

With a click of a mouse you can send greetings

"With one click of the mouse, relatives and friends around the world can now hear Junior's first words, the latest family news from mom or sing faraway loved ones Happy Birthday. A new service and Web site, www.BigGreetings.net, now delivers multimedia holiday greetings—audio, graphics/photos and text—via the Internet.

"Big Greetings, a unique service developed by Big Net Inc., the Midwest's premier networking and Internet services provider (ISP), offers an easy-to-use, updateable Web page, including audio, for families and individuals to communicate their holiday messages worldwide.

"People can now see and hear greetings anywhere they can

access the Internet," said Duane Rao, CEO of Big Net Inc. "Whether their family member is away at college or serving overseas in the military, now loved ones can be sent personal holiday messages with both audio and graphical messages."

Examples of Big Greetings holiday cards can be viewed at www.big greetings.net/samples.htm. The pricing for Big Greetings' holiday package is \$69.95 each and greetings are accessible until January 8, 1999.

"Multimedia web pages and Internet business applications are two of the hottest Internet trends," said Mike Wendland, a nationally syndicated high-tech reporter whose weekly television report airs on NBC stations

coast-to-coast. "The ease of updating the audio messages by telephone is remarkable and the idea of the Big Greetings holiday web pages is fabulous. I see this type of thing replacing 'brag letters' people send out with their Christmas cards."

Big Greetings holiday web pages use an AltMedia Internet audio application that is both customizable and updateable. Audio updates can be called in by telephone. Other Big Greetings consumer and business applications are being developed for release early next year.

Big Greetings holiday web pages can be set up in minutes right over the telephone with a single toll free call to Big Greetings at 1-888-BigNet-1. Holiday

web pages can even be created without access to the Internet. The text can be provided over the telephone, by e-mail or FAX, and photos can be sent to Big Greetings by e-mail or through regular postal mail. After subscribing, customers are provided a password and user ID to call the special Big Greetings message line to record their web page message.

"Big Greetings is a service that can be used year round," said Rao. "We are already enhancing the site to include Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and other holiday options."

"The various technologies were already available," said Rao. "We just put it all together and made it simple-to-use, update-

able and affordable. Now we are going to aggressively go after businesses that would like to add audio to their Internet and intranet sites. Our video application, Big Show, is also set for release."

Big Net Inc., the Midwest's premier networking and Internet services provider, provides high-speed, redundant connectivity for businesses on the most technologically advanced Internet network in Michigan. Big Net provides Internet and intranet development, LAN/WAN connectivity, Web hosting, E-commerce and security applications. Big Net may be visited on the Internet at www.bignet.net.

Additional Big Greetings General and Technical Information

■ All holiday messages are located and easily accessible through the Big Greetings Web site (www.BigGreetings.net). To hear the audio messages, users must have a RealPlayer plug-in for their Internet browser. The free plug-in is available via the Big Greetings site or at www.real.com/products

■ Audio message is limited to one minute

■ Text message is limited to 200 words

■ Photographic file size is limited to 100KB. Photos and/or graphics can be submitted via the Internet, or hardcopies can be submitted to Big Greetings for scanning and placement at no additional charge.

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Breastfeeding

La Leche League of Livonia meets monthly for breastfeeding support and information. Babies and children are always welcome. Please call for location and/or additional information.

Theresa (734) 261-6814, Vicki (813) 937-3011, or Michello (734) 691-7071.

Narcotics Anon

Narcotics Anonymous meets

every Monday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Botsford General Hospital's Zieger Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 442-7988 for information.

Top fundraiser

Sharon Hedgcock of Westland, an Absopure employee, was one of the top ten fundraisers at the Metro Detroit American Heart Walk in Detroit. Hedgcock raised \$1,100 — Donna Aho, team leader for Absopure, raised a group total of \$2,050.

Have your hearing tested Jan. 6 in the lobby of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road (between Ford and Warren Roads) between noon and 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

at 7 p.m. Botsford Continuing Care Center, 21450 Archwood Circle (off of Folsom Road, between Grand River and Eight Mile Road) Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-7400.

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Retaining memory

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring a free seminar Wednesday, Jan. 20 on the causes of memory loss and ways to regain and retain the ability to remember. The presentation will be held from 1-2 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. To reserve your free spot call (734) 397-5444.

Begin to exercise

Exercise: Where to Begin? This program is offered to cardiac patients, those with risk factors, such as high blood pressure, cholesterol and their families. The cost is free. Participants should register by Jan. 11 for the Wednesday, Jan. 13 program form 6-7:30 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, 33155 Annapolis in Wayne.

Fit In 1999

Get a head start on the new year with a resolution for getting fit by logging onto the Internet at www.gogetfit.com. Created by Coors Brewing Company's Women's Program and the Women's Sports Foundation, gogetfit.com features an interactive sports quiz that provides a personalized sports and fitness profile and a comprehensive database of more than 50 sports and fitness activities. Gogetfit.com also includes information on the benefits of physical fitness and boosting self-confidence, and tips for developing a strategic plan for getting started and staying motivated.

Alzheimer's support

Informative as well as supportive, this group meets the first Tuesday of every month (Jan. 6)

Hearing screening

Free hearing screening is available at the following locations:

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SOUTHFIELD Wednesday, January 13 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Southfield Civic Center 26000 Evergreen Rd. (10 1/4 and Evergreen, on east side of Evergreen) (Reservations will be served)	FARMINGTON HILLS Tuesday, January 12 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Lansing House 24705 Farmington Rd. (Between 10 Mile Rd. & 11 Mile Rd. on west side) (Reservations will be served)	WESTLAND Wednesday, January 13 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Melvin Baker Recreation Center 36651 Ford Rd. (Between Heidelberg and Wyandale on south side) (Reservations will be served)
DEARBORN Wednesday, January 13 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Dearborn Holiday Inn - Fairlane 6201 Southfield Service Dr. (On corner of Southfield and Ford Rd.) (Reservations will be served)	DEARBORN HEIGHTS Thursday, January 14 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Canfield Community Center 1801 N. Beach Blvd. (Between Cherry Hill and Ford Rd.) (Reservations will be served)	LIVONIA Thursday, January 14 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile Rd. (South side of 8 Mile Rd. a east of Farmington Rd.) (Reservations will be served)

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