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Toys collected

The Westland-based Salvation Army is seeking donations of toys and clothing for local needy families. The campaign was initiated at the last minute after an unexpected changes by two local retailers. The social service organization said it needs \$15,000 worth of new toys and clothing. Salvation Army Commanding Officer Mark Welsh told the Observer last week that a local retailer told the organization that it couldn't place an "angel tree" for donated toys and clothing.

Nature site bill beneficiary

Westland residents are likely to be able to enjoy a local nature area for years to come, in the wake of House and Senate passage of a bill protecting 64 acres of wooded land known as Sassafras Trails.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A legislative bill aimed at protecting a 64-acre Westland nature area from residential development cleared the state House on Thursday — one week after the Senate approved it. The measure, which is expected to be signed by Gov. John Engler, drew

praise from a citizens group that fought for three years to save Sassafras Trails, a heavily wooded area northeast of Palmer and Wildwood. Friends of Sassafras Trails member Teresa Robbins commended the efforts of state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, and state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, in getting the bill passed. "They never wavered in their com-

mitment to us," Robbins said. "They were with us from the very beginning, all the way through." The bill means that state natural resources officials will be allowed to give the Wayne-Westland school district \$520,000 to secure the development rights for Sassafras Trails. "I see this as an early Christmas gift to the students of Wayne-Westland," school board president Patricia Brown said Friday. The pact, which still requires a negotiated agreement between the state and the school district, will maintain Sassafras Trails as a nature preserve for educational and

recreational purposes. Amid budget constraints, school officials three years ago had discussed the potential sale of the property for residential development. But Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Duane Moore said Friday that passage of Senate Bill 352 will put negotiations with natural resources officials "on the fast track." "We're real pleased with the passage," he said. Moore said he isn't aware of any other possible hurdles in negotia-

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Friends to animals



Yule spirit: While Amber Watkins and Jennifer Haffner (below) pet caged cats, other scouts, (from left) Danielle Forsyth, Stephanie Kilyanek and Amy Forsyth carry gifts to the animal shelter. The Girl Scouts are in third through sixth grades.

Animals get love from Girl Scouts

Thirteen area Girl Scouts spent part of the Christmas holiday season shopping and wrapping gifts. Even though the holiday was still two weeks away, members of collected their wrapped gifts for delivery to the happy recipients. "Another project to help children from needy families? Not quite. The recipients were animals in the Michigan Humane Society's shelter in Westland. Donations were from Girl Scout Troop 129 and their families. They included dog food, cat food, rabbit food, small toys, and office supplies and towels. Dawn Haffner, Girl Scout troop leader along with Karen Bryan, said she read about the needs of the humane society's shelter

a year ago in the Observer. "We decided on the humane society (as a project) because we thought it would be fun for the girls while at the same time we could help out the animals who are also a part of our community," Haffner said. "We went to the humane society (shelter on Marquette east of Newburgh) and got their wish list. They were passed out to all of the girls and the donations were brought in at our next meeting." The scouts taking part were Ashley Bryan, Sara Bush, Lauren Bowman, Corrine Clark, Amber Day, Shawna Endicott, Danielle Forsyth, Amy Forsyth, Jennifer Haffner, Stephanie Kilyanek, Michelle Lum, Hannah O'Brien and Amber Watkins.



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEBLANC

Gang ties surface in attempted murder case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Gang members are threatening to retaliate against accusers who claim that a 17-year-old Westland youth fired a 12-gauge shotgun at three men and tried to kill them outside of his family's home, a police sergeant said. Worldwide Gangster members have made threats that "people will be hit" unless accusers of Jeffrey

Brian Garfield change their stories, Westland police Sgt. Scott Fetner said. His remarks surfaced Thursday in 18th District Court after defense attorney Robert Slameka argued that Judge Gail McKnight should reduce Garfield's \$100,000 cash bond. McKnight refused to budge, following Garfield's admission in court that he is "affiliated" with World-

wide Gangsters. The judge also noted Garfield's involvement in a 1994 arson case and a subsequent escape from a youth facility. Slameka sought a bond reduction after Garfield waived a preliminary hearing on three counts of assault with intent to murder and one felony firearms charge. Garfield's decision averted testimony Thursday and prompted McKnight to order him to stand trial in

Wayne County Circuit Court. He could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted as charged. Garfield is accused of firing a 12-gauge shotgun at three men outside of his family residence on Mecosta near Grand Traverse and Venoy in Westland's Norwayne neighborhood. No one was shot, but Fetner has said that one victim, 25-year-old Robert Hubbard of Romulus, was

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Youth groups aided

The Westland police department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and the city's Youth Assistance Program gained a big boost in budget recently, thanks to combined donations of \$13,200 from North Brothers Ford. Making the presentation at a recent Town Hall meeting held by Mayor Robert Thomas were Douglas North, president of the dealership, and Thomas North, vice president. The money came from the firm's seventh annual golf outing held last summer for North Brothers' employees, customers and suppliers. The dealership's donations to the DARE program in recent years have totaled more than \$25,000. "We believe in the importance of helping kids in our community," said Douglas North. "These

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two organizations directly affect the youth. We are proud of our employees for their commitment to help while enjoying a fun outing."

Student honored
 Angela Szott, a University of Detroit/Mercy student, was named an All-American Collegiate Scholar awardee by the school's dean of college of health professions. Her name will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook. She is the daughter of Lawrence and Sylvia Szott and the granddaughter of Ida Szott of Can-

ton Township and Alfreda Skorek of Detroit.

Recruiter honored

Staff Sgt. Phillip Christie of Westland has been named the 1996 "Top Army Guidance Counselor" for the state. He was honored at a recent awards banquet for his work in the Great Lakes Army Recruiting Battalion.

Holiday spirit

The John Glenn High School band will perform its annual concert Wednesday night and help local needy families at the same time. The band will "charge" a can of food or box of non-perishable food to be donated to local families. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. in the former Cherry Hill High School auditorium, on Ayondale between Inkater Road and Middlebelt.

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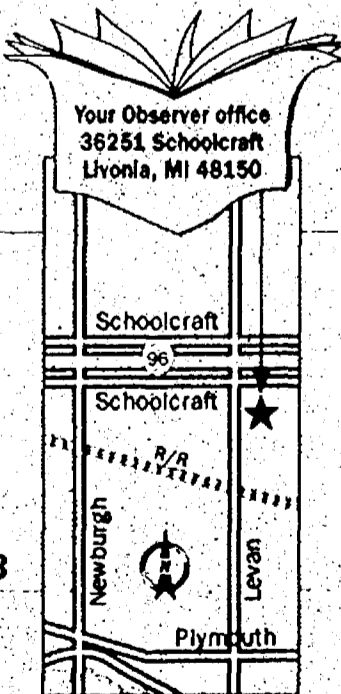
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Families learn to be healthy

Here's how: Oakwood Healthcare System's Loreen Schunder shows a Lincoln student how to administer CPR.



Oakwood Healthcare System in partnership with Lincoln and Jefferson elementary schools in Westland provided a health fair recently for families and students. The fair served three purposes: introducing the Oakwood Wayne-Westland partnership to the Norwayne community, raising awareness for an upcoming health center, and conducting an assessment of the health needs of the community.

More than 350 children and adults attended the health fair, which offered many health screenings and educational exhibits. Cynthia Swift, principal at Lincoln, was pleased with the event's success. "The health fair was the kickoff event for a partnership between Oakwood Healthcare System and Wayne-Westland school district. The partnership is expected to result in a school health center to be housed at Lincoln Elementary School. We are very excited about the opportunity to provide the needed services to our students. We feel that it will have a positive impact on their educational success," she said.

A Community Advisory Committee has been formed to direct the implementation of the health center. The new health center is targeted to begin in February 1997. It will be implemented gradually, with services beginning with health education and screenings for students and their families. By the start of the 1997-98 school year, there will be an onsite clinical staff.



Helping hand: Oakwood employee Melissa Lobo shares her knowledge with Westland residents Samantha Rogers, 7, and Kevin Rogers, 5.

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ing in its store as it had last year.

Welsh said a second major retailer was contacted and approved the "angel tree" program, which has patrons buying toys and clothing and then putting them under the tree for later delivery to needy families.

But a corporate official visiting the store asked that the tree be removed, Welsh said.

The effect is that the organization's toy collections are down 50

percent from last year, Welsh said.

The two actions by the businesses, which Welsh declined to identify publicly, initiated an appeal by the Salvation Army to ask the public for donation of toys that would have been placed under the "angel tree" at the other businesses.

The new location will be the Salvation Army's service center at 2300 S. Venoy, near Dorsey, Westland.

The center will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day this week through Saturday, Dec. 21.

"We are asking the general public to bring brand-new toys and clothing to the center. With this help, the Salvation Army will assure that every child receives a brand-new toy and new clothing this Christmas," Welsh said.

For information, people may call the Salvation Army at 722-3360.

■ 'With this help, the Salvation Army will assure that every child receives a brand-new toy and new clothing this Christmas.'

Officer Mark Welsh - Salvation Army

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"beaten over the head with beer bottles and cut up" by Garfield supporters during the 8:30 p.m. Dec. 1 incident.

The attempted shootings followed a dispute over a girlfriend that escalated Nov. 30, when a Canton Township group smashed out windows at Garfield's residence, Fetner said.

In retaliation, Garfield's supporters went to a Canton Township residence and also broke out windows, Fetner said.

The Canton group returned to Garfield's house on Dec. 1, only to be confronted by a group of Worldwide Gangster members

shortly before Garfield came out of the house and fired three shots, Fetner has said.

He is accused of firing shots at Hubbard, 18-year-old Nathaniel Maddox of Canton Township, and an innocent bystander who was sitting in a truck at a Grand Traverse-Venoy traffic light, Fetner said.

The truck was struck by gunfire, but no one was injured.

In court Thursday, Slameka told McKnight that Garfield wasn't involved in damaging the Canton Township residence. He also said the Dec. 1 gunshots were fired when a group came to

Garfield's residence to attack him and his family.

"He did not initiate this," Slameka said. "They came to his premises."

Since then, Garfield's mother has been the target of vandalism to her residence and her vehicle, Slameka said.

In response to Fetner's statements that Worldwide Gangsters threatened Garfield's accusers, Slameka said that Garfield played no role because he was in jail and didn't have access to gang members.

Garfield himself told McKnight that he isn't a Worldwide

Gangsters member.

"I'm affiliated with the gang," he said, adding that he had been in the preliminary stages of joining when he was arrested.

"I was hanging around with them," he said.

However, Fetner said that Garfield admitted being a gang member on Dec. 2, when he was arraigned on criminal charges by 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos.

Garfield's next court date is Dec. 26, when he will be arraigned on the charges in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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tions.

Early this month, Sassafra Trails supporters became alarmed when a state Attorney General's opinion indicated that the property didn't qualify for the \$520,000 because it wasn't farmland.

Changes to the Michigan Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act in June prompted an opinion that the state couldn't legally buy the development rights.

But SB 352, strongly pushed by Bennett, now allows the continuation of negotiations that began before the act was amended.

Bennett and DeHart moved quickly to secure Senate and

House passage of the bill before legislators started their holiday recess.

House passage became "a struggle" because some legislators tried to tack their own bills onto SB 352, knowing that it would likely receive Engler's signature, Bennett said.

Robbins commended Bennett and DeHart for "responding expeditiously" to save Sassafra Trails and to secure the \$520,000 that will help - somewhat - to offset a \$5 million school district deficit expected next summer.

"In their efforts, they have remained sensitive to the upcoming financial crisis of the school district," she said. "This more or

less puts things in the ballpark of the school district. Now it's up to the school administration to act quickly by following through on the directive of the school board to get through the negotiations with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources), so that the school district can be in receipt of the \$520,000."

Bennett said Friday that saving Sassafra Trails and securing money for the school district amounted to "having your cake and eating it, too."

On Friday, Moore confirmed that school officials already have considered the \$520,000 in planning the district's 1997-98 budget.

Brown said that "every single

penny of that money will be needed" to help offset the impending budget shortfall.

"There will be no extra dollars floating around Wayne-Westland next year," she said, "so this was an early Christmas gift."

Moore said district officials are being "as frugal as possible" to try to cope with the impending deficit. Officials are looking closely at ways to trim the short-fall before June 30.

The shortfall will emerge when a voter-approved, two-year levy of 3 mills expires June 30.

Unless new legislation is passed, the Wayne-Westland school board won't have the option of seeking a renewal.



Ethnic lesson: Students Justin Grisham (left) and Charles Woods wear their parents' ethnic clothing.



Special program: Teacher Natalie Hemker, of Ukrainian and German heritage, wears an Moroccan outfit for some of her pupils (from left), Michael Hatzilias, Amanda Black, Tiffany Gauchi, and Kim Glines.

PHOTOS BY RON FONKEY

Students learn about life in other countries

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

St. Dunstan Elementary School students celebrated "Multicultural Heritage Week" recently with a flurry of activities and displays.

At the Garden City school which has students from area communities, there were also arts and crafts, ethnic foods, colorful costumes, and guest speakers illustrating the uniqueness of various cultures and their contributions to America's melting pot.

"We stress multiculturalism at our school, but we thought we'd have a special week," said principal Sister Mariella. "We thought we would celebrate humankind."

Students were divided into groups representing African-American, Asian, Italian, Polish, German, Irish, French, Native American and multicultural backgrounds.

St. Dunstan's 244 students loved the weeklong celebration.

"One student said it was like having school at Chuck E Cheese," said Sister Mariella.

When guest speaker Joseph Kozak, 70, of Dearborn Heights, asked his class how many were of Polish descent, almost half raised their hands.

"Please interrupt me to ask a question," he said.

Kozak and his wife, Katie, have been to Poland 21 times in the last 23 years. He told the students about Polish life under Communism, about the Poles' love of Americans, and about the well-disciplined Polish school children.

He also told them that until a few years ago chocolate was rationed and children needed a government-issued coupon to purchase it.

There was no rationing of food in the classroom of African-American students, where students were waiting to feast on sweet potato pies and souffles, pineapple upside down cake, rice and beans and assortment of cornbread.

Charles Woodson and Justin Grisham of Inkster, both 12, were dressed in African attire. Woodson wore his father's shirt, and Grisham wore a dashiki his mother bought at an African festival. "She doesn't wear it anymore. She gave it to me," said Grisham.

The day before, Calvin Hawkins, grandfather of two of the students and a participant in the Million Man March, talked to the class about the impact of the march.

"I think he was inspirational," said Charles Woodson.

Andrew Starnes, 12, of Garden City, was among students representing Native Americans.

He was busy making a "dream catcher." "When you hang them in your window they catch bad dreams. When the sun shines, it washes them away," he explained.

Catlin Lehr, a fourth-grader from Dearborn Heights, was dressed in a colorful hamboko, a traditional Korean costume that resembles a floor-length robe. Lehr was born in Korea and adopted by American parents.

She said she was learning more about Korean culture.

When asked if she would wear the hamboko to a party, she said it was just an "ordinary" outfit. "When they go for holidays and parties, they really get dressed up," she said.

Kathryn Kennedy's fifth-graders represented the Irish. They watched videos on Ireland and did group reports. They also learned some Irish songs and a few Irish blessings.

"May the winds be at your back," a girl said. "Be in heaven an hour before the devil knows you're dead," volunteered a boy.

Maureen Arbour's kindergarten class celebrated two nationalities each day. They also learned to sing "Hello to all the children in the world," a song in which "hello" is expressed in eight languages.

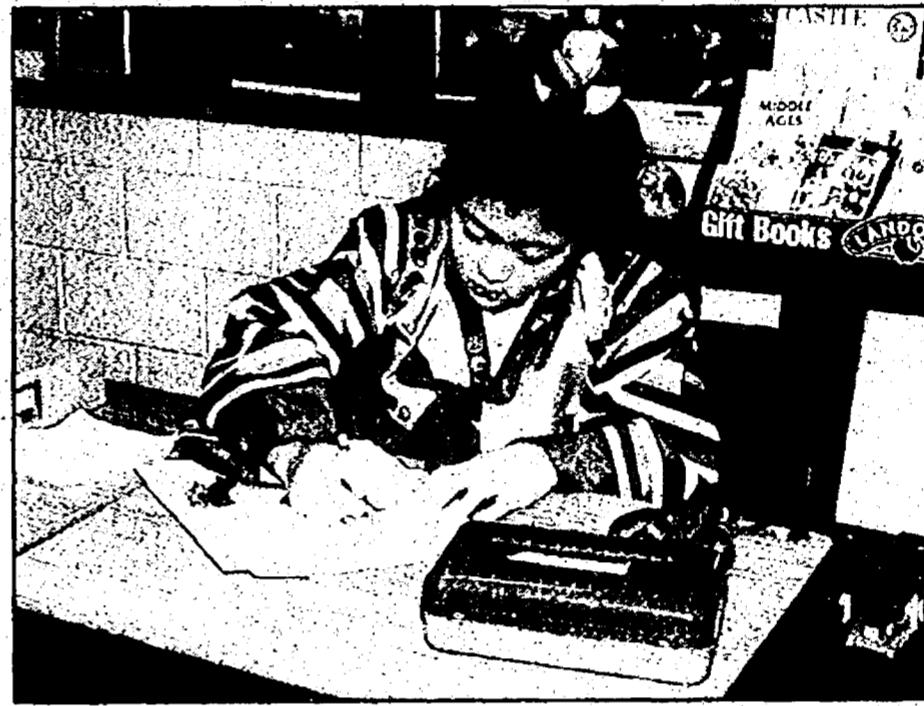
Sister Mariella, who knows all her students by their first names, said about the celebration: "It went of nicer than I thought it would. The parents have been so cooperative in bring in different foods."

She plans to make "Multicultural Heritage Week" part of the yearly curriculum.

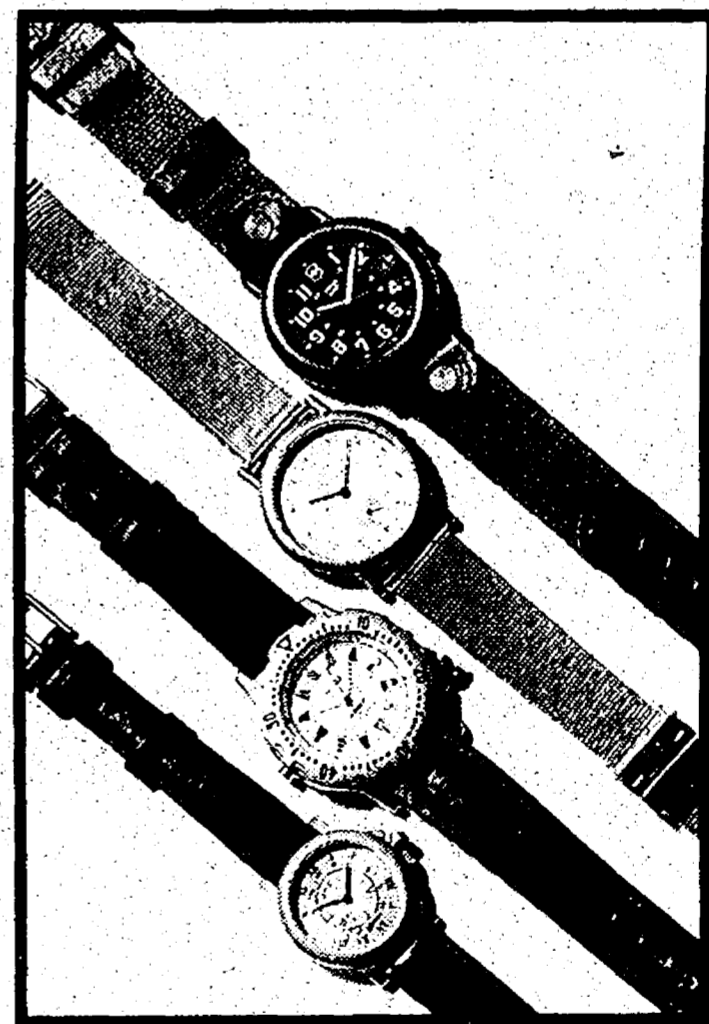
"This is the first time we have done something like this. Next year it will probably be bigger and better," she said.



Irish colors: Showing off Irish flags in the school-wide program are Alyson Ponto and Jason Young. Above, second-graders performed the Mexican hat dance during the multi-cultural program.



Coloring project: Caitlin Lehr, wearing an outfit representing South Korea, colors a picture of a bird which is supposed to bring good luck.



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JOHN C. STEWART

Services for Mr. Stewart, 68, of Westland were Nov. 12 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with burial in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. The Rev. James Skimins officiated.

Mr. Stewart died Dec. 9 in Plymouth. Born Nov. 15, 1928, in Detroit, he was a General Motors inspector for more than 30 years; an area resident for 66 years; member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia, and a Korean War veteran.

Survivors include: mother, Marjorie Stewart of Livonia; brothers, Bruce (Mary Jane) of Livonia, Richard (Patricia) of Connecticut, and Harold (Carol) of Illinois, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be donated to the Karmanos Cancer Research Center.

SHANNON RENEE GRZYWACZ

Services for Ms. Grzywacz, 17, of Wayne were Dec. 13 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in St. Hedwig Cemetery. The Rev. Ray Bucon officiated.

The teen-ager died Dec. 10 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. She was born April 27, 1979.

Survivors include: parents, William and Marcia Grzywacz, and grandfathers, Frank Oeftering and Frank Brzywacz. Preced-

ing her in death were grandmothers Geraldine Oeftering and Bernice Grzywacz.

KAY LYNN REGAN

Services for Mrs. Regan, 34, of Wayne were Dec. 14 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Redford Cemetery. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Mrs. Regan died Dec. 11 at home. Born May 6, 1962, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband, Raymond; mother, Mrs. Edward Sackett; sisters, Sherril DeBlasio and Linda Welsh, and grandmother, Jennie Onusko.

EARL E. LINTON

Services for Mr. Linton, 80, of Port Orange, Fla., were Dec. 12 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. The Rev. Carl Briggs officiated.

Mr. Linton died Dec. 8 at home. Born July 10, 1916, he was a retired skilled tradesman.

Survivors include: wife, Bonnie; son, Duane of Port Orange; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Roy of Hubbard Lake, Mich., and sisters, Minnie Stichel and Janie Hillman, both of Gladwin, Mich.

Memorials may be donated to the Hospice of Volusia, Fla.

Retirees headed back to school

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Churchill High math teachers Hank Lundy and Eldon Price both retired from Livonia Public Schools in 1994. But every Wednesday, the two retirees still teach in the district. Only this time, the work they do is for free.

Lundy and Price are among nine former district employees, eight of whom were teachers, who now tutor students at Johnson Elementary as volunteers in the district, which includes the north end of Westland.

Known as the Wednesday Wonders, the other seven are: Eunice Bageris, central office secretary who retired in 1993; George Bageris, Churchill media specialist who retired in 1986; Bob Marks, district media specialist who retired in 1985; Ken Kaestner, Churchill social studies teacher and football coach who retired in 1993; Rick Martin, Churchill English teacher who retired in 1994; Bill Moorhead, elementary media specialist who retired in 1984; and Norma Feichtinger, the only tutor volunteer who is not a former district employee.

"They spent their lives in education and are all interested in helping children," said Andrea Oquist, Johnson principal. "Most are grandparents and the kids get to work one-on-one with a grandparent type. The students get attention in small groups from warm, caring people."

The catalyst for the Wednesday Wonders is George Bageris, Oquist's stepfather. One day nearly two years ago, Oquist told Bageris how much students today need some type of mentoring.

"So many kids today have greater problems than in the past," Oquist said.

Bageris took Oquist's wish for more volunteer tutors to a group of school retirees who

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meet every Wednesday for lunch at a local restaurant. "Do you know any volunteers?" he asked his colleagues.

"I immediately came up with about six who said they would. Since then, some have come, some have gone and some have stayed."

The volunteers work from 9-11 a.m. Some tutor math, others reading. "We do this in the morning and still have lunch together," Bageris said.

One of the original volunteers was Alice Marks, wife of Bob Marks and a retired kindergarten teacher. Known to the students as "Grandma Alice," she wore an apron and sat in a rocking chair while telling stories through her puppets.

When Alice Marks died unexpectedly, it was a big loss to both the 370 students at Johnson, its teachers and her fellow tutors. The school's 1996 Memory Book is dedicated to both Grandma Alice and Rachel Bloedel, a student who also died.

"Grandma Alice, thank you for being such a special wonder for all of us," the students wrote in their dedication.

Meeting in groups of five and holding three sessions each Wednesday, Lundy and Price tutor all sixth-graders in math. The two teach from worksheets prepared by sixth-

grade teachers Karen Yee and Maureen Moag.

"This is really hard to get," said sixth-grader Monica Krystyniak. "He (Price) showed me a new, easier way to determine lowest terms in fractions."

"We're working almost individually, one-on-one," said sixth-grader Sheree Campbell. "We're not in a whole classroom where there's a lot of distractions."

"I feel like I get it more," said sixth-grader Amy Nelson.

On this Wednesday morning, Price and Lundy work their way through problems on fractions and mixed numbers. They ask questions, change numbers on the blackboard. Suddenly, in Lundy's class, one student blurts: "Oh, I get it."

The volunteers who tutor reading work one-on-one with students in rooms throughout the school. The tutors received their early literacy training from Geri Stone, reading recovery leader, and Linda Neuroth, reading recovery teacher.

Marks prompts Ryan, a first-grader, as he reads "Monsters' Party." Feichtinger works with Jamie Lee, also a first-grader, in another part of the room.

In another room, Bageris and Isabella, a first-grader, jump from book to book. "She wants to get it done," he said.

Bageris' wife, Eunice, sounds out letter sounds with Ashley.

"When we walk in, the kids are happy, excited," she said. "We talk to them, encourage them, get them to love books."

"Reinforcement, reinforcement, reinforcement." That's what the tutors say their mission is, Wednesday after Wednesday.

"We all get an emotional charge out of working with these young kids," Marks said. "It's satisfying to see kids achieve."

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Hoarse, but enthusiastic: Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer visited Canton Township Thursday to discuss how the southeast Michigan region's economy can benefit through cooperation between Detroit and suburban communities.

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Archer promotes cooperation between Detroit and suburbs

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer spoke at the Canton Economic Club Thursday, promoting further cooperation between Detroit and suburbs in an effort to boost southeast Michigan's economic prowess.

Speaking with a hoarse, but enthusiastic, voice, Archer listed Detroit's accomplishments and laid out future goals before a packed room at Summit on the Park, Canton's new community and recreation center.

Archer said his priorities include having southeast Michigan cities work in cooperation to turn the region into an economic powerhouse that can compete on a national level.

"The region has not come together to maximize our collective strengths," he said. "It's not Detroit vs. Canton, or Detroit vs. Novi or Detroit vs. Auburn Hills. It's more Detroit vs. Chicago — our region vs. their region."

Henry Cisneros, Housing and Urban Development secretary, recently visited Detroit to observe how a federally awarded "empowerment zone" is impacting the city. The zone has created 1,750 jobs, which is more than 1,000 ahead of the next city, Archer said.

Archer said the zone's success could mean that the federal government designs a pilot program for cities based on Detroit's system — a possibility that suburbs like Canton could help make a

■ 'It's not Detroit vs. Canton, or Detroit vs. Novi, or Detroit vs. Auburn Hills. It's more Detroit vs. Chicago — our region vs. their region.'

Dennis Archer
—Detroit mayor

reality. "This area — this region — can be really, really strong — Detroit and Canton working together," he said.

Archer compared Canton's economic growth to Detroit's.

"Canton Township has significant new developments — an industrial park, technological center and 13 new office products," he said. "I'm pleased to be able to say that several of these developers have invested in the city of Detroit."

A region requires a viable central city to succeed, Archer said.

"If Detroit is not well, then the whole region suffers," he said. "When people come to Detroit, they're not just going to stay there. They're going to go to Canton — the waterworld of America."

Terry Bennett, Canton Township clerk, said she agreed that what happens in Detroit affects surrounding suburbs and recommended that southeast Michigan form a regional committee to address common concerns such as infrastructure.

But despite Bennett's desire to work with Detroit, she said lim-

its do exist, referring to some Canton officials' opposition to a recent Wayne County tax proposal to help finance the construction of new sports facilities in downtown Detroit.

"If you have to make a choice where our dollars are going to be used, you want them to be used in Canton," she said.

Ron Lieberman, a retired Canton resident and township Planning Commission member, said he likes that Archer is reaching out to suburbs, a move that Lieberman would like to see the city's surrounding communities reciprocate.

"He's building the bridge that the area needs," he said. "We'd better start believing (in Detroit). We can't let that thing die."

Deborah Nesbit, a Canton resident and social worker, said she enjoyed Archer's theme of cooperation.

"The suburbs and Detroit need each other in order to survive," she said. "We may have disagreements, but I think the main focus should be how we can provide a positive future for our young people."

HCMA appoints new director of 13-park agency

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority board has promoted Frank Sudek to director of the 13-park agency.

Sudek, 58, of Hartland, joined

HCMA in 1960 as a survey crew member and worked up through the ranks as purchasing manager, secretary to the board and deputy director.

Sudek will succeed William P. Sherman, 66, of Clinton Township. Sherman will retire Jan. 10.

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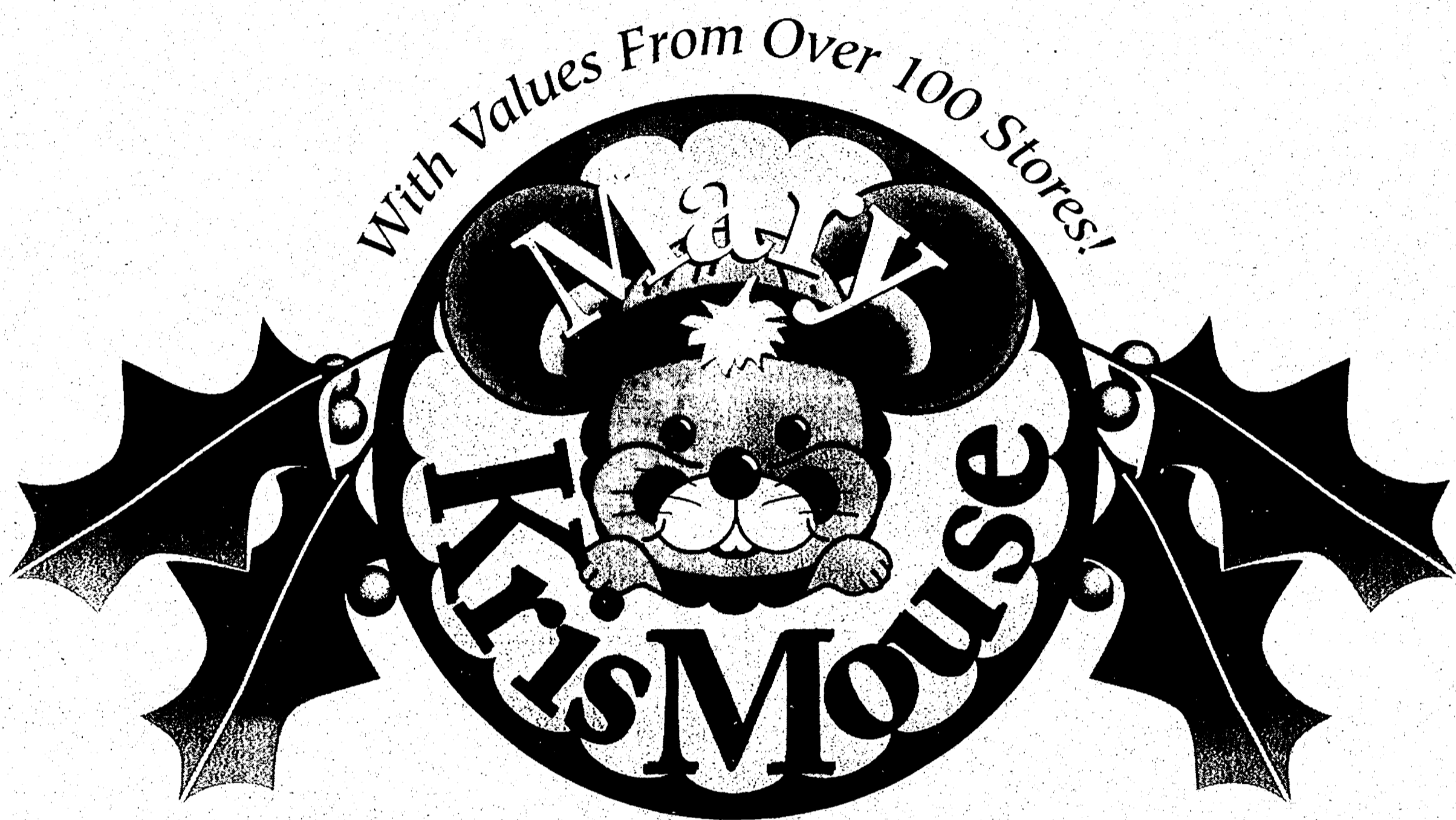
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Legislation allows university boards some secrecy in presidential searches

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

House Republican whips had to work an extra day to win approval of the season's most controversial bill — partially cloaking the hunt for university presidential candidates.

On Dec. 10 Senate Bill 211 appeared to have been beaten when only 40 green (yes) lights appeared on the House of Representatives' voting board, with 56 needed for passage.

But House GOP floor leader Ken Sikkema shouted "clear the board," stopping the voting until leaders and university lobbyists could convert more lawmakers.

Ironically, although Sikkema's tactic saved the bill from certain defeat, he personally voted against it.

A day later, the House passed the measure on a 66-38 vote. It will allow the 15 state university boards to set up search committees that can meet secretly to recruit and screen presidential candidates.

A companion measure, SB 212, allows some of the finalists' records to be kept secret under the Freedom of Information Act. But boards will have to interview the finalists in open meeting and wait 30 days between the time the names are released

and the hiring takes place.

As passed, the bills provided far less than the total secrecy sought by the sponsor, Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek. His original bills would have allowed boards to close the door on both interviews and voting.

But even the watered-down bills brought lengthy and vehement protests from opposing lawmakers.

"Passage of this bill creates a slippery slope. Local governments will be asking for the same exemptions the universities have," warned Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. "If they (applicants) don't want to apply

for a \$260,000-a-year taxpayer-paid job, they can apply elsewhere."

"This legislation attacks the very concept of open government by reducing the amount of information available to citizens," said Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills. "It undermines the state Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts."

"Politically, these bills will only increase the Republican Party's gender gap in metropolitan Detroit. It reinforces the notion among voters that there is a good ol' boy network in Michigan government that

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Director: SMART reduced its deficit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation has cut its deficit substantially, according to SMART's executive director.

Richard Kaufman told members of the Conference of Western Wayne on Friday the deficit — originally at \$20 million — fell below \$15 million for the 1995-96 fiscal year. Next year Kaufman expects it will fall below \$8 million.

Kaufman also reported that the new bus routes on Telegraph and 15 Mile Roads were doing well. The Telegraph Road route from Michigan Avenue to Eight Mile showed an average per weekday of 314 riders in September, up from its rider count in May of 217.

"Although the ridership numbers aren't where we'd like to be, the new routes have significant growth," Kaufman said. He was confident that SMART will have record riders by next year.

Kaufman gave the update to CWW to show how SMART was doing to meet the campaign promises of the 1995 millage vote. Those promises included eliminating the deficit, adding more routes and providing more municipal credits.

Several communities are using a partnership with SMART to use the municipal credits. Livonia and Dearborn Heights recently approved such agreements.

"We're starting to be able to show that in cities where we only could afford two or three buses before, we can double those numbers," Kaufman said.

Kaufman told the CWW that SMART distributes \$3 million annually in municipal credit allocation to cities, villages and townships in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Municipal credits cannot be used for capital projects.

SMART receives the funds as a grant from state Act 51 discretionary funds. About \$1 million or one-third of the municipal credit allocation is distributed with no requirement for local match.

The remaining \$2 million is dependent on a 60 percent local match as required by Act 51. That local match requirement is automatically met by municipalities that elect to pay the 1/3 mill property tax, which makes those cities "opt-in" communities.


"Opt-out" communities that do not provide the balance of the required local share will receive its portion of the \$1 million that does not require the local match according to population.

For the remaining \$2 million, a 60 percent local match is required.

"If the (opt-out) community cannot come up with matching money for the \$2 million, that money would be lost and sent to the authority in Wayne or Oakland counties," Kaufman said. "That authority will decide where to spend that money."

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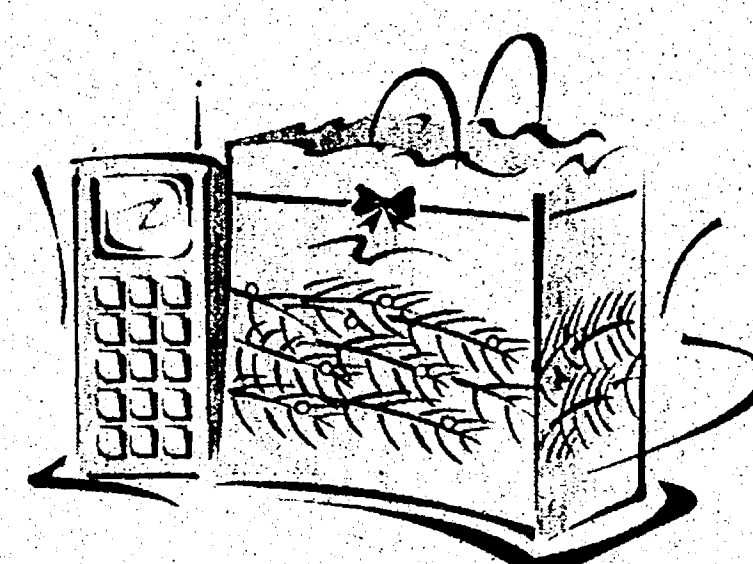
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Game inventors make you think

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Shelley Littman likes to stock the shelves of her Birmingham toy store with games to stimulate the old thought processes. That's why she decided to offer *Adventures in Toys'* customers *Tisby*, a board game by local inventor Greg Schindler.

A distant cousin of *Scrabble*, the game challenges players to create a connected crossword puzzle. For ages 8 and up, *Tisby* can be played by 1-4 players on levels from novice to master. A different set of rules allows it to be played solitaire.

"I like new inventors and try to encourage them to think a little bit differently than mass market toy companies. There's nothing like games to make you think, and good games are hard to come by," said Littman.

The first time Schindler approached Littman with *Tisby*, she applauded the game's concept but was hesitant to carry it because of the packaging. Since the 50-year old Macomb Township resident developed and produced the game himself, it was back to the drawing board. So far, Schindler's lost one dollar on each game published. He funded the venture with \$4,000 borrowed from his retirement account. But he isn't discouraged because Littman bought the improved version (also available at Wunderground in Royal Oak).

"Shelley was right. It doesn't matter what you put in the box if the label isn't interesting people won't want to play the game," said Schindler who has decided not to quit his day job as a case worker for Wayne County's Family Independence Agency (formerly DSS).

In addition to *Tisby*, *Adventures in Toys* carries nearly 100 other board games including several by *Aristoplay, Ltd.* The Ann Arbor-based company, specializing in educational children's games, is nationally recognized for making learning fun. While many of the concepts grow from staff brainstorming, *Aristoplay* also publishes games by local inventors. In *Hives Alive* designed by Julie Fisher of Ypsilanti, players try to capture their opponent's bees by comparing the values of fractions, decimals and negative numbers. A former middle school math teacher, Fisher used the game to motivate her students.

"You can drill them to death with problems and worksheets but the kids really loved this game," said Fisher.

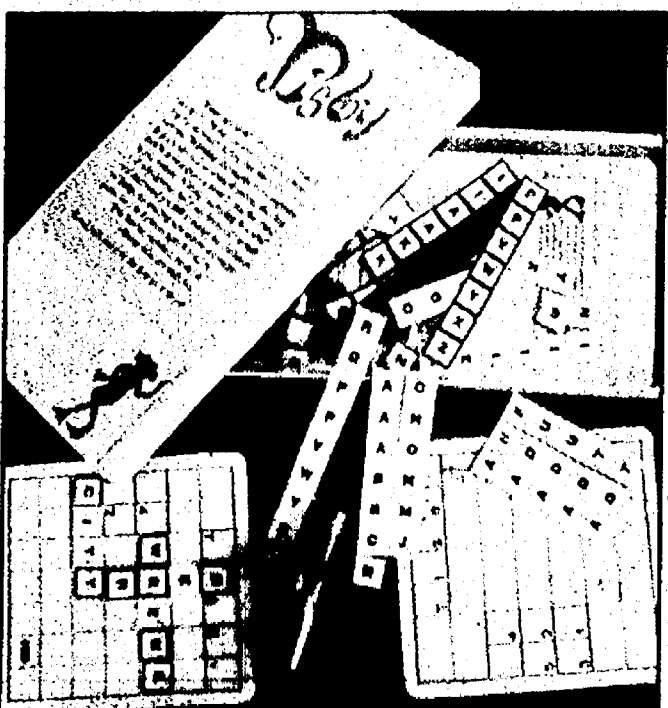
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Aristoplay games are available at *The Teacher's Store* in Livonia; *Noodle Kidoodle*, *Troy*; *Christine's Hallmark*, *Plymouth*; *Mermel Gifts & Toys*, *Farmington Hills*; *Toy Wonders*, *West Bloomfield*, and *Your Toybox*, *Rochester*.

"My two favorites are *Somebody*, an anatomy game, and *Where in the World*, a nifty geography game updated to include non-Soviet countries like Georgia," said Bruce Weiner, owner of *Your Toybox*. "*Aristoplay* games are a lot of fun but also educational. They're not predicated on luck. They expect you to do more."

At *Toy Wonders of the World* in West Bloomfield owner Tom Fields offers 11 different *Artistoplay* games including *True Math*, *The Play's The Thing* (a dramatic introduction to Shakespeare), and *Pollution Solution*, which tackles the issues of pollution in the '90's.



Tisby - a new game for wordsmiths.

Deck the hair with curls and holly



Holiday headturners are a blast from the past with the return of tendrils, wiglets and waves. It's all about romance and a return to a more elegant age.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

The recent films "Emma" and "Sense and Sensibility" are the inspiration for this season's holiday hair designs as many local salons are discovering.

At Sharp Looks Salon in West Bloomfield, owner Donna Sharp said "big hair just isn't big anymore."

"What women want is softness and understated elegance," she said, quoting her clients. It's a return to

the Empire Look of the Napoleonic era, even in fashion where shoppers are finding sleeker, closer-fitting designs than in recent collections.

Sharp trained at London's Vidal Sassoon Academy and has been a stylist for more than 20 years. She's watched the hair biz closely over the years, concluding that the current trends may be the most exciting.

She explained that the Empire Look is achieved by pulling the hair back from the face, adding hairpieces that give variations on a sleek pulled back look, or softness with curls. Flowers that match the dress, ribbons or pearl strands are popular adornments.

Because so many busy women sport shorter hair these days, the upsweep styles requiring longer hair have brought hairpieces back into vogue. They are attached with either a metal clip that slides in and snaps shut like a barrette, or with a banana clip.

"Twenty-three years ago, a hairstylist had to wash, set and style the piece. Now, because they're synthetic, they are pre-set and styled. It's just shampoo, shake and go," Sharp explained.

At Salon Kennice Bashar in Birmingham, Kennice Hoffman said her clients are also after the romantic look with upstyles and hairpieces



PHOTOS BY GARY RYAN

Empire looks: The regal beauty of these hair designs by Sharp Looks Salon, West Bloomfield make them a perfect choice for holiday happenings.

and curls.

"We are doing a lot of waves," she said suggesting that the film "Evita" might be having an influence on hairstyles. "We're using the wave irons to add curls in the back and front.

Women with dark hair are interested in adding jewel-tone hairpieces to their holiday styles. It's easy, you just snap them in. But there's no doubt that the look everyone's after is Romantic."

Holiday glamour means snap, sparkle, shine



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BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
EDITOR

This year, with the return of cigars and martinis, you can bet social gatherings will be luxurious and elegant.

"There is such a sense of glamour in fashion right now with rich jewel tones and splendid fabrics like velvet, tulle, satin and tapestries," said Mariana Keros, Hudson's trend director. "The fashions evoke memories of a bygone era."

She showed off what's new from the Hudson's holiday closet:

For her, the must-haves include:

- * Cocktail dresses; velvet oblong scarf; velour mock turtleneck in jewel tones; long column dress or slip dress; shawl or evening stole; beaded jackets, ballgown skirts, narrow satin pants; tuxedo jackets, strappy evening shoes, gemstone or rhinestone jewelry.

For him, the must-haves include:

- * Tuxedo with notched or shawl collar; black suit; dress shirt with curve spread collar; vest; velvet, tapestry or zip-front; solid ties in shiny colors or silver/black combinations; French cuffs and cuff links; banded collar shirts; bow ties and cummerbunds; dress pants.

Hot accessories:

- * Metallic silver or gold shoes the neutral, instead of black;
- * Men's shoes in suede, patent or

velvet slip-on styles

- * Belts: velvet, satin, chain link with rhinestones or metal buckles
- * Hosiery with back seams or metallic shimmer
- * Vintage marcasite jewelry
- * Cigar accessories
- * Cheek and eye makeup highlighted with colors of plum and pearl

For kids:

- * Dalmatian-mania inspires clothing in key colors red and black; shiny fabrics; faux fur; animal prints; chenille, velour and velvet separates; vests and blazers for boys; velvet or organza party dresses for girls.

For glamour on a budget Hit or Miss stores have long skirts and mock-neck velvet tops at \$24.99 each. Other holiday separates include black crepe pants, knits with velvet collars and buttons, long gently-fitted jackets, and velvet cigarette pants, all priced under \$40.

Shawls and capes that add panache and warmth over sleeveless gowns and short-sleeved sweaters can be found in a variety of fabrics, colors and trims at Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord and Taylor and Crowley's.

Neiman Marcus suggests topping a skirt or slacks with a festive cardigan by Michael Simon featuring a champagne glass with sparkling beads, \$130.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

Santa Photos

Final days for photos and visits with Santa Claus at area malls. Don't miss some of the more spectacular decor presentations at Twelve Oaks, Somerset Collection North, Livonia Mall, Lakeside, Fairlane, Northland Center and Oakland Mall. At Summit Place in Waterford, tour the 20-minute walk-through exhibit "Wind in the Willows" brought to you by Dayton Hudson Co. Free admission, through Dec. 31.



A scene from Wind in the Willows at Summit Place.

Benefit Promotion

Ongoing Share The Wealth program to benefit

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Salvation Army - with each sum of \$150 in receipts a blanket will be donated in the shopper's name. See Customer Service Desk.

Westland Center. Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-5001.

Holiday happenings

Month-long Red Cross Blood Drive. Spend \$100 in any mall business and receive a free cookbook through Dec. 24. Drop off non-perishable food items, clothing and toys for local YMCA at Information Booth through Dec. 24. Wonderland. Plymouth/Middlebelt. Livonia. (313) 622-4100.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Holiday concerts

Churchill High School "Choralation" at 7 p.m. On Dec. 18 Clarenceville High School "Choraliers" at 7 p.m. On Dec. 19 Franklin High School "Franklin Singers" at 7 p.m. On Dec. 20 Ladywood High School "Angelic Singers & Orchestra" at 10:30 a.m. Livonia Mall. Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1160.

More holiday concerts

Novi Middle School Girl's Choir performs at 6:30 p.m. On Dec. 18 at 6:30 and 7:45 p.m. hear the Walled Lake Western Women's Choirs.

Twelve Oaks. 12 Mile/Novi. Novi. (810) 348-9438.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Local authors sign books

Jon Buechel and Jane Briggs-Bunting will sign copies of their Christmas book "Whoop for Joy A Christmas Wish," 6-8 p.m. at Waldenbooks. Bunting will offer a solo signing at Waldenbooks, Lakeside, Dec. 21, 2-4 p.m. Somerset Collection South. Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (810) 628-2986.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Mall concerts

Opera Lite Carolers from 6-8 p.m. on the lower level in Lord & Taylor Court. On Dec. 21 from 6-7 p.m. it's The Bellissima Bell Choir. Fairlane Town Center. Michigan Ave./Hubbard. Dearborn. (313) 593-1370.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Christmas characters

Stroll the decorated Olde World Canterbury Village, shop in the boutiques and Always Christmas Store. Meet "Clyde and Big Red" through Dec. 22. Joslyn/1-75 Lake Orion. (810) 391-5700.

RETAIL DETAILS

Gift goal for hockey fans

For the first time in NHL history, a team has assembled an all-Russian unit - Detroit's own Red Wings. To commemorate the event, Sergei Federov, Slava Fetisov, Vladimir Konstantinov, Slava Kozlov and Igor Larionov have created a 24-inch by 30-inch color lithograph, personally signed by the five players and the artist, Paul Madden.

It's available at The Sports Gallery, 269 S. Woodward, Birmingham for \$100 each. For more information about the shop and its merchandise call (810) 642-0044.

Oldies station hosts benefit

Last year WOMC's "Christmas Is For Kids Week" raised \$128,000 for Children's Hospital of Michigan's research wing. This year from Dec. 16-20, the station (104.3) hopes to surpass that amount with its Fantasy Auction on the air with a different gift each hour beginning Dec. 16 from 2-6 p.m.; plus a Friday, Dec. 20 18-hour radiothon live from Hudson's in Lakeside Mall, Sterling Heights. The radiothon will be hosted by station personalities Tom Ryan, Matinee Mindy, Dick Purtan and Purtan's People.

It includes a visit from the cast of 42nd Street appearing at The Fox Theatre. The number for pledges: 1-810-546-7020.

Signing Santa visits

Last year, when a 3-year-old deaf child who expected Santa's visit to be interpreted by his older sister, watched Santa sign "Merry Christmas", Santa said "the expression on his little face stole my heart." So the Signing Santa is back at it again this year, welcoming hearing impaired children and their families Thursday, Dec. 19 from 1-5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to his throne at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.

Santa will be assisted by his sister, Valerie Nordstrom, 15, of Sterling Heights, who is also well-versed in American Sign Language. "After all," said mall manager Aj Jemison, "Santa speaks every language."

Bread Co. rises in Farmington

The Breadsmith Cafe is open at 14 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills offering fresh-baked European-style breads, fresh-roasted coffee and espresso drinks, torte, brownies and sweets from The Townsend Bakery. Unlike other Breadsmith stores, the new location has seating. It is the third Breadsmith to open in metro Detroit joining Breadsmiths at Maple and Lahser in Bloomfield Hills and Long Lake and Livernois in Troy. The breads contain no fats, oils, additives or preservatives (except the specialty recipes with cheese olives or nuts).

New product launch

Premier Salons at Hudson's Northland and Eastland stores have begun offering a new line by Revlon to clients based on aromatherapy for multicultural hair types. "Arosai" provides "beautifully relaxed/straightened, shiny hair through a spa-like experience, available exclusively through Premier Salons," according to Kim Osborne, director.

Getting down to basics

Sunny J's lingerie and bra boutique, recently held a grand opening at the new location in downtown Plymouth, 550 Forest, in the Westchester Mall. Shoppers looking for personal service will find co-owners Sunny Balles and daughter Rachelle Fanelli experts in fitting and finding the perfect undergarments, bridal lingerie/foundations and swimwear, for all body types from petite to full-figured. Inquiries are welcome at (313) 453-8584.

Where can I find?

Thanks to the readers who have phoned in locations for hard to find items!

• We found the Perez Prado recording of "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White" at Jukebox Junction, Wayne (313) 722-0643.

• Mary Laubert, Barbara Swanson, Pat Owen, Peggy Knudsen (plus a dozen others) report seeing the musical Tiger Stadium tin in both the Michigan (1-800-443-9284) and Miles Kimball (414-231-4886) catalogs. A "Santa's helper" said he recently bought one from the gift shop of the Detroit Historical Museum downtown.

• A good source for typewriter ribbons according to one caller is S & R Office Supply on Ford Rd. west of Venoy in Garden City (313) 261-6860. Another good source, according to another caller is Audette Office on Michigan Ave. in Dearborn.

• For a company that will "re-coat" old cooking pans with non-stick materials like Teflon, a caller suggested Pan-Glo on Sherwood in Detroit. "They do commercial work, but they may do a project for an individual."

We're still looking for:

• A caller suggested the Sam Miller Bag Co. of Minneapolis as a source for laundry chute hamper-bags. But a call to the Sam Miller had the bag maker laughing. "We haven't made that product in years," he said. "I didn't think people still needed the product."

• A dry bar, 3-feet wide by 15-inches deep with a cover that lifts up to replace one that is 20 years old. The caller said furniture stores only seem to carry wet bars.

• A grocery store that sells Magic Baking Powder made by Nabisco of Toronto. The caller doesn't want to travel to Canada to buy it.

• Math To Go, Math Tutor by Texas Instruments.

• Almay hypo-allergetic all-over body splash.

• A gag gift - a baseball cap with two cup holders and two straws that make it possible to drink from the cap.

• A Strollchair highchair tray; Inkor stainless steel cookware.

• An April 1945 edition of Ford Times magazine.

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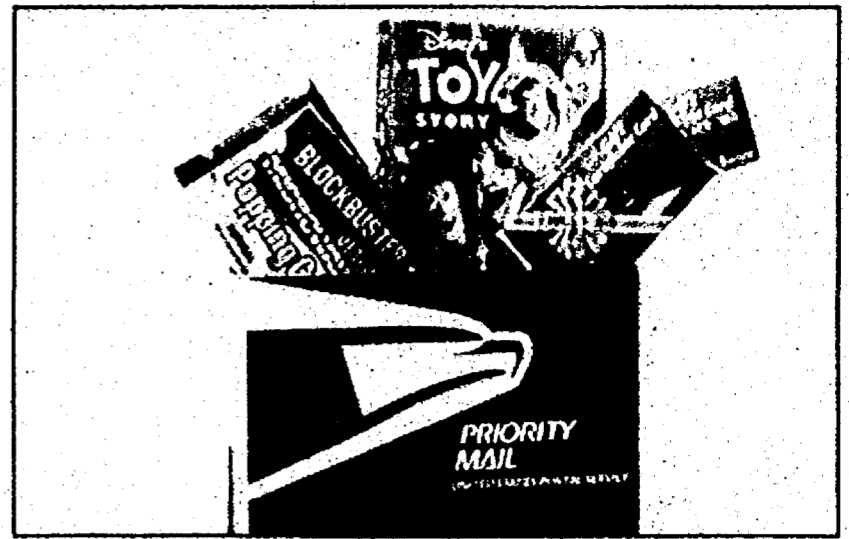
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Mall videos in style



Hot pockets: The U.S. Postal Service and Blockbuster Video have teamed up to offer a convenient way to buy and send video gifts. The pre-paid priority Mail Video Boxes are available for \$3.99 at all Blockbuster stores.



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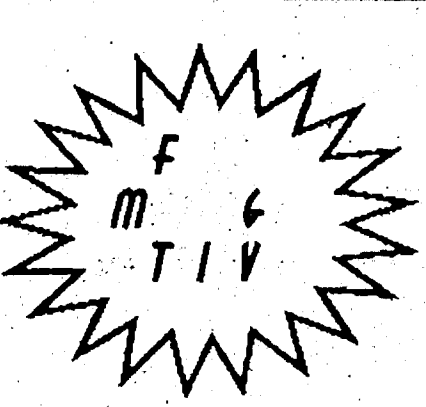
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prefers the secrecy of private councils to the sunshine of public disclosure," Kaza added.

He blistered the Legislature's 1993-96 record in shutting down meetings and information about the Department of Natural Resources, pollution audits, and the Public Service Commission - "more than a trend; a frontal assault on open government."

"Sunshine is the best disinfectant," added Rep. Dave Jaye, R-Utica.

University officials argued during earlier hearings that sitting presidents wouldn't apply for highly visible jobs like the University of Michigan if their names became public in their home bailiwicks.

Walter Harrison, a University of Michigan vice president, argued that open meetings and interviews actually decreased the amount of information gov-

erning boards could obtain.

Wayne State University President David Adamany argued in hearings that fellow presidents simply wouldn't apply at Michigan universities if their applications became public information. The day after the bill passed, Adamany announced his retirement after 15 years as president.

Here is how area lawmakers voted on SB 211, the bill closing down search committees under the Open Meetings Act:

OBSERVER
YES - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.
NO - Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Jim Ryan, R-Redford, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

ECCENTRIC
YES - Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, John Jamian, R-

Bloomfield Township, Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville.

NO - Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills.

FOIA expanded
 The Senate voted 37-0 to strip a House bill of a change that would have shut down information about public school teachers.

As passed by the lower chamber, HB 5726 would have tightened a section of the Freedom of Information Act exempting release of information of "a personal nature" only where public disclosure "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy."

The bill went back to the House for concurrence of an amendment.

Bill OK'd to make public police list of sex offenders

POLICE

After a brief, sharp debate, the state House of Representatives approved a Senate-passed bill making police lists of convicted sex offenders public records.

The House gave 90-12 approval to SB 959, sponsored by Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, and sent the bill to Gov. John Engler for signing.

Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, predicted the law would backfire. "The idea of registration is a good one. Law enforcement can watch them."

"But this bill raises the question whether they (convicted sex offenders) would

register or not. It will have a chilling effect. It will force them to go underground."

"These people have done their time. They've won the right to go back to society. The legislation is well-intentioned, but it will have a chilling effect on registration," said Gubow.

The 1994 Sex Offenders Registration Act, sponsored in 1994 by Sens. Bouchard and Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, required convicted persons to register as sex offenders with State Police.

As amended, it will require the State Police to publish and make available the list for public inspection at local law enforcement departments.

Here is how area lawmakers voted:
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YES - Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, James Ryan, R-Redford, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.
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HOME SENSE



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Cookware is safe when you take care

In with the new cookware, out with the old! The best choices for new cookware depends on who you ask. Everyone has a favorite type of pan or kind of material they think is the very best for cooking.

The number one consumer cookware choice is aluminum, number two is stainless steel. There are also other materials available such as copper, anodized aluminum, non-stick coatings, cast iron, and ceramic, each having advantages and disadvantages.

Tips

- Always follow the manufacturers directions for care and cleaning of cookware.
- Avoid hard abrasives on cookware.
- Always transfer food into plastic or glass containers after the cooking or heating is completed.
- Do not store food in any cookware.
- Avoid scratching the surfaces with metal utensils.



will clean this cookware. If it has darkened, fill the pan with water and vinegar or lemon juice and boil 15 minutes. The aluminum cookware will look just like new again.

Stainless steel

Stainless steel is durable, won't corrode, is hard, tough, and resistant to wear. Stainless steel is a poor heat conductor so usually the bottom is coated with copper or aluminum. Do not allow acidic or salt foods to remain in stainless steel for long periods of time. There is no apparent health problem, but this will pit the steel surface. Generally, hot soapy water and a nylon scrub pad will clean stainless steel cookware.

Copper is an excellent conductor of heat and most cooks have at least one copper pan to make delicate sauces.

Food barely sticks to anodized aluminum which has been altered so it cleans better. The "darling" of the cookware department has combined hard anodized aluminum with a nonstick coating. The non-stick surface on cookware is coated with Teflon or Silverstone and is not toxic, any chips that flake off and are ingested will pass harmlessly through the body. However, if these pots and pans start peeling seriously, replace them. Most can be wiped clean with a sponge and hot soapy water. The advantage of these pans is that food can be cooked with little or no fat.

Cast Iron

Cast iron absorbs heat slowly and evenly, and are good for baking, browning or frying. New cast iron pans need to be seasoned with unsalted cooking oil before using, follow manufacturer directions. Retain the seasoning by wiping cookware clean with a paper towel, scrub gently and let thoroughly dry after using and before storing.

Ceramic is a poor heat conductor, but a good heat retainer, suitable for baking. Glass ceramic cookware can go from the freezer to the oven without breaking. Most ceramic pans are dishwasher proof and easy to clean.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is a home economist with the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. For answers to food questions, call the MSU Food and Nutrition Hotline, (810) 858-0904.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Holiday ham
- Santa snacks

CHAMPAGNE ADDS HOLIDAY

STORY BY
ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Iron Horse Vineyards in Sebastopol, Calif., began producing sparkling wines in 1980. Today's superior sparklers under the Iron Horse label bring great satisfaction to founder-partners Audrey and Barry

Sterling, Iron Horse winemaker Forrest Tancer and his author wife Joy Sterling, who is winery sales, marketing and public relations director. The Iron Horse project was initiated in 1976 after the Sterlings searched for a winery site in Europe for many years. It's on a roll today with both still wines and sparklings.

Of the seven Iron Horse sparklings produced, five are available locally. They include 1991 Brut \$26, 1993 Wedding Cuvee (Blanc de Noirs) \$28, 1990 Blanc de Blancs \$28, 1989 Brut LD \$53 and 1991 Brut Rose \$28. It's impossible to pick a favorite from this stellar line up, but we're impressed with the elevated quality of the 1991 Brut, as it compares to previous vintages.

An inquiry brought this response from Tancer. "In the early years, we followed the French model where grapes are picked at lower sugar levels. We left the wine on the lees after the second fermentation in the bottle about the same length of time as French champagne makers. What we've discovered is that it's important for us to pick grapes at higher sugar levels and allow the wine to rest in the bottle on the yeast lees for a longer time before we disgorge. Grapes picked at high maturity offer more flavors and they gain greater complexity and creaminess by longer time on the yeast lees. It's as simple as that."

Iron Horse does something that no other California sparkling producer does. Tancer puts the disgorging date on the label. Therefore, when you pay a lot of money for a wine of excellence such as Iron Horse's top-of-the-line 1989 Brut LD (Late Disgorged), you can tell easily whether the wine has been on the store shelf for a long time or whether it's fresh. Champagnes and sparkling wines are released by the producer when they are ready to drink. With Iron Horse, recently disgorged wine can be in the hands of consumers within four or five months after disgorging. That's about as perfect as it gets.

In Joy Sterling's recently-published book "Vintage Feasting," (Pocket Books, 1996, \$24, a great gift for any wine lover) she says she doesn't get hung up on the use of "champagne" as a synonym for sparkling wine. She discusses



CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER

French tradition: Bollinger Champagne epitomizes the French champagne tradition.

More superior sparklings for the holidays

California:

- 1991 "J" \$25.50
- 1988 "J" Late Disgorged \$33
- From Maison Deutz there's Brut Cuyee \$15, Blanc de Noirs \$13.50, Brut Rose \$20 and 1992 Brut Reserve \$23
- From Mumm Cuvee Napa Brut Prestige \$14 and Blanc de Noirs \$14
- 1991 Roederer Estate L'Ermitage \$33
- Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs \$15 won sweepstakes award at the 1996 Sonoma County Harvest Fair

French Champagne:

- 1989 Champagne Deutz Blanc de Blancs \$49
- Champagne Deutz Brut \$20
- Louis Roederer Brut Premier \$27

sparkling wine styles and their food matches and writes, "Most people do not think of sparkling wine with food. They think of it as an aperitif or an after-dinner drink, something to be enjoyed standing up. I drink sparkling wine with almost everything. Brut is rich and creamy, which is the reason it goes so well with clear soup. The taste and mouthfeel of sparkling also seem to respond to ginger and lemon grass. Ironically, it works with everything you can think of that goes with beer — peanuts, popcorn, anything salty, sushi, deep-fried and hot, spicy food, sweet-and-sour dishes, and all the cuisines like Caribbean and Chinese that feature a melange of different flavors."

She also says that Blanc de Noirs is one of the few sparklings that's delicious with chocolate, provided the chocolate isn't too sweet. Going on to Rose, she refers directly to Iron Horse and writes, "Ours is actually the driest of our sparklings and my favorite food with it is steak. I love to serve it in a big burgundy glass — it is primarily pinot noir — so you get a bath of bubbles down your throat. It makes me feel like I'm Diamond Jim Brady." Domaine Chandon's Chef de



Cuisine Philippe Jeanty recommends smoked fish, foie gras, lamb shanks, roast pork tenderloin and deep-fried foods such as spicy onion rings or vegetable tempura especially with Chandon's newest release Cuvée 490 \$18.

Champagne Bollinger

Champagne Bollinger, rooted in France's Champagne region since the 15th century, is one of the few remaining family-owned and managed Grandes Marques houses. Bollinger is singular in several ways. Fruit is sourced exclusively from grands and premiers crus vineyards with an overall rating of 98 percent on the famous eschelle (ladder) ranking of Champagne vineyards. Family-owned vineyards contribute 70 percent of the grapes. Vintage-dated champagnes are exclusively made from chardonnay and pinot noir (other houses also include the lesser red grape pinot meunier). It is one of only two houses (the other is Krug) that continues to ferment all vintage-dated champagnes and some non-vintage in small oak barrels. In the dosage, Bollinger uses reserve wines that are impeccably stored in cork-finished magnums.

Bollinger Special Cuvee Brut \$35 represents the house style which Guy Bizot, great-nephew of Lily Bollinger and company marketing director, described as "consistently styled and determined by the grapes. The backbone, richness and body stem from 60 percent pinot noir." The wine has a "touch of age" coming from the reserve wines in the dosage. Acidity in this wine is perfect and makes it a superior food accompaniment.

Rolled out in time for the holidays is one of Bollinger's best. Grand Année 1989 \$65 was 100 percent barrel fermented and is a blend of 61 percent pinot noir and 39 percent chardonnay.

"This vintage had excellent maturity and very ripe grapes," Bizot explained. "In this wine you have both the Bollinger style and vintage character. If a person wants to age one of our champagnes, this is the one I'd recommend. Under good storage conditions, it will retain its freshness for one or two more years."

Bollinger RD \$120 is made exclusively from the 1982 vintage. The bottle sampled was disgorged November 7, 1995. Its aromatic and toasted sourdough bread notes portended richness that was delivered on the palate. Recently disgorged (RD) champagnes don't get better than this. To savor its toasty richness and finesse, we recommend a light fish course such as sole with a delicate, creamy sauce.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Monday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Treat friends and family to no-guilt sweets

The holidays are a time of delicious temptations — buttery homemade cookies and candies, creamy eggnog, salted nuts and other once-a-year treats. This season you can make the gifts you bake for friends and family just a little bit healthier without sacrificing their great flavor.

The secret to healthier holiday baking is a simple one: Use more healthful ingredients and keep portions reasonable in size.

Healthier baking ingredients include: low-fat and skim dairy products; egg whites; unsweetened cocoa powder; canned pumpkin, applesauce and other fruit purees; vegetable cooking sprays; whole wheat flour, rolled oats and wheat germ. Wheat germ, for example, can be substituted for up to one-half cup of the flour in recipes for cookies, cakes, muffins and quick bread loaves for a boost of nutrition.

In addition to using healthier ingredients, keep portions

small. Instead of jumbo muffins, bake mini muffins. Individual quick bread loaves encourage smaller tastes, and a small cookie can be just as satisfying as a large one. After all, part of the fun is trying several cookies from a cookie assortment, and smaller cookies let you do that without feeling guilty.

Chocolate Caramel Cheesecake Bites are miniature treats with all the goodness of a full slice of cheesecake. Light cream cheese, unsweetened cocoa powder and egg whites trim fat and calories but not flavor, and the wheat germ "crust" is easier to make than a traditional crumb crust. Simply coat the inside of the mini muffin pan cups with margarine and sprinkle with wheat germ until evenly coated. The crunchy wheat germ crust complements the creamy, chocolatey filling.

To give as a gift, arrange 10 or 12 mini cheesecakes on a plate

(shop garage sales for interesting, inexpensive plates) and add a small, decorative glass jar filled with fat-free caramel topping from the supermarket. Wrap in clear cellophane, top with a festive bow and be sure to include storage instructions and a copy of the recipe.

A spicy ginger cookie is another gift from the kitchen that's sure to be enjoyed. Molasses, ginger, cinnamon and cloves impart a spicy-sweet holiday flavor to chewy-crisp Ginger Crackles. Unsweetened applesauce replaces some of the fat while wheat germ adds an appealing crunch. For a festive, sparkly topping, the dough is rolled in granulated sugar and wheat germ. To make the cookies ahead, cool them completely, wrap airtight and freeze. Thaw at room temperature before packing in tins or gift bags for giving.

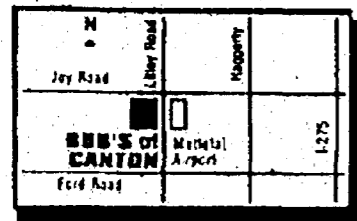
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Chef Larry Janes moves on

December brings endings and beginnings. We celebrate the end of the year, and get ready to greet the new year, full of optimism and enthusiasm.

You'll be seeing lots of changes in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as 1997 dawns. The first is a new column on the front of Taste.

Chef Larry Janes has moved on and is no longer writing for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Lois Thieleke of Birmingham, a home economist for the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, Oakland County, will be featured on the front of Taste in a new column called "Home Sense."

Look for Focus on Wine by Ray and Eleanor Heald on the first

and third Monday of the month, and a new column focusing on locally produced specialty foods, and gourmet markets, on the fourth Monday of the month beginning in January.

February will bring more change. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will launch a new Sunday paper, which includes Taste, and Arts & Entertainment.

We appreciate your support, and look forward to serving you in the new year.

Please feel free to call or write to Keely Wygonik, Taste and Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Call (313) 953-2105, or fax your comments to Wygonik by calling, (313) 591-7279.

We're currently looking for easy, after work recipes. How do you get dinner on the table in a hurry after working all day? Send us your recipes and ideas.

We'd also like to hear from market owners, and specialty food manufacturers. Our new column will introduce readers to the many "Super" markets in our coverage area, and the people behind the counter. We'll also be talking to people who turned a favorite recipe into a "Recipe for Success."

Here are two more superior sparklings for the holidays recommended by Eleanor and Ray Heald - Champagne Mumm Cordon Rouge Brut \$25, and 1989 Champagne Mumm Cordon Rouge \$30.

Treats made with healthful ingredients

See related story on Taste front.

CHOCOLATE CARAMEL CHEESECAKE BITES

- 1-1/2 tablespoons margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup wheat germ, any flavor
- Two 8-ounce packages light cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 egg whites
- 36 small pecan halves (optional)
- 6 tablespoons fat-free caramel topping

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Generously coat the inside of 36 mini muffin cups with margarine. Divide wheat germ among muffin cups; rotate cups to completely cover insides with wheat germ. Set aside.

Beat cream cheese on medium speed of electric mixer until smooth. Blend in sugar, cocoa powder and vanilla. Beat in egg whites, one at a time, until well blended.

Pour into prepared muffin cups, dividing evenly. Bake just until set, about 12 to 15 minutes. Let

stand in pan 10 minutes.

To remove from pan, run small narrow spatula between crust and edge of each cup to loosen; lift out cheesecake. Cool 30 minutes on wire rack; cover and chill.

To serve, top each cheesecake with small pecan half, if desired. Microwave caramel topping on HIGH about 10 seconds until spoonable. Spoon 1/2 teaspoon topping in center of each cheesecake. Refrigerate leftovers promptly. Yield 3 dozen

NUTRITION INFORMATION
 (1 mini cheesecake): Calories: 70, Calories from fat: 25, Total fat: 3g, Saturated fat: 1.5g, Cholesterol: less than 5mg, Sodium: 100mg, Carbohydrate: 9g, Dietary fiber: less than 1g, Protein: 3g

GINGER CRACKLES

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable shortening, melted, cooled
- 1/4 cup unsweetened apple sauce
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup wheat germ, any flavor
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon wheat germ, any flavor

In large bowl, combine 1 cup sugar, melted shortening, apple sauce, molasses and egg; mix until well blended. In medium bowl, combine flour, 1/2 cup wheat germ, baking soda, spices and salt; mix well. Add molasses mixture; mix well.

Chill 1 hour. (Dough will be soft.) Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Spray cookie sheets with no-stick cooking spray.

Combine remaining 1/3 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon wheat germ in small dish. Drop dough by level measuring tablespoonfuls into sugar mixture.

Roll into balls. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until cookies have flattened and tops have cracked. Remove from cookie sheet; cool completely on wire rack. Store tightly covered. Yield 3-1/2 Dozen.

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Avoid eating marathons so common at this time of the year by making activity and not food the focal point of your holiday events. Play games, go on sing-alongs, or take a hike in the woods to burn extra calories and get away from the dining table.

If you think holiday baked goodies have to be high in fat and calories, try anise honey bites, strawberry rice pudding, Mandarin kabobs or poached apples with cranberry-cinnamon sauce.

ANISE HONEY BITES

- 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup honey
 - 1 egg
 - 1-1/2 teaspoon anise seed
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
- About 2 cups flour (enough to form a soft dough)

Mix ingredients. With floured hands, shape dough into 1-inch balls and place them 2 inches apart on cookie sheets sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 4 to 8 minutes or until the cookie bottoms are golden brown. Remove the balls from cookie sheets, cool completely and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

STRAWBERRY RICE PUDDING

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup brown rice
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1-1/2 cups skim milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh, quartered (or thawed) strawberries

Bring water and rice to a boil in large saucepan. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until rice is soft (about 40 minutes.) Meanwhile, in a medium-sized bowl, beat eggs, honey and skim milk. Mix the liquid into the rice and continue cooking, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens, about 15 minutes. Remove rice from the heat and stir in vanilla extract and

Treat yourself to lemony tart

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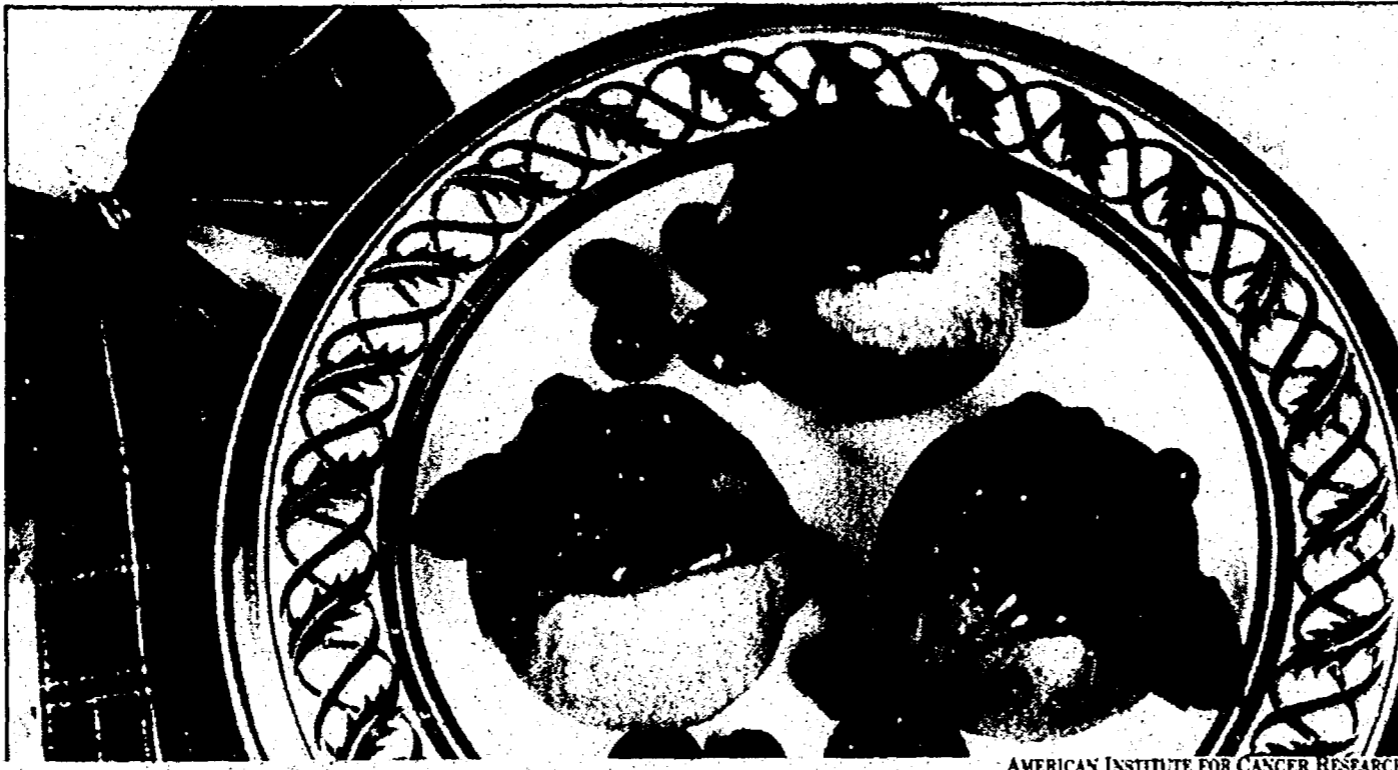
LIGHT LEMON TART

- 9-inch frozen deep-dish pie crust, thawed
- 2-3rds cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon butter-flavored sprinkles
- 1 cup nonfat liquid egg substitute
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind or 1 teaspoon pure lemon extract
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 cup nonfat milk
- Fat-free whipped topping

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Carefully remove the thawed pie crust from the aluminum tin and place it in a 10-inch tart pan with a removable bottom or a 10-inch pie plate. Spread the crust up the sides of the pans, using your fingers. Bake in a 450-degree F oven for 6 to 8 minutes, or until a golden brown. Cool on a rack. In a large saucepan, combine all remaining ingredients, except the milk and whipped topping; mix well. Gradually whisk in the milk until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until bubbly. Continue cooking until thick, about 3 more minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Spoon the lemon filling into the cooled pie crust and refrigerate until chilled. Just before serving, top each serving with 2 tablespoons of the whipped topping. Makes 8 servings.

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Holiday delight: Cranberry-cinnamon sauce adds beautiful color with a spicy sweet flavor to these poached apples.

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MANDARIN KABOBS

- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons water
- Mandarin oranges
- 1/4 cup sesame seeds
- Mint leaves

Mix honey and water. Coat 24 mandarin orange sections with the mixture and roll them in sesame seeds. Put 6 orange sections on each of 4 skewers, alternating each one with a mint leaf. Chill the kabobs several hours before serving.

POACHED APPLES WITH CRANBERRY-CINNAMON SAUCE

- 4 medium baking apples
- 1/2 cup plus 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup fresh cranberries (about 4 ounces)
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2-1/2 plus 2/3 cups water

Wash and core the apples. Place them in a large saucepan with 1/2 cup sugar and 2-1/2 cups of water. Bring to boil, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 10 minutes, or until apples are just tender.

Baste them with the syrup in the pan occasionally. Meanwhile, in a medium-sized saucepan, heat the cranberries, cinnamon, 2/3-cup water, and 1/3 cup of sugar over medium heat. Simmer gently for 10 minutes. Cool the mixture slightly and puree in a blender or food processor until smooth. To serve, pour sauce on apples and into cored centers.

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MOVIES

'Ransom' entertaining, suspenseful

BY TED ANTHONY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Since he first went behind the camera, Ron Howard has shown an adeptness at making movies that tap into relevant themes. But his craftsmanship usually comes with a foible: He never goes far enough.

This happened in "The Paper." It happened in "Backdraft," and, earlier, "Cocoon" and "Gung Ho." And, sadly, it happens in Howard's latest offering, a Mel Gibson suspense thriller called "Ransom."

That doesn't mean "Ransom" isn't an entertaining, satisfying piece of roller-coaster filmmaking. It is. Dark, slick and brood-

ing, with spectacularly adroit camera work, it pushes all the right buttons — too well, it seems.

In anybody else's hands, "Ransom" would never transcend mediocrity. In the hands of Howard and his extremely competent cast, it becomes something more. It's still suspense schlock, but it's meaningful suspense schlock, at least much of the time.

The story, based on a 1956 Glenn Ford-Donna Reed vehicle of the same name, follows painfully sincere millionaire airline CEO Tom Mullen, who built his company from the ground up and now finds himself accused of paying off a machinists' union to

avoid a strike.

Gibson fits easily into the role of Mullen, a well-meaning, easily rich New Yorker who moves in the highest social circles, has an apartment overlooking Central Park and is adored by his wife, Kate (Rene Russo), and their son, Sean (Brawley Nolte, Nick's remarkably expressive son).

But then Sean is snatched, and an e-mail appears on Tom's PowerBook — complete with digitized video of Sean chained to a bed and blindfolded — and the story is off. The ransom is \$2 million, and the rest of the film is consumed with how to pay, whether to pay and why not to pay.



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Riveting drama: Mel Gibson stars as fiercely independent business tycoon Tom Mullen, who masterminds a daring countermeasure to get his son Sean (Brawley Nolte) back from kidnapers in "Ransom."

Gary Sinise, as cop-turned-kidnapper Jimmy Shaker, makes a worthy adversary for Gibson. At first, it is difficult to picture the good-natured Sinise as an archvillain, and the movie exploits this — for about 30 seconds. But it soon becomes clear Shaker is a force to be reckoned with, a cop with his own set of morals and an assortment of mental tools to back them up.

"Why you?" Shaker, his voice eerily disguised by a scrambler, tells Mullen as the men are communicating via cell phones in moving cars. "Cause you buy your way out of trouble."

This idea — that Gibson is something less than a legitimate protagonist because he uses people, too — is fascinating, but never pursued adequately.

Later, when Kate confronts Tom after he refuses to pay the ransom, she lashes out at him: "You paid off to save your airline; why won't you pay off to save your son?" He mumbles something about not wanting to

compromise any more, and the subject is again dropped. Other elements that could have enriched the film are dropped midstream as well.

Former New Kid on the Block Donnie Wahlberg plays a snuffly, sulky young kidnapper named Cubby with moral ambiguousness. Cubby's willing to snatch the child, but also wants to make Sean comfortable by feeding him chocolate and keeping him from permanent harm. But Cubby disappears early.

Sinise's relationship with his cohort-girlfriend, Maris (Lili Taylor), and the conflict between Tom and Kate are abandoned just as quickly.

What's worse, it never becomes clear why Jimmy Shaker is so single-minded in his desire to get the ransom. It's obviously more than just money; he has a grudge against everything Mullen stands for. But we never get the story behind the

grudge. Russo, sadly, is forced into the background. She's a device, relegated to anxious looks and occasional angry outbursts.

In the end, "Ransom" is a competently told tale about compromise, bullheadedness and the divisiveness a couple faces when a child is in danger. It works best when it hones itself into a psychological drama and puts Sinise and Gibson at direct loggerheads.

But it ultimately comes down to guns, anger and whether Tom Mullen is brave enough of heart and head to take care of Jimmy Shaker for good. And that, considering the many meaty themes that went unexplored, isn't quite resonant enough to provide complete satisfaction by the time the credits roll.

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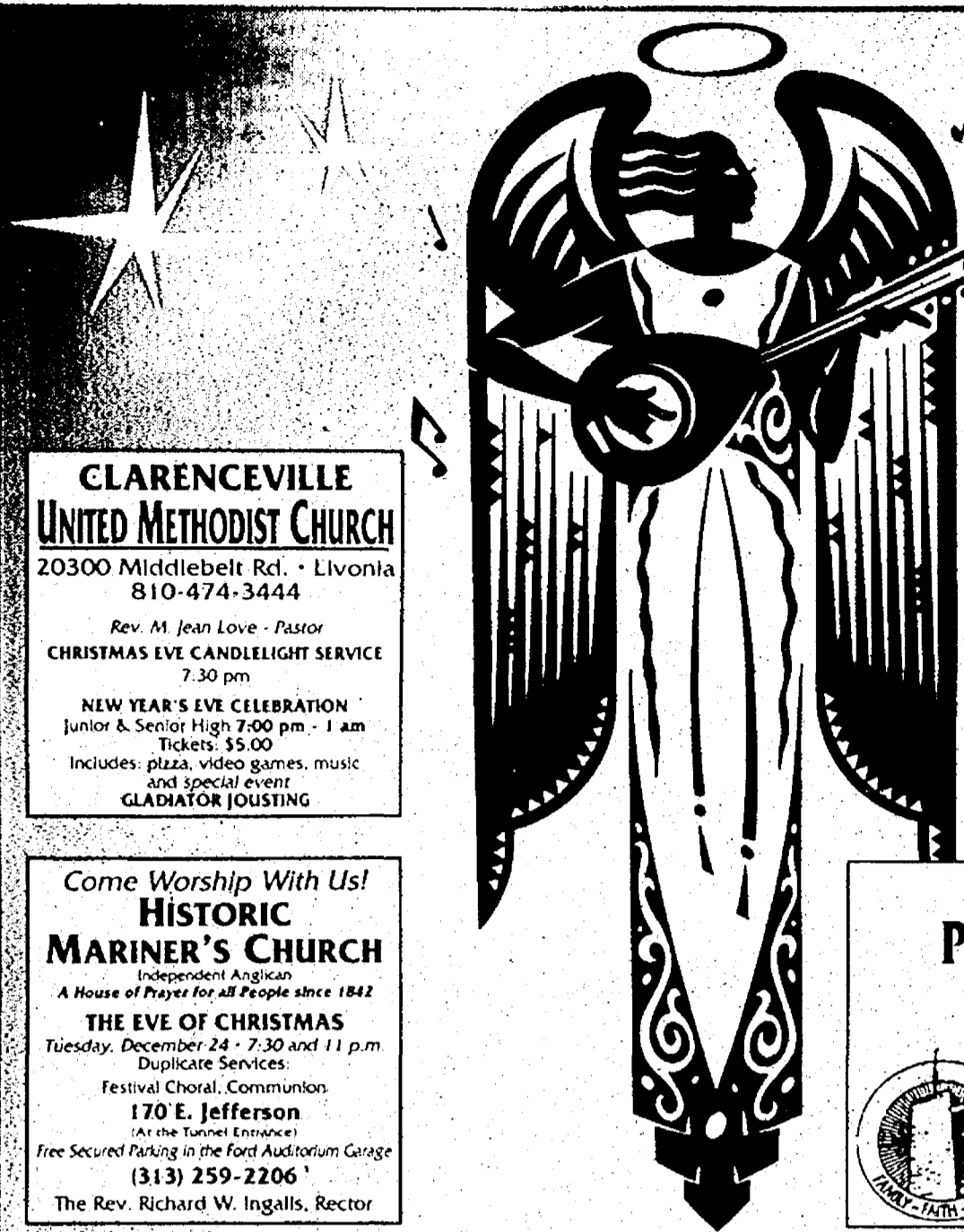
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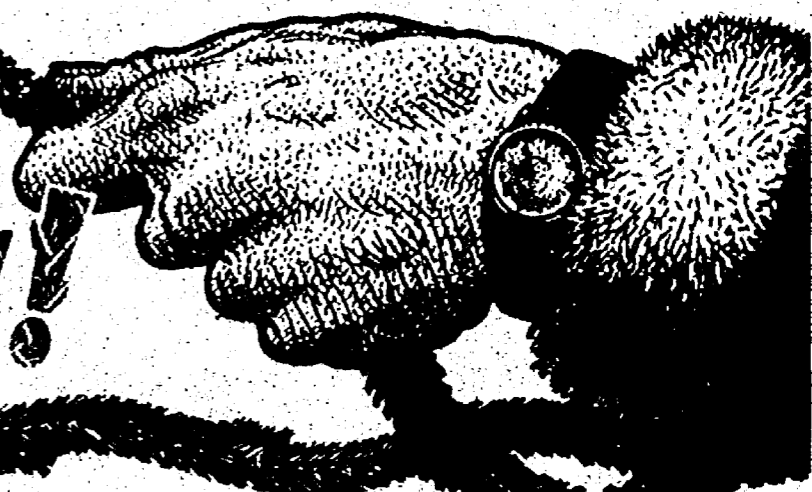
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Hunting, fishing license hikes approved

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

On second try, a bill to raise hunting and fishing license fees made it through the state House of Representatives on a 63-38 vote.

It will take effect as soon as Gov. John Engler signs it later this month. It will increase basic hunting and fishing license fees from the current \$9.85 to \$14 over four years.

Most controversial part of the detailed bill was an optional fishing charge of \$2

for youngsters aged 12 to 16.

Under it, the Department of Natural Resources would sell a "Michigan fishing patch" to kids 12-16 but allow them to fish without an adult license. DNR would be forbidden to sell the patch list.

"Kids like to fish. They don't use trout streams or charter a boat," objected Rep. David Anthony, D-Escanaba, in the Dec. 10 debate.

"We also charge youngsters to hunt," replied Rep. Tom Alley, D-West Branch. "There's a reason for this fee. For every

single license we sell, we get back \$4.85 from the federal government from its tax on sporting equipment. If we don't take advantage of that, we're losing X number of dollars."

Without the increases, supporter say, the Department of Natural Resources budget will be short \$2 million, forcing the layoff of 10 conservation officers and delay in hiring 10 more officers after Jan. 1.

A week earlier, the bill was shot down on a 45-56 vote after an argument over

the firearm deer kill in the Upper Peninsula versus the rest of the state.

Opponents said DNR seriously overestimated the size of the deer herd. The kill during the Nov. 15-30 firearm deer season was down 13 percent overall from 1995, but in the Upper Peninsula it was down 37 percent, opponents said.

DNR said Michigan hunters' 1996 harvest was fifth largest on record with 177,000 antlered and 102,000 antlerless deer taken during the firearm season, a

total of 279,000. DNR said the southern Lower Peninsula saw a record harvest while the UP kill was down.

Here is how area representatives voted on the final 63-38 roll call:
OBSERVER

YES - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

NO - Jim Ryan, R-Redford.

Report alleges stores scanned prices incorrectly

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW
STAFF WRITER

A report released last week by state Attorney General Frank Kelley that targets stores for allegedly charging incorrect prices with electronic scanners is sparking local reaction.

The survey, conducted between Nov. 24 and Dec. 3, frames several metro area stores, including Montgomery Ward and Co., 29501 Plymouth Road in Livonia, and the new Hudson's at Somerset Collection North in Troy.

Investigators from the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division bought about \$150 in merchandise from 5 stores in Wayne and Oakland counties, five stores in Flint and six stores in Traverse City, said Chris De Witt, Kelley's spokesman.

After purchasing 374 items from these stores, the division found that scanners charged an incorrect price 19.8 percent of the time, according to the study.

Of the 21 items purchased at Montgomery Ward in Livonia, the scanner incorrectly charged four items — two were overcharged and two were undercharged, the survey said. Montgomery Ward did not return phone calls.

Investigators purchased 13 items for about \$179 at Hudson's. The scanner erred with eight of the products, resulting in the goods costing almost \$33 more than they should have, according to the study.

In response to the investigation, Kelley's office has filed charges against Hudson's for "persistent violations" of the Consumer Protection and Item Pricing and Deceptive Advertising acts, De Witt said. Hudson's has 10 days to respond to the allegations. If found in violation, the store faces a maximum fine of \$25,000.

De Witt said most of the allegedly erroneous prices occurred with goods that stores had marked as sale items. He doesn't believe malfunctioning scanners have caused customers to be incorrectly charged.

"I don't believe it's a technical problem," he said. "The problem is with the humans operating the scanners. Sometimes it may be a human error or it may be intentional."

Although De Witt said investigators used a large enough sample, he said the study may not be 100 percent accurate.

"We have never claimed that this is a scientific survey," he said.

Chris Morrisroe, Hudson's spokeswoman, said she couldn't comment on whether any branch stores have charged incorrect prices because of legal issues. The report also listed branch stores in Flint and at Fairlane Mall in Dearborn for incorrectly charging goods.

"It's unfortunate that it does come at this time," she said. "The dollar amounts are minimal although these kind of things shouldn't happen at all. Our goal is to have 100 percent accuracy at the checkout."

Morrisroe said Hudson's has not received any complaints about overcharging from its customers.

"This is not a problem that was brought to our attention by our guests," she said.

Morrisroe said she has confidence in the Hudson's system. "Every merchandise group in the store is manually entered," she said. "If our guests felt we weren't being open and honest, they wouldn't come back. It's something that's very important to us."

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PREP BOYS SWIM PREVIEWS

Spartans doing more with a lot less

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Last season Doug Buckler guided his 15-man Livonia Stevenson boys swim team to an impressive second-place showing in the Western Lakes Activities Association. This season, Buckler has a little more to work with - 21 strong - but his Spartans will again be hard-pressed to overcome defending WLAA champion Plymouth Salem. "We finally have some numbers from our freshmen," Buckler said. "We have only one senior (Victor Hakim). We're a young team, but they're working very hard. "I think by the middle of the

year we'll have come a long way. We'll take our lumps, then we'll give a few out." The Spartans will have to overcome the loss of second-team All-Observer pick Ted Burmeister (Grand Valley State), who excelled in the 100-yard breaststroke. The Spartans also graduated Chad Crosby, Brian Butrico and Kevin Fordell, all of whom were second-team All-Observer relay members. But returning is sophomore Keith Falk, who was the WLAA champion as a freshman in the 500 freestyle with a season-best time of 4:55.72. Falk also went 1:51.6 in the 200 freestyle and 2:03.42 in the 200 individual

medley. Junior Mark Sgriccia, a state qualifier in the 100 backstroke (56.51), also returns along with junior Steve Domin, the latter whom broke into the top 10 Observerland rankings in the 50 freestyle (22.92), 100 freestyle (50.33), 200 freestyle (1:50.31) and 100 butterfly (56.03). Sophomore Mike Malik, talented junior diver David Knapp, senior distance freestyler Hakim, a senior captain; and versatile freshman Geoff Lowes should keep Stevenson in the hunt for the 1996-97 season. On Thursday, Stevenson, minus Falk, lost its opener at Monroe, 111-69. Malik figured in three firsts,

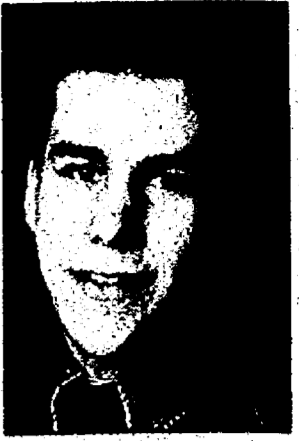
winning the 200 IM (2:15.1) and 100 breaststroke (1:11.1). He also teamed up with Sgriccia, Domin and junior Jacob Varty for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:44.4). Domin also won the 50 freestyle (23.05), while Sgriccia took the 100 butterfly (59.35). Stevenson returns to action at 7 p.m., Tuesday against Dearborn at Livonia Churchill. Westland John Glenn Coach Ron Staples, who has a 25-member squad, must replace 50 freestyler Darren Draper (22.62) and diver Jason Baker (231.5 points), but three talented returnees give the Rockets hope of improving on their eighth place finish from a year ago in the WLAA. Senior Jeff Phillips, a diver (174.75 points), will also compete in the 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay. Senior Paul Merandi, recovering from Glenn's 11-1 football season, returns in the 100 butterfly (56.3) and will swim the relays. Junior Ryan Zoumbaris is back in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.8). "All three have goals to compete at the state meet," Staples said. "We hope this will be an exciting year. We hope to repeat as Western Wayne Invitational champs and qualify all of our relays for the MISCA meet. We'll try to get to .500 and I think we'll be competitive in most meets." Other key returnees include senior Bill Cummings (200/500 freestyles); sophomore Jamie McPartlin (100 freestyle/100 butterfly); sophomore Matt Smith (diving); and senior Keith Sarkozis (100 breaststroke/relays). Others expected to contribute in the freestyle events include newcomers Justin Ballard (sophomore), Kevin Razar (sophomore), Kevin Pape (junior) and Mike Pack (sophomore). Livonia Churchill Coach Ken Stark is scrambling to replace two talented performers lost to graduation. WLAA champion Mark Campbell (200 and 500 freestyles), who placed at the state meet, and Rob Grant (200 IM), will both be sorely missed. "Our numbers are still down in Livonia," said Stark, who is working with an 18-member team. "We were hoping to get a few more out after the Olympics, but we had more out for girls than we



Keith Falk Livonia Stevenson



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did boys."

Top returnees for the Chargers include senior Matt Marshall, who scored a season-high dual meet best of 189.45 in diving; and sophomore diver Bill Randall. Junior Kevin Grant will lend help in the 100 butterfly and freestyle races, while senior Don Melow spearheads the sprint freestyle events. Freshman Jason Turri adds depth in the 100 butterfly and 200 IM. "We lost a lot of points with Campbell and Grant," Stark said. "We're basically in a rebuilding year. We were seventh last year (in the WLAA) and hopefully we can be about the same."

Livonia Franklin

The Patriots won four of nine dual meets last season and coach Jean Pritchard is hoping her Patriots can move out of the cellar in the Western Lakes. Senior diver Jamie Taylor, a captain, has the potential to break into the top three spots in the WLAA after posting a dual-meet best of 237.10 last year. "He did a lot of training in the off-season," Pritchard said. "He was down in Indianapolis over the summer and did some video demonstration for Mark Lenzi (an Olympic diver)." Among the other returnees include senior captain Paul Allam (freestyle sprints), senior C.J. Obando (IM), senior Mark Scofield (IM), senior John Shemanski (freestyle sprints), senior Ryan Davis (diving), junior Eric Koppin (distance freestyle), junior Joe Schad (distance freestyle), sophomore Wayne Dowling (100 breaststroke), junior Will Downing (freestyle) and junior Jodie Gomez (100 breaststroke).

"I think this can be a good year for us," said Pritchard, who boasts a 28-member squad. "We finished 11th last year, but we had more people score than ever before. I think we can improve on that."

Wayne Memorial

The Zebras, under the direction of third-year coach Michael Gruber, move from the Mega Conference Red Division to the Blue this season. With only 15 swimmers, depth is a major concern. "We can pretty much give everyone individual attention, but that won't help

us win meets," said Gruber, who expects his team to finish in the middle of the pack in the Mega-Blue. Sophomore Sam Raub, who competes in the 200 and 500 freestyle events, has the best chance to crack the Observerland listings, according to Gruber.

Other returnees include sophomore Adam Chaison (50 freestyle/100 backstroke) and junior Curtis Matties (200 IM/100 backstroke/diving). Newcomers Ian McGuire (50 freestyle/100 breaststroke) and Brian Schroeder (50 freestyle/diving), both sophomores, should also score points. The Zebras open their season Tuesday at home against John Glenn (7 p.m. start).

Catholic Central

New coach Danny Knipper knows many of the Redford Catholic Central swimmers, like junior Nick Sosnowski, a second-team All-Area pick in the 100 backstroke (55.87), state qualifier and Catholic League champion in the 200 IM (2:03.75). Sosnowski swam under Knipper at the Clarenceville Swim Club along with teammates Paul Garabelli and Ryan Meekins. Sosnowski and seniors Kevin Reinke and J.P. Merchant are expected to lead the Shamrocks this season. Other top swimmers include Matt Baran and Paul Connelly. Reinke, also a second-team All-Observer pick in the 100 freestyle (49.3), led CC to a runner-up finish in the Catholic League year ago. Knipper said those swimmers are capable of placing at the state meet and the Shamrocks can finish among the top 12 in the Class A team standings.

Sosnowski, Connelly and Baran form three-fourths of a 200-medley relay team that could shine at the state meet. Knipper also has experience training women, as he assisted Stevenson coach Greg Phill in coaching Sheila Taormina in her preparation for the Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. Taormina, a Stevenson graduate, won a Gold Medal in the women's 800-meter freestyle relay. His assistant coach at CC will be his sister, Katie Knipper, a 1992 graduate of Farmington Hills Mercy.

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- LIVONIA CHURCHILL 49: FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 38 Dec. 12 at Churchill. 103 pounds: Justin Schafer (FHH) pinned Scott Elstone, 0:40; 112: Eric Morin (FHH) p. Brian Kramer, 3:04; 119: John Taylor (FHH) p. Steve Vesiloff, 5:01; 126: Dave Donnelly (LC) p. Craig Snyder, 1:10; 130: Jake Taylor (FHH) p. Tim Greenleaf, 0:44; 138: Jeff Lator (FHH) won by void; 140: Mike Carter (LC) p. Travis Moore, 1:21; 148: Nick McGowan (LC) p. Jory Hannan, 5:06; 152: Gary Kurzynski (FHH) p. Ryan Cannon, 0:28; 160: Bill Rampe (LC) p. Brad Person, 1:02; 171: Vinnie Asclone (LC) won by default over Joe Parrelly; 189: Joe Ramlawi (LC) p. Scott Hines, 0:41; 218: Jeff Sinning (LC) p. Justin Slack, 0:15; heavyweight: Bob Fowler (LC) def. Chris Gadjev, 1:02. Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0; Harrison, 0-1. WAYNE MEMORIAL 69 GARDEN CITY 12 Dec. 12 at Garden City. 103: Nate Wensko (WM) p. Pat Sayn, 1:41; 112: Justin Beselere (WM) p. Winnie Zoccolli, 1:33; 119: John Nichols (WM) p. Dan Crestens, 0:36; 126: Jamal Booze (WM) won by void; 130: Matt Milne (GC) p. Jason Senko, 1:49; 138: Rich Watson (WM) p. John Peter, 1:27; 140: Keith Britt (WM) p. Luke Maslarak, 2:24; 145: Jeff Proudlock (WM) p. Rex Briones, 0:35; 152: Jim Siwula (WM) p. Matt Totten, 1:30; 160: Brian Hinzman (GC) p. Jeremy Styers, 3:31; 171: David Bell (WM) dec. Mike McBee, 6-5; 189: Pat Grzecki (WM) p. Eric Bugaja, 1:53; 218: George Buckner (WM) p. Mark Harley, 0:44; heavyweight: William Laramie (WM) won by void. Wayne's dual meet record: 2-0 overall and 1-0 Mega-White. PLYMOUTH SALEM 38 REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 32 Dec. 12 at Salem. 103: John Mervyn (PS) p. Tim Weiss, 3:34; 112: Mitch Hancock (CC) dec. Dan Morgan, 20-2; 119: Mike Zelenock (CC) p. Dominic Valeri, 0:37; 126: Eric Coburn (PS) dec. Dave O'Hara, 5-1; 130: Matt Peterson (CC) dec. Sean Hughes, 4-2; 138: James Greene (PS) dec. Brandon Burns, 8-2; 140: Dan Hamblin (PS) dec. Kyle Zajder, 11-9; 145: Jermy Wolschlagier (PS) p. Sean Bell, 1:11; 152: Anwar Crutchfield (PS) p. Ryan Hanwick, 2:43; 160: Jeff Pascoe (CC) p. Mike Popeney, 1:26; 171: John Abshire (CC) won by void; 189: Teono Wilson (PS) dec. Casey Rogowski, 5-0; 218: Nick Antonici (CC) won by injury default over James Walker; 278: Charlie Hamblin (PS) p. Aaron Griffin, 1:09. WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 60 FARMINGTON 21 Dec. 12 at John Glenn. 103: Jeff Albrecht (JG) dec. Joe Seymour, 3:34; 112: Jesse Purdon (JG) won by void; 119: Sevan Sahliner (F) p. Greg Anderson, 1:28; 126: Andy Bass (JG) p. Tom Mahon, 4:33; 130: Mike Schorneck (JG) p. Aaron Emanuel, 0:56; 135: Martin Spinks (F) p. Jason Plasencia, 2:41; 140: Charles Jaeger (F) dec. John Fedulichak, 4-2; 145: Cory Perry (F) p. Dan Fedulichak, 1:42; 152: Matt Biddinger (JG) p. Brian Sawloski, 2:19; 160: Rick Donabee (JG) p. Dean Gotowsky, 2:50; 171: Tim Reeves (JG) p. Jay Guth, 0:20; 189: Jake Tharp (JG) p. Jake Lawrence, 1:15; 216: Ryan Cox (JG) p. Brian Brinsden, 2:23; Heavyweight: Marc Dugas (JG) p. Jung Kim, 2:16. Dual meet records: Glenn, 1-1; Farmington, 3-3. LIVONIA STEVENSON 67 REDFORD UNION 12 Dec. 11 at Stevenson. 103: Joe Moreau (LS) decisioned Charlie Moreno, 14-10; 112: Katsuhiko Sueda (LS) dec. Nick Stenko, 4-0; 119: Steve Dudus (WR) p. Chris Goins, 2:40; 125: Eric Luma (WR) p. Nick Siefert, 0:18; 130: Jeff Brach (LS) p. Jeff Coates, 3:13; 138: Dan Seder (LS) dec. Jeff Carpenter, 15-9; 140: Landon Greene (WR) p. Ed Little, 0:45; 148: Dan Hastings (WR) p. Rocky Barker, 1:45; 152: Nick Petryk (LS) dec. Will Baxter, 14-3; 160: Aaron Green (WR) p. Wally Haddad, 1:15; 171: Mike Allison (LS) dec. Matt Olsosky, 11-4; 189: Dan Martin (WR) p. James Dixon, 0:11; 216: Derek Wieland (LS) dec. Glen Pollard, 8-2; Heavyweight: Wyandotte won by void. LIVONIA STEVENSON 67 REDFORD UNION 12 Dec. 11 at Stevenson. 103: Joe Moreau (LS) p. Marly Bartnym, :45; 112: Katsuhiko Sueda (LS) won by tech. fall over Shawn Donaldson, 15-0; 119: Chris Goins (LS) dec. James Gourley, 19-4; 126: Masyki Younzwig (RU) p. Nick Siefert, 0:41; 130: Dan Seder (LS) won by void; 138: Nick Coffman (LS) won by void; 140: Joe Zawacki (LS) won by void; 148: Rocky Barker (LS) won by void; 152: Nick Petryk (LS) p. David Moore, 1:25; 160: Wally Haddad (LS) won by void; 171: Mike Allison (LS) p. Reed, 1:37; 189: James Dixon (LS) dec. Ben Caudill, 6-4 (overtime); 218: Derek Wieland (LS) p. William Baker, 3:10; Heavyweight: RU won by void. Stevenson's dual meet record: 1-1. LIVONIA FRANKLIN 48 FARMINGTON 33 Dec. 7 at Farmington. 103: Jay Vinson (LF) p. Joe Seymour, 0:50; 112: Walter Dietz (LF) p. Chris Horton, 0:23; 119: Sevan Sahliner (Farm.) p. Ryan Dolg, 1:05; 126: Aaron Haddad (LF) p. Tony Lema, 1:06; 130: David Fry (LF) p. Tony Ostenski, 2:35; 140: Charles Jaeger (Farm.) p. Ahmed Elkedi, 4:38; 148: Corey Perry (Farm.) p. Eric Toska, 1:03; 152: Nick Colson (Farm.) p. Steve Spalding, 0:50; 160: Dean Gotowsky (Farm.) p. Bill Campau, 0:47; 171: Jay Guth (Farm.) dec. Steve Myslnski, 14-12; 189: Sean O'Connor (LF) p. Brian Brinsden, 2:57; 218: Jay Myrand (LF) won by injury default over Ben Yowell; heavyweight: Matt Lawson (LF) p. Jung Kim, 0:49.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Trojans come up short in bid vs. Liggett, 62-60

Livonia Clarenceville's bid for its first victory of the season fell short Friday...

The two Metro Conference squads battled tightly throughout and entered the fourth quarter tied at 42-42.

The Knights (1-1) led 62-59 as time wound down. Clarenceville attempted a three-pointer but the triple try missed.

Villanueva made the first free throw and missed the second on purpose. But the Knights secured the rebound for the win.

The difference in the game was the hot shooting of Liggett's Brian Bruntton, who poured in 35 points.

Villanueva led Clarenceville with 16 points and nine boards. Albert Deljosevic added 14 points and five assists.

REDFORD CC 93, POWERS 70: The hot shooting of Marc McDonald continued Friday as Redford Catholic Central notched its first victory of the season.

McDonald, who scored 44 points in CC's season-opening loss to Ypsilanti on Tuesday, poured in 39 points against visiting Flint Powers (0-2).

Sophomore guard Nick Moore netted a career-high 16 points for the Shamrocks, and junior center Chris Young chipped in with 13 points and four blocks.

Senior guard Jeff Angle scored 25

ROUNDUP

points for Powers. FORDSON 61, STEVENSON 51: Dearborn Fordson hit four three-pointers...

The treys helped extend Fordson's 29-27 halftime lead to 49-38 entering the fourth quarter.

Ed Szumanski was the only Spartan to reach double figures with 19 points. Mike Potempa chipped in with eight points for Stevenson (0-2).

"They spread their scoring around and we're getting it from one position," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said.

Nick Smith scored 16 of his 18 points in the first half for Fordson (1-1). Ahmad Joyce added 14 points, including three triples in the third quarter.

DEARBORN 65, FRANKLIN 37: Dearborn outscored host Livonia Franklin 36-13 in the second half Friday as the Patriots fell to 1-1.

"Our shots were not falling," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "Their pressure and the pace of the game wore us down. They trapped us full court and made us play at a faster pace than we needed to."

Paul Terek paced the Franklin attack with 10 points and seven rebounds. The patriots also received eight points from Craig Duprey and seven boards from Mike Klisz.

ANNAPOLIS 58, LUTH. WESTLAND 54: Lutheran Westland played poorly in the first quarter Friday, and couldn't come back as the host Warriors slipped

to 1-1. Dearborn Heights Annapolis jumped out to 17-8 lead in the opening quarter. The Warriors outscored the Cougars in every other quarter but their comeback ran out of time.

Joe Pruchnik's game-high 23 points led Westland. Kevin Wade added 10. Rob Mryncza tallied 22 for Annapolis (2-0).

MILFORD 60, CHURCHILL 38: Livonia Churchill fell to 0-2 on the season Friday against the host Redskins (2-0).

Churchill, under first-year coach Rick Austin, returns to action Tuesday at home against Livonia Franklin and travels Thursday to play rival Livonia Stevenson before taking a break for the Christmas holidays.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Monday, Dec. 16 Clinton St. at Agape, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m. Harper Wds. at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Woodhaven at Garden City, 7 p.m. DePorres at Wayne, 7 p.m. Thurston at Trenton, 7 p.m. Farmington at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m. Oak Park at Harrison, 7 p.m. Franklin at Churchill, 7:30 p.m. A.A. Pioneer at Canton, 7:30 p.m. Ypsilanti at Salem, 7:30 p.m. Ply. Christian at Zee, 7:30 p.m. Highland Park at Borgess, 7:30 p.m. St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 Stevenson at Milford, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Harrison at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wyandotte at Garden City, 7 p.m. Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m. Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m. Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m. Canton at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.

Salem at Brighton, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Taylor Light, 7:30 p.m. O.L. St. Mary at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley vs. Ypsilanti at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Monday, Dec. 18 Northwood at Madonia, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Dec. 18 Grand Valley at Madonna, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m. (Madonna University Classic) Kalamazoo vs. Tiffin (Ohio), 6 p.m. Madonna vs. Mich. Christian, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 Madonna Classic, noon and 2 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday, Dec. 16 Temple at Agape, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 Churchill, Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.

Canton at A.A. Huron, 6 p.m. Milford at Farmington, 6 p.m. Harrison at Novi, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 Portage Northern Tourney, 8 a.m. Taylor Invitational, 8:30 p.m. Bishop Gallagher Tourney, 9 a.m. Madonna Tournament, 9 a.m. PREP HOCKEY Tuesday, Dec. 17 Stevenson vs. Redford Union at Redford Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 Redford CC at Cranbrook, 6 p.m. Franklin vs. W.L. Central, Churchill vs. Blrm. United at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Ply. Computer Arena, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 Churchill at E. Kentwood, 4 p.m. Redford Union at U-D Jesuit, 7 p.m. TBA - Times to be announced.

Canton smashes Monroe on road

Plymouth Canton notched its first victory of the season Friday with a convincing 75-48 victory at Monroe.

Leading 19-12 after the first quarter, the Chiefs (1-1) took control and took a comfortable 40-21 lead into halftime.

"We played extremely well and rebounded well," Canton coach Dan Young said. "They shot fairly quickly and that got our running game going. It was kind of a wide open game and we got a lot of layups on breakaways."

Nick Hurley led a balanced

BOYS HOOPS

Canton attack with 19 points, six assists and three steals. Rob Johnson also played well, netting 14 points, while grabbing 10 rebounds and dishing out five assists.

The Chiefs also received 10 points apiece from Dante Scott and Matt Ammons. Ammons added five assists and six steals.

Mike Elsner and Eric Larsen chipped in with nine and eight points, respectively.

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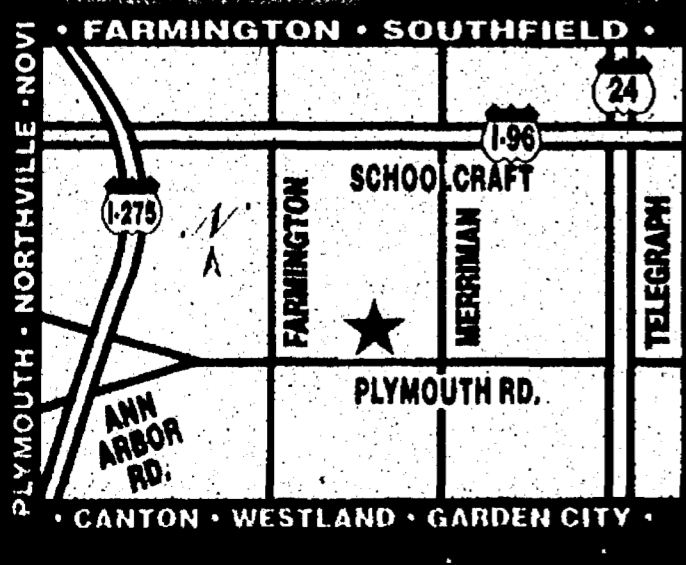
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New Suzuki Sidekick Sport makes a big impression

By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures

This 1997 Suzuki Sidekick Sport is huge.

By compact sport utility standards, that is. With its four doors and expansive interior, the Sidekick Sport JLX 4-wheel-drive is long on comfort and convenience features — even though it's got a pretty hefty pricetag attached.

The window sticker said \$20,619, including delivery. But look at the standard equipment list on this baby: Air conditioning, vehicle security alarm system with remote control, cruise control, power windows and door locks, remote control side mirrors, dual cup holders, remote fuel lid door release, intermittent windshield wipers, rear window wiper and washer, tinted glass, electric rear window defogger and passenger vanity mirror.

The model tested is the top-of-the-line fully-equipped model. You can also choose from a Suzuki Sport JS (2WD) or the JX (4WD) models. They both have less equipment than the JLX model.

The Sidekick Sport has got four doors. That means easy



ROAD TEST
By
Anne Fracassa

ingress and egress for not only the kids, but for the older adults as well. It's not so high off the ground that you'll need running boards, either.

You've got everything you'd ever want from a sport utility vehicle in the Sidekick Sport. I sat next to a two-door Geo Tracker, the sister to Sidekick, and the Geo was dwarfed.

You can only get the four door model at a Suzuki dealer. Geo doesn't — and won't — have any four doors to sell. Geo is

only authorized to sell the Tracker in two-door models. Suzuki wanted the edge — and got it.

The Suzuki Sidekick Sport, which delivers a segment-leading 21 mpg city and 24 mpg highway, is easy to fall in love with. It's got all the amenities of most of its competition (including comfort and room).

It's even equipped with a 16-valve 1.8-liter multi-point electronic fuel injected dual overhead cam 4-cylinder engine that outputs a respectable 120 horsepower. That doesn't sound quite adequate, but this is all that's necessary to power this sport utility with grace and ease.

The engine was mated to a 4-speed automatic that features a lock-up torque converter, overdrive selector and a driving sensor selector is even more fun. The driving sensor can be set to a power mode, giving it a healthy dose of performance

and acceleration.

Automatic free-wheeling hubs and 4-wheel-drive with 2-speed transfer case is also standard equipment. Be sure to read the manual carefully. You won't have to get out and manually turn the hubs, but there are certain, strict procedures that must be followed when engaging or disengaging the 4WD and 2WD modes.

Complaints? The overdrive selector shouldn't be so close to the automatic's shift knob. That's really it.

The Sport JLX also has dual air bags, rear door child safety locks, 4-wheel anti-lock brakes, daytime running lights, 16-inch steel belted radials mounted on smart-looking 5-spoke aluminum alloy wheels, full-size spare tire with lock and tire cover, and bucket seats up front.

Instrumentation is taken care of and smartly positioned in the front instrument panel. The

stereo has been upgraded to an Alpine AM/FM cassette stereo with four speakers that's strong on signal and has a sound quality any college kid would adore.

The Sidekick performs well in city and highway driving. But beware. This is still a truck and although suspension has been improved, you'll feel every bump. Not really the car for anyone with a touch of arthritis.

Off-roading is not a chore in the Sidekick Sport. This 4-wheel-drive system features a two-speed transfer case for extra traction of pulling power when you need it.

As for the design, I like it. It's wide track, flared fenders and cool-looking bumpers make it

look like a force to be reckoned with. It's aggressive-looking, yet so friendly.

The bottom line is that this is a perfect vehicle for someone who won't pay the steep price of the other carmakers' sport-utility offerings. The Sidekick is good value for the money.

Anne Fracassa is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures. Cast your vote for car and truck of the year online at AVANTI1054@aol.com.

1997 Suzuki Sidekick Sport Vehicle class: Special purpose vehicle.

Engine: 1.8-liter, double overhead cam, aluminum engine.

Mileage: 21 city / 24 highway.

Where built: Japan.

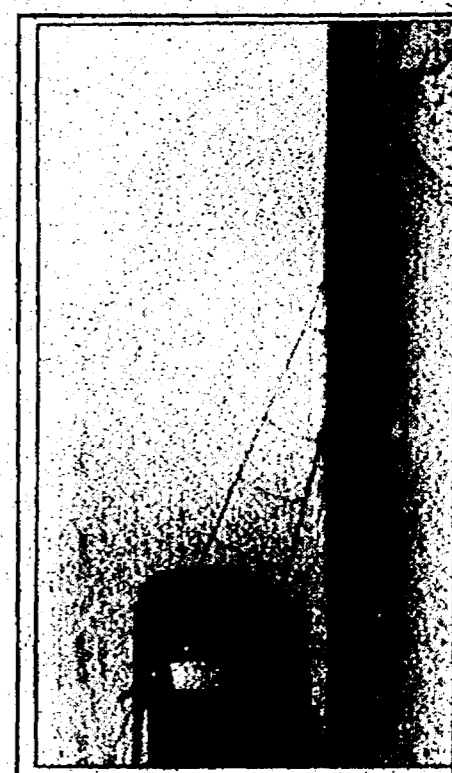
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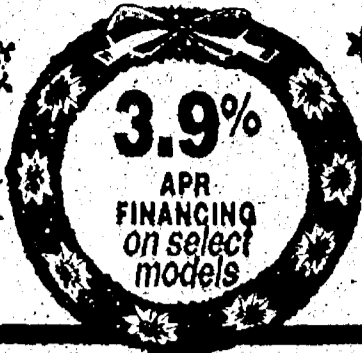
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