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upcoming things to do

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- **PIANIST POGO**
Piano stylings by Pogo will be presented on "Valerie's Showcase" at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, on radio station WFON (1460-AM). Show hostess Valerie Hines taped Pogo's music at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills where he has been a longtime favorite as cocktail pianist.
- **PLAYS NICKY'S**
Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Trio, featuring Dan Kolton on bass and Danny Spencer on drums, appear from 7:30 p.m. to midnight every Monday through the end of the year at Nicky's in the Top of Troy Building in Troy.
- **SHOW RESCHEDULED**
The musical "Once Upon a Mattress," based on the fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea," will open at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at Hill-C-Way Apprentice Theatre in Birmingham. The show's opening date was postponed from Friday, Dec. 20. For more information, call 644-4418.
- **AT MON-JIN-LAU**
Vocalist David Ball, along with Mark Moultrup, appears starting at 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays at the Mon-Jin-Lau restaurant in Troy.
- **8 SCREENS**
The Winchester Mall 8 Screen Theatre will open Friday, Dec. 20, in Rochester Hills. This marks the official unveiling of the new six-screen addition to the Winchester Mall Twin Theatre. Four of the eight screens will be equipped with Dolby stereo sound systems. Besides six new auditoriums, the addition includes a new lobby, box office, refreshment center and projection booth. Daily matinees will be priced at \$2 until 6 p.m. Movies at midnight Fridays-Saturdays will be offered for \$2.50. Regular features will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturdays-Sundays, beginning Dec. 28, for \$2. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 7, will be Bargain Day, with all seats for all shows at \$1.49.
- **LISTEN, DANCE**
The Bill Peogler Quartet plays Cole Porter songs and other selections for listening and dancing Saturdays at Restaurant Dupont in Southfield. Vocalist is Pinky Smith. Antonio's piano provides music for lunch and dinner guests Mondays-Fridays.
- **LIVE MUSIC**
Backstage Pass plays from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Jan. 31 at Archibald's Seafood Bar and Grille in Birmingham. Cocktail hour music by the Jerry Libby Duet is 5-7 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays through Jan. 31.
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- **CHERRY BOWL**
Half-time activities Saturday, Dec. 21, at Cherry Bowl II, the football classic at the Pontiac Silverdome, will include a five-minute show by both Syracuse University and the University of Maryland. They will then be joined by the high school bands of Owosso and Grand Ledge, Mich., as well as 15 dancers from the Bohaty Dance Schools for a medley of Christmas songs. Cherry Bowl Queen Shelly Reitz will be highlighted as the Statue of Liberty as she is hoisted high above the bands by hydraulic lift. Game time is 1 p.m.
- **HOLIDAY CLASSIC**
Two Livonia residents are featured in the lead role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in Northern Ballet Theater's production of the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," to be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium in Plymouth. Michelle Smith will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy on Saturday. Heather Saints will dance Sunday. The Oakway Symphony, with conductor Francesco Di Blasi, will accompany the dancers under the artistic direction of Michelle Wolf. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. For further information, call 455-7970.
- **BROADWAY HIT**
Opening night performance of the Broadway hit "My One and Only" will headline the fourth annual benefit for the Consortium for Human Development at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. The musical, featuring the music of George Gershwin, stars Tommy Tune, director/choreographer and star of the original Broadway production. Co-starring is Lucie Arnaz, who starred in the original Broadway production "They're Playing Our Song." Tickets at \$125 per person include valet parking, complimentary cocktails at intermission and an afterglow reception. For ticket information, call 956-4676.
- **WINTER WORKSHOP**
The Detroit Center for the Performing Arts, at 6041 Harper, announces its Winter Workshop Program, with classes for adults and teens including Voice, Dance, Reader's Theatre and Acting. Classes for children include Creative Dramatics and Acting. Most classes are free. Workshop begins Jan. 11 and continues through March 8 for adults and teens, Jan. 11 through Feb. 1 for children. For further information, call 923-7138.
- **IN CONCERT**
The Romantics, with special guest Eddie and the Tide and Rhythm Corps, will appear in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. For tickets at \$13.50, phone 962-0046.
- **CHILDREN'S PLAY**
Young People's Theatre of Ann Arbor will present "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew" by Robert Bolt at 7 p.m. Dec. 19-22, with special matinees at 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 21-22, at the Performance Network Theater, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. Tickets at \$5 for adults, \$3 for children or senior citizens are available the door or may be reserved by calling 996-3888.

second runs
Hugh Gallagher

"The Vikings" (1958), 1:30 Friday night on Ch. 50. Originally 114 minutes. TV time slot: 134 minutes.
If you were a kid when this first came out, you might look on it more favorably than others. This was perfect Saturday matinee, big screen adventure with Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh (then Mrs. Tony Curtis) hamming it up in dazzling costumes, against terrific scenery and stunning sets. The action is OK. It's the kind of movie that can be used to pass a couple of hours.
Rating: \$2.15.

"The Sunshiny Boys" (1975), 2 Sunday night on Ch. 7. Originally 111 minutes. TV time slot: 135 minutes.
George Burns won an Oscar for playing an old vaudevillian. Why not, he had a lifetime of rehearsal. The great Burns revival is still going on as the comic continues to amaze the world with his energy and good humor. This film version of the Neil Simon play has its own fair share of good humor. In addition to Burns, Walter Matthau gives a good account of himself as Burns former partner.
Rating: \$2.80.

WHAT'S IT WORTH?
A ratings guide to the movies

Bad	\$1
Fair	\$2
Good	\$3
Excellent	\$4

An appropriate choice for Christmas Eve. Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman are warm and appealing as a priest and nun who work together to rebuild a school. The film is awash with sentimentality, touching Christmas scenes and gentle homilies. Crosby was so wonderfully at ease in front of the camera and Bergman was so beautiful that just watching them is a pleasure. By the way, this is a sequel to "Going My Way" and one of the few films when a sequel stands on its own as a good film (though not quite as good).
Rating: \$3.10.

In "The Bells of St. Mary's," Crosby was so wonderfully at ease in front of the camera and Bergman was so beautiful that just watching them is a pleasure.

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