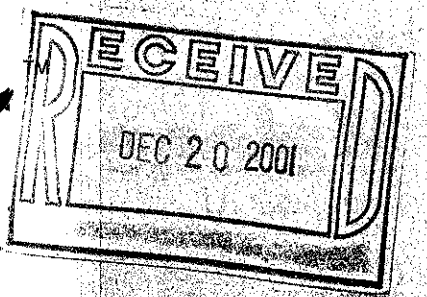


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Salvation Army needs ringers

The bells that have rung so loudly since the Thanksgiving holiday are threatened to be silent on Christmas Eve, unless the Plymouth Salvation Army can come up with some volunteers.

According to Maj. Steve Hull, the Salvation Army commander, volunteers are desperately needed for Christmas Eve Dec. 24, when the Red Kettles will be manned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We're really running into a problem," said Hull. "So many people are leaving town early for the holiday that we don't have the people we need to ring the bells."

Anyone wishing to volunteer to ring at one of the Salvation Army's kettle locations can call Hull at the Salvation Army, 455-0404.

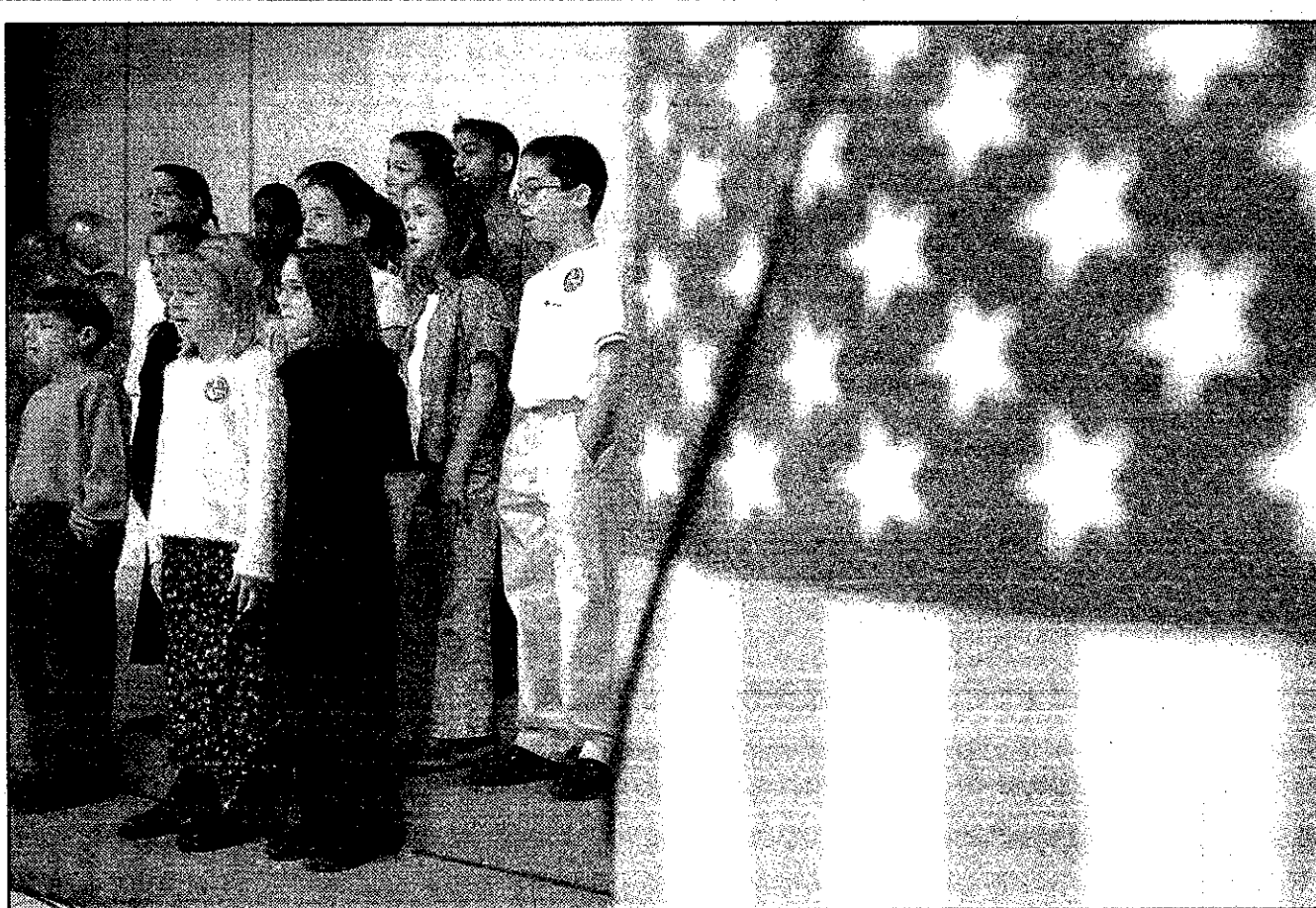
The Salvation Army is located in Plymouth Township but the church/charity also serves all of Canton.

WEEK AHEAD-MONDAY

Schools: The Plymouth-Canton School Board meets Monday night to pick a replacement for Steve Guile; meeting starting at 7 p.m. at the board building in Plymouth.

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Patriotic: The Field Elementary Ensemble sings "America" at the school's "Silver Jubilee" re-dedication celebration last Thursday night.

Field celebrates a silver anniversary

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Staff and students at Field Elementary (1000 S. Haggerty, Canton) celebrated the school's silver anniversary Wednesday evening.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. a "re-dedication" of the Mildred Field Elementary School was held, and included a program in the gym and displays in the halls and classrooms. The school was first dedicated on Dec. 12 in 1976, and so that very day was picked for this party.

"We tried to mirror our celebration program to the original dedication ceremony. They had 20 Girl Scouts and Boy Scout, we had 20. The fifth grade sang, our fifth grade sang," said Principal David Farquharson.

son.

Farquharson began his career as a first-year teacher at Field, and was pleased to see Field students who were nine or ten years old when he first met them come back Wednesday night as adults.

"It was really heart-warming to see so many former students, parents and staff," he said. One highlight was a visit from the first Field principal Larry Miller, now retired and living in Traverse City. Another faculty member came from as far away as North Carolina.

Field is named for Mildred Field, who was the principal at the old Starkweather Elementary School in Plymouth for 18 years in the 1950s and the

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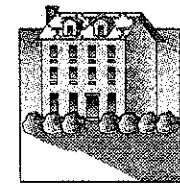
Welcoming: Field Elementary principal Dave Farquharson greets everyone to the school's "Silver Jubilee" re-dedication celebration last Thursday night.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Sheldon Place answers due soon

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Senior residents who lost their apartments in the now-abandoned Sheldon Place building may get some definitive news sometime next week.



Patrick Higgins, spokesman for the National Church Residences in Columbus, Ohio, owners of the apartment building, said the company hopes to have some answers by Thursday.

Bottom line? They think the building can be repaired, Higgins said. Substantial leaks and cracks in the structure drove the seniors residents out in mid-August. This senior housing building, and another, Canton Place, are near Ford and Sheldon roads.

"We have never had a situation like this in 40 years," Higgins said Thursday. "We have 215 of these facilities all over the country and this has never happened. It is regrettable ... beyond regrettable. We are not taking it lightly."

Higgins said the problem had cost the company more than \$250,000 so far. The 56-unit, \$4.4 million building is only three years old.

Canton resident Sue Merchant's mother was the first person to move in three years ago.

"When the repairs didn't start, we had a lot of questions. They (the former residents) are waiting for something - just some answers. It has been so upsetting. They are wondering: Can we ever get back home, or should we find something else, somewhere else to live?"

Residents were moved to a hotel short term but have since found other places to live, or are staying with family.

NCR's focus has been determining who is at fault, Higgins said, primarily through discussions with the contractor. The building was built by DeMaria Building Co. of Novi, and they have been cooperating. They have

OBSERVER UPDATE

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Former board president won't be charged

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

A police investigation has determined there won't be any criminal charges filed against former Plymouth-Canton school board president Mike Maloney in a case involving alleged false identity.

Dearborn police Det. Sgt. Neil Myers, who conducted the investigation, said "the evidence to substantiate suspicion just wasn't there and we couldn't proceed."

Maloney had been investigated for using a false name in order to obtain confidential employment information about Superintendent Kathleen

Booher.

The district's attorney, Kari Shay, had asked the prosecutor's office to look into 18 telephone calls that were made from Maloney's office at Lear Corporation in Dearborn to Berkley Schools, Booher's former district.

One of the telephone calls was about 30 minutes in length. However, Myers said that call, which was the main stimulus for the investigation, was not made from Lear or Maloney's cell phone. Myers said he didn't talk to Maloney because without direct linkage to the call, there wasn't enough evidence.

"I've done nothing wrong, and I've certainly not done anything illegal -

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period," said Maloney. "The impact that this has had on my family has been terrible."

"In my opinion, the school district went out of its way to smear me as a way of deflecting criticism for budget deficits and an ill-conceived master plan which closes Miller School, repurposes Central Middle School and eliminates the Talented and Gifted program," he added. "I feel it is a real shame that four months have passed and the district now has bigger problems than ever."

Booher, who returned to work mid-week after attending her brother's funeral, had not heard details of the police investigation and declined comment.

Meanwhile, the attorney general's office high crimes unit is investigating a bogus e-mail that was sent to 40 administrators, and made to look as if it were sent by Booher with a signature of "K."

While Shay was confident of who made the telephone calls to Berkley, she said there are no suspects in the e-mail case.

Booher claimed the e-mail and tele-

Please see **Maloney, A2**

Practice burn will light skies Monday morning

Residents in the area of Lotz Road and Palmer shouldn't be alarmed Monday if they see flames and smoke nearby.

The Canton Fire Department will conduct a "live burn" training operation starting at 9 a.m.

Several abandoned buildings on Lotz Road south of Palmer will be used, according to Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. The buildings were acquired via a donation from a local developer, Robertson Brothers.

"These training burns provide a unique opportunity for realistic

firefighter training under controlled circumstances," Rorabacher said.

The department will follow safety guidelines for live burns established by the National Fire Protection Association. Two fire engines will be on stand-by in case of any problems, Rorabacher added.

While a good portion of department personnel will be involved in the training, Rorabacher said normal staffing and services at both Canton Fire stations will be maintained.

Residents in the area will be receiving a correspondence from the Fire Chief detailing the nature of this training and will be advised to call fire administration with any questions.



OK Corral comes to Bentley



Howdy: Ben Popp, the Telegraph Operator was gummed by the Bubblem Kid played by Mike Bologna in Bentley Elementary's performance of Christmas at the O.K. Corral. More pictures are on A3.

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Maloney

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In October,
Booher
announced
she was
going to
leave the
district,
but
changed
her mind
about a month later when com-
munity leaders stepped forward
with a show of support.



Mike Maloney

Sheldon

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chipped in \$50,000 so far, Hig-
gins said, to cover costs.
The building is being kept
heated and secure, Higgins said.
NCR was recently awarded
five grants totaling \$18,508,600
for the construction of five
affordable senior housing facili-
ties in four states.
The grant will allow NCR to
construct a total of 238 apart-
ment units. Construction on all
facilities is expected to begin
within two years.
In November, the U.S. Depart-
ment of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) announced
that NCR had been granted
funding through the HUD 202
(affordable senior housing) pro-
gram to construct the facilities.
NCR is a not-for-profit housing
organization; their Web site is
NCR.org.

Dog bites Canton police officer; truck taken

A Canton police officer became
the victim Wednesday afternoon
when he was dispatched on a
report of a dog running loose.
A woman called police to
report that she was almost bit-
ten by a boxer while walking
along the sidewalk in the 39000
block of Cather.
When the officer arrived at the
scene, the woman pointed out
the house where the dog lived.
According to his report, as the
officer was knocking on the door
of the house he saw the dog out
of the corner of his eye coming
toward him. He reached for
something on his belt to defend
himself, but the dog lunged and
bit him on his left thigh.
A resident of the house said
she had let the dog out in the
back yard about 20 minutes ear-
lier and he apparently jumped
the fence.
The owner of the house said
the dog belonged to someone

else, but had been living there
for a couple of weeks. She said
the dog had had his rabies shots.
She was ticketed for having a
dog at large.
The officer was treated and
released at St. Joseph Mercy.

Shoplifting

A 19-year-old Plymouth man
was arrested for shoplifting
Wednesday after a loss preven-
tion officer at Meijer saw him
stuff several packs of cigarettes
into his left jacket pocket, then
move to the jewelry department
and take two rings.
The security officer followed
the man as he walked past all
points of purchase, then took

him to the office and called the
police.
The officers recovered seven
packs of cigarettes, two rings
and two watches. Total value of
the merchandise was \$111.23.

Theft reported

An employee of Taco Bell on
Ford Road reported \$60 in cash
missing from the drive-through
cash register Thursday night.
Another employee said \$50 in
cash had been stolen from her
purse in the same room.
Police are investigating.

Truck stolen

A customer at Home Depot
reported his white 1998 Ford

Ranger pickup was stolen
Thursday afternoon while he
was shopping.
He said he parked and locked
the truck on the parking lot,
then went into the store to shop.
When he finished his shopping,
the truck was missing.
Police said there was no bro-
ken glass other evidence found.
Light fingered vandal
A resident of the 900 block of
Princess reported Wednesday
that someone had ripped strings
of Christmas lights out of the
bushes in front of her house.

- Jack Gladden

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Clerks busted in sting

Clerks at four Canton businesses were ticketed Thursday for selling tobacco products to a police decoy.
And a 15-year-old girl was also given a ticket for being a minor in possession of tobacco products. She was found with a cigarette in the Speedway Gas Station at Ford and Lilley. A clerk at that station was also citing for selling cigarettes to the decoy.
Other businesses where clerks received tickets were the Shell Gas Station at Ford and

Haggerty, Clark Gas at Ford and Sheldon and Speedway Gas at Ford and Canton Center.
Business that would not sell to the decoy were the Cracker Barrel party store on Ford, Sunoco Gas at Ford and Haggerty, Wildeberry Party Store at Ford and Lilley, Smokers Express at Ford and Canton Center, Meijer gas station at Ford and Canton Center, Grapevine Party Store at Ford and Sheldon and Richardson's Drugs at Ford and Lilley.
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Old friend: Larry Miller, left, the very first principal at Field elementary in 1976 chats with Bruno Genrich the schools very first PTO president at the schools "Silver Jubilee" re-dedication celebration last Thursday night. "You were instrumental in my kids being what they are today," Genrich told Miller.

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1960s. The veteran educator was one of several Plymouth-Canton employees who have had elementary schools named for them. A graduate of Western Michigan (then Western State Normal), Miss Field came from the rural area of Bangor, Mich. (near South Haven). She died in 1995. "I met her at the Field dedication, and she was a very distinguished administrator in our district," Farquharson said. A 25-year pictorial school history was displayed throughout the building, and visitors were able to relive some of the state, national and international events from the past 25 years as well as Field school events. Each class had a particular year to research. "It gave kids a chance to ask their moms and dads about history," Farquharson said. Farquharson said his class buried a time capsule in 1974 the first year he was a teacher - but they have been unable to

find it. "We've searched even with metal detectors." A new time capsule has been prepared for the next major anniversary. Farquharson created a musical slide presentation on Field history that he gave during the celebration. "I see people all the time who remembered and liked Field. It was and is a very nurturing environment," Farquharson said. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board President Liz Giveins said the show "was beautifully done." "As a parent told me, somehow Field has always managed to be about kids. This school has often helped disadvantaged children, and the staff has always been about making all kids shine," she said. Field was one of three Canton elementary schools opened 25 years ago. Hulsing had its celebration last week, and Eriksson will have its next May.



On stage: Carly Girolamo, left, as Annie Oakley gets a reaction from Mike Bologna, as Bubblegum Bart center, and Joey Rudelic as Candy Cane Kid in Bentley Elementary's performance of Christmas at the O.K. Corral on Tuesday night. The third graders played to a packed house of parents, friends and siblings.



Bentley holiday show

Look here! Parents took photos and video of their kids.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRIAN MITCHELL



Singalong: Santa Clause, played by Kyle Stokfisz, sings with the choir in Bentley Elementary's performance of Christmas at the O.K. Corral.

Did you know ...
 ■ The first performance of the *Nutcracker Suite* was in 1892?
 ■ The first 10 amendments to the US Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, became effective Dec. 15, 1791?
 ■ No two snowflakes are alike?
 ■ The American flag was designed by Francis Hopkinson, a naval flag designer, who was never reimbursed for his services by the US government?
 ■ The name of the Michelin tire Man is Bibendum?
 ■ The exploration of caves as a hobby is called spelunking?

Web watch
 Check out these new Web sites:

- www.puzzlechoice.com
- www.vangoghgaugin.nl
- www.paperplane.org
- www.sidewalksanta.org
- www.frbsf.org/currency/index.html

Q&A
Q: What are "Halcyon Days"?

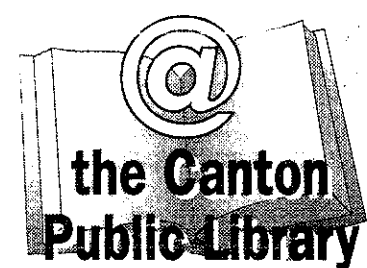
A: Halcyon Days are traditionally the seven days before and the seven days after the winter solstice. To the ancients, it was a time when a fabled bird (called the halcyon and pronounced *hal-see-on*) calmed the wind and waves. This is a time of calm and tranquility. This year Halcyon Days run Dec. 14-28.

Source: *The Teacher's Calendar, 2001-2002*

New Children's Books

- *My Car* - Byron Barton
 - *Mission To The Arctic* - Nicola Baxter
 - *S.W.'s Library Card* - Marc Tolon Brown
 - *Percents and Ratios* - Lucille Caron & Philip M. St. Jacques
 - *In Ned's Head* - Anders Jacobsson
- New Juveline CD-ROMs**
- *Dinosaurs 3D* (upper elementary)
 - *Earth 3D* (upper elementary)
 - *Interfact Series: volcanoes* (ages 7-12)
 - *Zoboomafo: animal kids* (ages 3-8)

New Adult Nonfiction
 ■ *The Compassionate Life* - Bstan-Dzin-Rgya-Mtsho



- *Supercade: a visual history of the videogame age, 1971-1984* - Van Burnham
 - *The Last Days of Haute Cuisine* - Patric Kuh
 - *The Gallery of Regrettable Food* - James Lileks
 - *Tandoor: the great Indian barbecue* - Ranjit Rai
- Audio Books**
- *Swift As Desire* - Laura Esquivel (CD and cassette)
 - *Dead North* - Sue Henry (CD)
 - *The Shadow Rising* - Robert Jordan
 - *The Fires of Heaven* - Robert Jordan
 - *Middle Age: a romance* - Joyce Carol Oates (CD and cassette)
 - *Gettysburg, Day Three* - Jeffrey D. Wert

Hot Topic Of The Week

Anniversary of the discovery of the Aztec Calendar Stone! On Dec. 17, 1790, one of the wonders of the western hemisphere - the Aztec Calendar or Solar Stone - was found beneath the ground by workmen repairing Mexico city's Central Plaza. The centuries-old, intricately carved stone, 11 feet, 8 inches in diameter and weighing nearly 25 tons, proved to be a highly developed calendar monument to the sun. Believed to have been carved in the year 1479, this extraordinary time-counting basalt tablet originally stood in the Great Temple of the Aztecs. Buried along with other Aztec idols, soon after the Spanish conquest in 1521, it remained hidden until 1790. Its 52-year cycle had regulated many Aztec ceremonies, including grisly human sacrifices to save the world from destruction by the gods.

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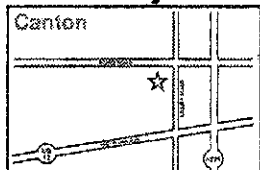
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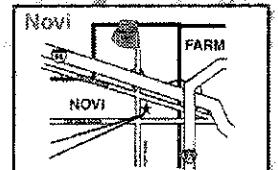
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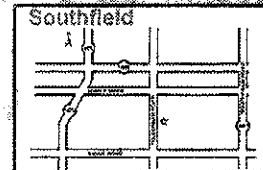
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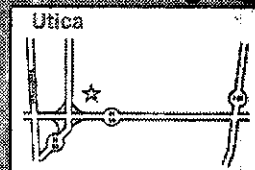
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CANTON OBITUARIES

WILLIAM C. PARKS
 Services for William Parks, 73, of Canton were held Dec. 15 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Mr. Parks was born Feb. 16, 1938 in Detroit and died Dec. 10 in Superior Township. He was a supervisor in information technology.

Survivors include wife, Lois Parks; daughter, Marie Drallos; daughter, Joan Parks; daughter, Janet Parks; son, Keith Parks; son, William (Julie) Parks; and 10 grandchildren. Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

EVELYN HILL
 Services for Evelyn Hill, 86, of Detroit were held Dec. 15 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Hill was born Feb. 2, 1915 in Calumet and died Dec. 12 in Westland. She was a homemaker. She came to the Westland community in 1986 from Detroit. She was a member of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran in Farmington Hills. She enjoyed reading.

Survivors include son, Robert Warfield Catlett, Charles Hutcherson (Judi King) Catlett, Philip Nelson (Carroll) Catlett; daughter, Catherine (David) Piercy; grandchildren, Andrew Piercy, Vincent Piercy, Jessica Piercy, Amy Catlett, Brian Catlett and Laurel Catlett-King; and two great-grandchildren, Cougar Marie Walter and Claire Morene Aarestad.

Mr. Maly was born July 22, 1925 in Chicago, Ill. and died Dec. 13 in Sterling Heights. He retired in 1987 from Ford Motor Company after 34 years of service. He was a labor relations representative. He also was the Organizational Director for the Catholic Council on Working Life in Chicago in the '50s. He taught and was the registrar at DePaul University in Chicago.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holland Home, 1450 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Arrangements made by Zaagman Memorial Chapel, Inc.

EDWARD RUSZKOWSKI
 Services for Edward Ruszkowski, 84, of Westland were held Dec. 14 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mr. Ruszkowski was born May 2, 1917 in Detroit and died Dec. 11 in Westland. He worked in stock for the retail industry. Survivors include brother, Joseph; brother, Leonard Rusk; brother, Clement J. Bojke; and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

RAYMOND J. MALY
 Services for Raymond Maly, 76 of Plymouth will be held Dec. 18 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ormond. Survivors include son, Dennis (Anna) Hill of Parma, Ohio; daughter, Nancy (Roger) Elliott of Pinckney (formerly of Plymouth); and four grandchildren. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

CHARLES CATLETT III
 Services for Charles Catlett, 87, of Grand Rapids, will be held Dec. 28 at Zaagman Memorial Chapel in Grand Rapids. Burial will be at Blacksburg, Va., where he will be placed in a cemetery next to his wife.

Mr. Catlett died Dec. 12 in Grand Rapids. He was a colonel in the United States Army during World War II, and worked for much of his career as a computer engineer at Burroughs Corporation in Plymouth. His honesty and effort to do the right thing set an example for all who knew him.

Mr. Catlett was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor.

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It was a victory of sorts for the Canton Softball Complex at Tuesday night's Board of Trustees meeting. The board voted unanimously to change the name of the complex to Victory Park. Ann Conklin, director of Leisure Services, said the softball center now houses more than softball fields and it's appropriate that the name reflect its many uses. In addition, she said, the name Victory Park follows a tradition established with other parks in the township, such as Freedom, Independence and Heritage. She said the addition of indoor soccer and ice have expanded the uses of the property far beyond softball fields. "We now refer to the ice arena as Arctic Edge at the Softball Center, which doesn't make a lot of sense," she said. A new entry sign is being designed and will be placed at the main entrance to the park. Each individual facility will have its own sign, which will follow the color and design scheme of the main sign.

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Madonna undergrad receives award

Harper Woods resident Lisa A. Kleusch was selected by the faculty and administration at Madonna University to receive the St. Catherine Undergraduate Achievement Award for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Each year, the Detroit chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi, a Catholic honor society, recognizes one junior student from each affiliated college. Students are asked to submit a resumé and are judged on their academic achievement and leadership roles in their church, campus and communities. Kleusch is majoring in nursing.

Involved in numerous activities at Madonna University, Kleusch is a member of the Madonna University Nursing Student Association (MUNSA), the Spirituality Committee and the Respect Life Committee. She has previously served as the student representative for the Right-to-Life Mother's Day Celebration and has participated in the national Right-to-Life chain.

Further exemplifying the academic success of Madonna University students, Kleusch is a first honors dean's list member and a recipient of the William Randolph Hearst Scholarship, the Catholic Student Award and the Edward and Hazel Stephenson Foundation Scholarship. She has also volunteered at the University's "Around the World" Scholarship Dinner Auction, St. Christine's Soup Kitchen and Habitat for Humanity.

A member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Harper Woods, Kleusch is a scheduled eucharistic minister and was the parish representative at the 2000 Archdiocese of Detroit Eucharistic Congress.

Among her civic duties, she has volunteered in the Bon Secours Cottage Hospital Birthcare Unit and attended the 2000 Detroit Area Council of Teachers of Mathematics (DACTM) winter conference.

The St. Catherine Undergraduate Achievement Award is the second such award in the Kleusch family. Lisa's sister, Amy, a 1998 Madonna University graduate, received the honor in November 1996. Amy earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and is currently pursuing a master of arts in teaching degree at Madonna University.

Detroit's Wright Museum celebrates Kwanzaa

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History is partnering with the African American community of Metropolitan Detroit to present the 2001 Community Kwanzaa Celebration 1-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28.

As a part of the collective community festivities, the Museum will host day three, which is devoted to "A Celebration of Ujima" (Collective Work and Responsibility).

The day's events will include movies, workshops and perfor-

mances for children, adults and families.

Highlighting this year's observance will be a special lecture by the creator of Kwanzaa and the Nguzo Saba, Dr. Maulana Karenga.

Entitled "Kwanzaa, Peace & Justice in the World: Cultivating & Harvesting the Good," the lecture will begin at 3 p.m. in the Museum's General Motors Theater.

The Nguzo Saba or "seven principles" of Kwanzaa, formu-

lated by Dr. Karenga in 1966, are Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity) and Imani (Faith).

Dr. Maulana Karenga is professor and chair of the Department of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, where he also chairs the President's Task Force on Multicultural Education and Cam-

pus Diversity.

He holds two Ph.D.s, one in political science (United States International University) and another in social ethics (University of Southern California), as well as an honorary doctorate from the University of Durban, South Africa.

Dr. Karenga is also the author of numerous scholarly articles and books including, *Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture* and *Introduction to Black Studies*, 3rd Edition, among

others.

For more information regarding the Kwanzaa activities, please call (313) 494-5800, ext. 0.

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, located at 315 East Warren in Detroit's Cultural Center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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School district OKs 7 buses; director says more needed

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth-Canton school board has approved the purchase of seven new school buses. However, that's only a fraction of what transportation director Melvin Latnie feels is needed to replenish an aging fleet.

"At least 60 percent of our buses are at or near the end of their life expectancy," said Latnie in a report to the Board of Education and Superintendent Kathleen Booher. "Presently, we need to replace a minimum of 44 buses now to get us on a 10-year replacement program without addressing future community

needs."

The seven buses will be purchased with \$535,000 in interest earned from the 1998 Discovery Middle School bond issue. Latnie is hoping the board will approve another 15 buses in the near future with \$1.1 million in interest earned from 1998 and 1999 bond issues.

Latnie told trustees at Tuesday's board meeting the district needs to discontinue the process of using bond money to purchase buses, and instead develop a line item in the general fund budget to begin a yearly replacement schedule.

"We desperately need a line item to purchase buses each and

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every year," Latnie said. "To get on a 10-year replacement program, and to address community growth and service, we would have to purchase an initial 52 buses. After the initial phase, we would have to average buying 6-15 buses each and every year.

"It's a big commitment, but a necessary one needed to provide the kind of service the community wants and deserves," he said.

Latnie said to factor in community needs and growth, the district must increase the size of the fleet from 114 buses to 121.

"The bus issue has been around a long time," said Trustee Susan Davis. "I think you need a line item in the budget each year for the replacement of some buses. My recommendation is that we need a serious conversation about that."

Last month, bus driver Del Templeton warned board members about the extremely poor condition of buses, some of which have more than 200,000 miles on them.

"The Plymouth-Canton school bus fleet is currently in a state of disrepair," said Templeton. "The overall integrity of the bus fleet is in question."

Latnie has come up with sug-

gestions as to how district transportation costs can be reduced, with the savings used to purchase buses.

Latnie would like to see the number of field trips reduced. He said the transportation department provided almost 3,000 field trips and extended day services last school year, which resulted in 94,772 additional miles on the fleet. According to Latnie, this year alone the school district will spend \$591,227 for just the basic field trip costs. Athletic field trips for the 2001-02 are projected to be at least \$159,772.

Latnie told the board he's begun to pursue collateral arrangements on shared purchases of fuel with neighboring school districts. Latnie said last year the district spent \$385,664 on diesel fuel costs. By working with neighboring school districts, Latnie said the district

could buy fuel in large volumes, saving literally thousands of dollars each year.

Substance prevention

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Bill approving 3rd judge goes to governor's desk

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It looks like the 35th District Court is finally going to get what most observers feel it has needed for years — a third judge.

House Bill 4788, sponsored by State Rep. Bruce Patterson, (R-Canton), made its way through both the Senate (on a 20-12 vote) and the House of Representatives (89-9) late Thursday night, meaning the only thing standing between the 35th District Court and a third judgeship is Gov. John Engler's signature.

"I'm glad to fulfill a promise I made to the communities," Patterson said. "It was a long timeline, but I was committed. We have to make sure (Engler) signs it into law. Our local legislators have had lengthy conversations with the lieutenant governor, and I'm very optimistic."

For nearly a decade, 35th District Court judges have been seeking a third judgeship. Fig-

ures released by the court show judges John MacDonald and Ron Lowe handle an average of 22,889 cases a year. That compares to the statewide average caseload of 12,7635. To help with the caseload, 35th District Court has been using a visiting judge and part-time magistrate to handle some of the cases.

So the news was welcome to MacDonald, chief judge of the court.

"Obviously we thought this was necessary years ago," MacDonald said. "We're thrilled."

Assuming Engler signs the bill, the judgeship would be on the ballot in the 2002 election cycle. The bill calls for the newly elected judge to start a term beginning Jan. 1, 2003. The interesting thing, according to Patterson, is the eight-year term that will be up for grabs.

"It'll be quite an interesting judgeship, because it's an eight-year term," Patterson said. "It's not just a short term, so I'm sure

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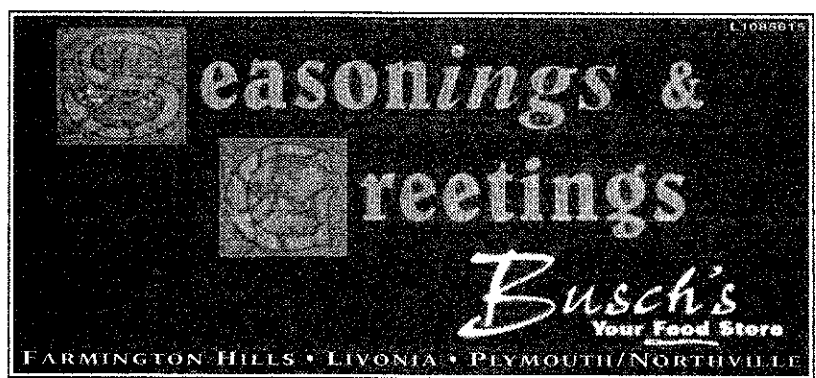
lots of people will be interested." Patterson will not be among them, contrary to rumors that occasionally pop up.

"I filed a senate exploratory committee, and my expectation is I'll either serve in the state house or the state senate starting in 2003, not on the bench," Patterson said. "That would be a great honor, but it's not my intention."

Though the bill was sponsored by Patterson, the Canton representative was quick to point out it was more of a team effort.

"The over-arching principle is that these things never happen because of one person's efforts," Patterson said. "Senators Loren Bennett (R-Canton) and Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) did some heavy lifting in the senate, and it all came together late (Thursday) night."

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UM-D garners recognition for its Natural Areas

The Natural Areas on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn has been recognized for its wildlife habitat management and environmental education efforts by the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), a non-profit, non-lobbying organization dedicated to increasing the quality and amount of wildlife habitat on corporate, private and

public lands.

The Natural Areas is now one of 288 sites worldwide certified by the WHC's corporate wildlife habitat certification/international accreditation program.

"Having the campus's Natural Areas certified by the Wildlife Habitat Council is a fine recognition for the efforts of many people on our campus and in our

community who recognize the treasure we have on a urban campus," according to biology Professor Orin Gelderloos, director of the Natural Areas.

"Some very significant habitats, such as forests and fields, are preserved in perpetuity thanks to the efforts of persons such as Henry Ford, Jens Jensen, and a few of the first fac-

ulty members on this campus," Gelderloos said. "It is an honor to join with the other organizations around the world who are involved in preservation and environmental education."

WHC certification criteria include demonstrating a progressive environmental stewardship policy through active projects and sound environmental control

measures, conducting ongoing inventories of the site's wildlife, having at least one active habitat management project or environmental education project, and scheduling a site visit with a WHC wildlife biologist to become familiar with the habitats on site.

Dedicated as a natural and historical preserve, the Natural Areas includes 70 acres, or approximately one-third of the campus. The area consists of several habitats, including sycamore-willow floodplain forest, beech and sugar maple forest, meadow, former apple orchard, dogwood patch, lake, old field and upper river floodplain.

The primary management strategy of the site is preservation, with volunteers assisting with invasive species control, pond enhancement, rotational mowing and bird and turtle

monitoring.

Many UM-Dearborn students and others at Henry Ford Community College and Wayne State University take courses that use these habitats for ecological and aesthetic studies.

Each year, approximately, 15,000 children and adults from schools, community groups and the public participate in educational programs on the site, and more than 30,000 visitors walk the trails of the Natural Areas.

UM-Dearborn's new Environmental Interpretive Center, which is a collaboration between the university and Wayne County, will allow the campus to expand its programs in environmental education and scientific research in the Rouge River watershed with the use of its large multipurpose classroom, auditorium, workshop, staff offices and gift shop.

AAA: Holiday travel will increase 16 percent

An estimated 1.68 million Michiganians - 17 percent of state residents - have travel plans for the upcoming Christmas/New Year's holiday period, according to a AAA Michigan survey. That's a 16-percent increase over last year, when an estimated 1.4 million planned a Yuletide car, train or plane ride.

The estimated number of travelers for Christmas 2001 ties the record for this time period set in 1999. AAA Michigan has been tracking holiday travel intentions since 1996.

The majority of Michiganians - 87 percent - will travel at least 100 miles from home, an increase of 7 percentage points over last year. Nearly two-thirds of those traveling (64 percent) will be leaving the state, and the number of people intending to fly is up over last year. In 2000, 68 percent traveled by car, truck or van and 25 percent flew. This year, 64 percent said they will travel by car and 30 percent will fly.

Based on projected requests for TripTik routings and AAA Travel air reservations, the most popular destinations outside Michigan are: By air: 1) Las Vegas, 2) Orlando, 3) Tampa, 4)

Ft. Myers, 5) Phoenix. By land: 1) Orlando, 2) Myrtle Beach, 3) Washington, D.C., 4) Atlanta, 5) Nashville. The average planned length for a holiday trip is nine days, compared with seven last year.

"We believe this signals a positive change in consumer attitudes toward travel - air travel in particular," said Larry Dickens, Director of Vendor Relations and Travel Support for AAA Michigan.

Other survey findings:

- The average amount travelers expect to spend is more than \$2,000, double last year's average cost of \$1,000. (The increase in cost was due to three respondents who plan on spending \$17,000, \$30,000 and \$35,000 respectively. When these individuals are removed from the sample, the average cost of Christmas vacation 2001 is \$874.)

- Florida (40 percent) and Ohio (10 percent) are the most popular out-of-state destinations cited by respondents, followed by California (8 percent) and Illinois (6 percent).

- Upon arrival at the destination, plans for accommodations are: With relatives (53 percent);

Hotel/motel/resort (22 percent); House/cabin (10 percent); Condo (6 percent).

Michigan motorists can expect to pay about 40 cents less for a gallon of gas this year (\$1.15 as of December 3).

The official 102-hour Christmas holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 and runs to midnight Tuesday, Dec. 25. The

2001-2002 New Year holiday period (also 102 hours) begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28 and runs to midnight, Jan. 1.

During last year's 78-hour Christmas holiday period, 11 persons died in Michigan in 10 fatal traffic crashes. During the New Year holiday period, 14 people died in 13 fatal crashes statewide.

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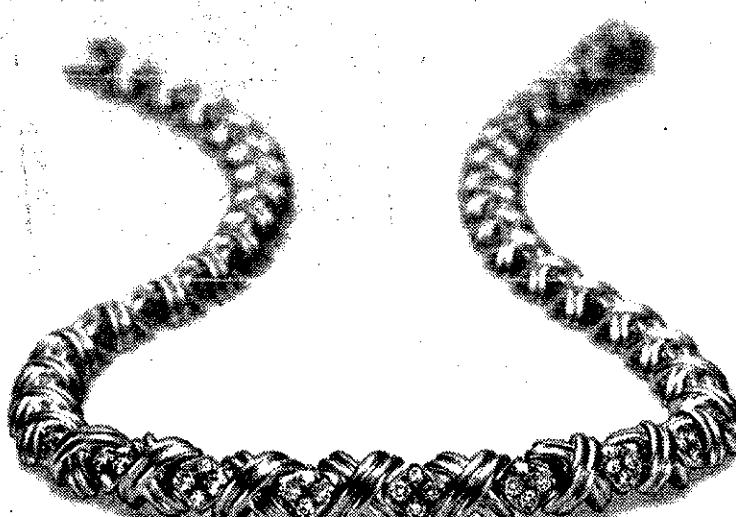
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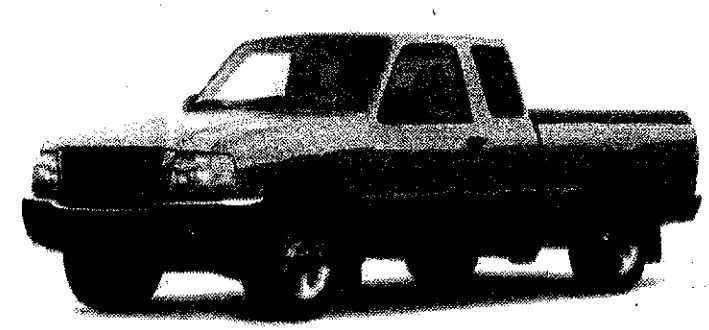
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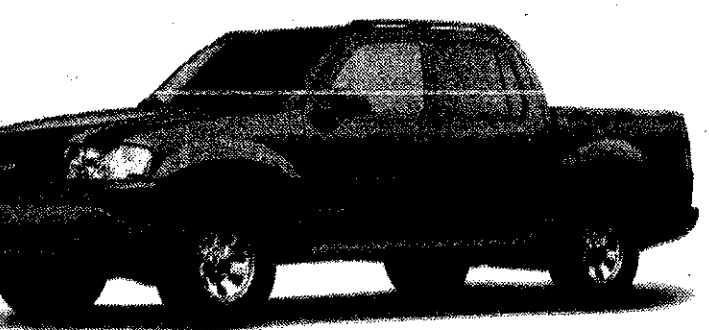
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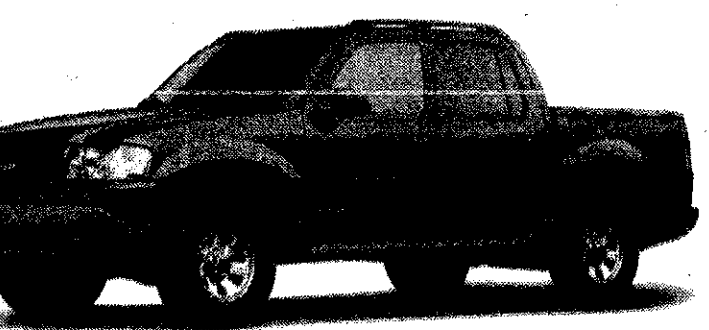
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Thunderbirds softball

Thunderbirds softball is hosting an informational meeting about girls fastpitch softball at 7 p.m. Monday in the Canton Township Hall's lower level. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Opportunities are available for interested players, parents and coaches. For further information, visit the Thunderbirds' web site at: <http://thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com/>

N'ville P&R offerings

Northville Parks and Recreation department has several openings in different sports for the winter.

Women's winter basketball league: On Tuesdays, starting Jan. 15. Entry fee is \$405 per team, 11 games. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

Men's winter basketball league: Sundays and Wednesdays leagues, A and B divisions. Entry fee is \$415 per team, 11-game schedule. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

Men's over-35 basketball league: Sundays, starting Jan. 8. Cost is \$415 per team. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

Adult volleyball leagues: Starting Jan. 21, a 12-week season; women's and co-ed competitive on Mondays, co-ed intermediate on Wednesdays. Cost is \$215 per team. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

Women's Tuesday morning volleyball leagues: Teams formed from individual registrations. Play starts Jan. 15. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

Open badminton: Competitive-style badminton, all skill levels welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, including free bird. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7-9:30 p.m. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

Senior volleyball (co-ed adults 50 and over): All levels of play welcome. Cost is \$1; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

AAU girls basketball

Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams are set for Jan. 8 and Jan. 10.

On both days, the 10 and 11-year-olds will try out from 6-7:30 p.m. at Central Middle School in Plymouth. The 12 and 13-year-olds will try out from 7:30-9 p.m. on the same days at the same location.

For further information, call Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746 or Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763 or at (734) 414-8156.

Baseball camps

Eastern Michigan University will again host winter baseball camps for boys and girls 8-18 years of age at Bowen Fieldhouse.

Camps will be Dec. 22 and 29, Jan. 19 and 26, Feb. 10 and 17 plus another on May 11. Workouts begin at noon at Bowen, or outside at Oestrike Stadium weather permitting, and conclude at 4 p.m.

Single day camps cost \$45, \$85 for two, \$120 for three, \$155 for four and \$175 for five or \$200 for all seven. Applications must be sent in a week prior to camps to avoid a \$10 late registration fee.

Coach Roger Coryell and his EMU staff will conduct the sessions, which feature position and team fundamentals. Topics include hitting and bunting, catching, baserunning, pitching, infield play, outfield play, strength and conditioning, arm and bat speed development.

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In-line hockey

The Skatin Station, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton, is accepting registrations for its winter 2001-02 youth and adult in-line hockey leagues, along with winter 2002 youth leagues.

Age brackets are available for 16-and-under. Ages are determined as of Jan. 1, 2001. Youth cost is \$120 (includes 10 games, a jersey, championship shirts and referee fees). Winter 2002 youth evaluations will begin Jan. 5. Ages are determined as of Jan. 1, 2002.

For more information, call (734) 459-6401 or visit www.skatinstation2.com.

Adult leagues are also available for 17- and 30-and-over. For adult league information, call Dave Jackson at (734) 459-6401.

Canton can't keep pace with Stevenson

Tommy Zagata scored a pair of goals and had one assist, while Jared Gaudet contributed three assists as Livonia Stevenson routed Plymouth Canton 8-2 in a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey encounter Wednesday at Edgar Arena in Livonia.

The Spartans improved to 3-1 overall, 3-0 in the WLAA. Canton is 3-5 overall, 2-4 in the conference.

Mike McCray contributed one goal and two assists for the Spartans, who led 2-0 after one period and 5-1 after 30 minutes.

"We probably could have kept it closer," said Canton coach Dan Abraham, whose team has endured injuries to several key players all season. "These are things we've been dealing with. And things are getting better."

"It's tough to have those injuries, but I'm encouraged. I'm optimistic. By the same token, Stevenson is one of the best high school hockey teams I've ever seen."

The Chiefs have been hampered by injuries to Ryan McCabe (separated shoulder), Nick Norville (ankle sprain), Mike Carson (knee injury) and Ryan McKendry (broken wrist) all season long. All of them are getting close to 100 percent.

"We're 3-5 right now, but we've been in most of the games we've played," said Abraham. "I think that now that we're nearly healthy, we'll have some more success."

In the Stevenson game, Matt Calus, Jonny O'Neill, Josh Latzman and Jeff Kraemer contributed one goal and one assist each. Stu Miller also scored for



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the Spartans, while Dave Kubert had two assists.

Mike Carson and Matt Gabriel each scored goals for Canton.

Goalie Rob Thomas worked the first two periods for Stevenson, while Rob Grisius played the final period. Charles Kemp was in goal for Canton.

Stevenson outshot the Chiefs, 36-13.

Salem 6, Franklin 1: Kevin Wilson

Slipping away: Canton's Ryan McCabe (left) eludes Stevenson's Sean Tackett, something the Chiefs weren't able to do too often in Wednesday's loss.

Salem loaded, ready for title run

BY C.J. RISAK
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The start to the season Plymouth Salem's gymnastics team put together last year drew attention, to be sure.

The Rocks' finish did not. "We peaked early in the season and never went above that," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson, now in her fifth season as head coach. "We never got any better."

After scoring in the 140s early, the young Rocks slipped. They finished seventh out of 19 teams at the Canton Invitational with a score of 139.75, then took sixth out of nine teams at the Western Lakes Activities Association Finals, scoring 138.50. They rallied somewhat at the state regionals, scoring 138.70, but they finished fourth, one spot short of qualifying for the state finals.

"We did really well at the regionals," Hopson said. "We placed fourth, just .05 behind Ann Arbor Huron for third."

Perhaps it was just as well. That finish should provide the Rocks with plenty of incentive.

"They're very motivated," said Hopson of her team.

Certainly there's plenty of talent and experience. Gone from last season's squad are Ashley Heard and Kristen Miller, both solid gymnasts.

However, they might have trouble breaking into the current lineup. Five seniors return: April Aquinto, Melissa Drake, Staci Schmedding, Kara Dendrin and Stefanie Oli. Aquinto and Drake are the most experienced and should compete in the all-around.

Perhaps Salem's best gymnast is Bethany Bartlett, a junior who placed third in the all-around at regionals last



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One of the best: Salem's Bethany Bartlett earned a third-place finish in the all-around at last season's state regional.

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Canton gymnasts seek better season

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Optimism has never been a problem for Plymouth Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham. But that quality may be tested this season.

The Chiefs struggled through a sub-par season last year, finishing 17th out of 19 teams at their own Canton Invitational, eighth in a nine-team field at the Western Lakes Activities Association Finals, and ninth out of 15 teams at the state regional meet. Their highest team score at any of those events was 132.325.

If Cunningham had been rebuilding, if last season's team was young and inexperienced, then maybe an off-year could be expected. But that wasn't the case, not exactly.

Four of his top five gymnasts from last season's team won't be back this year. Amy Driscoll, Kristin Schilk and Jessica Krueger have all graduated; Jackie Bennington has opted not to participate this year.

Considering last season's squad rarely reached the mid-130s, what can Cunningham — recently inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Athletic Association Hall of Fame — expect as he tries to rebuild again?

"This is a better team than last year's," Cunningham promised. "Even with the loss of Driscoll, Schilk, Krueger and Bennington. We have a bit more depth."

"It's just not going to show in the beginning." In the Chiefs' season-opener against WLAA rival Walled Lake Wednesday at Canton, they did come up short, losing 133.0-129.25. It was not a good omen for Canton.

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Morrell sparkles for NCAA power North Carolina

Imagine winning a state championship and an NCAA title in a five-month span, and playing a pivotal role on both teams.

For Anne Morrell, such perfection evaded her by just one game — indeed, by one goal.

The Canton native who was named Miss Soccer in both her junior and senior years at Plymouth Canton HS, leading the Chiefs to the state title last June, joined a team that is, by any collegiate standard, legendary.

Morrell signed with the University of North Carolina when she was a junior at Canton. Upon graduation last June, after scoring all three of the Chiefs' goals in a 3-1 win over Troy in the state final, she didn't rest on her laurels.

If you're headed to a program like North Carolina's, you'd better be ready.

This is a school that has thoroughly dominated this sport. No team has a track record like the one Anson Dorrance has compiled at North Carolina, where he has won 17 national championships in the 24 years of women's soccer competition. In the Atlantic Coast Conference, North Carolina has 14 championships in 15 seasons.

So how did Anne Morrell approach her first year at such a prestigious school? With determination and resolve, of course.

It's the only way for Morrell, one of the greatest female athletes ever at Canton HS and, for that matter, from Observerland. She's the only Chief to have her jersey number retired.



C.J. RISAK

But in addition to her on-field success — she scored 40 goals as a senior — Morrell was an honor-roll student. She was smart enough to realize none of it would matter at the collegiate level.

"It was definitely a major difference," Morrell said of the transition. "The competitiveness, the intensity. Hardly anything was the same."

Of course, it was exactly the kind of atmosphere Morrell relished. The more competitive, the bigger the challenge, the more she likes it.

"When I got there I did work hard through the preseason," Morrell said. "I just earned my spot."

That she did. On a team that advanced to the NCAA Championship, Morrell was a starter at forward. And she was a starter for nearly the entire season.

Twenty-three of 25 games — that's how many she started. She finished with eight goals and eight assists, tying for fourth on the team in scoring.

Her biggest collegiate moment came in the Tar Heels' NCAA Tournament match against Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights scored in the 12th minute and kept that 1-0 lead until, 18:55 into the second half, Morrell gathered in a pass from Jena Kluegel, pivoted and dribbled twice, then unleashed a shot that beat Rutgers' keeper Christine Caldwell to the left to knot it at 1-1.

Jordan Walker got the game-winner for North Carolina with eight minutes to play, giving the Tar Heels a 2-1 win and a spot in the NCAA quarterfinals.

North Carolina went on to defeat both Penn State and Portland in the quarterfinals and semis, respectively, by identical 2-1 scores. Which set up last Sunday's NCAA final opposite Santa Clara.

Which is where that one goal comes in. The Broncos' Aly Wagner scored with four minutes left in the first half, and that proved to be all her team would need as it shutout the Heels 1-0 in Dallas.

Santa Clara earned its first-ever NCAA title in women's soccer. A shock maybe, but no more shocking than North Carolina's not winning.

The Tar Heels had won their 33 previous games going into the NCAA title match. They were bidding to become the first team since 1993 to go through a season unbeaten (that was North Carolina).

For Morrell, it was a setback. A disappointment. But such adversity is not a stranger to her.

She labored through three years at



FILE PHOTO

Star is rising: Anne Morrell of Canton went from the best player in the state to a starter with perennial NCAA champ North Carolina.

Canton with superior teams that could never manage to win their final game. Her fortunes, and Canton's, changed last June when the Chiefs finally claimed that elusive state crown.

Morrell will get three more shots at an NCAA title at North Carolina. Already she's planning what she must do better to make it happen.

"You can always get better," she said.

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Lady Ocelots pull away from Delta College

Depth was the decisive factor Wednesday as Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team defeated Michigan Community College Athletic Association foe Delta College 71-56 Wednesday at SC.

SC improved to 7-3 overall, 1-0 in the MCAA's Eastern Conference. Delta is 5-3 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

The Lady Ocelots led 33-26 at the half before pulling away in

WOMEN'S HOOP

the second half. SC's better depth — four players reached double figures in scoring — was the difference.

Kera Hill led the Ocelots with 16 points. Keysa Hamilton and Pam Wingate added 12 apiece and Devin Francois collected 11 points and 11 rebounds. Rachel Eley contributed five points, five steals and five assists.

Delta was paced by Krystal Weiss and Jamie Hutchinson with 14 points apiece.

SC is now idle until it plays at the Panama City Beach (Fla.) Tournament. The Ocelots go against Chipola (Marianna, Fla.) Junior College on Dec. 29 and Darton J.C. on Dec. 30.

WSU edges Madonna

Madonna University battled to the end against visiting Wayne

State Wednesday, but the Lady Crusaders couldn't quite overtake the Lady Warriors, falling 79-72.

The loss left Madonna at 7-5 overall. WSU is 8-2.

The Crusaders, who trailed 34-32 at the half, led just once in the second half, 44-43 on a three-pointer by Carissa Gizicki at 15:24. But although the Warriors stayed in front, it was never by much: Their biggest lead of the second half, and of the game, was eight (58-50 with 10:13 to play).

Three times in the final three

minutes Madonna crept to within a single point, the last at 1:51 on two free throws by Nikki Blaszak, which made it 73-72. WSU, however, scored the game's final six points to insure the win.

Lindsay Simmon led the Crusaders with 24 points on 7-of-10 shooting from the floor and 10-of-13 from the free-throw line. Kathy Panganis added 15 points, eight rebounds and four assists. Blaszak had 12 points and five steals, and Gizicki finished with eight points, six assists and two steals.

WSU was paced by Jessica King with 17 points and Kenoisha Moss with 12. Eleven of the Warriors' 13 players scored.

Madonna outshot WSU, making 25-of-54 (46.3 percent) to 31-of-75 (41.3 percent), but the Warriors had a slight advantage in rebounding (41-39). The biggest differences favoring the Warriors came in offensive rebounding (22-15), three-point shooting (WSU: 8-of-26, 30.8 percent; Madonna: 2-of-11, 18.2 percent) and turnovers (WSU had 23, Madonna had 33).

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Williams leads SC rout

His game is as smooth as silk, shades former UCLA Bruin Keith Wilkes.

Schoolcraft College's Mike Williams put on a dazzling display Wednesday with a career-high 42 points, 12 rebounds and six steals as the host Ocelots routed Delta Community College, 126-56.

Schoolcraft, ranked No. 10 in the latest NJCAA Division I men's basketball poll, improved to 9-0 overall.

Williams, the wiry 6-foot-7 forward from Detroit City High, hit 18-of-22 shots from the floor while impressing a slew of college scouts including representatives from Oklahoma, Central Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy and Oakland University.

"It was a nice performance because Mike played within himself and the guys did a good job of getting him the ball in scoring position," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs. "We also did a good job defensively. We were able to score off their turnovers."

MEN'S HOOP

The Ocelots jumped out to a 56-33 halftime lead against Delta, which slipped to 3-4 overall.

Yaku Moton-Spruill, a 6-8 center from Westland John Glenn, added 25 points and nine rebounds. Point-guard Rulon Harris, a signee with U-D Mercy, added 13 points and seven assists.

Ron Dorsey also scored 13. Schoolcraft hit 64 percent of its shots from the field (52-of-81) and 17-of-25 from the free throw line (68 percent). The Ocelots pulled down 44 rebounds.

WSU pounds Madonna

It just wasn't pretty.

Wayne State University took a 15-point lead at the half and kept pulling away to earn an 80-44 victory over Madonna University Wednesday at WSU.

For the Fighting Crusaders, the loss was their eighth-

straight, dropping them to 3-9.

Poor shooting, poor rebounding and poor ball-handling plagued Madonna. The Crusaders were 18-of-60 shooting (30 percent), making just 5-of-22 from three-point range (22.7 percent) and 3-of-7 from the free throw line (42.9 percent). WSU hit 27-of-66 from the floor (40.9 percent), 5-of-16 three-pointers (31.3 percent) and 21-of-27 free throws (77.8 percent).

Madonna was also outrebounded (50-34) and had 23 turnovers to the Warriors' 15.

Mike Massey paced the Crusaders with 15 points. Steven Horn added 14 and Joe Kofahl contributed seven points and eight rebounds.

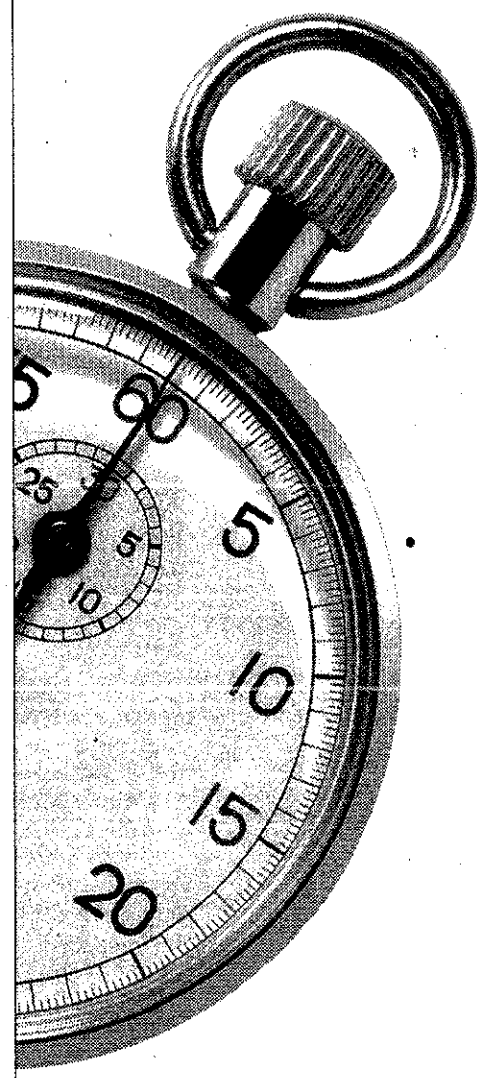
WSU was led by Brandon Gray with 15 points. Nick Dyer added 13 points and 14 rebounds, Jeremy Denha had 12 points and nine boards, Kendall LeSure netted 11 points, and Reggie Kirkland (from Schoolcraft College) finished with eight points and three steals.

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House finches suffer from new disease

Bird feeders close to the house allow easy viewing of the many species that use it.

If it's too far away, the fine details of each individual cannot be appreciated. Most of the time that fine detail is the beauty of feather color and texture, but sometimes it involves deformities.

I have a male house finch visiting our feeder with one eye completely covered because of a swollen eyelid.

This swelling is caused by a bacteria that began infecting house finches near Washington, D.C. in 1994. The bacteria's technical name is Mycoplasma gallisepticum.

It's not new to the U.S., poultry farms are familiar with this disease, but it was not noticed in house finch before 1994.

Upon its discovery, the Feeder-Watch program sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, initiated a study to document the spread and extent of the disease.

By November of 1994 reports from Virginia, southern Ontario and southern New Hampshire outlined a triangular shaped range for the disease.

In 1995, the disease had spread to Georgia, Illinois, Quebec, and Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. By 1997, the disease had been observed in the Dakotas. This was a remarkable documentation demonstrating how fast a disease could spread in the avian world.

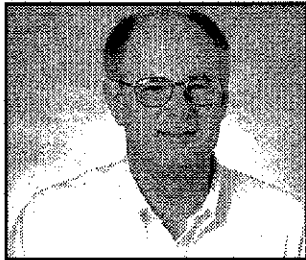
Juvenile house finch have been shown to be long distance travelers. They disperse great distances to search for unoccupied territories and to avoid extreme weather. This habit contributed to the spread of Mycoplasma conjunctivitis.

House finch also tend to flock more than other species. Close contact with infected birds helps spread the disease within a local population.

Today, nine western states have documented the disease, along with Colorado and New Mexico. These states are close to the original population of house finches that were used to introduce this species to the eastern states in 1940.

Mycoplasma conjunctivitis is more common today in the mid-

NATURE NOTES



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Atlantic states than in other regions, but as the house finch at my feeders will attest to, its still evident.

Has this disease affected the overall population of house finch?

In short, yes. Populations of house finch in the east have declined noticeably.

In Oakland County, according to the Detroit Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count data, the population has shown some fluctuation.

House finch were first observed in 1984. Their numbers rose to a peak in 1993. Since 1993, their numbers have averaged a little more than half of the 1993 peak number of 440 individuals. In 2000, the number counted was similar to that reported for 1991.

I am impressed with how well this, essentially, one-eyed bird can fly and land without difficulty.

A one eyed bird does not have depth perception like birds with normal vision. Yet when I watched this individual, it landed on a perch without hesitation and did not have trouble gathering food.

I did notice that when he fed at the feeder, he usually kept the good eye looking away from the feeder. Spotting predators will be difficult for this bird.

He has avoided death over the several weeks since I first noticed him, but based on the decline in house finch populations, its likely this bird will become a victim before too long.

If you would like to participate in any surveys sponsored by the Lab of Ornithology, log on to <http://birds.cornell.edu>.

U.S. Open brings out the best

Last Sunday was a special treat for bowling fans as both the men's and women's U.S. Open events were televised on ESPN. It was a solid three hours of televised pro bowling at its best.

On the men's side, it was the first time that a foreign-born bowler had won, as Mika Koivuniemi of Finland took the honors and the \$100,000 first-place purse. Koivuniemi is currently a resident of Ann Arbor, so he was representing the Detroit area as well as his native land.

As for the female circuit, Belleville's Lisa Bishop gave it a valiant effort but came up a little short of making it to the televised finals. At mid-week, Bishop held first place among the qualifiers, but then slipped to tenth.

Kim Terrell emerged victorious, beating everyone including leading qualifier, Wendy McPherson. Terrell was nicely locked-in, and proved to be unbeatable.

The Ladies top prize was \$45,000, which is not as much as the men's prize, but much greater than past tournament

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purses. If you missed the bowling, could it be due to the Detroit Lions playing Tampa Bay on television at the same time?

G.D.B.A Christmas party

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association held its annual Christmas meeting and dinner party last Wednesday at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren.

Current G.D.B.A. President Marvin Dooley welcomed the board of directors and guests for the meeting, and took care of the business it takes to run the largest local bowling association in the nation.

The board of directors will be

planning for the American Bowling Congress convention in March at Billings, Mont.

These conventions are basic to the way the sport of bowling will be guided in the years to come. The hot topic these days is the possibility of a unified Single Membership Organization, an idea whose time has come.

The big question is how best to go about this vast undertaking without negative results? The board has decided to put off a vote on the issue until some more studies can be done.

Old Timers results

The Old Timers Bowling Tournament has come and gone. The winners were all announced and awards were given out.

Something new was added this year, however, as two young men were chosen to receive the tournament's first scholarship awards in the amount of \$500 each, which will help further their education beyond high school.

Jeff Sosnowski of Westland, a recent graduate of John Glenn High School, was one of the scholarship recipients.

He is now attending School-

craft College and aims to pursue a career as an electrical engineer. He accepted his award during the opening ceremonies and made a big hit with the elders when he took the mike in hand and said, "I look forward to bowling here . . . later in life, see you in about 40 years."

The scholarship program will continue as a regular part of the event for many years to come.

Bowlers needed

Bowlers are still needed for Team Farmington Special Olympics 10th annual Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday Feb. 23, at Drakeshire Lanes located at 35000 Grand River.

Two sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Those interested in signing-up should call Nancy Meloche at (248) 888-5021.

Donuts and bagels will be provided for the 10 a.m. session, while pizza and pop will be served at the 1 p.m. time slot.

Team Farmington currently offers 12 different sporting events to more than 175 athletes and more than 50 volunteer coaches.

WRESTLING RESULTS

TRI-MEET AT HARTLAND
Wednesday, Dec. 12
Redford Catholic Central 40
Plymouth Canton 27

103 pounds: Matt Steintrager (CC) pinned Steve Hogg (PC), 2:30.
112: Matt Koziara (CC) def. Rob Schnettler (PC), 9-2.
119: Andy Roberts (PC) pinned Brien Baumgartner (CC), 2:30.
125: Dustin Armer (PC) def. Andrew Prusaitis (CC), 10-6.
130: Doy Demisick (PC) pinned Tony Kruecher (CC), 2:26.
135: Brad Bartram (CC) pinned Derek Robinson (PC), 1:30.

140: Chris Hosey (PC) pinned Kian O'Donohue, 2:53.
145: Nate Rodriguez (CC) def. Greg Musser (PC), 8-7.
152: Trevor Stewart (CC) def. Mike Siegrist (PC), 13-3.
160: Scott Schwarzlose (CC) def. Mike Bonner (PC), 7-5.
171: J.P. Foley (CC) pinned Tim Larsen (PC), 2:00.
189: Chris Cracchiolo (CC) def. Shahein Rajae (PC), 5-4.
215: Phil Rothwell (PC) pinned Blaic Naysmith (CC), 2:55.
Heavyweight: Pat Clark (CC) pinned Chris Pocock (PC), :24.

Catholic Central 34
Dundee 33

103: Matt Steintrager (CC) def. Zach Donofrio (D), :26.
112: Matt Koziara (CC) pinned Justin Heisler (D), 2:28.
119: Adam Rowe (D) pinned Brien Baumgartner (CC), 1:40.
125: Nick Salenbien (D) pinned Andrew Prusaitis (CC), 1:41.
130: Jerah Salenbien (D) pinned Tony Kruecher (CC), 2:58.
135: Bill Trudell (D) def. Rich Wentworth (CC), 2-0.
140: Martin Rusek (D) pinned Kian O'Donohue (CC), 1:55.

145: Nate Rodriguez (CC) pinned Adam Maciver (D), 1:39.
152: Trevor Stewart (CC) def. Scott Miller (D), 3-1.
160: Scott Schwarzlose (CC) def. Tom Jonseck (D), 10-6.
171: Eric Mason (D) def. J.P. Foley (CC), 7-3.
189: Chris Cracchiolo (CC) def. B.J. Harlow (D), 21-8.
215: Blaic Naysmith (CC) pinned Brandon Bialczyk (D), 2:33.
Heavyweight: Cosell Beavers (D) def. Pat Clark (CC), 13-8.
Next meet: Canton wrestles at Livonia Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Sunday, December 23	10:00 A.M.	Sunday School Pageant
Christmas Eve	7:15 P.M.	Carols
	7:30 P.M.	Family Eucharist (Babysitting Provided)
	10:45 P.M.	Carols
	11:00 p.m.	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

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Rev. Frederick C. Elwood

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 23, 2001	Christmas Eve December 24, 2001
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM Children's Worship & Creche
10:00 AM Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist	Procession, Holy Eucharist
	10:00 PM Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day December 25, 2001	Sunday After Christmas December 30, 2001
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Matins - Gloria In Excelsis 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Waters 9:45 am
Family Brunch to follow

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Christmas Schedule
We invite you to worship with us this Christmas season!

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sunday, December 23, 7PM

Christmas Eve Liturgies:
Monday, December 24
Family Mass 5PM, Evening Mass 10PM

Christmas Day Liturgies:
Tuesday, December 25, 9AM & 11AM

Octave of Christmas:
Tuesday, January 1, 9 AM

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Tuesday, December 25
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COMMUNAL PENANCE
Monday/Tuesday, December 17/18, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
Monday, December 24
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
(No Mass at Midnight)

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Thursday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
Tuesday, December 25
9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

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Communion Service at 10:30 PM

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SATURDAY - Dec. 29th - 4:30 p.m.

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Communal Reconciliation • Dec. 21 @ 7:30 pm
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Christmas Day Liturgy • Dec. 25 8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Holy Family Liturgy • Dec. 29 4:30, 6:30
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Carol & Candlelight Service - 11:00 p.m.*

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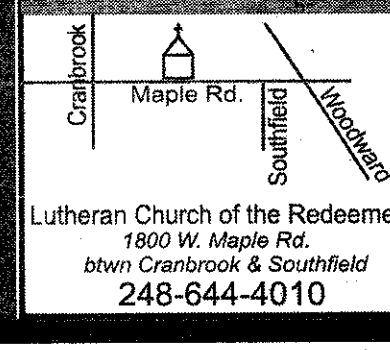
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 (734)427-2290 (btwn Joy Rd & Ann Arbor Tr)
 Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
Hear the Christmas story and celebrate Jesus' birth with communion and candlelight!
 (Nursery Provided at 7pm service)

Join Us as We Worship the Christ Child
Christmas Eve Services:
 5:00 p.m. - Family service of Lessons and Carols
 8:00 p.m. - Service of Holy Communion
 11:00 p.m. - Traditional Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
 10:30 p.m. Musical prelude by choirs
Sunday, December 30: 10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship
 First Presbyterian Church of Farmington
 26165 Farmington Road
 Farmington Hills, MI (248) 474-6170
 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose
 Associate Pastor: Rev. David Noble

Celebrate Christmas Eve With Us
 5PM Children's Service
 7:30 PM The Christmas Story
 11PM Candlelight Service
Lutheran Church of the Master
 3333 Coolidge Road-Troy, MI
 248-643-0176
 (just north of Big Beaver near the Somerset Collection)

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 28000 New Market Road
 (next to the YMCA - 12 Mile & Farmington Road)
 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 • (248) 553-3380
 www.poplclms.org
Christmas Eve
 Family Service..... 5:00 p.m.
 Traditional Service (with signing for the hearing impaired)..... 7:30 p.m.
 Candlelight Service..... 11:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day..... 10:00 a.m.
 New Year's Eve Vesper Service..... 7:30 p.m.
Please join us to celebrate God's gift to us - Jesus!

First Presbyterian Church - Plymouth
 Church & Main Streets ~734.453.6464
 Regular Sunday Worship Services:
 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 Christmas Cantata: Dec. 16, all services
Christmas Eve Services:
 3:00 p.m. Children's Worship Service (childcare avail.)
 5:00 p.m. Family Worship Service (childcare avail.)
 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols
 December 30th Sunday Services: 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. only

St. Michael Lutheran Church
 7000 Sheldon Road • Canton, MI 48187
GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!
Christmas Choir Cantata
 "One King"
 Wed. Dec. 19, 7:30pm
734-459-3333
 www.stmichael-church.org
Christmas Eve Services
 Family Service..... 7pm
 Communion..... 9pm
 Candlelight/Communion..... 11pm
 (Nursery provided 7 & 9pm)
Christmas Day Service
 Communion..... 10am
 (Nursery available)

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 9:00 PM AND 11:00 PM
 Special Christmas message by Dr. William C. Moore

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 248-375-0400
Christmas Eve Services:
 7 p.m. Family Candlelight Service with
 The Children's Choir.
 10 p.m. Candlelight Service with
 Choir Handbells & Instrumentalists

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
 Pastor Bill Hopper
 (248) 476-6520
 35300 W. 8 Mile, Farm Hills
 Join us for Christmas Eve Worship
 Candlelight Family Service
 with Carols & Readings..... 5:30 p.m.
 Candlelight Service
 with Choir & Live Nativity..... 11:00 p.m.
 Sunday Worship Schedule
 (a blend of contemporary & traditional)
 Worship Service & Communion..... 8:30 a.m.
 Bethlehem Players..... 9:20 a.m.
 Sunday School (Youth & Adults)..... 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service..... 10:45 a.m.

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Traditional Service:
 Sunday - December 23rd at 10:30 a.m.
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 Sunday - December 23rd at 12:30 p.m.
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 Monday - December 24th at 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve-Candlelight/Communion Service:
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 8 and 11 p.m.
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 Choir, harp, flute, and
 organ begin at 7:30 &
 10:30 p.m. Nursery care
 provided.
Tuesday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
 10 a.m.
 Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road
 Bloomfield Hills, MI • 248-644-5210
 (one mile west of Woodward off Lone Pine)

Christmas Worship Schedule
Christmas Eve, December 24
 4:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas
 6:00 p.m. - Family Worship
 10:30 p.m. - Festival Worship with Candlelight
 Holy Communion at each service.
Christmas I, December 30
 10:00 a.m. - Lessons and Carols
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Advent Service - "Heaven is our Home"
 Dec. 19 7 pm
Christmas Eve Service
 Dec. 24 7 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Dec. 24 11 pm
Christmas Day
 Dec. 25 10:30 am
New Years Eve Service
 Dec 31 7 pm

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
 5:00 P.M. Family Service
 8:00 P.M. Holy Communion Service
 11:00 P.M. Candlelight Service
For Unto Us a Child is Born!
 All Are Invited to Share The Joy
644-2040

*Listen to the Story, Enjoy the Songs,
 Wonder at the Miracle, Celebrate the Joy!*
Sunday, December 16
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Han del's Messiah
Sunday, December 23
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Worship
Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve
 6:30 p.m. Christingle Worship
 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship
Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day
 11:30 a.m. Prayer Service
Northbrook Presbyterian Church
 14 Mile Road at Lahser Road • (248) 642-0200
 www.northbrookpresbyterian.org



SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 33424 Oakland Avenue
 Farmington, MI 48335
 (248) 474-6880

Christmas Eve 8pm
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Oh, Come Let Us Worship
Christmas Eve 2001

7 p.m. Family Candlelight Service
 9 p.m. Candlelight Service/Communion

First United Methodist Church
 6443 Merriman Road
 Garden City, MI
 734-421-8628

Sunday Worship: 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

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Christmas Eve
 Three Services
6:30 pm Family Service
 Carols & Candlelighting
 Nursery provided
8 & 11 pm
 Carols, Candlelighting & Communion

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Christmas Eve - December 24, 2001
 7:00 and 11:00 PM

All Services include Special Music and Candlelight

December 30 Services
 9:00 and 11:00 PM

26425 Wellington Pastor James E. Greer
 (between 13 & 14 Mile Roads-1 block west of Franklin)

Dec. 23rd • Old Moravian Lovefeast • 7 pm
 The Old Moravian Christmas Lovefeast is set at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, in Detroit's New Center on Sunday evening. The Lovefeast, adapted from a 14th century Moravian custom in Germany, climaxes the telling of the Christmas story in Scripture, anthems and carols and is followed by candlelighting. Five choirs will provide special music. *Tickets are not needed for admission.*

Sunday, December 16 • Detroit Concert Choir • 3pm
 80-voice choir, under the direction of Gordon Nelson.

Sunday, December 23 • Old Moravian Lovefeast • 7pm

Monday, December 24 • Christmas Eve Service • 5pm
 For information, call the church office 313-875-7407, ext. 309
 www.metroumc.org

Community Free Will Baptist Church

33031 Cherry Hill Road • Westland
 Jimmy Lawson, Pastor

Sunday, December 23
 Children's Christmas Program at 11:00AM

Candlelight Service at 6:30PM
 (734) 721-9040

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Celebrate the warmth of Christmas light with your whole family

Join Canton Friendship Church & New Hope Church on Dec. 24 at 6pm at New Hope Church
 44815 Cherry Hill Road
 (between Canton Center & Sheldon)
 734-981-5350

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 Canton
 Sunday at 10:30 am
 Pastor Mike Norton
 734-451-2100

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Sunday, December 23
 Advent IV
 8:30 a.m. - The Holy Communion
 11:00 a.m. - The Festival Service of Music and Lessons for Advent

Monday, December 24
 The Eve of Christmas
 "The Eve is as the Day"
 7:30 and 11:00 p.m. - Duplicate Services
 Festival Choral Communion

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 Birmingham
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THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE • Friday, Dec. 21st • 7:30 pm
 including prayers for those with stress or grief.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Sunday, Dec. 23rd • 10 am
 During Worship Service

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Monday, Dec. 24th • 7 pm
 Nursery care provided. • Rev. Mary Lynch Mallory, Pastor

Clarenceville United Methodist Church
 20300 Middlebelt • Livonia, MI 48152 • Pastor James E. Britt
248-474-3444

December 16 • Christmas Cantata
 7:00 pm • "One King" - A Christmas Musical presented by The Chancel Choir

December 23 • The 4th Sunday of Advent
 9:00 a.m. • Sunday School for All Ages
 10:15 a.m. • Morning Service
 6:00 p.m. • The Gathering

December 24 • Christmas Eve
 6:00 p.m. • Contemporary Candlelight Service with Kairos Praise Band
 8:00 p.m. • Traditional Candlelight Service

North Congregational Church
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 - 10:30 A.M.
 Message: "Here Comes Santa Claus"

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.
 Message: "Who Would Think?"

Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen
 Senior Minister
 Rev. Mary E. Biedron
 Associate Minister
 Steven Kosinski
 Director of Music

Come Catch the Christmas Spirit
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Dec. 24

5:30 p.m.
 ☆ Drama featuring 4 "cool-angels" concluding with improvisational drama involving willing participants from the congregation
 ☆ Closing service with individual carols

10:00 p.m.
 ☆ Carols and time for meditation
 ☆ Adult Choir and Hand Bell Choir
 ☆ Communion
 ☆ Candle Lighting

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Sunday Dec. 30
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 10:00 a.m.
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 313- 937-3170

First Baptist Church of Plymouth

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 16 6:30 p.m.
 Christmas Eve hand bell prelude 6:45 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
 4:30 pm Family Service
 10:00 pm Carols & Bells (9:30)
 Nursery and Child Care Provided
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ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 30450 Farmington Road
 Farmington Hills, 48334
 (between 13 & 14 Mile Roads)
248-626-3620

Drive-Through Living Nativity • Monday, December 17
 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. • Church Parking Lot

Christmas Sunday Morning • Sunday, December 23
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Services • Monday, December 24
 Family Service • Nursery for crib - 3 years
 5:00 p.m.
 Worship Service of Lessons and Carols • Nursery for crib - 3 years
 9:00 p.m.
 Worship Service of Lessons, Carols & Holy Communion
 11:00 p.m.

Pastors: Carol Johns, Jim Braid and Margo Dexter
 www.orchardumc.org

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
 29877 W. 11 Mile (west of Middlebelt)
 Farmington Hills
248-476-8860

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Monday, December 24

Carol Singing • The Scripture Stories • Special Music
 Pastoral Meditation • Candle Lighting

4:30 pm-a family service, with children's choirs
6:00 pm-a community service, with youth choirs
8:00 pm-"The Traditional Nardin Park Christmas Eve" with adult choir
11:00 pm-a sacred communion service

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 United Church of Christ

Celebrate the Season With Us

Sunday, December 16
 "Mary's Voice", 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
 Golden Noel Service, 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 23
 "Voices of Anticipation", 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
 5:00 p.m. • 7:00 p.m. • 11:00 p.m.

All Are Welcome

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 Telephone: 248-651-6225 Michigan

First United Methodist Church
 1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham • 646-1200

Christmas Sunday - December 23
 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Night Alive - 5:00 p.m.
 Dr. William A. Ritter preaching

Christmas Eve Services
 4:00 p.m. for Families with Young Children
 5:30 p.m. for Families with Elementary Children
 Nursery Open

7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.
 Christmas Lessons and Carols
 Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00
 Nursery Care at 7:00
 Dr. William A. Ritter preaching

Pastors
 William A. Ritter
 Matthew J. Hook
 Lisa McIlvanna
 Rodney F. Quantin
 Carl E. Price

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 620 Romeo Street • Rochester
 248-651-9361

Poinsettia Sunday, Dec. 23
 Sunday 9 & 11 Worship

Christmas Eve Services
 5:00 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
 (With Child-safe flashlights) - Dr. Weemhoff
 7:30 and 11:00 p.m. WORSHIP
 CANDLELIGHT SERVICES - Rev. Regan

Infant and Toddler Care available at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Your are invited to the 2nd Annual
"Journey To Bethlehem"
 Sunday, December 23rd,
 4:30 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Take a 25 minute tour of Bethlehem as it was 2000 years ago. Meet, in full costume, the Wisemen, Shepherds, Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, and hear their stories! Find the real meaning of Christmas. A love offering will be accepted.

Unity of Livonia
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 Livonia • (734) 421-1760

Also at Unity of Livonia, A Christmas Candlelighting service, "Do You See What I See" on Thursday, Dec. 20th, at 7:30 p.m. Then on Monday the 24th, Christmas Eve, A re-light your candle service, "One Tiny Candle" at 7:00 p.m.
 For more information call the church office, at (734) 421-1760

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 17
Agape vs. Warren Zoe
at G.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 18
Det. Urban at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Willow Run at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Salem, 7 p.m.
Brighton at Canton, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21
A.A. Huron at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

Canton vs. Country Day
at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 19
Red. Unified at Dbn. Unified, 6 p.m.

Churchill at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.
Franklin vs. Milford
at Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18
Churchill at Harrison, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Farm, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 20
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Salem, 7 p.m.
PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Dec. 17
Liv. Unified vs. Hartland
at Dickinson Center, 7 p.m.

Read The Observer for local coverage

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

- 1) A proposed amendment to the 2001-2002 Appropriations Ordinance (No. 2001-630) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 02-35-027, certifying additional revenue in the amount of \$1,462,700...

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2001, 10:00 A.M.
Hearing Room 400
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the above item may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the following proposed ordinances:

- 1) A proposed amendment to the 2001-2002 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2001-630) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 02-35-061, certifying additional revenue of \$827,060 in the Nuisance Abatement Fund.

The hearing will be held:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Commission Chamber
Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the above items may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

TACE HOME HEALTH CARE, INC. PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of this organization on January 22, 2002.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey.

Division of Accreditation Operations
Organization Liaison
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

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ARTISTIC IMPRESSIONS



LINDA CHOMIN

Help brighten the holidays for the needy

Over the last 11 years that I've worked as an arts reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, I've met many wonderful people who've touched my life. In addition to the artists, musicians and members of community theaters, orchestras and arts councils, chairpersons for annual fundraisers, including a mask auction for COTS homeless shelter in Detroit and a Web site auction of photographs for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, taught me that we all need to pitch in to help the hungry and homeless survive.

I've discovered in talking to nonprofits such as COTS and the Capuchins that donations are down. No one wants to come out and say that's it's due to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, subsequent war in Afghanistan and the recession, but they suspect many individuals and corporations are cutting back and cautiously taking a wait-and-see position.

That's sad especially for the children who look forward to receiving a toy for Christmas. Brother Vincent Reyes, pastoral director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, is doing everything he can to see the children get their wish. He began the Visions of the Sacred Web site auction of photographs by photojournalists from around the world last year. It helps raise money to feed more than 2,000 people a day but now he needs everyone's help to make a child smile. Of course, all of us will be able to help with everyday needs in January when the Web site will once again offer photographs to the highest bidder.

"We need toys and gift certificates for supermarkets," said Brother Reyes. "We have families who come in and need formula or diapers."

To donate or for more information about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 203.

COTS

Like Reyes, Beth McKeown is worried about providing enough toys for the Santa Shop at COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter). More than 30 children reside in the main shelter on Peterboro and Woodward just a little ways down from the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"We have the Santa Shop so parents at COTS can go in and shop for a child," said McKeown. "We allow them to take two toys and an outfit. We need clothing items for children from infants to 14-year-olds. It's the one time of the year we ask for new."

COTS helps 400 people a day by providing not only shelter and food for residents but classes in computers, parenting, budgeting and recovering from debt. Right now, they especially need disposable diapers, tube socks and underwear for adults in their transitional program which permits residents to stay for up to 24-months while looking or training for a job, or going to school for a GED. That's why their annual MaskorAide auction is so important. Last year, artists from all over Oakland and Wayne counties created masks for the auction which will be held Saturday, March 9 at the Detroit Yacht Club. Tickets are \$125. For more information about the event or COTS, call (313) 831-3777.

"We help homeless help themselves. Our role is to get them stabilized and on their feet," said McKeown. "We've recently been turning as many as 60 people away every night. There are 5,300 homeless in the city of Detroit, only 2,000 shelter beds so we do what we can to find them some place to go when we don't have room."

And when no one has room, the Ja'Noah house helps. Run by Audrey and Carl Mattson out of their Livonia home, the nonprofit urgently needs warm winter clothing, especially socks and gloves, for the men on the streets of Detroit. If you can help, call (734) 522-5077.

"You hold their hands and they're like ice," said Audrey Mattson. "We started Ja'Noah House 12-years ago during the recession and we just keep on because of the need. We also help families in the Brightmoor and Nor-

Please see CHOMIN, C7



Potters travel different roads

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

It seemed only natural that when Debbie Liberman, Nancy Chevalier-Guido, Margaret Nowak, and Donna Williams decided to exhibit their clay together, they would create a joint work celebrating their love of the medium.

As you enter the gallery, the focal point of *Four Women, Four Directions in Clay* draws viewers to its earthen-color and size. Composed of four sections, the sculpture represents elements necessary to making pottery — earth, wind, fire, and water. Individual artist styles contrast yet commune with one another. Three of the potters specialize in tiles so there are plenty of flat surfaces in the work greeting visitors to the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Each concentrates on different imagery. Two of the artists, Liberman and Chevalier-Guido, also bring their definitive work to Pewabic Pottery's Antique & Contemporary Art Tile Fair Sunday, March 10, at St. George's Cultural Center in Bloomfield Hills. Call (313) 822-0954 for details.

Four directions in clay

Sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, *Four Women, Four Directions in Clay* illustrates differences in the artists working in tile, sculpture and vessel formats.

"We all fit into the different elements," said Liberman, a Southfield resident whose work frequently focuses on nature. "I was reading about water and the effects of the moon on water. My

Four Women, Four Directions in Clay

When: Through Thursday, Dec. 27. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. For information, call Livonia's community resources department at (734) 466-2536

part of the joint piece is about the movement of water, the mosaic is a waterfall.

"I've never done a sculptural piece. I enjoyed working it out, the design and glaze to get the colors but I like staying with the tile aspect of clay."

Liberman usually incorporates beads and wire into the baskets she crafts at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth. That's where the concept for the Livonia exhibit was born. All four potters were members at the Guild when Nowak approached them about the exhibit 18 months ago. She'd been part of a similar project while working on her master's degree in art therapy from Wayne State University.

"I went to the Guild and asked who's interested," said Nowak, a Canton resident who until recently lived in Livonia. "Even though we didn't do the clay work together it got us communicating. Each kept her own style. For mine I did

quite a bit of research looking at symbolism around fire and goddesses, the divine feminine spirit. Thousands of years ago all religions were matriarchal. We've lost that connection to the divine feminine."

Wind of creativity

Carved in bas relief, *Directions in Clay* effects each viewer differently as it mirrors four artists who've taken different paths in creating the vessels, tiles and sculpture.

Williams couldn't agree more. The Plymouth potter mixed 25 percent paper in with the clay she used to create her statement about Mother Earth. The terraced mountains of China inspired a major portion of the work.

"Doing this piece pushed me further than I would have pushed myself," said Williams. "I experimented with oxides for glazes and surface texture. I asked myself what the earth means to me. I feel we're connected to the earth, the permanence of it and impermanence. But I like people to come up with their own ideas. A youngster was here and he imagined being an ant and crawling in and out of there."

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Collaboration: Nancy Chevalier-Guido (left), Donna Williams, Margaret Nowak and Debbie Liberman created this joint sculpture based on the four elements necessary to work in clay.

MUSIC



Live a capella: *elmoTHUMM* sings oldies music on their new CD.

Golden oldies move singers as well as crowd

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Adam Westmoreland isn't about to quit his day job at Interior Dynamics in Troy even though *elmoTHUMM* is taking off. The a capella group already has more than 40 dates booked for 2002. That's quite a feat for a group of guys who got together only a year ago because they love to sing.

Westmoreland and Greg Vaden originally met while performing with the vocal ensemble at Milford High School in the early 1980s but each went their separate ways musically until a year ago. That's when they decided to regroup for a performance at Arts, Eats & Beats in Pontiac on Labor Day weekend. The crowd loved their version of golden oldies from Motown and later hits like Still the One. Before long the

quintet found itself recording its concerts and releasing its first CD — *elmoTHUMM Live!*

"I love it," said Westmoreland of Oxford. "We're starting to make money but we're putting it back into the group. The CD started out as a demo that we could hand to people hiring us so they know what we sound like."

Once they do, *elmoTHUMM* is invited to perform again and again. After singing at the Bologna Festival in Yale, they were asked to entertain the crowd waiting for the small town's Christmas parade to begin. But crowds aren't the only ones who appreciate their musicianship. In March, the group won third place in the Harmony Sweepstakes, an a capella competition for groups from the midwest region.

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"People are always looking for something a little bit different and we're family oriented," said Paul Ellinger, a Canton resident who works as an independent insurance agent in Farmington Hills. Ellinger was last to join the group composed of Westmoreland, Vaden, Ed Pendelton, Jason Miller and himself.

"It's one of the most difficult styles of music because you're singing unaccompanied. It puts a lot more pressure on performing. You can't rely on an instrument for pitch.

"It's not, 'okay follow the drummer.' It takes more communication, working together as a group. There's more camaraderie. It takes commitment. One person cannot do it on their own."

Vaden loves that aspect of a capella singing. He knew when he heard a tape of The Nylons in 1982 that he wanted to start an a capella group.

After high school Vaden went on to form The Four Neet Guys with Westmoreland and sing in an ensemble at Western Michigan University.

After graduation he moved to Chicago where he joined The Sound, a vocal group who opened for top national acts like The Beach Boys.

"We do it because we love the music and we love being invit-

ed to people's home towns to perform," said Vaden, a substitute teacher in the Huron Valley Schools in Oakland County. "I love small towns. We get to see Michigan now — everywhere from Sault Ste. Marie to Lewiston — by performing at fairs and festivals, family-oriented events which we bring our wives and children to.

"We're strolling and performing without a sound system, waiting for the parade to start or tractor races or demolition derby. We also do stage shows and are frequently asked to sing the national anthem.

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For more information about *elmoTHUMM* or the CD (\$15), call Greg Vaden at (248) 676-0886 or visit the Web site at www.elmothumm.com.

Discover mystery of 'Point Deception'

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER
Point Deception

by Marcia Muller
(Mysterious Press/Warner Books, \$23.95).

"Things look different when you're scared."

Thus begins this new mystery novel by former Ann Arborite Marcia Muller, creator of the popular series characters Sharon McCone, Joanna Stark and Elena Olivarez.

Don't expect to meet up with any of these in "Point Deception," however. On its pages, we are introduced, instead, to Northern California sheriff deputy Rhoda Swift, who lives and works in a strange spot haunted by its past. Rhoda, a native of the place, is haunted as well — although she's trying hard to make a "normal" life for herself when the story opens.

In Soledad County, exactly 13 years earlier, six people (including two children) were massacred, and the crime remains unsolved — thanks, in part, to snafus committed by Rhoda herself. Now it appears that perhaps a serial killer has begun to strike again. A beautiful stranded motorist is found strangled, and shortly thereafter, two longtime citizens of the area are found dead in remote parts of Cascada Canyon, the same place where the original murders took place. As Rhoda tries to unravel varied threads of the mystery, it looks more and more as if the killer is no stranger passing through. The residents of the fictional county entertain "fears and suspicions that a monster ... (lives) among them." And so do we.

Enter a New York journalist named Guy Newberry, who comes to Soledad County in order to write of the earlier massacres. Wouldn't you just know it, Guy is haunted in his own way? Also,

wouldn't you just know it, he's soon involved in solving the murders? Finally, wouldn't you just know it, he begins to develop more than just friendly feelings for Rhoda?

Suspects seem to emerge from behind every rock or tangled stand of pampas grass along this section of the fog-shrouded coast. As readers, we begin to look askance at almost everybody, including the violent-tempered cop Wayne Gilardi, abalone poacher Alex Ngo, the eccentric Basque named Gregory Cordova, and even Rhoda's reclusive father, Jack Antolini.

Muller does her usual bang-up job of keeping us enthralled with her story of a community that has been scarred and changed by terrible violence and tragedy. She imparts a strange feeling of ghostliness to the place and its inhabitants, illustrating how evil might affect the behavior of everyone it touches—even the innocent. This not only adds punch to the impact of the story overall, but is ultimately the book's main, thought-provoking strength.

Though not highly dimensional yet (maybe this will develop in future novels), Rhoda is empathetic and likable enough, with her mixed feelings toward her hard-drinking father and her co-workers, her devotion toward her canine pal, and her bravery in the face of hideous terror.

If the same can be said for the haunted and lonely, but ever-capable and talented, Guy Newberry, therein lies one of the problems with the novel. It's as if Muller never quite makes up her mind who has the lead role here. Consequently, the effectiveness of each character seems really less than it might have been.

This is certainly not enough to write things off, however. "Point Deception" will leave many readers hoping they'll see more of this pair in the future.

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wayne areas that are poor, the Brewster projects, and Cass Corridor hotels, where the stench and cockroaches are so bad. We take our motorhome and go up and down the street wherever the need."

On Thanksgiving, Ja'Noah House provided 60 meals and 150 sandwiches thanks to a helping hand from generous individuals, members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford, and Janet and Ruth at Entemann's in Livonia, which donates baked goods two to three times a week all year long. Because of them, the Mattsons will make sure that more than 250 children and adults have a Christmas this year. And for those men on the streets, they'll make up fruit bags.

"It's the clothing, food and furniture donated from caring people in the community that made it possible for us to give out 37 turkeys last year. These are miracles. They really are."

Judy Ellis is looking for a lot of miracles this holiday season at First Step, a Plymouth-based nonprofit helping victims of domestic violence. Under her direction, First Step assisted more than 7,200 people this year.

"We've sustained budget cuts at the state level and it's a bigger challenge this year raising funds," said Ellis.

"We've also seen steady increases in phone calls from women looking for help since Sept. 11. There is increased violence in the homes. Holidays are difficult for families and children. There are mixed emotions for many families. There's the hope and love for the holidays but there is increased alcohol or drug consumption which is an influence on the escalation of violence.

"We saw some women get out of an abusive situation and then the economy changed and now they're out of work. We find ways to keep their families

together."

In addition to pillows, towels, pots and pans, and wash cloths, First Step needs baby items such as bottles and diapers, slippers for children, and new socks and underwear.

"We have families in the shelter for the holidays. We want them to have a good holiday," said Ellis. "We could also use money. We have programs for children to teach them how not to get in the middle of violence and call and get help."

It doesn't matter which group you choose to help. There are organizations all over the area who need us to get involved. Hopefully, even more people will touch my life next year so I can pass their stories on to you.

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State's ski slopes ready for season

The earliest snowfalls in memory hit northern Michigan this fall, and skiers hope that's a sign of good things to come as they head to the slopes to try out new equipment, runs and improvements reported by more than two-thirds of the state's 41 public ski areas, said AAA Michigan.

The National Weather Service predicts this winter will be similar to last year, with normal or above-normal snowfall. That's good news for downhill and cross-country enthusiasts, who enjoyed one of the best snow seasons in years in 2000-2001 season. Many ski resorts also reported great seasons at the cash register, and this season 28 are responding with many improvements.

In addition, one west Michigan ski area has reopened, while two have closed. More fun for the fast-growing snowboarding segment has been added to 16 resorts, while major improvements from runs and snowmaking to new base facilities have been announced by the rest. Nearly all also offer senior citizen discounts - some for people as young as 50 - to lure skiers back to the slopes.

In west Michigan, Sugar Loaf, near Cedar, is reopening under new management. Children younger than 6 sleep and ski free, and people 65 and older ski free. Unlimited-use ski passes also are available along with snow tubing and cross-country ski trails. Nearby Mount Holiday, near Traverse City, has closed. Near Farwell, Silver



Ridge's ski slopes are closed, but its restaurant remains open.

At Boyne Mountain, completion of the new multi-million-dollar Mountain Grand Lodge has been pushed back to 2005, but it expects to have several new slope-side log cabin condos available to rent this season. The terrain park has been doubled in size and the tubing park relocated to a gentler slope, served by a rope tow. Boyne has increased snowmaking capability.

Sister resort Boyne Highlands, near Harbor Springs, is offering new trailside condos for rent plus guided cross-country and snowshoe tours customized to experience levels, with lunch included. Nordic trails are now groomed for classic and skate skiing.

Crystal Mountain, near Thompsonville, announced a 10-year plan to build a three-story main lodge, add a dozen ski slopes and additional lodging along with a Nordic center and golf course.

Crystal has also expanded its snowmaking, lighted two more slopes for night skiing (now 27 of 34 slopes) and improved lighting

on two more.

Nub's Nob, near Harbor Springs, added a double-black-diamond, gladed run that's the resort's steepest, along with one beginner trail. Additional snowmaking, another groomer and high-performance demo skis were added to rentals along with women-specific boots and step-in snowboards.

Shanty Creek, near Bellaire, doubled the amount of snowboard rental equipment, added performance ski rentals and announced a learn-to-snowboard program for children 6-12 years old. Caberfae, near Cadillac, moved 14,000 cubic yards of earth to add 10 vertical feet to North Peak, widened other runs 33 to 50 percent, increased snowmaking capability and added to its ski rentals.

The Homestead, near Glen Arbor, replaced one-third of its ski rentals. Parents can watch kids learn through picture windows at the Snowdrop Observatory at the beginner-only area. Hickory Hills, near Traverse City, increased snowmaking coverage 20 percent.

In northeast Michigan, Skyline, near Grayling, built a ski and snowboard terrain park, added three cross-country ski trails on its golf course and added snowmobile parking. Treetops Resort, near Gaylord, doubled its snowmaking capability, built a new tubing-run warming hut, added more rental snowblades, snowboards and skis and bought a terrain park groomer. Snowsnake, near Har-

ison, added to its snowboard rentals, including some with step-in bindings.

Hanson Hills, near Grayling, is adding a tubing hill served by a rope tow, and Apple Mountain, near Freeland, increased shaped ski rentals by 25 percent.

Southwest Michigan's Bittersweet, near Otsego, doubled the length of its terrain park served by its own triple chair lift. It increased snowmaking capability and new rentals include snowboards with step-in bindings. Cannonsburg, near Cannonsburg, added ski rentals, and Swiss Valley, near Jones, expanded its terrain park, improved snowmaking and rental equipment and bought a groomer. Timber Ridge, near Gobles, improved its snowmaking capability, added a tubing hill and expanded its terrain park.

In southeast Michigan, Alpine Valley, near Milford, increased its snowmaking capacity. Mount Brighton, near Brighton, bought 300 step-in rental snowboards along with shaped skis and boots. It enlarged the half-pipe and upped snowmaking capability 15 percent. Mount Holly, near Holly, increased its snowmaking capability and snowboard rental fleet 20 percent and reduced its snowboard rental rates by \$10. Pine Knob, near Clarkston, added 10 percent more snowmaking capability, doubled dining area seating and bought a snowboard park groomer.

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Armagnac

From the Gascony region in southwest France, armagnac is the oldest French spirit. While cognac, often compared to armagnac, is better known, Americans are slowly discovering continuously distilled armagnac. In fact, the U.S. is the fourth largest of 130 armagnac markets worldwide.

The round and well-balanced Samalens Reserve Imperiale XO, \$85, will delight both a brandy connoisseur and provide a smooth and elegant introduction to a fine Bas-Armagnac for a novice.

We dislike descriptors that read like wild dreams, but truly, this Samalens XO smells like caramelizing sugar atop a Creme Brulee as it's being torched. This aromatic sensation enhances the smooth, creamy character of the spirit, which is delicious with any chocolate dessert. Serve it in a brandy glass, warmed only with the heat of your hands, never with a candle warmer apparatus or in a microwave. These latter methods destroy pleasurable aromas.

Cognac

New from Remy Martin is XO Excellence Fine Champagne Cognac, \$120. For the holidays, it comes in special packaging with two "proper" glasses in which it can be served neat. The new product differs from the traditional Remy XO in that it contains a higher, at 85 percent, Grand Champagne grape component as well as an older cognac of 37 years.

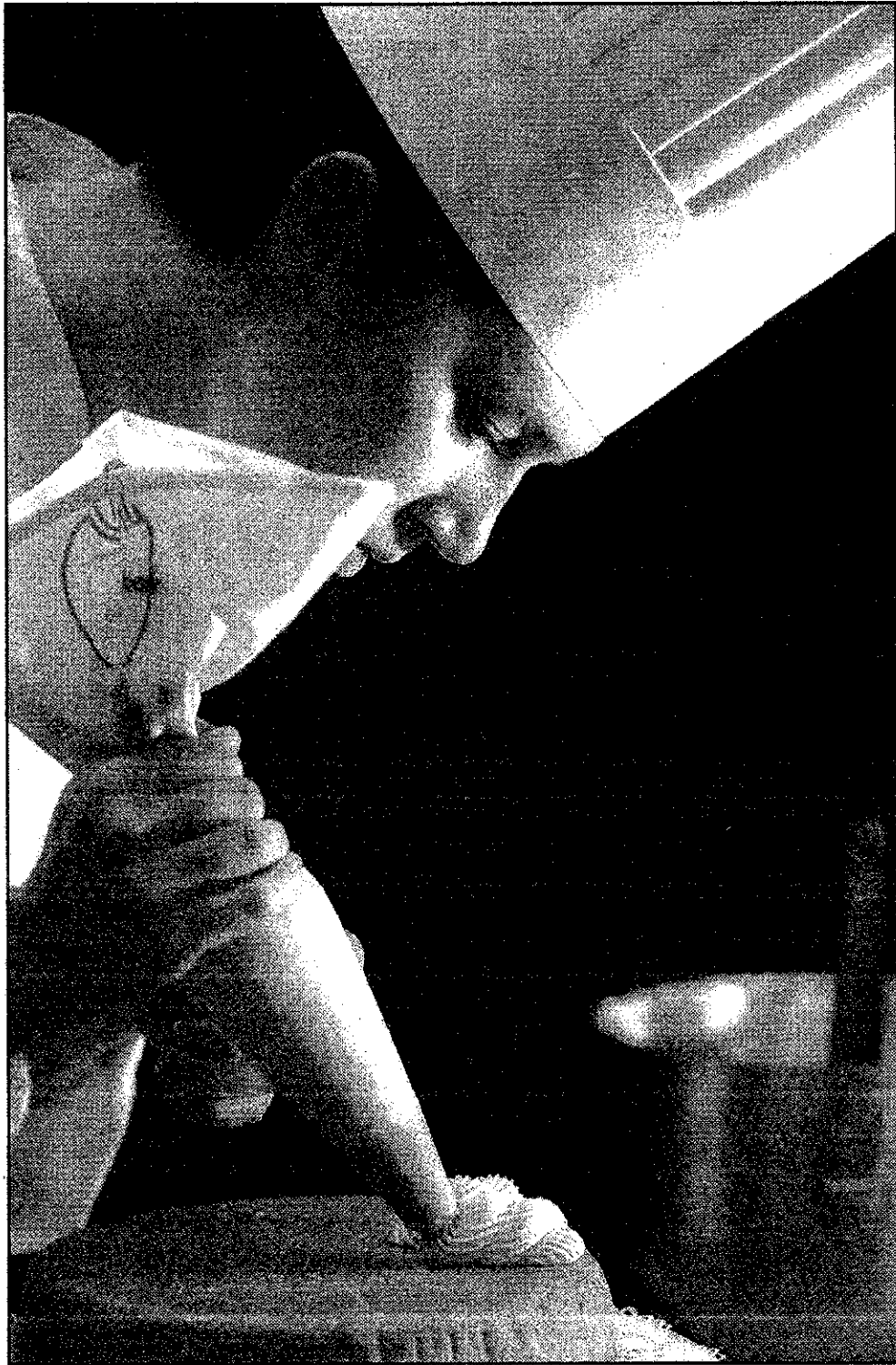
Very floral aromas lead to candied orange peel and a melange of sweet brown spices, such as cinnamon. Although Americans tend to drink cognac after a meal, it can be enjoyed on the rocks before dinner and to accompany Asian-influenced foods. It is especially good with steamed dumplings and a plum sauce.

On the fruitier side

Creme Boulard \$19 is a new apple-cream liqueur. It's a blend of Calvados, the renowned apple brandy from Normandy, France and a rich, smooth cream. Some Irish creams come across sharp from the Irish whiskey that forms their base. Creme Boulard is smooth with an elegant finish and the refined, pleasant taste of ripe apples.

Orange is in, not only in flavored vodkas, but now in rum. "Bacardi O" \$13 obtains its orange and tangerine

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Nearly perfect: Erica Rohnert puts the finishing touches on a pumpkin cheesecake in the Schoolcraft Culinary Arts Kitchen.

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Holiday treat: A holiday Yule Log made with almond sponge cake along with a French butter cream frosting and filling. The snowman is made with marzipan, an almond paste dough. Erica Rohnert puts the finishing touches on a second log in the background in the Schoolcraft Culinary Arts Kitchen.



New Year's Eve hors d'oeuvres add zest to celebration

Celebrating the New Year is not something new. In the early days, the ancient Romans would trade gifts of tree branches they believed to be sacred. Years later the trend was to trade gold covered coins and nuts with pictures of Janus.

January came from the name Janus, the god with two faces that could see forward and backward at the same time. Before the New Year day was the first day of January it was the first day of March and before that the first day of the new harvest.

Religious beliefs or cultural background are the dominating factors for which day you celebrate New Year's day. The Jewish New Year called Rosh Hashanah is observed in September or early October. The Muslim calendar has 354 days as opposed to the 365 days of the American calendar, or the Gregorian calendar. This is the calendar most of the world uses. In Japan, the New Year celebration is a four-day one. The final day people dress as dragons to scare and entertain the children. In the United States New Year's Eve is celebrated by making noise, gathering, eating and drinking with friends and family. New Year's Day is usually spent in church, with family, watching

football or going to parades.

What ever your favorite past time this holiday, I have put together a few easy and delicious hors d'oeuvres for you to whip up and share with your guests. (Robert J. Myers, *New Year's Day*, World Book Online America Edition)

Wild Mushroom Turnovers (a hot hors d'oeuvres)

16 ounces wild mushroom, minced
2 large shallots, minced
1 shot (1 1/2 ounces) sherry
1/4 cup cream cheese
2 tablespoon chopped parsley
1/8 - 1/4 cup all purpose flour
Salt and pepper to taste
16 sheets phyllo dough
1 lb. clarified butter
1/2 cup bread crumbs

Place mushrooms, shallots and sherry in a stainless pan, uncovered over medium heat until most of the liquid has reduced from the mushroom. Sift in the flour and mix well. Cook an additional 2-3 minutes. Pull from heat and add cream cheese, parsley, salt and pepper. Let cool completely. Once cool, spread out phyllo. Sprinkle a thin layer of breadcrumbs on top. Place the next piece of dough on top and repeat until the dough is used. Cut into twelve equal strips. Place 1 tablespoon mushroom mixture on each piece. Fold like a flag, seam on the bottom. Brush with butter. Bake at 400 degrees until golden brown. Serve immediately.

Smoked Salmon Wrapped Marinated Asparagus

1 sliced smoked salmon, cut in 1/2 cross lengthwise
3 pieces pencil asparagus 3- inches long
1/2 cup basil shallots oil
salt and pepper
(Marinate the asparagus in oil overnight)
2 julienne strips red onion
Basil shallots oil
1/4 cup olive oil
6 large basil leaves chopped fine
1 shallot minced salt and pepper
Marinate asparagus overnight in basil oil. Wrap salmon around asparagus pieces. Cross red onion on top of salmon.

Tomato Cognac and Corn Salad in Phyllo cups

2 tomatoes peeled, seeded and diced
1/2 shot cognac
1/4 cup cooked black beans
1/2 cup fresh corn off the cob; blanched and cooked
1 teaspoon cup chopped cilantro
1/4 cups sour cream
1 lime juice
1 teaspoon chili powder
2 splashes Tabasco
salt and pepper to taste
24 min. phyllo cups pre-baked
24 piece cilantro leaves

Mix all ingredients together, except cilantro leaves and phyllo cups. Put

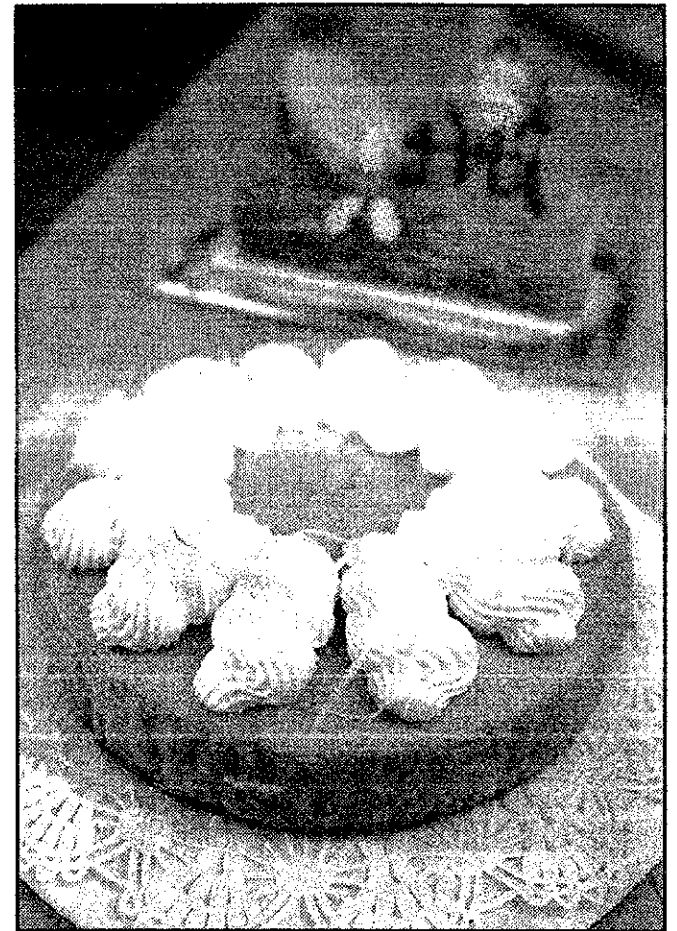
mixture into phyllo cups. Garnish with cilantro leaves.

Marinated Shrimp in Tomato Tortilla

8 oz rock shrimp cooked, cooled and small diced
1/4 red pepper roasted, peeled, seeded and small diced
2 teaspoon thick pesto to marinate shrimp
1/2 cup cream cheese
1 lemon juice
2 teaspoons peeled, minced celery
1 splash Tabasco
1 splash Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon chopped garlic
salt and pepper to taste

Marinate shrimp in pesto over night. Soften cream cheese in robot coupe with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Do not over whip. Put shrimp with marinade in large stainless bowl, and add all ingredients. Mix with rubber spatula by folding gently. Once combined spread mixture onto tortilla shell and roll tightly. Chill for 1 hour before slicing. Slice 1/4 inch thick.

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PUMPKIN CHEESE CAKE

Part one:
 1-1/2 cups pumpkin puree
 1 pound granulated sugar
 2 tablespoons cinnamon
 1 tablespoon pumpkin spice mix
 1 teaspoon salt
 6 egg yolks

In a separate moon bowl combine with a wire whip. Whisk well.

Part two:
 3 pounds cream cheese
 12 ounces granulated sugar
 2 tablespoons corn starch
 4 egg yolks
 3 whole eggs

Combine the dry ingredients and add to the softened cream cheese. Add the eggs and yolks in a couple stages. Scrape after each addition.

Part three:
 2 cups heavy cream
 1 tablespoon vanilla

Add the pumpkin puree mixture to the above cream cheese.

Add the heavy cream last and scrape down.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for 45 to 55 minutes till firm.

EGGNOG CREAM WITH CRANBERRY PORT WINE SAUCE

1 pint eggnog
 1/2 cup egg yolks
 1/2 vanilla bean
 1 tablespoon gelatin
 1/4 cup water
 nutmeg pinch
 bitters to taste
 1 pint heavy cream

Combine the eggnog, yolks, and vanilla bean and cook over a double boiler to 170 degrees F. Remove from heat.

Bloom the gelatin in cold water. Stir into above hot mixture. Stir in the spices and flavors. Cool the mixture to 75 degrees F.

Whip the cream to soft peaks and fold into the cooled mixture

above. Pipe into glasses immediately. Garnish with whipped cream and cranberry sauce below.

CRANBERRY PORT WINE SAUCE

1 pound cranberries
 1-1/2 cups port wine
 1-1/2 cups sugar
 2 cups water
 lemon juice and zest to taste
 salt to taste

Bring the ingredients to a boil and strain through sieve. Cool and drizzle over the egg nog cream.

FLOURLESS ALMOND SPONGE

7 eggs (separated)
 1 cup ground almonds
 3/4 cup sugar

Combine the egg yolks and the sugar and whip on high speed till light and ribbony, five minutes or so.

Remove from the mixer and stir in the finely ground

almonds.

Whip the whites with a little cream of tartar to moist firm peaks. Fold in all at once into the yolk mixture.

Spread out onto a sheet pan (9-inches-by-13-inches) that has parchment paper that has been greased and floured.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for 20 minutes or so until rich golden brown.

FRENCH BUTTERCREAM

8 ounces sugar
 2 ounces water
 1/2 vanilla bean
 6 egg yolks
 12 ounces butter

Whip the yolks till light and ribbony. Cook the sugar solution to 250 degrees F. Pour the hot solution into the whipping yolks. Whip till cool.

Cream the butter and add the cooled yolk mixture in three stages and mix till incorporated. Do not over mix.

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We also scoured the Internet for interesting coffee recipes special enough to serve to your family this season. The following are served Caffe Americano style — meaning the size of an American cup of coffee rather than those tiny and elegant European single espresso sizes.

Try these marvelous recipes — and you don't have to be a barista (the coffee bar employee who makes your latte) to make them.

The first recipe is a coffee dessert from Frango, the others come from the delightful site: Wired Java Fanatic at www.nwlink.com

Coffee culture

■ Daily consumption of gourmet coffee has tripled since 1998

■ Gourmet coffee consumption was up 59 percent last year

■ The average American consumes three cups of coffee each day

■ Coffee ranks as the number one beverage, above tea, beer, juice and even sodas.

■ 50 percent of coffee is consumed at breakfast, 18 percent during the morning, 17 percent in mid afternoon and only 8 percent in the evening

Combine egg yolks and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Whisk thoroughly. Slowly pour chocolate mix into the egg yolk mixture, stir constantly. Strain and let rest few minutes at room temperature.

Divide the custard among six 6-ounce ramekins. Set the ramekins in a baking dish and add boiling water to the dish to reach half-way up the sides. Cover loosely with foil. Bake on center rack of the oven until creams are just set at the edges but still trembling in the center — 30 to 40 minutes. Remove from the oven. Refrigerate loosely covered for at least 2 hours. Serve chilled with a dollop of whipped cream.

SANTA'S JAVA

3 cups of coffee
1 cup heavy cream
1 vanilla bean - sliced (found at gourmet shops or natural stores like Whole Foods)

4 cinnamon sticks
2 tablespoon of brown sugar (use more if desired)
2 teaspoon of crushed chocolate (sprinkles may be used)

Slice the vanilla bean lengthwise and place it in the bottom of the coffee maker carafe. Brew three cups of coffee. While coffee is brewing, whip the cream and brown sugar together. Pour the coffee into four cups and top with the whipped cream mixture. Add one cinnamon stick to each cup. Sprinkle the crushed chocolate on top. Add extra brown sugar if desired.

CHRISTMAS/ HOLIDAY LATTE (ALSO KNOWN AS AN EGGNOG LATTE)

3 cups of Eggnog
3 cups Espresso
Nutmeg to taste

Brew espresso
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Pour espresso into mug.
Pour steamed eggnog.
Spoon out frothed eggnog.
On top of froth, lightly sprinkle nutmeg.

Variation:
Topping this latte with whipped cream instead of froth for a sweeter drink.

CHRISTMAS EVE DELIGHT (MAKES 10 CUPS)

3 tablespoons of butter
1 cup of brown sugar
1/8 teaspoon ground all-spice
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
10 cups coffee

10 strips orange peel
1 apple, cored and sliced into 10 pieces
Optional - 1/2 to 1 shot of rum per cup of coffee

Melt the butter in a small pan of low heat. Stir in the brown sugar, allspice, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves. Allow mixture to cool and then store in a sealed container in the refrigerator. To serve, put 1

teaspoon of the butter spice, 2 tablespoons cream, 1 strip orange peel, and 1 apple slice into 6 ounces of hot coffee. If desired, add 1/2 to 1 shot of rum.

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Ornamental trees and plants need some winter care

Like it or not, the shortening days signal that fall is here and winter is coming. Soon gardeners will put their tools away and retreat indoors to await the coming of next year's seed catalogs.

Landscape ornamentals, however, have to stay out there and take whatever winter throws at them, be it low temperatures, snow, ice, drying wind, gnawing rodents or deicing salt.

"You can't do much about the weather, but you can reduce the chances of winter injury to plants," says Mary McLellan, Extension Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University. "The first step is choosing plants that are hardy in your area - that is, plants that have shown they can sur-

vive the average low temperature there. A second is to maintain plants properly. Make sure evergreens go into winter well watered, for instance, and that ornamentals aren't stressed during the growing season by drought, overwatering, poor nutrition, mechanical injury and insect attack." Some other suggestions:

- Plants that are healthy and dormant when winter weather arrives have a better chance of coming through winter in good shape, she adds. This means no late-season fertilization or avoidable late summer pruning that might promote a flush of late growth that wouldn't have time to harden off before winter.
- Sometimes cold tempera-

tures kill only certain parts of a plant, she observes. Flower buds are often the most susceptible. Forsythia shrubs, for instance, will tolerate temperatures of minus-25 degrees F but will lose the flower buds on exposed stems. Buds protected by an insulating layer of snow will survive.

- Smooth-barked trees such as young maples may suffer bark splitting. This injury, called southwest disease, even though it isn't a disease, occurs when the winter sun heats the tree on the southwest side. After the sun sets, the outer bark cools faster than the tissues beneath it. As it cools, it contracts, and when it can't contract any more, it splits. This injury usually occurs on the south or west sides of trees, McLellan notes, because that's where the sun strikes them. To protect young maples and fruit trees and other thin-barked

trees, wrap them with tree wrap or shade them on the south and west sides.

- Desiccation, or drying out, is a common problem of evergreen plants, particularly broadleaf evergreens. It occurs when winter sun and dry wind extract moisture from the needles or leaves when the soil is frozen and roots can not replace it, McLellan explains. Shielding exposed plants with burlap or canvas fastened to stakes will protect them. Regular watering until the soil freezes and mulching to prevent deep freezing of the soil are also recommended.
- Gnawing mice and rabbits can girdle and kill landscape plants. McLellan advises placing cylinders of mesh hardware cloth around plants.

The barrier must reach from a few inches into the soil to at least 18 inches above the usual

snow line to keep rodents away from tree trunks and stems. Repellents may give some protection, she notes, but they may need to be reapplied in midwinter, and they may not be effective if other food sources are scarce.

- Landscape plants near busy streets may need protection against deicing salt. Both salt spray and salty runoff may injure plants, she points out.

Some plants - such as white pine, oaks and sugar maple - are more sensitive than others and shouldn't be planted where they'll be exposed to deicing salt. For plants already in place, splash guards of burlap or canvas will keep spray off foliage. Shoveling salt-laden snow away from plants and watering heavily in the spring to move accumulated salt out of the root zone will help prevent root damage.

- Heavy loads of ice and snow

can break limbs from trees and bend shrubs and young trees to the ground, McLellan observes. Quick-growing, soft-wooded trees such as Siberian elm, willow and silver maple are especially prone to breakage. Bending under a load of snow or ice can damage the water-conducting vessels in trees and shrubs, she notes. Plants may die the following growing season, long after the winter storm is forgotten.

"Pruning trees when they're young to eliminate weak, V-shaped angles of attachment between branches or limbs and trunks will help prevent breakage," McLellan says. "Right-angle or U-shaped attachments are much stronger and less likely to break."

Shrubs and hedges that could be crushed by a load of snow can be wrapped with canvas or burlap and tied so they have less surface area to hold snow, or supported by chicken wire and stakes so snow and ice can't flatten them.

- When ice storms strike, trying to remove the ice can do more damage than leaving plants alone, McLellan notes. Supporting drooping branches may keep them from breaking or at least change the breaking point from the place of attachment to the trunk to the place where the branch rests on the prop.

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characters from multiple sources. Mandarin oranges from Sicily form the base. Florida Valencia oranges overlay sweet top notes. Dancy tangerines from Brazil, Israel, and southern Florida round off the flavor profile. Natural essences from these fruits are extracted and infused into Bacardi rum. With this product, think sweet orange, not rum.

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Individuals who qualify for the studies will receive office visits, limited testing and investigational study medications at no cost, plus compensation for participation in the study. For more information, call Julie at (248) 473-6400 or (800) 326-5959.

Breast cancer study

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\$1 million gift

Ford Motor Co. has pledged \$1 million to Saint Joseph Mercy Health System of Ann Arbor for its Campaign for Women's Health. The grant ensures that SJMHS will reach its fund-raising goal of \$13.5 million, the largest ever in the health system's history, and helps the health system satisfy a challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation.

The Women's Health Center will focus primarily on preventive health care and will offer educational programs and health services to women of all ages.

Flu shots

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If the shoe fits.....

Put some heart and 'sole' into the purchase of new shoes



BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
SPECIAL WRITER

If donning a good pair of shoes is not a routine part of your holiday hustle, maybe it should be, warn local podiatrists. The following are some helpful tips to achieve shoe nirvana.

Dr. Lawrence Tyner of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital admits that too many people buy shoes based on how they look rather than how they feel. This practice can result in sore or even damaged feet for people who spend a lot of time on their feet. (Holiday shoppers take note.)

"Nobody looks at shoes from the bottom. They look from the top," said the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor-based podiatrist.

While most people at least try to match up the length and width of the shoe to their foot, few people take into account the "last" of the shoe, Tyner said. The "last" of a shoe is the form on which the shoe is made. It may be straight or curved, and it dictates the overall shape of the shoe.

To determine the shape of the last, according to information from PodiatryNetwork.com, turn the shoe over and look at the sole. Imagine a line that goes through the center of the heel and then out the center of the toe area. In curved-last shoes — and this is especially true in athletic shoes — this imaginary line is in the shape of a curve, usually curving inward. In straight-last shoes, the line will be straight from heel to toe.

Is your foot form straight, slightly curved, or very curved? If you don't know, Tyner recommends that you use a mirror to look at the bottom of your feet. These results, combined with the profile of your feet, should dictate which type of shoes you buy. Straight-footed people should choose straight-last shoes.

Keep in mind that curve-last shoes can cause problems, such as excessive amounts of pressure on the outside of the foot. This can lead to bone spurs in the fifth toe, soft corns between fourth and fifth toe and tailors bunions.

Doctor's recommendation

People with flat feet should look for a shoe with good support. For athletic shoe shoppers, Tyner recommends Brooks or New Balance. For those with a high arch, he suggests athletic shoe shoppers look at Nike Air.

"This is a cushioned shoe, very shock absorbing," he said.

Dr. Murray Kahn, a Henry Ford Hospital podiatrist based in Livonia, goes one step further when advising his patients. He suggests bringing the appropriate type of sock when shoe shopping, walking around in the shoes for 10 minutes, shopping in

the afternoon because feet are thinner in the morning, and keeping in mind you'll likely get what you pay for.

"The \$20 (athletic) shoes tend to be vinyl, hard and trap moisture and heat, which will make the wearer susceptible to athlete's foot," Kahn said. "You want to get leather or mesh material."

PodiatryNetwork.com offers the following suggestions when selecting an athletic shoe:

■ If your foot is fairly straight, choose a straight-last athletic shoe.

■ Choose a shoe with a rigid heel for stability.

■ Look for a shoe that is fairly flexible in the forefoot. If the shoe does not easily flex in the forefoot then as the heel comes off the ground during walking and running the big toe is unable to flex properly.

■ Place the shoe on a flat surface. The heel should be relatively perpendicular to the surface. If the back of the shoe is angled in either direction it could indicate a defect in manufacturer of the shoe.

Go for comfort

Many of Kahn's female patients are in their mid-to-late 40s. "They have gone through the high-heel, stylish period of the life. Now they want something that is comfortable and looks good," he said.

When it comes to dress shoes, Tyner suggests men look at Johnson & Murphy while women look at Naturalizer.

"For the money, they (Naturalizer) have the best," he said.

Consumer-turned-employee Geraldine Branford, a saleswoman at Naturalizer in Westland Mall, agrees. Her opinion is not based solely on her job but also on the circumstances that led to her getting the job.

"I was out looking for comfortable shoes because I had just had foot surgery," said Branford, a three-year employee. She got along so well with the Naturalizer salesman helping her, who happened to be the manager, that he asked her to sell the product she felt confident buying.

Naturalizer shoes reflect the philosophy of podiatrists in their design. Heels are 1" to 1 1/2" high, chunky and stable versus stiletto and unstable. Furthermore, many designs come with removable orthotics or extra width for women with corns or bunions, a common problem for women who wear heels.

"Some people walk in, try the shoes on and just want to walk out in them," said Branford, who has been trained to measure feet and help customers find shoes based upon their medical needs and fashion preferences.

It's up to consumers to keep their feet in good shape, not shoe makers, said Kahn.

"They have to make shoes for millions of people, and no two feet are the same. Even the left foot is different than the right foot."

Wear patterns

Aside from comfort levels, wear patterns provide another way to determine whether the shoes people are wearing are right for them. The underside of the shoe should reflect a proper foot roll.

"If you hit on the outside of the heel and wear off the big toe, that's good. If you hit on the inside of the heel or forefoot, that can cause calluses or pinched nerves."

For Tyner, it's just common sense. "You go with what feels comfortable and right, not with what looks good."

Before buying anything, he suggests shoe shoppers check a shoe's stability in three places: 1) torsional (use the two ends to twist the shoe back and forth.) 2) the middle, and 3) the heel counter (use thumb and forefinger to check heel.) Since shoes that are completely flat often fail to offer the needed stability in all three areas, both doctors advise women stay away from those fashion shoes known as "flats."

Although "flats" tend to be cheaper, Tyner said "if you try to get away with cheap shoes, it'll cost you more in the long run."

Rules to shoe shop by

- Don't buy flats.
- Shop in the afternoon when feet tend to expand.
- Bring appropriate socks.
- For flat feet, buy athletic shoes with good heel support.
- For high arches, buy athletic shoes with shock absorbers.
- People with diabetes should buy shoes with extra depth, such as Drew.
- People with bunions and calluses should buy shoes with a wide and high toe box, such as Free Time.

Higher blood pressure in youth means thicker arteries

Teenagers with the highest blood pressure and extra pounds had thicker arteries by age 30, according to the American Heart Association.

Hypertension is one of the main risk factors for atherosclerosis in adults, but because obesity is strongly related to hypertension, researchers also studied the impact of body mass index (a height-to-weight ratio) on the relationship between adolescent blood pressure and artery thickness in young adulthood.

"Prevention of early atherosclerosis in artery walls may depend on keeping boys and girls from becoming overweight as adolescents, or helping them lose excess weight if they are already obese," said Dr. Lydia E. Vos, a research fellow in the department of clinical epidemiology at University Medical Center in Utrecht, Netherlands.

Using blood pressure readings obtained from public school health records in the city of Utrecht, the researchers tracked 245 healthy men and women and examined their carotid arteries (the main blood vessels supplying the brain). Initial blood pressure

measurements were taken when participants were about 13 years old.

Age, body size and the degree of sexual maturation determine blood pressure levels in adolescence. Heavier and more sexually mature teenagers had higher blood pressure.

Researchers examined the participants again when they were age 27-30 years old and measured the innermost layers of their carotid arteries called the intima and media. The measurement, called carotid intima media thickness, reflects the severity of a person's atherosclerosis. The average CIMT was 0.51 millimeters. Researchers wanted to determine if there was a link between blood pressures in youth and atherosclerosis in young adulthood.

Findings

An increase of 10 millimeters of mercury in systolic blood pressure (the top number in a blood pressure reading) was associated with a 7.7-micrometer increase in CIMT, suggesting that healthy young adolescents with a higher blood pressure develop thicker vessel walls by young adulthood.

However, when body mass index at adolescence was taken into account, the effect of teen blood pressure on the arteries was not as strong: The 10-mmHg increase in systolic blood pressure was associated with only a 2.9-micrometer increase in CIMT.

This finding shows that high body mass index at adolescence had the strongest impact on the blood pressure-CIMT association, said Vos. The preliminary results showed that the correlation was the same among both male and female study subjects.

"This shows a clear relationship between overweight and higher blood pressure in adolescents and CIMT in young adulthood," she said.

Thus, maintaining a lower or normal body mass index during adolescence may improve children's future cardiovascular health, Vos concluded.

The teenagers' average systolic blood pressure was 110 mmHg, and the average diastolic blood pressure was 65 mmHg. Their average height was 1.63 meters (about 5 feet 4 inches), and the average weight was 50.3 kilograms (about 110 pounds).

We want your health news

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

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MORE ON BEING STIFF

I have discussed stiffness previously. I noted that morning stiffness in rheumatoid arthritis occurs because the joints need increased rest, and do so by restricting movement at night. The results are an inability to move freely in the morning; most affected are the hands and feet.

Other columns have considered the stiffness of polymyalgia rheumatica. In such instances, the problem resides in the shoulders and thighs; movement is difficult almost agonizing until mid day.

This column will focus on the stiffness you feel when you first arise after sitting for a time, as short as 20 minutes or as long as an hour or more. You find starting motion is difficult, and your initial steps are unsteady, slow and awkward. You move in half bent over posture.

What is happening is that the tendons in your legs, mainly the quadriceps and hamstring muscles, are unable to respond to the sudden command to contract. The reasons are twofold: 1) while sitting you have not moved in your chair, and 2) your leg muscles are not able to respond with a smooth coordinated contraction. You are not developing arthritis. Rather, you are showing evidence of incomplete physical conditioning.

As we grow older, we limit our physical activity and conditioning to an extent we do not realize. Sitting in the chair without moving is a way to gain extra rest that we need because our stamina is not at a proper level. The difficulty with initial steps reflects the same lack of conditioning.

When you experience stiffness getting up from a chair, don't bring the problem to the doctor's office, take it to a gym.

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Quit smoking with the Web

For smokers, a new calendar year provides a fresh start in attempting to quit smoking for good.

"It takes more than just sheer will to overcome nicotine addiction," said Jeff Williams, Tobacco Programs manager, American Lung Association of Michigan.

"To successfully quit, support is needed both physically and emotionally. It is important to make quitting smoking a priority in one's life in order for a smoker to combat nicotine addiction. Nicotine replacement therapy and prescription therapy can help with the initial nicotine cravings, but additional support is needed to help smokers develop positive behavioral changes."

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"Smokers should never quit quitting," said Williams. "It may take three or more times to successfully combat smoking, but it's a fight worth waging. The pay off is that years will be added to the lifetime of an ex-smoker."

To learn more about FFS Online® visit www.alam.org. To obtain more information about FFS traditional classes call 1-800-LUNG-USA. FFS Online® is free and donations are gladly accepted.

Holiday 'HOG' Ladies



For a good cause: Members of The Ladies of Harley Motor City Chapter will accept charity donations for their free gift-wrapping service through Saturday, Dec. 22 at Motor City Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Donations will benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Posing with Santa are club members (from left) Sharyn Hughes of Redford, Debbie Kunewych of Livonia and Pat Kososki of Dearborn. Motor City Harley Davidson owner and chapter sponsor Dick Rose donated the wrapping paper. The Ladies of Harley raised \$1,700 for the Children's Leukemia Foundation last year. Phone (248) 473-7433 for more details.

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Botsford will offers flu shots at Livonia Mall

Botsford General Hospital will offer flu shots 8-11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Livonia Mall Shopping Center near the Card & Gift Center Hallmark Store. Livonia Mall is located at the intersection of Seven Mile and Middlebelt Roads.

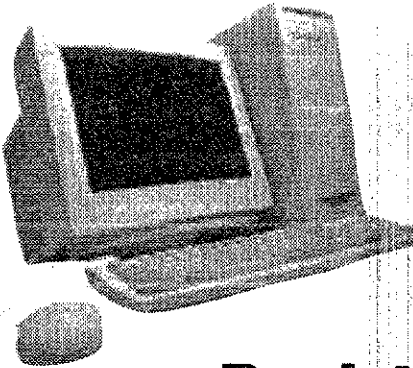
Botsford and the Livonia Mall co-sponsor a mall walking exercise group; the flu shot event will occur during a mall-walkers session. Feel free to walk with the mall walkers, however participation is not required to obtain a flu shot.

The cost for the flu shot is \$10. Unfortunately, Medicare cards cannot be accepted. For more information, please contact Botsford's HealthMatch line toll-free at (877) 442-7900. Botsford's Web site address is www.botsfordssystem.org.

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Q. IS THIS A NEW WAY TO STRAIGHTEN TEETH?

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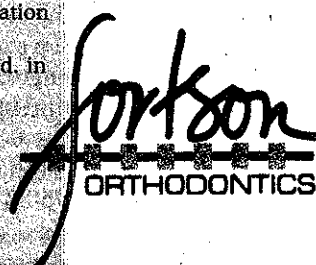
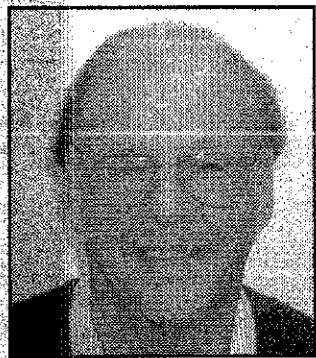
Q. WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY BENEFITS OF INVISALIGN?

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Space limits the amount of questions that we can cover in this article, so look for more information about invisalign in two weeks.

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Builders erect luxury homes

Four custom builders present a variety of plans with many luxury features within a setting of small, man-made lakes and streams in Shorebrook at Stonewater.

This is just one phase in the mega, residentially platted development bounded by Six and Seven Mile and Beck and Ridge in Northville Township.

Prices start at about \$470,000 in Shorebrook.

"A majority of lots have lake frontage, stream frontage or park frontage," said Anthony Mattina, vice president of DM Homes.

Residents will have access to all the lakes, beaches, parks and other common areas at Stonewater.

"There really isn't one bad lot in this sub," said John Gargaro, partner with Luma's Heritage Homes.

"Obviously, you have the Northville schools," he added. "Freeway access (M-14, I-275) is good."

"Just look at the entrance to the sub," said Vincent Sclafani of Vincent Homes, in partnership with Leone & Associates. "It's well planned and attractive."

"There's such a variety of homes due to the number of builders," Sclafani said. "It's not a cookie-cutter community ... all upscale."

Shopping and quality restaurants are nearby, as are the quaint towns of Northville and Plymouth with all of their festivals and special events.

Maybury State Park is just up the road.

Each of the three building entities at Shorebrook has 25 lots.

Luma's Heritage Homes offers six plans.

Base price ranges from \$519,900 for a two story of 3,200 square feet with four bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths to \$618,900 for a two story of 3,650 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half-baths.

Standard features include three-car garage, fireplace, air conditioning, high-energy furnace, basement, first-floor laundry, and separate jet tub and shower in the master.

Also included at base price are double oven, cooktop, microwave and dishwasher, crown molding in two rooms, wood or ceramic flooring in the foyer, hallway, kitchen, nook and laundry and carpeting throughout.



Upscale homes: Several different builders offer luxury houses like this in the Shorebrook phase at Stonewater.

"There's such a variety of homes due to the number of builders.. It's not a cookie-cutter community ... all upscale."

Vincent Sclafani
— Vincent Homes

The model, a 3,650-square-foot two story, features a study, living room with two-story ceiling, dining room and family room on the main floor.

The walk-up master contains a sitting area, walk-in closet, two-sink vanity and enclosed toilet. A guest suite contains a shower. A third full bath upstairs services bedrooms three and four.

Base price is \$594,900, the model, as is, with upgrades and landscaping, goes for \$859,000.

DM Homes presents six plans ranging in price from \$469,900 for a two story of 3,100 square feet with four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths to \$611,900 for a two story of 4,150 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and a

pair of half-baths.

Standard features include three-car garage, basement, first-floor laundry, fireplace, separate tub and shower in the master, double oven, cooktop and dishwasher, wood flooring and carpeting.

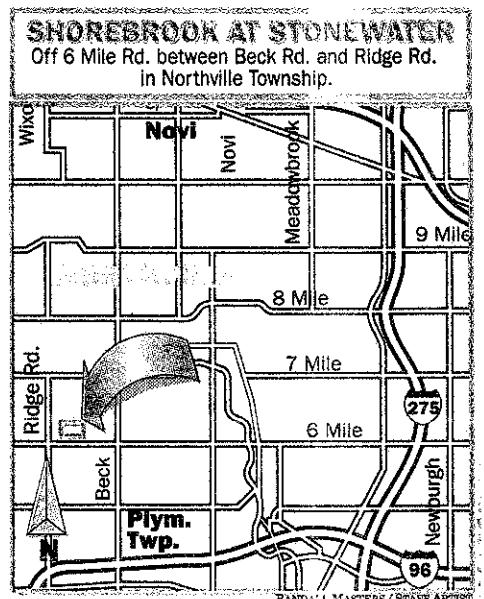
The model, the Crandbrook, is the low-end two story, 3,100 square feet. It features a dining room, living room, library, family room with volume ceiling, butler's pantry and mud room.

A balcony overlooks the family room upstairs. Three secondary bedrooms, each with a walk-in closet are upstairs, as is a full bath. The master, with dual-sink vanity and walk-in closet, also is up.

Base price is \$469,900, the model with upgrades, about \$650,000.

Vincent Homes and Leone Associates are building common plans on an alternating basis.

Six plans are available ranging from \$489,900 for a colonial of 3,030 square feet with four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths to \$579,900 for a 3,940-square-foot colonial with four bedrooms, three full baths and a couple of half-baths.



In addition to the same basic package offered by DM Homes, Vincent/Leone includes wainscoting and crown molding in the living room

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Gutters are like moat around a castle

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Maintaining a home can be a chore and especially burdensome if you attempt a task without the proper tools and equipment.

Also, a lack of preventive home maintenance usually makes an already tough task tougher and more costly. We call it the "pay now or pay more later" scenario.

One of the biggest threats to a home is water. Broken pipes, leaking drains and cracks in shower walls are a few of the means by which water can damage your home from the inside.

A leaking roof, poorly flashed windows and doors, poorly maintained siding and bad drainage are the most common means of damage by water from the exterior. Damp basements or crawl spaces, cracks in concrete and/or foundations, sticking windows and doors, and rotted framing and siding are some of the most common water-related problems.

Caulking, grout, valve gaskets, clean drains and good plumbing are your best defense against water damage that originates within your home. Well-cared-for roofing, siding, gutters and downspouts, and proper grading and drainage can prevent

your home from becoming a casualty during inclement weather.

It's easy to see how a damp basement or rotted siding is caused by water. However, people often fail to see the role of water in sticking windows and doors, or a cracked foundation.

Too much water can make a foundation sink or rise depending upon the type of soil and the specific conditions. For example, when wet, "expansive soil" can cause a concrete pier under your home to rise. This, in turn, can cause a hump in the floor. This movement often causes doors and windows to stick. It also can result in cracks over windows and doors.

Another potential hazard of too much water around (or under) a house is rot. The moisture in a constantly damp crawl space can condense on the floor framing and the underside of the subfloor ensuring their early demise.

A means of preventing water from collecting around the perimeter of a home is a gutter system. If your home doesn't have gutters and downspouts, install them. If it does, make sure that they're in good shape (not leaking), well-anchored and kept clean.

A dirty gutter is worse than not

having gutters at all because it can act as a dam that allows water to back up causing roof leaks and rotten rafters and sheathing. Gutter screens will help prevent leaves from collecting within a gutter, but are no substitute for periodic gutter cleaning.

Airborne dirt, runoff from the roof and deteriorating organic material (leaves, twigs, etc.) turn the inside of a gutter into a mulch pit. This material must be removed in order for the gutters to function properly.

Gutter cleaning doesn't rank high on the list of how most people would like to spend a weekend, but it pays big dividends. Start with a sturdy ladder planted firmly on the ground. When using an extension ladder, avoid placing it against an unsupported section of gutter. Failure to do so can cause the gutter to collapse and result in serious injury.

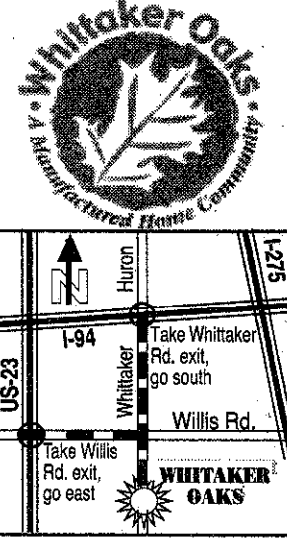
Having clean gutters and downspouts isn't enough. The mistake that many people make is to permit downspouts to discharge at the foundations edge. This results in the condition discussed earlier.

A good rainwater collection system doesn't end at the bottom of the downspout. At a minimum, a precast (concrete or plastic) diverter should be placed below each downspout to direct water away from the house.

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Base price is \$499,900, the model \$649,900.

Most lots in Shorebrook carry a price premium.

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Shorebrook is serviced by city water, sewers and sidewalks.

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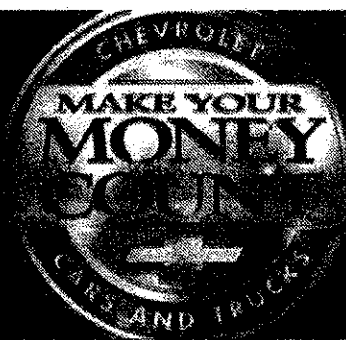
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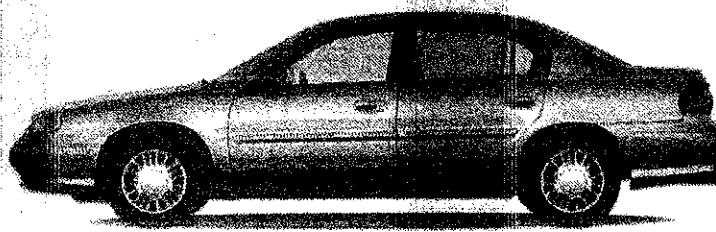
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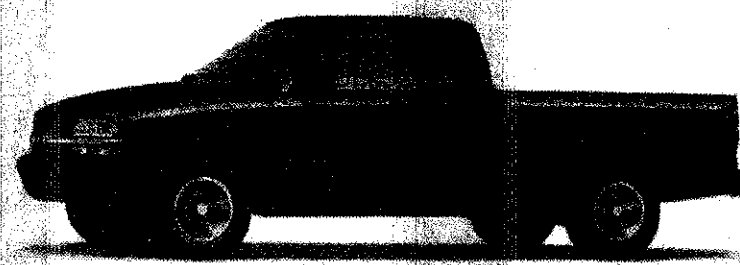
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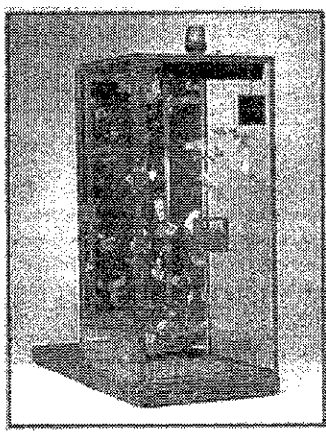
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