

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

City meeting: The Plymouth City Commission meets at 7 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall.

FRIDAY

Chamber party: The Plymouth Anniversary Gala Celebration honoring past presidents and celebrating 50 years of incorporation begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Mayflower Meeting House. Call (734) 453-1540 for tickets.

SATURDAY

To the dogs: The Plymouth Dog Jog starts at noon Saturday in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Call (734)-453-1234.

Observer, League to hold election forum

The Canton Observer and the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will sponsor a Meet the Candidates forum featuring candidates for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

The public forum will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Candidates will participate in a panel discussion, moderated by the League. Audience participation is welcome and the moderator will ask for written questions at the beginning of the event.

As part of our effort to inform readers about election issues, the Observer is running a series of candidate profiles on our front page. The stories will continue over the next few weeks and the paper will endorse candidates for three school board seats (a one-year term and a pair of four-year terms) on Thursday, May 9.

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Taking it easy: Angela Wutanen of Plymouth, left, who is single, chats with her married friend Shannon O'Neill while relaxing after work at 336 Main in downtown Plymouth.

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Hot spot

Singles turning to Plymouth's night life

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At the risk of mangling a line from an old orange juice commercial, suburbs aren't just for families any more.

Once thought of as a haven for families seeking to get away from the hustle and bustle of city living, suburbs like Plymouth and Canton are more and more becoming a place sought out — and supported — by single people.

The 2000 U.S. Census shows that more than 47 percent of homes in the City of Plymouth are "nonfamily" households, with 41 percent with the householder living alone. Though the

Please see **SINGLES, A4**



Chat room: Places like 336 Main provide good spots for folks like this couple to get together for a drink and a chat.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

'Burbs feel impact of singles' growth

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The suburbs just ain't what they used to be.

Built around core cities in the 1950s, these bastions of the American family are seeing a rise in the number of "non-family" households. That's how the U.S. Census Bureau defines a home where the householder lives alone or with non-relatives, like boarders or roommates.

While suburban communities are still dominated by families — more than 70 percent in Livonia, Canton, Garden City and Plymouth Township — a trend toward smaller households is having an impact in older suburbs.

Census Data

Location	NON FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS	HOUSEHOLDER LIVING ALONE
CANTON	25.2%	20.5%
FARMINGTON	42.7%	38.5%
FARMINGTON HILLS	35.0%	29.6%
GARDEN CITY	28.3%	24.0%
LIVONIA	26.3%	22.9%
PLYMOUTH	47.3%	41.5%
PLYMOUTH TWP	28.6%	24.7%
REDFORD	32.7%	27.3%
WESTLAND	39.1%	32.6%

Source: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

"The biggest impact some cities like Ferndale and Royal Oak are seeing is on the school districts," said Jason Bouza, a geographic information specialist with the Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University.

Declining enrollments have forced those districts to re-examine facilities use and tightened up budgets, he said.

Cities like Farmington and Plymouth, where non-family households comprise a larger share of the population, haven't seen that kind of effect in their school districts, because they're linked with communities like Farmington Hills, Plymouth Township and Canton, which have growing or stabilizing populations.

Farmington city councilwoman Mary Bush was a little surprised to learn more than 40 percent of her

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Stewart's charter vote stirs debate

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When the Michigan House narrowly defeated legislation Wednesday night to increase the cap on charter schools in the state, 20th District Representative John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) was the subject of the three-hour debate.

The proposal failed by a single tally (54-52) when Republicans were unable to get the 55 votes necessary for passage. Stewart said he voted within the first five minutes against the charter school proposal after talking with his constituents, but he was being pressured to change his decision.

"When I have two superintendents (Plymouth-Canton and Northville), representing over 25,000 students tell me 'no, not at this time,' that's where my vote is going," said Stewart. "All (public) school principals and administrators were opposed to this, and I had the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education polled before the vote and they were against it, too."

Plymouth-Canton Trustee Judy Mardigan applauded Stewart for his stance in an e-mail the next morning.

"My sincere appreciation to you for your leadership last night," said Mardigan. "I now how difficult standing on your ground can be. I am proud of you for breaking ranks. You have demon-

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Thief hits Standard Federal Bank

A man claiming to have a bomb robbed the Standard Federal Bank on Ann Arbor Road Thursday afternoon and got away with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police say the man walked into the bank around 3:30 p.m., displayed a note to a teller that said, "Don't panic, I have a bomb, give me 10s, 20s and 50 dollar bills."

The teller told police investigators the man had what appeared to be "some kind of device in his hand and it appeared to have a button on the top of it." The teller gave the man an undisclosed amount of bills.

Several Plymouth Township police officers arrived within minutes of the call.

"Upon the officers' arrival, the suspect had already left the area," police officials said in a release. "A witness sitting in her car outside the bank saw a man running out of the bank toward the video store."

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Ex-board president wants the 'public' back in schools

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Former Plymouth-Canton school board president Mark Horvath said he's seeking another four-year term on the Board of Education for the same reasons he served from 1994-98.



Mark Horvath

"Open communication with the community, open communication between the board and administration, and fiscal responsibility," said Horvath. "I want to put the public back in public schools. I don't feel

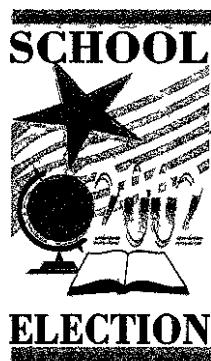
like it's there anymore."

Horvath said there needs to be an increase in open exchanges between school board members and the administration at board meetings, as well as between the board and the community.

"I'm concerned that people come to ask questions and they get 'thank you very much' and sent on their way," said Horvath. "I think it's a frightening position to be in when the community doesn't have information to make decisions."

"I was surprised by the teacher lay-

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Candidate thinks board seat would be logical next step

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Joanne Lamar has been involved with Plymouth-Canton Schools ever since her two children began attending classes. Her son is

a graduate of the school system, and her daughter is a junior at Salem.

"I've always tried to do things that improve the district, and this is a next step for me," said Lamar, 51, of Plymouth Township, who is a candidate for one of the four-year terms on the Board of Education June 10. "I like suggestions, community involvement, just listening to what people have to say. There are a lot of good ideas. I



Joanne Lamar

don't think the board or the administration has all the answers to improve things."

When it comes to finances, Lamar knows the district is having its problems.

"We're struggling," she said bluntly. "We're at the bottom end of the barrel as far as what the state dishes out."

"We made some real headway with the latest education summit," added

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Board hopefuls face questions from students

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Eight of the 11 Plymouth Canton school board candidates faced tough questions Wednesday from future voters on issues involving teacher negotiations, Central Middle School, the district's financial status and diversity in the schools.

While most were too young to vote, the Close-Up students at Salem High School asked some very pointed questions during the student-run candidates forum. However, not all left class knowing the answers to how future board members would handle important issues.

"When I asked about communication with students, they just said it was important," said Katy Gorman, 16, of Plymouth Township. "I want to know what they're actually going to do. Are they going to form student committees, or are they going to have us come in an talk to them on certain days? I want to see

the actual plans

"I'm very concerned about what's going to happen to Central Middle School, and the bankruptcy I hear is going to happen in 2004," added Gorman. "I'm graduating, but my little brother still has to go here and I don't want his schooling to degrade horribly."

Chris Cadeau, a sophomore from Canton Township, thought too many of the candidates avoided answering the questions.

"I asked how they were going to go about teachers pay, and almost all of them avoided the question because they didn't want to be put in a position to look bad," said Cadeau. "Teachers are important because they're the closest people to us as students, they interact with us and give us the education that we need. They're the most important thing in our high school life."

Jeremy Bullard, a sophomore also from Canton Township, said

he wanted to ask the candidates about student backpacks.

"I wanted to discuss the weight of backpacks," he said. "Every day I see kids hunched over, trying to carry them. Kids are complaining all the time about their backs hurting."

Students said they liked the idea of meeting the candidates and discussing the issues.

"I love things like this because it gets me face-to-face, and I get to know the people and see where they're really coming from," said Halle Burton, 16, of Plymouth Township.

"I had a couple of people that I might tell my parents to vote for," added Bullard.

The candidates, who met with several classes throughout the day, agreed it was a good way to find out what's important to future constituents.

"The most important thing for us to do is get their feedback because we're affecting their lives," said board candidate Bill Pratt.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Band and a play

The Salvation Army is offering up a couple of different entertainment packages later this month.

■ The Salvation Army Household Troops Band from London, England, brings its brass band concert to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. Admission is free, and doors open at 6:30. The center is located at 44575 Garfield in Clinton Township.

■ The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Metro Detroit sponsors an evening presentation of *Annie Get Your Gun*, performed by the Village Players of Birmingham at 7:30 Thursday, May 30. The performance takes place at 752 Chestnut in Birmingham.

Admission is \$25 for "Friend" tickets, \$50 for "patron" seats, and \$75 for "benefactor" tickets. Hospitality refreshments will be served.

For more information on either of these events, call the Salvation Army's Divisional Headquarters, (248) 443-5500.

Creek protection

The Johnson Creek Protection Group presents Johnson Creek Day Saturday, May 18.

The day, designed to show people "what it means to live near the only cold-water creek in the Rouge River Watershed," features several events.

■ A nature walk at the Western Wayne County Conservation Club, 6700 Napier, south of 5 Mile. Starts at 8 a.m.

■ Steambank stabilization. At 6554 Napier, south of 5 Mile in Salem Township. Starts at 10 a.m.

■ Wet Meadow Creation at 47300 Maplebrook, east off Beck north of 6 Mile in Northville Township. Starts at 10 a.m.

■ Fish Hatchery Park Trout Festival, featuring fishing, displays and food, on 7 Mile, west of Sheldon in Northville. Runs from noon-3 p.m.

Sign up for work sites on the JCPG's Web site, www.jcpg.org, or call Mindy Carr, (734) 761-1010 for more information.

Comedy night

The New Hope Center for Grief Support sponsors "Laughing on the Outside" from 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, May 17 at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

The comedy night features an auction, prizes, appetizers provided by local restaurants, plus the comedy of Dan Wilson. Wilson has appeared on television shows like *Star Search*, *An Evening at the Improv* and *Half Hour Comedy Hour*.

All proceeds from the benefit support New Hope, which provides free, Christian-based grief support services to adults, teens and chil-

dren throughout southeastern Michigan. Appetizers provided by E.G. Nicks, 336 Main, Compari's, Sean O'Callaghan's, Lower Town Grill, Papa Romano's, Ernesto's and Jack Dunleavy's Grill.

Cost is \$25 per person, of which \$15 is tax-deductible. RSVP by May 10. For more information, call (248) 348-0115 or visit the New Hope Web site at www.NewHopeCenter.net.

Visual arts camps

The Plymouth Community Arts Council offers Visual Arts Camps this summer for aspiring and experienced young artists.

Campers in the June 17-21 session will participate in art and craft activities such as tie dying, puppet making and paper mache. Drawing and painting will be the focus of the camp from Aug. 12-16.

Both these camps meet from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. daily and are for kids in third through ninth grades. The cost is \$125.00 for members of PCAC. Our "Youngest Artists" in kindergarten through second grade are invited to attend camp July 16-18 from 9:30 a.m.-noon for art and drama activities. The cost is \$55 for members.

Call PCAC at (734) 416-4278 to register or for more information.

Summer camps

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has set its schedule for Summer 2002 performing arts weeklong workshops for children 5-15 years old.

Campers work on two main musical numbers and have a part in at least one of three plays. Campers will spend the week preparing for a free family show. No experience is necessary.

The camps are scheduled for June 24-28, July 8-12 and Aug. 19-23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Campers should bring a lunch.

Cost is \$100 for PCAC members (a tax-deductible \$25 student membership fee is good for a year).

For more information or to register with a credit card, call (734) 416-4278.

GED testing

GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department Monday, May 13 (9 a.m.-2 p.m. or 5-10 p.m.) and Wednesday, May 15 (8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. or 4:30-10 p.m.). It is a two-day test.

The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Hollbrook in Plymouth. Testing fee is \$125. Call (734) 416-4901 for further information.

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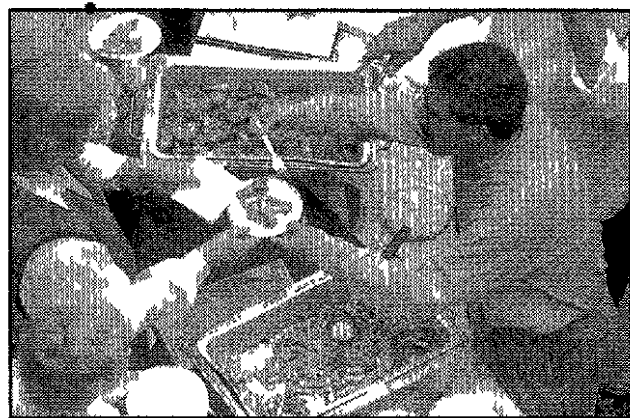
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Big crowd: Hundreds of people filtered through the annual Showcase Plymouth event at St John's Golf and Conference Center Wednesday



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Eat up: E G Nicks owner Tony Belli serves up some pasta. E G Nicks was one of 17 restaurants represented.



Excuse me: Ken Fosy of the Plymouth Hilton carries a tray of food into the crowded Showcase Plymouth event.

On display

Expo showcases local businesses

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If the idea of Showcase Plymouth is to show off the wares and services of businesses in the Plymouth area, then there's good reason why Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce officials are happy with Wednesday's event.

Hundreds of people — estimates put the crowd at around 1,000 — filtered through the St John's Conference Center atrium to grab samples, greet people and eat good food at booths representing 60 businesses and 17 restaurants.

"It was absolutely wonderful," said Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber. "We were able to showcase our businesses, and that's the main purpose — showing everyone the wonderful products and services available right here in Plymouth."

The crowds were a blessing and a problem for chamber officials, though, because the throng made it difficult at times to get around. While that's the idea — people seeing the businesses — Toney said it also presents a challenge.

"It was crowded, but that's a

■ The crowds were the blessing for the individual businesses who had booths.

wonderful challenge to have, and we're addressing it," Toney said. "We're just delighted, and the few challenges we had (overcrowding), we're already addressing."

The crowds were the blessing for the individual businesses who had booths. The folks at Graphic Communications, Inc., were among them.

"These actually benefit us quite a bit," said Phil Doumanian, vice president at Graphic Communications. "The last one we went to, we got one good customer from, and one job from them paid for the showcase. Besides, you get to see all the other business people. It's a great networking opportunity."

The event also included the second-annual Taste of Plymouth, a showcase of area restaurants started when the event moved to St John's last year. This year, 17 restaurants

(up from a dozen a year ago), took part.

They included four pizzerias that competed in the Pizza Taste-Off, won by newcomer Mother's Pizzeria.

"I feel great," said owner Dan Sheehan. "We've only been open 10 months, and we've been saying all along we have quality pizza. I guess this proves it."

The showcase also provided a chance for 22 groups to honor their Volunteers of the Year, and for four students to earn \$500 scholarships. The scholarship winners were:

■ Pranita Vemulapalli, from the Plymouth Afternoon Kiwanis

■ Candace Watson, from the Plymouth P M Rotary

■ Julie Patterson, from the Plymouth A M Rotary

■ Ebnehita Arhebamen, from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce

"It was a great event, and we couldn't have done it without the contribution of our major sponsor, Hines Park Lincoln Mercury," Toney said. "We're already working on the challenges for next year, and we look forward to another fine event."

Showcase honors volunteers

The Showcase Plymouth event sponsored Wednesday by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce not only served as a showcase for local businesses and restaurants, but it also allowed community groups to honor their best people.

Twenty-one people were recognized as Volunteers of the Year during the event at St John's Golf and Conference Center. They were:

■ Bill Joyner, Habitat for Humanity

■ Amra Tame, National Association of Career Women

■ Diane Harrison, Plymouth Community Arts Council

■ Carol Merritt, Plymouth Community Council on Aging

■ Kimberly Tude Thuot, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce

■ Thomas Salapatek, Plymouth Community United Way

■ Henry Berghoff, Plymouth Goodfellows

■ Nancy Boyd, Plymouth Historical Museum

■ Jim Vermeulen Sr., Plymouth Kiwanis

■ Carol Saunders, Plymouth Community Literacy Council

■ Ed Kerstens, Plymouth Lion's Club

■ Chuck Childs, Plymouth Optimist Club

■ Peggy Price Heiney, Plymouth Symphony League

■ Ellen Elliott, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

■ Thelma Elliott, Plymouth Symphony Society

■ Kathleen Booker, Plymouth Theatre Guild

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Quiet venue: The folks at 336 Main have tried to establish an atmosphere that fosters meeting and chatting, and have targeted singles as one of their main demographics

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figures aren't quite as high, Census figures show 28.5 percent of Plymouth Township's homes are "nonfamily."

Plymouth has never been known, at least in the past, as someplace with exciting night life or other amenities attractive to singles. With the opening of clubs like 336 Main (also known as the "Piano Bar") and O'Callaghan's, suddenly the Plymouth area is becoming more attractive.

"In the past, it really wasn't a place where people who didn't know Plymouth wanted to go," said real estate agent K. C. Mueller, broker/partner/owner at Remerica Hometown. "Plymouth wasn't known as someplace that had something exciting to go to (Now). With all the restaurants and coffee places and bars, there seems to be more and more attraction to people who didn't used to know much about Plymouth."

Mueller said she's noticed an increasing number of sales to singles, either single people moving into the area, or people whose relationships are breaking down, but who don't want to leave Plymouth.

Either way, this becomes a more popular area all the time.

"There has been an increase," said Mueller. "Some of them are people who have separated and still both want to live in the school district, or because they love Plymouth and don't want to leave. And some are just singles learning about the area."

Don't think the owners of the eating/drinking establishments in the area haven't noticed. In addition to

the opening of 336 Main and O'Callaghan's, Boulders, on Ann Arbor Road, offers live entertainment. Compari's and E.G. Nicks provide new dining experiences. The Box Bar remodeled a couple of years ago, the recently opened Doyle's Tavern used to be the Sidestreet Pub.

And they're all angling for a piece of the singles business. At 336 Main, which opened in December 2000, manager/events coordinator Ann Marie Spayd is looking for ways to plumb the singles groups for events in the bar.

"We absolutely market ourselves to singles," said Spayd. "In fact, I'm looking into hosting singles gatherings, because I think we're an excellent venue for that. Our atmosphere is conducive to good conversation and intimacy. On any given night, we see a lot of connections being made."

Obviously, not all singles are looking for that kind of night life. Kelly Mikoloff doesn't do the drinking scene any more, but still chose to settle in this area. He met his first wife on the west side and, though that relationship ended, still prefers to call this area home.

"I don't do much dating, but this (area) is what I know," said Mikoloff, an Alpena native who is the senior employee at Plymouth Carpet Service. "You've got kind of a small-town atmosphere with all the big-city amenities and, in all honesty, if I couldn't live here, I'd just as soon go back up north. I love this area."

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Suburbs from page A1

city's households are non-family. Of the 1,857 householders who live alone, a little less than half are 65 years and older.

"About 25 percent of our population is senior citizens," she said.

Among area suburbs, only Plymouth has a larger percentage of non-family households, 47.3 percent. Of the 1,792 single householders, 574 are seniors.

Bouza said that's one of the reasons behind the single "boom" in the 'burbs.

"First of all, looking at age distribution, you have widowers," he said. "I know when suburbanization really hit in the 1950s, there were a lot of families. This is about the time where people would start dying off, so you'll have a single (widowed) homeowner."

He doesn't see divorce as a factor, however.

"The divorce rate has held pretty constant. And they would have children and be considered a family household," Bouza explained.

A larger impact lies in the fact that young people are focusing more attention on education and careers, he said.

"People are going to school more and longer, and postponing having a family," he said.

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' data center manager Jim Rogers agrees. He said SEMCOG has been examining the trend toward smaller households and its potential impacts on communities. He feels income and housing prices also play a role.

"I think another factor is that professional singles can afford to live by themselves more than in previous times," Rogers said. "Delayed marriage is more widespread. People are healthier and can live on their own for a longer time."

Cities with more multi-family housing will likely be more impacted, as will cities built up 30 to 50 years ago, he said.

Impacts on cities, lives

The phenomenon creates a situation that most people don't recognize, one that can have significant impacts on city services and funding, as well as schools and businesses.

"You have more households each year than you have population growth," he explained.

"Therefore, the population goes down while the number of housing units stays the same. Things may look very stable, but in fact, population numbers are going down."

That can have a big impact on state revenue sharing funds, or any dollars that are tied to population. Demand for services might shift as well, Rogers said.

"Instead of people being as concerned with schools, they might be looking for senior cen-

ters or community centers that are focused more on singles."

An increasing emphasis on the single life has also shown up in the development of businesses and services that cater to a population of people who are looking for love. Bahama Breeze opened last year on Haggerty in Livonia and Plymouth is now home to a "piano bar" called 336 Main, whose owners are targeting the single crowd.

In the last two years, radio

stations have been offering singles matching services that have been quite popular with their listeners. Generally, the station advertises a phone number that listeners can call and answer questions about their interests.

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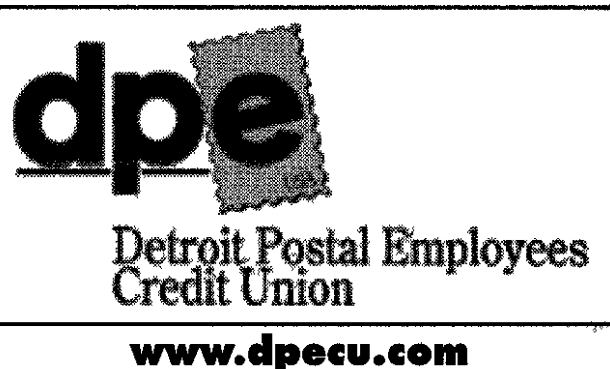
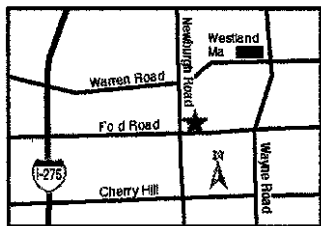
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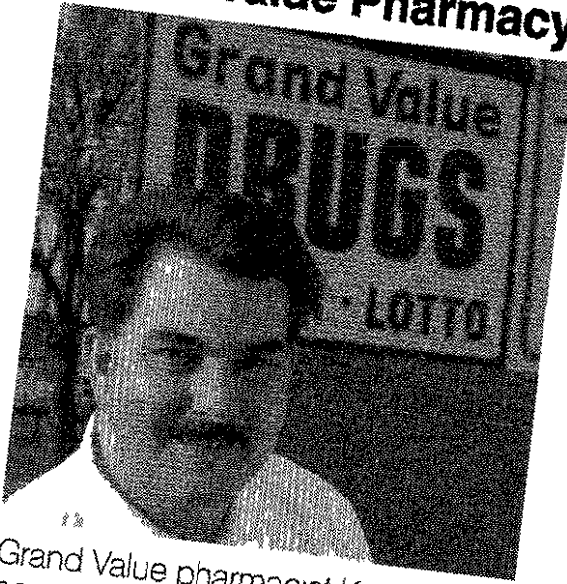
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Horvath from page A1

offs I think a lot of people in the community were surprised by the layoffs," added Horvath "I think that's a crime"

Horvath said the finances of the district will be a critical issue

"We haven't been in a situation where Proposal A has been tested in a downturn economy," said Horvath "It's critical in a district like ours, that is growing, to balance the short-term fiscal needs like the addition of teachers to support additional pupils, but also long-term planning as we're seeing with the increased fixed costs with the opening of new buildings"

Horvath didn't mince words

when asked if the school board was doing a good job

"I don't think so," he said "I think personalizing problems is an issue They're focusing on the person asking the question rather than the solution to the problem I don't think that's a way to do business"

The former board member is also concerned about what he considers a lack of discussion on the budget, which needs to be approved by the end of June

"The first time the board will see the budget proposal is five weeks before passing a balanced budget At a time when we've got the possibility of teacher layoffs, we've got the possibility of

cutting programs, my way is to make the community aware of that much earlier," he said "My role (as a board member) is to translate what the community wants priority wise, give that direction to the administration, and have the administration deliver a budget that supports that If we do that five weeks before the budget is passed, it's not enough time to get the community involved in the process for a \$120 million business that has a responsibility for 16,500 kids"

Horvath said he's against part of Superintendent Kathleen Booher's October report which calls for larger elementary schools

"When I was on the board, I fought hard for small class sizes and small schools," he said "Educational studies show kids in small schools do better If I get back on the board, it will be like a rerun"

Horvath has heard the whispers that he wants back on the board to do things his way And, in a way, he agrees

"If my way means getting people involved, if it means debating in public passionately, if it means disagreeing on solutions without being disagreeable, then I want to do things my way," he said "If that's not the way the public wants to do it, then I'm not the guy"

Lamar from page A1

Lamar "Almost all of the politicians who attended said we need to look at tweaking Proposal A, we need to look at regional issues In years past, they didn't want to look at anything"

Lamar said the layoff of teachers was a surprise to many in the district, which could have been avoided with more communication with the public

"I've been to a number of school board meetings and I was stunned when the administration said they were pink-slipping 18 teachers I don't remember them talking about that," she said "If they had other ideas, it wasn't communicated to anybody I thought there would be discussion between the administration and the board, or maybe some public input Layoffs are the last thing we should do"

Lamar said better communication with parents would help determine in what direction the district needs to go

"We need to know what parents feel success is," she said "Is it being proud of what you're doing, is it getting something accomplished, is it having

friends, is it having confidence in yourself? We should find out from the community, and we should hinge our goals on what people feel success is"

Lamar noted she'd like to see Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, because of its size, become a leader in research

"When you tell people your kids go to the Park, they say wow because we have such a wonderful reputation not only in the state, but the country," she said "So, why aren't we doing more research? We ought to be publishing research that other people use We should be doing more of that"

Lamar's son was in the Talented and Gifted program, and she disagrees with the suggestion by the administration it be changed from a magnet school to an in-school program

"A lot of people move into the district for TAG," she said "If you want to save money, ask the TAG parents for what can be done to make it different Keeping it as a magnet program is a good thing"

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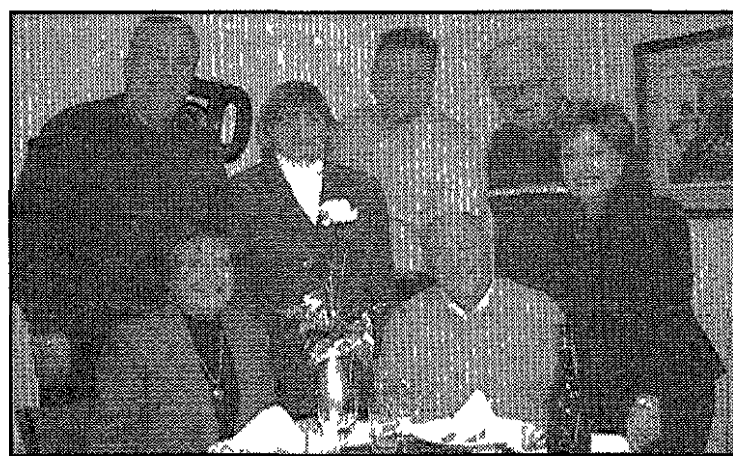
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The Wesleyan Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth is performing "Oh, Jonah" at 4 p.m. May 5 at the church. Stop in for "a whale of a good time" and catch a few blessings as well! For more information, call (734) 459-3624.

PENCIL WORKSHOP

Artist Sherry Eid will conduct a workshop in colored pencil from 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 6 at D&M Art Studio in Canton. Materials will be supplied. Call (248) 262-9711 for further information.

Chamber party



Set to celebrate: The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is set to mark its 81st anniversary and 50 years of incorporation with a gala party Friday at the Mayflower Meeting Room. A champagne reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$50. Call the chamber for details (734) 453-1540. The committee that set up the party includes standing from left to right, Bill Pratt, Judy Evola, Scott Lorenz, Jim McKeon and Joyce Costanza, and seated, Michele Ruppel, John Thomas.

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strated that you are a true friend of public education." Stewart said the bill wouldn't have helped his districts, which is why, despite being pressured by fellow Republicans, he didn't change his vote.

"How is this going to result in more money for Plymouth-Canton and Northville?" asked Stewart. "Why aren't we spending the money on infrastructure instead, since many of our school buildings are so old?"

According to the Gongwer

News Service, a Lansing-based organization which covers state government, Stewart "voted 'no' despite a soap opera-like three hours of arm-twisting by both sides. The House ground to a halt as Mr Stewart agonized in his seat over his decision, spurring numerous taunts from irritated and amused members."

Stewart was one of five House Republicans voting against the bill. The others were Pan Godchaux of Birmingham, Ron Jelinek of Three Oaks, Mike Pumphord of Newaygo and Judie Scranton of Brighton.

Stewart said he knows why he was targeted in the three-hour melodrama.

"Because I am a freshman lawmaker," he said. "But, I left that night with my self respect."

New law doesn't have effect on local taxpayers

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Gov John Engler's signing Tuesday of bills changing the collection date of state school property taxes from December to July made big news around the area.

Except in Plymouth, where it's no news at all.

Both Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth already collect school taxes in July. But that didn't stop the phone from ringing in Ron Edwards' office

Wednesday morning.

"The calls started right away," said Edwards, Plymouth Township's treasurer. "People were worried this was going to affect them."

The changes in the bills signed by Engler take effect in 2003 but the Plymouths have already been collecting school taxes in July.

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JUNE LOUISE HESSE

Services for June Hesse, 84, of Plymouth were held May 2 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev Lawrence Wik officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Hesse was born Aug. 27, 1917 in Plymouth and died April 30 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker and a life-long Plymouth resident. She graduated from Plymouth High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald F. Hesse, Sr., and son, Darold Hesse.

Survivors include son, Ronald F. (Mary) Hesse, Jr. of Plymouth, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 485 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

BERTHA ELIZABETH KISABETH

Services for Bertha Kisabeth, 90, of Plymouth were held May 3 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating.

Mrs. Kisabeth was born Oct. 20, 1911 in Elizabeth, Pa., and died April 29 in Garden City. She worked briefly at the Daisy Rifle Plant in Plymouth, but for the most part was a housewife. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus #3292 Plymouth Council. She also was a life-time member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include husband, Foster Bryan Kisabeth, children, Kenneth Bryan, Gordon William, Michael Foster, Gerald Lee, and Barbara Kerry, grandchildren, Erin, Shea, Bryan, Lisa, Robert, Karen, Corrie, Kelli, Lyleen, Daniel, Andrew, Gregory, Charles and Kerry, and great-grandchildren, Danielle, Cole, Jacob, Matthew and Kaylin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Adult Day-Care Services or Mass cards.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

GERTRUDE SITLINGTON HARGREAVES

Services for Gertrude Hargreaves, 93, of Plymouth were held May 4 at the Uht Funeral Home with burial at Sheldon Cemetery in Canton.

Mrs. Hargreaves was born Sept. 10, 1908 and died April 27

in Plymouth. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Wayne for 66 years, Nankin Wayne O.E.S. for 72 years, supporter of Canton historical efforts, and taught math as Gertrude Bower at Wayne High Schools from 1946-1970.

Survivors include son, Robert Bower of Vienna, Va., granddaughter, Cynthia Oliveri of Pittsburgh, Pa., great-granddaughter, Shelby Oliveri of Pittsburgh, Pa., and great-granddaughter, Samantha Oliveri of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice.

Arrangements made by Uht Funeral Home.

HAROLD W. ROSSOW

Services for Harold Rossow, 82, of Arizona, formerly of Plymouth, will be held May 7 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

Mr. Rossow was born Sept. 2, 1919 in Redford and died April 26 in Arizona. He was a retired service technician from Michigan Bell. He moved to Arizona from Plymouth in 1982. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He was a volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul. He served in the Army in World War II. He enjoyed crafts, stained glass and cards. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cecelia.

Survivors include wife, Marion of Arizona, children, Loraine Thuer of Garden City, Martin (Carol) Russov of Livonia, Carol Vich of Garden City, Glen (Pat) Rossow of Canton, Jean Arlen of Plymouth, Rita Rossow of Garden City, Ann (Scott) Pedersen of Livonia, and Marcie (Dan) Rossow-Cone of Ecorse, three stepsons, 18 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother, and two sisters.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

VICTORIA PERFETTO

Services for Victoria Perfetto, 89, of Canton were held May 2 at Resurrection Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Perfetto officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Perfetto was born Oct. 24, 1912 in Standish and died April 25 in Canton. She was a homemaker. She was a member

of Resurrection Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Perfetto.

Survivors include her son, Rev. Richard A. Perfetto of Canton, daughter, Nancy (Randy) Phalsh of Canton, granddaughter, Kara Strech, grandson, Nathan Strech, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1740 Mt. Elliott Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

JUDITH LYNN BRODZIK

Services for Judith Brodzik, 34, of Plymouth were held April 29 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Malia officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Brodzik was born June 7, 1967 in Southfield and died April 24 in Plymouth. She was a three-year resident of Plymouth, formerly of Commerce Township and Northville. She enjoyed water and snow skiing, horse-back riding, fitness training and running and was an assistant Brownie Troop leader, and was a volunteer at All Saints Catholic School in Canton.

She was a Eucharistic Minister to the sick at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, as well as a Stephens Ministry counselor, and had been a member of that parish for 11 years, formerly a member of Our Lady of Grace parish in Redford. Judy graduated from Redford Thurston High School in 1985 and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Systems Engineering from U of M Dearborn, and later her Masters Degree. She worked at Mazda in Flat Rock and New Venture Gear in Troy.

Survivors include husband, Steven J. Brodzik of Plymouth, daughter, Nicole Lynn Brodzik, son, Justin Andrew Brodzik, parents, Ted (Virginia) Dul, sisters, Barbara (Greg) Barbaza, Patricia (Rocco) Krcatovich, Janice (Leonard) Kisner, Cynthia (Dennis) Marley, Dr. Carrie (David Lubanski) Dul, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Judith Brodzik Memorial Fund, c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Debate

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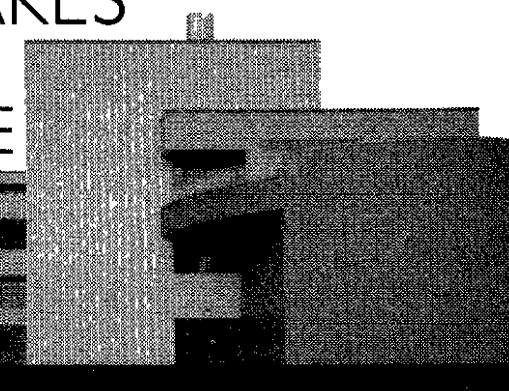
The teller described the suspect as a white man, 25-35 years old, approximately 5-foot-8 wearing a baseball hat, polo-style shirt and jacket.

Township police responded with their K-9 unit, but the dog was unable to track because the scene

had been contaminated, officials explained. Township police will work with the FBI on the investigation.

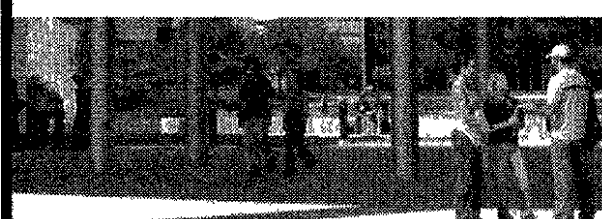
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Candidates line up for county executive derby

BY KURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

The candidates are starting to line up to fill the void that will be left when current Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara leaves office at the end of the year.

With less than two weeks before the May 14 deadline to file for candidacy for the upcoming Aug. 6 primary, several big names have announced they are in the hunt for the Democratic nomination for county executive, a position McNamara has held since January, 1987. The top county job pays \$171,000 a year.

Benny Napoleon, the former chief of police in Detroit, has already filed. Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, state Sen. Joe Young Jr. (Detroit), and Wayne County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon have all announced they are candidates and will file before the deadline. Detroit City Council Member Sharon McPhail, who ran for the position in 1998 against McNamara, is currently undecided.

Early indications point toward a close race between Ficano and Napoleon. Both candidates recently hired consulting firms to conduct polls of the likely primary race.

Napoleon hired a California company, which polled 400 registered voters in early April. According to the survey, Ficano and Napoleon tied with 32-percent of the vote, followed by McPhail with 12-percent. Some 20-percent of the voters polled were undecided. Young's name

was not included in the survey. Ficano's survey, conducted by Bannon Communications Research, was taken in late March. Based on the responses of 600 likely Democratic voters, Ficano led all probable candidates, taking 32-percent. He was followed by Napoleon with 28-percent, and McPhail and Young, both with 16-percent. According to the survey, 22 percent of those polled were undecided.

Going 'countywide'

Napoleon's camp was particularly encouraged by the results of both polls.

"The polling is a great sign for us," said spokesman Howard Hampton.

"Number one, it will be very helpful for our fund raising. More importantly, it shows Benny is a viable candidate with a real chance to win."

Napoleon has already held two fund-raising events, and made a number of campaign stops around the county. According to Hampton, Napoleon has a strong base of supporters in Detroit, but he wants to win by swaying voters countywide.

"Benny has a real strong group of people supporting him," he said. "We have grass root support in the city of Detroit, as well as name and face recognition in the suburbs. We think that is a valuable combination."

Although Solomon finished a distant last in both polls, he did win an early victory when Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan endorsed him back in



Napoleon Solomon McPhail Ficano

March Duggan, who is the former deputy county executive, called Solomon "the best qualified" candidate.

Ficano looks to suburbs

According to people in the Ficano camp, he already has several important endorsements lined up.

"We're not ready to announce anything at this point, but he has some important endorsements, which we will make public after he officially files for the

race," said Carol Hopkins, the press secretary for The Robert A. Ficano Committee.

Hopkins said Ficano, a Livonia resident who expects to draw most of his votes in the suburbs, will file sometime this week.

Napoleon, Solomon, Young and McPhail all reside in Detroit.

One factor that might shake up the race is McNamara's all important endorsement, although he has said he isn't sure he is going to endorse anybody. According to one of his

aides, however, he is going to wait until the May 14 deadline to make an announcement.

McNamara has had public differences with Solomon and Ficano. Solomon is leading the county commission's lawsuit opposing the airports authority, created by the state legislature following a deal between McNamara and Gov. John Engler. McNamara and Ficano have frequently disagreed over budget allocations to the Sheriff's Department and other issues.

In Wayne County the winner of the Democratic primary is generally a lock to win the general election in November. However, according to Wayne County Elections officials, three Republican candidates have already filed for their party's nomination. New Boston resident Richard S. Frederick, and Wilhelmsburg resident C. Edward Gordon, both of Detroit, and Norman Nader of Melvindale and Dean Pigott of

In Wayne County the winner of the Democratic primary is generally a lock to win the general election in November. However, according to Wayne County Elections officials, three Republican candidates have already filed for their party's nomination.

Romulus have also filed as Democrats.

The top vote-getting candidates of each party will run against each other in November.

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CLARIFICATION

The first sentence in the article about *Observer* Academic All-Star Stacey Ann Schroeder should have read:

As a Ladywood High School senior, Schroeder is proof that it is possible to be as successful in the classroom as in athletics.

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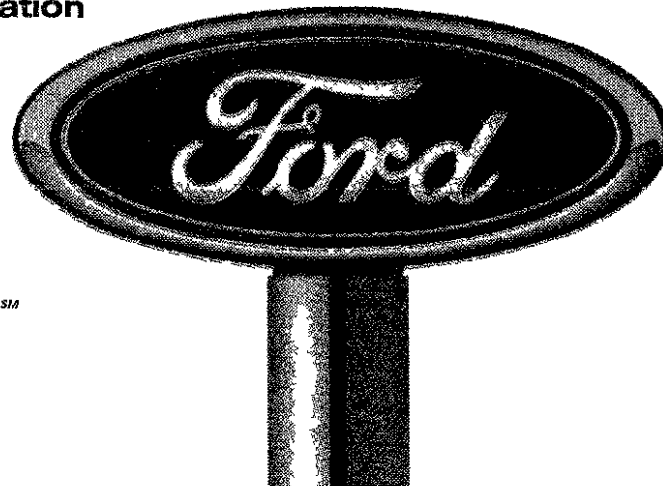
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Low humidity and minimal rainfall lead to a low incidence of grape pests. Thus, Mendoza vineyards are virtually pesticide-free. This, combined with a new generation of viticulturists, has brought state-of-the-art techniques for grape growing to Argentina.

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Brands to look for

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Trumpeter wines will pleasantly surprise you for the quality-price ratio. Cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay, merlot and malbec are available for \$10.

Please see WINE, B2

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Winebow, the leading U.S. importer of premium Italian wines, expanded its spirits portfolio with Bruichladdich (Brook-Laddie) Islay 10-year-old Single Malt (about \$52). It became available in Michigan on April 31, 2002. Bruichladdich is the only Islay Distillery owned and operated by a small, genuinely Scottish company. For the first time since the days of illicit distilling, Islay spring water was used to bring the ideal alcohol strength to 46 percent.

In an attractive decanter-style bottle with modern aquamarine packaging, the malt signals not only a departure in traditional malt whisky labeling but a light, fresh, slightly briny style with sweet oak presence. Bruichladdich 10-year is both a sophisticated pre-dinner malt or ideal when a lighter, silky smooth style is preferred after a heavier meal.

Brunch with Mom

Crepes, cookies at home or dining out



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Sweet: Crunchy Pecan Sour Cream Coffee Cake (pictured far right) and Double-Blueberry muffins make interesting treats to add to a Mother's Day brunch.

Treat mom to coffeecake, muffins

CRUNCHY PECAN-APPLE SOUR CREAM COFFEECAKE

Prep time 35 minutes

Bake time 55 minutes plus cooking

1 1/2 cups Post Selects Cereals Grains Crunchy Pecan cereal divided
1 cup chopped pecans divided
1/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/3 cup flour
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine divided
2 medium tart green apples peeled and cored. Slice thin (about 2 cups)
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 3/4 cup flour

3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1 container (8 ounces) sour cream
20 caramels unwrapped
2 tablespoons half and half
Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Mix 1 cup cereal, 1/2 cup pecans, brown sugar and cinnamon in a large bowl for pecan mixture. Set aside. Mix remaining 1/2 cup cereal and 1/3 cup flour in medium bowl. Cut in 1/4 cup of the butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in 3/4 cup of the pecan mixture to form streusel crumb mixture. Set both mixtures aside.

Toss apple slices with lemon juice. Set aside. Mix 1 3/4 cups flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Beat remaining 1/2 cup butter, granulated sugar and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream until blended, beating on low speed.

Microwave caramels and half and half in small microwavable bowl on HIGH 1 to 2 minutes or until caramels are melted. Stir set aside. Spread 1/2 of the batter into greased 9 inch springform pan. Sprinkle with reserved pecan mixture. Layer apple slices and drizzle

Please see RECIPES, B3

Some food ideas for Mother's Day

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER
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"We have foods to satisfy every mother," said Alex Sakellaris, Ernesto's Italian Restaurant's banquet manager.

With fresh fruit, homemade bread, seafood antipasto, many meats, eggplant and more, one of the busiest days of the year at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth, is because of Mom. To honor Mother's Day, Ernesto's is hosting brunch and dinner buffets Sunday, May 12.

Since Mom, in most households, was the family chef who creatively prepared meal after meal while raising the family, it makes sense that Mother's Day buffets are becoming increasingly important events at many eateries from the family casual to the trendy upscale. What better way to celebrate Mom than over a good meal at home or dining out?

At Ernesto's, the buffets are in such high demand there are two: The brunch noon to 2 p.m. and the buffet 2-6 p.m.

Foods for Mother's Day are also becoming increasingly sophisticated, and restaurants are serving dishes like blintzes and crepes, shrimp and scallops or nine-herb cheese ravioli.

At the newly opened Kettles 'N Krepes at 172 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, owner Scott McCammon is expecting a robust Mother's Day crowd.

Regularly closed on Sundays, he'll open Kettles 'N Krepes 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day and serve sweet crepes like chocolate mousse, Very Berry and Crepe Sundae; plus savory breakfast crepes like vegetable and cheese.

McCammon's quaint order-at-the-counter eatery concept was sparked on the East Coast.

"My brother in Boston picked up on the crepe idea," McCammon said.

At Too Chez Bistro on 27155 Sheraton Drive in Novi, the restaurant will be open specially for Mother's Day brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again at dinner 4-8 p.m.

Brunich will feature omelet and roast stations plus a main buffet with baked salmon, asparagus, eggs benedict, waffles, quiche and more. Dinner will offer more traditional bistro foods from burgers to char-grilled filet mignon.

And at Appe'teaser, 6585 Commerce Road in West Bloomfield, Mother's Day specials will include foods like Grilled Atlantic Salmon, Chicken Florentine with sautéed spinach, chopped roma tomatoes, mushrooms and Gorgonzola cheese with roasted red skin potatoes, or blackened swordfish with mango salsa.

Still nothing may be better than a home-cooked meal prepared by Mom's kids. Try the recipes accompanying this story for simple, yet elegant brunch foods.

Life is just a bowl of strawberries

American Institute for Cancer Research – Dr. William Butler, a 16th century English writer wrote of the strawberry "Doubtless God could have made a better berry, but doubtless God never did." And when local strawberries are at their peak, it would be hard to find anyone to argue with him.

As if their sweet taste were not enough, strawberries are a natural health food. The ancient Romans prized wild strawberries for their medicinal properties. Once for ounce strawberries have more vitamin C than citrus fruit – a cup of strawberries provides as much vitamin C as a medium orange.

A rich source of iron, potassium and fiber, they have recently been found to be a great source of ellagic acid, a powerful antioxidant and cancer fighting agent.

Take advantage of the strawberry season by buying locally picked berries. Farmers' markets, roadside stands, or pick your own farms are often the

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best sources for the freshest, most flavorful strawberries.

Strawberries don't ripen after they're picked, so look for very red berries and pass on the ones that are white around the stem or tip. Good, ripe berries

should also have an aroma. And if a box of berries contains any that are soft or moldy, pass them by, too – a bad berry can spoil the whole box. While large strawberries look beautiful, the smaller ones often have more taste.

Strawberries keep best refrigerated in a shallow, moisture proof container, in a single layer on paper towel for two to four days. Removing the stem speeds up the loss of vitamins and minerals, so wash and stem them just before using.

While nothing beats popping a juicy, sweet strawberry right in the mouth, they are wonderfully versatile as part of other dishes. Strawberry shortcake is a seasonal classic and in recent years, strawberries have been paired with aged balsamic vinegar as a topping for ice cream or frozen yogurt.

Strawberries can be sliced and tossed into green salads, or put in a blender with milk or plain, low-fat

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Strawberries from page B1

yogurt for a breakfast smoothie
A bowl of just-washed berries makes a good after-school snack for children (They taste best served at room temperature.) Or try this sweet-tart strawberry chutney over cream cheese on a gingersnap - perfect for a springtime afternoon tea

peeled and chopped
1/2 cup wine vinegar
1/2 cup fresh orange juice
4 cups whole strawberries hulled and diced
1/2 cup sliced almonds

In a large, non-aluminum saucepan, combine all ingredients except strawberries and almonds and bring to a boil. Cook uncovered over medium heat, stirring frequently, for 15 minutes or until slightly thickened and syrupy.

Add strawberries, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally.

Remove mixture from heat and stir in almonds. Spoon chutney into serving bowl. Cover and chill

for at least 1 hour before serving

Makes about 2 1/2 cups of chutney, or 10 1/4 cup servings

Per serving 140 calories, 3 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 30 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 14 mg sodium

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STRAWBERRY CHUTNEY

- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 2 teaspoons fresh ginger root, minced and peeled
- 1/3 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 cup strawberry preserves
- 1 medium navel orange,



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Wine from page B1

Nicholas Catena is a partner in this venture. Remember his name because it seems that everything he touches turns to gold!

Bodegas Norton was founded in 1895, but its modern era began in 1989 when it was purchased by Austrian businessman, Gernot Langes-Swarovski. Norton has 3,120 acres of estate vineyards planted from 2,300 to 3,600 feet elevation in the Andes foothills. The torrontes and malbec are exceptional values at \$10, while the reserve malbec is a step up. For something special try the Privada \$18, a blend of malbec, merlot and cabernet sauvignon.

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with 1/4 cup of the caramel sauce Gently spread with remaining batter Top with reserved streusel crumb mix

Bake 10 minutes Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup pecans Bake 45 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean Drizzle with remaining caramel sauce Cool one hour Remove from pan Makes 10 to 12 servings

Recipe courtesy of Family Features Editorial

DOUBLE BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

Prep 15 minutes
Bake 20 minutes

- 1 1/3 cups flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine melted
- 3/4 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cup Post Selects Blueberry Morning cereal
- 1 cup milk

Heat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in large bowl Beat egg in a small bowl, stir in milk and butter Add to flour mix, stir just until moist Batter will be lumpy Stir in cereal and blueberries

Spoon batter into greased or paper lined muffin pan filling each cup 2/3 full Bake 20 minutes or until golden brown Serve warm Makes 12 muffins

Recipe courtesy of Family Features Editorial

EASY ORANGE WAFFLES WITH HONEY-ORANGE SYRUP

- 4 cups Bisquick
- 2 2/3 cups milk

- 4 tablespoon vegetable oil or shortening melted
- 2 tablespoons orange peel grated
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups nuts finely chopped

HONEY-ORANGE SYRUP

- 2 cups honey
- 6 tablespoons orange juice
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine

Beat baking mix, milk, oil orange peel, and eggs with hand beater until smooth Stir in nuts Pour batter from cup or pitcher onto center of hot waffle iron Bake until steaming stops Remove waffle carefully Serve with Honey Orange Syrup Yield six 9 inch waffles To make Honey Orange Syrup Heat honey, juice and butter just until warm

Source <http://secretcookies.freeyellow.com/recipes>

SUPERFAST, SUPERGOOD VEGETARIAN PIZZA

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium zucchini diced
- 1 medium yellow squash diced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper flakes
- 16-oz baked cheese pizza crust such as Boboli
- 14-oz jar mushroom pizza sauce
- 3 large cloves garlic minced
- 4 oz mozzarella shredded
- 1/2 cup oil pack sun dried tomatoes drained thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese grated

Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit Heat oil Add zucchini yellow squash and red pepper saute until veggies are almost tender about 5 minutes Place pizza crust on baking sheet Spread

mushroom sauce over Sprinkle with garlic then mozzarella Top with squash mixture and tomatoes Sprinkle with Parmesan Bake pizza until cheese melts and crust is crisp, about 13 minutes

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BANANA CREPE

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup confectioners sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 cup half and half cream
- 6 bananas halved lengthwise
- 1 1/2 cups whipped heavy cream
- 1 pinch ground cinnamon

Sift flour and powdered sugar into a mixing bowl Add eggs milk butter, vanilla and salt beat until smooth Heat a lightly greased, 6 inch skillet Add about 3 table spoons batter Tilt skillet so that batter spreads to almost cover the bottom of skillet Cook until lightly browned turn and brown the other side Repeat process with remaining batter grease skillet as needed

Melt 1/4 cup butter in a large skillet Stir in brown sugar 1/4 tea spoon cinnamon and nutmeg Stir in cream and cook until slightly thickened Add half the bananas at a time to skillet cook for 2 to 3 minutes spooning sauce over them Remove from heat

Roll a crepe around each banana half and place on serving platter Spoon sauce over crepes Top with whipped cream and a pinch of cinnamon

Source <http://brunch.allrecipes.com>

Streamlined coq au vin can be ready in a hurry

AP - You'd think a classic chicken dish with a stylish French name couldn't be done without hours of toil over a hot stove Take heart - a streamlined but richly tasty version of coq au vin can be ready in about half an hour You can also prepare it ahead of time, and reheat

Here's the secret Cooking the ingredients uncovered, over high heat, allows the liquid to reduce and concentrate its flavors in a fraction of the time required for the traditional long simmered dish

The recipe is included in a feature titled "Home Bistro," in the March issue of *Cooking Light* magazine The piece extols the bistro's comfortable, casual ambience and its matching cooking style

And all the dishes emphasize using ingredients simply, with no elaborate time-consuming techniques needed

QUICK COQ AU VIN

- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Six (4-ounce) skinless boneless chicken thighs
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 cups quartered cremini mushrooms
- 2 cups sliced (1/4-inch thick) carrots
- 1/3 cup sliced (1/4 inch thick) Canadian bacon
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 1 cup fat free less sodium chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste

Combine flour, thyme and salt in a zip-top plastic bag, add chicken Seal and shake to coat Remove chicken from bag, shaking off excess flour

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium high heat Add chicken, cook 8 minutes or until browned, turning frequently Remove chicken from pan

Add mushrooms, carrots and bacon to pan, saute 2 minutes Stir in wine, broth and tomato paste, cook 9 minutes Return chicken to pan, cook 8 minutes or until chicken is done

Makes 6 servings

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Enjoy a 'Big Night Out' to help Gilda's Club

BY KEELY KALESKI WYGONIK
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Being involved in Gilda's Club is something Michael Radner can still do for his sister. Cancer makes you feel helpless.

"No one should have to face cancer alone," he said.

On Thursday, May 16, Radner, a Southfield resident, will receive the "It's Always Someone Special Award," at Gilda's Big Night Out, a benefit for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit that features comedian Wendy Liebman, a strolling supper and a silent auction.

"It's very nice, but I'm not going away," he said.

Instead of dwelling on his accomplishments, Radner wants to talk about the club that was his sister's wish, and how it's the one place cancer patients look forward to going to.

"This event generates a lot of money," he said. "Free is very expensive. The

money we raise on May 16 will make sure the red door stays open."

You don't have to pay anything to be a member of Gilda's Club, or to participate in the many programs that are offered at the big, comfortable house on Rochester Road in Royal Oak.

Creating a place where people living with cancer, and their family and friends, could gather to support one another and celebrate life was Gilda's dream. The comedian, known for the silly characters she created on *Saturday Night Live*, died at the age of 42 after battling ovarian cancer.

"Everybody loved Gilda," said Radner. "When she was living with her cancer she expressed her experiences and wrote her book. She found a way to live life with cancer."

"People say 'If Gilda can do it, I can do it.' They pay attention to her, she still resonates with so many people. She was as nice in person and approachable as she seemed on TV. People identify with her and trust what she has to say. Just

Gilda's Big Night Out IV
What: Event featuring Wendy Liebman to benefit Gilda's Club of Metropolitan Detroit.
When: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 16
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Tickets: \$150, \$250 and \$500, call (248) 577-0800, Ext. 22. To learn more about Gilda's Club visit www.gildasclubdetroit.org

thinking about her makes me smile."

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit opened in January 1998 after four years of fund-raising. Marcia Gershenson, Jackie Grekin, Geri Lester of Franklin and Sherry Medsker, four of the original founders who still serve on its board with Radner, are the honorary chairs for this year's event.

Andi Sklar of West Bloomfield is co-chairing Gilda's Big Night Out with Karen Gunsberg.

"It will be a terrific, fun evening out," she said. "Gilda's Club is a really posi-

tive thing. It's such a warm place.

"Everything for the members is absolutely free, we're there for people every day," said Gunsberg, a breast cancer survivor, and West Bloomfield resident.

"We've listened to Wendy's tapes, she's funny. People have been very generous, they just give with their hearts."

Lester said people can feel good about supporting this event knowing that a great percentage of the money goes right to the club, not to pay expenses.

A cancer survivor, Lester said she realized that the metro area had an incredible medical facilities, but was lacking a place where cancer patients could find a little support.

"Gilda's Club is for any person dealing with cancer, from any walk of life," she said. "It's a special place, it brings people together who ordinarily wouldn't come together."

"We offer something for everyone. A lot of healing comes from giving back to people facing the same situation. We hope to make the road smoother and

more bearable."

Silent auction items include a seven-day Caribbean cruise for two, art work, jewelry, tickets to see *42nd Street* on Broadway, an hour of improv comedy, and University of Michigan tailgate party.

Area restaurants and caterers participating in the strolling supper include Leo's Coney Island, Amariyllis Catering, Lily's Seafood, Peking House and Shield's Pizza.

"It's a fun evening all the way around," said Radner. "It's a wonderful evening, and you'll be supporting something that's good for our community."

Radner also serves on the board of Gilda's Club Worldwide, which oversees programming for all Gilda's Clubs. There are currently 14 locations in the United States and Canada, and 13 in various stages of development in the United States.

"We hope to be online by the end of the year so that people who can't get to the club can still enjoy the programs."

Comedian didn't get the part, but happy to perform

BY KEELY KALESKI WYGONIK
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Wendy Liebman auditioned to

play the part of Gilda Radner in *It's Always Something The Gilda Radner Story*, she didn't get it. But she was asked to per-

form at Gilda's Big Night Out on Thursday, May 16, and is happy to do it.

"I believe in destiny," she said. "I wasn't meant to play Gilda, but to raise money I love Gilda Radner and grew up watching *Saturday Night Live*. I'm in awe of that kind of talent. When I was asked to do this, I thought what a perfect way to help people who went through what she went through."

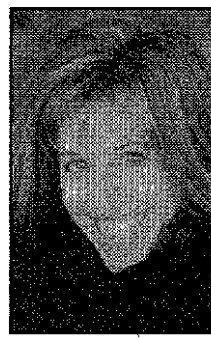
Liebman has been doing comedy for 18 years, starred in her own HBO Comedy special, and is scheduled to appear on the *David Letterman Show* at the end of the month. Comedian wasn't something she planned to put on her resume. Liebman studied psychology in college, and signed up for a continuing education class - "How Be a Stand-Up Comedian" - after leafing through a catalog she

found in some misdelivered mail.

"People laughed, and in my heart I knew this is what I was supposed to be doing. It took me years to feel comfortable on stage. I'm just finding my voice."

She's fascinated by word play, and jokes about driving, growing up, and graduating from IOU. Sometimes she dreams jokes, or sits down and gives herself an assignment.

"I'm really working hard on creating a CD," she said. "I want to put it out there by 2003." One of the names she's toying with is



Wendy Liebman

"Near Mrs.," because that's what she is.

"I've been engaged a year and a half," she said. She met Jeff Sherman while working on an animated sitcom. Being a stepmom to his two young sons is a role she relishes.

"My whole life has changed. I'm so blessed," she said. "I have new jokes about being a stepmother. Right now I'm doing wash and making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches."

She loves being part of an extended family, and didn't want to leave them after Sept. 11. "I'm a really strong believer in coming together to heal. People really need to laugh together."

Liebman is involved in a research project at the Universi-

ty of California, "RX Laughter," that shows how laughter can help children and teens suffering from chronic illness. You can learn more about it by visiting www.rxlaughter.org.

Her life is falling into place. She's in love, and doing work she believes is extremely positive because it helps people. Jeff recently lost his mother to cancer, and performing at a benefit to help Gilda's Club is just another way for Liebman to use her talents to help others. She's also been helping one of her favorite comedy clubs - Joey's, in the basement of Paisano's Italian Restaurant in Dearborn.

"It's one of my favorite places to perform," she said. "There's so much energy there."

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Tools

In photographing the subject I used a 135mm lens on a tripod so the finished photograph would be razor sharp. I believe my picture captures all the character and charm of this Italian gentleman

Remember that to make a good portrait,

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To me, this portrait is an example of what photography can do better than even a painting - depicting how the subject's personality is seen by the viewer. The result shown here suggests a map of the journey traveled through life by this delightful and wise man

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Correspondent shares funny presidential moments

"Thanks for the Memories, Mr. President," by Helen Thomas (Scribner \$24)

BOOK BEAT



VICTORIA DIAZ

correspondent From John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush, "Thanks for the Memories, Mr. President" gives us a peek mostly at the humor of each Chief Executive, as witnessed by Thomas herself, plus several of her fellow journalists. This is a kind of "fly on the wall," off-beat account of the presidency, put together by a journalist who has covered nine administrations. Within its pages, readers get the opportunity, for example, to attend press conferences first-hand, hop aboard Air Force One, drop in on Gridiron Dinners, and even take a white water rafting trip down the foamy Colorado River as Lady Bird Johnson beautifies America.

John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan, in Thomas' view, "were the best at deflecting the sometimes bitter acrimony associated with hard-driving politics and at easing the tension." Lyndon Johnson's humor could be raw and peppered with epithets, she says, yet she never encountered a president who compared with the tall Texan as a storyteller. In the short chapter on Richard Nixon, Thomas initially observes that "even his closest comrades could not remember many laugh lines" (except maybe unintended ones, like the time he intoned - at Charles deGaulle's funeral - "This is a great day for France.")

Gerald Ford, she recalls, possessed a gift for withstanding the humor poked in his direction after he literally tumbled off the just-landed Air Force One, or sent errant golf balls flying in the direction of spectators' noggins.

Ford's successor, Jimmy Carter, was often upstaged by his mother, Miss Lillian, or his brother, Billy, in the humor department.

George Bush, according to Thomas, "was the founder of a dynasty of disjointed communication." And Bill Clinton, when he turned the humor on himself, often showed his most appealing side, in Thomas' opinion. ("My

doctor ordered me to shut up, which will make every American happy," the loquacious president once declared when stricken with laryngitis.)

For crying out loud

By far the funniest chapter in this book is the one devoted to the malapropisms of our current Chief Executive. A warning: Do not read this section of the book in public, unless you're willing to be stared at (nervously) by entire groups of people. It's more or less just a listing of the spoken oddments we've come to expect from "Dubya," but it's guaranteed to make you laugh till you've cried. (For example, just how many people do you know who say things like, "I understand small business growth I was one.")

"Thanks for the Memories, Mr. President" also includes a taste of the humor of former First Ladies (beginning with Jackie Kennedy, who often shared her husband's wry wit), and also recalls some comic moments with vice presidents.

Thomas could have used more diligent editing so that some repetition could have been avoided on these pages. And several of these stories we've heard before from other sources, if we've been paying attention - although that

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doesn't really cut down on the fun.

If you're looking for light reading that's not worthless fluff, you're sure to find it in "Thanks for the Memories, Mr. President." And, again, that concluding chapter is sure to stir the ambitions of any reader who

believes you need a handle on the English language to become President of the United States.

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TRAVEL

Cruise around Michigan enjoying fun festivals

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Looking for an adventure packed with heaping portions of family fun? If so, check out a Michigan festival

The mitten-shaped state oozes with a variety of funky, unique, and familiar festivals. And, even though each celebration show cases a little something different - they all share one common ingredient - a good time.

The festivals feature a platter of special entertainment served just the way you like it, said Sue Bila, executive director, Michigan Festivals & Events Association.

Her suggestion to festivalgoers is "Have fun, and enjoy a special closeness with your family."

Here's a sampling of what's happening during the next several months.

May 10-12: Mesick Mushroom Festival, Mesick Morels rule at this celebration. Activities include a parade, carnival, largest mushroom contest and celebrity appearances. Call (800) 22-LAKES or check www.mesick-mushroomfest.org

■ The North American Lighthouse & Tall Ships Celebration comes to Mackinaw City in late August.

May 17-19: Railroad Days, Durand A tractor pull kids games, food, arts & crafts at the depot and a model train exhibit attract railroad enthusiasts of all levels. Call (989) 288-2678.

June 8: World's Longest Breakfast Table BattleCreek Shop for arts & crafts take the kids on carnival rides and share a breakfast table with other cereal lovers. Call (800) 397-2240 or check www.battlecreekvisitors.org

June 7-9: National Asparagus Festival, Hart Celebrate the asparagus harvest with an arts & crafts fair, food farm tours and entertainment. For information call (800) 874-3982 or visit www.oceana.net/naf/

June 14-16: Ovid Carriage Days Enjoy an auto show, fireworks music, a rodeo and kids activities. For info call (989) 834-5062.

June 14-16: National Strawberry Festival, Belleville Every thing is strawberry - especially the yummy food. New this year - helicopter rides. Call (734) 697-3137 or visit www.nationalstrawberryfest.com

June 26-29: Yankee Doodle Days Grand Ledge Dress in patriotic colors, listen to a musical revue, eat, watch a roller hockey competition or visit the Opera House. For info call (517) 627-2383 or go to www.grandledgemt.com

June 27-30: Flea and Ox Roast, Irons Antiques, arts & crafts a flea market and rodeo provide fun for everyone. Contact (231) 266-5317 or www.irons.org

July 6: Japanese Star Festival, Sagnaw Origami, calligraphy and the Japanese Tea Ceremony will be celebrated. For information call (989) 759-1648.

July 12-13: Michigan Elvis Fest, Ypsilanti Pay tribute to the King while you enjoy Memphis style barbecue. Elvis movies a classic car show and more. Call (734) 480-3974 or

visit www.michiganelvisfest.org

July 16-20: National Baby Food Festival, Fremont The young and the young at heart are welcome. Events include a baby crawl arts & craft show and an adult baby food-eating contest. Contact (800) 592-2229 or www.fremontchamcom.org

July 25-28: Munger Potato Festival, Munger You're in potato country so eat and enjoy Arts & crafts, fireworks flea market and more. Call (989) 659-3270.

July 26-28: Yale Bologna Festival, Yale So - what's the big deal about bologna? Find out at a party that includes entertainment a parade, cardboard boat and outhouse races, and lots of bologna sandwiches. Call (810) 387-9253.

Aug. 1-4: Pig Gig, Bay City Feast on barbecued ribs while listening to music or watching a water ski show. Call (989) 684-8410 or check www.piggig.com

Aug. 9-11: St John's Mint Festival, St John's Savor a variety of mint flavored foods and candy, watch a rodeo, shop for arts & crafts listen to music or take an agricultural tour. Call (989) 224-7248.

Aug. 9-11: Great Lakes Folk Festival East Lansing Music galore arts & crafts and activities for the kids. Call (800) 648-6630 or www.lansing.org or www.greatlakesfolkfest.net

Aug. 16-18: Linwood National Pickle Festival Linwood Celebrate the end of summer with cucumbers, music the 'biggest little parade and activities for the youngsters. Call (989) 697-3056 for info.

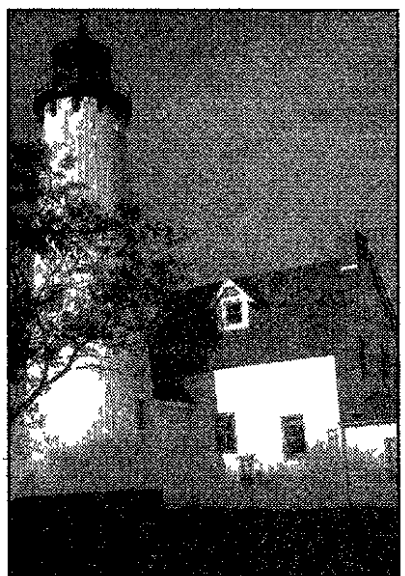
Aug. 24-29: The North American Lighthouse & Tall Ships Celebration Mackinaw City Hop on a trolley or a boat to view the area lighthouses. Tours of tall ships will also be available. For info contact (800) 666-0160 or www.mackinawcity.com

Aug. 31: Llama Fest, East Lansing Llama shearing, an arts & crafts show and food. Call (517) 264-5698 or visit www.michiganllama.org

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Mackinac Point: This old lighthouse was de-commissioned in the 1950s when the lights of the big bridge made it unnecessary. The 1892 structure now serves as a maritime museum.



Favorite stop: The Point Iroquois Light Station, on the shore of Lake Superior, 20 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie is one of the stops for visitors on The North American Lighthouse & Tall Ships celebration.

Mark these dates for fun all summer

Michigan fests attract thousands of visitors each year. According to the Michigan Festivals & Events Association, the following list represents some of the most popular summer festivals:

Kids' games, arts & crafts and fireworks will also be featured. For info call (231) 947-4230 or check www.cherryfestival.org

June 26: International Freedom Festival, Detroit Celebrate the friendship of two countries along the shore of the Detroit River.

July 17-20: Ann Arbor Street Art Fair and Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, Ann Arbor Stroll the city's sidewalks to view and purchase an eclectic mix of artwork.

Spectacular fireworks, music, a midway and kids games are featured. Call (800) 225-5389 or check www.visitdetroit.com

Food and kids activities available. For info on the Street Fair, call (734) 994-5260 or check the web. www.artfair.org; for Summer Fair information, call (734) 662-3382 or visit www.michigan-guild.org

July 6-13: National Cherry Festival, Traverse City Root for your favorite cherry-pit spitter, treat yourself to a yummy selection of cherry-flavored foods and drinks, and listen to music.

Aug. 30-Sept. 2: Arts, Beats, and Eats, Pontiac A combo of music, food and arts & crafts delight all ages. Call (248) 975-8850 or visit www.artsbeatsand eats.com

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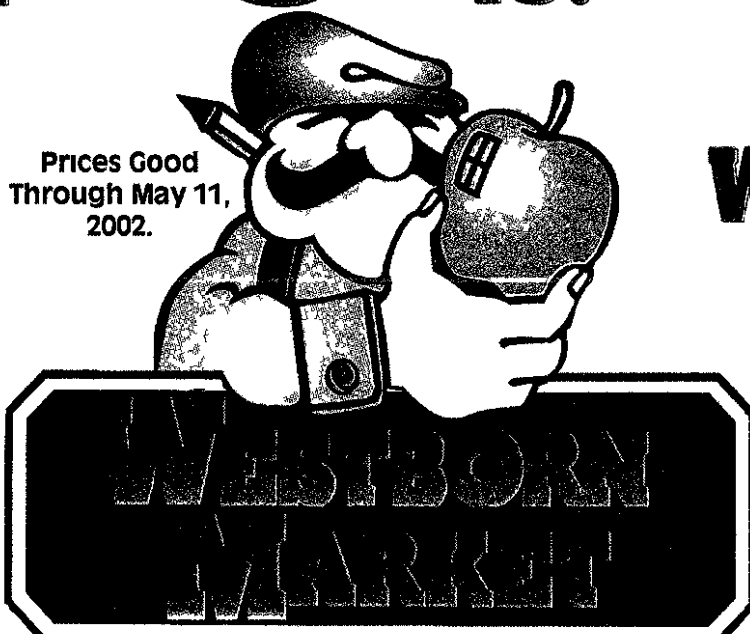
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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM 112 NORTH FARMINGTON 25
Thursday at North Farmington
Long jump 1 Celena Davis (PS) 15 feet 6 inches 2 April Aquinto (PS) 14-5 1/2
High jump 1 Lyndsey Miles (PS) 4-8
 3 Lynden Gault (PS) 4-6
Shot put 1 Susan Woodward (PS) 33-9 1/2 2 Jennifer Early (PS) 30 7 3 Lon Cairo (PS) 30 0
Discus 1 Ashleigh Shear (PS) 104-0
 2 Early (PS) 91 9 3 Cairo (PS) 85-2
Pole vault 1 Jennifer Jedlick (PS) 8-6 3 Ashley Aquinto (PS) 6-6
100-meter hurdles 1 Stacey Schmedding (PS) 16 9 2 April Aquinto (PS) 17 1
300 hurdles 1 April Aquinto (PS) 53 7 2 Andrea Lang (PS) 54 9 3 Schmedding (PS) 55 0
100 dash 1 Erriane Bundle (PS) 12 9 2 Jessica Shamberger (PS) 13 1 3 Davis (PS) 13 4
200 1 Shamberger (PS) 27 9 2 Woodward (PS) 28 7 3 Melissa Drake (PS) 29 5
400 1 Kara Dendrinos (PS) 1 05 9 2 Teresea Chandler (PS) 1 06 9 3 Drew Franklin (PS) 1 07 1
800 1 Jill Grey (PS) 2 35 0 2 Erin Jensen (PS) 2 36 7 3 Laura Friedman (PS) 2 37 5
1,600 1 Susan Barrows (NF) 5 27 5 3 Lianne Griffiths (PS) 5 54 6
3,200 1 Barrows (NF) 11 42 0 3 Lauren Kane (PS) 12 13 9
4x100 relay Salem (Bundle Davis Drake Shamberger) 53 3
4x200 relay, Salem (Bundle Vicky Rozalski Woodard Shamberger) 1 52 2
4x400 relay Salem (Chandler Franklin April Aquinto Dendrinos) 4 35 5
4x800 relay Salem (Kane Friedman Jensen Dendrinos) 10 57 7
Coach's comments "We're making

progress said Salem coach Mark Gregor "Have a couple of kids here making a move (North) distance kids are as good as anybody's. There potential state-qualifiers I think
Dual-meet records Salem 2 1 WLAA Lakes 3 1 overall North 1 2 WLAA Lakes 1 3 overall

FARMINGTON HARRISON 92 PLYMOUTH CANTON 45
Thursday at Plymouth Canton
Shot put 1 Jessica Bailey (PC) 30 feet 0 inches
Discus 1 Tarrin Dew (FH) 96-2 1/2
High jump 1 Katie Cezat (PC) 4-10 2 Cindy Rotramel (PC) 4-9 3 Jessica Leadford (PC) 4-6
Long jump 1 Latoya Burrell (FH) 15 1 2 Kristen Bartlett (PC) 14-8
Pole vault 1 Julieta Ianna (FH), 9-0 2 J Q Williams (PC) 8 6 3 Ashley Boliard (PC) 7 6
100 meter hurdles 1 Burrell (FH) 17 1
300 hurdles 1 Burrell (FH) 52 7 3 Cezat (PC) 55 4
100 dash 1 Krystal Wise (FH) 13 0 2 Christina Redd (PC) 13 2 3 Amber Lee (PC) 13 2
200 1 Wise (FH) 28 6 3 Rachel Lundman (PC) 29 4
400 1 Lindman (PC) 1 03 3 3 Sarah Stobbe (PC) 1 07 3
800 1 Clara Fletcher (FH) 2 43 0 2 Tekla Bude (PC) 2 45 5
1,600 1 Christine Metry (FH) 5 51 0 2 Sarah McCormack (PC) 6 01 0
3,200 1 McCormack (PC) 13 02 0 3 Carne Oleskowicz (PC) 13 22 1
400 relay 1 Harrison (Natalie Donoho Wise Jessie Drew Melanie Banks) 54 5
800 relay 1 Harrison (Amber Brown Wise Laura Glynn Banks) 1 55 3
1,600 relay 1 Harrison (Metry Glynn Emmonne Green Lindsay Branch) 4 39 1

WEST BLOOMFIELD INVITATIONAL April 27 at West Bloomfield HS
Top-four team scores (in a field of 19) 1 Rochester Adams 74 points 2 Milford Lakeland 51 3 Detroit Mumford 42 4 Plymouth Salem 41 1/6
Salem's scorers
Discus 1 Ashleigh Shear (PS) 106 10
Long jump 5 Celena Davis (PS) 15-1
High jump 6 (six way tie) Lyndsey Miles (PS) 4-8
100-meter hurdles 5 Stacey Schmedding (PS) 16 3
300 hurdles 5 Schmedding (PS) 51 3
100 dash 5 Erriane Bundle (PS) 12 9
4x100 relay 2 Salem (Bundle Davis Susan Woodard Jessica Shamberger) 51 9
4x800 relay 2 Lauren Kane Laura Friedman Erin Jensen Kara Dendrinos) 10 15 7
Shuttle hurdles relay 3 Salem (Schmedding April Aquinto Andrea Lang Stephanie Olli) 1 12 7
4x200 relay 5 Salem (Bundle Shamberger Melissa Drake Vicky Rozalski) 1 51 7
Spring medley relay 6 Salem (Teresea Chandler Woodard Drake Dendrinos) 4 34 6

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 77 FARMINGTON HARRISON 60
Thursday at Harrison
Discus 1 Ricky Singh (PC) 124 feet 7 inches 2 Brad Waidmann (PC) 115-1 3 Bryan Frawley (PC) 105-10
Shot put 1 Dane Kobus (PC) 39-0 2 Frawley (PC) 37 4 3 Waidmann (PC) 36 7
High jump 1 Waidmann (PC) 6 2 2 Mike Lanius (PC) 6-0
Long jump 1 Ken Page (PC) 20-0 2 Kobus (PC) 19 9
Pole vault 1 Rami Sulaiman (FH) 12 0 2 (tie) Jon Chapman (PC) Lalrd (FH) 11-6
110-meter hurdles 1 Kobus (PC) 15 3 3 Pawel Paszkowski (PC) 16 2
300 hurdles 1 Davis (FH) 41 7 2 Steve Kiljanczyk (PC) 43 9
100 dash 1 Agim Shabay (FH) 10 9 2 Corey Waiser (PC) 11 1
200 1 Terrill Mayberry (FH) 23 2 2 Waiser (PC) 23 4
400 1 Mayberry (FH) 50 0 3 Brian Soash (PC) 55 0
800 1 Aaron Schmidt (PC) 2 06 0 3 Casey Maloney (PC) 2 13 0
1,600 1 Aaron Lanning (PC) 4 45 0 3 Steve Debien (PC) 4 55 0
3,200 1 Lanning (PC) 10 52 0 2 Brandon McClellan (PC) 11 02 0
4x100 relay 1 Harrison (Woods Pickett Mike Bartley Robert McCall) 46 0
4x200 relay 1 Harrison (Mayberry Pickett Woods McCall) 1 35 0
4x400 relay 1 Harrison (Davis Woods McCall Mayberry) 3 44 0
4x800 relay 1 Canton (Maloney, McClellan Pat Pruitt Ray Eisbrenner) 9 13 0
Coach's comments "Those were both two key races" said Canton's Bob Richardson of the 100 and 200 "We could have only gotten a third out of both. We're still in the hunt (for the division title) Today was really important I

told the guys You lose another one and you're out of it for the division (title) Waiser was a big deal (in the 100 and 200) and Lanning winning both of those (distance runs) It was a very satisfying win"
Dual-meet records Canton 3-1 overall 2 1 WLAA Western Division Harrison 2 1 WLAA Western Division 3-1 overall

NORTH FARMINGTON 77 PLYMOUTH SALEM 60
Thursday at Plymouth Salem
Shot put 1 Darwin Young (NF) 46 feet 0 inches
Discus 1 Eugene Franklin (NF) 129-3 3 Ben Dzialo (PS) 113-7
High jump 1 Mike Leach (NF) 5-8
Long jump 1 Andy Zak (NF) 19 6
Pole vault 1 Dan Perach (NF) 12-6
110-meter hurdles 1 Leach (NF) 15 1 2 Bob Miller (PS) 16 1
300 hurdles 1 Leach (NF) 42 7, 2 T J Winowewski (PS) 44 4 3 Miller (PS) 45 3
100 dash 1 Justin Cook (NF) 11 6 2 Anthony Nowak (PS) 11 7 3 Bill Stemmermann (PS) 11 8
200 1 Brian Johns (NF), 24 6 2 Mike Wilson (PS) 24 6, 3 Stemmermann (PS) 25 1
400 1 Jeff Shumer (NF) 55 4 2 Steve Shull (PS) 55 6 3 Tom Huls (PS) 56 1
800 1 Joe Crist (PS) 2 14 2 3 Dave Anderson (PS) 2 19 3
1,600 1 Justin Hajduk (PS) 4 37 0 2 Chris Vranjak (PS) 4 42 0
3,200 1 Hajduk (PS) 10 08 0 2 Vranjak (PS) 10 33 0
4x100 relay: North (Johns, Perach Brian Sinar Cook) 46 5
4x200 relay: Salem (Huls, Nowak Justin Groesbeck Wilson), 3 36 7
4x400 relay Salem (Dzialo Huls Brian Kutnick Shull) 3 58 6

Salem (Jim Leddy Crist Anderson Shull) 8 52 6
Coach's comments: "Field events (were the difference)" said Salem coach Geoff Baker "We did OK on the track just little things hurt us Our guys on the track are definitely coming around Our field events, we're just not strong enough We entered just one high jumper today"
Dual-meet record Salem 1 2 WLAA Lakes Division 1 3 overall North 1 2 WLAA Lakes Division 1 3 overall

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Vikes shut down Salem

On Thursday, Plymouth Salem blew a three run lead in the seventh inning and lost a non-league baseball game to Redford Union, 12-10

On Friday, the Rocks didn't even come that close against Walled Lake Central, managing just one hit in a 6-0 loss to their Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rival in a game played at Central

The loss, the Rocks' fifth in six games, put them below 500 for the first time this season at 8-9 They are 1-5 in the Lakes

Steve Cox led off the game with a solid single for Salem That proved to be their only hit of the game

Andy Boyer took the loss, dropping his record to 3-2 He allowed six runs on six hits

Redford Union 12, Plymouth Salem 10: The weather was on the cold side, but the bats for both teams were definitely warm

The Panthers were just warm enough, rallying from an early 8-2 deficit to upend Plymouth Salem Thursday in a non-league game at Salem RU improves to 10-5 overall

Salem piled up seven runs in the second inning, but couldn't make the lead hold up against RU's balanced offensive attack The Panthers have seen different players get hot at different points in the season, and lately, it's been Joe Bakos' turn

Bakos continued his recent roll by going 2-for-5 with three RBI to spark RU Jason Dunning went 3 for 5 with a pair of runs batted in, and Shawn Meyers added a hit and an RBI

The Rocks scored eight times in the second inning, with Ryan

BASEBALL

Leach doubling in one run and singles by Steve Cox and Drew Parling each scoring a run With two down, Neil Kowalik's triple plated two more runs, after Andy Thackaberry singled in Kowalik, back-to-back triples by Cliff Thomas and Brian Bradley brought home another run each, making the score 8-2

Run-scoring doubles by Kowalik in the third and Kevin O'Berne in the sixth kept Salem ahead of RU, which scored four times in the third and one more in the fourth But the Rocks' 10-7 lead wasn't enough, the Panthers scored five times in the top of the seventh to get the win

Cox led the Salem attack with three hits, while Kowalik had a pair of extra-base hits Tony Puzzuoli took the pitching loss

Canton 5, Farmington 3: Nick Musselman slugged a three-run home run to ignite a four-run first inning for Plymouth Canton, which defeated WLAA foe Farmington Wednesday at Farmington

The Chiefs improved to 11-5 overall

Matt Staley was the benefactor of the first-inning barrage Staley got the pitching win, allowing two earned runs on four hits and one walk, striking out 10

Chris Pirch opened the first for Canton with a double Joe Kondratyuk's single scored Pirch and Mark Hanson then walked Musselman followed with his three-run homer

The Chiefs got their fifth run in the fourth inning on a double by Mike Tomasaitis, a passed

ball that sent him to third and a sacrifice fly by Staley

Brent Kwiatkowski had two hits for Canton

Salem 5, W.L. Western 4: Plymouth Salem overcame a three-run deficit with three runs in the sixth and one more in the seventh to edge WLAA rival Walled Lake Western Wednesday at Salem

The three-run sixth inning rally started with a walk to Steve Cox and a Warrior error that allowed Jon Gordon to reach base Neil Kowalik doubled in two runs, he moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on Andy Thackaberry's base hit tying the score at 4-4

In the seventh, Mike Antich walked with two out and stole second Cox followed by hitting a full-count pitch into left field to score the game winning run

Kowalik, who had two hits in the game, scored Salem's first run in the second inning, reaching base on a single and eventually scoring on Cliff Thomas' groundout

Tony Puzzuoli got the pitching win

Inter-City 10, PCA 6: Allen Park Inter-City Baptist scored seven runs in the first two innings and Plymouth Christian Academy could not overcome that deficit Friday at Inter-City

The loss left the Eagles at 6-4 overall, 2-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Inter City is 7-3 overall, 4-1 in the MIAC

Rob Treadwell and Mark Erickson each had two hits and an RBI to lead PCA's attack, which included a four run seventh inning Treadwell and Jordan Johnson each singled in

runs in the seventh, LaVaughn Stevenson singled in a run in the fourth, and Aaron Boone contributed two hits

Brian Carnevale took the loss for PCA, which committed six errors in the game Josh Claypoole, who had two triples at the plate, was the winning pitcher for the Chargers

Agape 4, Whitmore Lake 1: Rob Hough tossed a one-hitter at Whitmore Lake Thursday at Griffin Park, allowing one unearned run and two walks with 14 strikeouts as Canton Agape Christian improved its record to 10-5

Whitmore Lake fell to 2-11 Paul Chrenko collected three of the Wolverines' 11 hits, scoring twice David Donaldson added two hits and two RBI, with Johnny Estrada and Bobby Konrad each getting two hits and an RBI, Estrada scoring two runs

Catholic Central 4-9, Notre Dame 1-11: Redford Catholic Central (13-4 overall, 9-3 in the Catholic League Central Division) remained two games off in the pace in the Central Division race behind Birmingham Brother Rice after splitting a doubleheader with visiting Harper Woods Notre Dame Wednesday

CC captured the opener, 4-1, as winning pitcher Jeff Schulz went five innings, fanning seven and allowing five hits

Ryan Rogowski led the victorious Shamrocks with two hits in three trips, including a triple and RBI

Notre Dame took the nightcap despite three hits apiece by J T Haelterman and Jason Viane Eric Vojtkofsky belted his sixth homer in the loss

Madonna from page C1

in the game, with Williams adding two hits The pitching win went to Adam Kline (Detroit/CC) in relief of Corey Farnier Mike Hoshield took the loss

Madonna 4-5, Indiana Tech 11-1: In the opener of this WHAC double-header Wednesday at Ford Field, the Warriors pummeled Madonna with a 16-hit attack, including home runs by Joe Whitsett and Tyler Ryan

In the second game, the Crusaders answered with a two-run homer by Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill) and a two-run single by Sterling Mintzer

The split was important for Madonna, coming against the first-place team in the WHAC, a team that put the Crusaders in Sports Illustrated earlier this season by holding them hitless in a double-header

Ryan finished the first game with three hits and four RBI for

Tech Eric Focht and Ryan Geeting also had three hits apiece Joe Greene had two hits for Madonna

Jason Knowing earned the pitching win for Tech, allowing four runs on 10 hits in seven innings Mike Hayes (RU) started and took the loss for Madonna

In the second game, Mark Cole (Farmington/CC) was equal to the Tech challenge, tossing a four-hitter He walked two and struck out six to improve to 3-2 The pitching loss went to Brian Elder

Lightle's homer, coming in the fourth inning, supplied the Crusaders with all the offense they would need Mintzer made certain of it with a two-run single in the bottom of the sixth

The split left the Warriors with a 36-12-1 overall record, 17-3 in the WHAC

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No. 2 Mike Ware (PC) def John Boboige 6-2 6-3
No. 3 Dave Wallen (PS) def Glenn Wozniak 2-6 6-4 6-4
No. 4 Dave Daigneau (PS) def Mike Layne 6-0 6-0
No. 1 doubles: Adam Kogut Jeremy

Lim (LC) def Kyle Jose-Pat Shaw 6-7 7-5 6-4
No. 2 Jeff Sibbold Sameer Dohadwala (PS) def Tom Webster George Shereda 6-4 6-3
No. 3 Dave Kwak Chris Treadwell (PC) def Morgan Truscott Mike Ligeski 6-0 6-3
No. 4: Pat Tokarski Jason Rizzo (PC) def Jon Davis-Rich Slinkow 6-2 7-6
Churchill's dual meet record: 4-5 overall, 3-4 WLAA

Goal spree lifts Plymouth Canton over Glenn

Six players found the net for Plymouth Canton Wednesday as the Chiefs buried Westland John Glenn 7-0 in a Western Lakes Activities Association soccer match played at Canton

The Chiefs improved to 5-3-2 overall

Danielle Shepard paced Canton with two goals Stephanie

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Johnson, Katie Raker and Erica Aherns contributed a goal and an assist each, with Jenny Curran and Molly Priebe each scoring goals

Megan Romer, Kara Marsh

and Jessica Dean each had one assist Briana Wolcott started in goal for Canton

Greenhills 2, PCA 0: Despite a strong defensive effort, Plymouth Christian Academy could not keep pace with Ann Arbor Greenhills Thursday at PCA

Laurie Baumann scored the Gryphons first goal in the open

ing half Alexa Wahr added an insurance score in the second half

Keeper Rachel Rudzis stopped 31 shots for the Eagles, who fell to 3-2-1 overall Greenhills is 5-1-2 PCA also got strong defensive efforts from Jenn Hott, Val Boruta, Jessica Cleary and Christine Cleary

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- Andrew Ribar (Churchill) 47.9 1/4
- Darwin Young (N Farmington) 47.7 1/2
- A. J. Simmons (Wayne) 47.0
- B. K. Dickerson (John Glenn) 46.8 1/2
- Dave Hull (Salem) 46.8
- Robert Lukofsky (Franklin) 46.3
- Dane Kobus (Canton) 45.11

DISCUS

- Paul Stradtner (Garden City) 158.8
- Eugene Franklin (N Farmington) 145.2
- Nick Hendra (Churchill) 136.9
- Andrew Ribar (Churchill) 135.5
- Jason LeDuc (Redford Union) 134.1
- Hady Rahman (Stevenson) 134.0
- B. K. Dickerson (John Glenn) 132.3
- Brian Jaccett (Redford CC) 132.3
- Nick Barrett (Thurston) 131.9 1/2
- John Rehberg (Stevenson) 130.4

HIGH JUMP

- Brad Waidmann (Canton) 6-3
- Mike Leach (N Farmington) 6-0
- Tom Grant (Redford CC) 6-0
- Dave King (Stevenson) 6-0
- Justin Grohoski (Churchill) 6-0
- Jeff Ross (Harrison) 5-10
- Matt Elsey (Harrison) 5-10
- Mike Lanus (Canton) 5-10
- Ken Page (Canton) 5-10
- Brandon Chitwood (Stevenson) 5-10
- Drew Roberts (N Farmington) 5-10
- Joe Mielke (Franklin) 5-10

LONG JUMP

- Tom Grant (Redford CC) 22.0
- Ken Page (Canton) 21.2
- Dane Kobus (Canton) 21.0
- Tim Shaw (Clarenceville) 20.5 1/2
- Matt Breenour (Stevenson) 20.2 1/2
- Justin Cook (N Farmington) 19.11
- Allen Lenz (John Glenn) 19.8 1/2
- Brian Johns (N Farmington) 19.8
- Darnez Minnfield (Thurston) 19.8
- Andy Zak (N Farmington) 19.6

POLE VAULT

- Howard Whitefoot (Churchill) 14.3
- Dan Perach (N Farmington) 12.6
- Jon Chapman (Canton) 12.0
- Mike Bebow (Franklin) 12.0
- Ramy Sulaiman (Harrison) 12.0
- Eric Latoschkin (Harrison) 11.6
- Brett Laird (Harrison) 11.6
- Brian Hill (Harrison) 10.6
- Dan Baseley (Lutheran Westland) 10.6
- Gavin Gismond (Salem) 10.6
- Enrique Garcia (John Glenn) 10.6
- Dan Driscoll (Canton) 10.6

110-METER HURDLES

- Tom Grant (Redford CC) 15.0
- Dane Kobus (Canton) 15.1
- Mike Leach (N Farmington) 15.1
- Rob Greer (Lutheran Westland) 15.2
- Ron Friend (Franklin) 15.4
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300 METER HURDLES

- Ron Friend (Franklin) 40.9
- Rob Greer (Lutheran Westland) 41.3
- Mike Leach (N Farmington) 41.5
- Kevin Davis (Harrison) 41.7
- Bill Makela (Redford CC) 42.0
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- James Gale (Churchill) 53.3
- Brian Soash (Canton) 53.5
- Bryan Summerville (Redford CC) 53.6
- Steve Shull (Salem) 53.8

800-METER RUN

- Ryan Gail (Churchill) 1:58.5

1,600-METER RUN

- Ryan Lowry (Redford CC) 2:00.2
- Aaron Schmidt (Canton) 2:03.4
- Justin Hajduk (Salem) 2:05.2
- Kevin Forgette (Churchill) 2:05.5
- Keith Hearn (Stevenson) 2:06.3
- Eugene Furman (N Farmington) 2:06.7
- Chris Vranlak (Salem) 2:07.1
- Will Chapman (Churchill) 2:07.6
- Fernon Tate (Harrison) 2:08.0

1,600-METER RUN

- Ryan Lowry (Redford CC) 4:22.2
- Ryan Gail (Churchill) 4:35.5
- Will Chapman (Churchill) 4:36.9
- Kyle Jekot (Redford CC) 4:37.1
- Justin Hajduk (Salem) 4:37.8
- Chris Vranlak (Salem) 4:38.9
- Logan Schultz (Churchill) 4:39.7
- Aaron Lanning (Canton) 4:39.9
- Kevin Patra (Redford Union) 4:40.0
- Matt Gillespie (Stevenson) 4:42.9

3,200-METER RUN

- Justin Hajduk (Salem) 9:39.6
- David Lucas (Redford CC) 9:52.4
- Ryan Lowry (Redford CC) 9:54.0
- Chris Vranlak (Salem) 10:06.5
- Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10:10.5
- Dan Horgan (Redford CC) 10:13.0
- Aaron Lanning (Canton) 10:15.2
- Max Working (Redford CC) 10:16.2
- Will Chapman (Churchill) 10:18.1
- Kevin Kane (Churchill) 10:29.9

400-METER RELAY

- Plymouth Canton 45.3
- Farmington Harrison 45.4
- Lutheran Westland 45.6
- Westland John Glenn 45.7
- North Farmington 46.1
- Livonia Churchill 46.1
- Livonia Stevenson 46.1

800-METER RELAY

- Farmington Harrison 1:31.4
- Plymouth Canton 1:34.4
- Lutheran Westland 1:35.0
- Livonia Stevenson 1:36.0
- Redford Catholic Central 1:36.3

1,600-METER RELAY

- Livonia Stevenson 3:33.5
- Livonia Churchill 3:36.6
- Plymouth Canton 3:38.8
- Farmington Harrison 3:40.0
- Livonia Franklin 3:40.5

3,200-METER RELAY

- Redford Catholic Central 8:16.1
- Plymouth Salem 8:28.6
- Livonia Churchill 8:30.5
- Farmington 8:36.2
- Plymouth Canton 8:38.4

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Sarah Banks MS	Walled Lk	6/17-6/21	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Heritage Park	Canton	6/24-6/28	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Visteon Fields	Plymouth	7/8-7/12	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
*Pioneer Park	Farm Hills	7/8-7/12	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Meadowbrook El	Novi	7/15-7/19	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Maltby Field	Brighton	7/15-7/19	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
*Bicentennial Park	Livonia	7/22-7/29	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sarah Banks MS	Walled Lk	7/22-7/29	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Independence Park	Canton	7/29-8/2	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Visteon Fields	Plymouth	8/5-8/9	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Kyte-Monroe Flds	St. Clair Shrs	8/5-8/9	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
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SHOT PUT

Nia Henderson (Churchill) 38-11 1/2
Susan Woodard (Salem) 34-8 1/2
Jannifer Early (Salem) 33-7
Anne Roosevelt (Mercy) 33-6
Jessica Bailey (Canton) 32 7
Valesha Turner (Mercy) 32 6 1/4
Christin Jury (Ladywood) 32 2 1/2
Loz Obrecht (Ladywood) 31 11
Tarin Dew (Harrison) 30-9 1/2
Lori Cairo (Salem) 30-6

DISCUS

Nia Henderson (Churchill) 115 7
Anne Roosevelt (Mercy) 110-3
Ashleigh Shear (Salem) 106-10
Sara Dudas (Ladywood) 106 8
Tarin Dew (Harrison) 105 10
Jenny Harb (Franklin) 102 8
Lauren Kmet (Franklin) 102 3
Jessica Jaskot (Churchill) 101 1
Martha Rojek (PCA) 100-6
Sue Hand (N Farmington) 99-3

HIGH JUMP

Karen Abramczyk (Luth Westland) 5-2
Betty Wade (Farmington) 5 2
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5-2
Megan Kmet (Franklin) 4-10
Karen Kuszynski (Ladywood) 4-10
Ashley Kasprovecz (Mercy) 4-10
Angela Adams (John Glenn) 4-10
Kristin Ulewicz (N Farmington) 4-10
Ashley McCall (Franklin) 4-10
Katie Cezat (Salem) 4-10

LONG JUMP

Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 16-9
Stephanie Dean (Churchill) 16-8
Lesia Wasio (Thurston) 16-4 1/2
To mia White (John Glenn) 16-4
Elizabeth Easter (John Glenn) 16 1 1/2
Julietta Iarina (Harrison) 15-11
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15-9
Rachel Lindman (Canton) 15 8
Alex Dooley (Thurston) 15-6 1/2
Celena Davis (Salem) 15-6

POLE VAULT

Julietta Iarina (Harrison) 9 0
Laura Borovsky (Churchill) 9 0
Yukiko Sueda (Stevenson) 8-8
Jenny Jedlick (Salem) 8-6
Brittin Pollack (Salem) 8-0
J Q Williams (Canton) 8-0
Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 8-0
Angie Matthews (Luth Westland) 8-0
Ashley Boliard (Canton) 7 6
Sarah Sargol (Harrison) 7 6
Kara Karalis (Churchill) 7 6
Angela Adams (John Glenn) 7-6
Kristin Ulewicz (N Farmington) 7 6
Magen Ammon (Harrison) 7-6

Enca Wolski (Franklin) 7-6

100-METER HURDLES

Whitney Johnson (Mercy) 15 6
Stacey Schmedding (Salem) 16 7
Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 16 8
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 16 9
Latoya Burrell (Harrison) 17 1
Angela Adams (John Glenn) 17 2
Angela Fodor (Harrison) 17 2
Ashton Frederick (Farmington) 17 3
Jamila Fair (Harrison) 17 4
April Aquino (Salem) 17 5

300-METER HURDLES

Whitney Johnson (Mercy) 47 0
Angie Matthews (Luth Westland) 49 4
Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 50 8
Angela Adams (John Glenn) 51 3
Latoya Burrell (Harrison) 51 3
Rebecca Fedrigo (Churchill) 51 3
Lindsay Hall (Farmington) 51 6
Kartlin Armstrong (Stevenson) 52 0
Ermane Bundle (Salem) 52 1
Stacey Schmedding (Salem) 52 1

100-METER DASH

Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 12 5
To mia White (John Glenn) 12 7
Alyse White (Churchill) 12 9
Erika Branch (Mercy) 12 9
Erriane Bundle (Salem) 12 9
Krystal Wise (Harrison) 13 0
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 13 1
Christina Redd (Canton) 13 1
Jaya Muldrew (N Farmington) 13 1
Alex Dooley (Thurston) 13 2

200-METER DASH

Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 26 3
Whitney Johnson (Mercy) 26 9
Krystal Wise (Harrison) 27 2
Rachel Lindman (Canton) 27 3
Betty Wade (Farmington) 27 3
Christina Redd (Canton) 27 4
Elizabeth Easter (John Glenn) 27 5
Melanie Banks (Harrison) 27 6
Ermane Bundle (Salem) 27 8
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 27 9
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 27 9
Karen Carey (Ladywood) 27 9
Kristy Sobran (Stevenson) 27 9

400-METER DASH

Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 1 01 5
Betty Wade (Farmington) 1 01 9
Angie Matthews (Luth Westland) 1 03 2
Rachel Lindman (Canton) 1 03 3
Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 1 03 5
Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1 03 7
Stephanie Dean (Churchill) 1 04 0
Melissa Drake (Salem) 1 04 6
Kristen Bartlett (Canton) 1 04 6

Angela Anieros (Churchill) 1 04 9

800-METER RUN

Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 2 26 7
Kara Dendrnos (Salem) 2 30 1
Christine Metry (Harrison) 2 31 4
Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2 31 7
Kristin Balla (Farmington) 2 32 0
Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson) 2 33 3
Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 2 34 9
Anna Plagany (Stevenson) 2 35 3
Jill Grey (Salem) 2 35 6
Erin Jung (Luth Westland) 2 37 7

1,600-METER RUN

Susan Barrows (N Farmington) 5 27 5
Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 5 27 9
Christine Metry (Harrison) 5 28 0
Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5 32 1
Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson) 5 34 7
Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 5 39 9
Rachael Butten (Farmington) 5 39 9
Susan Duncan (Churchill) 5 41 9
Meghan Wafer (Thurston) 5 44 0
Nicole Moundros (N Farmington) 5 44 0

3,200-METER RUN

Susan Barrows (N Farmington) 11 42 0
Nicole Moundros (N Farmington) 12 00 1
Nicole Renaud (Churchill) 12 14 9
Claire Czapliski (Farmington) 12 21 0
Lindsay Gould (Churchill) 12 23 8
Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 12 24 0
Sarah McCormack (Canton) 12 24 1
Lianne Griffiths (Salem) 12 24 7
Susan Duncan (Churchill) 12 26 3
Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 12 26 3

400-METER RELAY

Westland John Glenn 52 3
Farmington Harrison 52 8
Plymouth Salem 52 9
Livonia Stevenson 53 3
Livonia Ladywood 53 4

800-METER RELAY

Westland John Glenn 1 50 8
Plymouth Salem 1 52 0
Redford Thurston 1 52 0
Farmington Harrison 1 52 1
Plymouth Canton 1 53 2

1,600-METER RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 4 20 4
Livonia Churchill 4 21 9
Plymouth Salem 4 24 6
Lutheran Westland 4 25 6
Farmington Harrison 4 27 4

3,200-METER RELAY

Livonia Churchill 10 04 6
Plymouth Salem 10 21 3
Livonia Stevenson 10 21 3
Farmington Harrison 10 30 7
Farmington 10 32 2

Canton tops Walled Lake Western; Salem beats Central in girls golf

Jen Travers and Meghan Depp each shot a 49 as Plymouth Canton's girls golf team rolled past Walled Lake Western, 202-217 in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division dual meet Wednesday at Links of Pinewood.

The win was the second in three days for the Chiefs. Last Monday at Bogie Lake, they defeated Walled Lake Central 203-214. Natashe Slupek earned top scoring honors for Canton with a 50.

The Chiefs compete in the Pinckney Invitational Monday.

GOLF

On Tuesday, they play Livonia Churchill in a WLAA Western Division meet at Whispering Willows.

Salem stops Central

Three under-50 scores were more than enough to carry Plymouth Salem to a 190-205 victory over Walled Lake Central Wednesday in a WLAA Lakes Division meet at St John's.

The victory boosted the Rocks' record to 6-2 overall, 5-2 in the

WLAA

Danielle March paced Salem's effort with a 42. Danielle Powers was next best with a 48, followed by Jenny Schwan with a 49 and Kellie Tamme with a 51. Stephanie Mastic and Doris Wo each had a 54.

Best for the Vikings was Sam Sinclair with a 47. No one else broke 50.

The Rocks compete at the Pinckney Invitational Monday, then go up against WLAA foe Livonia Franklin Wednesday at Idyl Wyld.

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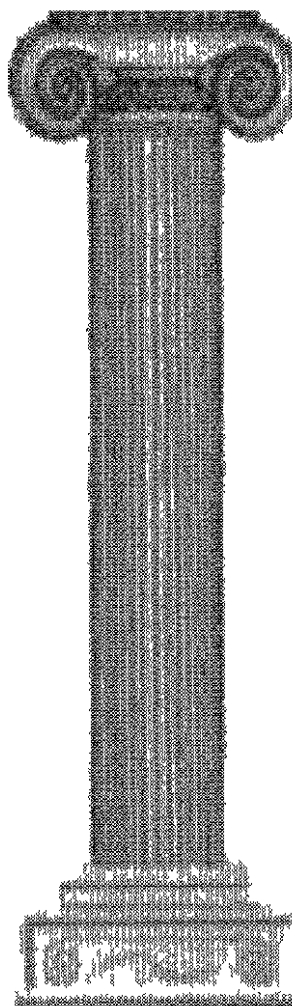


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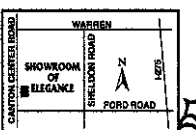
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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday May 6
 Harrison at Canton 4 p m
 Salem at Farmington 4 p m
 W L Western at Churchill 4 p m
 Franklin at Northville 4 p m
 N Farm at Stevenson 4 p m
 W L Central at John Glenn 4 p m
 Wayne at Tay Kennedy 4 p m
 Redford CC at Country Day 4 15 p m
 Agape at S field Christian 4 30 p m
 Cville at Luth East 4 30 p m
 Lggett at Luth Westland 4 30 p m
 Franklin Rd at Huron Valley 4 30 p m
Tuesday May 7
 Roeper vs PCA 4 30 p m at Griffin 2
 Agape at Detroit Urban 4 30 p m
 Thurston at Churchill 4 p m
 Tay Bapt st at Huron Valley 4 30 p m
Wednesday May 8
 Salem at Northville 4 p m
 N Farm at Churchill 4 p m
 John Glenn at Franklin 4 p m
 Stevenson at Canton 4 p m
 Redford Union at Wayne 4 p m
 Brother R ce at Redford CC (2) 4 p m
 Luth North at Cville 4 30 p m
 Luth East at Luth Westland 4 30 p m
Thursday May 9
 John Glenn at Salem 4 p m
 Canton at Franklin 4 p m
 Cal Christ vs Agape (2) 4 30 p m at Griff
 fin 2
 PCA at S field Christ 4 30 p m
Friday May 10
 Dbn Bus Tech vs PCA 4 30 p m at Griffin
 2
 Churchill at Harrison 4 p m
 Stevenson at W L Central 4 p m

Cville at Melvindale 4 30 p m
 Urban at Huron Valley 4 30 p m
 Redford CC at E Detroit 7 30 p m
Saturday May 11
 (all double-headers unless noted)
 Agape at Baptist Park noon
 Luth Westland at Inter City 10 a m
 Onsted Invitational 10 a m
 Garden City at Wayne 11 a m
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, May 6
 Farmington at Salem 4 p m
 Canton at Harrison 4 p m
 Churchill at W L Western 4 p m
 Northville at Franklin 4 p m
 Stevenson at N Farm 4 p m
 John Glenn at W L Central 4 p m
 Tay Kennedy at Wayne 4 p m
 Manan at Ladywood (2) 4 p m
 Agape at S field Christian 4 30 p m
 Cville at Luth East 4 30 p m
 Lggett at Luth Westland 4 30 p m
Tuesday, May 7
 Medison vs PCA 4 30 p m at CSC
 Agape at Det Urban 4 30 p m
 Churchill at Thurston 4 p m
 Bethesda at Huron Valley 4 30 p m
Wednesday, May 8
 Northville at Salem 4 p m
 Churchill at N Farm 4 p m
 Franklin at John Glenn 4 p m
 Canton at Stevenson 4 p m
 Wayne at Redford Union 4 p m
 Luth North at Cville 4 30 p m
 Luth East at Luth Westland 4 30 p m
Thursday, May 9
 Salem at John Glenn 4 p m
 Franklin at Canton 4 p m
 Wht Lake vs Agape 4 30 p m at CSC

PCA at S field Christ (2) 4 30 p m
Friday, May 10
 PCA at Light and Life 4 30 p m
 Harrison at Churchill 4 p m
 Stevenson at W L Central 4 p m
 Cville at Melvindale 4 30 p m
 Urban at Huron Valley 4 30 p m
Saturday, May 11
 Bedford Invitational 8 30 a m
 Canton Classic 9 a m
 Luth W slid at Inter-City 10 a m
 Fred Preper Tourney TBA
Sunday, May 12
 Fred Pleper Tourney TBA
PREP BOYS TRACK
Monday, May 6
 Redford CC at Brother Rice 4 p m
 Cville at Thurston 4 p m
Tuesday May 7
 Wayne at Dearborn 3 30 p m
 Cville Lutheran Westland
 at Lutheran North 4 30 p m
Thursday May 9
 Canton at Northville 3 30 p m
 Churchill at Harrison 3 30 p m
 Franklin at W L Western 3 30 p m
 Stevenson at N Farm 3 30 p m
 John Glenn at Salem 3 30 p m
 Wayne at Monroe 3 30 p m
Friday, May 10
 PCA at Whitmore Lake 4 15 p m
Saturday May 11
 Troy Athens Relays 9 a m
 Jackson N west Inv 9 a m
 Annapolis Invitational 9 30 a m
 River Rat Invitational 10 a m
 Pioneer Invitational 10 a m
PREP GIRLS TRACK
Monday, May 6

Cville at Thurston 4 p m
Tuesday May 7
 Southgate at Wayne 3 30 p m
 Cville Lutheran Westland
 at Lutheran North 4 30 p m
Thursday May 9
 Northville at Canton 3 30 p m
 Harrison at Churchill 3 30 p m
 W L Western at Franklin 3 30 p m
 N Farm at Stevenson 3 30 p m
 Salem at John Glenn 3 30 p m
 Wayne at Woodhaven 3 30 p m
Saturday, May 11
 Jackson N west Inv 9 a m
 Annapolis Invitational 9 30 a m
 Troy Athens Relays 10 a m
 River Rat Invitational 10 a m
PREP GIRLS SOCCER
Monday May 6
 Wayne at Trenton 4 p m
 Riv Richard at Luth W slid 4 30 p m
 Farmington at John Glenn 5 30 p m
 Churchill at Northville 7 p m
 N Farm at Franklin 7 p m
 Canton at Harrison 7 p m
 Stevenson at Salem 7 p m
Tuesday May 7
 PCA at B H Roeper 4 p m
 Marian at Ladywood 5 30 p m
Wednesday May 8
 Monroe at Wayne 4 p m
 Luth W slid at Harper Wlds 4 30 p m
 John Glenn at Churchill 7 p m
 Salem at N Farmington 7 p m
 Farmington at Canton 7 p m
 Franklin at Harrison 7 p m
 W L Central at Stevenson 7 p m
Thursday May 9
 Canton vs Salem 7 p m

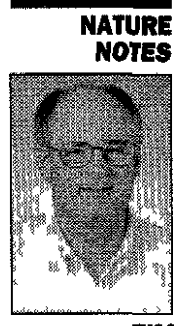
Ladywood at Mercy 5 30 p m
Friday May 10
 S field Chnst at PCA 4 30 p m
 Wayne at John Glenn 5 30 p m
 Jackson at Churchill 7 p m
 Garden City at Franklin 7 p m
Saturday May 11
 Roeper at Luth Westland 11 a m
PREP BOYS TENNIS
Monday May 6
 Canton at Harrison 4 p m
 Churchill at Northville 4 p m
 N Farm at Franklin 4 p m
 Stevenson at Salem 4 p m
 Farm ngton at John Glenn 4 p m
 Thurston at Wayne 4 p m
Tuesday May 7
 Canton at Berkley 4 p m
 Redford CC at A A Pioneer 4 p m
 Divine Child at John Glenn 4 p m
Wednesday May 8
 Salem at N Farmington 4 p m
 Farmington at Canton 4 p m
 John Glenn at Churchill 4 p m
 Franklin at Harrison 4 p m
 W L Central at Stevenson 4 p m
 Wayne at Southgate 4 p m
Thursday, May 9
 Canton at Franklin 4 p m
 Stevenson at Northville 4 p m
 Salem at Harrison 4 p m
Friday, May 10
 Church II at Farmington 4 p m
 W L Western at John Glenn 4 p m
Saturday, May 11
 Catholic League meet
 at Schoolcraft College 8 a m
 Muldowney Tournament
 at Dearborn High 8 a m

Trenton Tournament 9 a m
PREP GIRLS GOLF
Monday May 6
 Pinckney Tourney 8 30 a m
 Wayne vs Monroe
 at Carrington G C 2 30 p m
 Stevenson vs W L Western
 at Fox Creek 2 45 p m
 Franklin vs Farm Unifed
 at Gen Oaks 3 p m
 John Glenn vs Northville
 at Tanglewood G C 3 p m
Tuesday May 7
 Ladywood vs Manan
 at St John s G C 3 p m
 Churchill vs Canton
 at Whispering Willows 3 p m
 Stevenson vs Canton
 at Hitop G C 3 p m
Wednesday May 8
 Wayne vs Lncoln Park
 at Fellows Creek 2 45 p m
 Churchill vs W L Westein
 at Whispering Willows 3 p m
 Franklin vs Salem
 at Idyl Wyld 3 p m
 John Glenn vs W L Central
 at Fellows Creek 3 p m
Thursday, May 9
 U M Tournament 9 30 a m
 Ladywood at Petoskey Inv
 at The Moor G C 10 a m
 Franklin vs Northville
 at Idyl Wyld 3 p m
Friday May 10
 John Glenn at W L Western 3 p m

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Starlings nest in the strangest places



TIM NOWICKI

NATURE NOTES
 As I drove along I-96 near the recently resurfaced and improved intersection of Newburgh Road, I noticed a starling flying across the expressway toward the base of a light pole in the median divider
 I could not tell where the bird went after it landed, but it looked like it was going to go up into the hollow pole
 This suspicion was verified as I approached the very next pole
 Flying toward it was another starling which I did see move upward into the pole after landing It was very coincidental to be driving by and see two birds going to similar locations just moments apart
 These two poles were elevated from the concrete foundation

Large bolts held them in place, but the bottom of the pole was not flat on the concrete Other poles I passed were flat on the concrete Just that slight difference was enough of an invitation for these birds to exploit
 It's amazing to me how animals can find such unlikely places But maybe after their belly is full, they sit and scan the area for anything that would be helpful to them
 The scary thing that went through my mind was, how many more of these poles do starlings occupy?
 They don't go into those poles to rest, they build a nest inside them I suspect there is a horizontal support that would support a nest inside
 Building a nest inside a metal pole in the middle of an expressway is certainly a safe place to take up residence No prowling cats are going to happen upon the nest They would have to run a gauntlet first!
 Rain cannot dampen the nest

Not a bad place And look how many potential nesting places there are for the ever adaptable starling?
 No wonder we are overwhelmed with these birds
 If parents develop a route to the nest entrance that keeps them from kissing a windshield or decorating a grill, they should remain safe
 One drawback I can think of is when the young leave the nest Young birds leaving the nest are not expert flyers yet If they happen to fly into oncoming traffic upon exiting, they will not have to worry about finding a nest themselves next year
 This is not the first time I've seen starlings using light poles as a nest site Most of the time they enter near the lamp high above the ground
 Several times I've seen where they found a broken shield to the lamp, or a panel had opened allowing access into the covered section Evidently all those wires and heat do not disturb the

birds
 Outside structures have never been designed to prevent birds from entering joints, or junctures
 Though early settlers to the U S introduced the starling into the country from Europe, our society has perpetuated their population explosion
 Millions of light poles combined with billboards, building drains and over-hangs and joints and connections and thousands of other available openings, have provided endless nesting sites for this bird
 Designing structures to eliminate nesting of unwanted birds is probably the furthest thing from an engineer's mind, but it would certainly help to reduce their population
 Or, would it put more pressure on the natural cavities that are used by native birds?
 Tim Nowicki is a freelance writer for the Observer Newspapers

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Senior Health Day

Senior Health Services of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS) of Ann Arbor will present a Senior Health Day 9-11 30 a.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Saint Joseph Mercy Health Stop, located in Briarwood Mall just off I-94 at the State Street exit in Ann Arbor.

"Depression or Mood Change - Do you Know the Difference?" will feature Dr. Alan Denzig, medical director of Senior Health Services at SJMHS. Denzig will discuss why so many people over the age of 65 are depressed, the difference between depression and sadness, and when feeling blue becomes something more serious.

Senior Health Day will begin at 9 a.m. with a short discussion on the benefits of exercise by Mary Vaclavik, RN, followed by Dr. Denzig's presentation from 10-11 30 a.m. There will be samples of healthy food plus free gifts and a prize drawing.

For more information about Senior Health Day, please call (734) 827-3777.

Red-hot success!

Botsford General Hospital's recent thermometer exchange program was a success. Over the last few weeks, the hospital removed 500 mercury-filled thermometers from local households.

Mercury is a toxic substance that can harm both humans and wildlife. Botsford's program gave members of the community a chance to exchange a mercury-filled thermometer for a safer digital one at no cost. While the program has ended, Botsford administration and staff are proud they helped make our shared environment a safer place for all.

Very small amounts of mercury can do significant damage. One gram of mercury (about the size of a dime) per year is enough to contaminate all the fish in a lake with a surface area of 20 acres. Significant exposure, whether brief or extended, can produce major effects on the human central nervous system, kidneys, skin and lungs.

Beaumont women studies

Doctors at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak are recruiting women to test an experimental oral medication to determine its effectiveness in reducing the number of stress incontinence episodes. The investigational drug is being tested in women with stress urinary incontinence (SUI) and mixed urinary incontinence (MUI). SUI is the involuntary loss of urine as well as a strong urge to urinate. Participants will be compensated for their participation. Call (248) 551-0642.

Postmenopausal women with an increased risk of developing breast cancer can take part in a national research study at Beaumont Hospital that will compare the effectiveness of two drugs in preventing breast cancer. Volunteers will take either tamoxifen, a drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to reduce the incidence of breast cancer in women at increased risk, or raloxifene, which is approved by the FDA for treating osteoporosis and has shown promise in reducing a woman's chance of getting breast cancer. Call (248) 551-7895.

Making connections

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness-related stories.

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Pumping iron is ageless



Benefits can be life-changing for seniors

Senior strength training programs

Mature Minglers Senior Center (Recreation and Community Services Division of the Bloomfield Hills Schools District), 7273 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, (248) 932-6235

- Offers three, one-hour classes using pneumatic weight training machines. Each class is limited to 10 participants and meets twice a week for six weeks at a cost of \$68.

- Physician's note required for participation.
- In May, supervised "open hours" sessions begin on Tuesdays and Thursdays for seniors who have completed a class. Cost for two weekly sessions is \$45 per month.

- Membership in Mature Minglers is required and available to residents living in the Bloomfield Hills Schools District, Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield Township, The City of Bloomfield Hills and the City of Orchard Lake. Membership costs \$20 annually.

TRACC Botsford Center for Health Improvement (Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills), 39750 Grand River, Novi, (248) 473-5600

- Offers fitness programs targeting specific patient needs. Several incorporate strength training, including Bones in Motion, Weight on the Run, New Chronic Disease Exercise, MS Strength and Endurance, and Parkinson's Exercise Program.

- All programs meet three days a week for one hour for 8-12 weeks. Classes are limited to four or six participants and range in price. Classes listed above cost \$150-250.

- All programs are offered by appointment only.

Optimal Aging (William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak), at the Beaumont Rehabilitation and Health Center, 746 Purdy, Birmingham, (248) 258-3190

- Offers fitness program with an emphasis on strength training for men and women age 65 and above. Program meets three days a week for one hour. Strength training is done with free weights and machines twice weekly.

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BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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The health benefits of strength training have been highly touted by fitness and medical professionals in recent years.

Incorporating weights into an exercise routine increases bone density - which helps prevent osteoporosis - and muscle mass - which makes for a more efficient metabolism.

And weight training, like all fitness regimens, improves circulation, staves off depression and works to lower blood pressure and cholesterol.

While more women engage in strength training today, pumping iron is not the sort of activity one imagines a senior doing.

Ironically, the activity can significantly improve an older adult's quality of life. In addition to the general health enhancements,

strength training helps older adults remain independent longer.

Balance and daily living

"One of the most important things for that particular age group is strengthening the leg muscles, which prevents falling," says Shelley Rubinstein, a fitness instructor at the Mature Minglers Senior Center in Bloomfield Township, which offers pneumatic weight machine classes to older adults.

Strength training aids balance, which can prevent the falls that often require seniors to live in nursing homes and other facilities. "And their goal is to not end up in that nursing home, to live independently and with quality as long as they can," says Rubinstein, an American Senior Fitness Association instructor with certification in both group and

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Supervision required: Above, Shelley Rubinstein, fitness instructor at Mature Minglers Senior Center in Bloomfield Township, helps Lillian Mitchell of Beverly Hills with her technique and form on a weight machine. At top, Seniors John Conti (left to right), Dorothy Benjamin, Beverly Pintar and Don Foehr work to increase strength and muscle mass on the pneumatic weight equipment at the center.

Encourage kids to drink milk

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It's almost second nature for parents to give their babies breast milk or formula and eventually milk. But as children get older and stronger - mentally and physically - nutrition becomes a battle that some parents aren't willing to fight.

Until a certain point parents mostly have control over what their children eat, but once those kids hit a certain decision-making stage, moms and dads find themselves at the table with kids who don't want to drink milk.

This has led to a "calcium crisis," says Rachel Johnson, a professor of nutrition and associate dean at the University of Vermont.

Nine out of 10 teen-age girls and seven out of 10 boys are not getting the daily recommended amount of calcium, says Johnson.

According to the National Academy of Sciences, 9 to 18-year-olds need the most calcium, 1,300 milligrams per day, which roughly equals four servings of milk. Young children, aged 1-3, are encouraged to have 500 milligrams and adults over 50 should have 1,200 milligrams.

"I don't know how else to say this. Kids should drink milk with their meals," says Johnson.

"The best way to do this is role modeling. When moms drink milk, their kids will, too," she adds. "And the moms could use it, too."

(Adults over 50 are the group with the second-highest recommended calcium levels.) Modeling works better than cajoling, rewarding or punishing children over food, Johnson explains.

Children develop food preferences over time. If milk is offered often enough and parents are drinking it, she says, children eventually will give in.

The same goes for school. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., is urging the federal government to promote putting milk vending machines in school hallways. He cites a successful "vendi-milk" program in Buffalo, N.Y.-area schools as proof that students will make healthier eating choices if given

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the opportunity

The vending machines sell milk in assorted flavors

Meanwhile, the National Dairy Council recently held a "Building Better Bodies" summit to encourage people aged 2 to 92 to increase their calcium intake through dairy products. A serving of cheese or yogurt has the same calcium value as an 8-ounce serving of milk. Even a slice of cheese pizza counts toward 22 percent of the recommended daily dose.

People who fail to meet calcium recommendations often are lacking other vitamins and nutrients in their diets as well, says Gregory Miller, senior vice president of nutrition and scientific affairs for the dairy council. Boosting calcium levels through foods instead of supplements likely will take care of it all, he says.

Miller says teens and tweens, youngsters between 8 and 12 who fall between being little kids and teen-agers, are most susceptible to calcium deficiencies because they are preoccupied with appearance and image.

Children under the age of 2 should have whole milk and whole-milk products but after that, most children can transition to 2-percent milk and lowfat foods.

Somehow, the lowfat diet message became an "eliminate-dairy-products" message, observes Johnson, but an 8-ounce serving of skim milk has only 80 calories. Sugar-filled sodas and juices are the real diet saboteurs.

In 1945, Americans drank four times more milk than soft drinks, she says, while in 1998, Americans drank twice as many soft drinks as milk.

Johnson says depriving kids of soda won't work either but parents should treat it as a dessert

Children under the age of 2 should have whole milk and whole-milk products but after that, most children can transition to 2-percent milk and lowfat foods.

and offer them sparingly. A healthier and equally enticing alternative would be flavored milks, such as chocolate or strawberry, she says. They have more sugar than plain white milk but not more than soda.

One or two 6-ounce servings of some juices will provide a child with their recommended vitamin C for the day but more than that is just extra sugar with extra calories, Johnson notes.

For tweens and teen-agers looking to shed the little-kid image they associate with milk, Miller suggests they get their four servings of dairy from coffee-flavored milk drinks plus of yogurt and cheese.

The "Got Milk" ad campaign, which aims to make milk hip, has made some inroads with teens, says Miller. A companion Milk Rules! Road Trip, with partners Rolling Stone magazine and MTV's "Total Request Live," launched in March and will visit 100 cities in search of the best milk mustaches.

As for parents, Miller says many see milk as a minor battle not worth fighting during the teen years when there are more immediate concerns.

But, he adds, very few of those issues will last a lifetime. Bones do.

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TEENS/DRUGS

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor will host a two-night program on "Teens Using Drugs" 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, **May 7** and **May 14**. Presented by social worker Ron Harrison in Classroom EC4, 2nd Floor, Education Center, 5305 Eilcott Drive, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Call (734) 973-7892.

BREAST CANCER

The breast cancer education and support group at Beaumont Hospital presents "Beyond Tamoxifen: Hormone Replacements, Treatments and Breast Cancer" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, **May 9**, in the hospital's 1st Floor Conference Room, Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Dr. Marc Lippman of the University of Michigan, a nationally recognized expert in the oncology and endocrinology, will be the presenter. Call (248) 551-8585.

ALZHEIMER'S

Maple Manor Assisted Living, 3999 Venoy Road (south of Michigan Ave.), Wayne, will host a lecture on Alzheimer disease, presented by Dr. Myrna Malabonga 7 p.m. Thursday, **May 9**. Dr. Malabonga will discuss symptoms and new drug therapies. Refreshments. To RSVP, please call (734) 727-0440. Seating is limited.

FIBROMYALGIA

The CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, **May 9**, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Rebecca Williams of the Arthritis Foundation will be the

guest speaker. Call (248) 346-3164 or visit www.mihometown.com/oe/CFSFibromyalgia

POST C-SECTION NATURAL BIRTH

Beaumont Hospital, 44201 Dequandre Road, Troy, will offer "Vaginal Birth After Cesarean" 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, **May 10** and **May 17**, in Classroom 1. Cost \$25. Call toll-free (800) 633-7377.

CHRONIC ILLNESS

The Chronic Illness Coalition will sponsor a forum about coping with chronic illness noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, **May 11**, at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Doug and Carol Langenfeld, authors of *Living Better, Every Patient's Guide to Living with Illness*, will be the main speakers. Cost is \$10 for general public and persons with chronic illness and \$20 for nurses and health care professionals. To register, call (734) 266-2422.

THYROID

The Michigan Thyroid Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, **May 13**, at the Plymouth Library 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Dr. Jerrold Weinberg of The Birmingham Menopause Institute (www.birminghammenopause.com) will be the guest speaker. Call Tracy Green at 734-453-7945 or e-mail mthyroid@comcast.net or visit <http://mihometown.com/oe/thyroid>

GRIEF SUPPORT

Angela Hospice in Livonia offers ongoing grief support every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Support group meets 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, **May 14** and **May 28**. Call Ruth Favor, bereavement coordinator, at (734) 464-7810.

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HEPATITIS

St. Colette Parish Health Ministry presents a discussion on Hepatitis C with Paula Robins, an epidemiology practitioner at Harper Hospital, 7 p.m. Wednesday, **May 15**, at the church, 17600 Newburgh Road north of Six Mile across from Laurel Park Mall, Livonia. Call Joanne at (734) 464-4436.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Michigan Dyslexia Institute - Detroit Metro Center will sponsor an "Advocacy Training Workshop" on the Special Education Law and the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, **May 15**. The center is located at 30230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 130, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 737-0044.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Elizabeth Plourde, clinical laboratory specialist and author of *Hysterectomy & Ovary Removal: What All Women Need to Know*, will discuss "Maintaining Your Health and Your Sexuality" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, **May 16**, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. Reservations appreciated. Call (734) 721-7832.

BABY FAIR

Come visit the Beaumont Baby Fair noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, **May 18**, at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Building, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road (west of Woodward Ave.), Royal Oak. Mini-classes on breastfeeding and postpartum adjustment. Lots of displays, information and prizes. First 300 participants will be eligible for free gifts. Call (248) 551-3887.

DEPRESSION

The University of Michigan Depression Center offers a "Family Education Workshop" 6-8 p.m. Monday, **May 20**, at the East Ann Arbor Health Center. Learn about depression's risk factors and treatments. Open discussion will be facilitated at the end of the session. \$25 per person, \$30 per family. Preregister by calling (734) 764-0267 or visiting www.med.umich.edu/depression. Workshop also offered June 24.

CANCER/SEXUALITY

Beaumont Hospital's Sharing & Caring program offers "Cancer Treatment and Sexuality Issues" 7-9 p.m. Thursday, **May 30**, in the hospital's 1st Floor Conference Room, Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call (248) 551-8585.

JUNE

LONG-TERM CARE

Beaumont Hospital's Older Adult Services will offer "Be Smart About Diets" 7 p.m. Tuesday, **June 4**, at the Evergreen Health & Living Center, 19933 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Southfield. Call (800) 633-7377 for more information.

Beaumont Hospital will offer "Considering Long-Term Care Options," 7 p.m. Wednesday, **June 5**, in the hospital's Administration Building, first floor-Auditorium, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile, Royal Oak. The class, taught by an attorney, will address housing, tax guidelines, Medicare, Medicaid and other related legal issues. Call (800) 633-7377.

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Physician's approval and maximal stress test required for participation. Cost is \$66 per month. Appointment required.

Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia, (248) 261-2161.

Offers group and individual strength training programs for seniors, including Active Older Adults, a seated group class that combines cardiovascular and weight training. Strength training is also available within the Fit Linxx program, an individual

workout that incorporates computer software.

Group classes, which are one hour and can be taken up to five times a week, are free to facility members (YMCA membership is \$49 per month). Non members can purchase a program membership for \$20 a year and enroll in a class for an additional \$40 per seven-week session. The Fit Linxx program, which is scheduled according to the individual, is free to members, but not open to non-members.

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older adult fitness specialties. "Strength training is not going to make them immune to certain problems, but anything you can do to keep these people independent is a positive thing."

One of Rubinstein's senior students found, for instance, she no longer needed to use both hands to pick up a gallon of milk after six weeks of training.

Other daily living skills that improve include walking up and down stairs getting up from a chair and standing and walking for longer periods of time.

Weight training also benefits older adults psychologically

because progress is easy to see. **Making progress**

While strength training can't alter the course of physically-debilitating illnesses like multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease, it does help patients cope with symptoms, says Monica Pagels, exercise physiologist and clinical program coordinator at Botsford General Hospital's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center.

Known as TRACC, the Novi center incorporates strength

training in its fitness programs for patients coping with particular diseases.

The progressive muscle weakness and loss of coordination characteristic of multiple sclerosis cannot be stopped, says Pagels. However, weight training raises the baseline strength of muscles affected by the disease. "And that definitely makes a difference in quality of life."

Strength training often opens unnecessarily closed doors, too, says Pagels. "With progressive illnesses like MS, patients are told there are tasks they won't be able to do and so the patients

tell themselves they have limitations and restrictions."

For seniors with less physically debilitating diseases, strength training often nets more dramatic results.

That was definitely the case for one of Pagels' clients, a 94-year-old man who has arthritis.

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SHOULDER PAIN

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In fact treating shoulder pain can prove difficult and ending the discomfort can take weeks to months. The reason is the deceptive nature of shoulder pain. For example you can have pain caused by an injury to a tendon that lies on top of the shoulder. However you may feel pain in the middle of your arm and be certain that this place, the insertion of the deltoid muscle is the reason for your problem. What is happening is that the deltoid muscle attempts to do the work of the other muscle. In this effort the deltoid becomes strained, begins to ache and grabs your attention. Treating the deltoid ache with heat injection or physical therapy will not end your pain. Attention to an area that you believe is uninvolved, the top of the shoulder is the one approach that will achieve a cure.

Another way that shoulder pain is deceptive involves immobility. Calcific tendinitis really a minor problem can cause sufficient loss of motion to make you believe you have a broken arm or bone cancer. In contrast, a rotator cuff tear which requires surgery can start as an annoyance that appears only when you want to put a hat on an overhead rack.

Doctors are aware how deceptive shoulder pain can be and know that neither the diagnosis nor the resolution is readily at hand.

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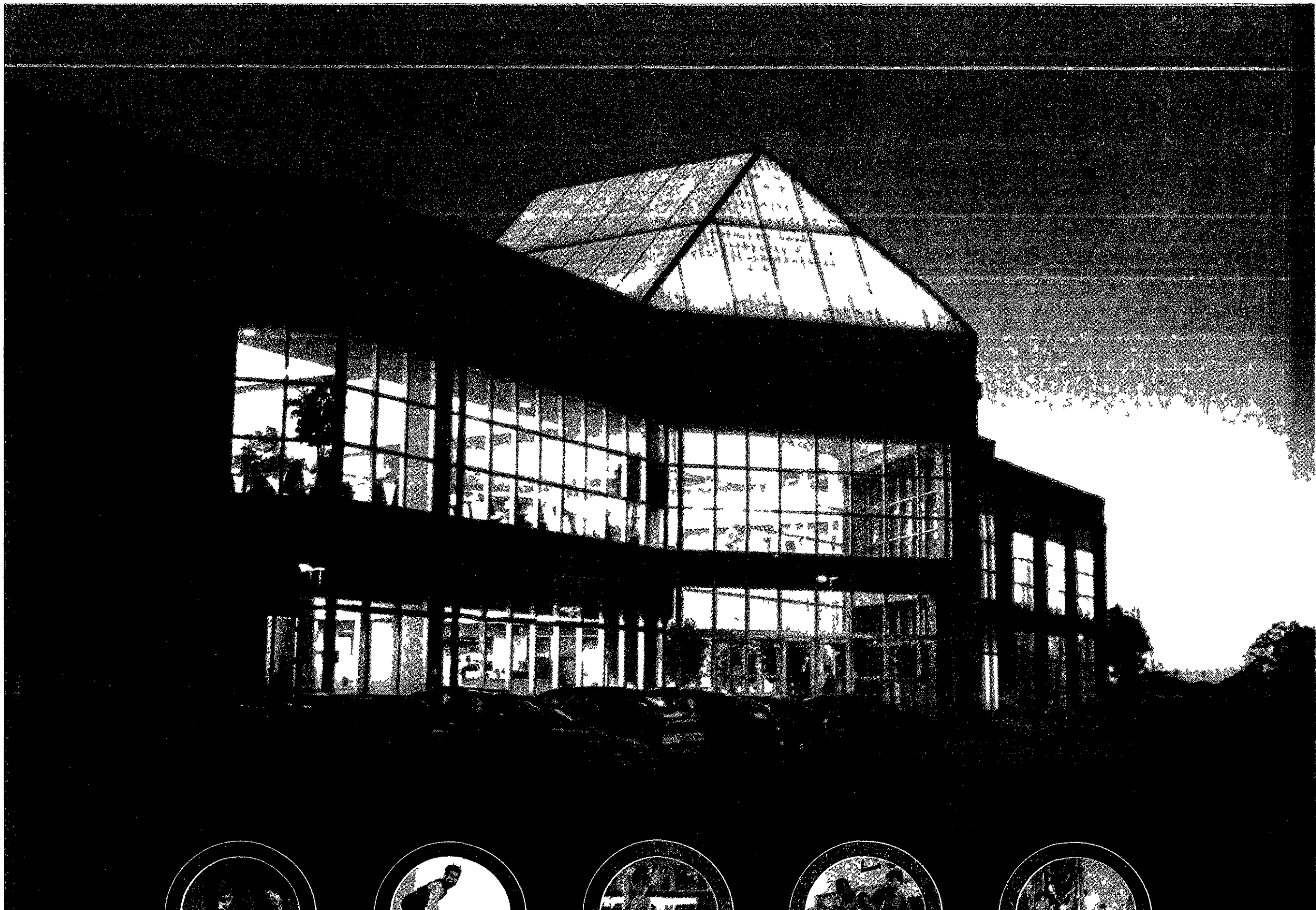
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Golf villas lure buyers to Talnuck at Oakhurst

John Richards Homes, a luxury custom builder, offers both detached and attached condominiums in the Talnuck phase at Oakhurst.

A total of 50 attached residences, two together, and 38 stand-alone homes will be built in the golf course community off Clintonville Road just north of Waldon in Independence Township.

The entire Oakhurst development consists of 800 acres, including wetlands and a private golf course with view of the Pine Knob ski resort.

"The property has some good topography, a high point of 1,000 feet and a low point of 600 feet," said Craig Valassis, managing member of Oakhurst Land LLC, the developer.

All residents get a discount on golf and club social memberships.

The goal is to give all buyers the opportunity to move up or down into various villages in Oakhurst as their housing needs change over time, Valassis added.

"I think our homes are unique and exciting, and the golf course is just outstanding," said John Shekerjian of John Richards Homes.

"The land is beautiful, the course is beautiful, views around the community are beautiful. There's a lot of recreational things to do there," he said.

At Talnuck, John Richards presents six detached plans and two attached. Visitors, Shekerjian said, "love the livability of the homes."

The detached product ranges in price from \$336,900 for a 2,115-square-foot ranch with three bedrooms and two baths to \$374,400 for a story-and-a-half of 2,845 square feet with three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths.

A couple of different options are available on each of the two attached villa plans. They range in price from \$248,900 for a two-bedroom, two bath ranch of 1,610 square feet to \$303,212 for a two bed, three bath story-and-a-half of 2,380 square feet.

All plans include at base price two-car garage, basement, air conditioning, fireplace and landscaping.

Other standard features include first-floor master with separate tub and shower, first floor laundry, range, dishwasher and microwave in the kitchen, wood flooring in the foyer hallway and kitchen/nook and



Villas: Talnuck is just one living option at Oakhurst

carpeting throughout.

Brick and cement siding are primary exterior materials.

"The Dommick Tringah designs are wonderful," said Mary Ellen Semple, sales rep at Talnuck. "The houses are space efficient with great volume curb appeal, the only way to describe it is charming, especially at night."

"Even if you're not a golfer, here you'll love golf views," Semple added. "It's quiet. No road noise, anywhere here."

"It's a really carefree lifestyle," added Jennifer Livingston, sales rep.

Several models have been constructed.

First the detached models. The Pinehurst Media a story and a half of 2,845 square feet features a

media room, great room, dining area, kitchen with island and pantry, screened porch (optional) and master suite with two-sink vanity and a pair of walk-in closets on the main floor.

Two bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs.

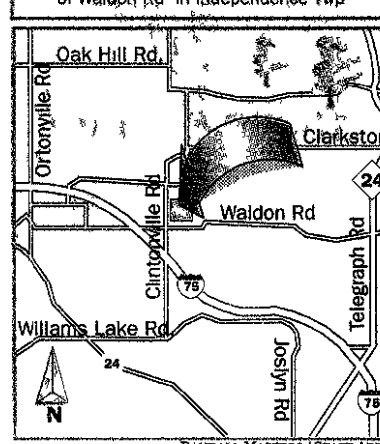
Base price is \$374,400, the model, as is with upgrades, \$779,270.

The Merton, also a story-and-a-half with lots of volume ceilings, contains 2,580 square feet.

This plan features a peninsula fireplace between the nook and great room, formal dining room, den/bed room, screened porch (optional) and the master downstairs, with a bedroom and full bath upstairs.

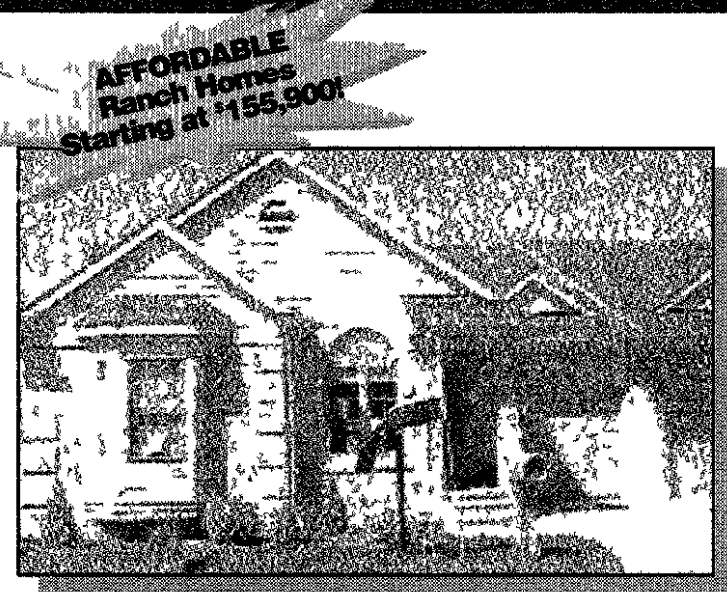
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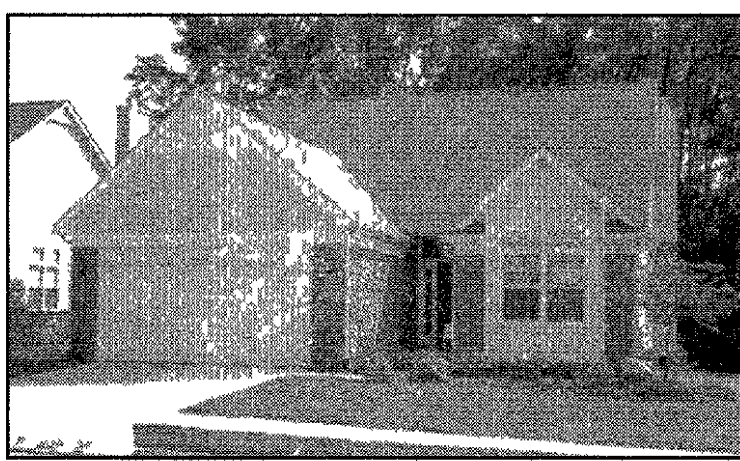
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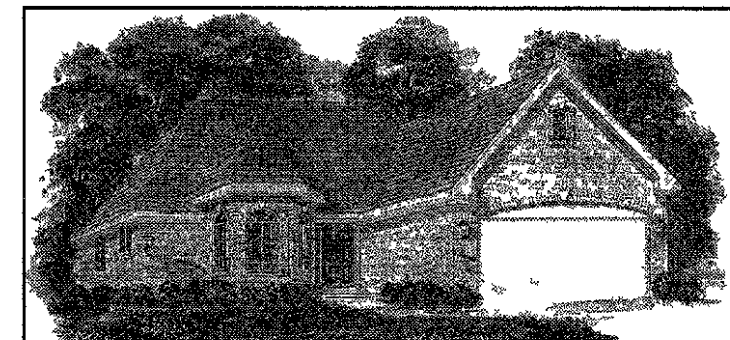
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The two-story has nearly 1,500 square feet.

The family room is a large, open room with a fireplace on the right and stairs to the upper level on the left. A long entertainment center is on the rear wall.

As one heads into the kitchen, there is a larger storage cabinet on the left, ideal for parking the vacuum cleaner, brooms, mops and anything else that's needed on a regular basis.

A half bath is across the hall.

The dining room is in the rear adjacent to the corner kitchen. The bay windows of

the dining area bathe the area in natural light.

A door to the garage is at the end of the stairs to the unfinished basement.

The kitchen has a corner pantry and an oversized refrigerator. There's a lot of counter space and a window over the sink that looks out over the back yard.

All of the bedrooms are upstairs.

The master is in back with nine-foot ceilings and large windows.

A walk-in closet is in one corner, a full bath with shower in another.

A linen closet is just outside the master door. Behind folding doors are the washer and dryer.

Just beyond is a door leading to an unfinished storage area, ideal for holiday decorations or, as an alternative, a large playroom for the kids.

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Talnuck

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Base price is \$358,900, the model as is costs \$634,790. Both attached models also are story-and-a-half. The Spyglass II, 2,380 square feet, includes a great room, dining area and master downstairs, a loft, bedroom and full bath up.

Base price is \$303,212, the model with extras, \$473,842.

The Seminole II, 2,095 square feet, includes a den/bedroom, great room, dining room and master down, one bedroom and a full bath up. Base price is \$274,150, the model \$458,100. Talnuck is serviced by Clarkston community well water, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Clarkston school boundaries. The property tax rate is \$29.73 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$350,000 home there would pay about \$5,200 the first year.

The monthly maintenance/association fee is \$290, with owners of attached units paying an additional \$75 monthly for insurance.

Two pets are allowed for attached owners.

The sales office/models at Talnuck, (248) 393-4426, are open noon to 6 p.m. daily.

What's new in home products and construction?

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

It's estimated that the average American home has 10,000 individual parts and components — and uses another thousand, or so, specialized glues, fasteners, caulks and sealants in the process of being built.

At the recent 2002 International Builders Show in Atlanta, more than 71,000 construction professionals from 95 countries came together with a thousand or more manufacturers to see what's new in products and construction.

If you're fascinated by new home construction, remodeling or home improvement, especially in the up-to-the-minute and what's new department, this was the place to be. Here's a sampling of what soon will be making homes sweeter.

Starting at the front door, technology is giving Mother Nature serious competition with products that look, act and feel like the real thing — only they're better.

Fiberglass doors have been evolving over the last few years, steadily improv-

ing to a point where they now rival both traditional wood and steel ones for beauty, strength and durability.

Now you can have the deep, rich grain of premium natural wood doors without swelling, cracking, warping and splintering. Or the smooth, crisp and sleek look of steel without the dents, dings, scratches or rust.

Today's fiberglass doors offer all the benefits without the shortcomings, with energy-efficiency, extended maintenance-free beauty and an array of styles and decorative glass options from which to choose.

Many new products at the show focused on health features and/or on being environmentally more earth-friendly.

For example, a number of building products contain urea formaldehyde — from glues and insulation to particleboard to carpeting — and its residual fumes can cause eye, nose and throat irritation, nausea and, for some, serious skin rashes.

Meeting the challenge head-on, Johns-Manville removed formaldehyde as a "binder" in its insulation manufac-

insulation with a 360-degree poly-film wrap to become more installer-friendly with less itching from airborne particles.

Also, to make installation faster and easier, they introduced batts with vertical perforations every few inches running top to bottom so insulation easily can be pulled apart to fit narrow or non-standard sized framing cavities, rather than the tedious and time-consuming hand-trimming previously required.

Usually, construction products like adhesives, caulks and sealants aren't big trendsetters. But this year they're changing.

Ever-tightening federal regulations regarding VOCs (volatile organic compounds) present in all solvent based products that pollute indoor air and the environment have manufacturers seriously reformulating to comply.

And while they are at it, they're making these products better, stronger and longer-lasting.

Since the upgrades are too many to list, we suggest visiting your local hardware store or home center to see what's new.

Or for more information, go to the Adhesive and Sealant Council Web site (www.ascouncil.org), the Adhesives Manufacturers Association (www.adhesives.org) or visit Adhesives and Sealants Industry Online at www.adhesivesmag.com.

Another area receiving a big boost from technology and smart thinking is lumber and sheathing used for everything from framing and roofing to flooring and decks.

For example, Louisiana-Pacific's new TechShield radiant barrier roof sheathing is an aluminum sheet that blocks 97 percent of the sun's radiant heat, leaving attics up to 30 degrees cooler.

Georgia-Pacific's new G-P Plus Plywood Sturdi-Floor offers both tongue-and-groove edges and a smooth, fully sanded face for direct application of floor-covering products.

Deck building has many new options as well, with a wide variety of maintenance-free engineered composite materials — both for undertoot deck planking and engineered railing products.

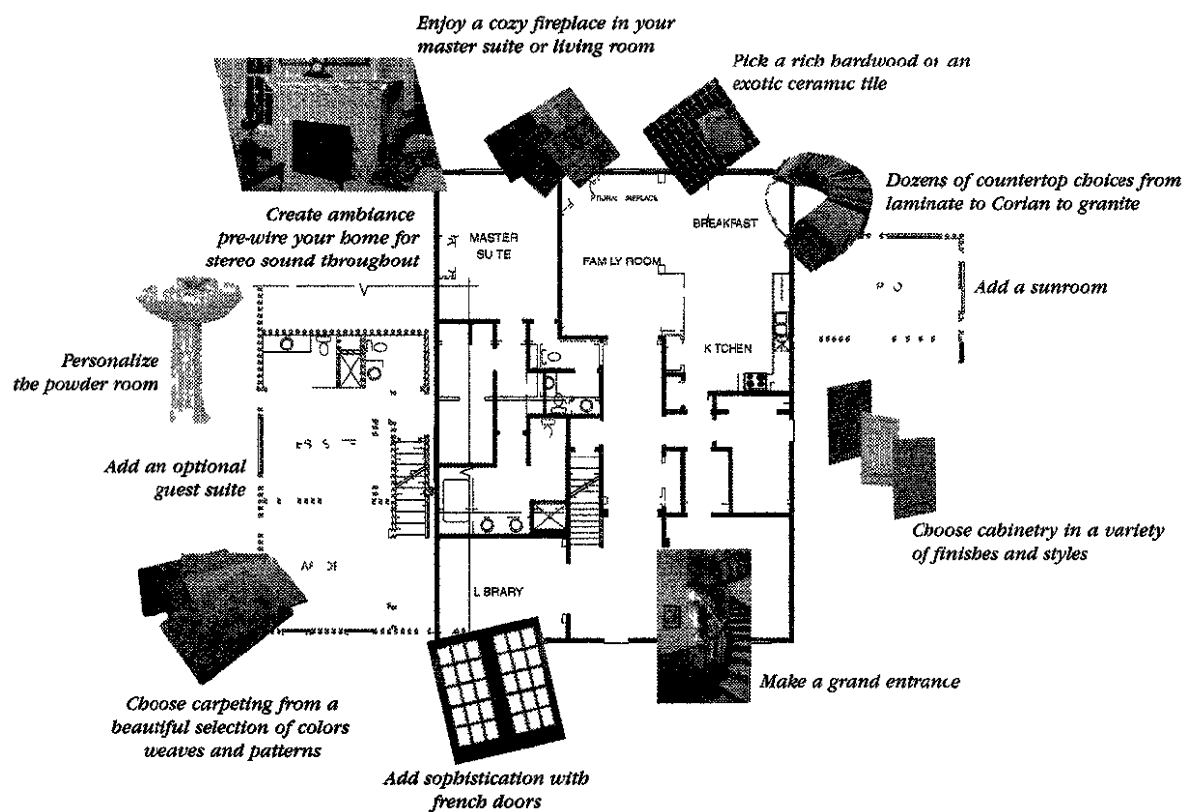
These systems blend new technology with design options galore for easy-to-build, long-lasting, maintenance-free decks that offer instant summer-fun gratification.

After roaming the aisles of the largest annual construction industry show in the world, we can assure you home sweet home is about to become better, stronger, smarter, more healthful, more earth-friendly and easier to care for and maintain.

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The ability to remain emotionally objective is essential in order to have a successful negotiation. As a matter of fact, most negotiations that fail do so because one or both parties become angered by the actions of the other. A seller can be offended by the original price being offered by the buyer. A common reaction by an offended seller is to decide that if this buyer wants to buy the house, he or she will have to pay full price. I have also seen sellers make a counter offer that reduces the asking price only one dollar. This is done to strike back at a buyer and let him or her know that the seller is going to be a force to be reckoned with. Buyers also can get hurt feelings when a seller decides to exclude drapes or lighting fixtures that the buyer expected to go with the house.

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- 2 Before entering into negotiations clarify what your objectives are and how far you are willing to go.
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 18 Herbal drink
 19 Burning
 20 Dawn
 21 Coastal flyer
 23 Retainer
 24 Two tablets maybe
 25 Zany Martha
 27 Kind of rat
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 30 Gaisha's sash
 31 Atilla the Hun
 32 Boat prefix
 33 Forest clearing
 35 Robins beaks

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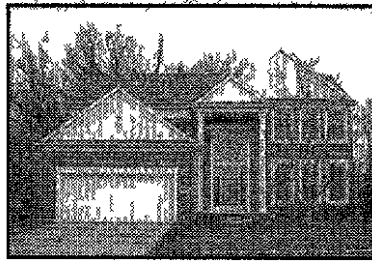
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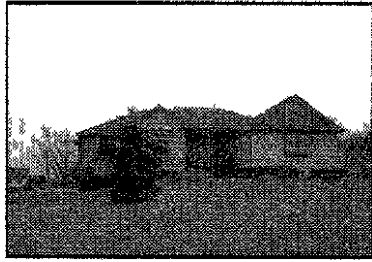
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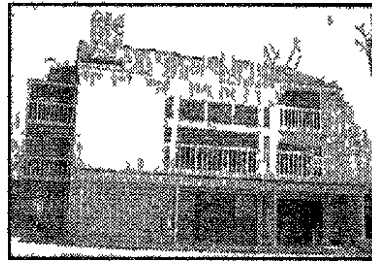
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LAKE ORION former model with upgrades 3 bedroom 3.5 bath 10 ft high fireplace crown trim hardwood floors ceramic bath with jet tub finished walk out family room with gas fireplace full bath Mahogany deck 3 car garage large lot \$339 977 (37BAN) 248 652 8000



ROCHESTER HILLS Spacious colonial with 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths and impressive stone fireplace with gas logs 3 car side entry garage library with French doors partly finished basement Master bedroom with garden tub Home warranty \$374 500 (55QUA) 248 524 1600



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BEVERLY HILLS Beautiful soft contemporary on approx 1.5 acres Dramatic 2 story entry w/cherry floor and overlook ing grand LR Newer kitchen w/granite maple cabinets and ceramic floor Newer master bath w/Jacuzzi and WIC newer roof and furn and prof fin base ment \$525 000 (75BEL) 248 642 8100



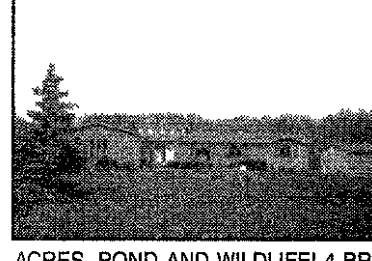
VERY SPECIAL HOME High ceilings open plan 3 BR 2.5 BA formal DR GR FP FR off large kitchen 1st floor MBR Loft area on 2nd floor office library New carpet and paint 2001 Expand of newer doors to large deck Hot tub and play set negotiable \$374 900 (55RID) 248 363 12100



ROCHESTER HILLS Just listed Beautiful Tudor with 4 bedrooms 2.5 bath gourmet kitchen with island work station double oven and walk in pantry open floor plan library with judges paneling and finished basement \$339 800 (56SUN) 248 652 8000



ROCHESTER HILLS Large 4 bed room 2.5 bath colonial 2 story foyer with hardwood floor Master suite with cathedral ceiling whirlpool and shower large island kitchen with oak cabinets Finished basement with exercise room Cedar deck \$334 900 (18COU) 248 524 1600



ACRES POND AND WILDLIFE! 4 BR 3.5 BA ranch with finished walkout on 5.2 acres Stocked pond! 2 story out building with drywall and office Large foyer with skylights LR with cathedral ceiling sunroom with view of pond \$455 500 (33GOT) 734 455 5600



EXECUTIVE COLONIAL with view of lake from extra large deck plus hot tub 4 bedroom 3 bath with island kitchen and 1st floor laundry Library has closet and adjacent bath could be in law suite Soaring ceilings in great room with natural fireplace \$337 000 (88TAR) 248 349 5600



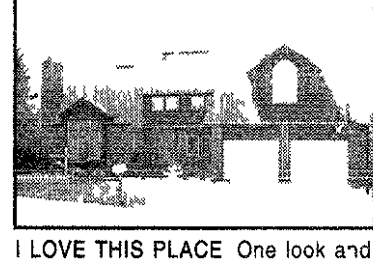
BIRMINGHAM Charming 1999 update of 1918 in town home Family room addition with unique fireplace vaulted ceilings master bedroom with marble bath super kitchen opens to formal dining room Great neighborhood \$424 900 (76PAR) 248 642 8100



A HOME OF DISTINCTION Custom features include beamed ceilings oak and ceramic floors fireplace in family room and living room library with built in wet bar Generous wooded lot West Bloomfield Schools \$339 900 (51CHE) 248 363 1200



OAKLAND Private tree lined lane leads to stone and framed Cape Cod Big family home on acreage with pole barn pond and RV parking Lots of slate and tile floors stone fireplace granite counter sand in law suite \$325 000 (07PRE) 248 652 8000



I LOVE THIS PLACE One look and your shopping will be finished You must experience walking through this house Count the reasons to live here Approximately 3100 sq ft 4 large bedroom high ceilings quiet cul de sac location \$450 000 (10HID) 248 626 8800



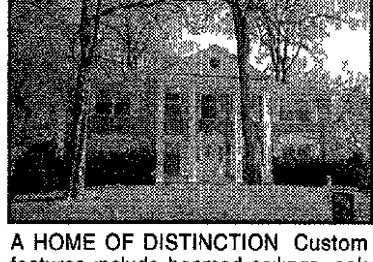
EXECUTIVE COLLECTION! 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial on 1.6 rolling acres! 3 fire places master suite with garden tub and fireplace Hardwood floors in foyer dining room and family room Ceramic tile in kitchen nook and sunroom 1st floor laundry 3+ car garage \$429 900 (25LER) 734 455 5600



TANGLEWOOD GOLF COMMUNITY Cape Cod walkout on 2nd fairway offers 1st floor master with 2 walk in closets ceramic bath GR with 2 way FP oak kitchen w/walk-in pantry Awe some finished walk out basement w/full bar game area Deck 3 car garage \$459 000 (60SPY) 248-348 5600



TROY Spectacular 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/vaulted ceilings in huge GR w/gas fireplace kitchen w/granite island and eating area formal DR master suite w/Jacuzzi tub double sinks and WIC's FFL finished basement 3 car garage and professionally landscaped \$434 900 (26PIN) 248 642 8100



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PARK LIKE SETTING Gorgeous Milford 4 or 5 bedroom home features 2 story great room w/fireplace formal dining room library 4.5 baths finished lower level walkout 2 fireplaces skylights 1st floor master bedroom suite abundance of large windows 3 car gar \$487 500 (17HIL) 248 626 8800



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TROY Contemporary designer ranch with 3 bedrooms 3 baths with finished walkout Large lot with built in pool and extensive deck overlooking pond Great entertaining home with Bloomfield Hills Schools \$642 000 (80TEW) 248-642 8100



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ROCHESTER HILLS Gorgeous home 1st floor master with full bath 2nd bedroom with private bath Jack & Jill bath shared by other bedrooms gourmet kitchen with granite wood floors and hearth room paver patio and walk 3 car garage \$575 000 (11BLU) 248 652 8000



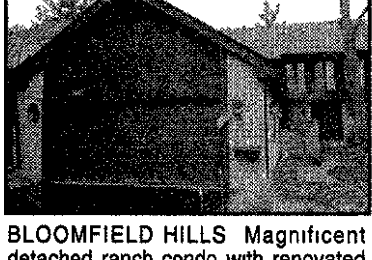
TROY New construction colonial with 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths basement 2 car attached garage fireplace 2nd floor laundry and open floor plan Range and dishwasher are included Great location with award winning Troy schools \$306 200 (85CED) 248 524-1600



WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS Charming 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial with open floor plan Neutral decor Extensive use of marble in 2 story foyer and fireplace in family room Master suite with walk in closet and full bath 1st floor laundry Library huge deck \$399 000 (25LON) 248 626 8800



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- One yr minimum exp in an automotive instrumentation position required.
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Livonia MI 48150
Fax 734 779 7804
Email careers@roushind.com
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- No Experience Necessary
- Must Have Own Transportation

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FULL-TIME CASE MANAGEMENT

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<p>ASSISTANT/STERILIZATION AREA Livonia oral surgery practice Full time Exp helpful Benefits no weekends Must enjoy people Call Kathy 248 888-8383</p>	<p>DENTAL ASSISTANT Experienced wanted full time long term for friendly Garden City practice Please call 734 422 5480</p>	<p>FRONT DESK Friendly dependable person needed for front desk in busy ENT office in Farmington Hills Duties include greeting patients appointments & filing Full time plus benefits Fax resume to Karen (248) 737 0656</p>	<p>CENA's Afternoon Full & Part time Days Part time Apply in person Marycrest Manor 15475 Middlebelt Livonia MI 48154</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY Trinity Health Novi MI Provides executive administrative and secretarial assistance to the Senior Vice President Finance and Vice President Treasury as well as various staff in the department including the Directors Managers and Analysts Minimum qualifications 5-7 years administrative and secretarial experience working with executive management position is required Previous experience with finance and/or healthcare is highly desired Strong organizational typing phone Word Excel PowerPoint required Ability to use judge mental is essential Qualified candidates email resume to Thjobs@trinity-health.org EOE</p>	<p>HOME HEALTH AIDES Full and part time positions available in Livonia area We offer flexible schedules health/dental insurance paid days off and 401(k) with match Must be reliable with dependable transportation Apply in person at Home Health Professionals Inc 29140 Buckingham Ct Ste 2 Livonia MI 48154 Phone (734) 522 1018 Fax (734) 522 5518 www.homehealthprofessionals.com EOE</p>	<p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT/LPN/RN Medical examiners needed to perform mobil medical evaluations Must have good phlebotomy skills and reliable car Pay is a percentage of gross + mileage All shifts avail Fax resume to 866 522 5200</p>	<p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT Personable kind enthusiastic dependable and articulate 248 932 5666</p>	<p>RESEARCH NURSE (RN license) to work as clinical research coordinator for private Farmington Hills office Prefer psychiatric experience Flex hours 25 40 hrs/wk Salary commensurate with experience Fax resume (248) 599 0987</p>
<p>ATTENTION All RDH exp Assistants & Receptionists Call 586 997 6360 for positions in your area</p>	<p>DENTAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST Experienced for established adult practice Excellent salary & benefit package 4 Days/wk Tel Twelve area (248) 842 5000</p>	<p>FRONT OFFICE Livonia Friendly family oriented Full time exp Computer skills a must Benefits & flexible hrs for qualified person 734 425 6920</p>	<p>CHECK IN RECEPTIONIST For busy ENT surgeons office Full time w/benefits Able to handle multiple tasks & MEDIC exp preferred Send resume to Manager P.O. Box 994 Ann Arbor MI 48106 or fax 734-434 3209</p>	<p>CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT Permanent part time morning position available Mon Wed Thurs & Fri 8 45 12 30 Tues & Sat 8 45 1 30 Clerical skills necessary willing to train qualified person 27527 Joy Rd (1/2 blk W of Inkster Rd) 734 522 5501</p>	<p>LPN/ MEDICAL ASSISTANT Dermatologist in Dearborn seeking experienced part time person Mon Thurs work week Salary negotiable Call (313) 583 6655 or fax resume to (313) 583 6517</p>	<p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT OB/GYN office looking for experienced MA full time call (248) 353 9460</p>	<p>NURSE Waltonwood of Royal Oak a licensed senior luxury apartment community seeks a RN or LPN for Full time or Part time position Must have experience in a long term senior facility Competitive wages and benefits EOE Fax resume to (248) 549 6426 or send to Waltonwood of Royal Oak 3450 W 13 Mile Rd Royal Oak MI 48073</p>	<p>RN Because It's Your Nature To Care you'll find a rewarding professional and caring environment at Arden Courts the nation's leading operator of assisted living facilities We employ the most dedicated people in the field and provide the setting and support they need to reach their full potential Join our team now as an</p>
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<p>EXPERIENCED DENTAL ASSISTANT Needed 3 to 4 days per week for a private fee for service Dearborn practice Excellence is rewarded Please call 313 581 5844</p>	<p>DENTAL ASSISTANT Modern practice in Dearborn Heights is looking for an experienced Dental Assistant to complement our team If you are energetic and looking for a full time position with benefits and generous salary please call 313 274-4040 For an interview</p>	<p>LOOKING FOR more than Front Desk? We want a Patient Liaison for our Dental Office Someone to make our patients feel comfortable and appreciated Exp not necessary Full time Mon Fri Want to love coming to work? Call (248) 428 0011</p>	<p>OFFICE MANAGER Needed for general Dental office in Novi Must be an upbeat enthusiastic team player Dental & scheduling exp required Contact Maureen 734-394-1027</p>	<p>FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST / FILING Medical experience only Full time Novi 248 465 1460</p>	<p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT Full time must have experience Livonia area Ask for Linda 734 261 1740</p>	<p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT OB/GYN office full time Experienced Benefits (248) 353 9460</p>	<p>Medical Office Staff Great opportunities available! 2+ yrs exp required Billers many locations including Farmington Hills Receptionists w/MBS familiarity desired in Novi *Medical Assistant w/minor surgery experience needed in Southfield Fax resume to 313 932 1214 or call Tara 248 932 1202 Harper Associates www.harperjobs.com</p>	<p>POH Medical Center Patient Operations Clerk Part time afternoons Must have knowledge of medical terminology and medical billing 1 2 years experience in a physicians office or outpatient clinic Clinical Office Assistant Full time days Medical Assistant experience required knowledge of Workman's Compensation Billing POH Medical Center offers excellent salary and benefits Email send or fax resume to humanresources@pohmedical.org HR Dept 50 N Perry St Pontiac MI 48342 Fax 248 338 5174 Check out our website for additional job opportunities at www.pohmedical.org</p>
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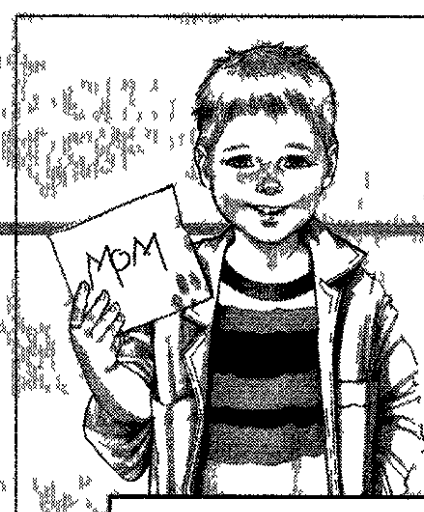
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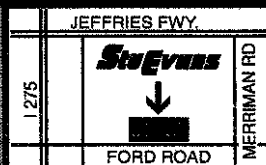


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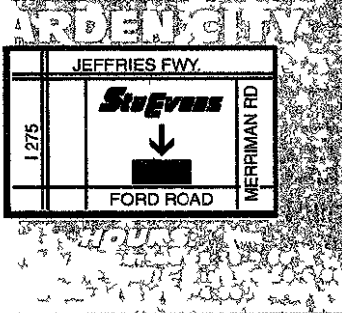
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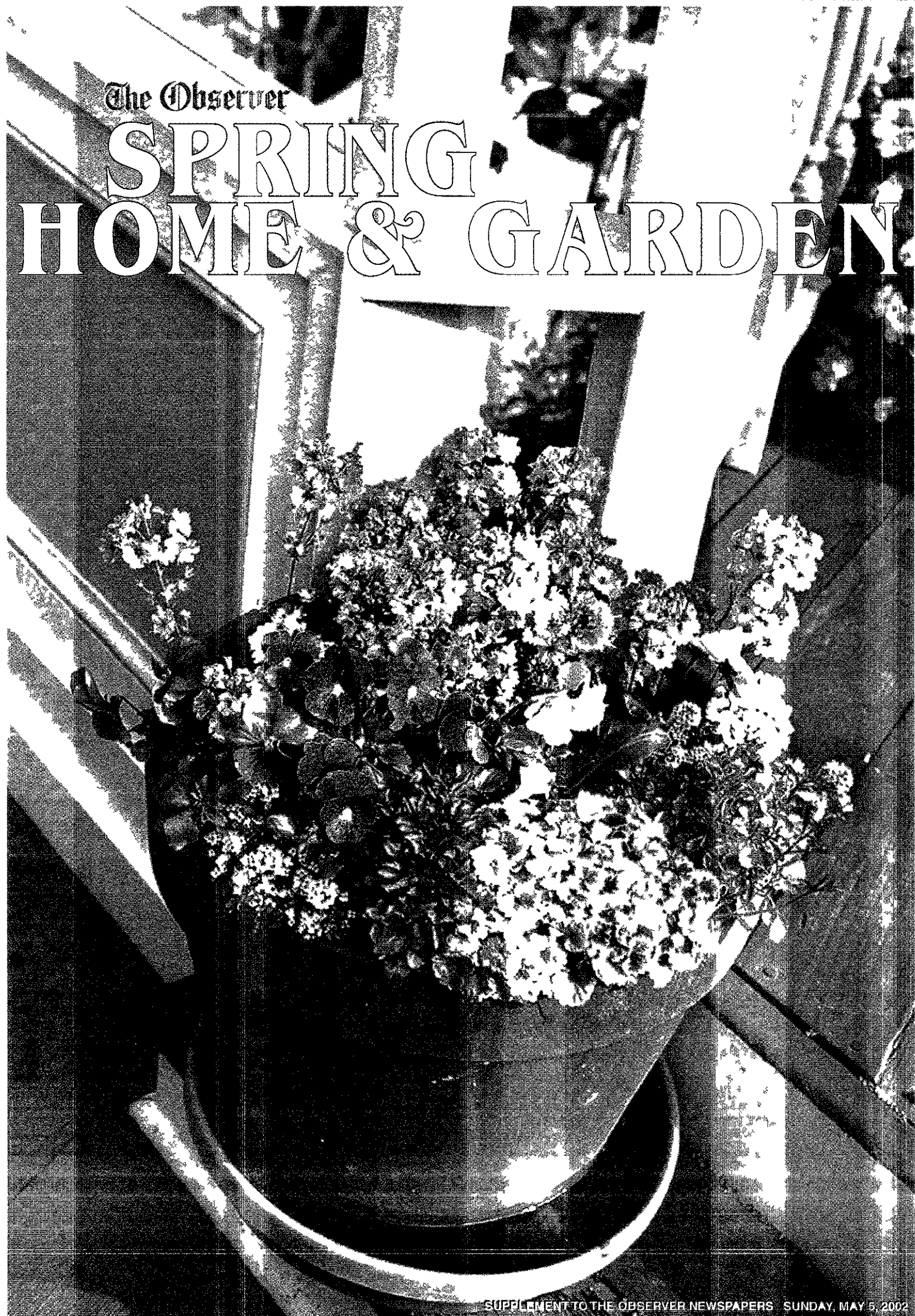
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SUPPLEMENT TO THE OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2002

Backyard habitats go on wild side

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

With more and more concrete being poured every day the wildlife that lose their homes look for friendly places like our back yards to find food and shelter

Across the United States there are 31 625 registered certified habitats with the National Wildlife Federation

There s no one habitat that is like no other one said Mary Burnette NWF back yard habitat spokesperson

Attracting birds is the singular feature that they probably all have in common Another feature is the planting of butterfly gardens with native plants But everyone does each of these things in different ways

There are four stipulations to qualify for certification with the wildlife federation – providing food water shelter and a place to raise the young

A stiff unofficial criteria is the use of native plants Burnette said We re promoting that because it s more wildlife friendly and better for the human population by requiring less water fertilizer and pesticides

Food must include natural sources so putting out a few bird feeders won t meet the standards

Keep in mind depending on where you live it might be impossible to attract some animals said Steve Nikkila who teaches a wildlife habitat class at The Michigan School of Gardening in Livonia

If you re not in a wooded area there s certain things you won t get and vice versa he said

In new subdivisions with hardly any trees for instance the chances are homeowners will get hummingbirds on their way through during migration because they ll need to stop and eat but they won t stay all summer People who live near woods however have hummingbird habitats all year long

Because of their body size they need to eat frequently and they don t go real far unless they can eat on the way Nikkila said of hummingbirds

Nikkila has a butterfly and bird habitat in his yard registered as a Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary by the National Wildlife Federation and as a Butterfly Garden with Y E S (Young Entomologists Society)

Extra bonuses are the rabbits skunks raccoons chipmunks squirrels and even the ever antagonizing groundhogs that are welcome on Nikkila s property A wild turkey was recently seen taking a stroll through the yard, too



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On the wild side: A backyard can be turned into a refuge for such wildlife as birds, butterflies and bees

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We have habitats in the west that are large pieces of land and the owners send us pictures where they ve got bears that come to a creek Burnette said

That s not the norm The average is birds butterflies and small mammals like squirrels chipmunks foxes and rabbits

Going wild

Backyard ponds are a new trend attracting aquatic wildlife like frogs and salamanders

Some 2 000 elementary middle and high schools across the country have schoolyard wildlife habitats It s a growing phenomenon in Michigan Burnette said

They re used basically as outdoor classrooms she said

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Wildlife *Continued from page 2*

There are lots of different things that come around Nikkila said Everything starts with the insects If you don't attract insects you won't attract the birds who won't attract the others

For that reason Nikkila doesn't spray chemicals on his gardens to get rid of what some gardeners consider pests

His Waterford lot is 220 feet by 120 feet with very little turf Nectar plants attract adult butterflies and milkweed varieties are available for the caterpillars

With a wildlife habitat you'll generally have a messier yard, than a typical lawn Nikkila said explaining that grasses are often long and dead flowers aren't always removed because the seeds are left for animal food

Attraction

During his class at The Michigan School of Gardening Nikkila explains how to provide the food, shelter and water to attract certain animals

Homeowners seem most intrigued with watching the fluttering of butterflies and listening to bird songs and those species are most often sought after in habitats Nikkila said

If you want to attract birds you have to provide food for them when things aren't in seed, said Nikkila, who is also a professional horticultural photographer

And keep in mind he emphasized, that bird feeders have to be in safe open areas to allow birds to readily see predators

Other people, however are interested in attracting anything from dragonflies to deer and salamanders and even bats

It's nice to sit in your back yard and even if you live in an area where there's heavy traffic, the sound that you can get with the wildlife can drown out everything else Nikkila said That noise, of the birds and moving water, really is relaxing

The person who establishes a wildlife habitat wants to take care of everything and have lots of animals come around I can sit at my desk and if I'm tense I can look up and relax It's bringing nature into your life

His outdoor visitors include chickadees American gold finches juncos, downy woodpeckers house finches and purple finches

I judge spring is on the way when the male red-winged black bird shows up Nikkila said They usually come before the first robin

He also noted that wildlife habitats serve an important purpose considering that much of the open rural area that has been their home is slowly disappearing to development

For more information about starting a wildlife habitat, call the National Wildlife Federation at (800) 822-9919 Teachers and gardeners interested in establishing backyard and schoolyard habitats should go to the NWF wildlife Web site www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat

Livonia woman offers tip in book on birding

How can you keep pesky squirrels from your bird feeders? Attract hummingbirds to your back yard? Slow down algae buildup in your birdbath?

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Among the amateur birders sharing their back yard tested ideas is Frances Halliday of Livonia

Large manicured lawns will not attract a large variety of birds Halliday said in her tip Instead concentrate your efforts on planting trees and shrubs They provide shelter to songbirds protecting them from predators Not many birds will feed far from a safe escape I leave some of my grassy areas uncut for ground nesting birds

The secrets in this book were gathered from the millions of subscribers to *Birds & Blooms* Bird expert and contributing editor George Harrison reviewed each item selected from the thousands of submissions received

I'm amazed at the ingenious down home approach these readers have taken to birding," Harrison said I must admit I've learned several new tricks to try in my own back yard

The down to earth nature of our subscribers is what makes this book so practical and useful said editor Jeff Nowak They've proven that attracting more colorful birds to your back yard can be easier cheaper and most of all a whole lot of fun And their ideas will increase your success tenfold

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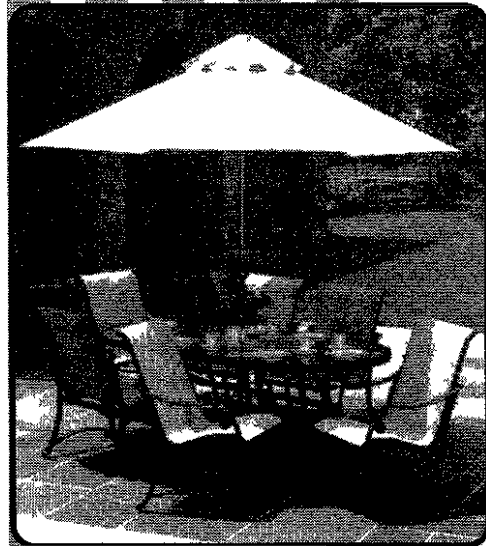
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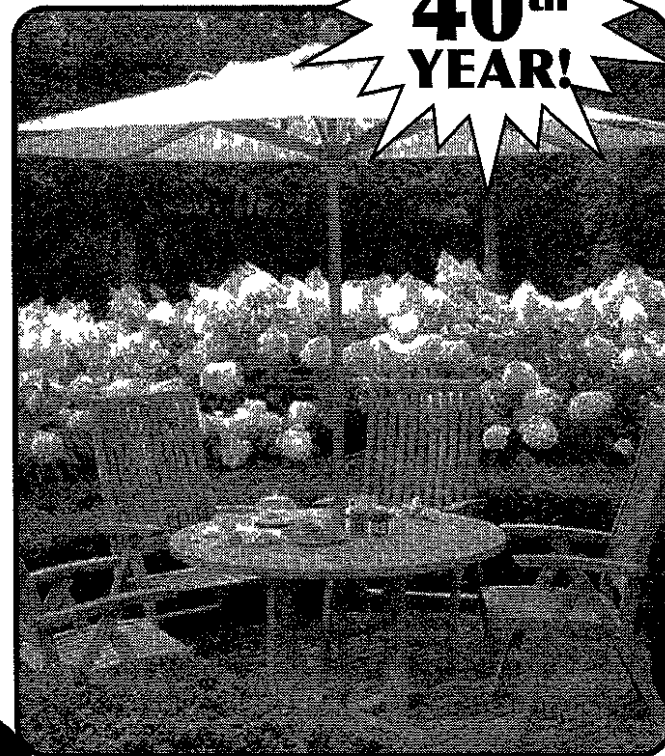
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Have it made in the shade with these garden selections

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

With a little imagination shady areas of your garden don't have to be problem areas. They can be filled with perennials, annuals, bulbs and herbs that thrive in the dark. The shadowy spots can also be used as a natural shield from the sun and a perfect umbrella for patio tables, swings and a comfortable area where family and friends go for quiet time and a retreat from the solar glare.

The amount of shade an area gets can range from just a little darkness, which is often referred to as partial shade and a full array of terms that refer to varying degrees of light, like light shade, full shade and the darkest areas of all, which is known as heavy shade. Each condition provides a different growing environment with certain plants thriving in each.

The perennial astilbe, for instance, likes partial shade, while the delicate petals of the annual impatiens do well in partial to full shade and English ivy, a thick, hearty ground cover, can be planted in areas that get partial to heavily shaded areas.

Ferns, pachysandra and myrtle are best kept out of the sun's constant direct hit, too. An added bonus for the pachysandra is that it stays green all winter.



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Shady characters: *Get creative with foliage in shady areas of your garden.*



Making the scene: *Gardeners can choose from a wide variety of plants that do well in the shade.*

Rhododendrons and azaleas have showy blooms that attract a lot of gardeners, but they're not always easy to grow.

Varieties

The biggest problem, Ryan Gardner, nursery specialist at Frank's Nursery & Crafts in Canton, sees customers make when planting rhododendrons is failing to dig big enough holes before planting.

He suggests making the hole between 2.5 to three times the size of the container and to mix in a lot of peat moss – between 45 and 50 percent of the soil mixture.

Hostas do especially well in shady areas and around trees, Gardner said.

A lot of plants can't compete with the tree roots, but hostas naturally grow around trees, he said.

There are hundreds of hosta varieties and new ones appear on the market every year, said Gardner. Last year the new hostas were named after characters and events related to the Revolutionary War, he said.

More and more customers are looking for perennial plants that will reappear every year, ready for another show of color or greenery, versus the annual flowers that live for one season, according to Sheryl Jensen, perennial specialist at Frank's Nursery & Crafts in Canton.

I don't know if it's just that they want to get away from planting every year or that they want an old-fashioned garden like Grandma's, Jensen said.

Frank's also provides tip sheets to help gardeners decide where to put their plants and what they need to keep them alive.

There's a surge in interest, too, Jensen said, for gardeners to partition the garden off into different sections and create themes, with certain types of blooms or grasses designated to each area.

Shady spots are a good location for arbors and statuary, like the ever-popular garden faires, frogs, cherubs and other fanciful figures popping up in gardens more and more, said Jensen.

Statuary materials range from cement to resin and many kinds of metal, and while anything goes in garden decor, Jensen said, she often recommends sticking with one type to add continuity to the whole garden picture.

When customers have no idea what to do with a shady area or any spot in their garden, Jensen said, she tries to get customers to talk about what they like and don't like. The exercise helps them come up with a plan and it gives her a better idea about whether to lead them to ground covers, blooming plants, small ornamental trees or statuary.

Other options

Water gardens are another option for beautifying shady areas.

Bill Saxton, co-owner of Saxton's in Plymouth, describes building a pond as a natural step to take once the other gardening tricks have been mastered.

After you've done just about everything else, you ask yourself, "Well, what's next?" he said. If you have a patio around the area, it makes it very peaceful, especially when you have a waterfall effect.

Adding water plants and fish is the next task.

The plants and grass around the pond would be determined by the amount of sun the area gets.

If you have more than 70 percent shade, it's futile to try to grow grass there, Saxton said. In those cases, adding rocks might be the solution, he said.

If you don't want to bother with plants or grasses and worry about how much light they're getting, rock gardens don't need the sun at all. In fact, once they're in, they take almost no maintenance at all.

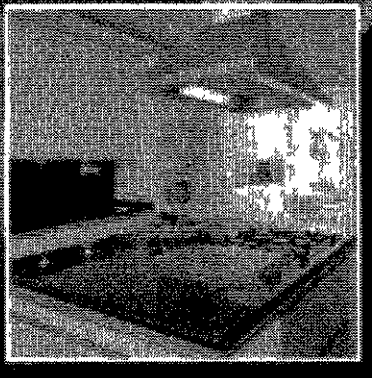
Most of Nick Kropniak's customers at the Rock Shoppe in Plymouth are choosing weathered stones to create the illusion that the garden has been there for years.



Perennial favorites: *Many gardeners look for plants that reappear every year, ready for another show of color or greenery.*

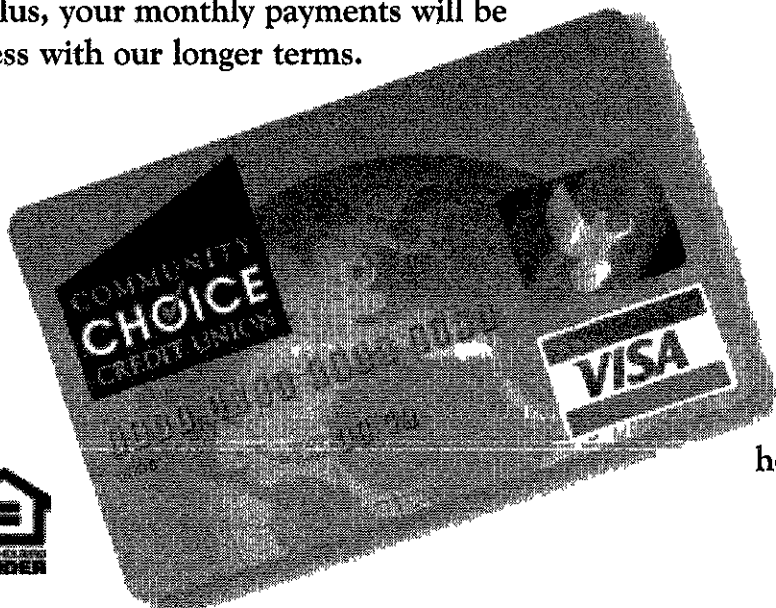
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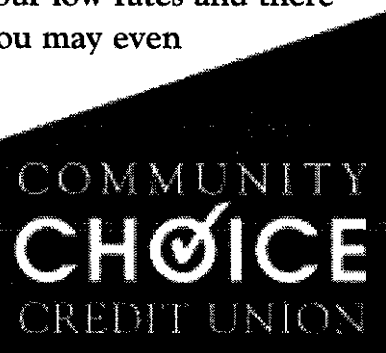
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Shade

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There isn't one particular style that most homeowners are choosing, he said. The selections range from Japanese gardens to contemporary English gardens, he said. There's not one that will be identical to another, Kropniak said. Every rock is different, so every garden will be different.

If all else fails and you want a plant that needs a lot of sun, you must find ways to cope with it or get rid of the shade altogether, according to *Horticulture Gardener's Desk Reference* by MacMillan.

The reference book suggests:

- pruning low branches from trees in and near the garden to let in more light
 - thinning out some higher branches to lighten the canopy
 - growing climbing plants that will reach up and out of the shade
 - removing the trees and walls that are blocking the sun
- Bounce light into the garden by painting nearby walls or fences white and use light-

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- Use lawn and garden debris from your yard to start a compost pile.

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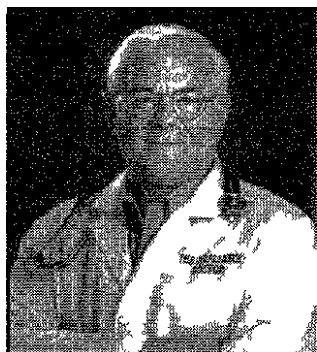
colored paving on driveways or sidewalks adjacent to the garden, according to the reference book, which also recommends setting up reflective panels or mirrors around the garden.

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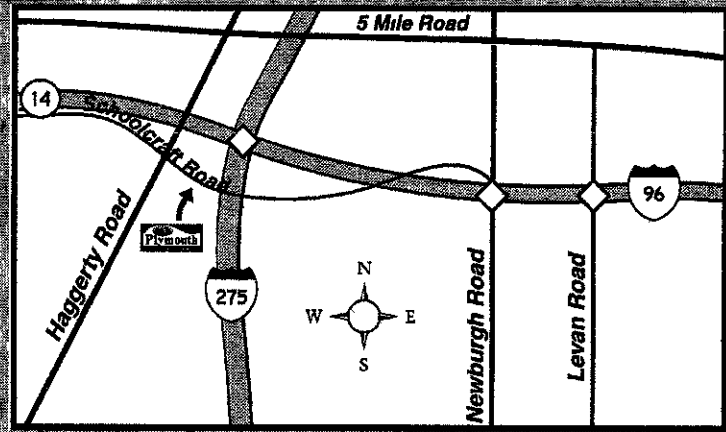
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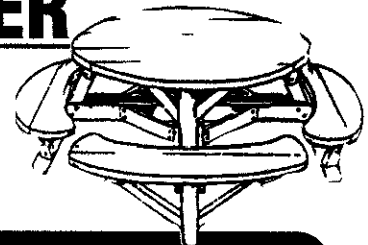
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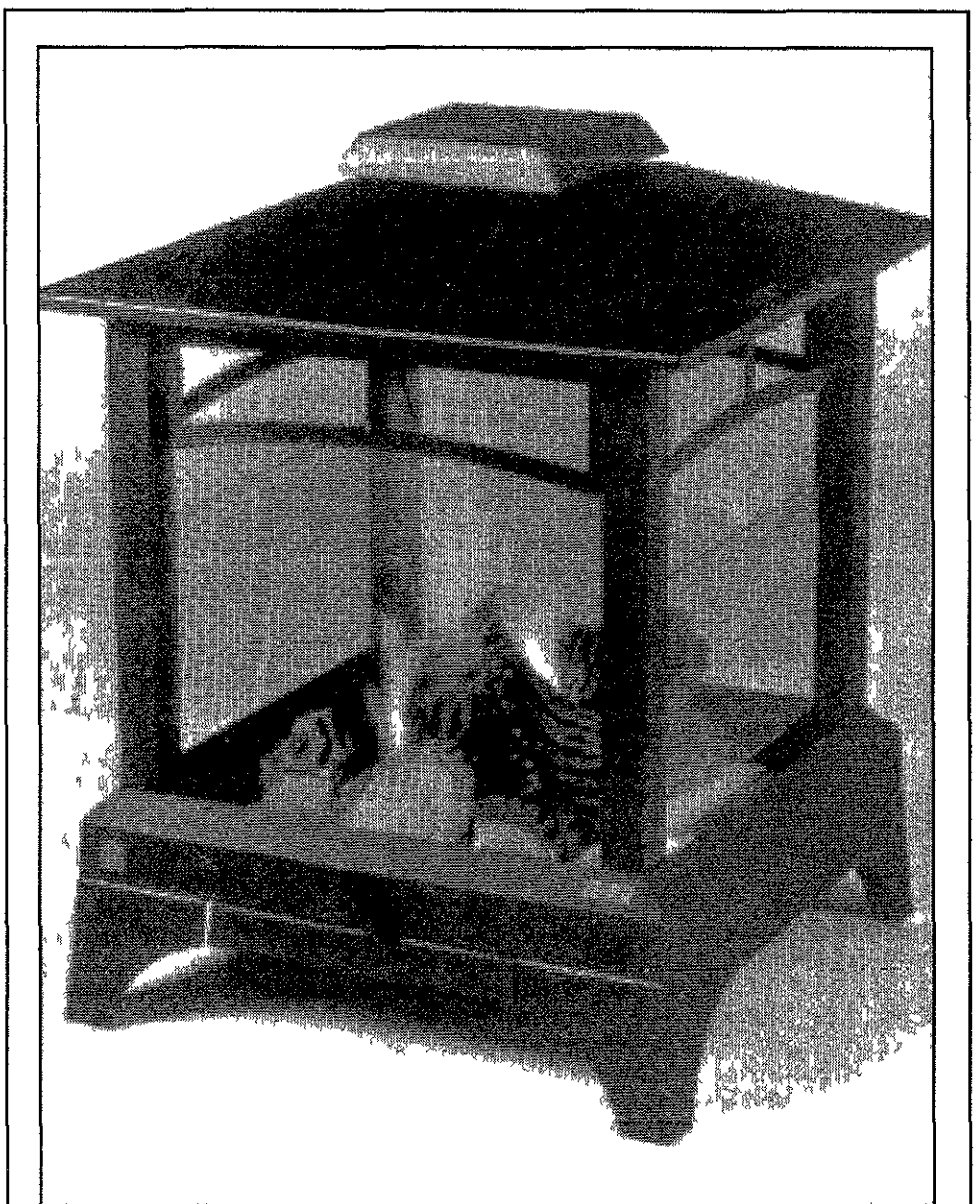


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We are all so busy today with family activities work volunteering and household chores If we can eliminate or at least reduce a chore like window washing we'll have more time for other more worthwhile activities Dyck said

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Dishing dirt: Soil testing gives down-to-earth information

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

If you've ever picked up a handful of dirt from your garden and wondered what lay within, the answer isn't as hard to get as you might think.

You can conduct your own soil tests, or you can send a sample to the Wayne County Michigan State University Extension to be analyzed.

It's good to know the soil, particularly the pH content, which is a measure of the soil's acidity or alkalinity. The pH determines the success of a lot of plants, said Kristine Hahn, Wayne County MSU Extension consumer horticulture agent.

In Wayne County, most of the soil is neutral to alkaline, which makes it difficult to grow some plants, including pin oaks, rhododendrons and blueberries.

The soil analysis gives gardeners an idea of what to grow and what type of fertilizers should be used.

You'll know what products you need to buy. You'll know exactly how much to apply, so you won't be wasting money on fertilizing products and you'll be protecting the environment from the bad effects of over-fertilization, Hahn said. People need to realize that more is not necessarily better.

Hahn tells a story of a woman who applied a heavy fertilizer on her lawn in March, which is too early. The woman wasted money on the fertilizer and will pay again, Hahn said, when her taxes go up to get it cleaned up out of our waterways.

Hahn gets a lot of calls from residents complaining that certain pesticides have been taken off the market.

They've been taken off the market because they're not being used properly, she said.

Whether it's bugs in the house or on their plants, or their lawn isn't doing well, nine times out of 10 it's not a product question, but what we do in terms of watering or sealing up the house and things like that.

The best thing to do to improve soil in garden beds is to add decomposed organic compost, which improves the ability for plants to store air and water, as well as allowing the soil to hold its nutrients, Hahn warns against digging leaves straight into their soil before it decomposes.

When it comes to healthy lawns, she said, the single most important chore is to aerate in the spring and fall.

In Wayne County, the problem is that the soil is just too compacted, Hahn said. It's not about thatching that just tears up the roots.

Know your soil

No matter what you're planting, it's good to know your soil. Wayne County's soil testing kit includes instructions on how to take samples.

With a bucket and a small trowel, take 15 to 20 sub-samples in a random pattern by digging 2 inches down. It's as simple as mixing it together, letting it dry, putting it in the box that is supplied and filling out the accompanying forms.

The analysis describes the soil pH, as well as the phosphorous, potassium, calcium and magnesium contents. It also gives a fertilizer recommendation based on the desired crop.

Most gardeners who currently use the service are commercial growers and master gardeners, but it's useful to the average homeowner, too. Soil test kits are also available in garden stores, but Hahn warns that the results aren't always accurate.

When you're looking at soil, you're looking at pH, texture and for the structure of soil, which affects drainage and you're looking at the trace minerals, said Mary Lore, co-founder and director of The Michigan School of Gardening.

The school's main site is in Livonia, with classes also offered in Pontiac and downtown Detroit. More than 100 classes are offered year-long and are suited for beginning students to advanced master gardeners and professional gardeners.

Gardeners who focus on getting healthy soil and the applying the right fertilizers for their soil can eliminate many chores and problems, because when plants are thriving they resist disease.

Down to earth

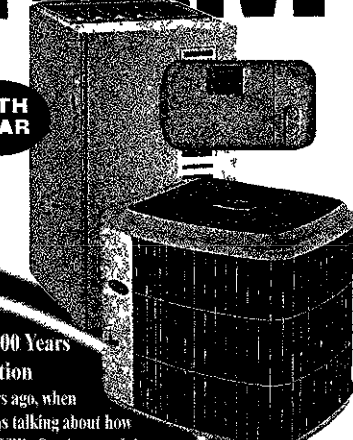
Gardeners who want to test their soil on their own can start by digging a hole 18 inches deep, Lore said.

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drain. It's considered fast drainage if it takes the water one to 12 minutes per inch to seep out, moderate if it takes between 12 minutes to five hours per inch to dissipate and slow to poor if it takes between five and 20 hours to drain an inch of water.

Another simple test gardeners can do is to count the number worms their soil has.

If you have 12 worms per square foot, you're doing great, Lore said, explaining that a lot of worms means there's a lot of organic composition.

The worms travel through the soil, bringing organic matter down from the top to the roots. The tunnels they make provide space for the water to drain.

Compost adds organic matter to soil and generally it will be better soil to work. Some area communities provide free compost.

Likewise, if your lawn is healthy, Lore said, it should be able to tolerate 12 grubs per square foot.

The key is to keep it healthy enough that the lawn outgrows the amount the grubs eat, she said.

Homeowners in new construction areas often have to deal with dirt that has been turned upside down and compacted by heavy machinery, which makes the water difficult to drain.

You want it to be able to crumble but not so much that it balls up, Lore said. Tilling it too much can make the soil overly fine, she said.

Many times plant labels don't say what type of soil the plant needs. Since soil conditions are a major factor in the success of plants, it's up to gardeners to know what type of soil they have and what plants will do well. Testing the soil is one way to do that.

You can choose plants that do well in those conditions or you can amend soil to meet the conditions of the plants you want to put in, Lore said.

The Wayne County MSU Extension can be reached by calling (313) 833-3275.

For a soil testing kit, stop by or mail a request to Wayne County MSU Extension, 640 Temple, Sixth Floor, Detroit 48201. If mailing the request, include a check for \$9 and payable to Michigan State University, and a note requesting a soil testing kit.

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New tools help homeowners to dig into yard chores

Hound Dog Products, based in Minnesota, has launched four new tools designed to help homeowners deal with back yard chores.

Achieve the look of a professionally tended lawn with the Steppin' Edger™, a user-friendly tool that features an ergonomic handle for comfort and control, a large foot step for leverage, a window in the foot plate for aiming the blade, a built-in scraper and a stainless steel blade that cuts a clean edge, stays sharp, won't rust, and locks in an upright position for safe and easy storage.

To operate, place the blade at the edge of the pavement and step along the edge. The Steppin' Edger uses natural walking or rocking motion to edge curbs, sidewalks, driveways and paths, and even install pet containment fences and low voltage lights.

Cost is around \$25. The edger is available at Target and Meijer.

The Bulb Hound Garden Planter is a stand-up, long-handled tool that helps make quick work of planting and transplanting projects. It is made of durable steel with a rust-proof finish. The leverage gained from working in an upright position, along with the planter's special design, make this the perfect tool for planting an entire garden of bulbs at a consistent depth. A gardener can now easily plant 100 bulbs in less than 20 minutes.

The coring tube cuts through the ground when the operator steps on the foot plate and opens easily when the comfort grip handle is squeezed, releasing the soil.

With its patented hinged coring tube, the tool is ideal for transplanting. The planter grabs the plant to be moved and holds it in the tube. Once the plant is moved, the operator releases the handle and the plant comes out to be placed wherever desired.

Cost is around \$25 to \$30. The planter is available at The Home Depot.

Hound Dog's Planting Auger transforms the common household drill into a versatile garden tool. Perfect for planting bulbs, seedlings and grass plugs, and transplanting and fertilizing roots, the auger makes digging in any type of soil quick and easy. Attach it to a drill, insert the point into the soil, and use an up-and-down motion until the desired depth is reached.

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Hound Dog's Root Irrigator delivers water directly to thirsty roots and prevents water loss due to runoff or evaporation.

The tool's concentrated water jet drills its own holes, injecting water into the root where it's needed. It also works to loosen compacted soil to increase the uptake and use of fertilizer, air and water on a continuing basis.

To use, attach the irrigator to a standard garden hose and turn the water on. Then insert the tool 8 to 12 inches into the ground along the drip line of a tree or shrub at as many intervals as needed. To insert farther, lift up on the irrigator slightly to allow the water jet to dig deeper, and again push the tool into the ground. Repeat as necessary.

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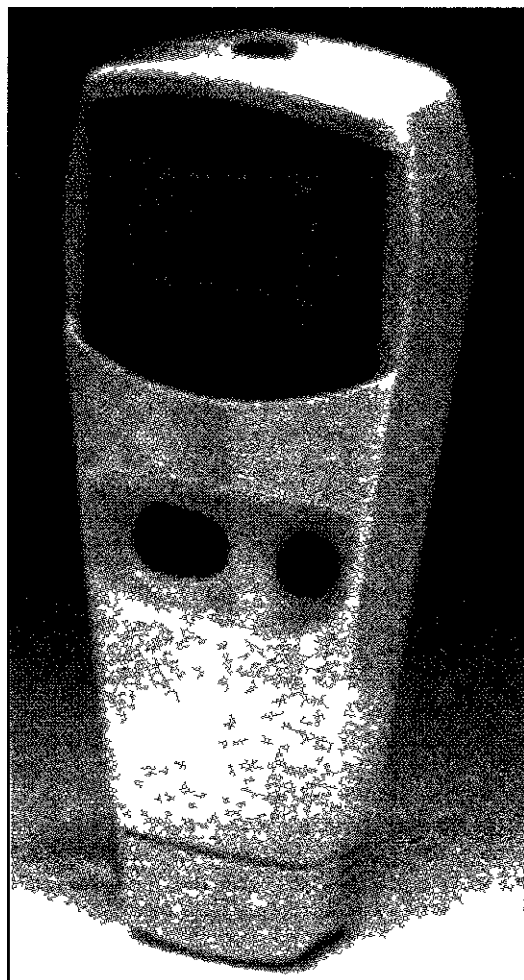
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Property owners can reduce mosquito populations

Mosquitoes are an all too familiar – and annoying – part of summer. In addition to being a nuisance during outdoor gatherings and events, mosquitoes can pose a serious health threat transmitting encephalitis, malaria and yellow fever to humans, as well as heartworm to pets.

But homeowners who have been chased out of their back yards by a mosquito nuisance don't need to spend the next few months huddling indoors.

By following a few simple steps, it is possible to reduce the number of mosquitoes in yards and other outdoor gathering areas.

Several generations of mosquitoes can originate from one back yard, said J. Lyell Clarke III, president of Clarke Mosquito Control, a leading mosquito control firm.

Many homeowners believe that combating mosquitoes is a relatively hopeless task. They don't realize there are several easy precautions they can take to control mosquito numbers.

The most effective way to reduce mosquito populations is to eliminate standing water, a key component in their life cycle.

Some mosquitoes lay eggs in puddles, drains, ditches, or even plastic wading pools where the eggs hatch in just a day or two.

Mosquitoes also lay their eggs in places that catch water, such as gutters, old tires and tin cans. The eggs can remain there for weeks or even months until a rainfall covers them with water, thus allowing them to hatch.

The following yard and home checklist from Clarke Mosquito Control can help homeowners eliminate standing water and other mosquito breeding grounds.

- Discard old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water holding containers in and around the property.
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in the yard.
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets to prevent puddles of standing water from forming.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store them indoors when not in use.
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while you're on vacation.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete.
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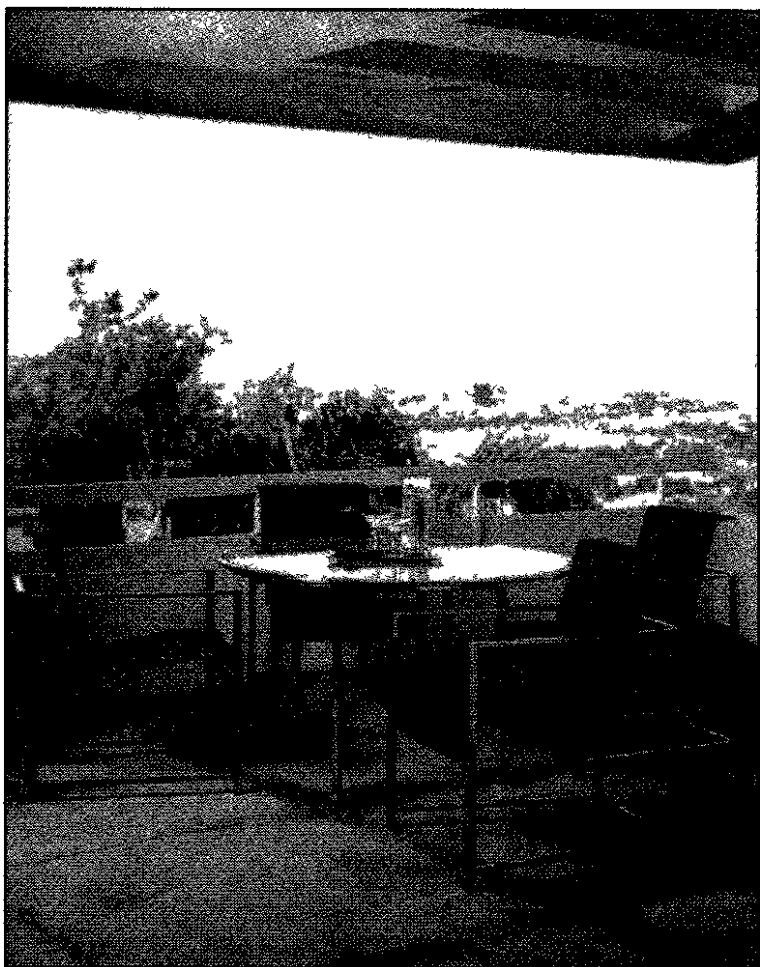
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Warm up to cool colors, high-tech finishes in outdoor furnishings

By Lisa Luckow-Healy
Special Writer

Spring is ushering in more than showers and balmy breezes. One look at the new trends in outdoor furniture, accessories and grilling and your entertaining options will blossom.

The spring trends can be compared to those on the pages of a fashion magazine or on the catwalk of a famous designer's fashion show. Colors are eye-catching. Style is everything. Accessories radiate with a "must have" sensation.

"Sherbet colors are new for spring, particularly in umbrella fabrics," said Seamus Cassidy, general manager, Jimmie's At Home stores in Livonia, Novi, Birmingham and Shelby Township.

"We're seeing more than one color in one umbrella, and umbrellas in different styles -

one that looks like a kite. People are looking at brighter colors like lemon, lime and orange to make themselves feel good."

Cast aluminum seatbacks and tabletops are popular this season.

"We're carrying a line of stainless steel furniture," said Cassidy. "Customers want this more upscale, contemporary look."

"They're also buying an outdoor sofa and loveseat - individual pieces instead of purchasing an entire set with a table and chairs. They want a seating group to create an outdoor living room."

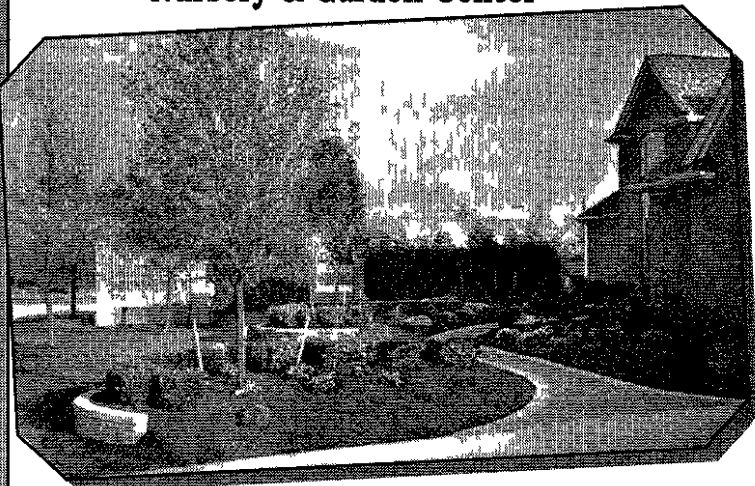
Wrought iron outdoor furniture, featuring antiqued finishes, is also prominent for the season. These pieces bring both style and substance to the outdoor living space. The look is both traditional and contemporary, giving you a wide

Setting pretty: Outdoor furniture often resembles furnishings for indoors. This setting, from Jimmie's At Home, features armchairs and a dining table.

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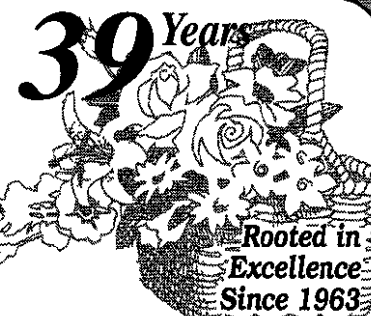
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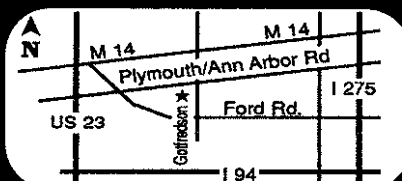
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According to Cassidy, the season is ushering in quite a few new outdoor fabrics that look like indoor fabrics you would expect to find in a living room. Beautiful fabrics and textures you wouldn't expect to see on outdoor furniture are making their way from the comforts of the living room to the great outdoors.

Outdoor accessories, once thought to be more upscale and cost prohibitive, are going mainstream.

"Customers are gravitating to stainless steel grills," said Cassidy. This trend is prominent both in the mobile grill and the built-in patio grill. "One customer recently created an outdoor kitchen with a black granite countertop and a stainless steel grill inset to the marble."

Don't forget to consider some of the following outdoor trends for the season. They can bring new vitality into a stale outdoor entertaining routine.

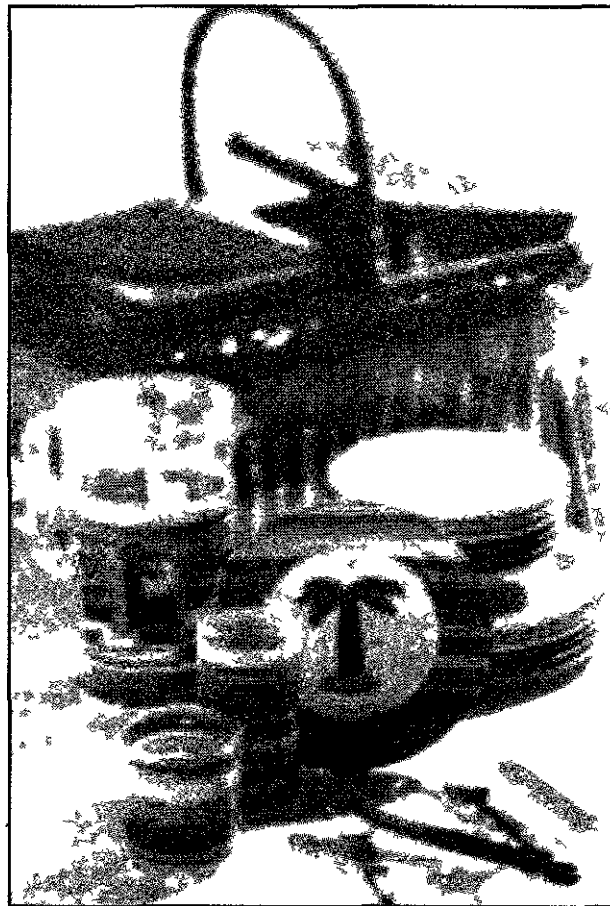
- Outdoor stand heaters make stargazing more comfortable on cool nights

- Garden decor, including reflective balls, continue to add grace and beauty to your blooms

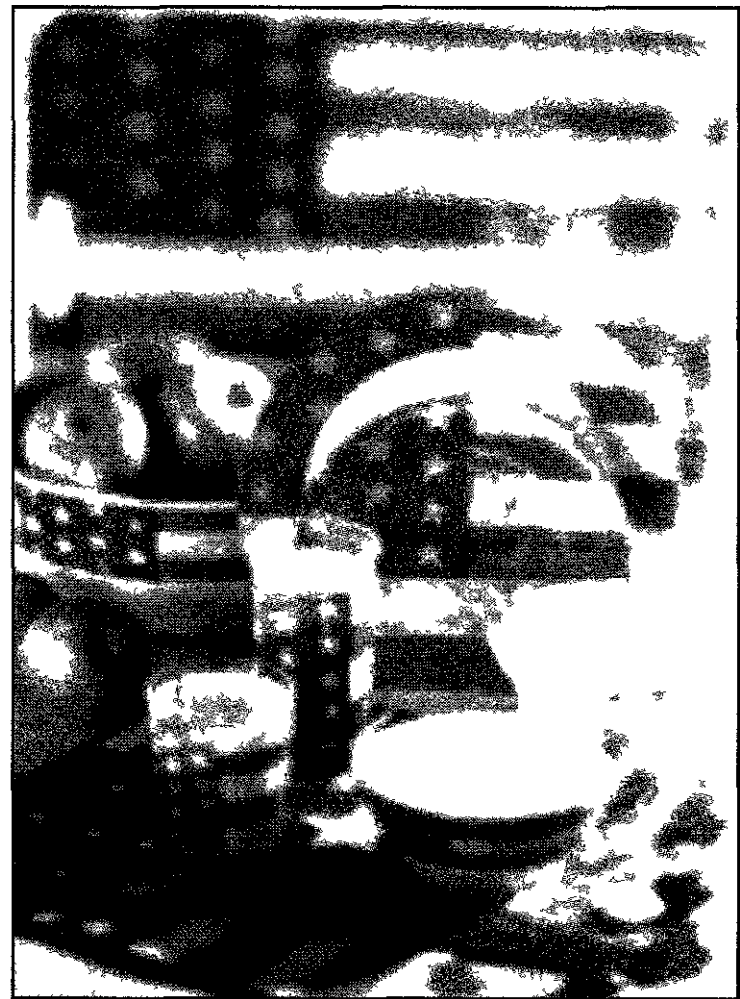
- Rotisseries are popular add on items to grills

- Grilling sauces in a variety of flavors are moving from the back to the front of store shelves

- Grilling chips and grilling bars – in mesquite and other flavors – set inside the grill emanate aromatic scents and tantalize the tastebuds



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There's more to sprinkler system than meets the valve

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
SPECIAL WRITER

There's more to a sprinkler system than meets the eye. You can save hundreds of dollars a year in water costs once you understand the system you plan to install and how the features can work to your advantage.

With an increase of almost 15 percent in water costs in Detroit water systems, people are more aware than ever of their water bills, said Jeff Jones, vice president, Aqua Mist Lawn Sprinkler Systems in Southgate.

One of the best ways to help reduce water consumption costs is to focus on the design of the irrigation system.

According to Jones, homeowners should look for uniformity of water distribution in the design phase of their system. This is achieved through proper spacing of sprinkler heads and how the heads are used to deliver water at a matched precipitation rate.

People typically run their systems until they see uniform color in their lawn and plants. They gauge this on the weakest plants. In doing so, they waste hundreds of gallons of water each time they irrigate.

Another important ingredient of a sprinkler system is a rain sensing device. It will help bypass the irrigation system with a quarter inch of rainfall and shut it down.

Homeowners who don't install this device can expect higher bills if their system is programmed for watering when they are asleep or away from home and don't shut down the sprinkler system during rainfall.

It's easy to be confused between a properly designed, quality system and a brand name. A popular brand name sprinkler system doesn't necessarily mean it's better than an unfamiliar brand.

Jones stresses that homeowners should place a great deal of importance on the design and implementation of the system and suggests following these steps when in search of a sprinkler system:

- Ask friends and neighbors which sprinkler system companies they've used
- Ask the contractor for references. Follow up with these references.
- Ask for proof of current insurance. If the company doesn't properly cover its employees, you could be liable for an injury an employee incurs while on your job.
- Inquire about separate planting area coverage. Plants have growing cycles different

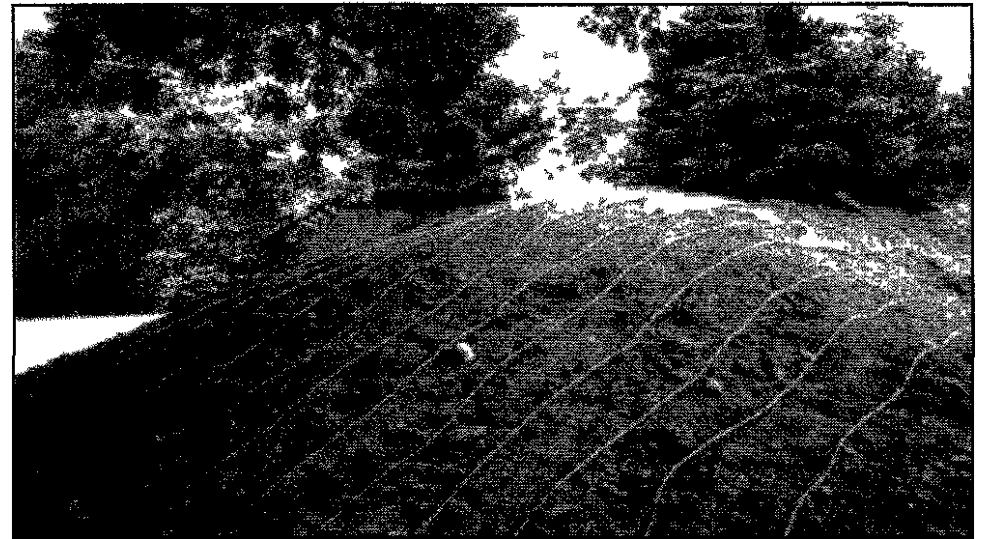


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Watering system: Drip irrigation is a trend in sprinkler systems, in which tubing is laid under mulch and emits a predetermined amount of water per hour. The Rayner Lawn Sprinkler Company installed 10 miles of tubing on a berm measuring 1.5 miles long at an area development.

from grasses. Ask the contractor how to regulate these.

■ Get two to three estimates. Determine what you are getting for the money. The lower cost quote isn't always the best value. Look for quantity and quality of product, system design, and contractor reputation in your decision-making process. The higher cost quote may be the best long-term value. A properly designed system can save up to \$500 in water costs annually.

Once your system is installed, pay attention to your watering schedule.

One rule of thumb is that the system is only supposed to replace water taken out of plants and grass, said Jones. This is called transpiration – the transfer of water up through leaves and roots.

On average, turf grasses lose about 1 inch of water per week. A sprinkler system should replace one quarter inch of water per application. In average 75-degree temperatures, you would never want to water more than four times per week. If it rains in that given week, adjust your system's watering schedule or install a rain sensor to your system.

Sprinkler systems are relatively maintenance-free as long as they are winterized properly in the fall. Many sprinkler contractors offer a fall shutdown service. According to Jones, many people starting their systems up for the spring should follow these helpful steps:

- Activate the main valve.
- Turn each watering station on from the controller and walk around each station in the yard. Determine whether anything looks abnormal.
- If a mushy spot is found, it could mean something is leaking underground that needs to be addressed. Consult your contractor.

About 80 percent of our customers go through this start-up process, said Jones. It may mean the difference between knowing you have a properly running system and waking up to a mushy yard you could have prevented.

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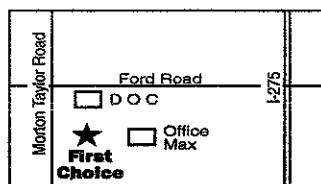
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If you are considering buying a new home, then you've probably already started your research

According to Mark Whitelaw of the Texas Nursery & Landscape Association, although most prospective home buyers are sure to check out the size of rooms, functions of appliances and the quality of the plumbing fixtures of homes they are considering, too few check the landscape for potential costly problems, which can take some of the excitement out of getting a new home

Before you enter the whirlwind experience of buying a home, consult Whitelaw's checklist for often-overlooked landscaping problems that may help you negotiate a better buying price, or cause you to pass up a house altogether

Drainage

Improper drainage can lead to weakened foundations, loose facing materials, rotted supporting wall studs and base plates, structural damage from insects and

poor growing conditions for landscape plants

In short, drainage is one of the most important landscaping concerns you should consider before buying a home

■ Be particularly aware of surrounding terrain that may cause rainwater runoff into your landscape

■ Look for cracks on interior and exterior walls and along the foundation's perimeter for clues to drainage problems

■ Check rain gutters for

good drainage and adequate size to handle the rainfall in the area

■ Be sure that solid surface areas like driveways, patios and walks are graded away from the house

Retaining walls

The main purpose of retaining walls is to prevent unnecessary soil erosion. Replacing a retaining wall can cost you tens of thousands of dollars, so check these items carefully

■ What type of materials are used in the retaining wall and how old are they? Creosote railroad ties last about 15 years, CCA-treated landscape timbers about 20 years. Masonry can last for centuries if properly installed, but missing mortar may mean the wall is structurally weak

■ Walls higher than 4 feet should be engineered by a professional. Are engineering drawings available and certified by an approving authority?

■ Is there adequate drainage through the walls? Solid masonry requires "weep" (drainage) holes equally spaced along the base of the wall

Fences

Fences are the ideal tool for security and privacy. Some municipal codes require locking fences for homes with swimming pools. Here are some other questions to keep in mind

■ What is the general repair of the fence? Are posts, rails, pickets and hardware free of rot and rust? Are wood products made from rot-resistant timber?

■ Is there a clear space between the bottom of the fence and the soil's surface? Wood fencing will wick moisture into the pickets if they come in contact with the soil and metal fencing may rust more quickly

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With new homes, many landscape plantings (called softscape) may be too close to the foundation. This can cause future problems when the plants (and roots) mature



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Victorians knew how to express their emotions through the delicate messages of flowers Each small bouquet, known as a tussie-mussie, symbolized something different Why not borrow from this classic tradition and share some blooms with someone close to you?

Here are some examples of flower meanings and how they change with color, according to *Tussie Mussies* (Workman Publishing) by Geraldine Adamich Laufer

Carnation

- Pink - Maternal love, lively and pure affection, beauty, pride
- Red - Admiration betrothal, deep, pure love, passion, fascination
- White - Democracy, living for love
- Yellow - Admiration, fascination, disdain disbelief, rejection

Chrysanthemum

- Red - I love you
- White - Truth
- Yellow - Cheerfulness, slighted love

Poppy

- Orange - Vanity
- Red - Forgetfulness
- Scarlet - Fantastic extravagance
- White - "My antidote" sleep

Rose

■ Cherry red - Merriment, sweetness of character derived from good works

- Coral - Good fortune, longevity, beauty, admiration of accomplishments
- Cream - Richness, perfection
- Lavender - Rarity, dignity
- Pink - Grace, beauty
- Red - I love you, passion, desire beauty, victory, harmony, joy, charm, luck, pride, martyrdom
- White - Unity, silence respect
- Yellow - Friendship, highest mark of distinction, jealousy, unfaithfulness

Don't let your garden go to the dogs

Has your pooch been digging up daisies? Does your prize rose bush look more like tossed salad once Rover returns from his walk? Are bare spots on the lawn rattling your nerves? Well, you're not alone As long as people have been coexisting with canines, they've been facing the antics of these furry friends (or foes)

You've seen what your dog can do to your expensive leather shoes and your new sofa, so it should come as no surprise that he or she can be equally "creative" in the yard

And because dogs don't discriminate and they don't understand improper behavior until they are corrected properly, patience and training are required to make the garden a place for both of you

Dogs dig as a part of their nature.

Rather than throw a temper tantrum next time Fifi tunnels out a trench that seems to reach clear to China, figure out a feasible solution

Use bricks or coarse stone to fill in holes that she frequently visits Once the dog reaches this layer, she will quickly feel the uncomfortable scrape and move on Or cover up troublesome spots with planters or patio stones

Dogs also don't like to sniff where their scents are most prevalent Therefore, by burying your dog's waste in spots she is known to sniff, you might also alleviate the problem

In some cases you may just have to give in.

If your dog is a natural for tearing up plants and ripping off branches, select varieties that are more hardy - ones that can take some roughhousing Or choose prickly plants that also are attractive to you so that one pinch will drive your pooch away

You may also have to remove temptations like flower pots that always get knocked over, or make a decorative walkway out of your dog's favorite path through the lawn

Provide an alternative outlet for your dog's energy.

Fence off an area where he or she can just have fun Include a sand pile just for digging and some safe toys

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Stylish edging gives landscaping professional look

(MS) – Add a finishing touch to your landscape beds with decorative edging. Besides adding a nice, clean line to your landscape projects, edging also minimizes maintenance by keeping creeping grasses out and mulches in.

Nowadays there are many types and grades of edging available. If you're going to add edging to your landscape beds this spring, be creative. Instead of just choosing a plain edging, try a stylish product, such as tile.

Tile edging may seem complicated to install, but the look can actually be achieved without a lot of effort or cost.

Easy Gardener Inc. has an edging line called the Villa Garden Tiles series.

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If you like the terra-cotta look, you'll want to check out the Roma Tiles. This particular tile is patterned after popular terra-cotta and features a grapevine motif accented by a hand-applied white wash. When linked with other tiles, this design forms a wandering grapevine that encompasses your landscape bed.

Of course, if you just like simple terra-cotta, choose TerraCotta Tiles®. This handsome edging has been a best seller for years because of its rope design and durability.

Easy Gardener's new Garden Braid Border™ is based on the popular Emerald Edge® product. Like Emerald Edge, it is very durable and easy to use, because of its braid motif, it's more decorative.

Braid Border is simply pounded into the ground. No digging is involved. The border is flexible, so you can use it around curves and trees. It also features "living hinges" to make sharp corners.

To use the edging, the first thing you need to do is to define your landscape area. A good way to do this is by using a garden hose to outline the shape you want. When using Braid Border, the next step is to line up your edging along the hose pattern and pound it into the ground with a rubber mallet.

The product is 44 inches long and 5 inches high, and has a built-in connector to easily lock the sections together. The border comes in an unusual verde color. Because it is made of a durable, UV-protected plastic, it won't fade or chip.

The new Villa Garden Series and Garden Braid Border are available at garden supply stores, hardware stores and chain retailers, or by calling Easy Gardener Inc. at (800) EASY INC.

New pruners help take strain away from task

Any gardener will tell you that pruning is an essential part of getting your garden off to a good start. They'll also tell you it can be fatiguing and stressful on your hands, wrists and arms. That's why it's so important to have the right pruning tool.

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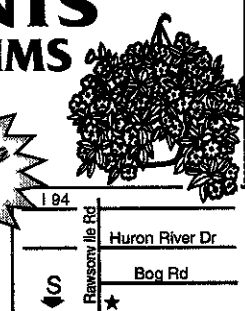
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New outdoor lighting lets you spend more of evening on deck

(MS) - During the warm weather months there is often nothing better than relaxing with family and friends on a backyard deck

Whether intimate al fresco dining or a summer bash around the pool, decks offer a homeowner an opportunity to extend his or her living space to enjoy more of the great outdoors. Yet once the sun goes down, does that mean it's time to head inside?

Torches fueled by lamp oils and candle lanterns lend a romantic feeling and extend relaxing times on those long, warm evenings. But for a while these types of lighting were traditionally only capable of being installed in the ground rather than on a deck.

The last few summers have seen an emergence of safe, affordable and practical outdoor lighting choices that allow homeowners to enjoy more time outdoors.

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At a time when patriotic spirit has soared to new heights, RIO also offers an

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Find RIO Outdoor Living products at Wal-Mart and other retailers.

Plants fight garden pests the natural way

Sometimes the joy of a home garden can quickly turn to aggravation when insects and other pests damage all of your hard work. But pesticides and chemicals used to rid your garden of bugs might damage your plants and your health in the process.

One solution is to consider mixing plants into your garden that naturally repel pests. These plants have their own chemical defense systems against pests in the wild. The following is a list of some of Mother Nature's Best:

- Ants - Mint, tansy, pennyroyal
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- Bean leaf beetles - Potato, onion, turnip
- Codling moths - Common oleander
- Colorado potato bugs - Green beans, coriander
- Cucumber beetles - Radish, tansy
- Flea beetles - Garlic, onion, mint
- Imported cabbage worms - Mint, sage, rosemary, hyssop
- Japanese beetles - Garlic, larkspur, rue, geranium
- Leaf hoppers - Geranium, petunia
- Mexican bean beetles - Potato, onion, garlic, radish
- Mice - Onion
- Root knot nematodes - French marigolds
- Slugs - Rosemary, wormwood
- Spider mites - Onion, garlic, cloves, chives
- Squash bugs - Marigolds, nasturtium
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Mind your P's when shopping for pressure washer

After you've watered the last of the daisies, turn your garden hose into a cleaning machine. With the help of a pressure washer, you could spend more time admiring your cleaning effort than actually doing it.

"A pressure washer basically transforms an ordinary garden hose from a slow-moving stream to a canyon-cleaning river," said Tom Kraeutler, host of the nationally syndicated *Money Pit* radio show.

Finding a selection of pressure washers is easy, dozens of models are available at home improvement centers. Choosing the right pressure washer, however, requires some homework.

The Internet is a great place to start, according to Kraeutler. For example, Coleman Powermate's Web site, www.colemanpowermate.com, features a Water Wizard to help you find the perfect pressure washer based on the types of jobs and the size of the area you want to clean.

Kraeutler also recommends focusing on the "three P's" when shopping for a pressure washer: water pressure, gallons per minute and product support.

■ Water pressure

How much water pressure you'll need depends on what you are trying to accomplish. For example, a typical garden hose emits 40 pounds per square inch (PSI) of water pressure.

"A garden hose can wash away winter dirt and dust, but it doesn't pack enough power to actually clean anything," said Kraeutler. "You still have to resort to old-fashioned elbow grease if you want your car or home to shine."

The most basic light-duty pressure washer (1,800 to 2,100 PSI) is 37 times more powerful and just as versatile as a garden hose. It can clean cars, boats, patio furniture, siding and sidewalks with less time, effort and water.

According to Kraeutler, you'll need a medium-duty (2,200 to 2,700 PSI) unit if you plan to blast away grease and grime, or a heavy-duty (3,000 to 3,500 PSI) model if you plan to remove stubborn concrete stains or strip surfaces for repainting or restaining.

■ Gallons per minute

According to Kraeutler, pressure washer shoppers sometimes focus too much attention on PSI and overlook another key acronym: GPM, or gallons per minute.

As a general rule, the greater the GPM, the more surface area a pressure washer can clean.

For example, a 2,000-PSI model with a 2 GPM flow rate can clean approximately 5 to 7 square feet in one minute. On the other hand, if the same model

had a 3 GPM flow rate, it could clean 8 to 10 square feet in the same amount of time.

"If you have a couple of mid-sized jobs, you'll definitely appreciate a larger unit with additional cleaning power," said Kraeutler. "You can't expect to clean large areas in a reasonable time frame using a high-pressured water pick."

■ Product support

While price is an important contributor to the buying decision, Kraeutler says that product support is just as important as the bottom line.

"There are dozens of companies that assemble pressure washers, but you should purchase one from a high-quality manufacturer that stands behind its products," he said. "You're not just buying a pressure washer, you're also buying quality and peace of mind."

Coleman Powermate, for example, operates a consumer hotline - (800) 445-1805 - 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to answer customer questions. In addition, the company has a network of nearly 3,000 service centers to help customers with any problems.

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■ Full-sized, quality landscape trees should be no closer than 15 feet to the foundation or concrete drives and walks. Fast-growing and shallow-rooted trees should be much farther.

■ Watch for messy fruit-, nut- or seed-producing trees close to driveways, walkways, pools, ponds and patios, or plants that can outgrow their locations.

Other things to consider

■ Water - Pools, fountains, ponds and birdbaths are attractive features for your landscape, but they may also require a lot of maintenance. Check these features carefully to decide whether you want the additional effort and expense.

■ Lighting - Lighting can provide security and beauty, but some systems can cost a lot of money if repairs are needed.

■ Unwanted landscape visitors - Some environments are conducive to unwanted visitors from nature. Your potential hole could be visited by deer, raccoons, coyotes and other wildlife.

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Solar heaters extend swimming season at home pools

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Swimming is one of the ways to have fun in the sun. When it comes to home swimming pools, the sun can help that fun last longer and save on energy costs as well. The Canton based Mechanical Energy Systems provides solar pool heating systems. The company has been involved in the solar pool heating industry since 1979. A solar heater can extend the swimming season, from May to September (with average pool temperature in the low to mid 80s in May) and for longer periods during the day, says Donna Napolitano, operation manager.

You got that pool you can utilize a little longer, she said. Mechanical Energy Systems offers the FAFCO system, consisting of solar collectors and an optional solar sensor and automatic control unit. The sensor detects changes in solar heat and lets the automatic control unit know when there is energy available to work efficiently. Straps hold the collectors, made of black plastic material, on the roof of a home.

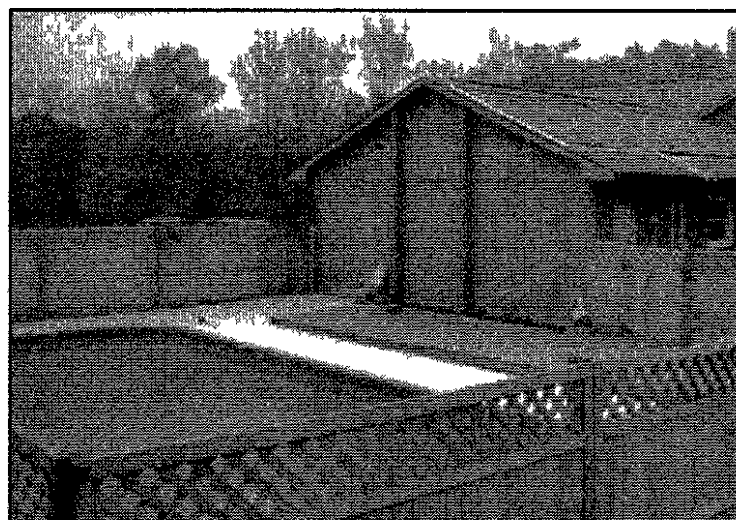
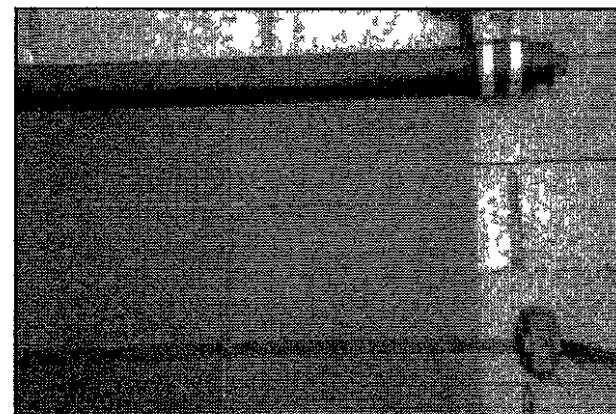
Cold water from the pool, sent by the pool's existing pump, flows through the filter and then to the collectors, which transfer the sun's heat to the water. The solar-heated water flows back into the pool and continuously circulates through the collectors until it reaches pre-set temperature levels.

A sensor prevents the pool from being cooled at night and in limited sunshine by automatically triggering the controller to shut off the system and drain water from the collectors.

The average cost is \$300 per panel. Panels come in sizes measuring 4 by 8 feet, 4 by 10 feet or 4 by 12 feet; figure that enough collectors to cover a surface area equal to at least half of the pool's surface area are needed. Professional one-day installation or do-it-yourself installation kits are available.

Mechanical Energy Systems has provided solar heating for in-ground, above-ground and enclosed pools, at condos as well as individual residences.

Under the sun:
Straps hold the solar collectors in place on the roof. Professional installation, or do-it-yourself kits, are available.



Solar power:
Solar heating systems are a way to extend the home swimming season and save on energy costs.

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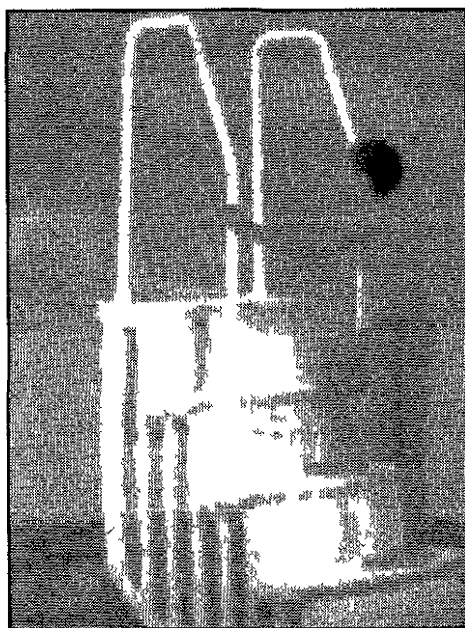
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"By using a solar heater it eliminates the cost for a gas heater or decreases it greatly," Napolitano said

Regardless of how the swimming pool is heated, a homeowner should keep certain factors in mind when choosing a pool for the yard



Safe at home: Ladders at a pool should prevent youngsters from being trapped between the ladder and the pool wall and through the risers. This Viscount model offers extra high and strong climb rails as well as easy entry into the pool

Buying a pool too big for their needs and not getting the proper equipment to operate it are two major mistakes homeowners make says Kevin Zacharski, president of Viscount Pools Spas and Billiards with six locations including Livonia Canton and Waterford

Pool buyers rush on the purchase and installation for immediate gratification instead of realizing the 20 year span of the pool he said

Zacharski said homeowners should

- Understand the needs of their family for the length of ownership
- Make sure the dealer can take care of them after the sale
- Understand and follow the rules of location per community codes
- Consider pool position for good sight lines of safety for watching children

Circulation sanitation and filtration are the three requirements for water to stay healthy and clean

The more consistently water circulates within the pool and the greater the movement the higher the oxygen level will be. This means less bacteria and algae in the water and debris will be easier to eliminate because it will stay suspended instead of settling on the bottom of the pool

Automatic feeders or natural purifiers will prevent algae and bacteria from forming in the water

Removing suspended particles keeps the

water clearer. Filter styles include sand diatomaceous earth and element filters

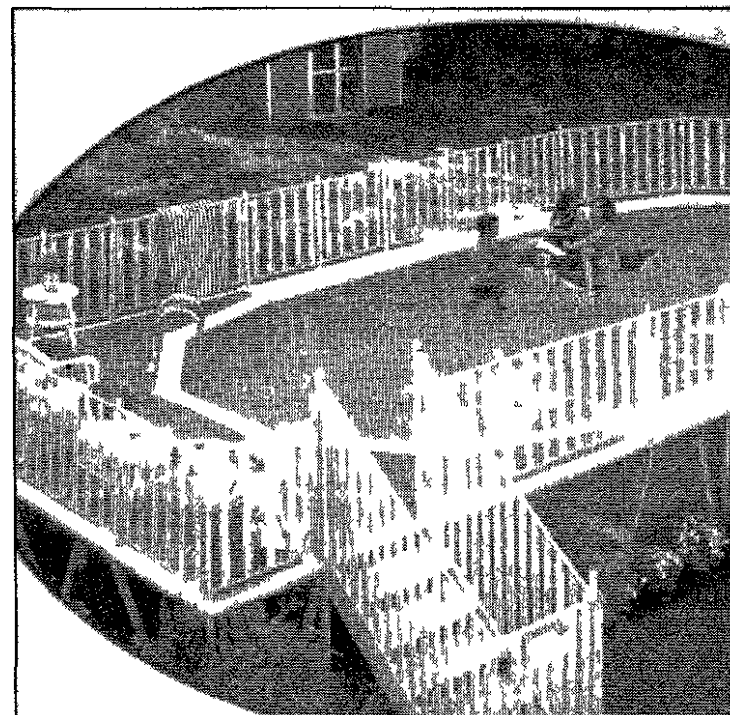
A good sand filter will remove particles down to 30 microns (a micron equals 1/1 000 000th of a meter a grain of table salt equals 90 microns). Diatomaceous earth and element filters will remove particles down to 5 and 7 microns respectively

Maintenance calls for backwashing with pool water every two to six days for a sand filter and two to three weeks for a diatomaceous earth filter and rinsing with a garden hose every four to six weeks for an element filter

Among safety features are elements concerning ladders. The National Spa & Pool Institute has a new safety regulation that a ladder manufacturer provide a means to prevent child entrapment between the ladder and pool wall and through the risers

A pool should be kept away from trees and shouldn't be in shade Zacharski said. He said that when consulting a pool expert a homeowner should bring in pictures of the backyard copies of codes from the community and a home mortgage survey that gives the legal description of the property

Pools for the family bring about togetherness and ease of mind for parents knowing where their kids are Zacharski said. Another popular reason (for a pool) you can use it whenever you want. People feel more comfortable being at home in their own backyard vacation



In the swim: Home pools offer a variety of pleasures, such as this Esther Williams brand style

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Container gardening holds beauty, and a wide variety of plants

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Container gardening is a good compromise between growing nothing at all and having a large plot of land that calls for a lot of plowing, weeding and other chores. In fact, it can be just the answer for busy singles, children learning about the fun of watching things grow, and condominium residents longing to plant vegetables despite association restrictions that say they can't have a garden. Even chefs get special enjoyment from walking onto their patio and plucking a few special herbs from a garden that doesn't force them out of the kitchen too long. Annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables all have a place in pots.

Planting

The quality of the soil in a container garden is the most important element to think about, according to experts.

The dirt should be lightweight to allow the roots to push through, yet it has to be dense enough to absorb enough water to keep the plants healthy, according to Sue Zimmerman, nursery manager at Panetta's Landscaping Supplies in Westland.

Adding a product called Terra sorb, which looks like little pieces of dried Jell-O, helps the soil hold the water. Zimmerman also recommends Osomocote, which provides a slow release food for three to four months.

The most important consideration is making sure the pot has drainage, said Diamond Steele, manager of George's Livonia Gardens.

That's very important. If not, the roots will rot out.

When you take the plants out of their starter pots, Steele suggests making sure the roots are broken apart, which will make the plants grow faster and accept the new potting soil that will be added to the container.

Fill the pot three quarters full, add plants and follow with the remaining potting soil. Pat the dirt down around the plant stems.

Don't put too many plants in, because you want the blooms to grow, Steele said. She said gardeners should take into consideration how big the plants will grow.

Mix it up

One of the biggest mistakes Zimmerman said she sees is the lack of adventurism.

Make the colors wild and pretty, she said. The more you mix it up, the better it is.

Geraniums are a popular choice for flower containers. Since they're considered an annual, most people don't realize they can be stored at the end of the season at the back of a garage or in a basement where they won't freeze.

Come spring, thrifty gardeners pull those plants out again, despite their initial scraggly look, add a little fertilizer and they watch as they come back to life with impressive blooms season after season.

One perk from container gardening is that the pots can be stored for use year after year.

It's very rewarding to see your plants grow, Steele said. And if you go on vacation, don't forget to ask a neighbor to water it.

Placing

Decide where the containers will be placed before choosing plants. Shady areas and sunny spots call for plants that do well in them.

Sunny is considered an area that has sun from early morning to early afternoon.

Shade plants are also OK in that climate, but hot afternoon sun is strictly for sun lovers, like geraniums, marigolds and petunias, Zimmerman said.

Read the directions that come with the plants and make sure to combine types that need the same kind of care, Steele said.

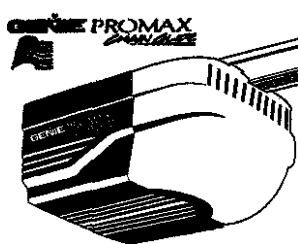
Similarly, the plant arrangement depends on where the container is going. If it's against a wall, use taller plants in the back with increasingly smaller ones up front. Grouping containers together, usually in threes from the largest to smallest, is often recommended among gardeners, too.

Containers that can be viewed from all sides should have the tallest plant, like green spikes, in the middle surrounded by smaller plants and possibly cascading vines at the

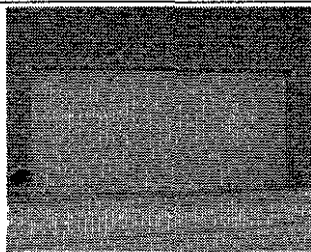
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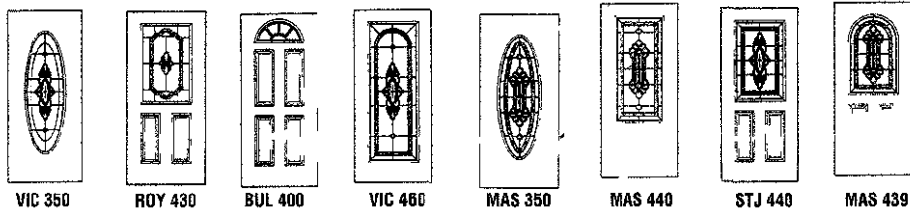


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Zimmerman recommends bocopa and licorice plants as vines that look unusual for the draping effect. Steele likes to use sweet Williams, sweet potato and moss rose to cascade over the edge.

Vegetables, herbs

Most gardeners have tried their hand at planting flower containers, but confining vegetables to pots is a little more unusual. You need at least a 15 gallon pot or half a barrel if you're planting tomatoes, which will give the roots room to grow. Zimmerman said:

Patio tomatoes that grow about 2.5 feet are ideal for containers, as are peppers, bush cucumbers and pole beans. Of course plants that grow long vines, like the squash family, aren't meant for containers.

Herbs are the choice of plants if you want something nice to look at that you can eat too.

But keep in mind that herbs don't like to be fed a lot, Zimmerman said.

Keep them slower and smaller growing so they are more oil laden with their flavors," she said. "Don't feed them and over water them. You let them suffer a little."

Steele said she prefers to put a variety of herbs in a pot, like three types of basil showing off different color hues and textures.

"It not only looks decorative, smells beautiful, but you can cut the herbs and use them that evening for the meal," Steele said.

If you're thinking in terms of color, try combining light greens with purplish leaves and dark greens.

Another possibility is to combine herbs with flowers. A healthy rosemary plant in the middle can take on the look of a small evergreen, and around the edges plant your favorite flower, like daisies or cascading petunias.

Planting perennials in containers is a little more tricky because they usually don't keep their blooms all season. The answer is to combine perennials that will bloom at different times so the pot will always have something that takes center stage.

"I think it's really fun to do pot gardening, because it's right there by you and you're always walking by it," Steele said. "It's something easy for children to do and a family can do it together. Start the seeds in your home and learn about nature. It's relaxing and you'll enjoy it all summer."

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Keep children's safety in mind around outdoor power equipment

(MS) – One of the first and foremost safety precautions for parents in operating lawn and garden equipment is never to take children for rides on lawn and garden tractors and riding mowers

Riding mowers are designed to cut grass and they come with many safety features which are provided for a single operator said Bill Harley, Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) president and CEO. They are absolutely not built for passengers.

Another very important message is to keep children away from the work area when any kind of outdoor power equipment is being used.

Don't allow youngsters to stand near or walk behind mowers, riding mowers, trimmers, edgers, chain saws, chipper/shredders and snow throwers. When outdoor power equipment is being used, keep children inside. If any child does enter the work area, turn off the machine immediately.

Youngsters often express an interest in helping Mommy or Daddy with chores. This is a normal part of their development. Make sure children understand the importance of safety precautions while helping out.

Ask your youngsters to pick up debris to clear the area to make it safe for mowing. Emphasize the importance of this job by calling it "Safety Patrol," explaining that toys or rocks may be thrown hundreds of feet by a lawn mower and injure someone or they may damage the machine.


Smaller children can make a game out of the number of sticks, toys, rocks and any other debris that might be on the lawn.

After completing the "Safety Patrol," children should be sent inside by parents to watch from a window and make sure the job is done correctly. This removes the youngsters from the work area while giving them an "important" job – keeping an eye on Mom or Dad.

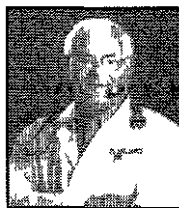
To highlight important safety recommendations, the OPEI offers the following advice:

- Always read the owner's manual before operating any equipment
- Keep children away from the mowing area, preferably indoors
- Be alert. If youngsters enter the mowing area, turn off the mower
- Before going into reverse, look behind and down for small children
- **Never** take a child for a ride on a power mower
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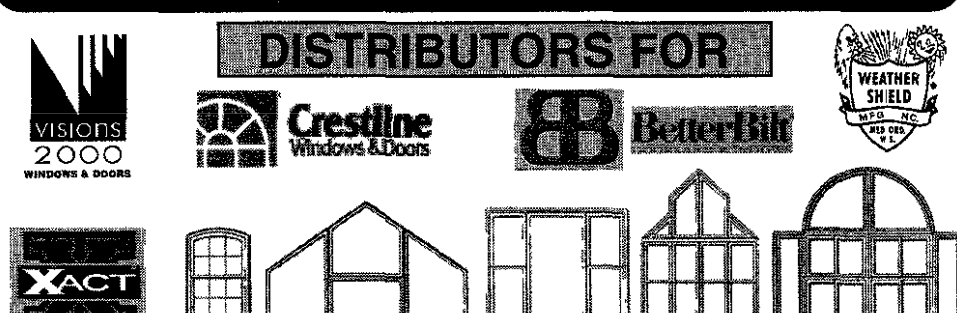


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