

ATTENTION

Charles County Parks and Recreation
Offices will be closed from noon
December 24th until January 4th.

Walk-In Registration will resume
on January 4th.

Library poll shows Clancey, Wolfe are popular among county readers

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Staff Writer

One of every six Southern Marylanders can't read, according to the Southern Maryland Literacy Network. That figure is well above the national rate of nearly 10 percent.

In its effort to eradicate illitera-

cy, the Charles County Public Library system is sponsoring programs designed to reach all age groups. Pre-schoolers can participate in activities that will acquaint them with the magic of books.

The library is teaching adults how to read by providing volunteer tutors and classroom space

for those who want to learn. There are adult discussion groups, lectures and literary travel groups. Teen-agers have special meeting times.

Soon there will be group sessions aimed at serving the needs of senior citizens. The program, known as "the Silver Editions," is being funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. It will begin in early 1988.

Virginia Carney, manager of the Bryans Road branch of the library, is currently working to make the community more aware of the services the library provides.

Since early November the library has been conducting a readers' poll to see which books were the most popular in 1987. The campaign is part of a national promotion sponsored by the American Library Association.

Ballots were mailed out by the library to county patrons and the responses have been arriving steadily, Carney said.

Though the poll continues until Dec. 31, early results show that

Calvert County author Tom Clancey is extremely popular for "Red Storm Rising." Also cited were Tom Wolfe for "The Bonfire of the Vanities" and M. Scott Peck, MD., for "Road Less Traveled."

Complete results will be available in the second week of January. There will be a display set up in each library branch announcing the favorites. Jo Rivoire will design the displays.

"We hope people will visit the libraries and see what books are being read by whom in the county," Carney said. "It should be fun. But we also hope they will become familiar with our services."

The learn-to-read program is a joint effort by the library and the Southern Maryland Literacy Network.

"Calling the network or the library is the first step in learning how to read," Carney said.

Information on other library services can be obtained by calling the nearest branch office. Branches are located in La Plata, Bryan Road, Waldorf and Indian Head.

Man charged with theft from stores

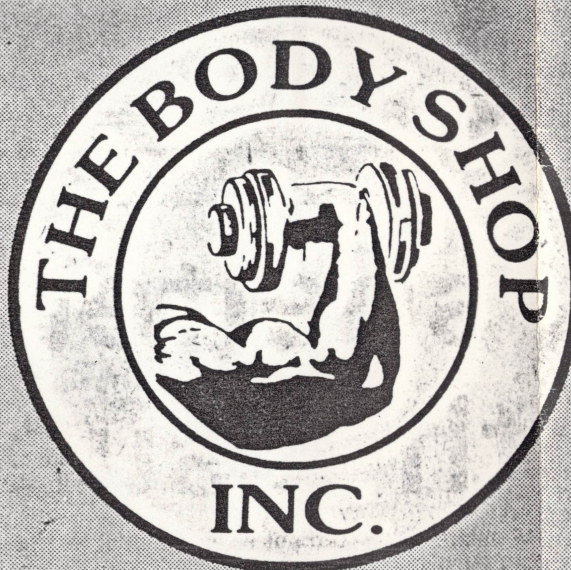
By Lee Stephens
Staff Reporter

A Washinton, D.C. man was arrested Dec. 24 and charged with a

string of breaking and enterings along U.S. 301 late the night before and early that morning.

Juan Anthony Davis, 26, was arrested by Charles County Sheriff's Department deputies and held at the county detention center under \$25,000 bond.

Davis was walking from the Dis-



White Plains, Md. - Behind Lowe's
On Theodore Green Blvd. (on left)



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