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Board forum

Voters in the Plymouth-Canton school board election have one last chance to see the forum taped in May featuring all four candidates for the two seats.

Becky Moore, Judy Mardigan, Barry Simescu and William Gibbins spent some 90 minutes answering questions on issues facing the school board in a forum sponsored by the *Observer* and the League of Women Voters of Western Wayne County.

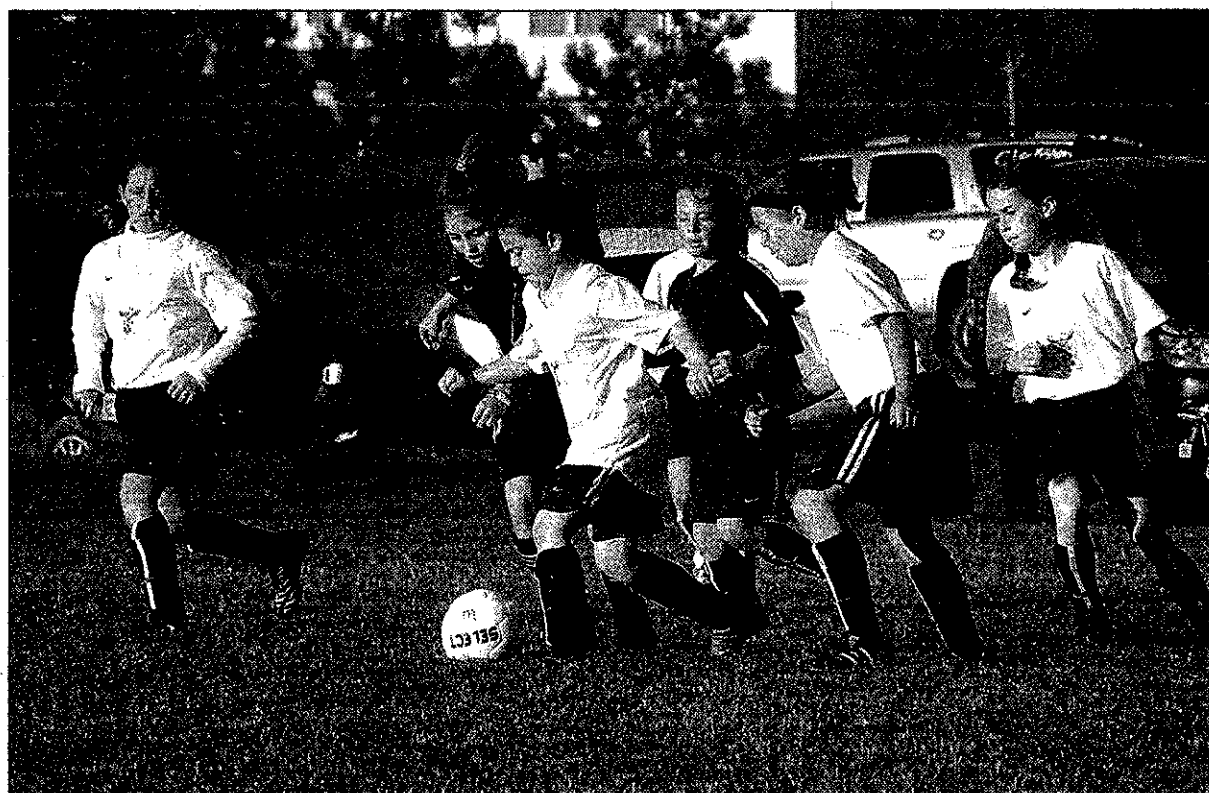
The forum airs at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, on Comcast Channel 18.

Grub Crawl

Camaraderie and good eats will be the rule at the Third Annual Grub Crawl, sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 20.

Tickets are \$30 and are now available at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 Canton Center Road, Suite 110, Canton. The event is open to the public. Tickets are available on first-come, first-served basis.

You must be at least 21 years of age. Buses and passenger vans will be available to transport guests to all participating restaurants.



Canton scores!

The Navy Seals (in navy) and the Canton Quest Open-95 play a U-9 league game Friday at the Canton Cup Soccer Tournament. The annual event drew more than 7,000 players, with 443 teams in 70 divisions divided by age and skill level, playing 775 games on 38 fields scattered through five parks in Canton. For the story and more photos, please turn to the *Observer* Sports section.

Schools brace for more state cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's latest budget-balancing act could cost Plymouth-Canton Schools nearly \$500,000 within the next few weeks.

Granholm told lawmakers local school districts will lose \$28 per student in July's state aid payments if legislators don't come up with a way to erase a \$50 million education budget deficit in the next couple of weeks which includes her increases in cigarette and liquor taxes.

"I think she's using the schools as a hammer on the legislature," said Patricia Brand, executive director of business services for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "There will be

districts that won't make it this year, let alone next year."

Because the fiscal year for school districts ends June 30, if a funding cut is made so late in the year the districts will have to absorb it, if they have a fund balance, because there's no time to make budget adjustments.

"We just can't cut \$500,000 in two weeks," said Brand.

It will be the second hit for school districts this year. Earlier, the state took \$74 from Plymouth-Canton's \$7,025 per pupil foundation grant. Another cut would reduce funding by a total of \$102 to \$6,923 per student.

The state House earlier passed a 75-cent increase in the cigarette tax, and moved the measure to the Senate. Rep. John Stewart,

R-Plymouth Township, voted "no" on the cigarette tax because there were already enough votes to pass it.

On a hike in liquor taxes, Stewart said, "I'm not going to commit to it until I see it, but it's been decades since it's been raised. We'll have to sharpen our pencils."

Stewart, a member of the House appropriations committee, said there has been some talk about tweaking Proposal A in order to come up with a stable funding mechanism for schools.

"We've been talking about the possibility of a one-mill enhancement, or putting some type of property tax base back into it," he said. "But, we really don't want to resort to having to change Proposal A."

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Girly girl

Young artist indulges her shopping, fashion passions on paper

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Jaclyn Novak is one of those people who just always knew what she wanted to be when she grew up.

"I was naturally drawn to art," the recent Siena Heights College graduate said. "I think everyone can learn to draw. But I think some people have a gift."

As a youngster, Novak would lean on her father's words about art. "He was

always interested in art and he would teach me some things when I was young," she said.

The Canton resident makes no pretensions about what she really wants in life. Gallery exhibits in New York, London or Paris aren't that important to her. "I don't care if I'm famous," she said. "I do this for myself. It's something I am passionate about."

Novak would rather her share her gift by teaching kids: "I love working with



Artist Jaclyn Novak of Canton brings her passion for fashion and glamour to life with pastels and other media. "Indulgences" is on display at D&M Studios, 8691 N. Lilley in the Golden Gate shopping center.

little kids. They are so imaginative and creative. They aren't afraid to take risks."

To accomplish her goal, Novak is returning to college to earn her teaching certificate. She already

has a leg up on teaching through D&M Studios, where she teaches classes and where her work is currently on display through June 19.

PLEASE SEE ARTIST, A6

Attorney wants letters in Big Boy hearings

*Yesterday upon the stair
I met a man who wasn't there.
He wasn't there again today
Oh how I wish he'd go away.*

Hughes Mearns

Whether those lines of verse from a fanciful poem summed up the feelings of Ron Witthoff, an attorney representing Canton Township in the case of Canton vs. Big Boy, when he left 35th District Court on Tuesday, is anybody's guess.

But they do seem symbolic of the case so far, which, after four court appearances, is still in the

stage of arguing for discovery information.

At Tuesday's hearing attorney David Lawrence, representing Tony and Rana Matar, owner of the restaurant on Ford Road just east of Canton Center, presented two discovery orders to Judge Ron Lowe. What Lawrence is looking for is any documentation of situations in which a statue or other "atypical" structure has been challenged under the sign ordinance but never reached the stage of a citation being issued against the owner of the business.

"Situations in which an ordinance citation was not issued would have been just as important or perhaps more important than those in which a citation was issued," he told the judge.

He has asked for townships records - documentation - of any instances in which such situations occurred.

But Witthoff argued that that is almost an impossible task.

"I'm concerned with the language 'other instances,'" he argued. "At that point we're in a kind of free-fall. This is asking for any writing of anything that

ever pertained to a sign. To me that would be any matter that related to the sign ordinance over the past 15 years. That's too broad."

The Matars were ticketed last year because they have a street sign in front of the restaurant near the street and a Big Boy statue near the front entrance of the restaurant. The township maintains that the statue constitutes a sign and only one such sign is allowed.

The Matars claim the Big Boy

PLEASE SEE BIG BOY, A5

Search for answers continues

Family deals with pain of son's death

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The cigarette bobs up and down as Canton resident Derek Dodsworth's trembling fingers raise it to his lips. His downcast eyes stare at the table as he struggles - more than two years later - to find answers about the death of his son.

They never come. The strain - and the pain - of the search is evident in Dodsworth's tired eyes as he copes with the knowledge that justice still hasn't been served in the case.

Dodsworth's son, Eric, was killed in the wee hours of the morning New Year's Day 2002 when his 1993 Ford Escort was hit by a Ford F-150 pickup being driven by 24-year-old Joseph Paul Bandy, an off-duty dispatcher for the Metro Airport Police.

Bandy, a Westland resident, had a blood-alcohol content of .096 an hour after the accident, according to court testimony.

He was later convicted on one count of manslaughter, one count of driving under the influence causing death and two counts of DUI and sentenced to five years in prison.

Therein lies the rub. Bandy, whose case is being appealed, is still out on bail pending the appellate hearing. In fact, Derek Dodsworth and his daughter, Julie, say, Bandy has even been seen driving himself around town, a strange circumstance consider Michigan drivers convicted of DUI lose their licenses.

"It's very frustrating," Derek Dodsworth said. "He should be in jail. He killed somebody, he should be in jail for life."

Julie Dodsworth's voice trembles as she talks about the brother she lost. Born just 18 months apart, the siblings shared friends and activities and liked hanging out with each other.

The fact Bandy is still not in jail - much less driving - is a source of pain for her.

"We have him on film driving, and no one will do anything about it," said Julie Dodsworth, who said the family has talked both to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the Garden City Police, where Bandy was seen.

"Someone who gets a ticket for drinking and driving suffers more consequences than (Bandy). He killed someone."

Eric Dodsworth had left Julie's home and was driving to see his girlfriend, Nicole Siewacz, the morning of the accident. He had been the "designated driver" for New Year's festivities and was traveling on Warren between Lilley and Haggerty when police believe Bandy crossed the center line and smashed into Dodsworth's car.

Two passengers in Bandy's pickup were injured, as was 17-year-old Charles Savino of Canton.

Not only did that accident devastate the lives of Dodsworth's family and friends, it also serves - as all alcohol-related accidents do - as a warning for teenagers, particularly at a time of year when high school graduation parties crowd social calendars.

"This is a time of year when kids often have their minds on other things," said Pam Karvonen, victim assistance coordinator for Wayne County Mothers.

PLEASE SEE DEATH, A2

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Canton Township and The Observer & Eccentric newspaper are looking for students of all ages to design Canton's 13th Annual Liberty Fest 2005 logo.

There will be one lucky winner who will receive an Annual Family Membership to the Summit on the Park, valued at up to \$495.00, as well as a gift from the Canton Observer. All entries will be on display at Liberty Fest 2004.

Your design should fit the front of an adult T-shirt with a maximum of four colors can be used in your design.

Your theme is "Family Fun" so have fun, be creative and use your imagination to express your ideas.

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Artist: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Age: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____

Deadline for entry: Saturday, June 5, 2004 at 5 p.m.

Congregation plans building expansion

Grace Lutheran Church in Canton is only two years old, but the congregation already is making expansion plans to accommodate its growing ministry.

Since the church was founded as a daughter congregation of Christ Our Savior in Livonia, Grace has grown from an average worship attendance of about 40 to 120, including many young families.

Plans are to add approximately 3,200 square feet for fellowship and education ministries. More space especially is needed to better accommodate the thriving Sunday school program, which Rev. Kirk Miller describes as "very visual, musical and interactive."

"People expect technology to enhance their lives, and our vision is very much high-tech,

high-tech, contemporary worship," Miller said.

To help make that vision a reality, Grace is partnering with Capital Funding Services, the capital fund-raising arm of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. A ministry of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Capital Funding Services helps congregations raise money to build and to retire burdensome debt.

Members are participating in "Catch the Vision," a stewardship campaign to help purchase and expand their church facility. Grace is in the process of buying its building from the Michigan District, which assisted with planting the new congregation.

"As is perhaps more typical of a smaller congregation,



Pastor Kirk Miller of Grace Lutheran Church and the Rev. Don Sandmann, the Capital Funding Services regional consultant, who is working with the congregation to expand its facility.

almost every member at Grace is involved in some aspect of the ministry and in our stewardship emphasis. But typically, there is a larger than expected number of bible classes and service opportunities," said Rev. Don Sandmann, the Capital Funding Services regional consultant who is

working with the congregation on the campaign. "It is a pleasure to see how Pastor Miller and the church leaders follow through on their vision of providing high-touch, high-tech opportunities in their work."

The goal is to use the expanded building within two years.

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Canton is embarking on the development of a five-year master plan for the Leisure Services Department. To ensure that the plan represents the entire Canton community, Leisure Services is conducting a series of focus groups. Each focus group will give participants the opportunity to provide input regarding one of the

following plan components:

■ Cultural Arts: Guide the newly formed cultural commission to help define the future of the arts in the community.

■ Open Space: Provide input into the development of new parks, trails and green ways - walking and bike paths.

■ Facilities: Evaluate existing facilities and identify

potential new facilities

■ Recreation: Aquatics, senior adults, health and wellness, special events, sports, teens and enrichment programs

Focus groups are scheduled for the following dates:

■ Thursday, June 10; 6:30-7:30 p.m. or 7:45-8:45 p.m. at the Summit on the Park,

46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

■ Saturday, June 12; 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 10:45-11:45 a.m. at Human Services Center in Cherry Hill Village, 50430 School House Road, Canton.

Residents interested in participating may call (734) 394-5462 for more information.

DEATH

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Dodsworth

Against Drunk Driving. "They're thinking about tomorrow, and maybe they don't always think about the actions they take today. It only takes one bad choice to create a lot of devastation."

The devastating aftermath is what the Dodsworths are coping with now. Derek and his son, who was 19 when he died, did all the father-son things: fishing, baseball games and practices.

Julie and her brother did all the teenage "hanging out"

Eric would show up to talk.

"I talked to him about everything," Julie said.

"We had so many similar friends, there are constant reminders of him. You try not to think about (his death), but that's hard to do, because he was such a big part of my life."

Bandy's background also fuels Derek Dodsworth's anger. Bandy started working for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department in 1998 and, at least in Dodsworth's eyes, should have known "better than anyone" the consequences of drinking and driving.

Adding to the pain is the fact

many agencies offer free rides home during the New Year's season.

"He knew all you had to do was make one phone call," Dodsworth said, his voice shaking. "Everybody and their brother offers a free ride home. But he chose to drive."

Derek Dodsworth feels the anger almost constantly, though the target shifts occasionally between Bandy and the legal system that allows him to be out of jail.

"You try not to think about it," he said of dealing with the pain. "But that's impossible."

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The old-fashioned way

The irony is in the technology for longtime farming family

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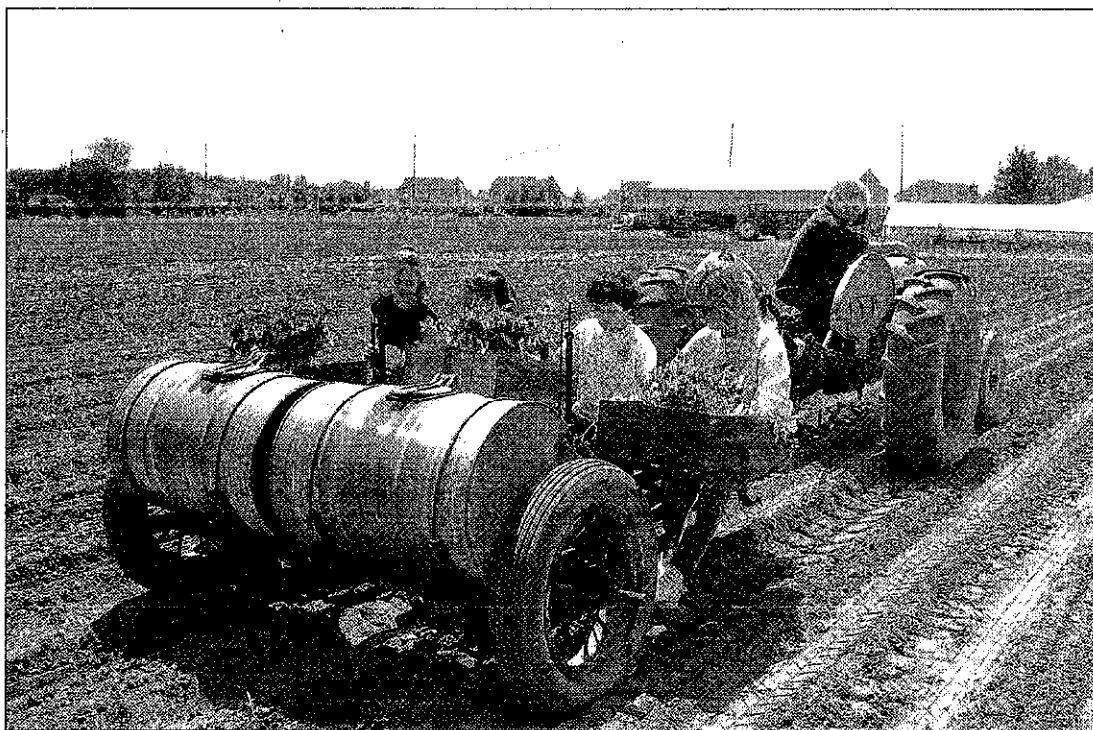
A short respite from repeated afternoon thunderstorms and morning rains Sunday provided the perfect opportunity for the Costantino Farm in Canton to get several thousand tomato, pepper and other vegetable plants in the soil.

This past Memorial Day weekend is actually "two weeks late" for planting, a result of muddy fields from the heavy cloud bursts over the past month, according to Diane Costantino.

Diane was in charge of the three young planters, who kept the antique vegetable transplanter fed, while her husband, Chris, towed the planter with and its four occupants across the 75-acres of farmland, which stretches from Cherry Hill north to the powerlines.

Over the years, the Costantino Farm, which has been farmed by this family since the early 1960s, has gradually diminished in size as large half-million dollar homes have been developed to the north, across the road to the south and now, immediately to the west of the farm.

The new homes are filled to the rafters with modern building materials and high-technology. It is somewhat ironic that the technology, which plants what smart Canton shoppers know is the best value in town — fresh locally-grown late-summer produce — is an antique. "I picked up the transplanter 20 years ago at a farm auction for \$50," said Chris, while picking up another load of tomato flats carefully stacked behind the family home. "It was an antique then. Look at the spoke wheels. I just keep it lubed and it always works. It's



Members of the Costantino family sit atop an antique vegetable transplanter as they feed seedlings into the machine. From left are Sara Faraj, 13, Amanda and Anthony Costantino, both 13, and Diane Costantino. Chris Costantino checks out their work as he drives the tractor.



Drays holding flats containing thousands of vegetable plants are a playground for Anthony Costantino. The family farm on Cherry Hill Road, west of Beck Road, is surrounded by new housing construction.

the best deal I've ever gotten." The planter is ingenious. As four occupants ride behind a large metal water container, they quickly remove the tomato plants from the flats, place them in a delivery chute, and from there the machine takes over. It plants four rows of seedlings simultaneously, gives each a shot of water and then furrows each row. Several hundred plants are nestled into the

ground in a matter of minutes. "Corn should be ready around July 20," Diane said. "It's hard to tell if it will be a good year or bad year. We know we're two weeks late, but if the weather turns nice, everything will be fine. The only thing that could make things very bad is if we get hail." Canton resident Peter Salinas provided the *Observer* with this story and photographs.



Rosie Costantino, the matriarch of the Costantino Farm, has been working the Canton Township farm since the early 1960s. She and her grandson Anthony, 13, show off a flat of tomatoes.

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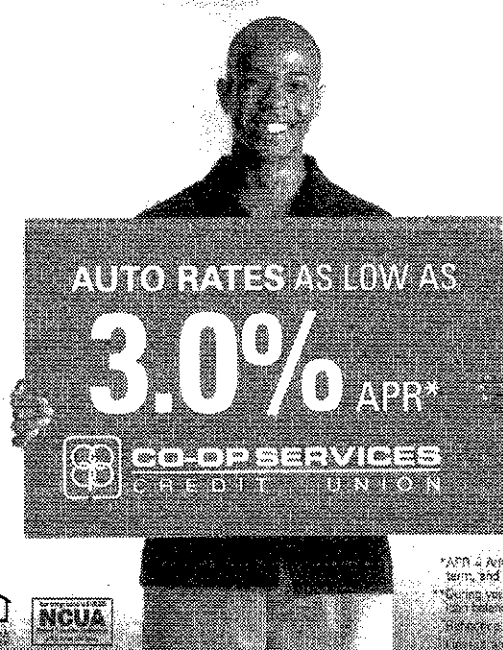
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The following is the schedule for Canton Leisure Services through June 21. For more information, call the department at (734) 394-5460 or log on to leisure.canton-mi.org. All activities listed below are at the Summit on the Park unless otherwise noted.

- Through July 27: Fitness is Ageless, 10:45-11:30 a.m. Ages 55 and older. Free.
- Through Aug. 27: Veteran's History Project, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ages 55 and older. Free
- June 5: River Day at Heritage Park. Ages two and older. Free
- June 5: USSSA Baseball - Ivor James, at Canton Softball Center. Fee.
- June 5: Canton Artists Garage Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cherry Hill School. All ages. Free.
- June 8: Lariat Necklace, 9-11:30 a.m. All ages. Fee.
- June 9: Summer Sounds Dance Party, 2-4 p.m. Ages 55 and older. Fee.
- June 9-Sept. 8: Intermediate Line Dancing, 8-9:45 p.m. Ages 16 and older.

- Fee.
- June 10: Concert Series - Moose and Da Sharks at Heritage Park. Free.
- June 10: Tigers vs. Atlanta, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Comerica Park. Ages 55 and older. Fee.
- June 10 through August: Computer classes. At Summit Senior Center. Call for information. Fee.
- June 10-July 22: Learn to Quilt, 9:30-11:30 a.m. All ages. Fee.
- June 12-13: USSSA Budweiser Strawberry Festival at Canton Softball Center. Fee.
- June 14: Brain Power on the Move, 5:15-6:45 p.m. Ages 4-8. Fee.
- June 14-July 22: Youth Karate, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Ages 6-16. Fee.
- June 15: How to Sell Your Home by Owner, 7-9 p.m. Ages 18 and older. Free.
- June 16: Brain Power on the Move, 5:15-6:45 p.m. Ages 4-8. Fee.
- June 16-17: Greeting Card Stamping, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 55 and older. Fee.
- June 17-19: Liberty Fest 2004, all day at Heritage Park.

- Free.
- June 17-20: Compuware Girls Fastpitch at Canton Softball Center. Fee.
- June 17-Aug. 19: Prenatal/Postpartum Aquatic Fitness, June 17-Aug. 19 at Summit Aquatic Center. Fee.
- June 20: Father's Day Scramble, 11:30 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Club. Ages 5 and older. Fee.
- June 21: Blood Pressure Screening, 1-3 p.m. Ages 55 and older. Free.
- June 21-23: Bursting into Bloom, 9 a.m. to noon. Ages 3-5. Fee.
- June 21-25: Summer Camp - Detroit Zoo, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Grades 1-5. Fee
- June 21-25: Summer Camp for Middle School, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 11-15. Fee.
- June 21-July 2: Art in the Park Camp, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Heritage Park. Ages 12-18.
- June 21-Aug. 2: Junior Golf Program, 6:30 a.m.-noon at Fellows Creek Golf Club. Ages 8-17. Fee.
- June 21-Aug. 2: Cartooning and Caricature, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ages 10-16. Fee.

CAMPUS NEWS

HONORS AND GRADUATES

Washtenaw Community College announced December 2003 graduates and candidates for graduation in April, June and August, 2004. They were honored at a May 22 commencement. Students who received academic excellence - 3.5 grade point average or better.

Graduate candidates include:
 Sang-Ha Beck, Conan Gray Baldwin, Jodi L. Burton, Sarah Jane Collins, Kurt David Grohoski, Brian Alexander Guzowski, Kristal Nichole Harris, Carolyn Michele Hendra, Laura Elizabeth Hucal, Mechelle LeFleur, Daniel M. Leung, Tama Susan Mayers, Heather T. Mitchell, Cheryl J. Ruskiewicz, Michael Henry Wallace and Brandi Marie Wasilewski.

Honors candidates include:
 Ivonne E. Alvarez-Marrero, Conan Gray Baldwin, Janelle Lynne Broadway, Brian J. Dorogi, Jacob A. Joseph, Brittany E. Kay, Christine Margaret Keena, Meagan E. Kelly, Tama Susan Mayers, Rebecca Jane Miller, Lauren B. Murphy, Heather A. O'Bryan, Harpeet Singh Otal, Roberta Kay Peterson, Tonia L. Taylor, David W. Thomas, Robert Charles Unis and Dwight A. Vantuyt.



Foess



Jones



Nanry

bachelor degrees:

■ Catherine Jones, daughter of Michael and Charlene Jones, with a degree in political science.

■ Nicholas Nanry, son of the Rev. Michael and Debra Nanry, with a degree in management.

INDUCTED

Scott Foess, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School, was inducted April 23 in the Michigan State University

Tower Guard, an organization begun in 1932, and is based on character, scholarship, leadership and service.

To be invited to apply, a student must be in the top 5 percent of the freshman class, and required to complete 120 community services hours in their sophomore year.

Foess, son of Barbara and David Foess, finished his freshman year at MSU with an overall 4.0 grade point average.

He is majoring in finance and is a member of the Multicultural Business Students.

Radio station hands out annual honors

WSDF 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Schools, celebrated a successful year with its annual Honor Banquet, the primary focus of which was honoring graduating seniors and scholarship winners.

Station officials handed out three annual scholarships:

■ The Bonnie Dore/WSDF Founder's Scholarship, recognizing dedication to the station and desire to pursue a broadcasting career, went to Canton senior Brian Smith, who served on the staff for more than three years, serving most recently as program director. Smith will study broadcasting at Michigan State University.

■ The Jeffrey L. Cardinal Scholarship, which recognizes dedication to the station over four years, went to Salem senior Allie Sturk, who joined the station as a freshman and is the music/sports director. She'll study elementary education at Michigan State University.

■ The John Seidelman Scholarship, named after the station's longtime advisor and which recognizes dedication to the station and academic success, went to Salem senior Steve Portelli, who joined the station at the end of eighth grade and is currently assistant program director. He'll continue his studies in film and photography at Columbia College in Chicago.

Other honors handed out included:

■ Graduating seniors — Sturk, Portelli, Smith, Mark Donaldson of Salem, Moussa Faraj of Canton and Clair Pearl of Salem.

■ Staff Awards — Mark Donaldson of Salem, Most Improved DJ; Kurt Edelbrock and Steve Portelli of Salem, best DJ; Brian Smith of Canton, Best News; Allie Sturk of Salem, Best Sports; Brandon Allen of Plymouth, Best Production; Mark Maletic of Salem, Best Newcomer; Scott Decker and Brian Smith of Canton, Most Valuable Person.

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

B
 Rose Elloeen Barnum, 76, of Southfield, died May 13.

D
 Mary T. Dyer McCormick, 75, of Wayne.

N
 David E. Nesbitt, 44, died May 27.

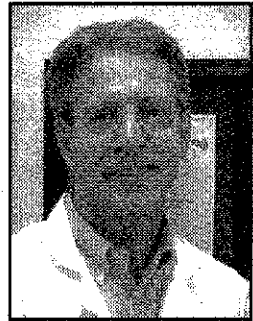
R
 Greg (Gerald) Respondek, 44.



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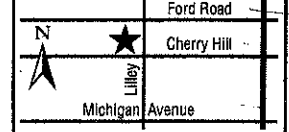


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BIG BOY

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is a statue, not a sign, and the ordinance shouldn't apply.

Complicating matters is the fact that the first ticket was dismissed and Tony Matar received a letter from Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack saying the statue was OK.

But then the Zoning Board of Appeals said Yack had no authority to issue such a letter and another ticket was issued.

And that Yack letter became a focus of attention at Tuesday's hearing.

The letter implied that the matter had been discussed with township's legal counsel and Lawrence says he'd like to see the opinion letter from the lawyers that generated Yack's letter.

"My communications with my clients are privileged and that's the way I want to leave it," Witthoff told the judge in response to the request.

But Lawrence said that since the township responded to his first discovery motion on May 3, Yack has written other letters about the case.

"It has come to my attention in the last week or so that the township supervisor has written other letters to citizens (about the case)," he said. "Apparently several people have written letters saying 'Why are you doing this, spending all the township money?' and he's written back to them offering explanations as to why the township's doing this. I'd like to see all those letters."

He said he had a two-and-a-half-page letter to a citizen dated May 6 in which Yack explained the township's position.

The judge said such letters that occurred after the original citation was issued represented "post-enforcement."

"They're post-enforcement by the township," Lawrence said, "but the CEO is the same official who previously told my client that the statue would be fine and I'm interested in why he changed his mind or other township officials changed their minds."

Lowe asked Witthoff if he was comfortable turning over all those letters and Witthoff replied that he was not.

"I don't think they have anything to do with this case," he said.

The judge then told Witthoff to produce "everything you have in regards to conversations with your clients."

"I want it all produced to me so I can do an in camera review to determine whether any of it is nonprivileged," Lowe told Witthoff. "Anything I think is nonprivileged I'll give you the opportunity to argue in open court whether it is privileged or not."

In regard to the Yack letters, Lowe said:

"As he put pen to paper about the Big Boy explaining what is or is not happening about it, then I think the defendants are entitled to review those to make an interpretation of whether that's going to assist or eliminate the possibility of an unconstitutionality argument being successful."

He also told Witthoff to produce affidavits from the supervisor, all board members, all planning commission members, the zoning board of appeals and the building department employees as to whether they remember any similar situations occurring in the past that might not have resulted in citations being issued.

"I want affidavits from the supervisor down to the lowest person who might have ever had anything to do with signs," he said. "Also the minutes of the board, the planning commission and the ZBA."

DISCOVER READY

Canton Leisure Services Summer Discover brochure has been mailed to all homes in Canton. If you have not yet received your copy please call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460 or stop by the Summit to pick up a copy.

SYMPHONY COORDINATOR

The Plymouth Symphony is looking for a part-time education coordinator to coordinate and administer the Symphony's education and community outreach activities, including but not limited to: the CLASSICAL Music Outreach program, Concerts for Kids, Instrumentation program, Youth Artist Competition, and the Celebration Youth Orchestra.

This involves working with various committees, board members, volunteers, musicians, community members, and staff. This position reports to the Executive Director.

The position is 12-20 hours

per week, some evenings and weekends required, and pays \$10 per hour. The position is scheduled to begin in early August.

Desired qualifications include bachelor's degree (preferred); at least one year experience in education, arts administration or nonprofit organization; knowledge of classical music/orchestral literature; ability to work flexible hours; experience in supervising volunteers and staff; strong problem solving, organizational and communication skills; familiarity with Windows/Microsoft software and experience in graphic design.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to: Plymouth Symphony Society, ATTN: Angela Han, P.O. Box 6379, Plymouth, MI 48170. E-mail to angela@plymouthsymphony.org or fax to (734) 451-3458.

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■ 654 Horton in Northville, Mike and Trina Miller's 4,000-square-foot colonial on a 66-foot lot in the city of Northville. Builders own the home, which features Victorian exterior and contemporary interior.

Tickets are \$18 pre-sale, \$20 the day of the tour. They're

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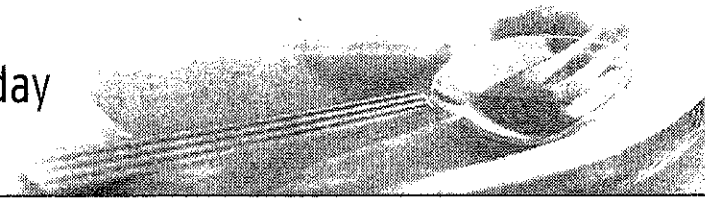
FOOTBALL GOLF OUTING

The annual Salem Rocks Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 19, at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

The scramble-format event starts at 11 a.m. and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch at the turn, dinner and prizes. The cost is \$85 per person. Optional games are \$10 per person. Dinner for non-golfers is \$20 per person. Register as an individual or team by June 12.

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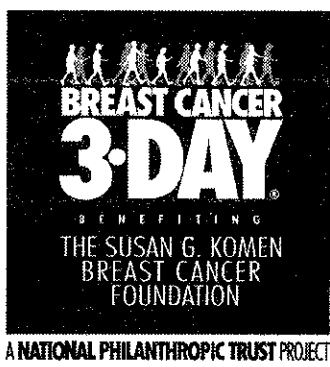
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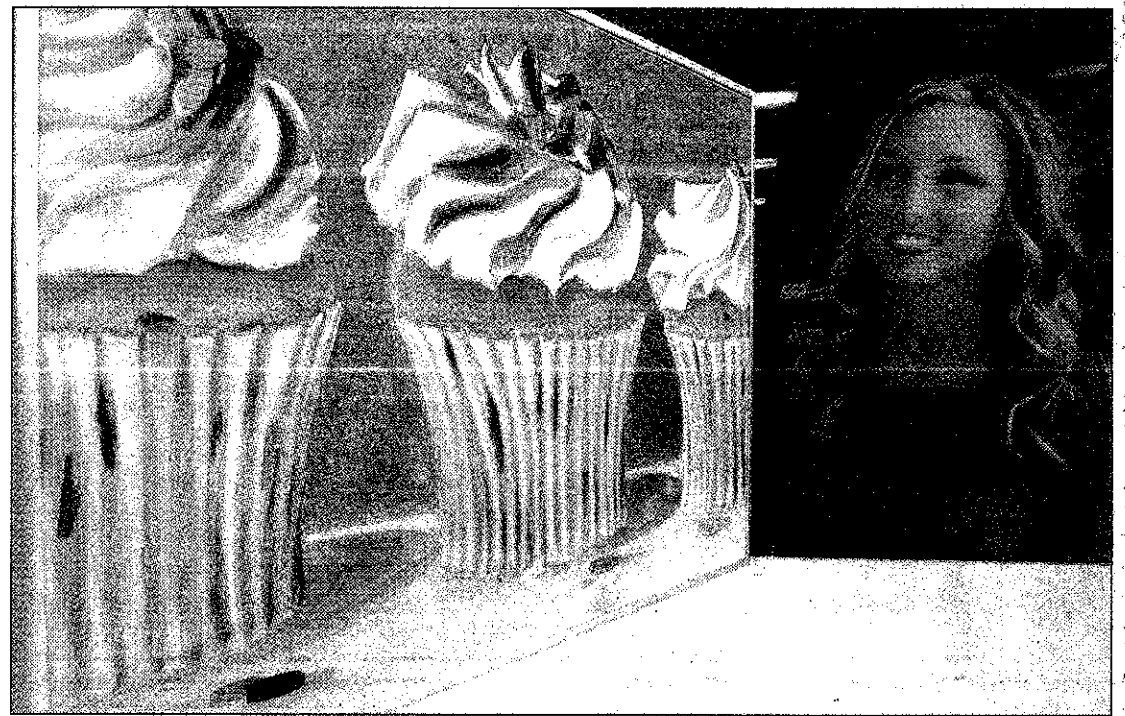
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Desserts are a favorite for artist Jaclyn Novak, who uses bold colors in her work.

ARTIST

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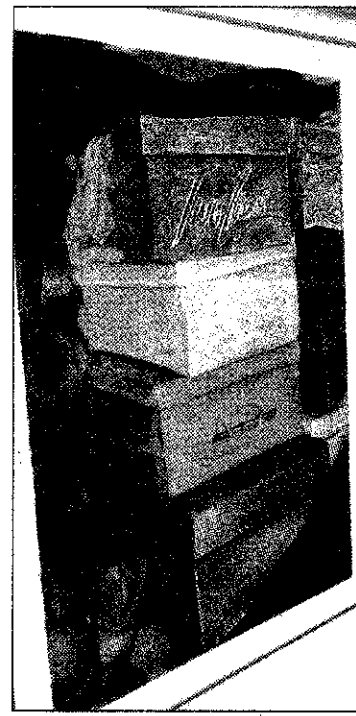
Titled "Indulgences," the exhibit of mixed media work is about women, specifically Novak. "This is personal for me," she said. "It is my everyday life. The work is about the things we do in our everyday lives as women."

The works, which are in pastels, oil pastels, oils and colored pencil, are of shoes, closets and desserts. "Most of it is very feminine," Novak said. "I think it really fits my personality. It's stuff from my life. I am such a girly-girl. I have always had a love for fashion and shopping."

As a kid, Novak wanted to literally mix her artistic gift with her love of fashion and become a fashion designer. But all it took was working with artist Sharon Dillenbeck of D&M Studios to change her mind and teach.

Her favorite media is pastels. "You can be really loose with it and be detached," she said. But Novak is also experimenting with a mix of oils and pastels on paper.

Novak often takes photos "of things as they are," such as her closet, and takes it from there, adding bold colors and feminine flair.



This pastel of fashion accessories by artist Jaclyn Novak is based most likely on items found in her own closet.

Originally, she would set up objects for her painting or drawings.

But she found that — like typical landscapes and the standard fruit in a bowl — boring.

Though her first exhibit, Novak is not selling her work, however, she will sell prints of

her work. "I can't sell the originals. A lot of the stuff, I'm attached to," she said.

The young artists has two heroes — one is artist Sharon Dillenbeck of D&M Studios and the other is artist Wayne Thiebaud. As a kid, Novak took lessons from Dillenbeck, for whom she now works.

"She has done so much for me. I have learned so much," she said. "I especially like how Sharon teaches. She is enthusiastic. She's there for the kids. She makes it fun and lets them express themselves."

Thiebaud is a well-known artist who has made his mark with one of Novak's loves — desserts. "He uses bold colors," as does Novak.

Still, teaching is where Novak wants to be. She wants to help others, especially children, use creativity and imagination, much as her father helped her.

"There are no wrong or right answers," she said.

"You can do what you want. Art builds people's confidence."

Novak's work may be seen at D&M Studios at 8691 N. Lilley Road in the Golden Gate shopping center at Lilley and Joy roads in Canton.

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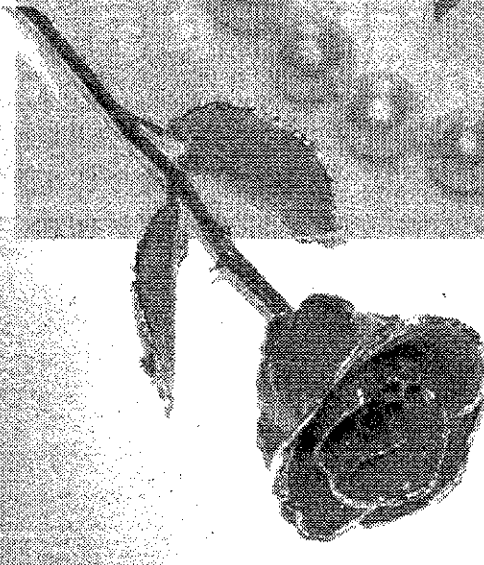
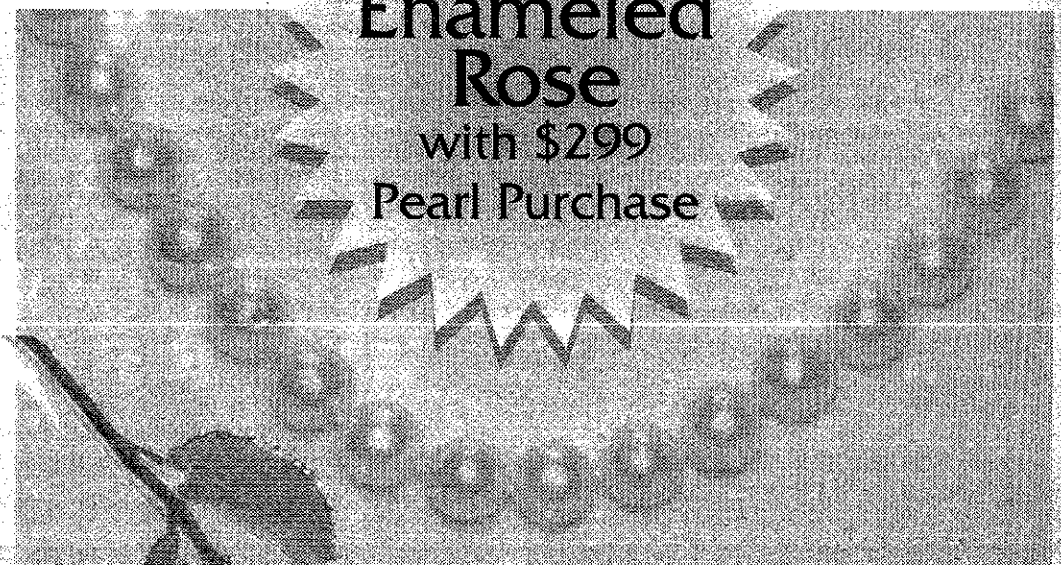
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Vets focus of Plymouth parade

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The threat of thunderstorms couldn't keep several thousand people from lining Main Street for the annual Memorial Day Parade through downtown Plymouth Monday, sponsored by a number of veteran and civic groups.

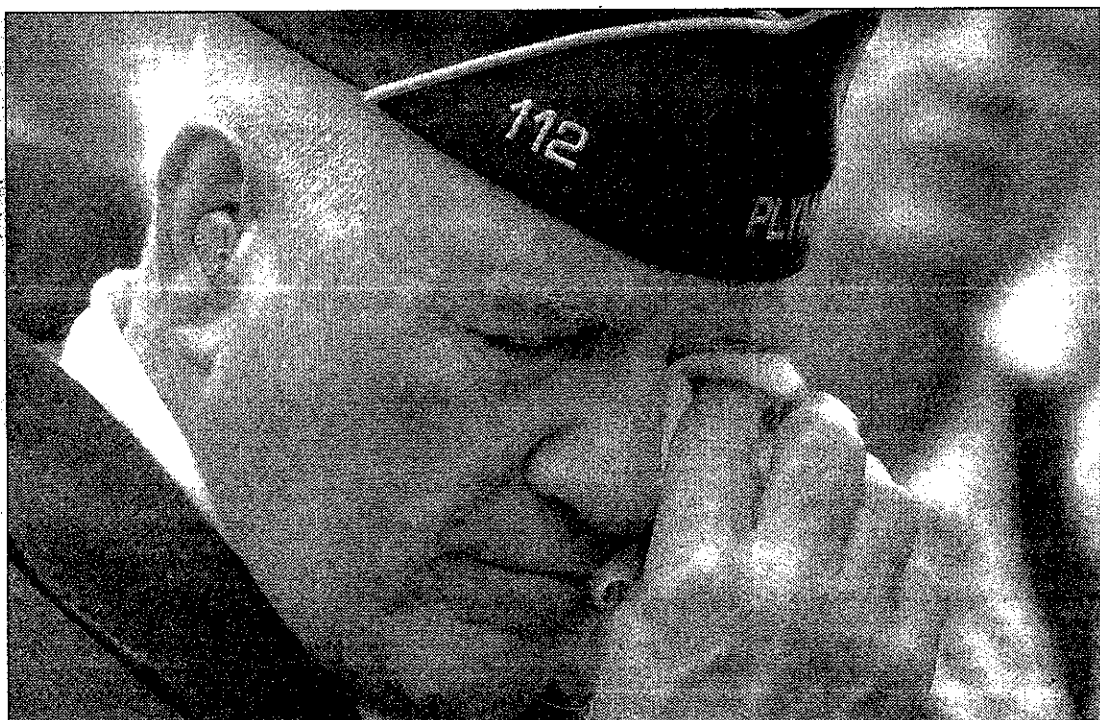
While the focus is always on veterans who gave the supreme sacrifice for their country, there was also some emphasis on World War II veterans who marched, in light of the dedication of the World War II Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., just two days earlier.

"Today we honor and remember our fallen men and women from all the wars ... honoring our past to ensure our future," Frank Pawelik, a member of American Legion Post 391 in Plymouth, said during ceremonies held after the parade. "War is not what we seek, but peace on Earth for everyone. We must remember that the doors of freedom are kept open by the men and women in the military."

This year's parade included an American flag that was flown over Iraq and Afghanistan on behalf of the City of Plymouth. The flag, sent by Air Force Master Sgt. Shannon Adams of Plymouth, was flown on a mission over the war zone in honor of the city on Feb. 10 during Adams' recent deployment to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar.

Ret. Army Col. Chuck Thornell of Plymouth, the featured speaker, said it was a time to honor fellow Americans who have given their last full measure of devotion to freedom.

"It is the veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press; it is the veteran, not the power of the press, that has given us freedom of speech; it is the veteran, not the campus organizer, that has given us the freedom to assemble; it is the veteran, not the lawyer, that has given us the freedom of a fair trial; it is the veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote," said Thornell.



Alfred Moore of Plymouth Township wipes away the tears after a poem was read at the Memorial Day ceremony. Moore is a member of the American Legion 112 and served in the Navy during World War II.



Anna Delle Moore of Plymouth Township, member of the American Legion 112 Auxiliary, sings 'God Bless America' with hundreds who attended the ceremony in Plymouth.

As a 21-gun salute was fired and Taps was played by two buglers from the Plymouth-Canton Centennial Park Marching Band, tears could be seen in the eyes of John Lockwood of Plymouth Township, an Army veteran of 10 years.

"I always spend time on Memorial Day to be thankful for our freedom," said Lockwood, who served after

the Korean War. "I'm lucky I wasn't in combat, but I wouldn't have these rights unless someone put up the sword to protect me."

A continuous applause was given by those who lined the parade route to honor the veterans in the parade. Carl Shefferd of Belleville, who marched with the Plymouth-Canton chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, said it's



Salem High School senior Ryan Noe plays 'Taps' at the Memorial Day ceremony.

nice, but for him, overdue. "Sometimes the applause doesn't mean so much to me because it has come a lot of years too late," he said. "I'm proud that our active-duty servicemen today are getting the support that they deserve."

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Plymouth Post 112 commander Douglas Scott (left to right), president of the Post 112 Auxiliary Jeanette Burman and Cornelius VanBoven of the American Legion Passage Gayde Post 391 lay wreath in remembrance at the Memorial Day Ceremony in downtown Plymouth.

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OUR VIEWS

Rouge's future: It's in our hands

U.S. District Judge John Feikens has been the guardian of our waterways for the past 25 years.

Feikens has been considered the steward of water quality across the metro Detroit region through his role in a complex consent agreement involving sewerage services from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. His job has been the enforcer, guiding the turnaround of our polluted waterways - from the Rouge River to the Detroit River and Lake Erie.

Feikens deserves credit for providing the leadership, keeping the pressure on to ensure federal clean water laws are carried out. But, as he says, his leadership is largely symbolic. "I have found that most people support the need to do something about cleaning up the environment. But with human nature, they're not going to do anything until you show them why they need to do it. Most people will accept progress if they're educated."

Over the years, metro Detroiters have become educated about their waterways. In the mid-1980s, the federal government identified the Rouge as one of the worst polluters of the Great Lakes, with raw sewage pumping into the river regularly. Lake Erie, they say, was dying.

Eventually, community leaders have become willing - or at least been made willing - to accept the costly march of progress by building retention basins to handle combined-sewer overflows and instituting other methods to stem the flow of sewage into the river.

The effort has succeeded. Nowadays, the Rouge River is, by all accounts, a cleaner tributary, serving as a home to more species of fish. It is a waterway that has given environmental groups plenty of hope in the improvements being made.

However, there is still much to be done. The Rouge is undeniably an important part of our entire region, as its tributaries and branches run through the yards of most of our communities. It also serves as a conduit for excessive rainwater, something we've certainly seen in recent weeks. And the river's revival only hints at the wonderful recreational opportunities that could be available.

A new riddle in the water quality quest has focused on the cost and control of Detroit's aging water and sewer infrastructure, which has pit the suburbs against the city of Detroit in a struggle over prices charged and governance of these all important systems.

Again, Feikens serves an important role, directing the Southeast Michigan Consortium for Water Quality, a group of government, business and environmental folks focusing on the water and sewer operations of the DWSD. While there is a separate, promising community-by-community approach to water quality issues in Oakland County, this issue is obviously a regional one. As such, it will require a regional solution. Eventually that solution should include a larger role for suburban representatives on a water authority that serves more suburbanites than Detroiters.

While Feikens and others lead that official effort, concerned residents are invited to play their own role in the continued environmental rescue of this precious resource.

This weekend's Rouge River Rescue operation, sponsored by Friends of the Rouge, is a chance for people to pitch in, give of their time and get something accomplished. They'll be removing trash, stenciling storm drains to warn against dumping, stabilizing the streambanks, and more. Sites are in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Canton, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford, Southfield, Troy and Westland.

A few years ago, a popular mantra was to "think globally, act locally." Saturday's Rouge cleanup offers just such a chance.



Kathy and Jon Snider of Canton helped remove old tires from the Rouge River near Morton Taylor Road in Canton last year.



Thank you all

Please let me take this opportunity to thank the *Observer* staff, the citizens of Canton and my wonderful and prayerful St. Thomas a Becket family for all the support and love I received during the "Pigeon Follies."

Having never in my 57 years ever even received a parking ticket, it was a nasty shock to be ticketed and summoned to court for the "unlawful encouragement of the congregation of pigeons." I know it sounds hysterically funny, but these last seven months of court dates, mandated mediation (which turned into four hours of listening to the people next door call me every name under the sun), not knowing whether I was about to serve time for my crime, have been a living hell.

My illnesses have been greatly exacerbated by the enormous amount of stress this has caused. I have not slept through the night nor been pain-free for one hour throughout this seven months.

The one positive that has emerged has been the prayers and good wishes of the good people of Canton. Everywhere I went, people wished me good luck and offered prayers to me. And they worked!

Finally, on May 25, this ridiculous case was dismissed after seven long months in and out of court.

So - I thank you, Jack Gladden and Joanne Maliszewski, for letting Canton know about the stupidity of things that can happen to you if you live in Canton and have bad neighbors. This township has been my home for 18 years and I have worked to the best of my ability to make it a better place through my volunteer activities. I am so grateful for all of the kind words from people in the community whenever I shopped, ate or worshiped in Canton during this ordeal.

Your love and prayers have keep me going. THANK YOU to all who brought me through this and know that I thank God daily for your support and kindness, calls, letters and good words of support. Bless you all!

Nancy Spencer
Canton

Staunch supporter

Judy Mardigian has placed her great talents at the service of the Board of Education. She has business acumen, integrity and common sense. Judy has leadership skills (she is presently president of the Board of Education) and is a staunch supporter of the issues regarding what is best for the youth of our schools. I support Judy Mardigian for the Board of Education Plymouth-Canton schools without reservation. Vote June 14, 2004.

George Dodson
retired principal

Decision coming

Voters soon will decide if a change in Washington will be a change in the direction this country is headed.

Bush's performance has a lot to be desired and with disasters becoming more frequent it raises some concern.

LETTERS

But Kerry doesn't provide an alternative as he agrees mostly with Bush's positions.

But, as writer Joe Sobran says, "with tears streaming down my face and crossing my fingers, I hope Bush wins." What a country.

Bob Vollmer
Plymouth

Kerry's behavior

I had thought that by now the intent to make John Kerry the standard-bearer of the Democratic Party would have been thought a poor choice. I thought others in the swamp would read Kerry's book, *The New Soldier*.

In the book, you can read passages written by Kerry that tell of American soldiers laying waste to fields of crops, burning huts and homes in the villages, destroying on several missions everything of any value.

He admits to the abuse, too, of the people - men, women and children - as they committed the devastation, the complete destruction of one village after another. Kerry's contribution to the melee was admitted. The behavior Kerry recounted makes the fun day at the Iraqi prison seem tepid and inconsequential by comparison.

Recounting further, 56 mentions of the prison debacle and seven about the 300,000 slaughtered Iraqi souls proves the bias of the liberal press.

And some of you still insist you will vote for Kerry!

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

No more sniping

I'm pleased to see Michigan's leaders focusing on the state's business climate and job creation in recent (newspaper) pieces. Still, I was somewhat depressed to see that instead of putting forward any sort of plan to do something about Michigan's jobs outlook, the Democratic Party leader runs through the usual partisan shots at President Bush and the Republican Party head. He even announces his belief in a weird conspiracy theory about a "darkly kept GOP secret."

That's not what's going to give Michigan companies the confidence to start hiring again in large numbers and cut the unemployment rate. Maybe Michigan Democrats should look again at Sen. Ken Sikkema's article that appeared the same day. They would see how to advocate proposals that make positive, tangible reforms to how state government affects job growth. Michigan workers deserve more than election-year sniping.

Patricia Coughlan
Livonia

Economic crossroads

We have rarely seen the depth of commitment to securing a future for Michigan's working families as striking members of the Communication Workers of America showed this week.

Your readers should know that's not just the "we" of a sympathetic politician.

I am a communication worker myself and I spent the past four days on strike. This action wasn't only about securing the next contract (although I'm happy to say that goal now appears to have been accomplished). The men and women who braved the Michigan rain this past weekend to make their voices heard could find the energy to do so only because they understood that this action was about something more than themselves.

Michigan's economy has reached a crossroads.

Those of us working in communications may only be among the first in a position to see how high the stakes are for Michigan's economy today. We were among the first to feel the impact of the wave of outsourcing that struck southeast Michigan in recent years. But we are also among the first to understand how harnessing emerging information technologies can advance the livelihoods of Michigan's middle class.

The decisions made by business, government and voters in the months ahead will determine the path our economy will follow. Either we will resign ourselves to accepting an economy that rewards the outsourcing of emerging technology work and is content to value profits for Texas over middle-class jobs for Michigan, or we will find a way to build a future for all of Michigan's working families.

There is reason to be hopeful. The dedication shown by the thousands of us in this state who picketed through this weekend's rain and were willing to go back to work without pay if called to do so should make clear that Michigan's working families will not allow our economic future to slip away without a fight.

Phil Truran
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Some people get it, some don't, but a Dept. of Peace is needed

When I tell people I am working on a citizen-based campaign in support of legislation currently in the House of Representatives to create a U.S. Department of Peace, the reactions vary. Some people instantly get it, and will typically say things like, "It's just crazy that we don't already have something like this!" For many people, it just seems logical that we would have such a broad scale program in place to deal with the increasingly unmanageable problem of violence, in all the ugly forms that it takes. Many are elated that there is actually pending legislation that could make peace much more of a reality.

For others, however, when they first hear about it, eyes start rolling almost instantly. They don't even have to speak a word for me to know what they are thinking, "another silly peacenik idea that will never happen." Comments sometimes include things like, "People have always been violent," or "There has been war since the beginning of mankind, peace will never happen."

Some people mentally write off the possibility of a Department of Peace before even hearing about what the Department would do. It is actually a very practical and potentially a hugely impactful piece of legislation that is receiving increasing support and national attention. In part it has received so much attention because it was introduced into the House of Representatives by Congressman Dennis Kucinich, who is a candidate for president. But a year after its introduction, the bill is already garnering support in Congress with 48 co-sponsors.

The Department of Peace would establish non-violence as an organizing principle of American society, providing the U.S. president with an array of peace-building policy options for domestic and international use. The Department would focus on nonmilitary peaceful conflict resolutions, prevent violence and promote justice and democratic principles to expand human rights. Domestically, the Department would be responsible for developing policies which address issues such as domestic violence, child abuse, mistreatment of the elderly, school and gang violence and other issues of cultural violence. Internationally, the Department would gather research, analyze foreign policy and make recommendations to the president on how to address the underlying causes of war and intervene before violence begins. The Department of Peace would systematically root out the underlying causes of violence by creating new and innovative programs, as well as vastly increasing support of the many existing programs around our nation and the world that

are already having a positive impact.

A Department of Peace is no new idea. George Washington was one of the first people to declare how important a more strategic effort for peace should be. More specifically, he felt our government should establish a Peace Academy, much like the military services academy. A Peace Academy is one of the core components to the DOP legislation. It would train students to become conflict specialists, to go to communities around our nation and the world to help ameliorate violence before it gets out of control.

We spend over \$400 billion dollars on defense in the United States.

It is estimated that we currently have over two million people in prison. We deal with incredible amounts of violence in our homes, in our schools and in our communities. One of the leading causes of police injury and death while on duty is dealing with, of all things, domestic violence disputes. The cultural and emotional costs of violence are clear. The financial costs are becoming more and more clear to Americans as we continually see important programs cut because of money that is going to fund things like our current war with Iraq and terrorism. For those concerned with the costs of a new federal department, imagine how much less we would need to spend on defense, prisons, etc., if we were able to more thoroughly dissolve violence before it starts. Violence is a cultural disease that is becoming an increasingly unmanageable problem. We must take a more systemic and psychologically sophisticated approach to decreasing its grip.

Though some people's eyes may roll at the mention of a Department of Peace, is it really so far-fetched to think we cannot have a much more peaceful world in our lifetimes? With great genius and energy, we have done so many amazing things in our history. What if we were to take as serious of an approach in cultivating alternatives to creating peace as we do for, say, our military?

Even spending just 2 percent of the current defense budget (which is what the legislation calls for) could be billions of dollars toward building something we want - peace, not just continually trying to defend against things that we do not want.

For every American citizen, the question at hand is, "What kind of world do we want, and what are we willing to do to make it happen?" When it comes to ending violence, we finally have a powerful alternative that can make a real difference.

Matthew Albracht is the managing director of the Global Renaissance Alliance, a nonprofit citizen action group heading up the national campaign to create a U.S. Department of Peace. Albracht lives in Detroit and is a former Livonia resident.



Matthew Albracht

Lethargic legislature, economic barriers endanger quality education

Congratulations to the 623 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students who earned MEAP merit scholarships this year. Last year, 573 qualified for the rigorous scholar awards. In 2001-02, the Governor's Cup was awarded to Plymouth-Canton for the performance of the district's students on the MEAP.

Clearly, all the graduates and students of the district are receiving a quality education. Excellence abounds here because of a well-trained and caring staff, involved parents, supportive communities, focused leaders and a fiscally responsible school board.

The 2004 graduates face a promising future because they have been provided a sturdy base upon which to build.

As we award the class of 2004 their diplomas and wish them well, we must refocus our attention on the upcoming classes. Will the future of the students in our middle schools and those just starting primary school be as rosy?

Will PCCS be able to offer these children the expanse of programs and the wealth of opportunities the district was able to provide for the Class of 2004, as it copes with three years of funding cuts from Lansing and no relief in sight?

The continuing inability of Michigan to put its fiscal house in order means the state may have to slice an additional \$30 per pupil from this soon-to-be ended school year. For the 17,285 students, that's another \$1.2 million gone.

This proposed cut is on top of the \$1.2 million the state already slashed from PCCS for the 2003-04 school year. The year before that, close to another million was chopped.

Furthermore, no matter how much the Michigan economy rebounds, there will still not be adequate dollars for our schools because there is a structural deficit built into the School Aid Fund. Rather than fixing this 10-year-old problem, legislature after legislature has transferred an average annual \$500 million from the general fund and state reserves into the School Aid Fund. These "one-time fixes" - 10 times over - can no longer be done.

Insufficient funding from the state, spiraling energy, health care and retirement costs and the federally underfunded No Child Left Behind mandate are the volatile ingredients in a brewing crisis in the funding of our public schools.

Even if there are no further cuts by the state, but no increase in the foundation grant

If we are willing to purchase expensive electronic game cubes, concert tickets, DVDs and cell phones for our children's entertainment, we ought to be willing to spend a bit more to ensure their educational opportunities and their futures.

for the coming school year, Plymouth-Canton schools will still be facing an \$8.6 million deficit for the 2004-05 school year and another \$11 million deficit the following year.

With either flat or declining revenues, it will become increasingly more difficult for Plymouth-Canton to:

■ Keep class sizes lower, especially in the primary grades.

■ Provide the enrichment opportunities which enhance academic learning for students.

■ Hire the best teachers and other employees if the district is unable to compete in the same job market with better-funded neighboring districts.

In the meantime, schools have had to rely on more fund-raisers. Parents are paying more out-of-pocket to educate their own children, even though public education is the collective responsibility of everyone in the community.

Our schools ought to be able to spend their time on Job No. 1: Increasing student achievement and the development of each individual, not on digging out from under ever-increasing deficits.

All of us are the beneficiaries of well-funded public schools. Investing in education helps to "grow our economy." If we are willing to purchase expensive electronic game cubes, concert tickets, DVDs and cell phones for our children's entertainment, we ought to be willing to spend a bit more to ensure their educational opportunities and their futures.

We must demand state government live up to its promise to fully fund our schools. All our children deserve a quality education. Michigan should leave no child behind.

Martha Trafford is a Canton resident. Carol Saunders is a Plymouth resident.



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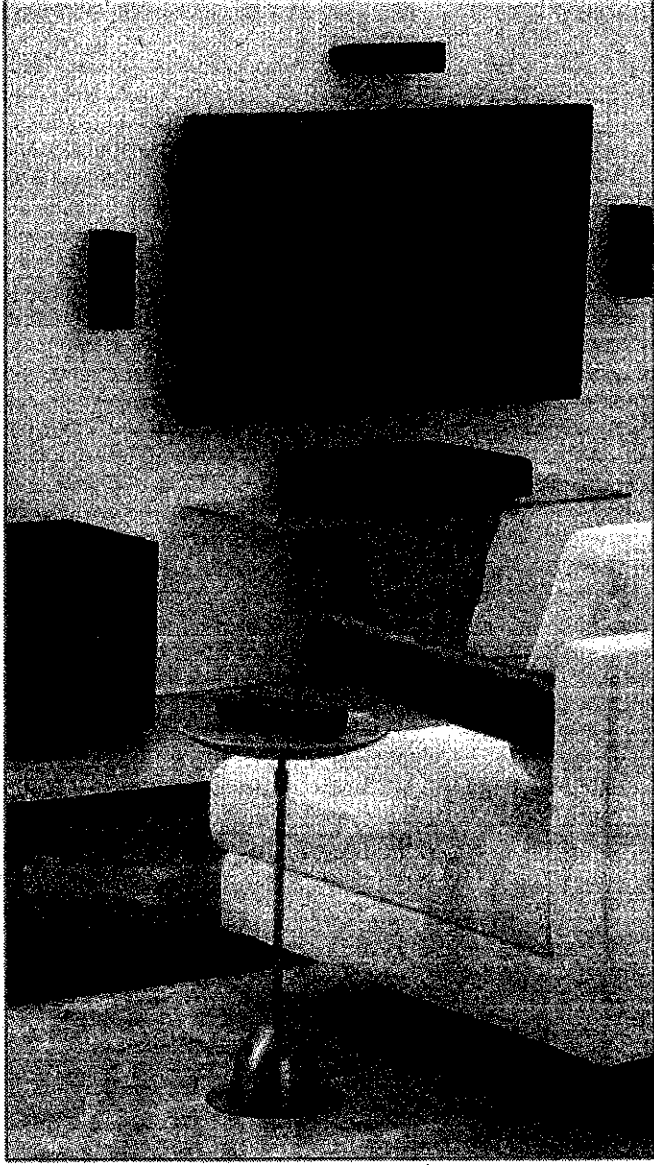
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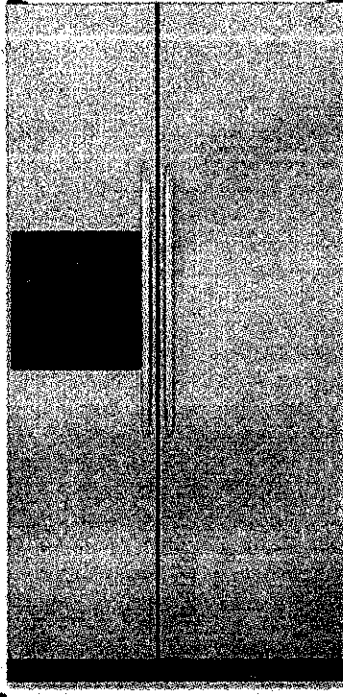
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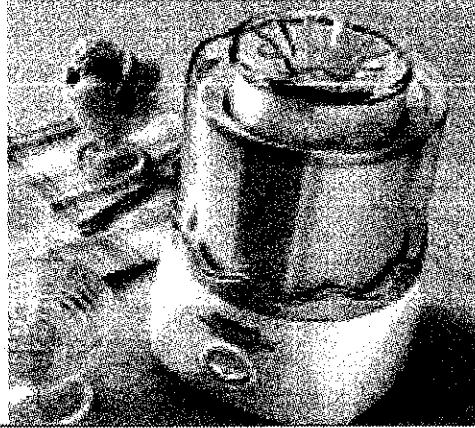


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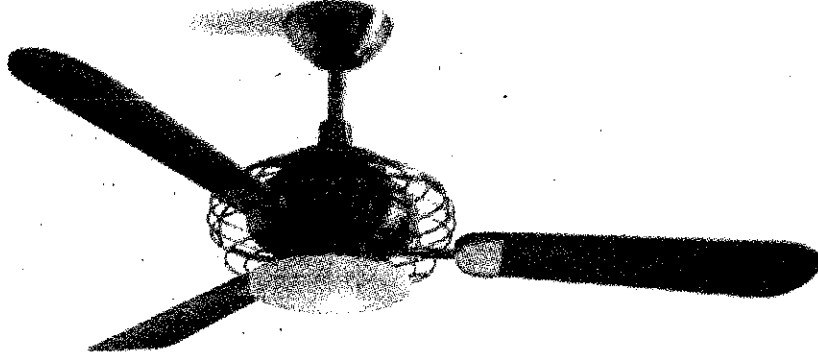
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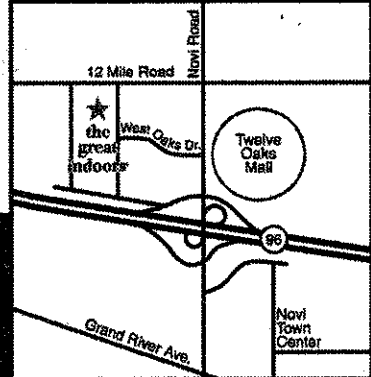
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Canton wrestler captures state title; nationals next

For a second-year team, the Canton Wrestling Club did pretty darn good at last weekend's Michigan Wrestling Federation State Finals at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

And Corey Phillips, a freshman at Canton HS, led the way.

Phillips won his 140-pound cadet (14-15-year-olds) weight division in freestyle competition and finished second in Greco-Roman. Both placings earned Phillips berths on Team Michigan for the USA Wrestling Championships, which start July 24 in Fargo, N.D.

The tournament at Battle Creek is the second largest in the state, trailing only the high school state finals. The USA

Championships attract all sorts of attention, particularly from college coaches who are recruiting.

"I had a lot of confidence going into it," Phillips said of the state tourney. "But I actually thought I'd do better in Greco. I had beaten that kid before, but I didn't this time."

Greco-Roman, a style in which the wrestling is upper body only, had been Phillips' strong point. Coming from a wrestling state like Iowa, Phillips also spent time in Texas where he first learned Greco-Roman style before moving to Canton last November. He has been wrestling since he was 5 years old.

However, with freestyle the only style

of wrestling sanctioned in high school competition, Phillips has become far more adept at that.

"I am more confident now in freestyle," he said. As for competing at the USA Championships in July, he added, "I just want to see how well I can do, see where I'm at in the U.S."

Certainly the Canton Wrestling Club has grown. "This was a unique situation, especially considering our background, our program being newer," CSC coach Casey Randolph said. "We didn't have any club teams before last year. This is our second year."

"Our placings have gone up tremendously. We took a big step forward, from

20 to 30 kids in the club to 60."

Four others placed in the top three at the state meet other than Phillips. Andrew Novack, who goes to New Boston Huron HS, was second at 103 pounds in cadet freestyle.

Chris Petrick was third in the junior division (16-17-year-olds) heavyweight Greco-Roman, while Ryan Webb was third in junior 145 Greco Roman. An injury default prevented Webb from competing in freestyle.

Konrad Konsitzke, wrestling in cadet 160, placed third in Greco-Roman.

The club's next scheduled competition is June 22-24 at the AAU Grand National Meet at the Taylor Sports Complex.

Sidelines

Flat Rock results

It wasn't a bad Saturday for Nick Bradley.

He started off his evening at Flat Rock Speedway by marrying fellow racer Stephanie Pankow. Then the Westland native and Redford resident took second in his Street Stocks heat race at the speedway. His new brother-in-law, Jim Pankow (Livonia), was also second in his heat race.

He wasn't the only area racer to fare well at the speedway, as Justin Schroeder (Canton) was second in the 25-lap main feature, Paul Hahn (Farmington Hills) was 18th and Jim Selmi (Redford) won his heat.

Greatest athlete

Michigan's greatest athlete will be officially crowned July 24 following a rigorous competition at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom.

The state's best athletes are invited to compete in a series of 10 events: bench press, chin-ups, 10-pound medicine ball toss, standing long jump, pro agility shuffle, 40-yard dash, 300-yard shuttle run, obstacle course, 50-yard car push and two-mile cross country run.

Each event is scored evenly, which means competitors must be well-rounded athletes. Last year's men's winner was former University of Michigan running back Chris Roth, who edged out Andrew Pheka by less than a point.

The competition has grown to include divisions for those under 17-years old, masters (over 40) and open, as well as men's and women's competition.

For more information, visit the website at www.totalsportscomplex.com, and click on the Total Performance icon.

All-American

One thing about Madonna University golfers — they know what they're talking about. At least Tom McCall does.

McCall, from Garden City, became the Crusaders first-ever All-American honors. A junior, McCall earned those accolades by posting a 3.87 grade-point average with a major in business.

Baseball school

The Doyle Baseball School will return to Plymouth Christian Academy for two sessions this summer, from July 5-9 and July 12-16. Baseball and softball players between six and 16 years old will be instructed in hitting, throwing and fielding from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day during the five-day school.

Doyle Baseball, now in its 23rd year, conducts satellite schools all over the country and in Canada. More than 500,000 players have received instruction at the school, including several pro players.

Tuition is \$95 per player for payments received before June 18, \$115 for those received after that date. To register call PCA's Sandy Murray at (734) 459-3505, ext. 117 until July 10. After that, call PCA baseball coach Don Shumaker at (734) 416-0513.



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Canton's Kevin Kramer finds a way, and a place, to be occupied while his sister practices for her game at the Canton Cup Tournament.

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Canton takes 3rd at state team finals

A superb performance by Brad Waidmann and a couple of first-place finishes helped Canton's boys track team secure a third-place finish at the team track state finals, hosted Saturday by Ann Arbor Huron at Ypsilanti HS.

The Chiefs, one of seven teams competing in the finals, scored 585.5 points. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern won the title with 723; Saline was second with 616.5.

Placing fourth behind Canton was Ypsilanti Lincoln with 469, followed by Pinckney (431), Grosse Pointe North (396) and Detroit Mumford (240).

"It was an honor to be there and represent our school district," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "We just had a good ol' day there."

Indeed the Chiefs did, led by Waidmann's first-place finish in the discus (148 feet, 7 inches), second in the high jump (6-4), fifth in the 110-meter high hurdles (15.9) and seventh in the shot put (43-7 3/4).

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"It was good to see Waidmann back throwing the discus that far," Richardson said. "I was real happy for him. He was a bit disappointed at both the regional and at the (Western Lakes Activities Association) conference meet. But he got a first here."

"And his high jump was a very respectable 6-4."

Waidmann wasn't alone in this meet, to be sure. Julian Smith captured a first place as well, taking top honors in the 110 hurdles (15.7), an event in which Rodney Preston was also third (15.8). In addition, Smith placed third in the long jump (19-5).

Depth has been Canton's top attribute throughout the season, and it showed in this meet. The Chiefs finished in the top three in a dozen events, with other seconds coming from Jon Chapman in the pole vault (12-6); Devin Thomas in both

the 100 (11.4) and 200 (22.8); Preston in the 300 hurdles (40.7); and the 4x200 relay team of Andy Rossow, Brandon Reeves, Dave Calille and Thomas (1:31.9).

Third-place finishes were recorded by Derek Reeves in the pole vault (12-6) and the 4x100 team of Preston, Corey Stewart, Calille and Smith (44.4).

Other Chiefs in the top seven were Brandon Reeves, fifth in the 100 (11.6); Rossow, fourth (51.5) and Cyrus Azizi, sixth (52.5) in the 400; Scott George, fourth in the 3,200 (10:24.3); Mike Lanius, seventh in the high jump (5-10); Rich Hensel, seventh in the pole vault (11-6); Stewart, seventh in the 300 hurdles (42.3); Azizi, D'Angelo Pitts, Stewart and Rossow, fifth in the 4x400 (3:33.4); and Ray Eisbrenner, George, Eric Zech and Phaltiel Whitlock, seventh in the 4x800 (9:01.2).

Nine Chiefs will be at the MHSAA-sponsored state individual finals Saturday at Rockford.

Chiefs rout John Glenn

Three first-half goals were more than enough to propel Canton to a 7-0 victory over Westland John Glenn in an opening-round Division 1 district girls soccer match Tuesday at Canton.

The Chiefs improved to 14-2-3. John Glenn ends its season at 3-14-1.

Rachel Perry scored two goals to lead the Canton assault, with Lisa Ealy contributing a goal and two assists.

Elizabeth Alexander and Katie Esper each netted a goal and an assist, while Rebecca Houdek and Jenna Dreher scored a goal apiece.

Brittany Servi was in goal for the victory. She faced just two shots.

Canton now advances to play Ann Arbor Pioneer, which defeated Ann Arbor Huron 2-1 earlier Tuesday at Canton. The Chiefs and Pioneers clash at 7 p.m. at Canton.

The winner will meet the Salem-Livonia Churchill winner in the district final at noon Saturday at Canton.

"I hope so," Canton coach Don Smith said when asked if his team was ready for the challenges ahead. "We've got that horrid weekend (two losses in four days to Salem) past us."

"Pioneer always works hard. You've got to do things early on against them, take them out of the game early."

The two teams met April 19 at Canton and played to a scoreless draw. A year ago, the Chiefs were eliminated from the state tournament by Pioneer.

CC rolls to mercy win over Churchill; Salem tops North

Redford Catholic Central did the job at the plate and on the mound Tuesday against Livonia Churchill.

Bobby Henderson hurled a one-hitter and host CC banged out 13 hits at the plate for a 10-0 five-inning mercy win over the Chargers in a Division 1 predistrict baseball game.

"I was pleased with the effort," CC coach John Salter said after his team advanced to Saturday's 12:30 p.m. semifinal against Farmington. "We played well defensively and also got a lot of offensive contributions from several guys. Seven of our starting nine had hits and that was a good way to start the tourney."

Henderson (4-1) walked one, struck out two and allowed just one

hit — a one-out single by Andy Guzik in the first inning.

Eric Vojtkofsky was 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI for CC (20-9), while Ryan Gallagher was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI, Nate Rzeppa was 2-for-3 with an RBI, Greg Marrone was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and Derek Brooks was 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Xander Younce started and took the loss for Churchill (13-17) and was on the hook for eight hits, seven runs, three strikeouts and a walk. Gary Humenay came on to pitch in the fourth inning and gave up five hits, three runs and a strikeout.

On Saturday, the Shamrocks won



CC's Bobby Henderson tossed a five-inning, one-hit shutout at Livonia Churchill in Tuesday's opening round of the state district tournament.

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Ladywood ousted in district opener

A year ago, Livonia Ladywood went deep into the Division II girls soccer tournament...

On Tuesday, the Blazers were ousted in the first-round of the Dearborn Heights Crestwood district as host Dexter got a pair of goals from Lindsay Davis to pull out a 2-1 victory.

Ladywood bows out with a 10-6-1 overall record, while Dexter advances to today's semifinal with a 12-3-2 mark.

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ball very well," Ladywood coach Jill Logsdon said. "They're strong and I think we started to panic a bit in the second half and they took advantage."

Patti Hoeg's goal from Mallory Brake gave the Blazers a 1-0 lead at the seven-minute mark of the first half.

But Davis tied it for Dexter with six minutes to play until intermission on an assist from Kelly Hughes.

Davis then scored the game-winner from 20 yards out off the left flank thanks to

a lead pass from Michelle Svethoff with only seven minutes to play.

Ladywood goalkeeper Jessica Tuggle made one save, while Dexter's Liz Umstead had three.

Country Day 3, Plymouth

O: The Wildcats were eliminated from state tournament play by the state's top-ranked team in Division 3 Tuesday in Birmingham.

Plymouth finishes its season at 8-9-1 overall. Country Day, now 18-1-1, advances to meet Pontiac Notre Dame Prep Thursday.

The score was 2-0 at half-

time. "Their first goal was questionable," said Plymouth coach John Delplace. "They ran into our goalie (Brittany Warner) when she had the ball, but the officials ruled she didn't have possession."

Warner was run over in the second half as well and spent some time on the turf before returning to action. "She took some punishment," admitted Delplace.

Warner made approximately 12 saves, while the Wildcats had just three shots on goal.

"They got a little bit of experience this year," said Delplace. "It was good for the girls."

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worked on it before, you're bound to make mistakes."

Demopolous said he plans to serve as director for one more year, training his successor along the way to make the transition as smooth as possible.

The tournament remains one of the top three of its kind in the country, sim-

ply because no one is excluded. There are playing divisions for every youth team from 8 to 18 years, whatever the skill level.

There is a certain international flavor as well, and not just from the teams from Ontario that compete each year. There were 150 referees needed to work all the matches, with crews of three at each game. Four of the crews were from Canada, while four other referees were from Brazil.

A total of 15 Canton/Plymouth-based

teams collected championships, with another 13 reaching the finals (see results).

Even though it's over and all has gone well, those on the organizing committee aren't done yet.

"We have a meeting in two or three weeks to go over the things we want to do differently," Demopolous said. "And we take notes so we remember everything."

Then in a couple of months, the process begins all over again.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

22ND ANNUAL CANTON CUP RESULTS May 28-30

Under-9 boys Platinum - champion: CW3 Extreme-Taylor; runner-up: Canton Oaks Premier.

Gold - champ: Farmington Force; runner-up: Livonia Wings Red.

Copper - champ: Canton Tornados; runner-up: Canton Blue Devils-Boykins.

Platinum (SM) - champ: RSSC Lightning 96; runner-up: RSSC Thunder 96-Pierce.

Gold (SM) - champ: Wizards; runner-up: Waza FC East-Valentino.

Under-10 boys Platinum - champ: Georgetown Rangers Blue; runner-up: Waza Diac.

Gold - champ: SCOR-Potter; runner-up: Muskegon Lakers.

Silver - champ: Canton Oaks Select; runner-up: NPFC Black.

Bronze - champ: SCOR-Aronoff; runner-up: Livonia Wings Blue.

Copper - champ: Canton Tigers; runner-up: Garden City Rockets.

Under-11 boys Platinum - champ: Windsor FC nationals; runner-up: Canton Oaks-Vaughn.

Gold - champ: Canton Oaks-Budlong; runner-up: Michigan Athletic 93 Dearborn.

Silver - champ: Canton Oaks-Morrison; runner-up: Farmington Force Red.

Bronze - champ: Canton Warriors; runner-up: Sultana.

Platinum (SM) - champ: SCOR-Fahlen; runner-up: Portage Lightning Alkharris.

Gold (SM) - champ: GRASA Magic-Udell; runner-up: TSC Knights.

Silver (SM) - champ: NMSC Thunderbolts; runner-up: Livonia Rockets.

Under-12 boys Platinum - champ: Pennine Utd. Soccer Club; runner-up: Everest Black.

Gold - champ: Plymouth Kicks Green; runner-up: Portage.

Silver - champ: Laforza 92; runner-up: Magic Black 92.

Bronze - champ: Downriver Wolverines; runner-up: Canton Sharks.

Copper - champ: Chelsea Bulldogs; runner-up: Hartland Patriots.

Under-13 boys Platinum - champ: Canton Oaks-Joker; runner-up: TSC Storm.

Gold - champ: South Lyon Sting; runner-up: North Storm Rush.

Silver - champ: Saline Excel; runner-up: Force 91.

Bronze - champ: White Eagles; runner-up: GCSC Dynamite.

Copper - champ: FYSC Gators; runner-up: Taylor.

Under-14 boys Platinum - champ: Pennine Utd. Soccer Club; runner-up: Flint Steelers Firestorm.

Gold - champ: Grosse Pointe United; runner-up: GRASA Magic.

Silver - champ: Canton Oaks-Savage; runner-up: NMSC Rebels.

Bronze - champ: GPSA Salvo 90; runner-up: Kalamazoo SC.

Under-15 boys Platinum - champ: Fusion 89; runner-up: Plymouth Kicks Green.

Gold - champ: Midland Twisters; runner-up: Pennine Utd. Soccer Club.

Silver - champ: SCOR; runner-up: Fremont Fire.

Bronze - champ: Michigan Mustangs 89; runner-up: Canton Kickers.

Under-16 boys

Platinum - champ: Canton Cougars; runner-up: Chelsea Sting.

Gold - champ: LMUSC Clash; runner-up: Star Raiders.

Under-17 boys

Platinum - champ: Canton Chaos; runner-up: Croatia Windsor.

Gold - champ: Windsor FC Nationals; runner-up: Plymouth Kicks.

Silver - champ: Northmen; runner-up: Fremont Attack.

Copper - champ: Livonia Strikerz; runner-up: Petoskey N. Lightning U16.

Under-18 boys

Platinum - champ: Dearborn Heights Cyclones; runner-up: Georgetown Raiders.

Gold - champ: Firestone Park United; runner-up: Hamburg United.

Under-9 girls

Platinum - champ: Hartland Flames; runner-up: GRASA-Udell.

Gold - champ: SCOR; runner-up: Canton Quest Open.

Platinum (SM) - champ: GPSA Breakers 95 A; runner-up: Mustangs.

Under-10 girls

Platinum - champ: Canton Quest-Premier; runner-up: Hamburg United.

Gold - champ: Waterford Lady Warriors 94; runner-up: Livonia United.

Silver - champ: 94 South Lyon Select; runner-up: Plymouth Lightning 94 Green.

Bronze - champ: Rockers; runner-up: Alleycats.

Copper - champ: Canton Rockets; runner-up: Canton Lady Bugs.

Under-11 girls

Platinum - champ: Canton Quest Premier; runner-up: Ann Arbor Arsenal.

Gold - champ: Pennine Utd. Soccer Club; runner-up: Canton Quest Open.

Platinum (SM) - champ: GPSA Breakers; runner-up: SCOR-Pinner.

Gold (SM) - champ: Eastside Kickers; runner-up: Ann Arbor United Leopards.

Silver (SM) - champ: Rocky River Pirates; runner-up: Petoskey Golden Eagles.

Under-12 girls

Platinum - champ: Canton Quest-Gonzalez; runner-up: Everest Black.

Gold - champ: Eastside Kickers; runner-up: Cleveland Blues.

Silver - champ: Georgetown Rangers; runner-up: Farmington Flames.

Bronze - champ: Portage Lightning; runner-up: Dearborn Dynamites.

Copper - champ: Ann Arbor United Tornados; runner-up: Blue Sharks.

Under-13 girls

Platinum - champ: Waza FC Blue; runner-up: Pennine Utd. Soccer Club.

Gold - champ: Flint Steelers Express; runner-up: Everest Black.

Silver - champ: GPSA Mustangs 91; runner-up: Ann Arbor United.

Bronze - champ: Perrysburg Gold Stingers; runner-up: Northern Blues.

Under-14 girls

Platinum - champ: Pennine Utd. Soccer Club; runner-up: Canton Quest.

Gold - champ: SCOR; runner-up: Magic Tricks 90.

Silver - champ: Erie Futbol Club; runner-up: Klemans.

Copper - champ: Clio Cyclones; runner-up: Canton Steelers.

Under-14/15 girls

Platinum - champ: Saline Stampede; runner-up: GPSA Dragons.

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BEST BOYS TRACK PERFORMANCES

OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS TRACK TIMES (through June 1)

Shot put table with names and times: Jon Smart (Redford CC) 50-9, Paul Stradtner (Garden City) 48-5, Nick Barrett (Redford CC) 48-4, Dan Haller (Luth. Westland) 47-5.25, Phil Rocker (Churchill) 47-5, Chuck Cannon (Churchill) 46-11.25, Patrick Higgins (Luth. Westland) 46-3.25, Matt Shelekis (Redford Union) 46-1, John Franchi (Redford CC) 45-11, Chris Snider (Canton) 45-4.25.

Discus table with names and times: Paul Stradtner (Garden City) 175-5, Nick Barrett (Redford CC) 157-2, Chuck Cannon (Churchill) 157-0, Brad Waidmann (Canton) 152-7, Ryan Danescu (Redford CC) 150-6, Brian Nakonecny (Stevenson) 150-3, Ike Mbanugo (Salem) 140-11, Eric Getkin (John Glenn) 136-1.5, Alex Jachym (John Glenn) 135-7, Devin Sall (Churchill) 133-11.

Long Jump table with names and times: Julian Smith (Canton) 21-3, John Mitchell (Stevenson) 21-2, Joe Mielke (Franklin) 21-1.5, Francisco Beltran (Churchill) 20-10.5, Brian Rumao (Salem) 20-9.5, Matt Smitherman (John Glenn) 20-7.5, Andy Rossow (Canton) 20-6.75, Allen Lenz (John Glenn) 20-5, Trevor Hearn (Stevenson) 20-4.5, Doug Haller (Luth. Westland) 20-3.25.

High Jump table with names and times: Brad Waidmann (Canton) 6-7, Matt Graham (Franklin) 6-4, Joe Mielke (Franklin) 6-4, Scott Brandt (PCA) 6-1, Nick Reed (Stevenson) 6-0, Cam Scharchburg (Plymouth) 5-11, Joe Gonzalez (Stevenson) 5-11, Andy Rossow (Canton) 5-10, Matt McClellan (Canton) 5-10, Mike Lanius (Canton) 5-10.

Pole Vault table with names and times: Ryan Santa (Churchill) 13-0, Jon Chapman (Canton) 13-0, Bill Breslin (Churchill) 12-6.2, Derek Reeves (Canton) 12-6, Rich Hensel (Canton) 12-3, Jayson Wurtzbacher (Salem) 11-9, Aaron Reamy (Churchill) 11-9, David Hain (Churchill) 11-9, Joe Jackson (Wayne) 11-9, Neal Kemp (Luth. Westland) 11-6.

110-meter hurdles table with names and times: Bill Makeia (Redford CC) 14.7, Rodney Preston (Canton) 15.0, Julian Smith (Canton) 15.1, Ross Farquhar (Churchill) 15.2, Brad Waidmann (Canton) 15.4, Bryan Anderson (Churchill) 15.5, Brad Zygmuntowicz (Redford CC) 15.6, Matt Kappler (Salem) 15.6, Tim Chew (Salem) 16.1.

300-meter hurdles table with names and times: Bill Makeia (Redford CC) 38.8, Rodney Preston (Canton) 39.9, Brad Zygmuntowicz (Redford CC) 41.0, Ross Farquhar (Churchill) 41.2, Corey Stewart (Canton) 41.5, Zach Zrull (Redford CC) 42.2, John Mitchell (Stevenson) 42.2, Julian Smith (Canton) 42.4, Tim Chew (Salem) 42.7, Michael Duffield (Churchill) 42.8.

100-meter dash table with names and times: T.J. Dillard (Wayne) 10.8, Erik George (Churchill) 10.9, Eddie Brown (Thurston) 10.9, Devin Thomas (Canton) 11.0, Darrian Miller (Wayne) 11.0, Mike Palombo (Redford CC) 11.0, Donnie Carson (Clarenceville) 11.0.

Observer's Best Boys Track Times (continued) with names and times: Matt Smitherman (John Glenn) 11.0, Brandon Reeves (Canton) 11.0, Kevin Barrios (Luth. Westland) 11.2, Blaine Simmons (Wayne) 11.2.

200-meter dash table with names and times: T.J. Dillard (Wayne) 22.2, Devin Thomas (Canton) 22.3, Darrian Miller (Wayne) 22.3, Mike Palombo (Redford CC) 22.7, Donnie Carson (Clarenceville) 22.8, Brandon Reeves (Canton) 22.9, Eddie Brown (Thurston) 22.9, Ben Moldenhauer (Luth. Westland) 23.0, Nana Adamako (Stevenson) 23.0, Erik George (Churchill) 23.1, Francisco Beltran (Churchill) 23.1.

400-meter dash table with names and times: Ben Moldenhauer (Luth. West.) 50.2, Keith Hearn (Stevenson) 50.2, Andy Rossow (Canton) 50.6, Collin Hall (Stevenson) 51.0, Pat Brown (Thurston) 51.2, Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 51.6, Trevor-Hearn (Stevenson) 52.2, Brandon Kneefel (Stevenson) 52.3, Devin Thomas (Canton) 53.5, Joe Mielke (Franklin) 53.7.

800-meter run table with names and times: Keith Hearn (Stevenson) 1:55.9, Joe Horka (Churchill) 1:57.4, Matt Patra (Redford Union) 2:01.0, David Lucas (Redford CC) 2:01.0, Rece Cox (John Glenn) 2:01.3, Brandon Kneefel (Stevenson) 2:04.1, Joe Crist (Salem) 2:04.9, Collin Hall (Stevenson) 2:05.0, Eric Kehoe (Luth. Westland) 2:05.0, Max Working (Redford CC) 2:05.9.

1,600-meter run table with names and times: Dave Lucas (Redford CC) 4:26.0, Max Working (Redford CC) 4:31.0, Alex Lumley (Salem) 4:36.6, Dan Horgan (Redford CC) 4:38.5, Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 4:38.6, Matt Patra (Redford Union) 4:38.9, Adam Warner (Salem) 4:39.0, Scott George (Canton) 4:39.5, Keith Hearn (Stevenson) 4:41.9, Marc Sanders (Churchill) 4:42.0.

3,200-meter run table with names and times: Max Working (Redford CC) 9:52.2, Dan Horgan (Redford CC) 9:55.3, Tim Howe (Churchill) 9:59.3, David Lucas (Redford CC) 10:06.0, Connor Schultz (Churchill) 10:06.4, Jimmy Walsh (Salem) 10:13.0, Adam Warner (Salem) 10:17.3, Dan Kapadia (Salem) 10:19.0, Scott George (Canton) 10:24.3, Mark Piorkowski (Stevenson) 10:36.9.

400 relay table with names and times: Canton 43.3, Stevenson 44.4, Wayne Memorial 44.9, John Glenn 45.2, Churchill 45.3.

800 relay table with names and times: Canton 1:30.3, Stevenson 1:31.4, Wayne Memorial 1:33.6, Lutheran Westland 1:34.0, Churchill 1:34.4.

1,600 relay table with names and times: Stevenson 3:23.7, Canton 3:24.9, Salem 3:31.6, Redford CC 3:31.9, Lutheran Westland 3:34.6.

3,200 relay table with names and times: Stevenson 8:15.4, Canton 8:20.6, Redford CC 8:27.7, Churchill 8:29.1, Thurston 8:37.4.

OBSERVER'S BEST GIRLS TRACK TIMES (through June 1)

Shot put table with names and times: Nia Henderson (Churchill) 43-7.5, Anna Wilson (Salem) 35-7, Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 34-6, Tiffany Clarke (Thurston) 33-0, Jeanine Moise (Plymouth) 32-8, Sarah James (Franklin) 32-4, Maggie Fisher (Salem) 32-3, Bethany Jury (Ladywood) 31-9.5, Marissa Marshall (Luth. Westland) 31-2, Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 30-9.75.

Discus table with names and times: Nia Henderson (Churchill) 140-7, Alicia Krueger (Luth. Westland) 112-8, Rachel Cooper (Garden City) 110-11, Anna Wilson (Salem) 108-2, Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 104-0, Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 101-6.

Long Jump table with names and times: Jennifer Anderson (Wayne) 18-9, Brittany Howard (John Glenn) 18-0, Alisha Moore (Wayne) 16-10.5, Renita Price (Wayne) 16-10, Andrea Nyberg (Canton) 16-6.75, Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 15-10, Kathy Carey (Ladywood) 15-8.5, Sumon Joyner (Canton) 15-6, Allie Plisko (Stevenson) 15-5.5, Natalie Wasio (Thurston) 15-5, Jenny Timm (Luth. Westland) 15-5.

High Jump table with names and times: Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5-4, Kasey Butler (Stevenson) 5-3, Kelsey Ramthun (Luth. Westland) 5-1, Kelsey Judd (Ladywood) 5-1, Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5-0, Megan Kmet (Franklin) 5-0, Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 5-0, Chantal Moore (John Glenn) 5-0, Lyndon Gault (Salem) 5-0, Lache' Wilkins (Churchill) 4-11.

Pole Vault table with names and times: J.O. Williams (Canton) 10-5, Allie Vraniak (Salem) 10-4, Jennifer Perkins (Stevenson) 9-9, Katalin Dugan (Churchill) 9-0, Jenny Davis (Garden City) 8-6, Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 8-6, Jackie Demers (Churchill) 8-6, Ashley Aquino (Salem) 8-0, Shea Truxell (Churchill) 8-0, Cassie Burnett (Garden City) 8-0, Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 8-0, Ruth Pranschke (Luth. Westland) 8-0.

100-meter hurdles table with names and times: Kaitlin Armstrong (Stevenson) 16.1, Jenelle Miller (Stevenson) 16.5, Casey Lynett (Franklin) 16.5, Dana Eldred (Salem) 16.8, Andrea Lang (Salem) 17.0, J.Q. Williams (Canton) 17.2, Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 17.2, Stephanie Misco (Ladywood) 17.3, Gretta Melvin (Thurston) 17.4, Elyse Gieschen (Luth. Westland) 17.9.

300-meter hurdles table with names and times: Rebecca Fedrigo (Churchill) 47.5, Kaitlin Armstrong (Stevenson) 47.8, Andrea Lang (Salem) 47.8, Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 49.1, Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 49.5, Diane Burek (Stevenson) 49.6, Leslie Olech (Canton) 50.4, Stephanie Digianamenico (Lady) 50.7, Amanda Mondella (Franklin) 50.7, Casey Lynett (Franklin) 50.9.

100-meter dash table with names and times: Toin'ia White (John Glenn) 12.1, Alyse White (Churchill) 12.3, Kathy Carey (Ladywood) 12.3, Tiffany James (Wayne) 12.4, Alisha Moore (Wayne) 12.5, Lache' Wilkins (Churchill) 12.5, Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 12.6, Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 12.7, Stephanie Foster (John Glenn) 12.7, Pam Bryant (Franklin) 12.8.

200-meter dash table with names and times: Alyse White (Churchill) 25.5, Toin'ia White (John Glenn) 25.7, Kathy Carey (Ladywood) 25.8.

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Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 26.1, Lache' Wilkins (Churchill) 26.1, Stephanie Foster (John Glenn) 26.6, Tiffany James (Wayne) 26.8, Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 26.9, Lauren Schwewe (Luth. Westland) 27.2, Megan Wilson (Franklin) 27.3, Pam Bryant (Franklin) 27.3.

400-meter dash table with names and times: Lache' Wilkins (Churchill) 58.5, Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 1:00.3, Alyse White (Churchill) 1:01.1, Christine Rothermel (Churchill) 1:02.0, Allison Vraniak (Salem) 1:02.3, Sarah Stobbe (Canton) 1:02.5, Natalie Wasio (Thurston) 1:02.6, Janet Hanchett (Plymouth) 1:03.0, Jennifer Anderson (Wayne) 1:03.0, Miranda Sculthorpe (Stevenson) 1:03.0, Allison Collins (Stevenson) 1:03.0.

800-meter run table with names and times: Laura Friedman (Salem) 2:20.2, Kelly Gibbons (Stevenson) 2:20.4, Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson) 2:21.5, Amber Cicala (Stevenson) 2:22.8, Erica Hope (Churchill) 2:26.1.

Katherine MacKenzie (Luth. West.) 2:28.5, Janet Hanchett (Plymouth) 2:29.1, Kysten Cieslak (Churchill) 2:29.6, Kirsten Frey (Stevenson) 2:29.7, Amanda Sculthorpe (Stevenson) 2:29.9.

1,600-meter run table with names and times: Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 5:15.7, Kysten Cieslak (Churchill) 5:17.0, Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 5:17.2, Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson) 5:20.0, Kelly Gibbons (Stevenson) 5:23.5, Erica Hope (Churchill) 5:24.1, Jessica Thelsen (Ladywood) 5:26.4, Sarah Kulczycki (Stevenson) 5:28.1, Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 5:28.5, Amber Cicala (Stevenson) 5:29.8.

3,200-meter run table with names and times: Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 11:19.9, Sarah Kulczycki (Stevenson) 11:37.2, Kysten Cieslak (Churchill) 11:39.2, Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 11:42.9, Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 11:45.9, Erica Hope (Churchill) 11:57.8, Meghan Wafer (Thurston) 12:07.1, Kirstian Tyler (Franklin) 12:08.2, Nicole Renaud (Churchill) 12:08.2.

Amy Drinan (Churchill) 12:17.9, John Glenn 49.6, Wayne Memorial 50.1, Churchill 50.9, Stevenson 50.9, Franklin 51.9.

800 relay table with names and times: John Glenn 1:44.3, Stevenson 1:44.5, Churchill 1:45.6, Wayne Memorial 1:49.1, Salem 1:50.4.

1,600 relay table with names and times: Churchill 4:05.4, Stevenson 4:05.9, Salem 4:12.1, Canton 4:19.4, Lutheran Westland 4:21.2, Stevenson 9:36.6, Salem 9:59.9, Churchill 10:01.4, Lutheran Westland 10:16.6, Ladywood 10:30.4, Plymouth 10:30.1.

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Saturday, June 5: South Lyon-Northville winner vs. Canton, 10 a.m.; Salem vs. Novi, noon. **Championship final:** 2 p.m.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (Host)
Friday, June 4: Livonia Franklin vs. Garden City-John Glenn winner at John Glenn, noon; Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Wayne Memorial, noon. **Championship final:** 3 p.m. at John Glenn.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL (HOST)
Saturday, June 5: Livonia Stevenson vs. Redford Union, 9:30 a.m.; Farmington vs. Churchill-Catholic Central winner, 12:30 p.m. **Championship final:** 4:30 p.m.

DIVISION III WHITMORE LAKE (HOST)
Saturday, June 5: (A) Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard vs. (B) Livonia Clarenceville, 11 a.m. **Championship final:** Whitmore Lake vs. A-B winner, 1:30 p.m.

DIVISION IV PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (HOST)
Saturday, June 5: Canton Agape Christian vs. Plymouth Christian, 9:30 a.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Lutheran Westland, 25 minutes after first game. **Championship final:** 25 minutes after second game.

GIRLS SOFTBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS DIVISION I SALEM HS (Host)
Saturday, June 5: Salem vs. Novi, 10 a.m.; Canton vs. Northville-South Lyon winner, noon. **Championship final:** 2 p.m.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (Host)
Friday, June 4: Livonia Franklin vs. Garden City-John Glenn winner at John Glenn, noon; Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Wayne Memorial, noon. **Championship final:** 3 p.m. at John Glenn.

FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY (HOST)
Saturday, June 5: Livonia Stevenson vs. Redford Union, 9:30 a.m.; Farmington vs. Churchill-Mercy winner, noon. **Championship final:** 2 p.m.

DIVISION II LIVONIA LADYWOOD (HOST)
Saturday, June 5: (C) Livonia Ladywood vs. (D) Detroit Renaissance, 10 a.m.; Redford Thurston vs. Det. Northwestern-Ferndale winner, 25 minutes after first game. **Championship final:** 3 p.m. (or 45 minutes after second semifinal).

DIVISION III WHITMORE LAKE (HOST)
Saturday, June 5: Whitmore Lake vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 10 a.m.; Dearborn Heights Henry Ford Academy vs. Livonia Clarenceville, noon. **Championship final:** 30 minutes after second game.

DIVISION IV PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (HOST)
Saturday, June 5: Lutheran Westland vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 9:30 a.m.; Plymouth Christian vs. Canton Agape Christian, 25 minutes after first game. **Championship final:** 25 minutes after second game.

GIRLS SOCCER DIVISION I CANTON (Host)
Thursday, June 3: Salem vs. Churchill-Wayne winner, 4 p.m.; Canton vs. A.A. Huron-A.A. Pioneer winner, 7 p.m. at Canton.
Saturday, June 5: Championship final, noon at Canton.

NORTHVILLE (Host)
Thursday, June 3: Novi vs. Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m. at Northville; W.L. Western-W.L. Central winner vs. Northville, 6 p.m. at Northville.
Friday, June 4: Championship final, 7 p.m. at Northville.

DEARBORN HIGH (Host)
Thursday, June 3: Lincoln Park-Dearborn winner vs. Det. Western-Garden City winner, 5 p.m. at Dearborn; Franklin-Edsel Ford winner vs. Dearborn Fordson, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 5: Championship final, noon.

DIVISION II
Thursday, June 3: Ladywood-Dexter winner vs. Romulus-Crestwood winner, 5 p.m. at Crestwood; Ypsilanti vs. Thurston-Ypsi. Lincoln winner, 7 p.m. at Crestwood.
Saturday, June 5: Championship final, 4 p.m. at Crestwood.

DIVISION III DETROIT COUNTRY DAY (Host)
Thursday, June 3: Det. Renaissance vs. Notre Dame Prep-Cranbrook winner, 5 p.m.; Linden vs. Country Day, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 5: Championship final, 10 a.m.

DIVISION IV LUTHERAN WESTLAND (Host)
Friday, June 4: Championship final, 4 p.m.

LACROSSE STATE TOURNAMENT DIVISION 4
Thursday, June 3
 Grand Blanc vs. Canton, 6 p.m. at Heritage Park Field No. 6

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK Saturday, June 5 (MHSAA State Finals)
 Division I at Rockford, 10 a.m.
 Division II at Caledonia, 10 a.m.
 Division III at Comstock Park, 10 a.m.
 Division IV at G.R. Forest Hills Northern, 10 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS Friday-Saturday, June 4-5
 Division I state finals at Midland Community Tennis Center, TBA.

GIRLS GOLF Friday-Saturday, June 4-5
 Division I-II state finals at Forest Akers (East-West Course), TBA.

TBA - time to be announced.

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a pair from Canton, taking the opener 5-3 and the second game 5-4. Matt Rodeghier got the win in the opener with Mike Monterey earning the save. In the second game, Bryan Kirkendall earned the win with Matt Walters getting the save. Vojtkofsky had a pair of hits — including a double — with

two RBI to lead the way at the plate.

Salem 8, North Farmington 4: A five-run first inning helped carry Salem to victory over North Farmington in the consolation final of the Eagle Invitational Sunday at Eastern Michigan University.

The Rocks improved to 16-13 and will host a Division I district state tournament starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. Walks to Drew Parling and

Cliff Thomas set the table in the first inning Sunday, and Andy Thackaberry came through with a three-run home run to put Salem up 3-0.

Three more walks and a hit batsman would eventually lead to two more runs for the Rocks, Dave Cardenas getting hit by a pitch to force in one run and Steve Cox drawing a bases-loaded walk to drive in another.

Salem scored twice more in the third thanks to Raider errors, then Parling singled in

Steve Myers with the Rocks' final run in the fifth.

Salem had just three hits in the game, but it was enough for pitcher Dave Pawlukiewicz, who gave up three runs on five hits and two walks, with seven strikeouts in five innings to improve to 6-2.

The Rocks opened the tournament earlier Sunday with a tough 8-2 loss to Saginaw Arthur Hill. The Lumberjacks scored three times in the first inning, with Salem countering with two runs in the second.

After that, the game belonged to the pitchers, with the Rocks' Nic England surrendering three runs on eight hits, absorbing the loss to fall to 5-3-1 for the season. Arthur Hill's Jeff Woods stopped Salem on two hits.

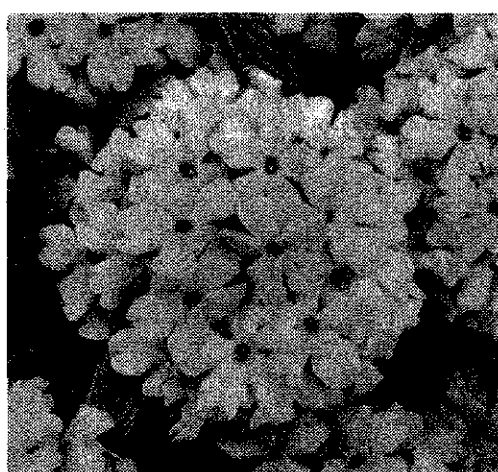
The Rocks meet Novi at noon Saturday in a district semifinal. Canton takes on the Northville-South Lyon winner at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The championship is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, with all games played at Salem.

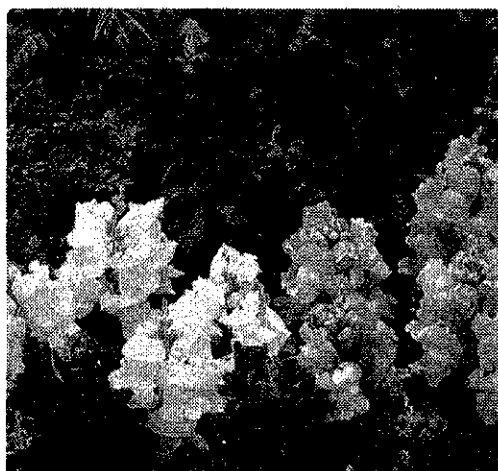


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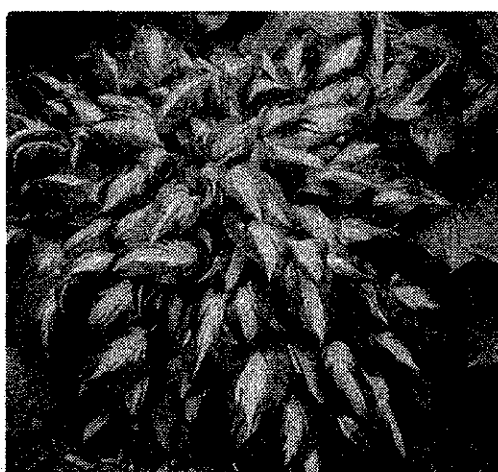
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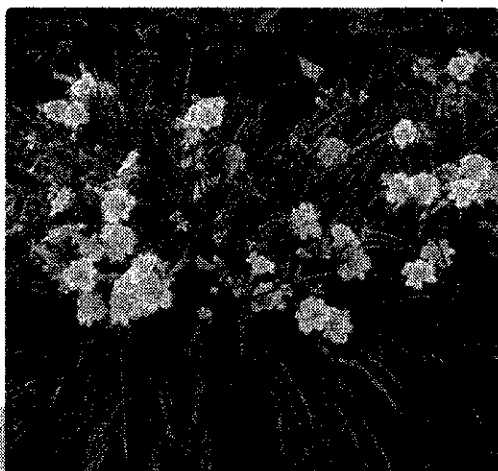
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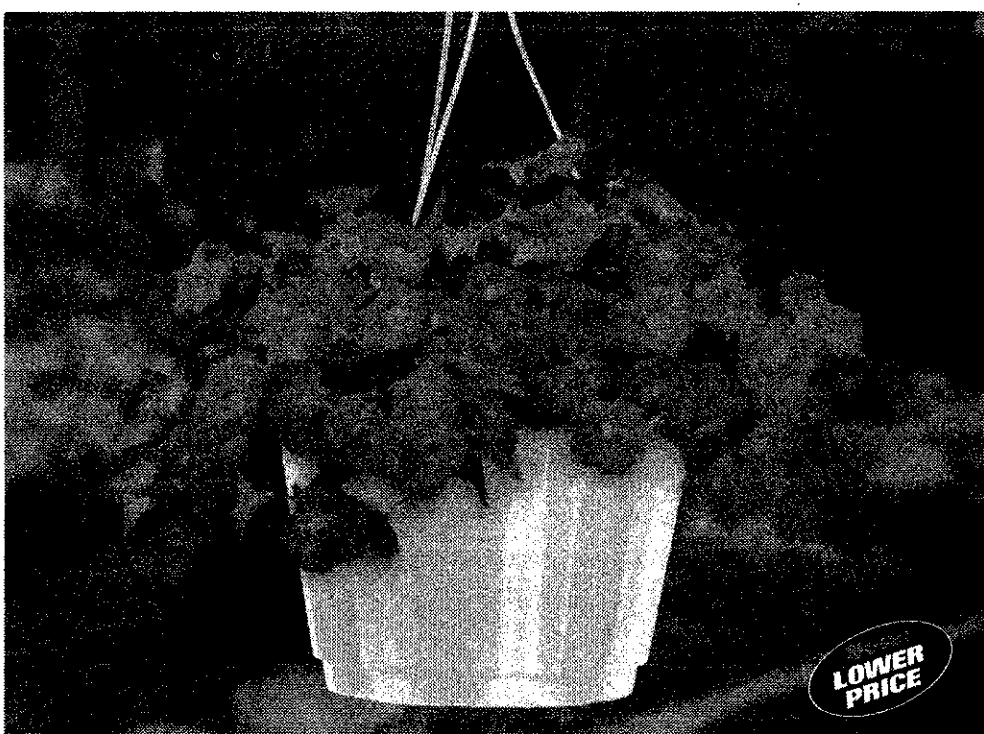
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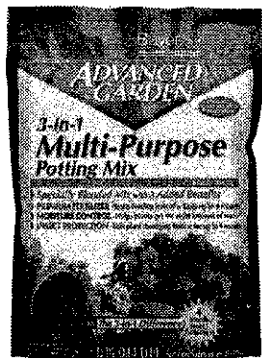
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Home tweet Home

Turn your yard into a habitat for birds

Creating a bird habitat isn't all that difficult. All you need is food, water and housing, according to Gary Phillips, owner of Backyard Birds in Plymouth.

"And the most important of the three is clean water," Phillips said. Water is also important to the overall bird habitat. It should be changed every two or three days in bird baths. "They will soil it in that time," Phillips said. "People also like to put the birdbath in the center of the yard, and then they wonder why no birds go to it. Well, they'll become hawk food. There has to be trees nearby with small branches for the birds to hide in."

Homeowners can take several steps to attract birds. They can attract birds with bird houses, though many, including finches, nest in the wild. Wrens, woodpeckers, sparrows and starlings will use the birdhouses.

Judy Cornellier works at Telly's Greenhouse in Troy and enjoys watching the wrens, blue jays and woodpeckers in her yard.

She uses a gourd nest to attract wrens. Males will soon gather small twigs and stems to build a nest inside the gourd. "I just love to have wrens in the yard, because they are the perkier little bird," Cornellier said. "The male will sit on a high post and just sing until she accepts the nest he has built."

That gourd should not have a perch to



attract a wren; if it does, then a sparrow will nest in it instead, Cornellier said. The nest should be 15 feet off the ground, and on a thin branch, strong enough to hold the nest yet weak enough that a cat won't climb on it, she said.

Cornellier employs several strategies to attract birds to her yard. "You want to plant shrubs and trees, and flowers that give off seeds," she said.

Cosmos produce seeds that the bird

Keep in mind that birds will be more attracted to a natural looking structure. Gluing twigs, leaves or moss to the birdhouse will add to its appeal.

PLEASE SEE BIRDS, C3

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Stay in touch

Along with the obvious impact of color and pattern, interior designers always consider a fabric's hand - how it feels.

By touching and crushing it, they determine how it will wear, fall, as in a drapery, and lay. Tony Stavish, a Chicago designer, always touches fabric.

"I want to know how it will feel when I sit on it and run my hand over it," Stavish said.

Stavish layers textures in a space the way he layers furniture finishes. "In a traditional living room, I might include some wood - plain, painted or lacquered - with stone and even metal," Stavish said. "In a bedroom, I might mix a chenille upholstered piece with a lustrous drapery treatment and crisp cotton print on the bed."

Tactile qualities are especially important in a room without printed fabrics to add visual interest, said Ingrid Bjelland Leess, owner of Leess Design of New Canaan, Conn.

Select something soft, like chenille, for a romantic effect, Leess said. For information about Waverly fabric products, call (800) 423-5881 or visit www.waverly.com

Tour Meadow Brook

Meadow Brook Hall's Thoroughly Modern Tullie tour showcases Matilda Rausch Dodge-Wilson as a modern and progressive woman beyond her time. All three levels of Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester are included on the 90-minute tour held daily at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Admission is \$15 (children 2 and under are free).

The hall also has a general tour, which includes the main and entertainment levels of the house. Tours last approximately 45 minutes and are held daily at 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 (children 2 and under are free).

All proceeds from Meadow Brook Hall's programs support the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall. For more information on these events, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Gardens will give you inspiring ideas

Enjoy a full day of garden extravaganza showcasing, inspiring garden tours, lectures and sale at the fourth annual GardenFest, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at The Community House.

A special presentation by four of the area's most talented garden designers: Deborah Silver of Detroit Garden Works, Cathy Bell of Goldner Walsh Nursery and Alison MacKinder and Julia Dingle of The Classic Garden will follow the theme "For the



Gerri Rinschler's old-fashioned gardens, including the four-square garden, are charming.

Love of Gardening: Designing and Planting Distinctive Containers." The lectures begin at 9:30 a.m. and include continental breakfast.

A Garden Market in the parking lot adjacent to The Community House will be open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering twig

furniture, European artifacts, accessories, plants and trees. Admission to the market is free.

Six local urban gardens will be open to visitors noon to 4 p.m. The self-guided tours showcase private gardens that feature interesting and unique designs that are adaptable to



PHOTOS BY MARTY FIGLEY

The Broughton House Garden on the Franklin Village Green is filled with plants for the 2004 garden club walk. A garden walk calendar can be found inside.

many in town gardens and backyard spaces.

Admission charge for the tour, breakfast and lecture is \$22. For additional information and/or to make reservations, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham: (248) 644-5832.

WORK IN PROGRESS

One of the gardens on the tour is Gerri Rinschler's. It is and continues to be a work in progress. She and her husband, Gordon, took a 90-year-old

PLEASE SEE GARDEN, C5

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

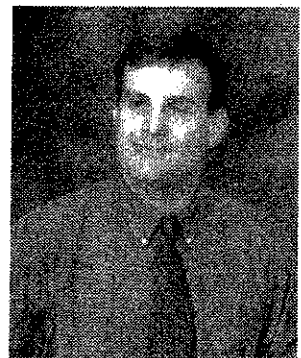
At the Pottery

Pewabic Pottery will have its 13th annual For the House & Garden Show & Sale Friday-Sunday, June 4-6. The event will take place at Historic Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson in Detroit, for the first time in 12 years. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

Pewabic Pottery and more than 70 nationally known artists will present ceramic sculpture, tableware and decorative items. Tours of the Pottery, demonstrations, museum and gallery exhibitions, and Design Studio access will be available. Hands-on activities for children will be featured Sunday. Shown here is a tile from a new botanical series designed by

Lee Morrell. The series consists of four 8-by-8-inch tiles: a flower, an iris, a tree and a ginkgo. Pewabic is also presenting a 4-by-4-inch Dragon Fly tile, a 3-by-3-inch sculpted Turtle (companion to its famous sculpted Frog) and a sculpted Dog (companion to its sculpted Cat). Pewabic Society members will receive a discount on all purchases. Memberships will be available at the door. A Preview Party, featuring Detroit area restaurants and music, is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$250 each or four for \$900 (Benefactor), \$150 each or four for \$500 (Patron), or \$75 each or four for \$250 (Sponsor). RSVP is required; call (313) 822-0954, Ext. 111. Proceeds from the party will benefit the Pottery's education and museum departments. For information, call Pewabic Pottery at (313) 822-0954.





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Tickets are now available for the 2004 Plymouth Symphony Spring Home tour, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, scheduled for noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 13.

Five homes — three in Plymouth Township and one each in Plymouth and Northville — make up this year's tour:

■ A home on Stone Creek Court, Patrick O'Neill's 5,400-square-foot transitional home with walk-out on four acres.

■ Also on Stone Creek Court, Jim and Connie Adams' 2,400-square-foot Nantucket cottage.

■ On Beacon Hill, Brent and Tammy Gephart's remodeled 1967 classic colonial.

■ On Penniman, Kevin

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For more information, call K.C. Mueller, (734) 455-0075.



Strong backlighting silhouetted violinist Julie Keller in this dramatic photograph taken at Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Backlighting can produce great results

Many photographers are under the false impression that full, frontal lighting is a must. They believe they must take advantage of every light ray available. You've



Focus on Photography

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all seen pictures of squinty-eyed people with harsh shadows in their faces.

Full frontal lighting is, of course, not necessary. On the contrary, doing a reverse — a complete 180-degree reverse — and placing the sun

behind the subject can give pleasing and often dramatic results.

Backlighting often creates a bright edge or rim around the subject, separating it from the background. Backlighting, especially when shining through a soft mist or filtering through trees, will produce sparkling and translucent results.

Remember to shield the lens from the direct rays of the sun. If you don't, internal reflections and glare may be recorded on the film. Using a lens hood or shading the lens with

your hand will solve this potential problem.

When using backlighting to photograph people, you must pay special attention to exposure. A bright background will tend to trick the camera's meter and you'll underexpose the picture, getting too dark a subject.

To overcome this, move in close to your subject and take a meter reading. Then, move back to your original position and use this reading to expose your shot.

Remember, too, that "fill-in" flash will add sparkle and life to your subject's face while maintaining all of the advantages of backlighting. More on fill-in flash later.

Taking backlighting one step further can produce truly dramatic photographs.

What is this extra step? Answer: making silhouettes. Instead of using backlighting as rim lighting or as lighting to accentuate textures, use it to obtain striking silhouettes of your subject.

How do you make silhouette pictures? Easy! Effectively using an early morning or late afternoon sun will do the trick. Compose carefully, placing a strong subject in the forefront with the sun behind. The sun can be just outside the

viewfinder or directly behind the subject. Take your meter reading off the sky. Because it is so bright, the sky will "call for" a minimum exposure; that is, a small aperture and/or a fast shutter speed. The foreground subject will then be underexposed to the point where it will appear in the finished print as a silhouette. That is exactly what I did in the picture shown here. I positioned violinist Julie Keller in front of these stylish windows of the pavilion at Interlochen Center for the Arts. By taking the light reading off the outdoor sky, Julie came out as a dramatic silhouette.

Try including the sun directly in your picture.

Use slow speed film, an aperture of f-16 and a shutter speed of 1/1000 second, paying no attention at all to your camera's meter. The result: your foreground subject will reproduce as a black silhouette and the sun will appear as a shining star. Be careful not to look directly at the sun through the viewfinder because eye damage can occur.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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Build a house that's for the birds

BY AMANDA KNOLES
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There are more than 80 species of birds in North America that nest in cavities. Since tree cavities are sometimes hard-to-find birds often have difficulty locating suitable shelters.

A man-made cavity is much appreciated by many birds. Make sure the birdhouse you build has drainage holes to prevent tiny birds from drowning in a rainstorm.

It's also a good idea to cut slots near the roof of the house so heat and condensation can escape. If you are building a birdhouse using wood, make sure it is untreated so toxins won't harm birds if they gnaw on it.

For the bird's safety make sure you do not use any paint containing lead. Leave the inside of the house unpainted to avoid exposing the birds to any toxins.

When choosing paint for the exterior, select a color that will blend in with the surroundings. A brightly colored birdhouse is likely to attract predators.

INEXPENSIVE

An empty half-gallon milk or juice carton is one of the most inexpensive materials you can use to craft a birdhouse.

Open the top of the carton and rinse it completely to eliminate any leftover residue. Allow it to dry for a couple of hours. The next step is to reclose the milk carton and staple it shut.

Take a roll of masking tape and tear off two-inch pieces of tape to cover the entire milk carton. Overlap the pieces so

none of the milk carton is showing. Use a paper towel to rub brown shoe polish over the tape. Brush the polish on in strokes for a bark like effect.

Allow the shoe polish to dry completely. Using a sharp knife, carefully cut an entrance hole in the front of the carton. Also punch a few drainage holes in the bottom of the carton using a screwdriver or pencil.

Make a few additional holes in the sides near the top of the carton to let heat and condensation escape. Punch a small hole through the top of the birdhouse and use a short piece of coat hanger wire or a strong twine or rope to make a loop.

Hang the birdhouse on a tree branch. (Choose a medium or higher branch that is surrounded by other branches and leaves to give the bird more privacy and security.) It may take a while for a bird to take up residence, but be patient. Sooner or later a bird will take advantage of your handiwork.

RULES OF ATTRACTION

When you are building a birdhouse from wood or other materials it is important to decide what type of bird you are trying to attract and cut the entrance hole accordingly.

A suitable size for a bluebird would be 5 by 5 inches for the house floor, 8 inches for depth, 6 inches for the hole above the floor, and 1.5 inches for the diameter of the entrance hole.

A woodpecker would be more comfortable in a birdhouse that measures 6 by 6 inches for the house floor, 12 inches for depth, 10 inches for the hole above the floor, and 2 inches for the entrance hole diameter.

Avoid hanging the birdhouse in a location where squirrels, cats, snakes or other predators can reach it easily. Place the house where your family can observe it but in an area away from dogs and children's play areas. If you put the birdhouse in an area with too much human traffic, the birds will avoid using it.

Gourds make an ideal home for swallows, chickadees, wrens and purple martins. Bottle gourds should be completely dry before you attempt to build a house with them.

Using a pencil or pen draw the size of the entrance hole you want onto the gourd. Cut a hole 1 to 1.5 inches in diameter for the entrance.

You can make the entrance hole using a jigsaw, keyhole saw or knife but a hole saw attachment for a power drill works best.

Drill tiny holes in the bottom for drainage and two holes at the top of the gourd large enough to thread a cord or leather shoelace through.

Once the hole has been cut, smooth the edges with a grinding stone or sandpaper.

You can draw designs on the exterior of the gourd using colored pens or a wood burning pen but you may prefer to leave it natural and decorate around the neck of the gourd with raffia, leather, twine or other natural looking materials.

Keep in mind that birds will be more attracted to a natural looking structure.

Gluing twigs, leaves or moss to the birdhouse will add to its appeal.

If you put your birdhouse up in the fall, it will have a chance to weather over the winter and be ready for birds in the spring.

Black locust tree isn't for everyone

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Black locust is a wonderful tree, but not one that everyone should plant.

These trees look nicest growing in groves or - especially as they age - lining long, country driveways or roads. Not many people have the space for a locust grove or a driveway long and rustic enough to do justice to a row of these trees.

If you do want to start a locust grove, all you need to do is plant one tree, or perhaps a few trees, then stand back. The trees grow quickly and soon make new plants from both

seeds and root sprouts.

Locust, native to the eastern United States, tolerates all sorts of growing conditions.

Road salt does the tree no harm, nor does winter cold. Because it's a legume, along with beans and peas, locust can use atmospheric nitrogen, so it grows well even in infertile soils.

A locust grove can be a real asset as it ages. Just stay away when the trees are young, because they are armed with long and sharp spines. Once the trunks are a few inches in diameter, the spines are no longer a problem, and you can

start thinning out excess trees.

The wood is both hard and durable, excellent for fence posts, arbors and pilings. The tree's small leaflets filter sunlight to create pleasant dappled shade.

Although black locust creates inviting shade and is widely adaptable and easy to grow, you shouldn't plant one as a focal point in your lawn.

One problem is the pods that would litter your lawn. A more serious shortcoming is that black locust becomes increasingly disheveled with age - not what you want in a specimen tree in a lawn.

Keep cool if air conditioner blows circuit

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Jerry asks: Why can't I keep my air conditioner running? The existing 110V cooler has worked without fail in the same plug for about 10 years. Now, when my wife turns the lamp on while it's running, the breaker pops. The lamp also has been in use for years.

A: Sorry, but most modern appliances (air conditioner, compacto, dishwasher, microwave, disposal, etc.) require a dedicated electric circuit - only one plug on one circuit breaker meant for use by one device. For fear of losing the sale, the seller of a new electrical appliance

(usually costing hundreds of dollars these days) might be reluctant to inform you that proper installation of the gadget probably will cost as much as, if not more than, the original price of the appliance. Solution: If the lamp and the air conditioner are both in good order, and have been working together in the same circuit without fail for years, chances are something else on the circuit has changed or gone awry. To find the culprit, you must first find out what lights, plugs and other devices are connected to the popping breaker. To do this, turn off all the breakers except the main one and the one the air

conditioner is on. Turn on every light switch on the property and make a list. Next, use a small portable electric appliance - a hand mixer or electric drill will do - and check every receptacle on the property.

Is there anything new in the way of lighting on the circuit, including higher wattage bulbs?

How about the plugs? Perhaps you have inadvertently added something in another room that you can disconnect and bring the load down to a bearable limit for your circuit breaker.

If you find that nothing has changed, a call to an electrician is in order.

BIRDS

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nicknamed by some as a yellow canary eat. "You can watch them wobble on the stems to eat the seeds, and it's an absolute treasure," Cornellier said.

Some birdhouses require special circumstances.

Martin houses need a "giant" yard, with few trees and a pond.

To create that habitat, Phillips suggests planting bushes for birds to hide from the hawks. "Plant plenty of berry bushes and with many fine twigs. If you plant bushes

with berries, you'll get all kinds of birds," Phillips said. "Give them places they can nest. Trees are good, bushes are better."

The birds will require food from a bird feeder, and there's plenty to choose from. Decorative feeders, tube feeders and squirrel-resistant feeders are among them.

General feed gets birds "into the store" or into your yard," Phillips said. Thistle attracts the gold and house finch, but those feeders need to be at least 10 feet away from each other.

You always should use a rich blend," Phillips said. "Birds are picky, it's kind of

like us eating for free, and we're going to eat at the best restaurant in town."

Bluebirds are bug eaters and require a big grassy field. Finches love thistle in feeders.

Blue jay counts are at low levels since West Nile virus wiped out most of that species population here two years ago. Cardinals enjoy safflower seeds.

"They love to chew and spit safflower seeds," Phillips said. "They chew, spit, chew, spit, chew, spit, like they were a ballplayer chewing tobacco in the dugout."

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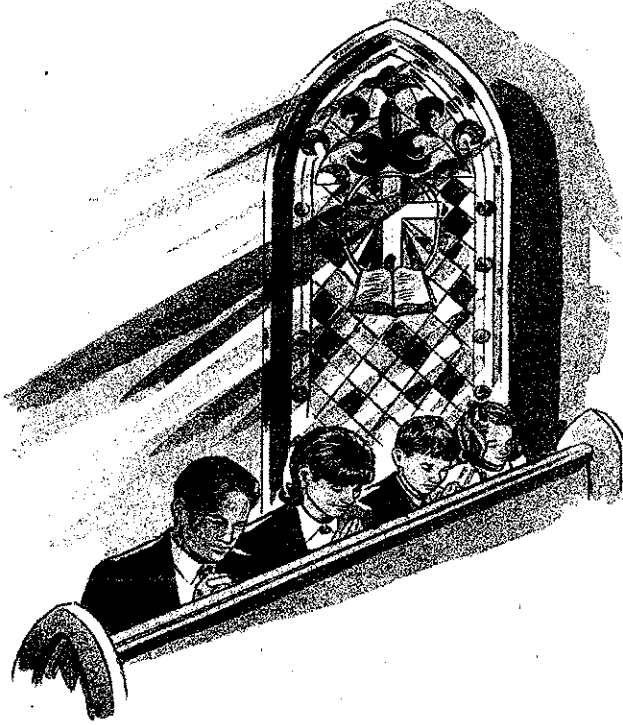
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It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

What to do when the washer leaks

Theresa writes: "I have a Kenmore 80 series washer. We've had it about seven years and it's been leaking water onto the floor for a couple of months."



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

"The water appears after the clothes have been through an entire cycle. It seems to be a slow leak that lasts up to even a day or so. My husband has checked the hose connections to make sure they are secure. What should we do next?"

"Does this sound like a problem we could fix ourselves, or should I just call a serviceman? The actual washing of the clothes does not seem to be affected by the leak."

The common leak area for the washer you describe is located where the shaft of the motor fits into the water pump. This problem means the pump needs to be replaced and anyone who is handy with tools is capable of doing it.

The cabinet of the washer has to come off all in one piece and if my instructions are followed, it's not hard to do.

Unplug the washer from the electrical outlet. Look under the edge of the timer console. You will see two screws - one on each end - that need to be removed. After removing these two screws, you lift up on the timer console and you will see two shiny clips, one on each end, previously hidden by the timer console. You insert a screwdriver into these clips and push and they simply pop out.

Also hidden by the console are two electrical harness connections which you will break apart by simply pulling on each connector. You have just finished the hard part and that will take about three minutes to do.

Grab the back top part of the cabinet and gently lift up and forward in the same motion. To your amazement, the top, front and sides of the cabinet will come off together.

Now, totally exposed is the inner workings of your washing machine. At the bottom on the front of the machine is the water pump. (If you want to have some fun, point out to your significant other that you know this fact because you see several hoses connected to it.)

The pump has three clips which you snap off with a screw driver. Now pull the pump straight forward towards you. Leave the hoses connected for now and look at the bearing, the location where the shaft of the motor fits. You should see a trace of water minerals where the water was leaking and, if so, this confirms what I suspected: The pump is defective.

Use a pair of channel locks and loosen the clamps which hold the hoses onto the pump. Remove the hoses, placing a thick towel under it to catch any spillage of water that is still in the pump. Take the pump with you to a local appliance parts store. (The store should have it stocked without having to order it for you.)

Before replacing the pump, use a piece of fine emery paper and clean the shaft of the motor that fits into the pump. Make sure the clamps are in the original spots when putting the hoses back onto the new pump.

Reverse the above procedure of removing the cabinet, and the washer is back in shape. (Note the fill hoses which connect to the washer from the plumbing lines in the house. Should the end couplers made of metal where the connections are made to the water lines and to the back of the washer show signs of corrosion or rust, replace those two hoses.) The parts stores now sell metal braided hoses which are much better than those that came with the machine. Some of these rubber hoses are responsible for causing a great deal of damage in homes.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

HOME CALENDAR

Indian Village tour
The 2004 Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 5. The neighborhood is on Seminole, Iroquois and Burns in Detroit, from Jefferson to Mack avenues, near Belle Isle. Each year, the event attracts several thousand visitors to this impressive, turn-of-the-century Detroit neighborhood that once was home to many of the great auto barons and titans of industry. Today it stands as an example of impressive architecture, glorious gardens and hard-working community spirit.

Seven homes, two gardens, one carriage house, five churches and two schools will be open for tours. Three of the homes have never before been open to the public. Docents and master gardeners will offer expert commentary. Attendees will also have the chance to enjoy displays of classic cars, wander through the picturesque Indian Village Centennial Garden, and check out the event's popular Art Lot. Ice-cold lemonade will be available. For recorded information and a tour brochure, call the Tour Hotline at (313) 922-0911.

Saturday, tickets will be \$15 per person and on sale at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, and Waldorf School, 2555 Burns Avenue at Charlevoix (phone (313) 822-0300). Funds raised by the annual tour support the Village's beautification, education and preservation efforts.

Unilock demonstration
Learn how to install your own brick pavers and retaining walls in a free demonstration 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at Shades of Green, 496 E. Avon Road in Rochester Hills.

Call (248) 651-1620 ahead of time. Guest speaker Jeremy Bellanti will bring his 11 years of Unilock experience to the demonstration for do-it-yourselfers.

Interior design
Classes offered by the Continuing Education program at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit include Elements of Interior Design, eight sessions beginning Saturday, June 12, taught by Teri Main. Fee is \$295. An overview of the interior design field, the course will show the methods used to create a room that is physically, visually and intellectually

satisfying. The basic principles of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes will be included. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room during the course. Call (313) 664-7456 or visit www.ccs.edu for information. If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - MAY 25, 2004

Spacing is based on average vehicle acceleration and deceleration rates and is considered necessary to maintain safe traffic operation. Spacing will be measured from the midpoint of each driveway. In the event that a particular parcel or parcels lack sufficient road frontage to maintain adequate spacing, the applicant shall have one of two options:

1. A modification from minimum spacing can be sought from the Planning Commission, but in no case can the variance be greater than that which is necessary to provide safe and efficient access to the site.
 2. The adjacent landowners may agree to establish a common driveway. In such cases, the driveway midpoint shall be the property line between the two parcels and shall meet standard specifications. The Township may require maintenance agreements between owners of a common driveway to cover such issues as snow plowing, re-surfacing liability, etc.
- c. Number of Driveways Per Parcel**
1. A maximum of one (1) two-way driveway opening or a pair of one-way driveway openings shall be permitted to a particular site from each adjacent public road.
 2. Based on the recommendation of the appropriate governing road jurisdiction and/or the Township Engineer, that an additional driveway is in the interest of good traffic operation, the Planning Commission may permit one (1) additional driveway entrance along a continuous site with frontage in excess of three hundred (300) feet or two (2) additional driveway entrances along a continuous site with frontage in excess of six hundred (600) feet.
 3. Common driveways, as set forth in Section 6.08.F.2.b.2 shall be considered to be one driveway.
- d. Traffic Impact Analysis.** The Township may require a traffic impact analysis in order to analyze the effect of development upon existing street traffic. The traffic impact analysis shall examine existing and proposed traffic flows, trip generation studies, impacts on major intersections, turning movement analysis, roadway capacity, parking generation and site ingress/egress. The traffic impact analysis shall be prepared by a recognized traffic engineer or recognized traffic expert.
- 3. Parking and Joint Access.**
- a. **Off-street parking shall conform to Article 4, except as provided in paragraph b below.** Parking shall be located in side or rear yard areas and excluded from the area between the public right-of-way and the front face of the building wherever possible. The Planning Commission may permit parking between the public right-of-way line and the front face of buildings when it can be demonstrated that elimination of parking in the front is not practical.
 - b. A stepped parking ratio for multi-tenant shopping centers and superstores is provided as follows: The standard parking ratio pursuant to Section 4.01 for these uses shall be used for the first 100,000 square feet of gross floor area. For all gross floor area over 100,000 square feet, the parking ratio shall be decreased to 1 parking space per 350 square feet.
 - c. Parking lots shall be broken into smaller areas through the use of landscaping island and boulevard strips of at least 10 feet in width. Each parking lot pod should not exceed 200 spaces and each parking lot aisle should not exceed 20 spaces deep. Pedestrian access through or across parking lots island or boulevards shall be provided as needed. Planting of parking lot islands shall comply with the provisions of Article 5.
 - d. All sites shall provide joint access through the use of reciprocal easement agreements in order to provide primary connections between driveways and parking areas and shall adhere to the Michigan Department of Transportation's access management guidelines and the approved access management plan for Ford Road.
- 4. Pedestrian Pathways and Sidewalks.** Pedestrian pathways shall be provided, in accordance with applicable Canton Township Design Standards, to meet the circulation needs of on-site users. Such systems shall provide safe, all-weather, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing means of on-site movement and shall be an integral part of the overall site design concept. Pedestrian pathway connections to parking areas, buildings, other amenities, and between on-site and perimeter pedestrian systems shall be planned and installed wherever feasible. Sidewalks are required along all roadways. Pathways and sidewalks shall be a minimum of five (5) feet in width, and paved, except where the pathway enters designated woodlands, wetlands and other natural areas. Where pathways enter these sensitive natural areas, said pathways shall be a minimum of five (5) feet in width, and may be surfaced with wood chips, stone, or other crushed aggregate, suitable for pedestrian traffic and harmonious with the natural environment.
- 5. Signage.** It is the intent of this Section to ensure that signs which are permitted within the Central Business District shall be uniform in size, design, appearance and material, and subject to the following requirements and standards, in addition to meeting the provisions, definitions and standards of the Canton Township Sign Ordinance and the State Construction Code. Where the provisions of this section are more restrictive in respect to location, use, size or height of signs, the limitations of this Ordinance shall take precedence over the regulations of the Canton Township Sign Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance, and/or State Construction Code.
- a. **General Requirements.**
 1. No ground signs shall be allowed within two hundred (200) feet of the I-275 right-of-way.
 2. Billboards and roof signs are strictly prohibited.
 3. All signs to be installed within the Central Business District Overlay shall conform to the specifications set forth in the applicable Township ordinances and as provided more specifically in this section.
 4. No sign shall be attached to exterior glass, except for a numerical address.
 5. All signs shall be designed so as to be integral and compatible with the architecture and landscaping components of the development.
 7. Conceptual sign designs shall be submitted with the site plan and the Planning Commission shall review these conceptual plans together with the site plan.
 - b. **Wall Signs.**
 1. All wall signs shall consist of individual letters, and if illuminated, the method of illumination shall be approved by the Planning Commission.
 2. Proposed modifications to the above wall sign standards may be approved by the Planning Commission.
 - c. **Ground (Free-Standing) Signs.**
 1. Unless otherwise stated within this section, ground signs for office developments shall comply with authorized signs as stated in Section 29.008.
 2. All ground signs shall be setback a minimum of ten (10) feet from the property line, or the edge of the pavement of any driveway or sidewalk off of the public right-of-way.
 3. No ground sign shall be within one hundred (100) feet of another ground sign.
 1. Ground signs shall prominently display the building address or address range. The address shall not be included in the maximum allowable sign area.
 - d. **Internal Directional Signage.** All sites shall provide internal signage to provide directional information to specific business and to alternate road access points which are provided by connections through adjacent developments. The design requirements for these signs will be specified in Section 6.07 for the Downtown Development District.
- 6. Lighting.** Lighting shall provide for the safe and efficient illumination of a development site in order to maintain vehicle and pedestrian safety, site security, and accentuate architectural details. In addition to the standards set forth in Section 2.13, Site Lighting, shall be reviewed for consistency with recommended lighting by the Canton Township Downtown Development Plan, and Section 6.07.
- a. All street lighting to be installed between the sidewalk and street along Ford Road, Wayne County roads, or other internal streets located within the Central Business District Overlay shall match the existing fixtures located within the Downtown Development District, and conform to the locations and specifications set forth by the Canton Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA), in accordance with Section 6.07 of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - b. All lighting potentially visible from an adjacent street, except pedestrian oriented bollard lighting less than forty-two (42) inches high, shall be indirect or shall incorporate a

full cut-off shield-type fixture. Parking lot lighting shall utilize poles and fixtures which have a maintenance free finish in a dark bronze or other dark color which coordinates with other proposed site lighting.

- d. Service-area lighting shall be contained within the service yards boundaries and enclosure walls. No light spillover shall occur outside the service area. The light source shall not be visible from the street.
 - e. Building illumination and architectural lighting shall be indirect in character, with no light source visible. Architectural lighting, where used, shall articulate and animate the particular building design, as well as provide the required functional lighting for safety of pedestrian movement.
 - f. Pedestrian walk lighting shall clearly identify the pedestrian walkway and direction of travel.
- Landscaping/Streetcape Elements.**
- a. **Setback Zone.** The area between the public rights-of-way to the edge of parking or buildings shall be regulated as follows:

Wherever front, side or rear yards are adjacent to public road rights-of-way, the DDA garden wall elements shall be incorporated into the required landscape area pursuant to the specifications and illustrations located within Section 6.07 of the Zoning Ordinance. Location of the garden wall shall be reviewed simultaneously with the site plan, by the Planning Commission.
 - b. The minimum width of the landscape buffer adjacent to the road shall be 25 feet and be planted in accordance with Sections 6.03.A.3 and 6.07.A.2. Where the building is placed at the minimum setback (or reduced setback as approved by the Planning Commission) and no parking area or driveway is located between the building and the landscape buffer (setback zone), the required foundation landscaping shall be located adjacent to the parking lot sides of the building.
 - c. **Street Intersections.** The street scape at intersections is to be treated with colored and stamped concrete ramps, lighting in accordance with Sections 6.07.B and 6.08.F.6, and accent planting of shrubs and other low perennials. Plant species will be selected by the applicant from Table A of Section 6.07, and approved by the Planning Commission. The unobstructed sight distance requirement as stated in Section 2.09.A.4 of the Zoning Ordinance must be maintained.
 - d. **Interior Landscape Zone.** The interior zone encompasses all site features from the setback line to the property lines of each parcel. This zone is subject to the needs of each individual tenant and thus is meant to have a greater degree of flexibility than the street scape zone. This area shall incorporate stamped concrete or individual pavers to delineate pedestrian crossings and entry details at main building and/or tenant entrances. Such landscaping shall comply with the standards set forth in Article 5 of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - e. **Preservation of Natural Features.** Special emphasis shall be placed on the preservation of existing wetlands, woodlands and surface water and the incorporation of such features on the overall site design.
 - f. **Storm water Facilities.** Storm water forebays and detention or retention ponds shall be designed to be natural systems and integrated into the site as landscape or natural features.
- 8. General Site Design/Architectural Guidelines.** It is the intent of the Central Business Overlay District to provide an environment of high quality and complementary building architecture and site design. Special emphasis shall be placed upon methods that tend to reduce the large-scale visual impact of buildings, to encourage tasteful, imaginative design for individual buildings, and to create a complex of buildings compatible with the street scape.
- a. **Site Planning Design Criteria.**
 1. Facility entrance/exit drive(s) shall be readily observable to the first-time visitor.
 2. Minimum conflict shall exist between service vehicles, private automobiles, and pedestrians within the site.
 3. Building entries for visitors shall be readily identifiable and accessible to the first-time visitor. Each principal building shall have a clearly defined, highly visible customer (visitor) entrance with features such as canopies or porticos, arches, plazas, wing walls, benches, water features and integral planters.
 4. Architecture will be evaluated based on its compatibility and relationships to the landscape, and vice versa.
 - b. **Building Massing and Form.**
 1. Buildings shall be required to incorporate variations in height and provide vertical architectural elements as a feature of the overall design. It is recommended that main entrances be emphasized through use of vertical elements and that long expanses of wall be broken up by appropriate use of window features, masonry insets, canopies and other architectural details to create rhythm and interest in the building facades. Secondary walls shall also include appropriate architectural treatment which complements the design of the primary facade.
 2. Architectural interest shall be provided through the use of repeating patterns of changes in color, texture and material modules. At least one of these elements shall repeat horizontally. All elements should repeat at intervals of no more than fifty (50) feet, either horizontally or vertically. Use of columns with capitals and/or engaged pilasters are encouraged to break up the horizontal features of walls.
 3. Radical theme structures or signage, building, and roof forms which draw unnecessary attention from public thoroughfare to the building shall not be acceptable.
 4. Building facades greater than one hundred (100) feet in length shall incorporate recesses, projections, or spandrel glass or bricked-in windows along at least twenty (20) percent of the length of the facade. Windows, awnings, and arcades must total at least sixty (60) percent of a facade length abutting a public street.

- c. **Materials.**
 1. Building exterior wall materials.
 - (a) One dominant material shall be selected and expressed within its own natural integrity. Materials such as masonry and stone, etc., which convey permanence, substance, timelessness, and restraint are required. Use of limestone or similar materials are encouraged.
 - (b) Low maintenance shall be a major consideration.
 - (c) Materials shall blend with those existing in the adjacent area of the center.
 - (d) Pre-engineered metal buildings, corrugated metal-sided Butler type buildings, and metal siding are prohibited.
 2. Building Roofs.
 1. In instances where flat roof areas can be viewed from above, care should be taken that all roof vents, roof-mounted mechanical equipment, pipes, etc., are grouped together and painted to match roof color to reduce their appearance.
 2. There shall be variations in roof lines to reduce the massive scale of the structure and add visual interest. Roofs shall have at least two of the following features: parapets concealing flat roofs and rooftop equipment, overhanging eaves, sloped roofs, and three or more roof surfaces.

- e. **Color and Texture.**
 1. Simple and uniform texture patterns are encouraged.
 2. Variations in color shall be kept to a minimum.
 3. Colors shall be subdued in tone, of a low reflectance and of neutral or earth tone colors. The use of high intensity colors, metallic colors, black or fluorescent colors is prohibited.
 4. Accent colors may be considered as part of the overall architectural proposal for the project.
- Building interest is encouraged by the use of unique brick patterns, three dimensional patterns in use of synthetic plaster features, and variation of materials. Architectural lighting is encouraged to accent landscaping and along long sections of walls. Architectural lighting is encouraged to accent landscaping and along long sections of walls.

6. **Site Amenities.**

Provision of landscaped plaza areas to accommodate the display of public art are required in appropriate areas within the site and/or along a primary thoroughfare is required. Provision of art within these areas is also encouraged.
9. **Loading Docks, Outdoor Storage and Refuse Collection Areas.**
 - a. All outdoor refuse containers shall be visually screened within a durable eight (8) feet or higher noncombustible enclosure, constructed of the same material as the primary structure pursuant to Section 2.14.

- b. Refuse collection areas should be effectively designed to contain all refuse generated on site and deposited between collections. Deposited refuse shall not be visible from outside the refuse enclosure. Use of compactors for larger sites and internal compactors for larger uses is encouraged.
 - c. Loading docks, outdoor storage areas, and refuse collection enclosures shall be incorporated into the overall design of the building and the landscaping so that the visual and acoustic impacts of these functions are fully contained and out of view from adjacent properties and public streets. The use of screening materials that are different from or inferior to the principal materials of the building and landscape is prohibited.
 - d. Refuse collection areas should be so located upon the lot as to provide clear and convenient access to refuse collection vehicles and should be designed and located upon the lot as to be convenient for the deposition of refuse generated on site.
- 10. Screening of Exterior Mechanical Equipment.**
- a. In the case of roof-mounted mechanical equipment, building parapets and roof line designs shall be of such a height that roof-mounted screening devices are not required. If building parapets do not provide the required screening, mechanical equipment shall be screened by an unobtrusive screening device that will appear as an integrated part of the overall architectural design.
 - b. Any devices employed to screen exterior components of plumbing, processing, heating, cooling, and ventilating systems from direct view shall appear as integrated parts of the architectural design and, as such, shall be constructed of complementary and durable materials and finished in a texture and color scheme complementary to the overall architectural design.
 - c. Any exterior components of plumbing, processing, heating, cooling and ventilating systems and their screening devices which will be visible from upper floors of adjacent buildings shall be kept to a visible minimum, shall be installed in a neat and compact fashion, and shall be painted such a color as to allow their blending with their visual backgrounds.
 - d. No exterior components of plumbing, processing, heating, cooling, and ventilating systems shall be mounted on any building wall unless they are integrated architectural design features, and in any case shall be permitted only with the approval of the Planning Commission.
- 11. Screening of Exterior Electrical Equipment and Transformers.**
- a. Transformers that may be visible from any primary visual exposure area shall be screened with either plantings or a durable noncombustible enclosure, preferably constructed of the same material as the primary structure, so as not to be visible from adjacent lots or sites, neighboring properties or streets.
 - b. Transformer enclosures shall be designed of durable materials, preferably constructed of the same material as the primary building, with finishes and colors which are unified and harmonious with the overall architectural theme.
 - c. Exterior-mounted electrical equipment shall be mounted on the interior of a building wherever possible. When interior mounting is not practical, electrical equipment shall be mounted in a location where it is substantially screened from public view. In no case shall exterior electrical equipment be mounted on the street side or primary exposure side of any building.
 - d. Exterior-mounted electrical equipment and conduits shall be kept to a visible minimum, where visible shall be installed in a neat and orderly fashion, and shall be painted to blend with their mounting backgrounds.
- 12. Utilities and Communication Devices.**
- a. All exterior on-site utilities, including but not limited to drainage systems, sewers, gas lines, water lines, and electrical, telephone, and communications wires and equipment, shall be installed and maintained underground.
 - b. On-site underground utilities shall be designed and installed to minimize any disruption of off-site utilities, paving, and landscape during construction and maintenance, and shall be of such a design as not to place excessive burdens upon off-site utility systems during the course of use.
 - c. Satellite dish and antennas shall comply with the Canton Township Satellite Dish and Antennae Ordinance, Ordinance No. 13. Antennas shall comply with the setback standards for the district in which they are located.

6.08 SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CORPORATE PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT

- F. DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS** (for all areas within the Corporate Park Overlay District located south of the Tonquish Creek)
9. **Loading Docks, Outdoor Storage and Refuse Collection Areas.**
 - a. All outdoor refuse containers shall be visually screened within a durable ~~six (6) feet~~ eight (8) foot or higher noncombustible enclosure, preferably constructed of the same material as the primary structure pursuant to Section 2.14. The refuse container shall, ~~so as not to be~~ be visible from adjacent lots or sites, neighboring properties or streets. No refuse collection areas shall be permitted between a street and the front of a building.

ARTICLE 21.00 LI 1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL I DISTRICT

- 21.01 STATEMENT OF INTENT**
- The intent of the LI-1, Light Industrial-I District is to provide locations for planned industrial development, including planned industrial park subdivisions. It is intended that permitted activities or operations produce no external impacts that are detrimental in any way to other uses in the district or to properties in adjoining districts surrounding agricultural, residential, or commercial uses. Accordingly, light industrial, research, and related office uses permitted in this district should be contained within well-designed buildings on amply-landscaped sites, with adequate off-street parking and loading areas, and with no outside storage. Heavy industrial uses, such as those involving the processing of raw material for shipment in bulk form to be used at another location, shall not be permitted in this district.

Planned Development may be permitted as a means to achieve the basic intent of this district, in accordance with the guidelines in Section 27.04.

21.02 PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES

- A. PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES**
- In all areas zoned LI-1, Light industrial-1 District, no building or part of a building shall be erected, used, or structurally altered, nor shall the land or premises be used in whole or in part, except for one or more of the following principal permitted uses:
1. The manufacturing, compounding, processing, packaging, treatment, or fabrication of such products as: bakery goods; candy, ceramics, cosmetics, clothing, jewelry, instruments, optical goods, pharmaceuticals, toiletries, food products (except fish, cauliflower, vinegar, yeast, and rendering or refining of fats and oils); hardware, cutlery, and pottery.
 2. The manufacturing, compounding, assembling, or treatment of articles or goods from the following previously prepared materials: bone, cellophane, canvas, cloth, cork, feathers, felt, fiber, fur, glass, hair, horn, leather, paper, plastics, precious or semi-precious metals or stones, shell, textiles, tobacco, yams, sheet metal, wax, wire, and wood (except that planing mills shall not be permitted).
 3. The manufacture of pottery and figurines or other similar ceramic products using only previously pulverized clay, and kilns fired only by electricity or gas.
 4. The manufacture or assembly of musical instruments, toys, novelties, sporting goods, photographic equipment, and metal or rubber stamps, or other small molded rubber products.
 5. The manufacture or assembly of electrical appliances, electrical and electronic equipment, electronic instruments or precision devices, radios, and phonographs, including the manufacture of parts for such devices.
- 1. Light manufacturing, assembly, research, packaging, testing and repair of the following:**
- a. Life science products, including, but not limited to: biotechnology/biopharmaceutical/biomedical products; pharmaceuticals; and medical instruments, appliances, and diagnostic equipment.
 - b. Material science products, including, but not limited to: plastics/polymers; laser technology; and robotics.
 - c. Information technology products, including, but not limited to: telecommunications; computer parts and equipment; and electronics.
 - d. Instrumentation products, including, but not limited to: scientific instruments; measuring, controlling, testing, and metering equipment; and optical instruments.
 - e. Automotive parts and accessories.
 - f. Food products and beverage products, but not including rendering or refining of fats and oils.

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A little romance



Summer is a great time to pack a picnic basket and cozy up with your sweetheart on a blanket in the park.

A romantic picnic for two is an easy and fun way to spend quality time as a couple, while enjoying the great outdoors and munching on good food.

Romantic picnics should be personal to the person the picnic is for, said Doug Winkworth, owner of Festivities in Birmingham. Things such as music, decorations and location should be catered to that person's likes and dislikes.

"The most romantic thing to do is to make the event all about them," he said. "Let them know they are cared about."

A romantic picnic, then, will differ from couple to couple as far as ambiance. Some couples may enjoy listening to jazz by candlelight under the stars, while others may enjoy a picnic at the beach in the summer sun.

But as for food, most people can probably agree that romantic picnic foods should be simple, yet tasty.

With romance in the air, the last thing you want is spaghetti sauce dripping down your chin. That being said, the best romantic foods are those that are not messy.

And if you want

Minted orange and mango salad will cool off the summer's heat at your next picnic. Recipes from Festive Picnics cookbook by Pamela Sheldon Johns and Jennifer Barry.

Picnic in the park with your special one

to enjoy the whole day or evening with your loved one without a lot of rigmarole, such as interrupting your "couple time" with trips to the nearby grill, you should bring foods that won't spoil quickly and that can be served and eaten cold.

Finger foods, such as breads and cheeses, are great for romantic picnics because a couple can feed them to one another, said Eric Lundy, event designer at Forte-Belanger Catering in Troy.

Some good choices for cheeses to spread on bread, Lundy said, are camembert, a French

goat cheese similar to brie; boucheron, a creamy yet crumbly goat cheese; and English Farmhouse cheddar, a cheese with a buttery feel and earthy flavor.

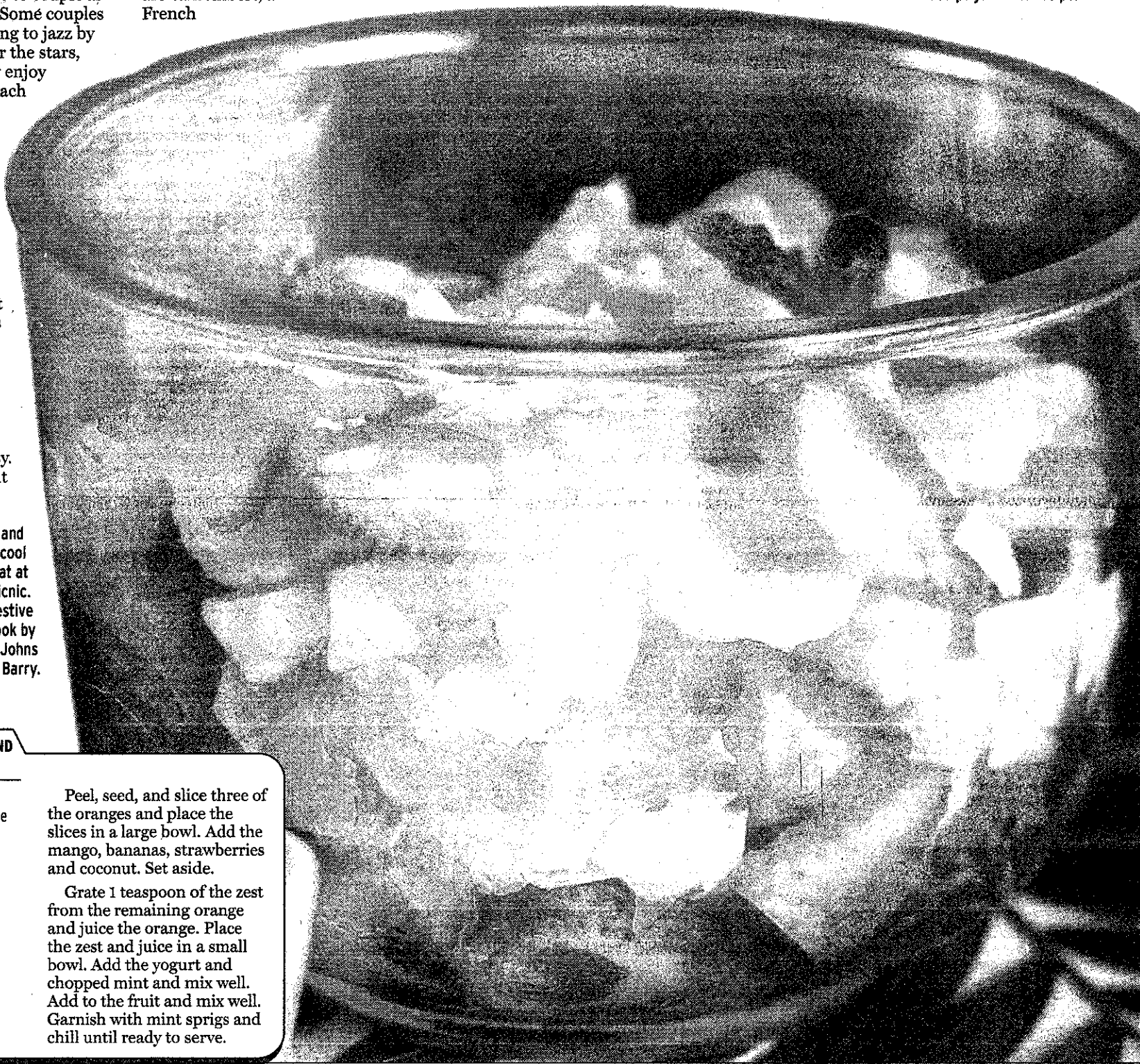
For dessert, Lundy suggests the traditional favorite of strawberries dipped in chocolate.

"The perfect recipe for a dreamy picnic would be to capture the things your partner finds exciting and intoxicating," said Kelli Lewton, owner and



If you have a grill nearby on your next romantic picnic and want to prepare something a little more elaborate, try Mediterranean marinated swordfish and shrimp kabobs. See page D2 for recipe.

PLEASE SEE PICNIC, D2



MINTED ORANGE AND MANGO SALAD

- 4 oranges
- 1 mango, peeled, cut from the pit, and cubed
- 2 bananas, sliced
- 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 1/4 cup coarsely shredded dried coconut
- 1 cup vanilla yogurt
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh mint, plus a few sprigs for garnish

Peel, seed, and slice three of the oranges and place the slices in a large bowl. Add the mango, bananas, strawberries and coconut. Set aside.

Grate 1 teaspoon of the zest from the remaining orange and juice the orange. Place the zest and juice in a small bowl. Add the yogurt and chopped mint and mix well. Add to the fruit and mix well. Garnish with mint sprigs and chill until ready to serve.

Seek value wines from France's Rhone Valley

Throughout the world, more than 1.3 million bottles of wine from France's Rhone Valley are sold each day.

With approximately 190,000 vineyard acres and equivalent in size and production to that of Burgundy, Beaujolais and the Cotes de Provence combined, the Rhone Valley is the second largest appellation in France.

To begin to understand the region, it's important to keep in mind that the Rhone Valley encompasses two distinct wine regions, separated by differing soils, climatic conditions and grape varieties.

Northern Rhone wines are dominated by syrah, while wines from the southern Rhone are blends of several grape varieties, both white and red.

Since the U.S. is the second largest export market for Rhone Valley wines in terms of value, it's a good idea to learn the names of producers offering these value wines.

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Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

with the wines of Jean-Luc Colombo that have recently become available in Michigan.

Colombo developed his wine passion in the 1970s as a pharmacy student in southern France. He became convinced that the northern Rhone Valley, and the Cornas appellation in particular, offered outstanding potential for high-quality syrah — a wine that today is high on the list of favorites among red wine drinkers.

In the early 1980s, Colombo acquired his first vineyard holdings in Cornas and released the first wines with vintage 1987.

In 1995, he launched Vins de Jean-Luc Colombo, a nego-

ciant-style company with a range of wines from a number of appellations in the Rhone and south of France.

Colombo was born and raised in the region known as Cote Bleue (Blue Coast), west of Marseille. Today, Colombo's mission is to obtain Appellation Controlée (AOC) status for the region.

The 2000 Jean-Luc Colombo "Moulin de la Dame" (\$12), a blend of 40 percent syrah, 40 percent mourvedre and 20 percent counoise, displays not only intriguing red fruit aromas and flavors, but sports a value price tag.

OTHER JEAN-LUC COLOMBO WINE VALUES

- 2002 Les Abeilles Cotes du Rhone Blanc (\$11) is a lovely warm weather white from the southern Rhone. It's slightly citrus finish makes it a perfect match with sushi or any grilled light white-fleshed fish.
- 2002 Viognier "La

Violette" (\$14) is 100 percent viognier with fresh, bright fruit and typical orange blossom and honeysuckle notes. It pairs well with Asian dishes.

■ 2001 Les Abeilles Cotes du Rhone Rouge is an elegant red blend of grenache, syrah and mourvedre from 25-year-old vines: Fruitful, well-structured and generous, it's a steal at \$11.

■ 2000 Syrah "La Violette" (\$12) is 100 percent syrah from 30-year-old vines.

The wine is brimming with red fruit aromas and flavors, accented with anise and fine leather qualities.

Compare it with other more expensive syrahs from around the world and you'll see what we mean by value for "La Violette" with an appropriate violet label.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

WINE PICKS

Served well chilled, SAUVIGNON BLANC is a refreshing warm weather wine.

Picks of the pack: 2003 Geysers Peak, \$12, and 2002 Silverado, \$16.

Seriously good: 2002 Beringer Napa Valley, \$12 (40 percent barrel fermented).

New Zealand style: 2003 Whitehaven, Marlborough, \$17.

Wallet friendly: 2003 Bodegas Salentein Finca El Portillo, \$9, and 2003 Canyon Road, \$9.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

Side dish

Green popcorn?

Shrek is back at the movie theaters in Shrek 2, and General Mills and Dreamworks are bringing food products to help bring the story home.

Kids can now enjoy microwave popcorn that pops up green. The butter-flavored popcorn is



prepared the same way as the Pop Secret popcorn. Kids also can dunk an ornery ogre or wise-cracking donkey in milk with Shrek cookies, scoop up Princess Fiona, or a magic potion bottle in Shrek cereal, and fruit snacks and special Shrek watches will be available in favorite Big G cereals.

Shrek cereal is a sweetened corn puff cereal with marshmallow pieces in the shapes of Shrek, Donkey, Princess Fiona, Puss in Boots, Gingerbread Man and a magical potion bottle.

Merging grocers

The Detroit Association of Grocery Manufacturers' Representatives board of directors recently approved a merger with the Michigan Food and Beverage Association.

DAGMR represents grocery manufacturers, processors, distributors, brokers and related companies in eastern Michigan. The MFBA represents 3,300 members who employ more than 40,000 workers. Companies include food stores, convenience stores, restaurants, fast food establishments, wholesalers, manufacturers, food brokers, jobbers and related distributors.

MFBA president Ed Deeb pledged that the MFBA would expand various programs and benefits of DAGMR.

"We are pleased to bring the members of DAGMR on board with us and look forward to working with their membership to meet the challenges and changes taking place in our important industry," Deeb said.

DAGMR's outgoing president Joseph Yurasek said his organization recognized the "added value" that would occur with the merger.

Spending more

Grill owners say that they are comfortable spending more on grills this year, according to Weber's GrillWatch survey.

When asked how much they would pay for a grill, survey participants answers averaged at \$386 — an increase over last year's \$234. Eight percent said they would pay more than \$900 and 4 percent said they would pay over \$1,000, compared to 2 percent one year ago.

CALENDAR

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com

Tart Art
Learn the art of making beautiful tarts as well as sweet and savory fillings from Patricia Ivery, owner of a special occasion cake and dessert company, at this class 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 7, at From Scratch, 29831 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Learn to make blueberry lemon tart, sinful chocolate pecan tart, bouquet of vegetable tart and wild mushroom tart. Class fee is \$35. To register call 248-203-3800 or register on line www.communityed.net

Memorable meal
Learn how to make a fantastic restaurant dinner in your own home in A Night To Remember, a cooking class offered 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Mixed greens with pears, blue cheese and balsamic vinaigrette, mushroom-stuffed chicken breast in marsala sauce with creamy polenta, and vegetable sauté and cinnamon apples in a phyllo purse will be featured. Peter Engelhardt is the instructor. Cost is \$29. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Perfect pizza
Once you learn how to make perfect crust, the sky is the limit. Learn to make barbecue chicken pizza, pizza with chicken and roasted red peppers, potato-sausage pizza and mesclun pizza at this class taught 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at From Scratch, 29831 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Class fee is \$35. To

register call 248-203-3800 or register on line www.communityed.net

Cooking Classes
Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing vegetarian, whole foods cooking with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include: a Summer Cooking Series on June 16 and 23. Wilson also offers a four-week Beginning Series which is she says is the best place for students to start. Dates for the beginning series and all other classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held in Garden City and the fee for each class is \$25, visit the website or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

Wine tasting
Unique Restaurants will conduct a casual wine tasting the first Wednesday of each month 6-8 p.m., alternating at a different Unique restaurant. At each tasting, guests can sample featured wines selected around a specific theme - including regional best bets and the finest wines of 2004. URC's Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon will be on hand to describe the wines, answer questions, and guide guests through the more subtle aspects of wine tasting. The Wednesday Wine Bar costs \$35 per person and includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and a variety of cheeses. The next Wednesday wine tasting features Germany's White Wine Artistry on July 7 at Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 North Woodward (at the Radisson Kingsley), in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 646-7900 for information.

PICNIC

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chef at Two Unique Caterers & Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills.

She said she would include foods you can eat with your hands, such as crusty breads you pull apart, flavorful salamis and cheeses, shrimp, "fun and exotic dips" with crackers or pita chips and "spicy and intriguing" nuts.

To complement the easy-to-eat finger foods and, also, to rev up the romance, wine is an excellent choice for a romantic picnic.

If you want to go Italian, which reminds many people of romance (think of the animated version of it in Disney's *Lady and the Tramp*) then maybe some suggestions from Adrian Tonan, owner of Ristorante Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills, would make ideal choices.

Start the picnic with something light, like Prosciutto di Parma, an Italian-cured ham, followed by Mozzarella di Bufala, a soft, fresh cheese made from water buffalo milk, French bread and roasted peppers, Tonan said.

And for dessert, he suggests apples dipped in honey, cherries or fresh figs.

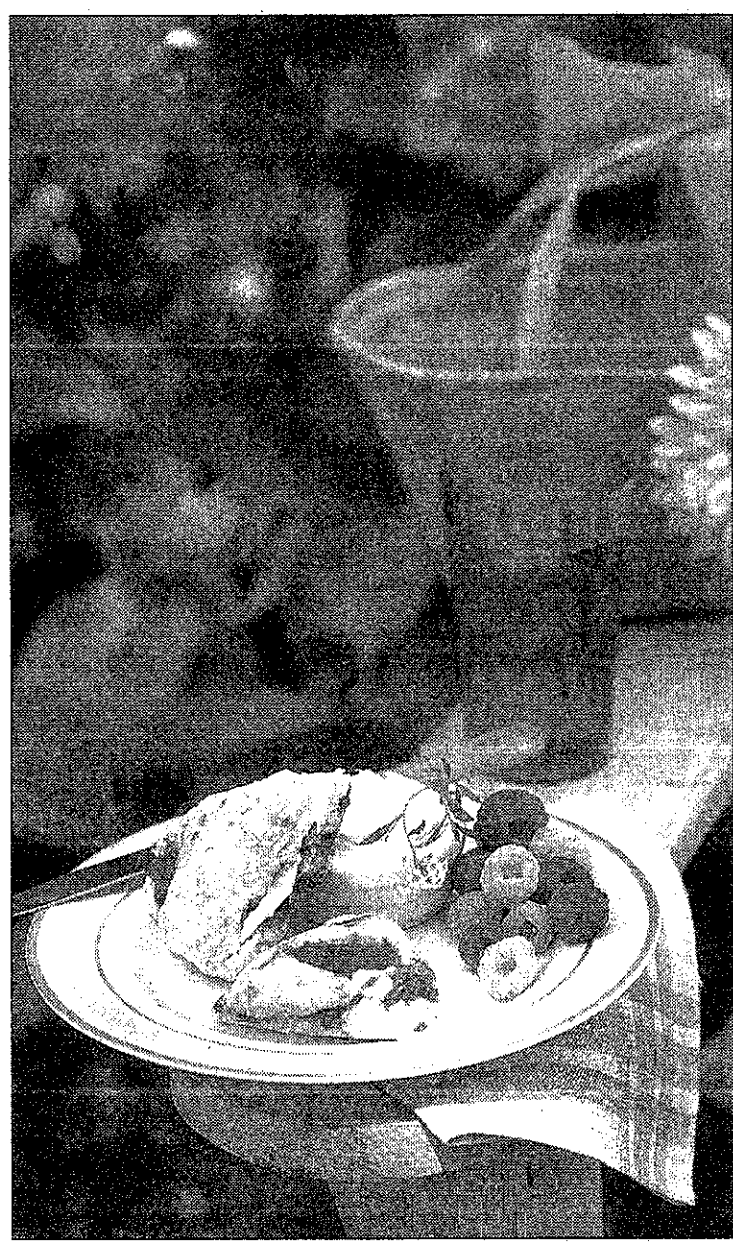
Presecco, a sparkling white wine would go well with the main meal, and Moscato d'Asti would go well with the dessert, Tonan said.

With the mention of a picnic, salads often comes to mind, and although salads are good picnic fare, some may be too messy to pack for your romantic rendezvous.

There are other ways to enjoy fresh veggies and dressings, without the mess or silverware.

Lewton suggests baby mozzarella skewered with petit grape tomatoes and fresh basil with a drizzle of virgin oil and cold meats such as beef tenderloin or chicken breast skewered with marinated veggies weaved on a long four-inch toothpick, served with light dips such as honey mustard, blue cheese or herb tomato.

Also, she said sliced chicken breast rolled in romaine leaves



FESTIVE PICNICS

Pack raspberry scones in your next picnic basket.

served with Caesar dressing is a good choice.

If, however, you want to go with a more traditional-type salad, a good one to try is old fashioned coleslaw from the cookbook *Festive Picnics* by Pamela Sheldon Jones and Jennifer Barry (Ten Speed Press, \$16.95)

Other excellent picnic food choices in the cookbook include Mediterranean Marinated Swordfish and Shrimp Kabobs, Minted Orange and Mango Salad and Raspberry Scones.

As with most social events, it seems that food often brings people together, and romantic picnics are no exception.

Food gives people a sense of

camaraderie and communication and allows people to share something together, Tonan said.

At a picnic for two, Lundy said, you can use food to share with another.

Most picnic foods require little or no preparation, and can be bought pre-packaged at a market. The same goes for the wine.

So, aside from the items you use to create ambiance - such as candles, a soft blanket or CD player - all you really need for your romantic picnic is some plastic containers to store food in, a cooler, some wine glasses, napkins, an empty bag for cleanup, and unless you choose finger foods, forks and paper plates.

PICNIC RECIPES

OLD FASHIONED COLESLAW

- 1 pound cabbage, cored and shredded (8 cups)
- 1 carrot, peeled and shredded
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions (including 1 inch of the green part)
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a large bowl, combine the cabbage, carrot, and green onions.

In a small bowl, combine the vinegar, mayonnaise, sugar, dry mustard, and celery seed. Stir to blend.

Season with salt and pepper. Pour the dressing over the cabbage mixture and stir well to coat.

Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Serves 8.

From *Festive Picnics* cookbook by Pamela Sheldon Johns and Jennifer Barry.

RASPBERRY SCONES

- 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 9 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup fresh raspberries, for garnish (optional)
- 1/4 cup unsalted (sweet) butter, at room temperature, for serving

Preheat oven to 325° F. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, sugar, and baking powder. Mix well.

With a pastry blender or 2 dinner knives, cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse meal.

Add the buttermilk and raspberries, stirring gently to blend. Turn out onto a floured board and pat until the dough holds together, handling it as little as possible.

Divide into 4 pieces. Shape into rounds and score into fourths.

Brush with the beaten egg. Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

Serve with sweet butter and a few raspberries for garnish. Makes 16 scones.

From the *Festive Picnics* cookbook by Pamela Sheldon Johns and Jennifer Barry.

MEDITERRANEAN MARINATED SWORDFISH AND SHRIMP KABOBS

- 18 jumbo shrimp, shelled
- 8 ounces swordfish, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded, deribbed, and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded, deribbed, and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 red onion, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 lemons, cut into wedges
- 18 dried bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- Juice of 2 lemons
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Soak 18 wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes. Drain. With a thin-bladed knife slice down the back of each shrimp, just deep enough to reveal the dark vein. Remove the vein and rinse the shrimp. Thread each skewer, alternating shrimp, swordfish, red and yellow peppers, onion, lemon wedges, and bay leaves. Place in a shallow dish large enough to hold all the skewers.

In a small bowl, combine the lemon zest, lemon juice, thyme and garlic. Whisk in the olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Mix well.

Set aside 3 tablespoons of marinade for basting. Pour the remaining marinade over the skewers. Let stand at room temperature for at least 1 hour, or cover and refrigerate as long as overnight.

Light a fire in a charcoal grill or preheat a gas grill to 425° F. Remove the skewers from the marinade and grill for 4 to 5 minutes, turning frequently and brushing with the reserved marinade, until shrimp are pink and the swordfish is opaque throughout.

Serve immediately. Serves 6.

From *Festive Picnics* cookbook by Pamela Sheldon Johns and Jennifer Barry.

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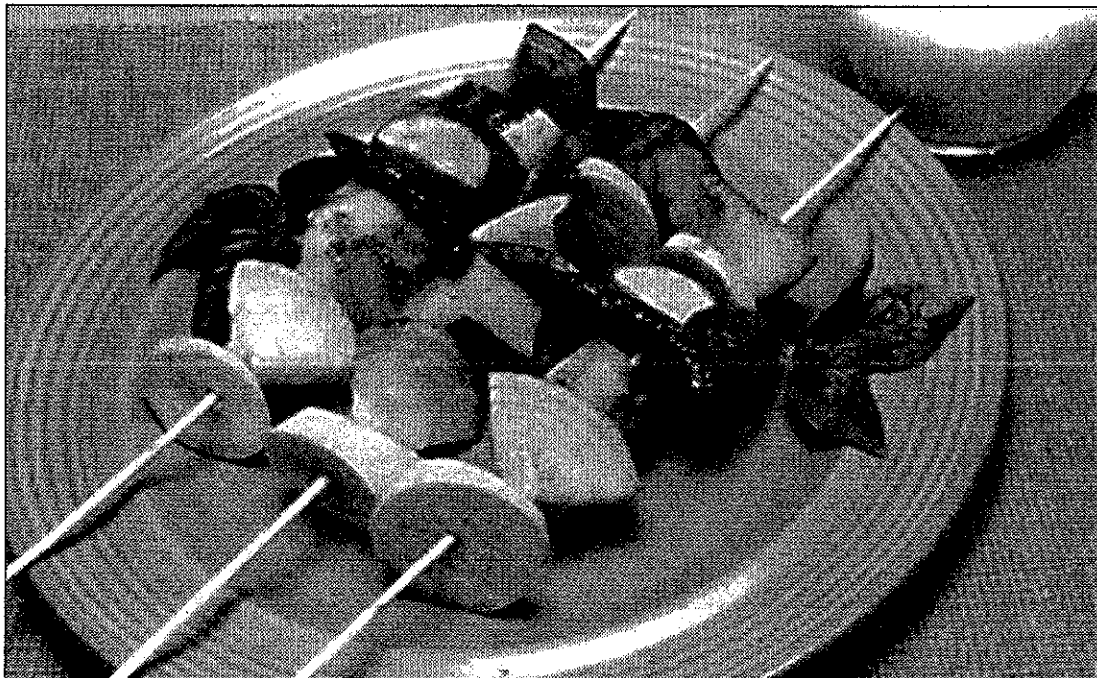
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Vegetables are a low-fat, low-calorie source of nutrients, dietary fiber and other health-protective substances. When grilled or cooked over an open flame, their natural sugars and flavors intensify into a wonderful eating experience. Unlike meat and chicken, most vegetables cook quickly, so make sure to watch them closely.

To help keep vegetables from sticking to the grill, lightly coat the rack with cooking spray and place it over hot coals for five to 10 minutes before adding the food. Vegetables also can be lightly coated with either olive or canola oil spray.

Onions and tomatoes can be grilled whole, or in large chunks and skewered so turning and serving is easy. Use metal skewers, or soak wooden skewers in water until thoroughly damp to keep them from catching fire. Or, use a "grill tray" which will prevent

falling onto the coals. To grill corn on the cob, first, carefully peel back the husks, remove the silk, and put the husks back in place; then, soak the corn in water for 45 minutes. Grill corn, turning occasionally, for 20 to 25 minutes.

The only limit to what vegetables you can grill is your imagination. Be creative. Thread chunks of zucchini, yellow or orange bell peppers, eggplant, mushrooms and cherry tomatoes on skewers. Coat lightly with cooking oil spray, then season with basil, parsley, onion and garlic. Grill until they are tender, turning them often to avoid charring.

GRILLED VEGETABLES WITH BASIL

- 1 small eggplant, cut in half lengthwise, then into thick chunks
- 1 zucchini, cut in half lengthwise, then in thick chunks
- 1 yellow summer squash, cut into thick, diagonal slices
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and cut into eighths
- 1 small red onion, sliced and cut into 8 wedges
- 2 tablespoons balsamic or red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup plus 1 Tbsp. minced fresh basil (or 1 Tbsp. plus 1 tsp. dried), divided
- 1/2 cup non-fat plain yogurt

- 2 tablespoons non-fat mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

Thread eight skewers with alternating pieces of the vegetables. Place vegetables in a shallow pan large enough to hold the skewers.

Make marinade by whisking together in a small bowl the vinegar, oil and all but 1 tablespoon fresh basil (or all but 1 teaspoon dried). Pour over vegetables. Let stand 10 minutes, occasionally turning skewers so marinade coats all sides.

Meanwhile, make dressing. Place yogurt, mayonnaise, the remaining 1 tablespoon fresh basil (or 1 teaspoon dried) and lemon juice in a blender and mix at low speed until smooth. Transfer to small pitcher.

Grill vegetables, adjusting height of rack to avoid charring. Serve vegetables as a side dish, as a sandwich filling in pita halves, or on sliced French bread or bruschetta. Pass basil-yogurt dressing to use as a topping.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 99 calories, 7 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 8 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 39 mg. sodium.

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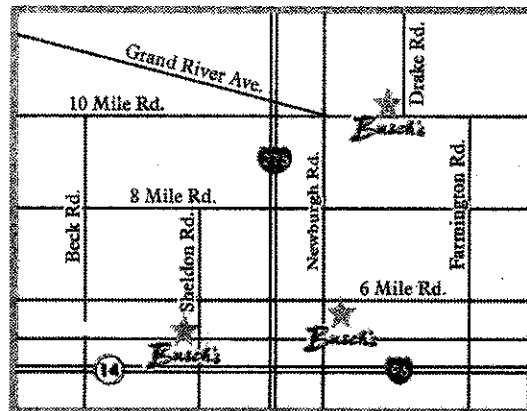
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Bring out the salad bowl

Spring is the time of year when salads become more than a side dish. With or without lean meats, eggs, or low-fat cheese, all the lovely spring produce available at this time of year only have to be cut up and tossed together in a bowl with a dressing.

Health experts recommend eating a minimum of 5 to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

Start the day with a glass of orange juice and sliced fruit on your whole-grain cereal, and you'll already have two down. At lunch, eat a salad (on the side or as a main dish), or add green, leafy lettuce and a few slices of tomato to your sandwich. Eat an apple or other fruit for dessert, and you'll have reached number five. For dinner, add a cooked vegetable, a small green salad and a piece of fruit and you'll have hit number eight. To reach 10 servings, snack between meals on fruit or raw vegetables with salsa or low fat dressing.

A salad of broccoli, tomatoes and watercress is a nutritional gold mine.

And to make life easier, you can now buy cut and pre-washed broccoli and other vegetables ready to toss in your salad. In addition to being high in fiber, vitamins A and C, folate and potassium, broccoli also contains sulphoraphane, a cancer-fighting substance. Research indicates that broccoli and other members of the cruciferous vegetable family – including cabbage, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower – can help ward off cancer.

Iceberg lettuce has been called "crunchy water" by scientists who have analyzed its nutritional value.

A little iceberg lettuce can add some "crunch" to sandwiches and burgers, but far better for salads are dark, leafy greens which are rich in one of the most effective cancer-prevention substances, sulphoraphane.

Watercress, spinach, chard, collards and arugula give great taste as well as great nutritional punch.

Then, add other vegetables for color

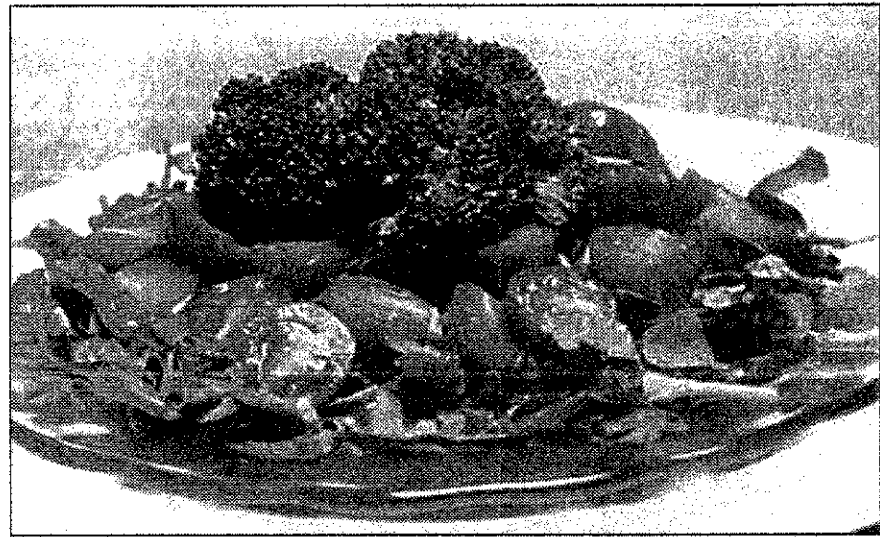
as well as health benefits – carrots, red, orange or yellow bell pepper, red cabbage and tomatoes.

Cherry tomatoes offer great color contrast in your leafy green salad, with a minimum of preparation time. Tomatoes are red because they contain a high amount of a health-protecting phytochemical called lycopene, which has strong anti-cancer properties.

Like oranges and peppers, tomatoes also contain plenty of vitamin C.

BROCCOLI, CHERRY TOMATO AND WATERCRESS SALAD

2 cups broccoli florets
2 cups cherry tomatoes, stems removed
1 bunch watercress, long stems trimmed, coarsely chopped and cut in half
½ tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
½ teaspoon minced garlic
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste



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A salad of broccoli, tomatoes and watercress is a nutritional gold mine.

Cook broccoli in a steamer or in a microwave oven (covered with a wet paper towel), until tender but still crisp.

In a large bowl, mix together broccoli, tomatoes and watercress.

In a small bowl, whisk together vinegar, olive oil, garlic, salt and black pepper.

Drizzle over vegetables and toss to blend. Serve immediately.

Makes 8 servings.

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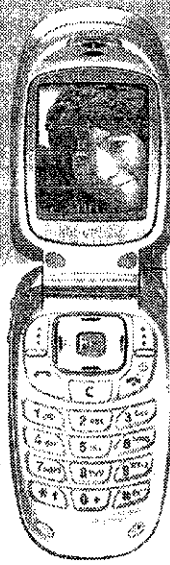
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Add cilantro to rice and chicken

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A sauce of fresh cilantro, green onions, ginger and garlic stirred into cooked rice gives the rice intense fragrance and flavor. Shiitake mushrooms add a little earthy smokiness.

Nothing too difficult about that. It's the idea that makes the difference: The combinations are creative, the results delectable, in this recipe for rice and chicken from *The Best of Cooking Light 4* (\$9.95), a special edition of *Cooking Light* magazine. This is a collection of 140 recipes culled from those published in the magazine last year, and they're those with the most "yum factor," editor Mary Creel writes.

CILANTRO RICE WITH CHICKEN

For the rice and chicken:

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 cups quartered shiitake mushroom caps (about 6 ounces)
- ¼ cup chopped green onion bottoms
- ½-inch piece peeled fresh ginger
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 2 cups uncooked long-grain rice
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 6 skinless, boneless chicken thighs (about ¾ pounds), cut into bite-sized pieces
- 3 cups fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth

For the sauce:

- 2 cups loosely packed cilantro leaves
- ½ cup fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion tops
- 1 teaspoon chopped peeled fresh ginger
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 garlic clove, peeled

For the topping:

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 cups grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion tops
- Cilantro sprigs (optional)

Preheat oven to 350° F.

To prepare rice: Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add mushrooms, green onion bottoms, ginger piece and crushed garlic; cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in rice, cumin and chicken; cook 1 minute. Stir in broth; bring to a boil. Cover and bake at 350° F for 25 minutes. Remove from oven, and let stand, covered, for 10 minutes.

To prepare sauce: Place cilantro, broth, green onion, chopped ginger, salt and garlic clove in a food processor or blender; process until smooth. Stir into rice mixture. Discard ginger piece.

To prepare topping: Heat 1 teaspoon oil in a medium skillet over medium-low heat. Add tomatoes; cook 2 minutes. Stir in 2 tablespoons green onion tops. Place the rice mixture in a large bowl, and spoon tomato topping over rice. Garnish with cilantro sprigs, if desired.

Makes 8 servings (each about 1 cup rice mixture and about ¼ cup tomato topping).

Nutrition information per serving: 39 cal., 6.8 g fat (1.4 g saturated), 25.3 g pro., 41.5 g carbs., 1.8 g fiber, 82 mg chol., 416 mg sodium.

Recipe from *The Best of Cooking Light 4*, \$9.95

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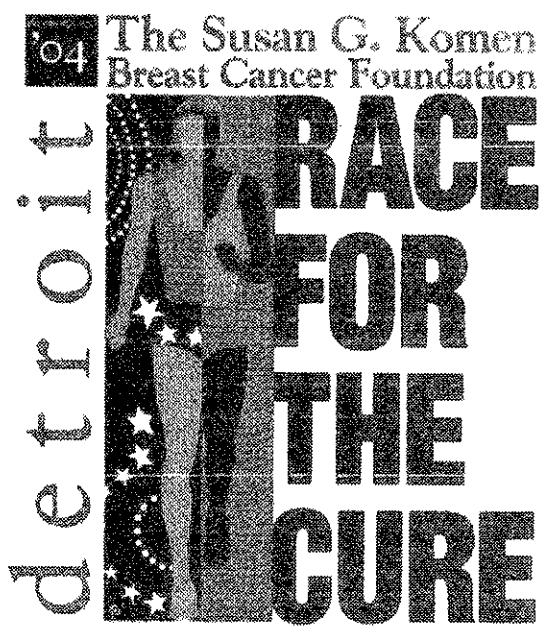
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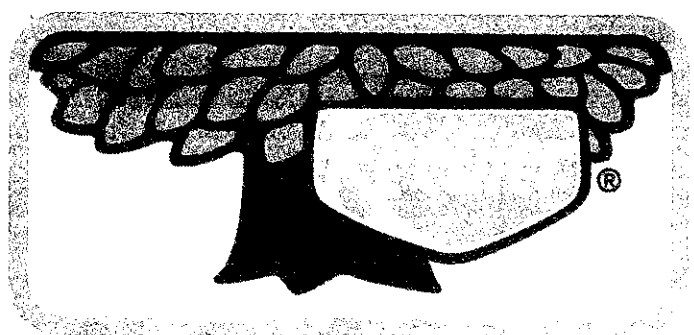


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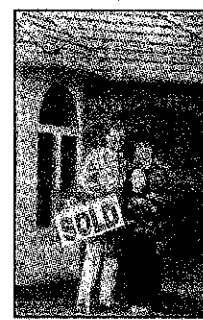
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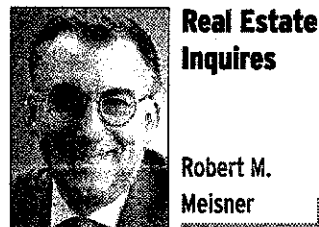


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Our homeowners' association has an Architectural Control Committee. A neighbor is planning an addition that may not meet the standards set forth by the association. Do we wait until he starts building to address this or do we approach him proactively and remind him he needs approval from the committee and city permits?

You should definitely take a proactive position and remind him that he has an obligation to comply with the architectural requirements of the deed restrictions and, if it appears that he is not willing to do so, you should seriously consider seeking legal redress to enjoin him from proceeding without the appropriate approval. It is generally easier to obtain an injunction before the building begins than after the fact.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Here comes the judge: Property disputes court problems for sellers, buyers

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

You'd probably like to think of real estate transactions ending with the closing click of a pen, the joyful exchange of good wishes and warm handshakes all around.

Well, sorry to disappoint you, but sometimes they end with the bang of a gavel.

Sometimes the gavel is in the hand of Linda Hallmark. She's an Oakland County probate judge assigned to the family court division of circuit court.

"It's stressful enough to sell a home when you're feeling good about things," Hallmark said, "but when you're in the middle of a fight" it can be especially difficult.

There can be disputes between a divorcing wife and husband, she said, about selling the property. "Whether or not to sell it and about conducting the sale. People are emotionally tied to the marital home."

It might be, Hallmark said, that one or the other party doesn't want to move out or doesn't want to cooperate with selling the home.

"That party might agree to sell but won't let the agent show it or the house won't be in good condition when the agent brings a customer."

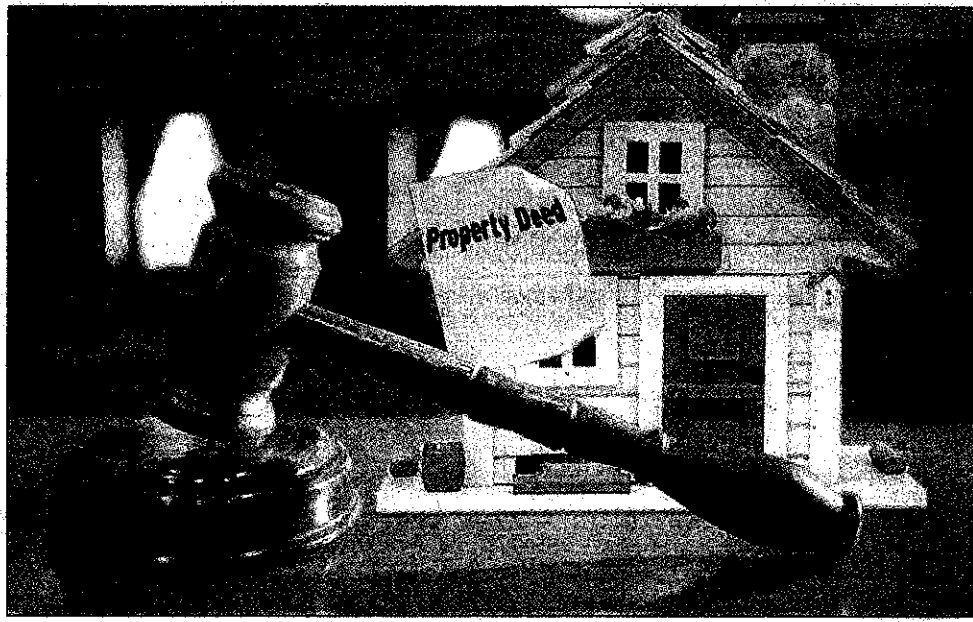
COURT'S WORK

The court's work, Hallmark said, is to get the parties to agree to sell and then to facilitate the process. If necessary, she said, the court can make specific orders about how and when showings of the house must be scheduled.

"Ultimately, if they can't cooperate, we can appoint a receiver, a third party who steps in and takes over the sale. But it's costly to the parties," she said.

Although Hallmark's court has jurisdiction over the wife and husband in a divorce case, there could be questions, she said, about third-party ownership of the house.

"If grandma or a brother or sister is on the deed, we have to decide if this third party is going to intervene in the case and how do we assess the rights of that party," said Hallmark. "We might add the third person as a party to the divorce action, to



come in and litigate rights in terms of whether there's an ownership interest in the house, whether or not we should award the house to the third party instead of one of the divorcing parties."

Ownership issues also can come up in other ways, said Lisa Langton, administrator/register in Hallmark's court division.

Some of these matters, Langton said, have to do with the validity of deeds. "Dad decided," she said, offering an example of a kind of case that might come in, "that he wanted to give some property to some of his kids but not the others and he wrote a quit claim deed but never gave it to anyone, just left it with his will."

The other kids might not be too happy about this, Langton said. Same for his first wife if there's a deed leaving property to the second wife.

Real estate court cases might be about almost anything you can think of, as Tom Wilhelm can tell you. He's the broker/owner at Wilhelm & Associates, Clarkston.

MAKING A CASE

"There was the guy who bought a house from a seller who said on the disclosure form that the basement never leaked,"

Wilhelm said. But the garage was under the house. You drove down below grade-level to enter it. A neighbor told the new owner that there always was a water problem in that house. It was the makings of a lawsuit that forced the seller to pay the cost of solving the water flow problem.

"And then," Wilhelm said, "there was the guy who wanted a house on a certain street. The one he wants got sold before he can buy it so he goes for a second one nearby. He's buying the second house and suddenly the deal on the first house falls through so he wants that one instead. The seller of the second house will let him out of the deal but wants to keep the \$5,000 deposit - that's why it's called earnest money. Guy won't agree. Five years in court. He ends up paying the seller a lot more than \$5,000."

"And then there's this house in an old subdivision that was platted about the 1920s. The mortgage survey shows that the neighbor's fence is 12 feet onto the property being purchased. Been there for years. No one paid any attention to it. But the buyer wants his 12 feet. He sued the seller, sued the neighbor, sued us as the real estate agent - even though we had no responsibility in this. Well, the fence got moved. Cost us a fortune in attorney fees." Bang. Next case.

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Prepare now to seize opportunity

Many military leaders dread the Hundred Days of Summer because every year a disproportionate number of personnel injuries not related to duty occur between Memorial Day and Labor Day. In my flying squadrons, the annual "ground safety" message was very clear: Work hard, play hard, return safely.

Now that I am out of the active duty, that recurring summertime message takes on added dimension. I am still mindful of that deep-rooted safety message for my family, but the my life's work as a mortgage broker gives the Hundred Days of Summer a more exciting and positive view of this period.

In the real estate world, it is no secret that the Memorial Day weekend begins "prime time" for homebuyers' real estate purchases. With mortgage interest rates remaining as attractive as they have, this year should be no different.

Memorial Day also marks a notable changeover point in our current market. Until recently, buyers were in the minority and had the upper hand in negotiating deals with sellers. With more homes available than buyers to purchase them, those buyers were the valuable commodity.

However, if the number of buyer mortgage prequalification requests I am getting is any indication, sellers should soon have the upper hand again. With buyers now coming out of the proverbial woodwork for the seasonal summer buying frenzy - and presuming the number of homes available does not grow as quickly - we should see the real estate purchase market really heat up.

With this in mind, future homebuyers would be well served to act sooner instead of later by contacting a mortgage lender right away to head off any "surprises" that may be lurking on their credit reports. Then, a logical "next step" would be to complete a full-blown mortgage prequalification that involves a review of the borrowers' income, assets, and debts.

Very intelligent borrowers will take these two steps to best be prepared to pounce on that perfect home when they see it. Our hundred days will be gone before you know it. Get prepared now, if you want to seize your buying opportunity. Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516.

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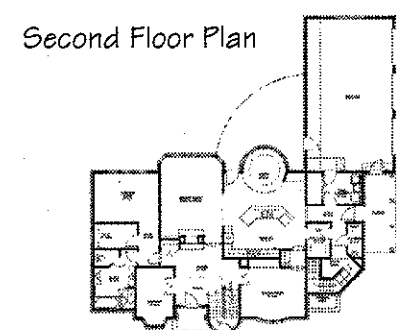
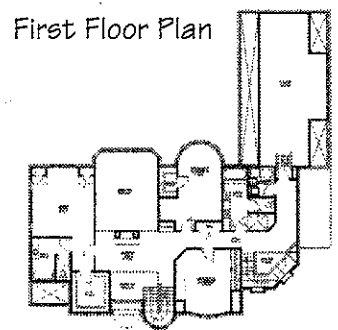


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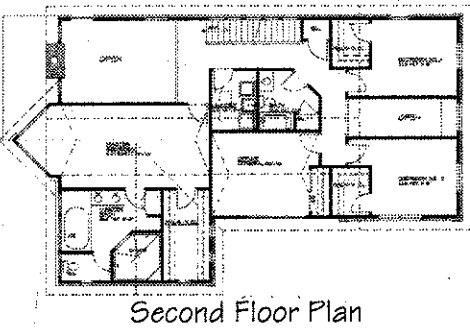
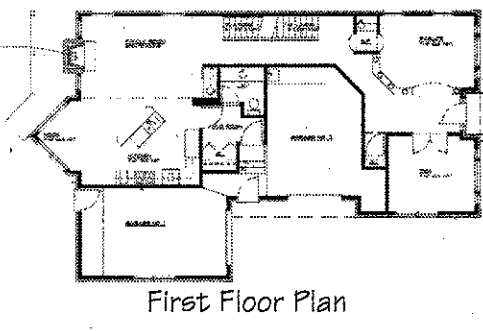
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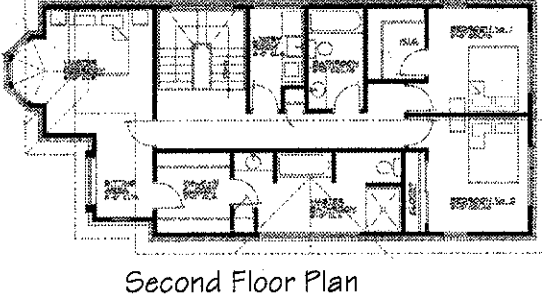
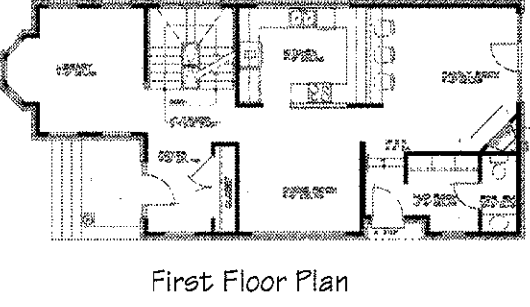
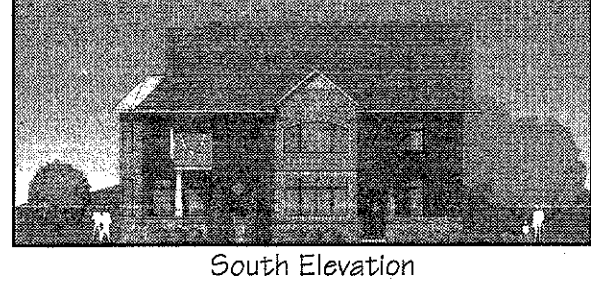
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