,500 - and it is obvious he should be appointed to the school board according to the will of the voters. I was one of those who voted for Mr. Heise and I will be extremely disappointed should he not, as fairness and the continued enfranchisement of those thousands of voters who cast their ballots for him would dictate he be appointed to replace Mark Slavens on the Plymouth Canton school board.

If any action other than appointing Mr. Heise to the school board is taken then my confidence in the integrity of the process and that of every other voter in the district will be severely shaken as well it should be.

Margaret Waldecker  
Canton

#### Heise deserves spot

I am one of the Canton voters who voted for Kurt Heise for the PCCS school board as did my husband and son as well. It's too bad that Heise doesn't automatically get Mark Slavens' spot since he came in third.

I remember the *Observer* newspaper also wanted the third place person to finish second in the event that Slavens took first or second. I hope that same rule applies to Heise.

It seems to me that at least the absentee voters who voted for Mark Slavens before he announced his resignation got their votes stolen from them as they voted for someone else if they had known. Other voters might not have gotten the word either unless they kept up with the local news. I saw yard signs for Mark Slavens that were still on the intersections on Election Day. I hope the school board will respect our votes and allow Kurt Heise a seat on the board.

Ruth Frownfetter  
Canton

#### No support for Heise

Kurt Heise recently appeared at the Plymouth Canton school board on May 21. He commented on his election to the board and thanked Mark Slavens.

Mr. Heise's comments reminded me of the words of Sen. L. Y. Beitz when talking to Dan Quigley about John F. Kerry's opposition. The people of the community know the high quality of service that Mr. Slavens provided to the district and frankly you Mr. Heise are no Mr. Slavens.

I feel Mr. Heise just moved to this community for money to go from job to job. He went to his child's school and even enrolled in private school. I feel he is a complete disappointment.

### QUOTABLE

'As we research what our schools wish to do to participate, our district has the highest contribution listed ... I am concerned with increasing those fees a 1/4' by J.R.

Dr. James Ryan, Plymouth Canton School Superintendent on the prospect of raising the pay to play fee for athletics.

school board meeting by Carl Berry. Aren't you Mr. Heise, the chosen one of the ultraconservative Republicans and Carl Berry?

As reported in the *Observer* on May 20, didn't Mr. Heise receive several campaign contributions from law firms doing business with Wayne County, his employer? Why did the director of the Detroit Water Board, Mr. Victor Mercado, contribute to the Heise campaign for the local school board?

Finally the motivation behind Mr. Heise's desire to be appointed to the Plymouth Canton school board is tainted by contributions to his campaign from two staff members of Sen. Patterson who are on the state payroll - Mr. Bob Mauseth and Ms. Sue Tressel.

There are several other highly qualified and sincerely motivated candidates who should be appointed to the PCCS board.

Bill Nowacki  
Plymouth

#### Thanks for caring

A sincere thank you to the Canton Newcomers area churches area schools and multiple individuals that positively responded to a request for care package items for our military fighting the war on terror in Iraq and Afghanistan. The response was overwhelming!

Shipment of items will be ready 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 11, at the PLAV #166 White Eagle Post, 39375 Amrhein in Livonia for anyone interested in lending a hand.

Roger L. Kehrier  
Plymouth

#### Good for Bruce

Bruce Patterson stated in the *Observer* a few weeks ago that he was contributing to the turnaround of Michigan's economy by giving back some of his salary. Good for Bruce Patterson. I haven't seen any other takers. What about Rep. LaJoy? I didn't see anything from him.

Mr. Patterson could you let us know if anyone else has taken this on and if you kept your promise?

Hadley Hudak  
Canton

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Registration is \$15 per dog in advance or \$20 on the day of the event. Walk ups are welcome, but pre registration is encouraged. The first 80 registered dogs will receive a free goody bag.

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Sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus, all proceeds from the annual event will benefit PAWS With a Cause and the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. This is one of the Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club's major fund-raisers and allows them to sponsor community programs throughout the year.

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Though organizers hope there'll be no growling dogs, any growling stomachs can be quieted at the event's food concession stands to the sound of doggy-themed music courtesy of Silver Sounds DJs. Heritage Park is located behind the Canton Public Library, at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Pet Supplies Plus is a Michigan based company and part of the Canton community since 1991.

# New RESA head must balance tighter budget, greater needs

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

At a time when school districts need more support services in the wake of the state's budget problems, the state's intermediate school districts are facing budget problems of their own.

When Christopher Wigent, currently superintendent of the Calhoun County Intermediate School District, becomes the new superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency on July 1, he will face the task of tightening his budget while continuing to provide needed services.

There is a tightening of the organization, but at the same time when RESAs and ISDs may cut providing services to the local districts, they may need services even more, he said.

Intermediate school districts were created by the state Legislature in 1962 as an intermediary service agency between the state Department of Education and local school districts. The state has 57 intermediate school districts. RESA serves the 34 school districts in Wayne County.

Wigent was selected by the RESA board to replace Marlene Davis, who retires June 30. He comes to RESA after six years as superintendent of the Calhoun County ISD. He has served as superin-



Wigent

tendent at the Olivet and Dryden school districts and held positions as principal, assistant principal and teacher in a 27-year career in education, which included a student teaching position at Redford Union High School.

I've had a very successful career and each of those moves was for something better and a blessing of the people I worked with, he said. "People have really mentored me very well and I desired to move to the next level and people have been good at helping me with that."

RESA serves a larger area than the Calhoun County agency, where Battle Creek is the largest school district. But in some ways, it is a smaller operation.

"In Calhoun County, it's a little different than in Wayne. We provide a few more direct services," he said. "We have a development center, starting in July, we'll be operating a technology center, we supply all of the school social workers and psychologists for the local districts. In fact in July, we'll have 400 employees, while Wayne RESA has less, about 280. The idea is the same, education service and leadership. The delivery system is a little different."

### DIFFERENT NEEDS

In Calhoun County Wigent dealt with 13 school districts,

many of them rural. In Wayne County, he will be working with 34 districts in the state's most urban environment, including the large Detroit school district. Wigent said he and his staff were able to build close personal relations with the superintendents of the Calhoun districts.

"Obviously with 34, that's a little more difficult in providing services," he said. "But I still think it's about those relationships and helping districts understand that it might not always be equal. There might be projects where just half the districts wish to take advantage of that, but at the same time be responsive to the other half of those districts and what they need as well."

One of Wigent's top priorities will be meeting with the 34 superintendents individually in July and early August about what RESA is doing right and what the superintendents think can be improved.

Wigent will be dealing with the troubled Detroit School District, which will also have a new superintendent.

The first thing I'll do is build on the relationships that are already there between RESA and Detroit," he said. "There has been a lot of work that has gone on over the last several years, specifically with Detroit Public Schools — going into high-priority buildings, providing coaching. I think it's important to put their minds at rest that we are

going to continue that and I am committed to that."

In addition, he said changes at the Department of Education will move funds from Detroit to RESA for the high-priority schools.

"It will be more important than ever that we communicate and work closely with Detroit to make sure those monies are put to as good a use as possible," he said.

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Wigent said another key area for RESA is working with school districts to meet challenges of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation and the state's new high school graduation requirements.

Our role is to help provide leadership to the districts to get through the myriad of laws and requirements," he said.

Wigent said there will continue to be political obstacles to the merging of smaller school districts, as proposed by many political leaders to save costs.

"I'd rather concentrate on consolidation of services," he said. "Achieve a smarter use of dollars."

Wigent, his wife and two sons, 10 and 7, will be moving to Wayne County from Marshall as soon as they sell their home. He said the timing is right as his wife is just completing a doctorate at Michigan State University.

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## St. Mary Mercy Hospital to host open house

St. Mary Mercy Hospital holds its annual Community Open House featuring health information, screenings,

games, prizes, music and more 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 3, on the hospital north grounds, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-1592 or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org). All events are free.

Kids will love the game tent and inflatable activities, and everyone can learn valuable information from the hospital's health professionals on topics

such as orthopedics, surgery, cancer, and the heart. Always a favorite are visits from the community's medical rescue vehicles including ambulances, fire trucks, Livonia Police and K-9 Units, and the MedFlight helicopter. Enjoy food and refreshments and prizes.

Visitors can receive a health screening, or take a tour of the hospital including the new

Heart & Vascular Center and Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit.

The open house follows the Cancer Survivors Celebration beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a reception in the hospital's south lobby. For more information, call (734) 655-8950.

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
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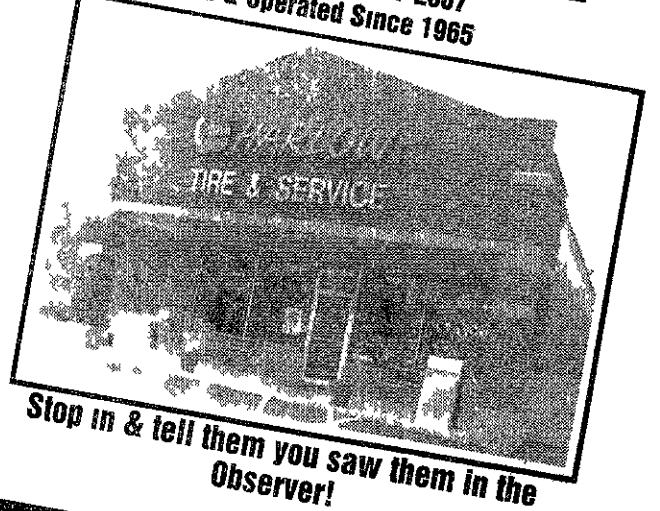


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Plymouth pitcher Brad Lineberry, pictured in a game earlier this year earned the victory in the Wildcats' 11-7 win over Livonia Stevenson Tuesday afternoon in a Division 1 pre-District contest at Stevenson

## Canton girls top Pioneer in team effort

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The No. 6-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer girls soccer team's hopes of a 2007 state title were deep-sixed by Canton Tuesday night in a Division 1 pre-District contest played on the P-CEP soccer field.

The Pioneers had dominated the up-and-coming Chiefs 4-0 earlier in the season. "We did a great job of adjusting to Pioneer's strengths," said Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team's record improved to 11-4-3. "It was a great effort by the entire team."

Canton senior goal-tender Bree Bellovary was outstanding between the pipes for the winners as she made at least seven saves, Tomasso estimated. It's the best game she's played in a while.

Offensively, senior captain Becci Houdek took the Chiefs on the board in the first half while Jessica Trost got the game-winner in the second half.

"Offensively, we scored off a penalty kick and a rebound shot," said Tomasso. "Defensively, we played with a lot of heart."

The Chiefs will now play Garden City in a District semifinal game today at 6 p.m. at home. A victory will propel the Chiefs into Friday's title contest against Ann Arbor Huron.

Canton, which improved to 11-4-3, has now upended two top-10 teams. Two weeks ago, the Chiefs surprised No. 7-ranked Northville to earn a second-place showing in the WLAAs' Western Division.

## Sidelines

### MU adds golfers

Madonna University head men's golf coach Steve Mato has announced the signing of local standouts including Austin Stillman (Livonia Franklin) and Josh Brist (Livonia Churchill) for the 2007-08 season.

Stillman, a Division I state qualifier and All-Observer first-team selection, joins the Crusaders next season with a great deal of tournament experience. He was the Patriots' first state qualifier in over 20 years.

"Austin has a positive attitude in everything he does and this is reflected in his golf game," Mato said. "He has an excellent short game and a very good putter and has recently added some distance to his game."

Brist, who hails from Westland, is described as a hard-working individual. He earned third-team All-Observer.

Josh has a very good golf swing with a great amount of potential," Mato said. "I feel he will be a valuable contributor to the Madonna golf team in the near future."

### MU links scholars

A pair of Madonna University women's golfers were named to the 2007 Daktronics Scholar-Athlete team in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Seniors Kassi Jacob and Lisa Rodriguez were both honored for their achievements on and off the course.

Jacob, a marketing major from Gaylor St. Mary's, and Rodriguez, an English and speech communication major with a minor in television and video communication from Farmington Hills, were named to the squad after carrying a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or higher this season.

### Injury prevention presentation

High school cross country runners and their parents are invited to attend an injury prevention presentation, "Common Overuse Injuries with Runners," 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, in Canton High School's Dubois Little Theater.

The program will be presented by Glenn Edgerton, head athletic trainer at Canton High. For information contact Cindy Hoerman at (734) 454-5746 or crh3d@aol.com.

### Football testing

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association will sponsor a session of the National Athletic Testing System program Sunday, June 3, at South Lyon High School. Information is provided on NATS Web site (www.nats.us) covering NCAA eligibility guidelines, recruiting rules and financial aid. An online video is available.

## PCA betters record

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team seems to be getting hot at the right time.

The Eagles improved their record to 8-10 Tuesday with a convincing 9-2 victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills. The winners plated three runs in the first inning and never looked back. Junior Trevor Zinn contributed a two-run double and run scored in the pivotal inning.

See photo B2. PCA scored five runs in the fourth and sent 10 batters to the plate. Among the big hitters in that inning were Kevin Bottorff, Chuck Can and Devyn Govan.

Reid Barber, Devyn Govan and Justin Govan also enjoyed productive offense games for the Eagles, who will open their Division 4 District tournament this weekend at home when they host Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

**AGAPE 17, YPSI CC** On Tuesday, the Wolverines scored six runs in the third, five in the fourth, four in the sixth and two in the seventh to rout Calvary Christian. The win improved Agape to 10-4. Daniel Walker carried a big stick for the winners as he went 4-for-4 with four runs scored and two RBI. Brandon Pierson went 3-for-5 with three runs scored and two RBI.

Jared Miller also had a big game at the plate, going 3-for-5 with two runs scored. Tyler Majeski hurled a complete game on the mound for the Wolverines.

# Onward and upward Wildcats advance to District semifinals

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Someday soon, Plymouth's baseball team may present head coach Chuck Adams with a no-sweat, easy-does-it victory - but he's not holding his breath.

The suddenly peaking Wildcats took their high-wire act to Livonia Stevenson Tuesday afternoon and upended the host Spartans, 11-7, in a Division 1 pre-District contest that wasn't decided until All-WLAA Stevenson outfielder Luke Knochel struck out with the bases loaded in the top of the seventh inning.

The Wildcats' first-ever Division 1 District tournament victory propelled them into Saturday's noon semifinal showdown against cross-campus rival Salem at Stevenson.

The other semi at 10 a.m. will pit Canton against Livonia Churchill. The championship showdown is slated to begin at 3 p.m.

"We don't ever make it easy on ourselves," said Adams, with a hearty laugh, just moments after his team's historic win. "Like I always say, 'Nothing ever comes easy for the 'Cats'."

"It's our first District win at the varsity level, so obviously it's a big win. But we also look at it as just a first step toward trying to win this District. We feel like we're as

### 3 OUT OF 4 AIN'T BAD

Plymouth-Canton Educational Parks schools represent three of the four remaining teams in the Division 1 District baseball tournament Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School. Following are the remaining match-ups:

- 10 a.m. - Canton will take on Livonia Churchill in one semifinal game.
- 12:30 p.m. - Plymouth will take on Salem in another semifinal game.
- 3 p.m. - The two semifinal winners will face off in the title contest. The championship will move on to next Saturday's Regional at Novi High School.

good as anybody else in the District and that we can compete with all the other teams. It's not like we're a Cinderella story here.

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B2

# Rain doesn't dampen Canton Cup tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

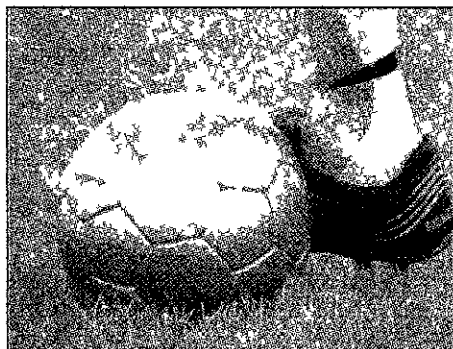
Raindrops kept falling on their heads, but that didn't stop the thousands of youth soccer players from having a ball at the 25th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament Memorial Day weekend in Canton.

"It probably rained about 60 percent of the time and we had one lightning delay, but all of the games were played and - considering the weather - everything went very smoothly," said Tournament Director John Vaughn.

A record 510 teams from as far away as Toronto and Erie, Penn. converged on Canton Township for the annual three-day soccer extravaganza that injects thousands upon thousands of dollars into the local economy.

"I went into Tim Hortons Saturday morning and they thanked me for all of the business the tournament was bringing into their store," said Greg Sanders, of the tournament's directors.

Considering the rain, we stayed pretty much right on schedule and all the final games were played at Independence Park.



Development League game between the Michigan Bucks and the Chicago Fire Premier was a huge success, according to the tournament's directors.

"The crowd for that game was probably about 1,500, which was outstanding," said Sanders.

What was neat about that game was that there was a U14 girls game going on right next to the Bucks game and there was a U10 game on the other field next to it, so it was like it was part of the tournament," said Vaughn. "We definitely looking into making the Bucks' game an annual event at the tournament."

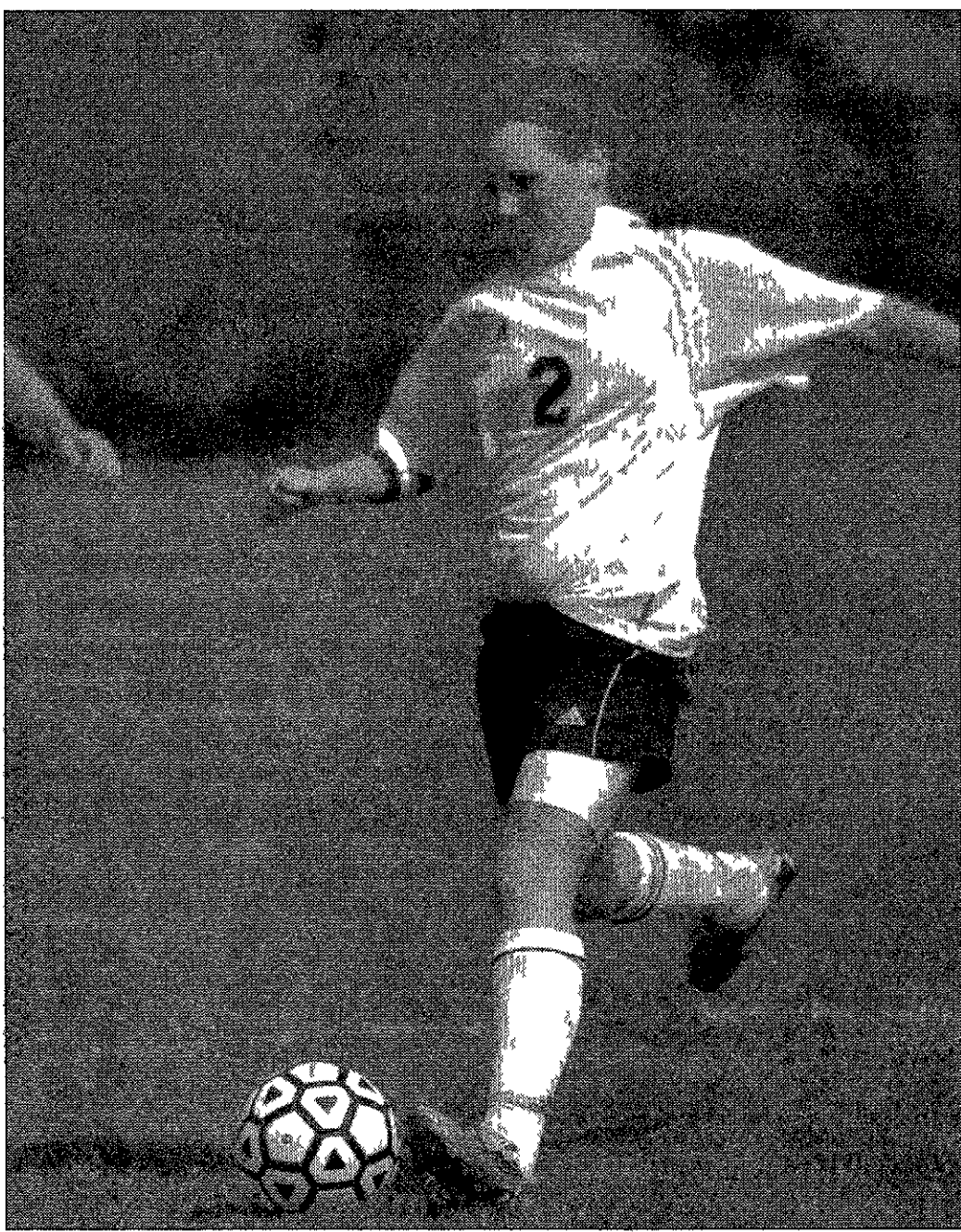


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Canton Celtic Brandon Burt displays his ball-handling skills Friday night during a game at Independence Park.

PLEASE SEE TOURNEY, B3

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### She can see Cleary now...

Karen Cleary scored Plymouth Christian Academy's third goal of the first half Tuesday in the Eagle's 10-0 trouncing of Ypsilanti Calvary Christian. PCA is currently ranked third in Division 4.

## 'Cats outslug Spartans in D1 opener

On Tuesday in a pre-District game played at Livonia, Stevenson Kim Klonowski went 2 for 3 with a solo homer in the fourth inning to propel the Wildcats (23-5) to a 9-2 Division 1 pre-district triumph Tuesday over host Stevenson (19-11).  
Ern Rodes contributed two hits including a key two-run single in the bottom of the sixth inning to spark a six-run Plymouth rally.  
The Wildcats, who led 3-1

through five innings, also took advantage of Stevenson's four errors on the afternoon during the six-run sixth.  
We kind of fell apart defensively and let the pressure get to us, Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. They had runners on first and second when we made an error and the wheels came off.  
Plymouth is not the type of team where you can make too many mistakes against.  
Winning pitcher Meghan

Patterson limited the WLAA champions to just four hits. She struck out four and walked two.  
Losing pitcher Jamie Johnson gave up six hits, walked two and struck out four. Six of the nine runs were earned.  
Amanda Paison had an RBI double for the Spartans in the seventh.  
We waited until the sixth and seventh (innings) to hit the ball, Witherspoon said. It was a big game and it was pretty tense to start off with.

## WILDCATS

FROM PAGE B1

If we play our game and catch the ball, we can play with anybody in this District at least that's the way I look at it'.  
The odds - and history - were stacked against the Wildcats heading into Tuesday's pre-district battle. Their 14-14-1 record paled in comparison to the Spartans' 20-11 mark and they had lost two previous match-ups against Stevenson starting pitcher Matt Tuttle, a 6-foot-7 flame-thrower who will be pitching at Adrian College beginning in the fall.  
Plus, there was that 0-for-Districts dry spell staring them in the face.  
But Plymouth played confidently from the opening pitch and built a 4-0 advantage in the second inning thanks to a pair of walks, a hit batsman error and a clutch two-run single from Ben Kosmalski.  
We felt the third time against (Tuttle) would be the charm," said Adams. He beat us two weeks ago and then last week in the cross-over, but we committed a lot of big physical errors.  
In our last game, we were high on a lot of his pitches and

he threw 146 pitches so we took a lot of first-pitch strikes. In our big second inning, I think he threw about 60 pitches and he was having a hard time finding the zone.  
The Spartans countered with two runs in the top of the third on Nick Plank's two-run single - his second of three hits for the game.  
The Wildcats regained their four-run cushion in the bottom of the third when Garret Regan walked, Stephen Ostrowski walked, Matt Skubick advanced them to second and third with a sacrifice bunt and Valle drilled a deep sacrifice fly to center field.  
Junior lead-off batter David Harvey made it 6-2 when he singled in Ostrowski with his second of four hits for the game.  
Tuttle departed the game after hitting Ostrowski with a pitch.  
The resilient Spartans put a three-spot on the board in the fourth on a two-run double by Knochel and an RBI ground-out from Sam Vomastek.  
Plymouth upped its lead to 8-5 in the fifth thanks to an RBI double by Harvey. They added three more in the sixth on a hit from winning pitcher Brad Lineberry, a walk to

Rebain, a walk to Matt Skubick, a Valle RBI ground-out and an RBI single from Harvey.  
Stevenson inched to within 11-7 on Dan Rozek's two-run double and they eventually loaded the bases with two outs before Lineberry struck out Knochel whose one-strike shot down the right field line on the previous pitch was just foul.  
Lineberry tossed a complete-game nine-hitter, striking out four. The Spartans went down in order in just the first inning.  
Plymouth played well and we didn't - my hat is off to them, said Stevenson coach Rick Berryman. They did the ball hard and did what they needed to do, and we didn't. Our starting pitcher was 8-0 coming into the game, but they scored their first four runs without a hit thanks to a hit-by-pitch, an error and a couple free passes. When you do that in a game like this, it's not going to work out too well.  
We kept battling, though. My compliments go out to my kids because they never gave up to the end. I'm just sorry my seniors' high school careers had to end like this.

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## WLAA BASEBALL

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**Infielders:** Bryon Niemczak Sr Churchill Dominic Benavides Sr Northville Ryan Warwick Sr, W.L. Western Matt Johnson Jr W.L. Central  
**Outfielders:** Kyle Gring Sr Canton Brent Reichle Sr W.L. Central Luke Knochel Sr Stevenson  
**At-Large:** Torrey Stinson Sr Walled Lakes Central  
**ALL-WESTERN DIVISION**  
**Pitchers:** Erik Wright Jr, Canton Mike DeLuca, Sr Northville  
**Catcher:** Tim Siegfried Jr Wayne  
**Infielders:** Garrett Gumm Soph Franklin Dave Leins, Sr Franklin Matt Priebe Fr Plymouth Matt Barrera Sr, Plymouth  
**Outfielders:** Gerard Powell Sr Northville Dan Stoney Soph Canton Brett Lubanski Soph W.L. Western  
**At-Large:** Andy Buchanan Sr W.L. Western  
**ALL-LAKES DIVISION**  
**Pitcher:** Matt Tuttle Sr Stevenson Derek Mitchell Jr W.L. Central  
**Catcher:** Nick Plinka Sr Stevenson Bryan Patterson Sr W.L. Central Alan Siepierski Sr John Glenn Matt Loney Sr Stevenson

**Outfielders:** Robert Johnson Sr, W.L. Northern, Jerry Smith Sr Westland John Glenn, Kirk Ciarrocchi Sr, Churchill  
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**NORTHVILLE:** Steve Anderson, Damarri Soudnerson, Nick Balow, Joe Mitchell  
**Plymouth:** Ben Kosmalski, Garrett Rebain, Brad Lineberry, Ronnie Goble, Ryan Valle, Tyler Locklear  
**FINAL DIVISION STANDINGS**  
**Lakes:** 1 Central 9-1, 2 Stevenson 6-4, 3 John Glenn, 5-5, 4 Salem 4-6, 5 Churchill 3-7, 6 Northern 3-7  
**Western:** 1 Northville 10-0, 2 Plymouth, 6-4, 3 Western, 5-5, 4 Canton 4-6, 5 Franklin 3-7, 6 Wayne 2-8  
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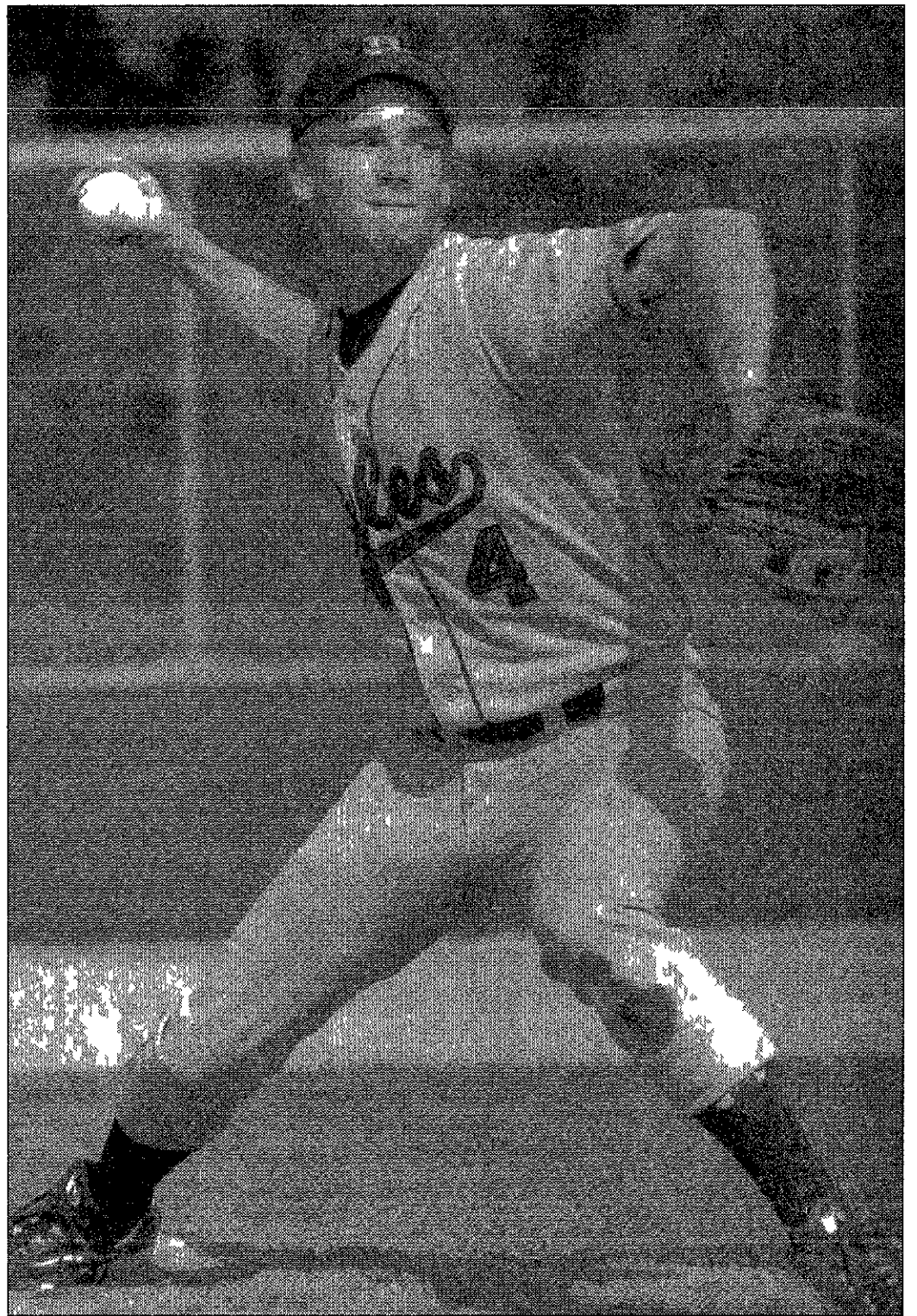
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### Game victory

Plymouth Christian Academy junior pitcher Trevor Zinn threw a complete-game victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills for PCA Tuesday afternoon.

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**TOURNEY**

FROM PAGE B1

Vaughn praised the hard work and dedication of his volunteer staff, which was headed by Sanders, Rick Caron and Greg Jahn. Vaughn also wanted to give a pat on the back to field coordinator Art Gausewitz.

"I do a lot of the organizational stuff, but it's the volunteers that make the show run."

Vaughn said the event wouldn't run as smoothly as it does with the assistance of its marquee sponsor, Meijer.

"They donate so much stuff that make this one of the premier tournaments in the Midwest," he said.

If you think this year's tournament was large, wait until 2008 when the Canton Cup planning committee is looking to expand the tournament to 600 teams.

"We had about 10,000 players and 850 games, but there's room for more," said Vaughn.

Vaughn said this year's tournament ended on a unique note that could become a tradition.

"We were transporting a player back who had a broken collar bone and there was one final game left," said Vaughn.

"So we call for all the carts to come over to the final game and line up until it was over. We may start doing that at every tournament in the future."

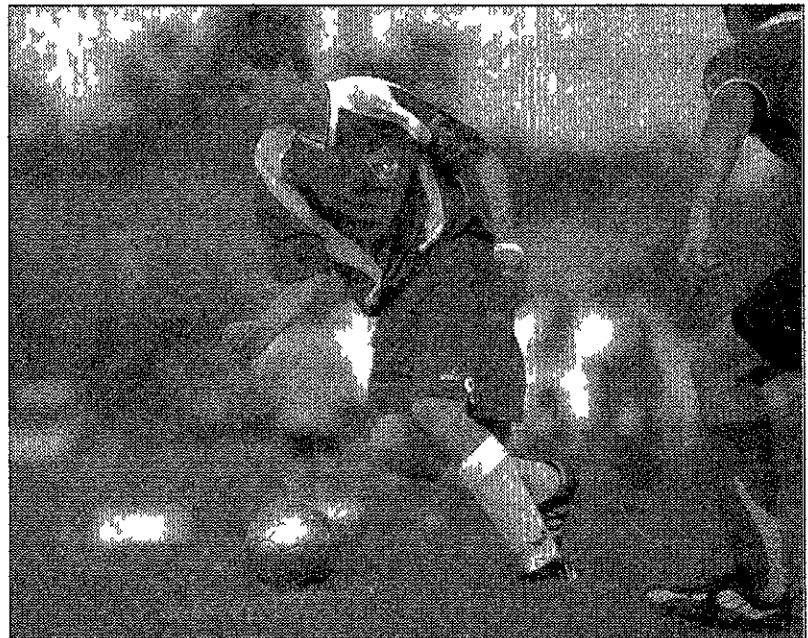


Canton SC Keenmon's Savannah Byrd converts a throw in

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Canton SC Volcanoes player Raya Patel (2) and Canton SC Keenmon's Maggie Yin battle for a ball in Friday's game at Independence Park in Canton Township.



Plymouth Kick player Joe Backstanz advances the ball upfield during a game Friday evening in the 25th Canton Cup.

**CANTON CUP STATISTICS**

**2007 Canton Cup Final Game Results**

**BOYS RESULTS**

- U9 Blue: Saline Sting Black 2 PASS Impact 1
- U9 Red: SCOR Red 3 MI Ruch Swoosh 1
- U9 Green: Canton Celtic 99 Red 8 SCOR White 1
- U9 Orange: PASS Impact 3, Magic Black 99 2
- U10 RED: BASC Turbos Red 4, Ann Arbor Arsenal White 2
- U10 Green: ROYSA Renegades 97 White 3 Carpathia Kickers 97 Gold 2
- U10 Orange: Canton Celtic 98 Red 1 Tri Country Sting 0
- U10 Yellow: BUFC Mavericks 4 BYSA Force 97 White 2
- U10 Purple: Lincoln Dragons 11, Taylor Warriors Elite FC 5
- U9/10 WHITE: Canton SC Wings 2, Canton SC Thunderbirds 1
- U11 BLUE: CW3 Xtreme 96 Red 4 Canton Celtic 96 Red
- U11 RED: Michigan Athletic 96 6 BUFC Mavericks 3
- U11 GREEN: Farmington Flash Black 3 NMSC Dynamite 2
- U11 ORANGE: PASS Impact 5, Howell Revolution Red 4
- U11 YELLOW: SCOR U-11 Bloch 2, Canton SC Tornados 0
- U11 WHITE: Firestone Park SC Stingrays 1, Monroe United 0
- U12 BLUE: Pass Impact 3 Michigan Wolves 95 Gold, 1
- U12 RED: Portage Lightning 8, Berkley Force 0
- U12 Green: PASS Impact 3, Cleveland Blues SC 1
- U12 ORANGE: Hartland Storm 2 Cougars 1
- U12 WHITE: HVSC Typhoons 3 Plymouth Blue Barrons 2
- U13 BLUE: Canton Celtic 94 Red 2 MBSA 94 Gold 0
- U13 RED: Canton Celtic 95 Red 3

- SCOR U 13 2
- U13 GREEN: HVSC Storm 94 Green 6 Lapeer Renegades 3
- U13 ORANGE: TSC Arsenal 4 Waza FC Greer 0
- U13 WHITE: Livonia Cyclones 4 Farmington SC Force 0
- U14 BLUE: Canton Celtic 93 White 2 Carpathia Kickers 1
- U14 RED: NMSC T-Birds 1 Windsor Caboto Strikers 0
- U14 GREEN: Saline Strike Force 2 GPSA Salvo 1
- U14 YELLOW: GRASA Magic White 2 Madison Meteors 1
- U14 WHITE: Livonia Rockets 1 Canton SC Crew 0
- U15 RED: Flint Steelers Arsenal 5 MI Rush South Nike 0
- U16 BLUE: Ann Arbor United Huskies 5, Plymouth Kicks 91 Green 1
- U16 RED: Carpathia Kickers 2 Kingdon Motie Crue 0
- U16 GREEN: SCOR 4 South Lyon Sting 0
- U16 ORANGE: BUFC Mavs 1 BASC Sting 0
- U17 RED: NMSC R3bels 3 MI Rush South U17 Nike 2
- U17/18BLUE: Canton Celtic 89 Red 2, MI Rush South U18 Nike 0
- U18 RED: PASS Impact 5 Tecumseh United 4

**GIRL RESULTS**

- U9 BLUE: Canton Celtic 98 Red 3 CW3 Xtreme 98 Red 0
- U9 RED: Hudson United U9 Red 2 Canton Celtic 99 Red 1
- U9 GREEN: NW Screaming Eagles U7/8/9 2 Hartland Exgles Blue 1
- U9 WHITE: Canton SC Klavon 2 Lincoln SC Lightning 1
- U10 BLUE: Canton Celtic Red 2 Plymouth Lightning 97 Green
- U10 RED: BYSZ Storm 97 White 2 Caboto SC 1
- U10 GREEN: Avondale Sting 1 Saline Swarm 0

- U10 ORANGE: Springboks - Bel 2 Springboks Wis 0
- U10 YELLOW: TNT Dynamite 2 Lapeer Galaxy 1
- U10 WHITE: TNT Dynamite 2 Lapeer Galaxy 1
- U11 BLUE: NMSC Storm 96 4 Plymouth Lightning 96 1
- U11 RED: TNT Dynamite 5 NMSC Storm 96 4
- U11 GREEN: CW3 Xtreme 96 Red 2 PASS Impact 1
- U11 ORANGE: NW Screaming Eagles 1 Erie FC 11 s 0
- U11 YELLOW: Lincoln SC Lightn 3 Canton SC Bombers 0
- U11 WHITE: Northville United 2 Canton SC High Fivers 1
- U12 BLUE: Cleveland Blues SC 4 CW3 Xtreme 95 Red 2
- U12 RED: Howell Revolution 2 NW Screaming Eagles 1
- U12 GREEN: NMSC Xtreme 95B 3 Canton Celtic 95 White 2
- U12 ORANGE: HVSC Lightning 95, 5 CW3 Xtreme 95 White 3
- U12 YELLOW: NMSC Lightning 4 Plainwell Alliance F5 3
- U13 BLUE: Canton Celtic 94 Red 2, Carpathia Kickers 0
- U13 RED: Canton Celtic 94 White 3 Force SC Pepper s Force 1
- U13 GREEN: SCOR 3, NMSC Lightning, 1
- U13 ORANGE: Canton Celtic 95 Rd 3 Hartland Flames 0
- U13 WHITE: Canton SC Stars 2 Caboto Voyagers 1
- U14/15 BLUE: Canton Celtic 93 Red 3 Hartland Eagles 93 1
- U14/15 RED: Perrysburg Gold 2 Brighton Eclipse Black 93 1
- U14 GREEN: SCOR U14 2 LASSO 1
- U14 ORANGE: Phoenix Soccer 3 Portage Lightning 1
- U14 WHITE: Canton SC Tornados 3 Lincoln SC Leopards



Kai Walther (4) and Alex Tramel (14) celebrate Tramel's goal during a Friday game at the 25th Annual Canton Cup soccer tournament that was held over Memorial Day weekend.

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FOOTBALL EVENTS

The annual Canton Football Skills Camp for kids in sixth through ninth grades...

will be held 5-7 30 p.m. June 11-14 at Canton High School. All incoming freshmen players should plan to attend the camp...

PLYMOUTH FOOTBALL

The seventh annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at Hickory Creek Golf Course...

FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

The annual Livonia Ladywood Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp will be held Saturday, June 23, at Ladywood High School...

camp) and a sack lunch. Rubber cleats are also recommended. Registration forms can be picked up at Ladywood High School...

7 59 a.m. in the Salem gym. The academy, which will run from 8 59 a.m. to 2 59 p.m., will include on-the-field instruction, classroom instruction, lunch and an intra-academy scrimmage...

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings May 22, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday May 22, 2007 at 1150 Canton Center S. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter chairperson in Supervisor Yack's absence...

addition of the Public Works Supervisor Asset Management position and the elimination of the Assistant Public Works Superintendent and GIS Mapping Specialist positions. Water & Sewer Fund Increase (Decrease) Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #592 000 699 0000 \$ (102 430) Increase (Decrease) Appropriations...

The annual Canton/Salem girls basketball camps will be held in June in the Canton and Salem high school gymnasiums. A camp for girls who will be starting seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 18-22 from 1 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The seventh graders will be at Salem while the eighth and ninth graders will utilize the Canton gym...

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## Bargain GPS gets you to your destination - eventually

If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Like, say, a \$199 GPS navigation system for your car.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Sure, the Mio DigiWalker C220 (mio-gps.com) looks great on paper (and even in person), offering an ultra-compact design, a touchscreen interface, pre-loaded US maps, and a sturdy windshield mount.

Having tested countless GPS models priced at \$500 and above (the minimum you could expect to pay as recently as a year ago), I was thoroughly intrigued by the sub-\$200 C220.

When I first fired it up, everything went smoothly. It locked onto a GPS signal in less than a minute (and in mere seconds during subsequent tests) - a big improvement over last year's models.

The super-bright screen managed to hold its own on the sunniest of days, and I was pleased by the interface - a button-free,

touchscreen-driven menu system that proved a lot friendlier than Mio's previous efforts.

Indeed, when I reviewed the much pricier Mio C710 last November, I knocked its awkward, occasionally complex interface.

But when I took to the road with the C220, starting with a simple route from my house to my in-laws', things fell apart.

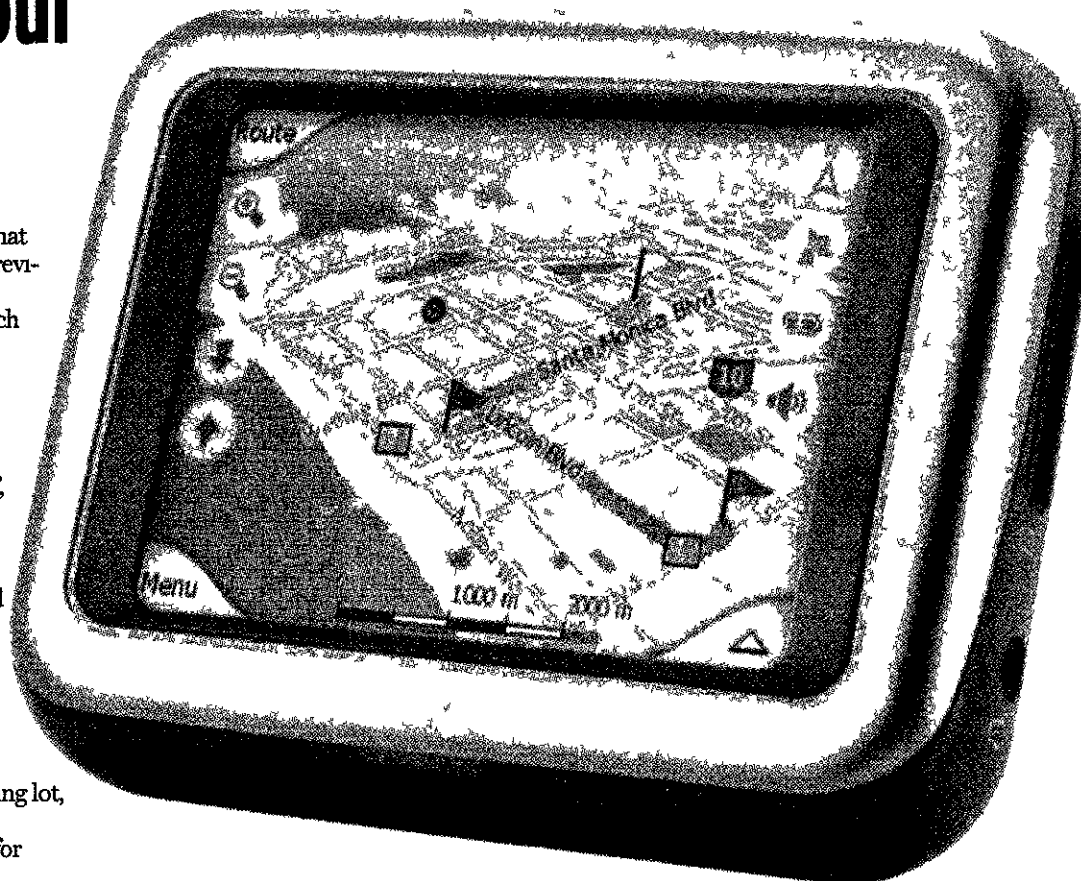
At the first intersection, the C220 displayed what looked like a diamond-shaped traffic circle - and wanted me to turn right instead of left (left being the correct direction).

The same thing happened at the next intersection - but not before the C220 tried to route me off the main road, into a high-school parking lot, and back onto the road.

OK, who programmed my GPS for drunken sailor mode?

To be fair, I encountered the mysterious diamond-shaped intersections only a few

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2



Priced at just \$199, the Mio DigiWalker C220 offers GPS navigation on the cheap - but it gets a little confused at times.

### ACCENTS

#### Garden walk and tea

A docent-led tour of the Henry Ford Estate gardens in Dearborn will take place at noon and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Thursday, June 7.

See the estate's newly restored Early Rose Garden, Blue Garden, Iron gates, teahouse, river walk and Rock Garden/boathouse area, and the greenhouse with unusual perennials, wildflowers, hanging baskets, stepping stones and garden art for sale.

Admission is \$8. Reservations are appreciated but not required. Call (313) 593-5580.

On the same day, enjoy an afternoon of gourmet tea, petite sandwiches and pastries, with views of the gardens and wildlife, in Tea on the Terrace, 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$29.95. Advance reservations are required. Seating is limited. Call (313) 593-5590.

The Pool Restaurant on the estate will be open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are appreciated for parties of six or more.

The estate is on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus at 4901 Evergreen.

Program proceeds benefit the Henry Ford Estate garden restoration.

#### Landscaper tips

Stacy Feldman, landscape designer at Four Seasons Garden Center & Custom Landscape Services in Oak Park, recommends that you do these 10 things in choosing a landscaping company: Identify licensed and insured teams with certified nursery and landscape professionals.

Look for designers and agencies affiliated with professional associations, such as the Michigan Nurseryman and Landscape Association, American Professional Landscape Designers and American Association of Nurserymen.

Check references, and ask for recent projects you can visit and a professional portfolio to review.

Conduct a complete, in-depth interview at your home to determine your family facts, personal lifestyle and interests as well as design and color preferences.

Complete a thorough site analysis, evaluating such things as site location, topography and drainage, soil conditions, existing plant material and utility considerations while taking photographs and measurements of your property.

Request a design program outlining your interview, site analysis and established summary of design solutions.

Ask for a presentation explaining the proposed design and including a responsible bid that will take into account the entire project, installed and completed. Establish timelines and commitments.

Keep apprised of the project progress throughout the entire installation process.

Ask for a thorough review of the installation and provide any necessary care instructions.

## Healthy soul food



PHOTOS COURTESY AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

### Recipes help prevent heart disease, stroke

See more recipes inside

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Heart disease and stroke kill about 17 million people a year - almost one-third of all deaths globally.

By 2020, heart disease and stroke will become the leading cause of death and disability worldwide, with the number of fatalities projected at more than 20 million a year. That number will be more than 24 million a year by 2030.

Hypertension is the silent killer because it is generally associated with no pain but is the leading modifiable risk factor for stroke," said Brian Silver, M.D., senior staff neurologist at Henry Ford Hospital and assistant professor of neurology at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

"Only 50 percent of people are aware that they have it, and of those who are aware only 50 percent have it controlled. Left untreated, the risk of stroke substantially increases over a 10-year period."

African-Americans are almost twice as likely to have a first stroke as whites, according to the American Heart Association. But you can take steps to reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke. One way is by eating a healthy diet, and a new cookbook can help.

The 100-page publication, *Healthy Soul Food Recipes*,



*Healthy Soul Food Recipes*, a new cookbook, offers tasty and healthy versions of soul food favorites.

PLEASE SEE SOUL FOOD, D3

Maple syrup and peaches or apples are among the ingredients in Warm Peach Bread Pudding.

#### WARM PEACH BREAD PUDDING

- Serves 4, 1 ramekin per serving
- Vegetable oil spray
- 4 slices day old reduced-calorie bread (whole wheat or multigrain preferred) crust discarded, bread diced into 1/2-inch cubes (about 2 cups)
- 3/4 cup fresh or frozen peaches partially thawed or fresh apple such as McIntosh, Jonagold or Golden Delicious peeled cut into bite size pieces
- Whites of 2 large eggs or 1 large egg
- 2 to 3 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar
- 12 ounces fat free evaporated milk
- 1/2 ounce maple syrup
- 1/4 ounce dark rum, light rum or bourbon
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

PLEASE SEE BREAD PUDDING, D3



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The Franklin Garden Walk includes The Artful Garden, featuring artists working in the gardens. This photo was taken last year.

## Local garden walks welcome summer

One of the most pleasant signs of summer is the scheduling of garden walks in area communities.

The walks are great ways to get gardening inspiration, perhaps pick up some accessories for the outdoors, and help good causes as well.

Here's a roundup to help you plan your visits.

#### FRANKLIN

The Franklin Branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association will present its 22nd annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 13.

Features Magnificent private gardens, The Artful Garden (artists working in the gardens), a salad luncheon buffet with seatings at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. at the Franklin Community Church, a gazebo boutique of garden-related goods.

Tour tickets: \$10 pre-sale, \$12 the day of the event. On tour day, tickets will be sold at the Franklin Village Gazebo, on the west side of Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile, behind the police station.

Luncheon tickets: \$10. To pre-order tickets, visit the Franklin Village Boutique, 32716 Franklin Road, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check payable to WNF & G.A. Franklin Branch to P.O. Box 250194, Franklin 48025-0194. Include your phone number and specify your preferred luncheon seating.

Information: Call (248) 851-1814, e-mail franklingardenclub@yahoo.com or visit www.franklingardenclub.org.

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## Fashion Conscience

Students revitalize denim in Earth-friendly way

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

The average woman owns five pairs of jeans she never wears. That pile of unloved denim not only cramps closet space, it impacts the environment as well. Two local college students recently came up with an eco-chic way to breathe new life into old jeans.

Lori R. Maday and Katie Cauzillo, who graduated this spring from Detroit's College for Creative Studies, conceived a senior project to make blue jeans more sustainable.

Their 'Vital Jeans' experiment was such a success, they've been invited to present the project during the Green Bauhaus International Design Conference in Germany this weekend.

### From Field to Fashion

Maday, 21, and Cauzillo, 24, both graduated from Waterford Kettering High School and attended CCS, where they met. When they found themselves in the same Advanced Visual Communications class, they teamed up for an assignment on sustainability.

"We were supposed to come up with a project where we re-use a product and don't create more waste with the final solution, while bringing awareness to people about how wasteful this product can be if it is not recycled," Maday explained. "We did a self-audit on what we use during the week, and found we wore jeans the most."

The pair began to research denim, and discovered women purchase more jeans than men, and affluent women consume more jeans than their less-wealthy counterparts. Yet changing trends often lead women to abandon their denim too soon.

"For a product to be considered sustainable it needs to be used at least as long as it takes to produce," Maday said. "It takes a year to grow cotton, so jeans must be worn at least a year to be considered sustainable."

Maday and Cauzillo decided to focus on getting jeans out of storage in suburbia, and into the hands of inner-city women who would put them to use.

Strictly through word-of-mouth, they collected denim from friends, family and co-workers. Within two weeks, they had more than 80 pairs. Then came the question of how to make the used jeans appeal to a brand new demographic.

### Revitalization Project

The girls decided to re-brand the jeans with a unified label and signature color. "We came up with the name 'Vital' because clothes are necessary and jeans seem to be the most worn," Maday said.

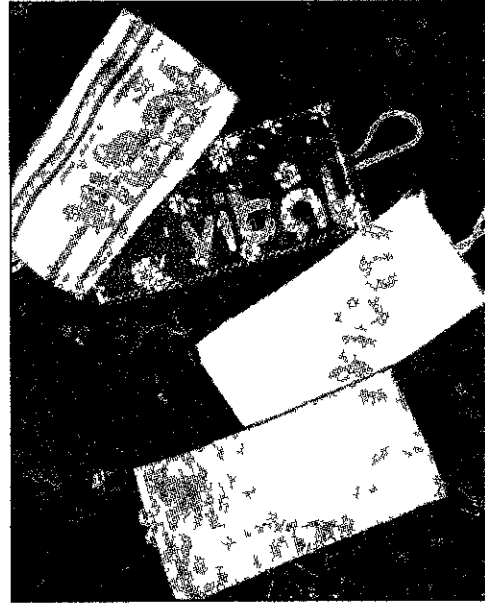
The girls added two hot pink stitches to the right thigh of each pair, and tagged them with cute fabric scraps stamped with pink lettering.

"The pink thread was to mean connecting the community, connecting the suburbs and females with a restricted budget downtown," she said. "We created the tags that would display our name and give the pants more of an off-the-shelf look."

To reach their audience and reinforce their mission, they set up a Vital Jeans table during "Recycle Detroit" at Cass Park on April 21.



Vital Jeans' Katie Cauzillo and Lori R. Maday, joined by Amie Maday, during 'Recycle Detroit' on April 21



The annual Earth Day event included a parade and park clean-up, and Vital Jeans joined the Cass Tech High School Fashion Club to present a runway show of clothing made from recycled materials.

"After the fashion show our table was just swarmed for two hours," Maday said. Girls were looking through the jeans for that specific pair that was right for them.

At \$2 each, Vital Jeans were a hit. Maday and Cauzillo were able to raise \$200, which they donated to the Barrat House, along with the few pairs of jeans that remained.

### Jean Mapping

The Vital Jeans project was such a grade A success, the girls are thinking about ways to sustain it, perhaps by setting up tables at future street fairs like Dally in the Alley this fall.

In the meantime, Maday will travel to Loccum Protestant Academy in Germany for the Green Bauhaus Design Conference,

joined by CCS Instructor Callie Johnson. Part of European Sustainability Berlin 2007, the Green Bauhaus conference will draw designers from around the world who are striving to implement Earth-friendly practices.

A presentation on the Ford River Rouge Plant's green rooftop also is on the agenda. Although Cauzillo will not be able to attend, Maday will show a Vital Jeans video and share information at the conference.

Overall, the project aims to highlight the environmental impact of an everyday item.

Because of the changes in the fashion industry causing a large demand for jeans, we are bringing awareness to how they are made, Maday said. "It is a long, drawn-out process that uses a lot of water and chemicals that can be harmful to the environment."

For more information on Vital Jeans, e-mail Lori R. Maday and Katie Cauzillo at vitaljeans@gmail.com.

**Wear It!**  
Isaac Mizrahi for Target orange v-back dress (\$39.99), white baby cable cardigan (\$26.99), carvas wristlet (\$14.99) and bow slides in fuchsia (\$24.99)

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Steve Madden scarf sandals at Macy's

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**Weekend Wear**  
Look casually pulled together no matter what you've got to carry in this ensemble from Oilly Here. White jeans and an embroidered tee are dolled up with accessories including a suede tote, colorful bangles and woven leather belt. This was one of many looks presented during the 'Women Helping Women' fashion show luncheon on April 28 at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. The runway show, which benefitted Grace Centers of Hope, featured clothing from the Somerset Collection modeled by professionals, along with women and children who've been helped by GCOH, including Alex, shown here wearing an adorable boy's ensemble from Lord & Taylor. For more weekend wear ideas from the show, click on PINK at www.hometownlife.com.

### list

#### Michigan Healthy Living Expo

Spring clean yourself, your home and your environment with help from the third annual Michigan Healthy Living Expo 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday June 2 at the Oakland Schools Professional Development Center 2111 Pontiac Lake Rd. in Waterford. Sponsored by Whole Foods and Michigan Healthy Living Enterprises Inc. the expo includes more than 70 vendors along with workshops on topics ranging from weight loss and toxin removal to reducing stress and feng shui. For tickets (\$5 or less) call (248) 628-0125 or visit www.MichiganHealthyLiving.com

#### Hot Topics in Women's Health

Henry Ford will present Breathing Easier Lung Health & Women 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday June 5 as part of its free series of workshops for women. Henry Ford pulmonologist Michael Simoff, M.D., will discuss new treatments and advanced testing that is changing the way physicians manage their patients' lung disease. Light refreshments will be served. Call (800) HENRYFORD or visit www.henryford.com/hottopics for information and directions.

#### The Sneaky Chef

Author Missy Chase Lapine will appear at Borders Birmingham 7 p.m. Tuesday June 5 to sign copies and discuss her book *The Sneaky Chef: Simple Strategies for Hiding Healthy Foods in Kids Favorite Meals* (Running Press Book Publishers 2007). Chase Lapine is the former publisher of *Eating Well* magazine and now teaches at the New School Culinary Institute in New York City. Her book presents over 75 recipes that disguise important superfoods inside kids favorite meals such as Power Pizza, Guerilla Grilled Cheese and Brainy Brownies. Borders is located at 34300 Woodward Ave. Call (248) 203-0005.

#### Macy's Stylista Search

Macy's Somerset is seeking to hire a full time Wardrobe Stylist who will help customers with shopping decisions in big and small play a key role during in store events and serve as a trend spokesperson. Those in the know are encouraged to attend the Macy's Stylista Search 4-7 p.m. Thursday June 7 at Macy's Somerset 2750 Big Beaver Rd. Troy. Applicants must love fashion and keep up with what's hot and what's not. Retail experience preferred. Call (248) 816-4000 for information.

#### Fashion Design Challenge

Have a Passion for Fashion? Enter The American Sewing Expo's *Project Runway*-inspired challenge. Participants will be given a design challenge to complete Friday Sept 28 during the sewing expo as attendees follow their progress. Designers will return the following day for last minute fittings on their professional models before a fashion show and

photo shoot in the afternoon. Chloe Dao the winner of Bravo's *Project Runway Season 2* will head a panel of industry fashion experts to choose the challenge winner based on creativity, construction, fit and composition. The winner will receive a multiple prize package including a trip to New York City during Fashion Week. Enter by June 30 at www.americansewingexpo.com/con

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