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COMEDY

BIG RED'S COMEDY CLUB
Kirk Noland and David Luther Glover, Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20; Jim Hoke and Steve Sabo, Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27; Bill Hildebrant and J.R. Remick, Wednesday, Dec. 31 ($65 includes tax and gratuity, four-course meal, comedy, dancing), at Mr. B's Roadhouse, 595 N. Lapeer Road (M-24), Oxford. (248) 628-6500

HOLLY HOTEL
Norm Stulz, Seth Buchwald and Chrissy Burns, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 ($15 in advance only), and 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 ($20 in advance only), at the hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. (248) 634-0000

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Lowell Sanders, Jody Wainer and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, Dec. 18-Saturday, Dec. 20; "Kid's Christmas Show" featuring magician Hobson and special guest Santa Claus, 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 ($15 for one adult and two children, includes lunch); Joe Delion and Joey Bielaska, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27; Steve McGrow, Hector Rezzano and Joey Bielaska, 6:15 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. Dinner/show packages available; all shows at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays unless otherwise noted. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Wayne Cotter, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 ($10, $21.95 dinner/show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20 ($12, $24.95 dinner/show package); Bill Hildebrant, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27 ($8, $18.95 dinner/show package); Mike Green, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 ($15 includes 5:30 p.m. appetizers), and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 ($55 includes buffet served from 8-9 p.m.), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Kirkland Teeple, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 ($7); Judy Tenuta, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20 ($17.50); Claudia Sherman, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27 ($12); Jackie Flynn, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 ($22.50), and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 ($27.50 includes party favors and a split of champagne), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Tom McTigue with Bob Phillips, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 ($6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20 ($12), and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 ($6); Ken Brown of WJR's "Albom in the Afternoon," with Derrick Richards, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 ($6), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY
"Generation X-Files" through January at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. $14 Thursdays, $17.50 Fridays, $19.50 Saturdays, and $12 Sundays and Wednesdays. New Year's Eve performances: 5:15 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. show ($70 includes dinner at Risata and a complimentary glass of champagne, $25 show only), or 8:15 p.m. dinner and 10:15 p.m. show ($90 includes dinner, complimentary champagne, dessert buffet and afterglow party, $40 show, dessert afterglow and champagne) The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
After an August fire, the New Glancy Trains exhibit is open in the museum's Wrigley Hall Gallery with a 25 percent larger layout and additional interactive elements for visitors, upcoming events include the Glancy Trains Show with toy train appraisal for nominal fee 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Special Effects," on IMAX film about special effects and how movies like "Star Wars" and "Independence Day" were done, hourly 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, hourly 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and 5 p.m. Saturdays, 1 p.m. 2, p.m. 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays; "Titanica," an IMAX film about the Canadian-American-Russian expedition team set out to explore the Titanic, 4 p.m. Saturdays; "Destiny in Space," another IMAX film, 10 a.m. Saturdays, and 4 p.m. Sundays. Detroit Science Center in the University Cultural Center, 5020 John R St., Detroit. Museum admission $6.75 adults; $4.75 for students and senior citizens. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD ESTATE
Featuring rooms decorated for the holidays by area florists, open for public tours, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays in December, hourly from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays in December, and every half hour from 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays. $7, $5 for groups of 20 or more by reservation; "Santa's Workshop," 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. $5. Reservations required for groups of 10 or more; Candlelight tours, 6 -8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27. $7; all at the estate, 4901 Evergreen Road, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE
"1850s Holiday Evenings at Eagle Tavern," featuring a holiday dinner with a 19th Century twist, through Tuesday, Dec. 23, Friday, Dec. 26-Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Saturday, Jan. 3-Sunday, Jan. 4; "Traditions of the Season," featuring holiday trees and decorations from various eras, through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the museum and village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. $12.50 adults, $11.50 seniors ages 62 and older, $6.25 for children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Group rates available. (313) 271-1620

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY
"Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," the first comprehensive exhibition to explore the arts produced within this religion, runs from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays through Sunday, Dec. 28, at The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.), Detroit. "Sacred Arts" features a wide spectrum of art objects including sequined flags, sacred bottles, pots, painted calabashes, beaded rattles, bound medicine packets, dolls, cosmographs, musical instruments, multi-media assemblages and contemporary paintings. The exhibit is rated PG-13 as some of the images in Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou may not be suitable for children ages 13 and under, or individuals sensitive to graphic images. Adult supervision is suggested. $3 for adults and $2 for children 12 and under. (313) 494-5800.

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 731-1750/(313) 581-3650

AMERICAN MARS
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 546-3696

JOHNNY BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS
9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road (between Woodward Avenue and Southfield Road), Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 642-1135

BENNY AND THE JETS
With Dead Professor, Cary Coogian Band, and the Sane Alendorff Band, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, as part of the Christmas party at Wine Cask Inn, 22100 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 730-1627

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (jump blues) (734) 996-8555

BIG JACK JOHNSON AND THE OILERS
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 542-9922

BLESSID UNION OF SOULS
With InDrama, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, The Palladium, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. $15 in advance, $17 at the door. 18 and older. (pop) (810) 778-6404

BLUE CAT
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE EYED SOUL
7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Yellow Durbon, 33317 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (rock) (248) 442-8828

BLUE MOON BOYS
8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. $5. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 333-2362

BLUE SUIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18-Friday, Dec. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Bachelor's One, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-2295/(248) 644-1400

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 549-2929

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP
With Gut and Irreverent Smile, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Wired Frog Coffeehouse (Eastwood Theater), 21145 Gratiot Ave., (three blocks north of Eight Mile Road), Eastpointe. $3, benefits Harbor Light Mission, a shelter for the homeless and for substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation. All ages. (rock) (810) 498-9500

CIRCUS MCGIRKIS
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND
With Barbara Scott, Paul "Big Rufus" Clayton, and comedian Tim Costello, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Knights of Columbus hall, 2430 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 284-2709

THE CIVILIANS
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

C.M.F.
With Circle of Konfusion, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, Palladium, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. $5. 18 and older. (hard rock) (810) 778-6404

THE CONTOURS
2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Lord and Taylor court, Fairlane Town Center, 18900 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (Motown) (313) 593-1370

ALICE COOPER
9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $45. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-5451

DANNY COX
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

TOMMY D BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, Hennessey's, 49110 Grand River, Wixom. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 344-4404

DAVE DALE AND THE BLUES CONTROL
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (blues) (734) 485-5050

DEMOLITION DOLLRODS
With Detroit Cobras and Two Star Tabernacle, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10. 18 and older. (punk) (313) 833-POOL

DOKKEN
With Devil's Night and Illegal, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, The Palladium, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. $20 in advance, $25 at the door. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

DRIVIN' SIDEWAYS
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, as part of the Blind Pig's Christmas party at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (roots rock) (734) 996-8555

ENEMY SQUAD
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. $5. 18 and older. (funk) (313) 369-0090 or motor3515@aol.com

FATHERS OF THE ID
10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 567-6020

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(248) 360-7450

STEWART FRANCKE
With Jill Jack and Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, moved from 7th House to Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 18 and older; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 333-2362/(248) 652-0558

FRANKLIN STREET WITH TOM GONZALEZ
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

"FULL BLAST" SOUNDTRACK SHOWCASE
With Speedball, Five Horse Johnson, Morsel, Perplexx, Walk on Water, Wiggles and Ebeling Hughes, Big Black Bug Engine Death Squad, Kob and Rocket 455, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $6. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

ROBBIE FULKS
With Gravel Train, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $8 in advance. All ages. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100

JERRY GARCIA BAND
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $16 in advance. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (313) 833-9700

GARFIELD BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

AMY GRANT CHRISTMAS SHOW
With Michael W. Smith and CeCe Winans featuring the Nashville Symphony, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. $24.50-$34.50 with Superfan seating available. Groups of 10 or more receive $3 off regular ticket price. (pop) (248) 377-0100

HOWLING DIABLOS
With Parke Kings, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $20 in advance. 18 and older. (funk rock/ska) (248) 544-3030

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450/(810) 731-1750

KEOKI
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, as part of "Maximum Overload" at the Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. $12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (techno) (313) 369-0090 or Motor3515@aol.com

KING SWEAT
10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Jazodity, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 996-8555

JOHN D. LAMB BAND
9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (248) 349-7038/(248) 349-9110

THE LOOK
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Mr. Sport's, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford Township. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 534-7420

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

MERGE
With Daddy Longlegs and Very Peel, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $6 in advance. All ages. (rock/reggae) (248) 335-8100

MR. FREEDOM X
9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200

MONKEYCHUCK
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (pop) (734) 485-5050

MOTOR CITY JOSH AND THE BIG 3
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643/(248) 543-4300

"MOTOR CITY SANTA JAM"
With Domestic Problems, Purple Fly, Immortal Wines of Soul, and Park, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $6, $5 with canned food donation. 18 and older. (rock/funk) (248) 544-3030

MOTOR JAM
With Jody Raffoul, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Karl's Country Cabin, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 360-7450/(734) 455-8450

MUDPUPPY
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Wednesday, Dec. 31, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; With Twistin' Tarantulas and Nobody's Business, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, upstairs at Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. $35 includes complimentary glass of champagne, $60 per couple includes complimentary bottle of champagne, and light buffet and party favors for both. 21 and older. (blues/rockabilly) (248) 543-4300/(248) 542-9922

MUSTARD PLUG
With Big Rude Jake and Aks Momma, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8 in advance. 18 and older. (ska/swing) (313) 961-MELT

ROBERT NOLL
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Goose Island Brewery, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe (at Van Buren), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-4566/(313) 278-5340

PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE
With Medicine Hat and Government Honey, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

"PLANET E NEW YEAR'S PARTY"
With Kevin Saunderson, Carl Craig, Monk, Jazzhead, Java Jacket and DJ Hannah from London, England, 9 p.m.-4 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. $15 in advance, $20 at the door. (313) 369-0090 or motor3515@aol.com

GARY RASMUSSEN AND JODY RAFFOUL
8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 544-1141/(313) 861-8101

SQT. ROCK
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Woodbridge Tavern, 289 St. Aubin, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; Wednesday, Dec. 31, Holiday Inn North Campus Ann Arbor, 3600 Plymouth Road (at U.S. 23), Ann Arbor. $140 per couple includes music, dinner, munchies, dessert, six cocktails, champagne toast; $215 per couple includes the above plus a room and breakfast. (classic rock covers) (313) 259-0578/(734) 769-9800

ROCKET 455
With Murder City Wrecks and Easy Action, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (garage/punk rock) (313) 833-POOL

THE SCHUGARS
With Church of the Open Bottle and Sector 7 G, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $7 or $5 with an unwrapped toy. All ages; With Eddy, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, and with Bitter Delores, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 533-4477

SHE'S SO HUGE
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $5 in advance. All ages. (rock) (248) 335-8100

SOLID FROG
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Viper Room, 17320 Harper Road (between Moross and Cadieux roads), Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 E. Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 881-3611/(313) 567-6020

SOLEDAD BROTHERS
9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, Garden Bowl Inside the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. ("trashy twisted blues two-piece") (313) 833-9851

SPEEDBALL
With Hoarse, Big Block, Full on the Mouth, The Deans and Fletcher Pratt, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $10 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

"STATIC CHRISTMAS PARTY"
With Joe Brown, The Lowell Street Saxophone Quartet, and Velvis, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (variety) (313) 833-6873

CAROLYN STRIHO
With Luis Resto, Joe Hayden, Ken Scott and Kevin Hagen, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 875-6555

TELEGRAPH
With Old Spice and The Exceptions as part of Telegraph's annual Christmas show, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $4 in advance. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT

MARY THOMPSON AND THE DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 20, Lonestar Coffee House, 207 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 642-2233

3 SPEED
With Kung Fu Diesel, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (pop/rock) (734) 485-5050

UNITY
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 852-0550

UNIVERSAL STOMP
With Circle of Konfusion and Perpetual Hype Engine, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Palladium, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. $5. 18 and older. (hard rock) (810) 778-6404

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 27, Bogey's, 742 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433/(248) 349-9110/(248) 644-4880/(248) 669-1441

WAILIN' INC.
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

WILDBUNCH
With Bantam Rooster, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 996-8555

JASON D. WILLIAMS
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $22 in advance. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030

"WRIF'S TOYS FOR TOTS BENEFIT"
With The Mutants, Junk Monkeys, Elvis Hitler, Vinnie Dombroski (lead singer of Sponge), Stewart Francke, and Bootsy X and the Lovemasters, 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $10 or a toy worth $10 or more. (rock/pop) (313) 875-6555

NEW YEAR'S PARTIES

CLUTCH CARGO'S
Four-level dance party – Mill Street Lounge (level one): lounge tunes with DJ Jay Miller performances by Jamaican jazz band The Articles, and the percussion-fueled Mew; Level two: flashback '80s dance music party with WPLT DJ Darren Revell; level three: old school funk with DJ Tony Tone; and level four: techno and house with DJ Will Web, 8 p.m.-4 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the club, 65 E. Huron St. (at Mill), Pontiac. $12 until Dec. 25. (248) 645-6666/(248) 333-2362

THE GROOVE ROOM
9 p.m.-4 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the bar, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free from 9-10 p.m., cover charge afterward. Free champagne and party favors. (248) 589-3344.

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE
"Fourth Street" dance party hosted by radio station WQKI, 9 p.m.-4 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the theater, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. $45 includes dinner, champagne, party favors, and breakfast. $15 from midnight to 4 a.m. and includes breakfast. (248) 546-7610

"TIMES SQUARE II"
Free, non-alcoholic outdoor celebration features music and dancing in Saginaw Street, food and beverage vendors and party favors, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31. At midnight, an illuminated ball will hit the top of a 100-foot pole at the front of the Phoenix Center. A fireworks display follows. (248) 857-5603.

TREMORS!
"A Starry Stoli Night," featuring eight Stoli flavored vodkas, and includes prime rib buffet 6-9 p.m., champagne toast and prize balloon drop at midnight, free continental breakfast 1 a.m., doors open 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the nightclub in Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. $30, $40 after Dec. 28. (734) 462-2196

YPSILANTI'S NEW YEAR JUBILEE
Featuring 40 performances by a variety of artists including Sheila Landis and Rick Matle, Paul VornHagen, Joel Mabus, Wild Swan Theatre, LaRon Williams, Cranberry Creek, O.J. Anderson, George Bedard and the Kingpins, Al Hill and the Love Butlers, Lonestar Dance Company, Nite Flight, and Charlene Berry, Wednesday, Dec. 31, in a variety of locations throughout Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town. $10 in advance, $15 at the door for adults, $5 for children ages 6-12, and free for children ages 5 and younger. Tickets available at Busch's Valu-Land Stores in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area, and at the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Area Visitors and Convention Bureau. Free badges available for families who cannot afford it. (734) 484-6820/(734) 483-4444/(734) 995-7281