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TODAY

COUNTY NEWS

Secret searches: 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. The House passed a measure Wednesday on a 66-38 vote. /A7

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Games galore: Some local folks have marketed their ideas for fun and learning, just in time for holiday gift-giving. /B10

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CANTON CONNECTION

Breakfast series

A community business breakfast series will start with a kickoff 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Summit on the Park's professional development center.

"Reshaping Your Bottom Line" is a series of five breakfast programs co-sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Summit on the Park.

The first program will feature the topic "Is Worksite Wellness Good Business?" The kickoff is a complimentary continental breakfast; subsequent programs will cost \$20 per person.

Speakers for each program will be experts offering valuable and timely information to help business people create a healthier workplace and healthier bottom line.

To register for the kickoff breakfast (deadline is Jan. 16), or for more information about the series, call (313) 397-5110 or (313) 453-4040.

Students donate

West Middle School students are making stuffed animals to donate to the First Step shelter during the holidays. Eighth-graders in the Skills for Living program have tailored their community service project for children.

Students in Susan Kobas' class are created handmade stuffed animals with the help of parents who donated fabrics for the project. First Step is a shelter for abused women and children.

For the kids

Summit on the Park will host a special "Holiday Day Camp." It will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 30 to Jan. 3 for children age 6-10 each day. The camp will include organized games and sports, theme days, arts/crafts, movies, swimming and more.

Call 397-5110 for information about this and other holiday programs at the Summit.

Archer speaks



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Special visitor: Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer addressed luncheon guests of the Canton Economic Club last week, despite a bad case of laryngitis. The top city official talked about the resurgence of the city of Detroit, many new projects which are in the planning stages, and what this revitalized city means to Canton and the Southeast Michigan region. For the story, please turn to page A5.

Project brings industry in focus

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A 1.2-million to 1.5-million-square-foot research park on 99 acres of property at Haggerty between Palmer and Michigan Avenue is expected to set off a new development frenzy of industrial projects in Canton.

Improvements to Michigan Avenue won't hurt either.

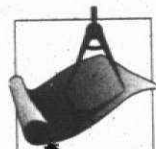
Michigan Avenue is expected to be rebuilt next year. The four-lane divided highway with median will have expansion room for six lanes if development persists.

The north side of Michigan Avenue is zoned light industrial and master planned for industrial, said Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet.

"Industrial land is important because it creates employment for our residents and creates a stable

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25 mph speed saga continues



The issue of speed along Morton Taylor continues to be an issue of concern to residents, as officials grapple with various laws to deal with the situation.

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow morning, you may hear a radio traffic report sounding like this: "Steer clear of Morton Taylor between Ford and Saltz where driv-

ing conditions are a political nightmare."

Residents have succeeded in getting the speed limit lowered from 40 mph to 25 mph — not once, but twice within the past month. Three different governmental agencies are

involved and two different laws are being used to set the speed limit.

Canton police are abiding by the 25 mph speed limit set by the Michigan State Police following a Dec. 9 meeting, according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro. State police set the speed limit by designating the road as a "residential district."

"An aggressive and strict enforcement program will begin immediately," Santomauro said.

The other 25 mph speed limit was set by concurrence of Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and the Canton Township Board, which approved a resolution Nov. 12. It was never made official because the county didn't rescind the 40 mph traffic control order, according to state police Sgt. Bill Brandt.

According to Wayne County Deputy Corporate Counsel William

See MORTON TAYLOR, A6

New police program targets apartments

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Apartment complexes in Canton will have the opportunity to become "crime-free" through a program being implemented by police.

Managers wanting to participate would be required to go through three phases of training, becoming certified at each level. Then, the complex would receive a sign designating the area as "crime-free."

The program is similar to the Neighborhood Watch program.

Renters in some Canton apartment complexes would be required to sign an addendum to their lease requiring them to abide by a code of crime-free living or risk being evicted.

The Crime-Free Multiple-Housing program is based on a similar pro-

gram recently launched in the city of Southfield. It began in Mesa, Ariz., to tackle rising drug and prostitution complaints.

"We don't have that kind of activity in Canton ... We get the occasional break-in where a stereo is stolen or larcenies from cars. We're still going to get those. It's not a cure-all, but it's a proactive approach to it," said Officer Lew Stevens, who initiated the program and handles crime prevention programs for the township.

Multiple housing and commercial properties historically have the highest demand on police service, Stevens said. In Canton, 12 percent of housing is multiple housing.

"One of the things I learned is if you have bad tenants you have to

See CRIME-FREE, A4

Bond decision Tuesday

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

A sweeping plan to raise \$79.7 million to build new schools in the Plymouth-Canton district drew plenty of reaction when it was unveiled last week.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is expected to vote on the proposed 25-year bond issue Tuesday. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. in the band room in the Phase Three building at Canton Center and Joy roads.

The proposal is the result of brainstorming at three community forums. Participating were "stakeholders" including residents, parents, school board members, administrators, and employees.

If voters approve the plan, proposed for the March ballot, a new high school would be built at Joy and Beck roads on school-owned land. Acreage would be purchased in southwest Canton for an elementary school, and elsewhere in Canton for a future middle school.

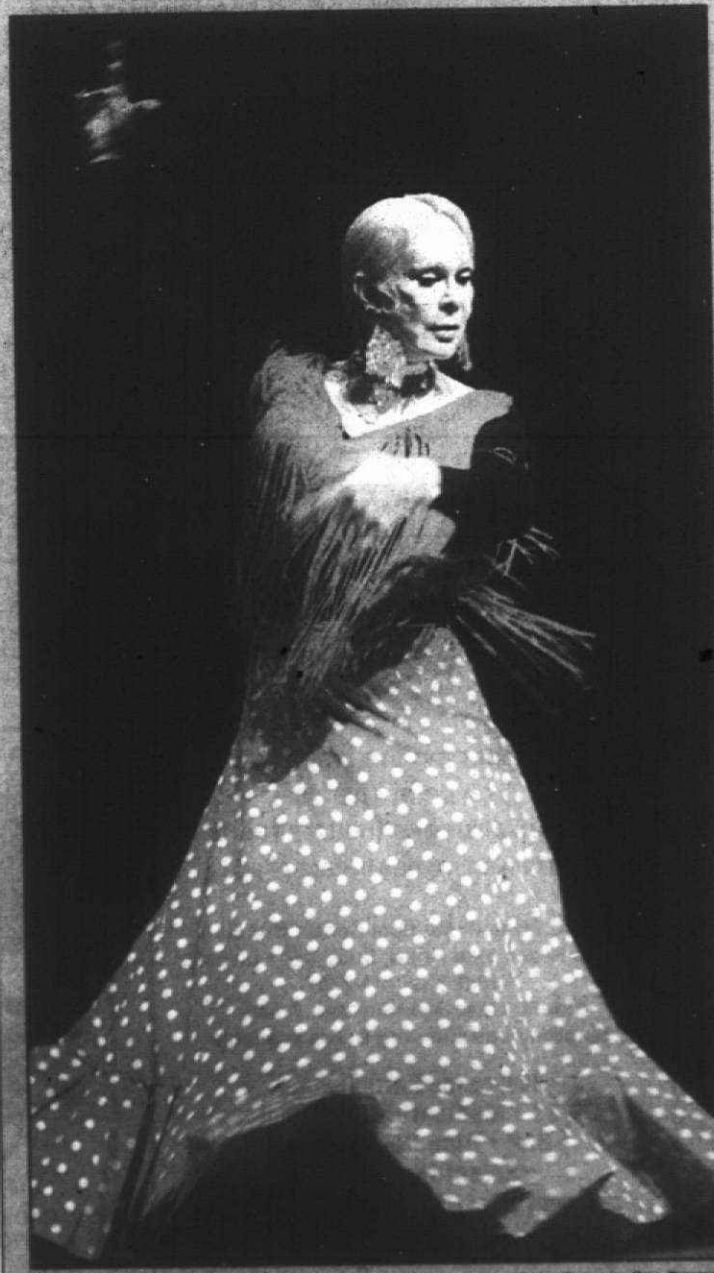
Remodeling at existing buildings would ensure equity in programs. Other priorities include art and music rooms in elementary schools; more computers in classrooms; a return to neighborhood schools; and lower class sizes. The new high school would not include a football stadium, pool, auto shop or auditorium.

Salem High School junior Kristen Whalen said a new high school is sorely needed. "If we don't build one, the value of education will be severely affected. Class sizes steadily increase, and the quality of education decreases. There's a lack of supplies and time, and there's extreme congestion to the point where students sit on the floor to eat lunch."

Former Plymouth Mayor Bob Jones asked about projected elementary enrollment, which a district consultant said will drop by 100 students by the year 2001-02.

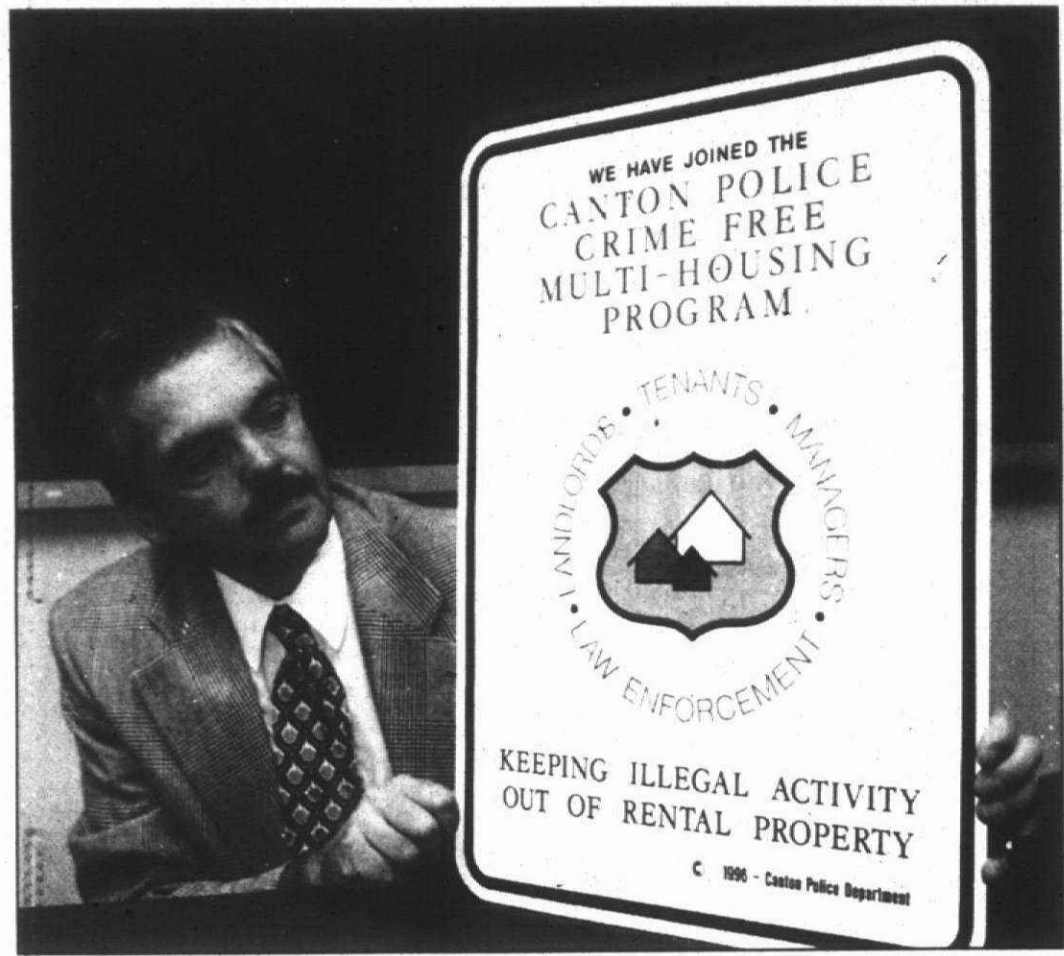
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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Different culture: Janelle Lizette Kirila, a Canton resident of Cuban descent, performs "La Sevillana," a flamenco dance from the south of Spain during a recent visit to Plymouth-Canton High School's Little Theatre. The program was part of an experience for students to learn about Spanish culture.



Staff photo by Bill Bresler. New program: Canton Officer Lew Stevens, who handles crime prevention programs for the township, is helping to launch a new "Crime-free Multi Housing Program" designed to help keep crime out of township apartment complexes.

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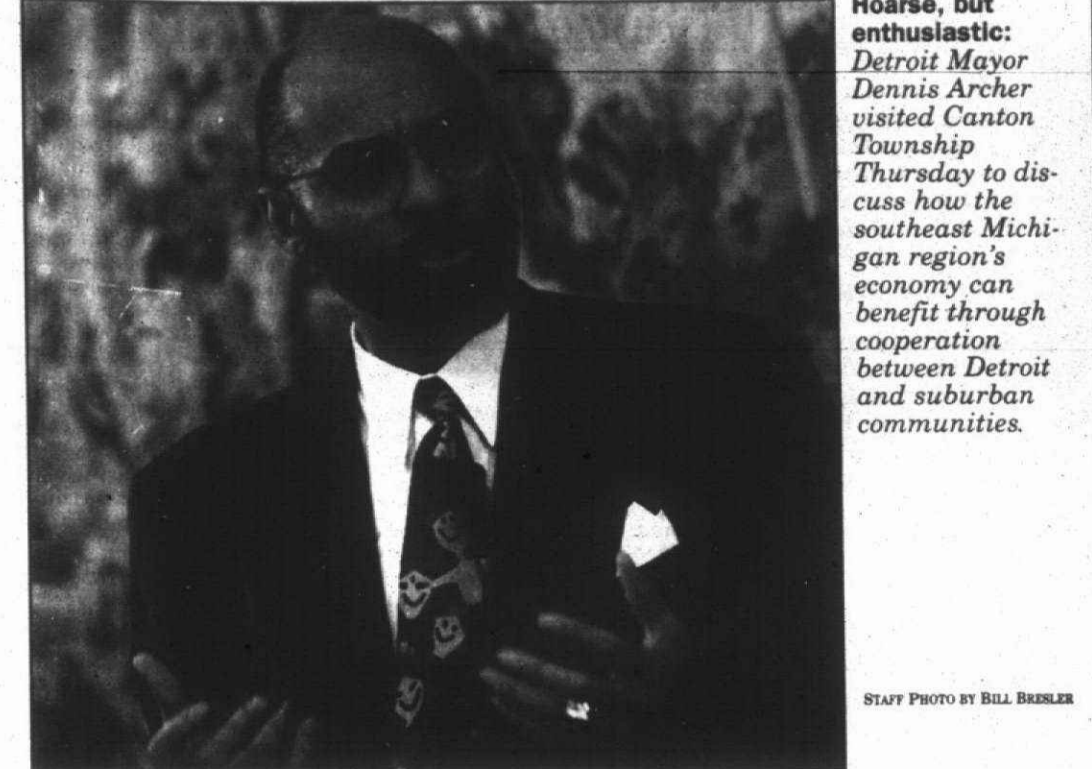
get them out of there," Stevens said. "Eviction is a long drawn out process. This gives the landlord a tool." Apartment manager Terry Lewiston said Pilgrim Village, located on Lilley between Warren and Joy, has had few crime problems. Most take place in the spring when children get out of school for the summer and even then, most are mischief complaints, she said. "I think it's a really good idea... The addendum to the lease is going to be a tricky thing, though. I don't think it will be the same when the individual complex's attorneys look at it," Lewiston added. Township attorneys also are reviewing the addendum before the program is put into action. "Managers will go through eight hours of classroom instruction. Information will be provided by representatives of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, the township's Building and Inspection Services Department regarding ordinances and Western Wayne County Narcotics Unit. After completion, certificates will be presented to those participating."

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MILITARY NEWS

reached my 40th birthday this year I wanted to undertake a physical challenge that would have sentimental value. It didn't take much time to decide on the Marine Corps Marathon as that challenge," Becker said. Sponsored the Rotary Club of Madison, New Jersey, Becker raised nearly \$1,000 in pledges for a new project the club will undertake, the Rotary Youth Conference. Becker owns and operates a travel agency in Madison, New Jersey. She is active in her community and serves on the boards of the Madison Area YMCA, Rotary Club, the South African Leadership Development Program, and the United Methodist Church. Becker lives in New Jersey with her husband, Rick, and children Luke, 15, and Kelly, 10. She visits Plymouth as often as possible to see her mom and stepdad, Shirley and John Clark.

PROMOTED Cynthia Johnson-Williams, an Air Force reservist and resident of Canton, was recently promoted to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. Williams is the non-commissioned officer in charge and the senior medical technician with the 927th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, headquartered here with the 927th Air Refueling Wing. The squadron provides for the 24 hour operation of a 100 bed Aeromedical staging facility for patients transiting the Aeromedical evacuation system. She has been a member of the Air Force Reserve for 19 years. She is employed by the State of Michigan at the Northville Hospital. The 927th Air Refueling Wing provides in-flight refueling support to U.S. military operations worldwide. She will be retiring in Jan. 97 after serving 21 years in the Air Force Reserves. GRADUATES Christopher J. Hover, son of Carol J. Hover of Canton recently graduated from the Navy's basic Nuclear Power School at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Orlando, Fla. The 1990 graduate of John Glenn High School of Westland, joined the Navy in Oct. 1990. He is a 1995 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., with a ME degree.



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 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 limits 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 worker 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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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-

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

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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 wines 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 Cuvee \$15, Blanc de Noirs \$13.50, Brut Rose \$20 and 1992 Brut Reserve \$23
- From Mumm Cuvee Napa try 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 mouth-feel 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 Rosé, 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." Domains 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.

See recipes inside.



KRISTIN WHEAT GERM

Holiday treats: Chocolate caramel cheesecake bites make the perfect gift for your favorite sweet-tooth.

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."

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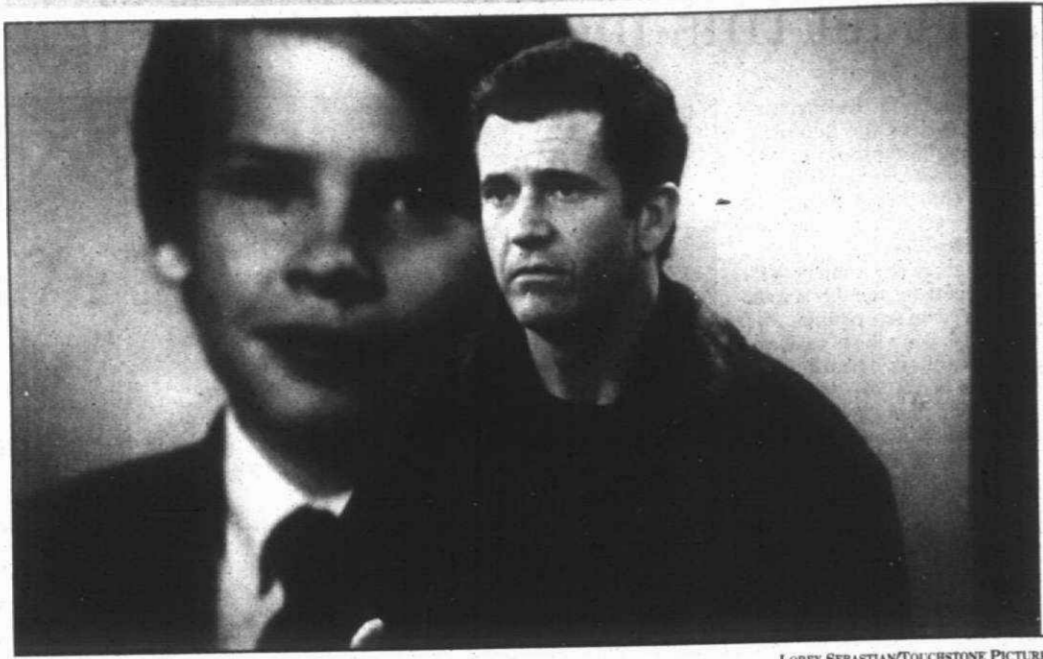
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Riveting drama: Mel Gibson stars as fiercely independent business tycoon Tom Mullen, who masterminds a daring countermeasure to get his son Sean (Brailey Nolte) back from kidnapers in "Ransom."

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, 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

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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, names 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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MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1996

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Rock wrestlers impress

It was expected to be a test, and it was. But Plymouth Salem's wrestling team met both challenges.

On Thursday at Salem, the Rocks defeated a pair of top-notch opponents in a double-dual meet, toppling South Lyon 43-30 and Redford Catholic Central 36-32.

The two wins ran Salem's dual record to 4-0.

In the win over CC, the Rocks got pins at 103-pounds from John Mervyn over CC's Tim Weiss (3:34); at 145 from Jeremy Wollschlager over CC's Sean Bell (1:11); at 152 from Anwar Crutchfield over CC's Ryan Karwick (2:43); and at heavyweight from Charlie Hamblin over CC's Aaron Griffin (1:09).

Winners by decision against the Shamrocks were, at 125, Eric Coburn over CC's Dave O'Hara (5-1); at 135, James Greene over CC's Brandon Burns (6-2); at 140, Dan Hamblin over CC's Kyle Zajder (11-9); and at 189, Teono Wilson over CC's Casey Rogowski (5-0).

Against South Lyon, Salem pin-winners were Mervyn over Joe Frederick (2:58) at 103; Dan Morgan over Justin Hill (:57) at 112; Coburn over Derek Augusta (:57) at 130; Dan Hamblin over Dale Masking (1:08) at 140; Crutchfield over Justin Whitehouse (1:54) at 160; and James Walker over Curt Oldford (2:46) at 215.

Winners by decision against South Lyon were Greene over Jason Brown (14-7) at 135; and Wilson over Will Wilson (10-4) at 189.

Salem's final dual before the holiday break will be Wednesday at Livonia Stevenson, the two-time defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion.

Hole-in-one

Charlie Raymond, a 54-year-old Canton resident, recorded a hole-in-one — his first-ever — Dec. 2 while golfing at Baytree Country Club in Melbourne, Fla.

Raymond used a nine-iron on the 125-yard fourth hole to get his ace. He finished the 18-hole round with a 90.

College news

•Kari Jackson, a sophomore at Hope College from Plymouth Canton HS, finished third in one-meter diving at the Wabash College Diving Invitational Dec. 7.

Jackson has thus far recorded Hope's best 11-dive score on the one-meter board (328.00) and has the best six-dive score on the three-meter board (220.55).

•In other news at Hope College, freshman Mark Bray, from Plymouth Canton HS, has made the Flying Dutchmen's highly-regarded varsity basketball team.

Bray saw action in five of Hope's first seven games, playing a total of 31 minutes. In that five-game span, he has four points, nine rebounds (four offensive), four assists and two steals.

The highly-regarded Dutch were 6-1 through those games.

Skills competition

McDonald's NBA 2Ball, the league's youth skills competition emphasizing basketball fundamentals and teamwork, comes to Michigan for the first time this year.

More than 40 competitions will take place throughout the state with two in this area. Winners will eventually advance to the state finals which will take place prior to a Detroit Pistons game at The Palace of Auburn Hills. From there, winners will advance to the national championships.

In 2Ball, two teammates alternating taking shots from six different spots on the floor. The two alternate shots for 60 seconds, accumulating as many points as possible before time expires. Youth ages 9-17 can participate.

The first local competition will take place Saturday, Jan. 4 at 12 p.m. at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The other local competition will be Saturday, Jan. 18 at 12 p.m. at Livonia Churchill High School.

New Year's Eve run

The 27th annual New Year's Eve fun run/walk will be Tuesday, Dec. 31 at Belle Isle.

The children's and open one-mile run/walk starts at 4 p.m. followed by the four-mile run, competitive racewalk and fitness walk at 4:30 p.m.

The entry fee (before Dec. 26) is \$12 (children under-12) and \$15 (adult). Late registration fees are \$15 and \$20, respectively. To be guaranteed a long-sleeved shirt, you must sign up before Dec. 23. The entry fee also includes awards, food and beverages.

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Buzzer shot beats Salem

There was no denying Plymouth Salem Friday. The Rocks battled Ann Arbor Huron throughout their game, even when faced with a 10-point deficit with just three minutes left.



BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie could only watch as the final two seconds slowly ticked off the game clock Friday.

The two seconds seemed like eternity for Brodie as Ann Arbor Huron got three chances to score off a missed free throw. Finally, Luke Ravlin tipped in his own miss as the horn sounded to give the visiting River Rats a thrilling 68-67 victory.

Some controversy followed the winning basket as questions were raised by angry spectators if the clock had started on time. There was no question in Ravlin's mind, however.

"If it counted, then it was good," said Ravlin, who scored 13 of his 20 points in the second half.

The Rocks (1-1) came back from a 10-point deficit with 2:53 remaining in regulation with an 11-0 run. The final two points of the rally were two free throws by Andres Lopez to give Salem a 67-66 lead with 35 seconds left.

The rally was a result of three missed one-and-one free throw attempts by Huron and three Salem triples (two by Andy Power and one by Matt Mair).

Huron had its chance to win when Mike Brown was fouled driving to the basket with two seconds on the clock. Brown missed both free throws, but the rebound on the second miss was kept alive by Rotolu Adebijl.

Ravlin tipped Adebijl's miss, and then tipped in his own miss for the win.

"It was one of the longest two seconds of my career," Brodie admitted. "But what killed us was blocking out. If he had blocked out just once, the time wouldn't matter."

"It seemed like a good length of time for me," Huron coach Harold Simons said. "It was too bad it came down to that. If we don't miss free throws down the stretch, it may have been different."

Huron improved to 2-0 after an impressive first week that included wins at Salem and Westland John Glenn — two teams expected to contend for the Western Lakes Activities Association title.

"It feels good to be 2-0, but we still have a lot to work on," Simons said. "We began 5-0 last season but then struggled (eventually losing to a poor Ann Arbor Pioneer team in the district opener)."

The game was exciting from start to finish as the teams combined for 17 three pointers. The lead changed hands 23 times.

The Rocks made nine-of-13 shots in the first quarter, but only led 19-18 due to Brown's hot shooting. The guard hit four of his six triples in the quarter, en route to a 20-point performance.

Salem missed only three shots in the second quarter and scored the final six points before halftime to take a 38-33 lead.

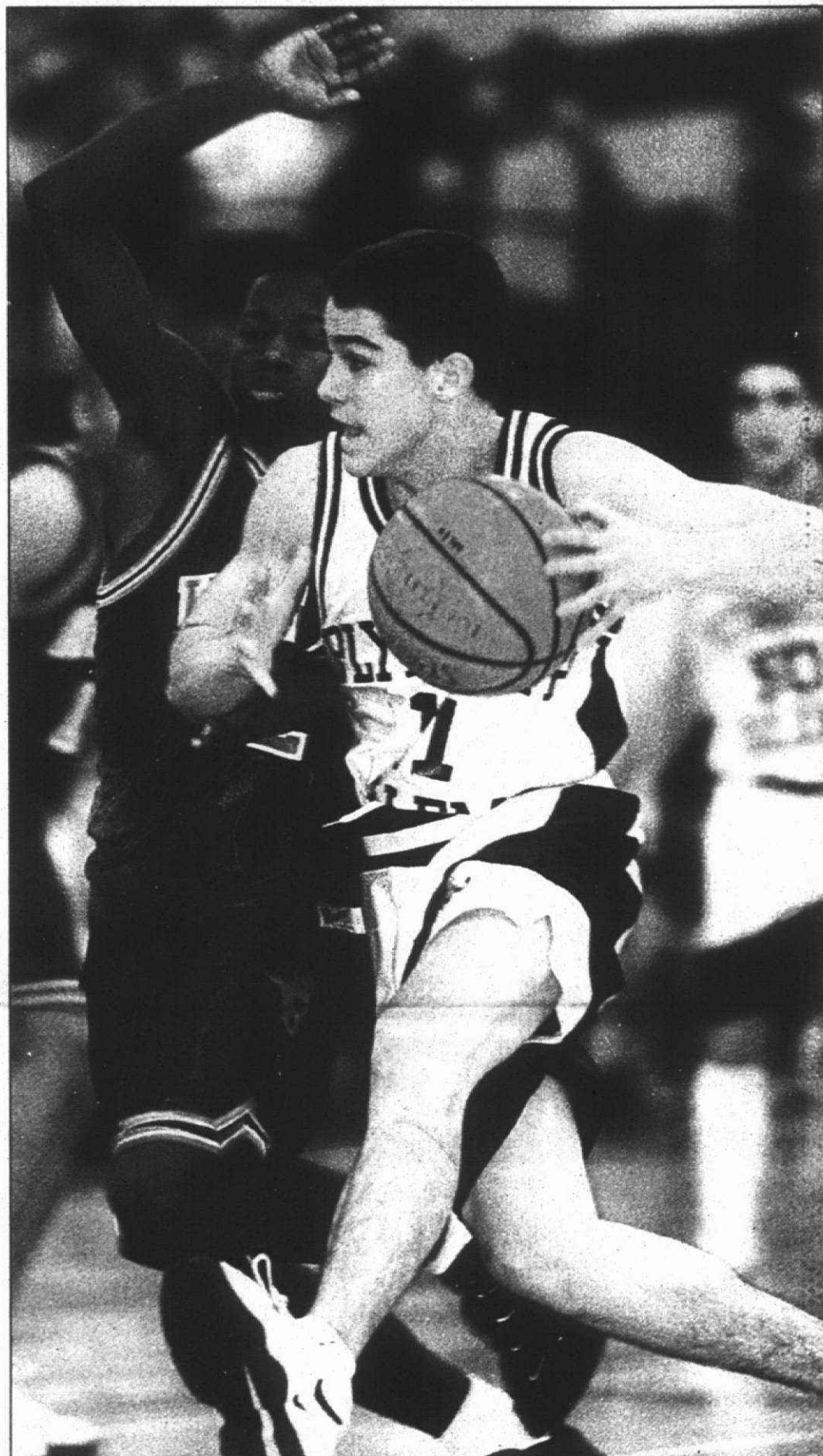
A jumper by Lopez to start the third quarter gave the Rocks their biggest lead. But the River Rats countered with a 17-9 run to take a 50-49 lead into the fourth quarter.

Mair opened the fourth with a triple. The junior had 10 points off the bench. But Salem's hot shooting disappeared for the next five minutes as Huron held a 66-56 lead with 2:53 left.

Treys by Power and Mair pulled up from seven feet behind the three-point line and hit another triple to close the gap to one.

A turnover gave Salem the ball back. Lopez was

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

On the attack: Salem's Matt Mair (with ball) does what both teams did well in Friday's Salem-Ann Arbor Huron game — attack offensively. He did his job well, coming off the bench to score 10 points.

Trip to Monroe proves no problem for Canton, 75-48

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

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

"We played extremely well and

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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

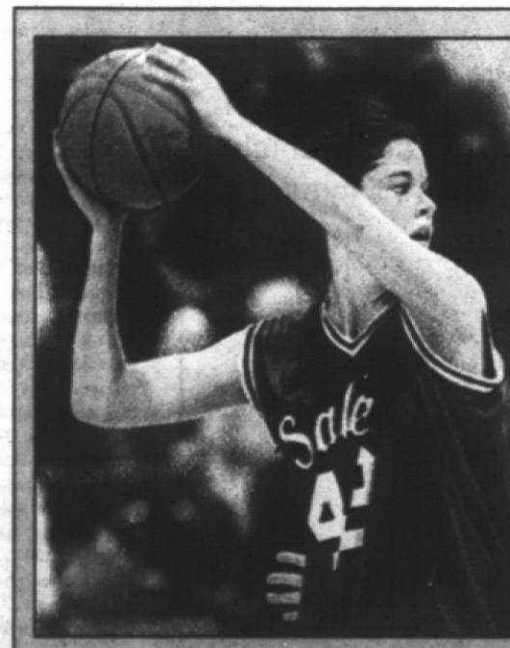
breakaways."

Nick Hurley led a balanced 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.

In addition, the Chiefs received 10 points apiece from Donte 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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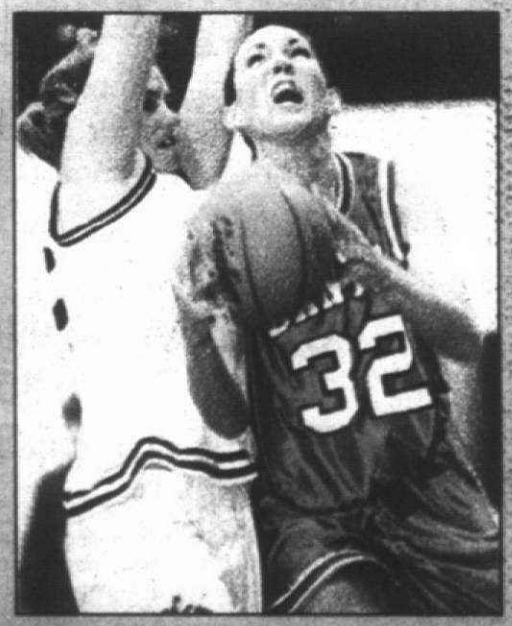


Observer's best on court

Both Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton enjoyed outstanding seasons in girls basketball, which is reason enough for both schools to be well-represented on the 1996 all-Observer team.

Salem's Amanda Abraham (right) was the heart of the Rocks' offense. She was virtually a 6-foot-1 point guard, and a very good one. She also led Salem in rebounding, assists and blocked shots.

Canton's Kristi Fiorenzi (left) was a team leader, both in attitude and on the floor. She led the Chiefs in scoring and rebounding, playing a significant part in their reaching the regionals. The All-Observer team is on C2.





Amanda Abraham, Kristi Florenzi, Amanda Porter, Amy Robie

Observer 1996 Girls Basketball Selections



Alysha Smith, MaryJane Valade, Yalanda Holt, Bob Blohm

Fiorenzi, Abraham among Observer's best

Several teams — Redford Bishop Borgess, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton, Farmington Harrison, Wayne Memorial, Farmington Hills Mercy, Redford Thurston — put together strong seasons. Each had something in common: star-quality players. Indeed, there were so many good teams with good players, no one put two players on this season's all-Observer first team.

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1996 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM. FIRST TEAM: Amanda Porter, Kristi Florenzi, Amanda Abraham, Amy Robie, Yalanda Holt, Alysha Smith. COACH OF THE YEAR: Bob Blohm.

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Madonna gets 3rd win

After absorbing a deflating 28-point defeat one night earlier, Madonna University's men's basketball team illustrated its resiliency by bouncing back to beat Concordia College Thursday in Ann Arbor. The win was Madonna's third of the season, combined with its 95-68 loss at Wayne State Wednesday, it left the Fighting Crusaders with a 3-10 record. Free-throw shooting was the difference for Madonna against Concordia. The Crusaders were 34-of-42 from the line (81 percent), the Cardinals were 8-of-14 (57.1 percent). Mike Maryanski enjoyed a superb performance for Madonna. Maryanski connected on 11-of-12 free throws and 4-of-8 three-pointers in scoring a team-best 29 points. He also grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked three shots. Kristian Magro added 23 points and 10 boards; Brandon

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PCA 71, W. HIGHLAND 59: Plymouth Christian Academy jumped out to a 17-3 lead Friday against visiting West Highland, but needed a strong fourth quarter to hold on for the win in the Eagles Tournament game. The Eagles (2-0) led by 14 after the first quarter and 36-12 at halftime. West Highland cut the deficit to 51-46 entering the fourth quarter, but PCA wouldn't allow the margin out any further. West Highland had its chances to come back at the free throw line, but made only 24 of 43 foul shots. Three Eagles fouled out in the contest. Junior forward Nick Brandon led PCA with 17 points. Senior guard Chris DeRenzo added 16 points and junior center Jeff Paszko tallied 10.

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fouled as he drove to the basket. He then hit both free throws to give the Rocks the temporary lead. "I think we got too protective too early," Simons said. "But the key was the missed free throws which gave them a chance to come back." "You have to give the team credit; they came from 10 points down and had a chance to win it," Brodie added. "This team hates to lose, but I'm sure they'll bounce back." Power led the Salem attack with 19 points. Lopez and Jeff McKain added 14 and 12 points, respectively. Bhavin Patel grabbed eight rebounds. Both teams shot well as Salem connected on 55 percent of its shots (26-of-47). The River Rats nailed 52 percent of their tries (27-of-52). Huron also hit nine three-pointers to Salem's eight. "That's the name of the game now -- who can make the most three pointers," Simons said. "It was a shootout," the Salem coach said. "Huron is a tough team with a lot of weapons."

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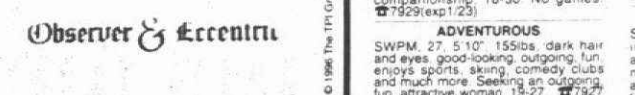
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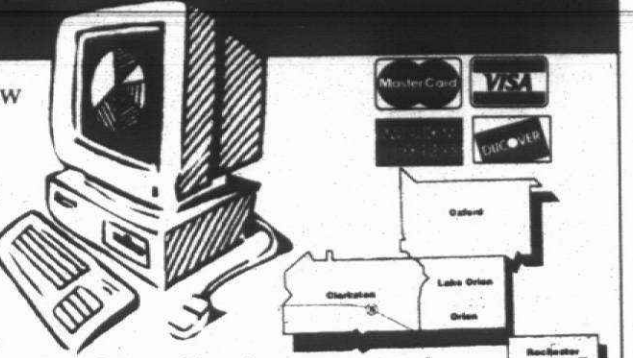
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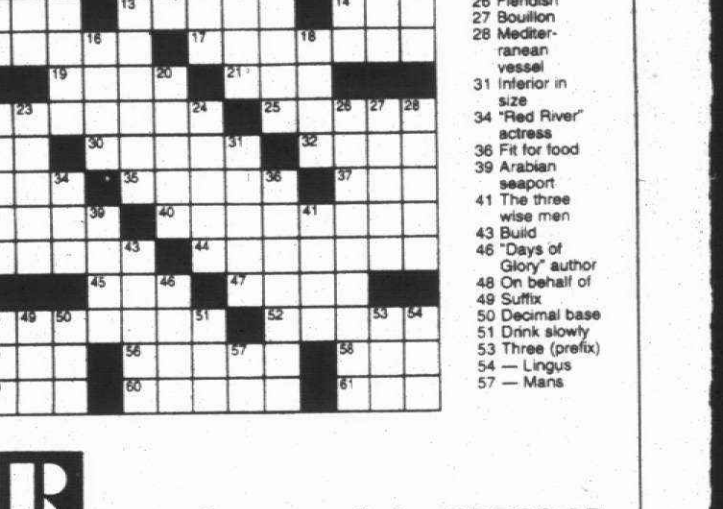
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New Suzuki Sidekick Sport makes a big impression

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

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

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

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.

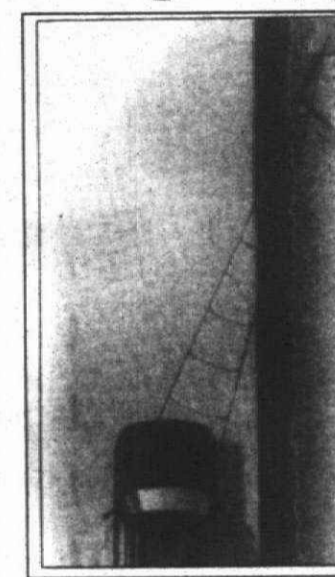
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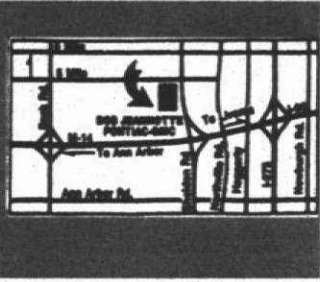
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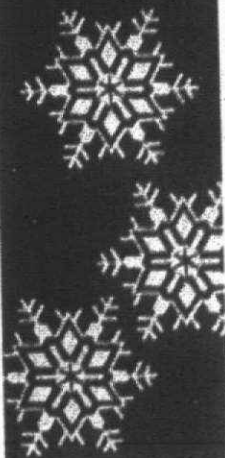
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Unlikely Angel



Dolly Parton spreads holiday cheer as a kindly angel who moves heaven and earth to help a troubled family in *Unlikely Angel*, premiering Tuesday on CBS.

TV PIPELINE

By Taylor Michaels
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Q: I love the new series *The Pretender*. Michael T. Weiss is a great actor. What other work did he do before this show? —Geneva Tucker, Tyler, Texas.

A: A native of Chicago, Weiss has been acting since he was a child. Shortly after earning a degree from the University of Southern California's school of drama, he landed his first big role, playing Dr. Mike Horton on the soap *Days of Our Lives*.

He left the soap in 1990, then co-starred in the ill-fated NBC remake of *Dark Shadows*, in which he had a dual role. He also co-starred with Drew Barrymore and Jennifer Beals in *2000 Malibu Road*.

Weiss earned rave reviews as an HIV-positive gay man in love with the title character (Steven Weber of *Wings*) in the film version of Paul Rudnick's hit comedy *Jeffrey*, and recently starred in the independent film *Freeway* with Reese Witherspoon and Kiefer Sutherland.

A passionate environmentalist, Weiss sits on the board of the Earth Communications Office. He is also a playwright and recently completed a piece called *Streams of Consciousness*.

Q: In a recent column, you identified the manor house used in A&E's *Pride and Prejudice* as being on the Cheshire-Derbyshire border in southwest England.

A: As a Yorkshire woman, I must point out that you should have said northwest England. —D.P. Armstrong, Vienna, Va.

Q: My answer came directly from A&E's publicist for the miniseries, but I thank you for setting the record straight.

Q: Why did *Grace Under Fire* cast a new actor as Quentin? Why didn't the producers at least get one who was the same age as the other one?

A: —Chris Ciske, Neenah, Wis.

Q: Is the actress playing Nadine on *Grace Under Fire* really pregnant?

A: —D.A., Easton, Pa.

Q: Carsey-Werner publicist Diane Shaw says Jon Paul Steuer, 12, decided to leave the show to pursue other offers. Of the several young actors who read for the part, producers thought 15-year-old Sam Horigan was the best.

A: By the way, Steuer was the second Quentin; Noah Segan played the role in the pilot episode.



Michael T. Weiss

Q: No, actress Julie White is not pregnant.

Q: Was Nancy McKeon ever a regular on *Empty Nest*? If not, who was? —E.K., Grand Blanc, Mich.

A: That was Kristy McNichol as policewoman Barbara Weston during the sitcom's first four seasons. The other female regulars were Dinah Manoff (Carol), Park Overall (LaVerne) and, for one season, Lisa Rieffel (Emily).

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MONDAY



Sherri (Donna Mills, left) and her daughter, Jane (Josie Bissett), attempt to bond by spending Christmas together in *Melrose Place*, airing Monday on Fox.

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17	WJBK	Southfield	45	FAM	Family
18	WTVZ	Detroit	46	FLIX	Movies
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21	CBET	Windsor	49	HOME	Gardening
22	WXON	Southfield	50	HOT	Premium
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34	CNN	News	62	TBN	Religious
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37	CSPAN	Government	65	TMC	Premium
38	CTNDEW	Religious	66	TNN	Nashville
39	DISC	Discovery	67	TNT	Atlanta
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			71	VH1	Music
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TV CROSSWORD



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. To take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS
1. Host of The Price is Right
4. Role on Home Improvement
8. Word in the title of Tea Leoni's series
11. No. of kids for Cliff and Clair Huxtable times 22
12. Take apart
13. Blanche's portrayer on The Golden Palace (1992-93)
14. Role on Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman (2)
17. ... of the Game; 1976 Jon Voight movie
18. Tammy Wynette's state of birth; abbr.
19. Return of the ...; 1983 Mark Hamill film
21. Ken of thirtysomething (1987-91)
24. Letters on an electrical cord label
25. ABC followers
26. Initials for Ted Danson's character
27. "Blue Eyes"
28. Jason's love on The Waltons
30. The ... Guy (1981-86)
32. Life ... Bed of Roses; '83 Geraldine Chaplin film
34. Ois in The Andy Griffith Show, for one
35. TV's longest-running series (3)
41. Network of Coach
42. ... Toral Toral; 1970 Jason Robards movie
43. Likely
44. Fortas or Vigoda
45. A ... in the Life (1987-88)
46. Ely ...; role on The Beverly Hillsbillies (1962-71)

- DOWN
1. Pen name
2. 1977 Ray Milland film
3. Expressed disapproval
4. Newsmen Roger
5. Me ... the Boys
6. Letters on the back of a vitamin bottle
7. ... Coast; 1968 Richard Boone movie
8. Arrest and ... (1963-64)

Solution Erik Estrada. A grid of letters with the name 'ERIK ESTRADA' highlighted in a specific path.

SOAP TALK

New year ushers in changes to P&G series

By Candace Havens
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In preparation for the new year, there are big changes on the Procter & Gamble Co. soaps Guiding Light, As the World Turns and Another World.

Two GL favorites are returning to the show on Wednesday, Dec. 25. Fiona Hutchison, who played Jenna Bradshaw from 1992-94, is back. Jenna had been romantically involved with Buzz Cooper (Justin Deas) and returns to Springfield with a surprise for him.

For now, Jordan Clarke, who has played Billy off and on since 1983, is scheduled to appear only on the Dec. 25 episode. But the door will be left open for the actor's return. GL also has a new executive producer, Paul Rauch, who replaces Michael Laibson.

"I feel particularly challenged to become involved with a series that has one of the most talented, exciting casts in daytime," Rauch says. "All the raw material is there. I intend to revitalize GL - we're going to have an even more compelling show."

Rauch previously was executive producer for One Life to Live and Another World. P&G also has announced that Felicia Minei Behr will replace John Valente as executive producer for ATWT.

Behr has been involved in daytime for more than 25 years. She was a part of the team that launched All My Children in 1970. "I'm excited about joining a serial that holds such a solid place in daytime history," Behr says. "It's a part of American life."

Fan favorite Amanda Cory is back on AW. The character will be played by Laura Moss, a newcomer to the daytime scene. In the story, Amanda will challenge those around her in order to bring her family back together.

Kevin McClatchy, who played Nick Hudson on AW, is leaving the role. The show wants to take the character in a different direction, and McClatchy will be replaced. Send questions of general interest to Candace Havens, Soap Talk, TVData Features Syndicate, Northway Plaza, Queensbury, N.Y. 12804, or e-mail to soaptalk@tvdata.com. Only questions selected for this column will be answered. Personal replies cannot be sent.

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MORNING

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

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AFTERNOON

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

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MORNING

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

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AFTERNOON

SUNDAY, DEC. 22

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AFTERNOON CONTINUED SUNDAY, DEC. 22

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PRIME TIME SUNDAY, DEC. 22

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PRIME TIME SUNDAY, DEC. 22

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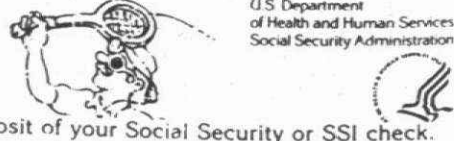
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Local Programming

9:30 **11B** Birmingham Concert Band
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 10:00 **6** An Exploration of the El Johnson Nature Center
 Cable Castng Board Meeting
9 TBA
11A Birmingham Concert Band
11B TBA
 10:30 **3** Paid Programming
11B TBA
 11:30 **11B** Community Bulletin Board
Friday Afternoon
 12:00 **3** Paid Programming
6 Conant: 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist
9 Cable Casting Meeting
11A Community Bulletin Board
11B Community Bulletin Board
6 LHS: Counselor's Corner
9 Eastover: Peru & Ecuador
 1:00 **3** Now You're Cooking
6 Cable 3 Sports
11B TBA
21 Groves: Potpourri of Wylie E.
6 HS Productions Dec. '96
9 Health: Prevention Potluck
11A Birm. Art & Book Talk
11B TBA
21 Greenfield: Halloween Parade '96
 Groves: "Wee" Care
 Halloween Parade
21 BCS: Halloween
 Concert in the Park
11A Birmingham Musicale
11B Berkshire 7th Grade
 Girls Basketball
21 Phun with Physics
9 BASCC Presents
11B Birmingham Musicale
11B Berkshire 8th Grade
 Girls Basketball
 5:25 **21** Germany Live
11A Community Bulletin Board
11B TBA
Friday Evening
 6:00 **3** Economic Club of Detroit
6 Conant: 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist
9 Navy News
9 Franklin-Bingham 48025
11A Legally Speaking
11B TBA
 6:45 **21** BPS Presents: Bham. Youth
 Appreciation Breakfast
3 Fat Bob Tribute
6 LHS: Counselor's Corner
9 Birmingham Monthly
11A Patterson & Company
11B TBA
 7:30 **3** Metro Music Review
9 Village Players
21 Groves: The Art of Groves
3 Rock To The Top
6 Eastover: Peru & Ecuador
11A TBA
11B Touchdown
11A TBA
11B Global Connections
21 Groves: Talented Schmoes
 8:35 **3** T.V. Orient
6 Eastover: Peru & Ecuador
 Living With Your Addiction
11A On Line
11B Life Matters
11B Time Out For Opera
11B HS Productions Dec. '96
6 Franklin-Bingham 48025
11A TBA
11B TBA
 10:30 **9** Birmingham Monthly
11A Another Voice of Freedom
11B TBA
 11:00 **3** Paid Programming
9 Village Players
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Saturday Afternoon
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Sunday Evening
 6:00 **6** Conant: 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist
6 HG: MAG Benthic Study at Nature Center
 7:00 **6** The Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club
 8:30 **6** Eastover: Peru & Ecuador
 9:00 **6** HS Productions Nov. '96
10:00 **6** HS Productions Nov. '96
FARMINGTON
Monday Afternoon
 3:00 **10** North Farmington
 5:00 **10** A Day for Strings
Tuesday Afternoon
 3:00 **10** Music for the Holidays
 Farm. HS Concert
 5:00 **10** North Farmington
 Holiday Concert
12 Spanish 101: Basic Spanish for Travelers
 5:30 **12** People Who Make Things Happen
Tuesday Evening
 6:30 **10** From the Desk of...
 Dr. Bob Maxfield
 7:30 **10** LIVE Farm./Brd. of Ed. Meeting
Thursday Afternoon
 3:00 **10** Harrison High Winte Concert
 5:00 **10** North Farmington
 Winter/Choir Concert
Thursday Evening
 7:00 **10** North Farmington
 Holiday Concert
Friday Afternoon
 3:00 **10** Songs of Good Cheer
 Farmington Community Chorus
SOUTHFIELD
Monday Afternoon
 5:00 **26W** Intl. Club: Meeting Challenges
 Drama '96 / OLMS
Monday Evening
 6:00 **26W** Proud to be an American Dance
 7:00 **26W** Gr. 1 Musical Program '96
 8:00 **26W** Band Concert '96
 9:15 **26W** Intl. Club: Meeting Challenges
 Drama '96/OLMS
 10:15 **26W** Proud to be an American Dance
 Gr. 1 Musical Program '96
Tuesday Afternoon
 5:00 **26W** Early Talent Show #2 '96
Tuesday Evening
 6:00 **26W** Gr. 7 Teen Musical Drama/OLMS
 6:45 **26W** Peter & the Wolf '96/WBHS
 Basketball vs Southfield
 7:00 **26W** Thanksgiving Show '96
 7:45 **26W** Kindergarten Play/Green
 8:00 **26W** Jason Project - Promo '96
 8:15 **26W** Jason - The New Explorers
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Wednesday Afternoon

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Wednesday Evening
 6:00 **26W** Day in Court Show III '96/WBHS
 7:00 **26W** Up With People Concert/WBHS
 8:00 **26W** As You Like It! Drama/Abbott
 9:15 **26W** Proud to be An American Dance
 10:15 **26W** Day in Court Show III '96/WBHS
 11:15 **26W** Up With People Concert/WBHS
Thursday Afternoon
 5:00 **26W** It's Your Character That Counts
Thursday Evening
 6:00 **26W** Meadowbrook Graduation
 Ceremony '96/WBHS
 8:00 **26W** Senior Video '96/WBHS
 8:30 **26W** Gr. 2 Celebrates/Ealy
 9:15 **26W** It's Your Character That Counts
 Meadowbrook Graduation
 Ceremony '96/WBHS
Friday Afternoon
 5:00 **26W** "Little Red" Kids' Play/WBHS
Friday Evening
 6:00 **26W** The Granny Awards Gr. 2
 & 3/Doherty
 6:30 **26W** Three Piggy Opera/Scotch
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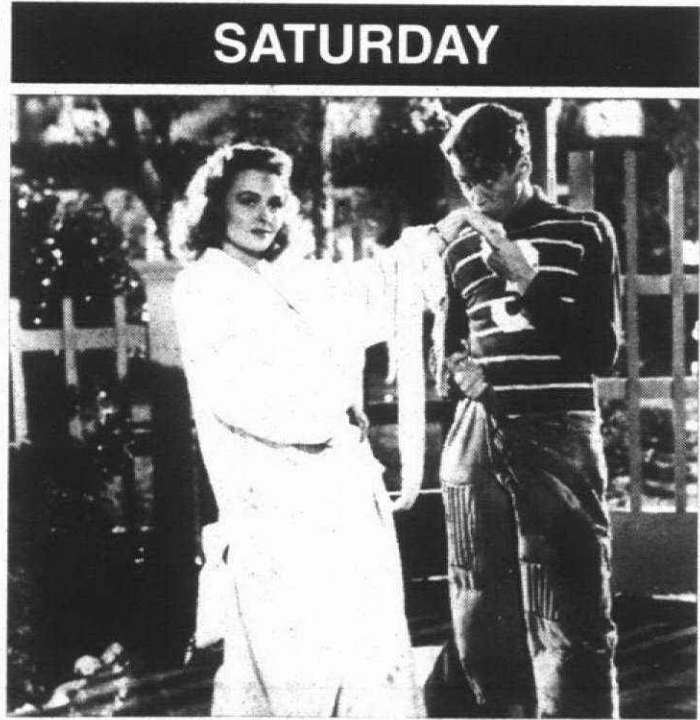


The 3rd Rock From the Sun cast (from left: Kristen Johnston, John Lithgow, French Stewart and Joseph Gordon-Levitt) invades the nation's capital to host Christmas in Washington Wednesday on NBC.

Christmas in Washington looks to be out of this world

By John Crook
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Is it fallout from an unusually kooky election year or the result of the astro-nomic box-office success of *Independence Day*? More likely, it's just the NBC peacock preening over its network's latest ratings smash. Whatever the reasons, NBC's telecast of the 15th *Christmas in Washington*, airing Wednesday, Dec. 18, may take a decidedly unconventional turn this year as the proceedings are hosted by the zany cast of the sitcom *3rd Rock From the Sun*. Actor John Lithgow, who recently won an Emmy for his work as pompous alien expedition leader Dick Solomon, will share hosting chores with castmates Jane Curtin, Kristen Johnston, French Stewart and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. The hourlong concert, which includes President Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton among the



Donna Reed and James Stewart star as a young couple who find love, happiness and the spirit of Christmas in *It's a Wonderful Life*, airing Saturday on NBC.

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honored guests, is generally a classy affair (last year's elegant hosts were the cast of *Frasier*, for example).

It remains to be seen how executive-producer and writer George Stevens Jr. will make use of the unique zanies who make up the *3rd Rock* ensemble, but the possibilities are boundless.

This is, after all, the first Christmas season the *3rd Rock* aliens have witnessed, and, as anyone who recently saw their reaction to Thanksgiving knows, anything could happen.

Then there is the chance that someone will make an inspired riff on those familiar tabloid stories that have extraterrestrials dropping in for secret summits with the president and his staff.

One thing viewers can count on, however, is beautiful music in abundance: Vocalists who have committed to appear are country singer Faith Hill, Luther Vandross and gospel great CeCe Winans. Also, the United States Naval Academy Glee Club, the United States Army Band Herald Trumpets and the Washington Orchestra conducted by Ian Fraser will perform.

The concert is a benefit for the Children's National Medical Center in Washington.



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