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Papa's Pantry Opens For Business

By Michaela VanDieren

Hampton welcomes a new business, Papa's Pantry. Employees are serving customers twenty-four hours a day. The staff of three full-time and three part-time workers cheerfully greet customers when they enter the convenient store/gas station. Gordon VanGundy purchased the station last year in order to renovate and expand the services of Hampton's first gas station. Ampride is the commercial division of Farmland

Cooperatives. They are able to provide VanGundy's operation with gasoline and later VanGundy will handle diesel and kerosene.

VanGundy is familiar with the world of retail with more than twenty years experience owning and operating a Coast to Coast and later, as a Hardware

Hank hardware store in west Davenport. Papa's Pantry offers a wide variety of numerous items. For example, in the area of beverages, Papa's Pantry sells four flavors of cappuccino (amaretto, hazelnut, mocha and French vanilla; a twelve unit soda dispenser (the second place to have this large size in the Quad-Cities); hot chocolate; coffee both regular and decaffeinated; nine brands of the finest non-alcoholic brews from O'Doul's to Michelob, and too many brands and flavors of beer, pop, juice to count. Beer comes in 12 pack, 18 pack and kegs. The kegs are also in stock, but it is still a good idea to order kegs in advance.

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Amy McLaughlin serves Amaretto cappuchino, one of the many beverages available at Papa's Pantry. (Photo by Michaela Vandieren)

The store features Anderson- Erickson dairy products with skim, 1%, 2%, whole and buttermilk. The buttermilk is available in 1/2 pint cartons which is great for pancakes or as a drink. Other dairy

products sold include yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, and cheese.

Not always seen in convenient stores is fresh produce. Papa's Pantry now stocks lettuce, carrots, potatoes, cucumbers, lemons and celery. Individual apples and oranges, and small bags of carrots, ready to eat will help a person wanting a snack that is not sweet. Sweets, chips, ice cream and groceries are, of course, sold. In the near future, fried snacks like taquittas, onion rings, cheese sticks and more will be available. Also, later pizza will be served. Now you can enjoy a brat, polish sausage or hot dog, as well as hot sandwiches like hamburgers or cheeseburgers. These

can be carried-out or eaten inside at the booths.

The business, being built for the twenty-first century, maintains an up-to-date security system for indoors and out. When at the register, you can view what's happening outside or in other parts of the store on the split screen images. The staff has been trained to keep the restrooms clean and the woman's restroom has a double lavatory with plenty of mirror area. A changing table is on order for the wall in the restroom. The staff with the well-lit facility invites you to stop-in.

Towne Crier Will Not Publish In January

Due to the up coming holiday season, the Towne Crier will not publish a January 1998 issue. The Crier will publish a combined January February issue that should be mailed around the first of February. The Town Crier staff and volunteers would like to thank our readers and advertisers for their continued support this past year. We hope everyone will have a safe and joyous holiday season.

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Christmas Lights Bus Tour For Senior Citizens



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Senior citizens from throughout the Quad Cities are invited to sign up for the fourth annual Rock Island Police Department Elderly Service Officer's Christmas Lights Bus Tour, December 17 through December 20.

Due to the overwhelming turnout at last year's tour, the event has expanded to four days this year. The event will begin each night at 5:30 p.m. at Augustana Carver Center with refreshments and appearances by local television celebrities. Bus service will be provided from shuttle points to Carver Center and back by Metrolink. The tour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about two hours. The tour is open to anyone 60 years and older who has registered by December 11. Hampton and Rapids City residents should register with the Hampton Police Department. If you live in an unincorporated or rural area, contact the Sheriff's Department. For information concerning shuttle locations, dates and time, contact the Hampton Police Department after December 11 at 496-9123.

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Hampton, IL 61256 - 0227

R I County Sheriff's Dept.
ATTN: Deputy Address
1317 - 3rd Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201



Hampton Volunter Fire & Rescue Department members practiced fighting fires, using air packs and containing flames. Many manuevers were practiced prior to the final flames. Many manuevers were practiced prior to the final flames. Many manuevers were practiced prior to the final flames. Pictured here are from left to right, Guy Gerrard, Keith Ward and Julie Christensen using a pole to push in a flaming wall. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)



Zion Lutheran Church, 17628 Hubbard Road, East Moline, (Hampton Bluff) will host the 3rd Annual Cookie Walk from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. Saturday, Dec.13. Over thirty different kinds of homemade cookies and candy will be sold for \$5.00 a pound. Pictured above are six members of the connnittee who coordinate this event. From left are: Fran Lampe, JoAnn Struss, Mimmi Stewart, Mary McGee, Blanche Stotmeister, and Melinda Loete. Proceeds will benefit Zion's building fund, Little Lambs Preschool, and Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Zion Lutheran Church is applying for up to \$450.00 in Congregational Matching Funds through Lutheran Brotherhood's Branch (Eagle Bend # 8844).

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Publishing Deadline is the 15th of the Month !!!

American Cancer Society News "Love Lights-A-Tree" Ornaments Available

"Love Lights A Tree" ornaments, to remember or honor relatives and friends, are available through the American Cancer Society. Donations are generally \$5.00 or more. To obtain a tree ornament, please send your honoree's name and your name and address to the American Cancer Society Office, Attn: Lavone Carver, "Love Lights A Tree" Volunteer Chairman, 3727 Blackhawk Rd., #101, Rock Island IL 61201.

Tree ornaments will be available at the J.C. Penny's Court, Souffipark Mall, December 15th - 21st, 12:00 Noon - 8:00p.m. The Dedication Service will be at 7:00 p.m. on the 21st. For additional information call 794-0601.

Tax Rate May Drop For Hampton

School District And Village Tax Rates Promise Relief For Taxpayers Next Year

Hampton School District #29 announced at the November 10, 1997 School Board meeting that the school's assessed valuation may increase 9 percent over last year. However, the tax rate may drop, school officials learned Monday.

Assessed valuation amounts aren't set in stone, with Hampton School officials getting only a verbal estimate from the Rock Island County Assessor's office, but the tax rate for the district could be \$3.4536 per \$100 assessed valuation, down over 3% from last year or a drop of \$.1102 per \$100 assessed valuation. The impact to the taxpayer would be approximately a reduction of \$50.00 on a \$75,000.00 home.

The assessed valuation may actually come in around 7%, but tax rate decrease is still in the offing. The district will assess a value of approximately \$14,776,789 up from \$13,556,651. The unknown factor is the amount of the assessed valuation that will be assessed through TIFs. The school has not received tax revenues from Tax Increment Finance Districts in the past through any governmental agreement to make the district whole. Loss of these tax dollars will be reflected in the actual tax rate set by the County.

The district's levy is up 5.6 percent over the 1996 levy, requiring the district to publish a notice of public hearing under the Truth in Taxation Act. The public hearing will be held December 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hampton School.

The Village Board learned at its Board Meeting on November 10, 1997 that the Village's tax rate will decrease due to a projected increase in the assessed valuation. The levy amount is slated to increase however, the tax rate will drop based upon tentative figures reviewed that night.

Based upon a projected 6.8% increase of assessed valuation the tax rate for the Village could be \$1.2493 per \$100 assessed valuation, down approximately 3% from \$1.282 rate last year. The Village will assess a valuation of \$10,809,485, up from \$10,121,241 last year. The impact on a \$75,000 home would be an approximate \$10 reduction in taxes. The actual tax rate will not be available until next April, after the County Assessor's Office determines the final assessed valuation used to compute the tax rate.

The Village's levy amount for next year will be \$135,042 a \$5,330 increase from last year's \$129,754 levy amount, an approximate 4% increase.

Since the Village's levy increase is less than 5% over last year's, a public meeting is not required under the Truth in Taxation Act. The Village Board expects to pass the Tax Levy Ordinance at its November 24, 1997 meeting.

Post Office News

By Tammy Laud

The new Christmas stamps have arrived and are now available for sale. They are available in a book of 20 self adhesive stamps for \$6.40. This year you have a choice of the HOLLY (Contemporary) or the (religious) MADONNA AND CHILD.

Something new for sale this year at all Post offices: A Christmas sing-along video with many popular Christmas songs. The Rudolph, Frosty & Friends sing-along video costs \$4.99. Also new are the Holiday T-shirts at a cost of \$9.99. All of these items are on display and available for sale.

Our increased volume of mail is about 260 % to 300% higher than last year. This large increase is causing a great burden on the rural delivery. The rural deliveries are running very late in the afternoon. A rural route adjustment will not be done until after the holidays. When the adjustment is completed, all or most of the East Moline deliveries will be removed. This may allow Hampton to have its own rural route. If this happens, all Hampton rural deliveries will be about three hours earlier than your current delivery time.

Aviation History Marked

On Dec. 23, 1986, Dick Rutan and Jeanna Yeager completed the first nonstop, no-refueled, around-the-world flight.

The specially-designed aircraft, Voyager, departed from Edwards Air Force Base in California on Dec. 14. The trip took nine days, 33 minutes and 14 seconds to complete, covering 24,986 miles. Its official recorded speed was 115 miles per hour.

The plane, which was designed by Burt Rutan, the brother of one of the pilots, was made almost entirely of a graphite-honeycomb composite material. The aircraft now hangs in the main hall of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.



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Hours: Friday 8 - 4 Saturday 8 - 1

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- Silk Arrangements **SAVE 25%**
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**Connie and I Look Forward To Seeing You All There.
Come and Join Us For Coffee, Cider, and Cookies!**



Hampton Girl on Champion ASA Team

by Randy Baldridge

Before we get into the following story, let me say that the Hampton Towne Crier is eager to run any article about our citizens (as long as it is upbeat). Please call us if you, your children, neighbor, or friend has accomplished something interesting or newsworthy. We will be happy to write a story and publish it.

For instance, Krystal Carmack, a seventh grader at Hampton Elementary School, was short stop and lead off batter for the ASA Fast Pitch Girls Softball Team, the Milan Aces. Her batting average was .675 and her on base average was .750. Her skills helped contribute to her teams astonishing record of 105 wins and 7 losses. The Aces won the Illinois State Championship (ASA) and went on to win the NSA World Series Fast Pitch Softball Championship in Chattanooga, TN in a grueling five day eleven day battle in which they emerged a 10 - 1 winner.



Pictured above is Krystal Carmack displaying some of her trophies (Photo courtesy of Theresa Carmack)

Krystal is a gifted athlete showing great speed, strength, and coordination. Her dad, Rick Vershaw, proudly related a stunning play where Krystal ran down a bases loaded hit behind 3rd base, bare handed the ball, and fired it across the diamond to 1st base for the out. And the crowd went wild! As with all parents with children in ASA sports, Rick and Theresa, travel all around the midwest to the games. It would seem that Krystal and the "Aces" rewarded them well for their support!

SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A delegation of 7 school board members and administrators from Hampton School District #29 will be among the nearly 6,000 school officials attending a three day working session - the 1997 Joint Annual Conference of the Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of School Administrators and Illinois Association of School Business Officials, November 21-23, in Chicago, according to the Board President.

"This event is an exceptional opportunity for school board members and administrators from districts throughout Illinois to confer on common problems and solutions, obtain advice from experts in many areas of education, and gain a deeper understanding of the issues that confront our schools," Board President David Wright said.

The conference schedule includes more than 100 workshops and panel discussions on a broad range of educational topics, including school funding, charter schools, technology, collective bargaining, recent legislative and legal developments, school uniforms, teacher evaluation and others.

One special session will focus on developing an entrepreneurial style of thinking that adapts well to school improvement efforts. That session, hosted by a professional marketing consultant and a local school superintendent, will help local school officials recognize and evaluate solutions to school marketing problems.

The 1997 conference will also feature workshops for newly elected board members to help them get off to a good start in their new jobs.

The range of issues confronting school boards is so wide, and the issues involved so complex, that none of us can go it alone," Wright said. "This annual conference is a storehouse of reliable information and guidance that otherwise would have to be gathered from numerous sources at much greater cost."

Besides choosing from among the workshops and panel discussions, school board representatives will vote on a number of crucial policy questions. Their votes will determine the programs and activities of the Illinois Association of School Boards on behalf of public education in the year ahead.

"The expenses to the district of attending this conference will be amply repaid by the improved awareness of issues and trends affecting our schools, and in new management approaches," Wright said. "This is a sound investment in our school district."

A Holiday Message From The Hampton Police Department . . .

"Have A Safe And Happy Holiday Season -- And Please Remember,

Have a safe and worry free holiday.

Don't pull a stupid driving trick.

- Drive Smart, Drive Sober.
- Buckle up everyone on every trip.
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- Slow Down. Speed shatters lives.
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Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

Hampton Police Warn Of Recent Mail Fraud Scam

By Christopher Wolfe
Community Services Officer

Recently a local business received a letter through the mail which solicited their assistance in transferring a large amount of US currency into the businesses bank account.

The writer, who usually claims to be a doctor of some sort, explains that he is an accountant for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and that his company has millions of dollars that was over invoiced and would like assistance in transferring the funds through the businesses bank account he is writing to. The writer requests specific bank account information from businesses and individuals so that funds can be transferred to their accounts. For their assistance, the writer promises 20% - 35% of the funds transferred. The writer also explains that they are prohibited by the Code of Conduct Bureau (Civil Service Laws) from opening and/or operating foreign accounts in their name. The account information obtained is then used to drain the account of anyone providing such information.

Obviously this is a scam. This particular scam has been widely reported in the media, but attempts to carry out this scam continue. You should never provide bank account details or bank company letterhead to anyone. If you receive such a letter, or any other solicitation that seems suspicious to you, please contact the Hampton Police Department.

Addressing the History Of Christmas Cards



The practice of sending Christmas cards to friends and loved ones was begun in 1843 in England, reportedly by Sir Henry Cole. The first card, which depicted a family celebrating Christmas, was designed by J.C. Horsley. More than 1,000 copies of the card were sold commercially.

By the latter part of that century, the exchange of Christmas cards was commonplace. Today, Christmas card sales account for 35 percent of the 7.4 billion greeting cards that are sold annually in the United States, according to the Greeting Card Association. This translates to approximately \$2.4 billion spent on Christmas cards each year.

Holiday Gift Suggestions For the Children on Your List



If you are stumped by what to get for the youngsters on your holiday gift list this year, note the following age-appropriate toy suggestions offered by the American Academy of Pediatrics:

Newborn to One Year

- ▶ large blocks of wood or plastic
- ▶ pretend pots and pans
- ▶ rattles
- ▶ soft, washable dolls, or animals
- ▶ floating bath toys

One to Two Years

- ▶ cloth or plastic books with large pictures
- ▶ nesting blocks
- ▶ toy telephones
- ▶ kiddy cars
- ▶ stacking toys

Two to Five Years

- ▶ books (short stories or actions stories)

- ▶ crayons, nontoxic finger paints, clay
- ▶ tape recorder
- ▶ simple puzzles
- ▶ dress-up clothes

Five to Nine Years

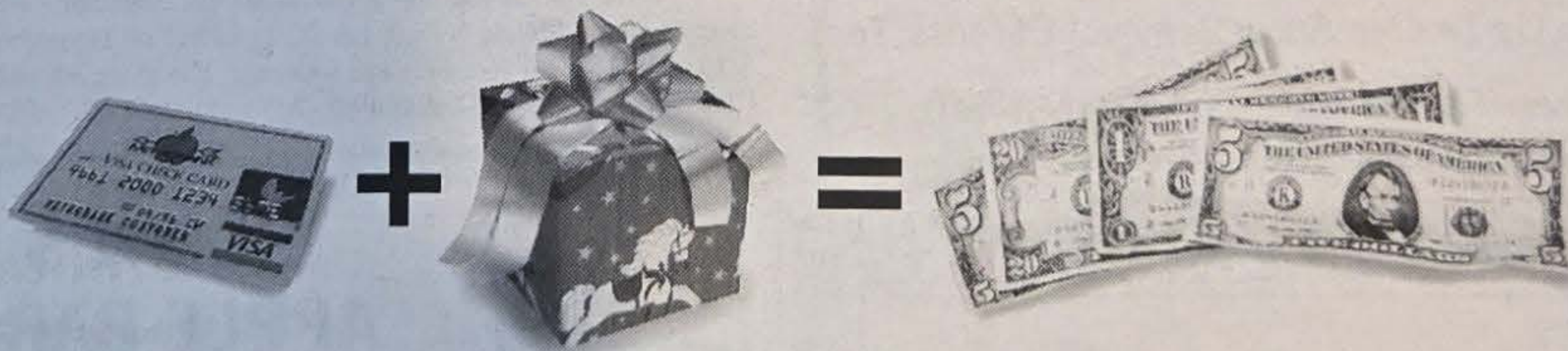
- ▶ card games
- ▶ paper dolls
- ▶ roller skates
- ▶ table games
- ▶ electric trains

Ten to Fourteen Years

- ▶ computer games
- ▶ hobby collections
- ▶ microscopes/telescopes
- ▶ sports equipment
- ▶ table and board games

Catholic Church "Hunts" For Food

A scavenger hunt will be held by teenagers of St. John's and St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday, December 7 from 2 to 4 PM. The carloads of 4 students & 1 adult will be canvassing the Catholic families for food for food pantries. If you will not be home please leave a box or sack of groceries by your door or drop them off at St. John's. The collection last year was a great success. Please help again this year.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Garbage Pick Up	2 Fire Dept 7:00 PM	3	4	5	6
7 Scavenger Hunt for Food 2-4 PM Catholic Families	8 Village Board 7 PM Garbage Pick Up	9 Fire Dept 7:00 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15 Garbage Pick Up	16 Fire Dept 7:00 PM	17	18	19	20
21	22 Village Board 7 PM Garbage Pick Up	23 Fire Dept 7:00 PM	24	25	26	27
28	29 Garbage Pick Up	30 Fire Dept 7:00 PM	31			

- Reminder -

Village Ordinance Prohibits
Parking On Any Street After
a Snowfall Of 2" or More
Between The Hours Of
9:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Help Us In Our Snow Removal Efforts To
Keep The Streets In Hampton Safe

Hampton PTA News

The PTA would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season! There will be no meeting in December. Next PTA meeting is January 5th at 6:30 in the school's library.

Second grade once again had the most parents attend the last meeting. Fifth grade came in a close second. Come on fifth grade parents; attend the next meeting and win \$10 for the fifth grade classroom! Remember, teachers count as two parents attending. Second grade has accumulated \$30 and is going to the Putnam Museum for free!

A big thank you goes out to all the readers that read at Family Read Night. Also, thanks to everyone who donated cookies and/or helped serve them.

PTA will be having a Christmas get together. We will be meeting at the Moline Village Inn for breakfast on December 13th at 8:30 a.m. All PTA members are welcome. For more information call Cheryl Reader 755-0753 after 4:00.

Peace



From the parishoners of St.
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East of Hampton on Hubbard Road

1997 Hampton School Report Card

(Adapted from a report provided by Hampton Elementary School)

The Better Schools Accountability Law (Section 10-17a of the School Code) requires all public school districts to report on the performance of their schools and students through school report cards.

This report card includes information about the students, the instructional setting, the finances and student performance in your school and/or district and the state. Some financial information is from 1995-96, which is the most recent available. State averages are based on information from regular public schools only.

Averages are also provided for some information for districts by type (elementary, high school and unit) and size based on enrollment.

	Small	Medium	Large
Elementary	Under 271	271-1758	Over 1758
High School	Under 605	605-2715	Over 2715
Unit	Under 567	567-1799	Over 1799

Caution should be exercised when interpreting the achievement data of smaller schools or districts. Their data tends to be less than stable than data for larger ones, because the performance of a handful of students can substantially affect mean scores. Thus changes from one year to the next may be due to the performance of a small group of students.

Generally, elementary districts have grades prekindergarten through eight; high school districts have grades nine through twelve; and unit districts have grades prekindergarten through twelve.

- Your child's school is an Elementary district.
- The grades in your child's school are K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8.
- The parents/guardians of 80.0% of the students in your school made at least one contact with the students' teachers during the 1996-97 school year. For comparison, other figures were 80.0% for your district and 95.3% for the state.

About The Students:

Racial/Ethnic Background and Total Enrollment

White non-hispanic, Black non-hispanic, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American (American Indian/Alaskan Native) are the major racial-ethnic groups in Illinois public schools. Enrollments were reported as of September 30, 1996.

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/P Islander	Native American	Total Enrollment
School	92.3%	0.4%	5.2%	0.0%	2.1%	233
District	92.3%	0.4%	5.2%	0.0%	2.1%	233
State	63.3%	20.6%	12.8%	3.1%	0.1%	1,931,871

Low Income and Limited English Proficient Students

Low Income students are from families that are receiving public aid, living in institutions for neglected or delinquent children, being supported in foster homes with public funds or eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches. Limited English Proficient students are those who have been found to be eligible for bilingual education.

	Low Income	Limited English Proficient
School	13.3%	0.0%
District	13.3%	0.0%
State	35.7%	6.1%

Attendance, Mobility and Chronic Truancy

A perfect attendance rate (100%) means that all students attend school everyday. The student mobility rate is based on the number of students who enroll in or leave a school during the school year. Students may be counted more than once. Chronic truants are students who were absent from school without valid cause for 10% or more of the last 180 school days.

	Attendance	Student Mobility	Chronic Truancy	Number of Chronic Truants
School	96.1%	19.4%	1.7%	4
District	96.1%	19.4%	1.7%	4
State	93.8%	18.4%	2.3%	42,546

About The Instructional Setting

Average Class Size

Average class size is the total enrollment for a grade divided by the number of classes for that grade reported for the first day of school in May.

	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 3	Grade 6	Grade 8
School	26	22	29	26	28
District	26	22	29	26	28
State	22.5	23.1	23.5	24.7	23

Time Devoted to the teaching of Core Subjects (minutes per day)

Time devoted to the teaching of core subjects is the average number of minutes of instruction per 5 day school week in each subject area divided by 5. English includes all language arts courses.

	Mathematics			Science			English			Social Science		
Grade	3	6	8	3	6	8	3	6	8	3	6	8
School	50	50	50	25	50	50	150	100	100	25	50	50
District	50	50	50	25	50	50	150	100	100	25	50	50
State	53	50	48	30	42	44	147	108	90	30	43	45

Teachers by Racial/Ethnic Background and Gender

Teachers and administrator information is based on full time equivalents. Teachers include all school personnel whose primary responsibility is listed as that of classroom teacher on the State Teacher Service Record File.

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/P Islander	Native American	Male	Female	Total Number
District	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20.4%	79.6%	14
State	84.6%	11.6%	3%	0.7%	0.1%	25.1%	74.9%	113,965

Teacher/Administrator Characteristics

	Average Teaching Experience	Teachers with Bachelor's Degree	Teachers with Masters & Above	Pupil Teacher Ratio Elementary	Pupil Administrator Ratio
District	15.7 yrs	92.7%	7.3%	19.1:1	233:1
Type*	13.9 yrs	55.6%	44.4%	19.4:1	232.5:1
Size**	13.3 yrs	80.9%	19.1%	15.5:1	146.1:1
State	14.8 yrs	54.2%	45.6%	20:1	250.8:1

* Average for all Elementary Districts

** Average for all Small Elementary Districts

About The School District's Finances

Average Financial Indicators

The average teacher and administrator salaries are based on full time equivalents. Effective 1991-92, salaries include various monetary benefits and compensation such as tax sheltered annuities, retirement benefits, bonus and extracurricular duty payments which were previously excluded. Therefore, it is not appropriate to compare this year's salaries with those for years prior to 1991-92.

Note that the operating expenditure per pupil and expenditure by fund are for 1995-96, the most recent year available.

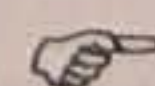
	Teacher Salary 1996-97	Administrator Salary 1996-97	Operating Expenditure Per Pupil 1995 - 96
District	\$29,874	\$66,658	\$3,573
Type*	\$40,722	\$71,351	\$5,685
Size**	\$28,995	\$55,127	\$4,641
State	\$42,429	\$70,183	\$6,158

* Average for all Elementary Districts

** Average for all Small Elementary Districts

Expenditure by Fund, 1995 - 96

	District	District	State
Education	\$776,964	88.9%	75.3%
Operations & Maintenance	\$27,418	3.1%	8.4%
Transportation	\$46,502	5.3%	3.5%
Bond & Interest	\$0	0%	5.0%
Rent	\$0	0%	0.5%
Municipal Ret./Soc. Security	\$16,142	1.8%	1.7%
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$7,196	0.8%	1.7%
Site & Constr./Cap. Improve.	\$0	0%	3.9%
TOTAL	\$874,222		



Wildwood Baptist Church News

18717 Hubbard Road East Moline, IL 61244 (309) 496-9397

DECEMBER EVENTS

DECEMBER 5th at 7:00pm and DECEMBER 7th at 6:00pm

"He Came To Us" a Christmas musical of praise and rejoicing presented by Wildwood Baptist Church. The Christ of Christmas came to "save His people from their sins," but His coming included so much more - it was the ultimate act of compassion. He came so we could know that He understands everything from despair to ecstasy. He knows what the human experience is all about because He has been there. The birth we celebrate at Christmas time is His example of real love - putting ourselves in someone else's shoes to really understand what they feel. The public is invited to share in this extraordinary evening of praise on either Friday, December 5th at 7:00 pm, or Sunday, December 7th at 6:00pm. There is no admission charge. If you have questions, call the church office at 496-9397.

DECEMBER 11th at 7:00pm

The Women's Ministry of Wildwood Baptist Church presents "A Christmas Fashion Show" on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00pm in their Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$2.00. Refreshments will be served.

DECEMBER 14th at 8:00 and 10:30AM

Four eye-witnesses to the birth of Christ come alive in a dramatic musical presentation called "Christmas at Bethlehem." This one-man multi-character ministry will feature the unique perspectives of Joseph, the Innkeeper, the Innkeeper's teenage son, a shepherd, and familiar music of the season. Brian Bopp of B.Bopp Productions, Inc. will perform each of these characters. The public is invited to attend this exceptional presentation of the traditional Christmas story on Sunday, December 14th at either the 8:00 or 10:30 Morning Worship Services at Wildwood Baptist Church, 18717 Hubbard Road, East Moline.

**HELP
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The Towne Crier Needs You!

Do you have a flair for writing?
We need volunteer reporters to cover Hampton Village Board and Hampton School Board meetings and write summaries to be included in the paper. We are also looking for feature story and human interest writers. No experience is necessary, just a genuine desire to do the best you can. Sound interesting?? Don't be shy -- call

Mike Toalson @ 755-7591

-or-

Michaela Vandieren @ 755-1641.

Give Gift Certificates A Personal Touch

When a loved one lives far away or is exceptionally hard to choose a gift for, a one-size-fits-all gift certificate may be the best and simplest choice. The gift-wrap experts at Hallmark remind you to match the recipient's interests and personality with an appropriate gift certificate and offer the following tips for presenting this seemingly impersonal gift with style:

- ▶ Choose an interesting decanter or glass bottle with a cork and slip a rolled gift certificate inside.
- ▶ Create a trail of clues to where the gift certificate is the hidden treasure.
- ▶ Put the gift certificate in a small gift bag decorated in a holiday or other appropriate theme.
- ▶ Bake a plateful or tinful of holiday treats to use as a palette for the gift certificate. Or buy a small box of store made chocolates or candies to accompany the certificate.
- ▶ Wrap in a box trimmed with beautiful paper and enhancements, again, centered around a relevant theme.

Happy Birthday Madeline McTigue



Born December 4, 1902
She came to this country
April 4, 1913 from
Roesetare, Belgium.
A family celebration is
being planned.
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An "Eggceptional" Baking Idea

Instead of serving the usual pumpkin pie as a dessert for your holiday feast, lower your fat and cholesterol intake by trying the following recipe for a delicious pumpkin cake made with one of the many egg substitutes currently available at your local grocer.

Pumpkin Cake

1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake with pudding in the mix

1 cup solid pack canned pumpkin

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup egg substitute

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup fat free sour cream

1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon nutmeg

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon ground ginger

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups prepared fat free whipped topping

Ground cinnamon, for garnish



1. Mix cake mix, pumpkin, egg substitute, water, sour cream, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger in a large bowl, with mixer at low speed until moistened. Beat at high speed for two minutes. Spread batter into greased 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan.
2. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 to 40 minutes or until done. Cool on a wire rack.
3. Cut into squares to serve. Top with whipped topping and a sprinkling of cinnamon.

Yield: 12 servings

Nutrition information per serving: 212 calories; 4 g. total fat; 2 g. saturated fat; 0 mg. cholesterol; 311 mg. sodium; 1 g. dietary fiber.

(Adapted from a recipe from Egg Beaters.)

Safety Tips For the Holidays

As the holidays approach, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges people to look for and eliminate potential danger spots from holiday lights and decorations that could result in fires or injuries. To ensure your holiday is safe and happy, CPSC recommends the following:

Trees:

- ▶ When purchasing an artificial tree, look for a label indicating that it is "fire resistant."
- ▶ When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness, evidenced by needles that are hard to pull from branches, and a trunk butt that is sticky with resin.
- ▶ When setting up your tree, place it away from fireplaces and radiators and keep the stand filled with water.
- ▶ Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree.
- ▶ Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.

Lights:

- ▶ Use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory.
- ▶ Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections and discard damaged sets.
- ▶ Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- ▶ Do not use electric lights on a metallic tree, as the tree may become charged with electricity from faulty lights.
- ▶ Fasten outdoor lights to trees, house walls or other supports to protect them from wind damage.
- ▶ Use insulated staples or special hooks available at hardware stores.
- ▶ Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

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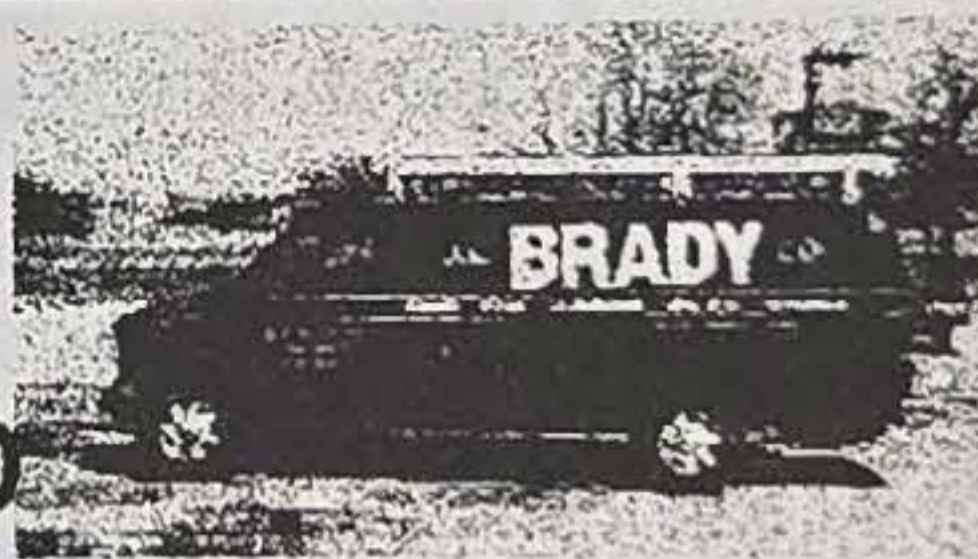
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Area Churches Announce Christmas Service Times



Hampton United Methodist

Candlelight Service - December 24 - 11:00 pm

Silvis United Methodist

Pagant and Comunion - December 24 - 11:00 pm

Carbon Cliff United Methodist

Candlelight Service & Communion - December 24 - 7:00 pm

Hillsdale United Methodist

Candlelight Service - December 24 - 11:00 pm

Rapids City Church of the Cross United Methodist

Family Service - December 24 - 4:00 pm

St. Mary's, Hampton

St. John's, Rapids City

December 24 - 5:00 pm St. John's Rapids City

December 24 - 8:00 pm St. Mary's Hampton

December 25 - 9:30 am St. John's Rapids City

Solemnity of Mary

December 31 - 5:00 pm St. John's Rapids City

January 1 - 9:30 am St. Mary's Hampton

Wildwood Baptist Church

DECEMBER 24th at 5:30pm

Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5:30pm. Pastor Scott Boerckel will bring the message. Music will be provided by the choir and several special numbers. A nursery will be provided for children 2 and under. You are invited to make this service a part of your Christmas tradition. Everyone is welcome!

"Howdy Doody" Show Premiered 50 Years Ago

"Howdy Doody," the first popular children's television program, debuted on Dec. 27, 1947. It was one of the first shows on NBC to be broadcast in color.

The program was set in the circus town of Doodyville, which was home to both puppets and humans. A studio audience of children sat in bleachers, dubbed the "Peanut Gallery," and watched and participated in songs, stories and films.

Human characters included Buffalo Bob and Clarabell the Clown who interacted with Howdy and other puppets like Phineas T. Bluster, Captain Scuttlebutt and Heidi Doody. The adventures of Gumby were featured in films seen on the show.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries (December & January)

Actress **Bette Midler**, Honolulu, Hawaii, Dec. 1, 1945
Singer **Andy Williams**, Wall Lake, Iowa, Dec. 3, 1930.
Baseball Hall of Famer **Johnny Bench**, Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 7, 1947.

Actress **Kim Basinger**, Athens, Ga., Dec. 8, 1953.
Comedian **Flip Wilson**, Jersey City, N.J., Dec. 8, 1933
December 12th - **Fred Smith** - Happy Birthday Freddie! I love you, Babe.

Journalist **Lesley Stahl**, Lynn, Mass., Dec. 16, 1941.
December 18th - Happy Birthday **Sean McKay** Love, Grandma.

Producer **Steven Spielberg**, Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1947.
Actress **Jane Fonda**, New York, N.Y., Dec. 21, 1937.
Former Baseball Player **Steve Garvey**, Tampa, Fla., Dec. 22, 1948.

Singer **Jimmy Buffet**, Pascagoula, Miss., Dec. 25, 1946.
Actress **Mary Tyler Moore**, Brooklyn, N.Y., Dec. 29, 1936.
December 24th - Happy 15th Anniversary **Barbara and Fred Smith**

January

January 5th - Happy Birthday **Charles Williams** Love, Mom McKay.

January 18th - Happy Birthday **Ann McKay** Love, Mom McKay.

January 22nd - Happy Birthday **Randy Baldridge** We love you - Georgia, Jennifer, & Heather.

January 22nd - Happy Anniversary **Georgia and Randy Baldridge** Thanks for 21 wonderful years. Love ya, Georgia.

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**Julia Lynn Harris** born November 4, 1997, 8lbs. 12oz.

Parents **Ron & Amy Harris**, East Moline

Grandparents **Al & Linda Hanson**, Hampton

Grandparent **Ed & Bonnie Harris**, East Moline

## Garden Talk

By Barbara Smith

Christmas will be here before most of us are ready. If we don't have an artificial tree that the kids have been bugging us to put up since before Thanksgiving, it's time to start looking for a real tree.

We can take the easy route and stop at any of the numerous tree lots and find one to our liking--perfect shape, right height, and good price, or we can wait for the coldest, blustery day of the season and get the family bundled up, grab the chainsaw, pile in the car, and head to the tree farm. Either option, when the holidays are over, the tree is taken down and packed away or placed on the curb to be recycled.

Many stores now sell live tabletop trees which can be decorated and kept year-round. Some can even be purchased already decorated. You can keep them indoors, and once the weather warms up, place it on your deck or patio, or plant it in your yard.

They make a perfect centerpiece for your holiday table. If you don't wish to keep it, give it to the person who volunteers to do the dishes. *Merry Christmas to all!*

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The Towne Crier staff extends our sincere gratitude to Barbara and Fred Smith for the (Towne Crier) deliveries over the past year. Barbara and Fred delivered the paper to the printer in Davenport and picked it up when it was done. It was greatly appreciated! - Editor

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About the Academic Performance of Students

Illinois Goal Assessment Program (IGAP)

Average IGAP scores in reading, mathematics, science and social sciences are reported on a 0-500 scale. Average scores for writing are reported on a 6-32 scale. Score bands can be used to compare two averages. For example, you could compare the school average to the state average in reading. For any school year, if the average score for the state falls within the score band for the school, then there is no significant difference between the school average and the state average. However, if the state average falls outside the score band for the school, then there is a significant difference between the school average and the state average. Similar comparisons can be made between the school and the district, and the district and the state. State score bands are not shown because they are very narrow.

Grade 3: Third grade enrollment when test was administered: 29

Reading			Mathematics			
	Score	Band	% Tested	Score	Band	% Tested
School	232	192-272	93.1	293	255-331	100
District	232	192-272	93.1	293	255-331	100
State	246		85.9	288		86.7

Writing			
	Score	Band	% Tested
School	18.9	17.7-20.1	100
District	18.9	17.7-20.1	100
State	18.6		83.8

Grade 4: Fourth grade enrollment when test was administered: 25

	Science			Social Studies		
	Score	Band	% Tested	Score	Band	% Tested
School	253	219-287	100	250	216-284	100
District	253	219-287	100	250	216-284	100
State	250		92.6	258		92.7

Grade 6: Sixth grade enrollment when test was administered: 26

Reading				Mathematics			
	Score	Band	% Tested	Score	Band	% Tested	
School	221	189-263	100	327	303-351	100	
District	221	189-253	100	327	303-351	100	
State	229		92.4	280		92.6	

Writing			
	Score	Band	% Tested
School	23.8	22.2-25.4	100
District	23.8	22.2-25.4	100
State	22.7		90.5

Grade 7: Seventh grade enrollment when test was administered: 35

	Science			Social Studies		
	Score	Band	% Tested	Score	Band	% Tested
School	267	241-293	100	247	211-283	100
District	267	241-293	100	247	211-283	100
State	253		92.4	252		92.4

Grade 8: Eight grade enrollment when test was administered: 28

	Reading			Mathematics		
	Score	Band	% Tested	Score	Band	% Tested
School	245	209-281	100	351	319-383	100
District	245	209-281	100	351	319-383	100
State	227		91.6	288		91.7

	Writing		
	Score	Band	% Tested
School	25.6	24.2-27	96.4
District	25.6	24.2-27	96.4
State	24.7		89.9

IGAP State Performance Standards

Between 1991 and 1993, the State Board of Education established performance standards for reading, mathematics, writing, science and social studies. IGAP scores for students are placed in one of three levels: level 1 (do not meet state goals for learning); Level 2 (meet state goals for learning); and level 3 (exceed state goals). The cut off scores for these levels were established with the help of Illinois elementary and secondary educators. The distribution of student scores at each level is shown in the following tables.

Grade 3	Reading			Mathematics			Writing		
	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed
School	44	37	19	3	62	34	7	64	29
District	44	37	19	3	62	34	7	64	29
State	29	52	20	10	63	27	14	61	25

Grade 4	Science			Social Sciences		
	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed
School	8	56	36	12	60	28
District	8	56	36	12	60	28
State	11	52	37	19	47	34

Grade 6	Reading			Mathematics			Writing		
	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed
School	40	44	16	0	67	33	4	42	54
District	40	44	16	0	67	33	4	42	54
State	37	46	17	13	61	26	6	52	41

Grade 7	Science			Social Sciences		
	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed
School	9	57	34	11	63	26
District	9	57	34	11	63	26
State	16	53	30	16	49	35

Grade 8	Reading			Mathematics			Writing		
	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed	% Not	% Meet	% Exceed
School	14	68	18	0	48	52	4	58	38
District	14	68	18	0	48	52	4	58	38
State	34	50	16	12	62	26	13	56	31

Areas for Planned Improvement for the School and District

Based on the school's improvement plan, areas of success and areas for planned improvement are provided below.

Goal I. Reading Goal K-8 for 1997-98

To improve reading comprehension and reading skills so that 75% of the students meet or exceed the IGAP test.

Goal II. Writing Goal K-8 for 1997-98

To improve the writing process for expository, narrative and persuasive types of writing so that 60% of the students will exceed on the IGAP test.

Goal III. Science and Social Studies Goal K-8 for 1997-98

To improve Science and Social Studies curriculum so that 50% of the students exceed in the IGAP test.

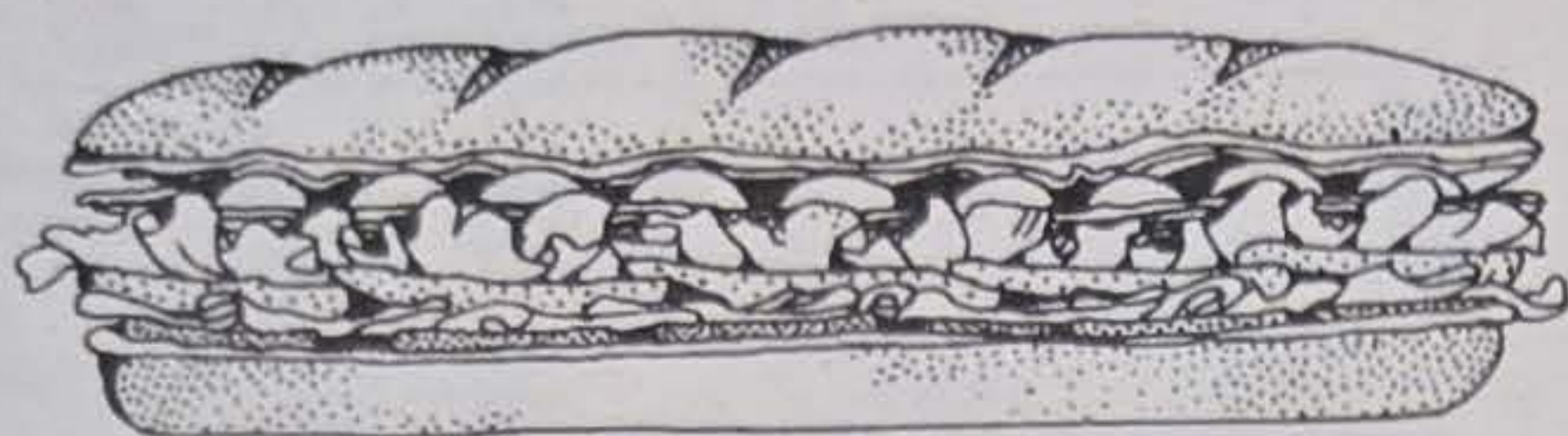
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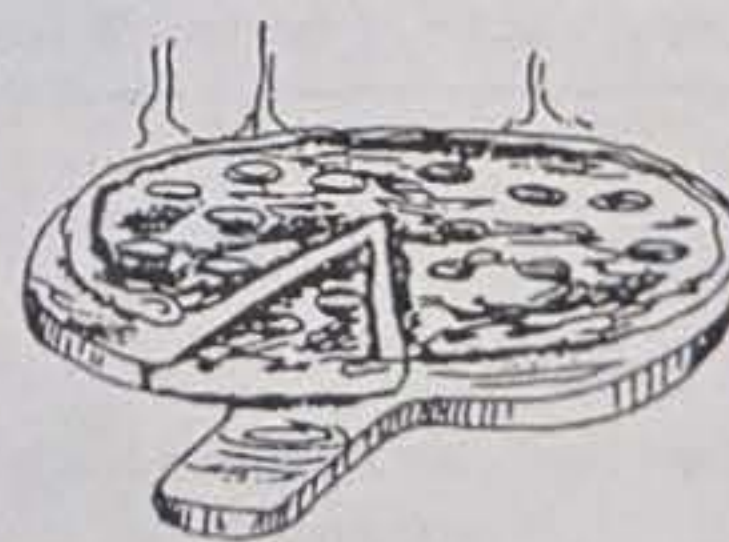
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