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Big story of '98: Ricky Bryant leaps into the arms of Zach Burton after scoring a Harrison touchdown.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 3450 New Mile Road, Farmington, MI 48335, (248) 473-4020, on January 25, 1999 at 12:15 p.m. in the matter of:

- Cheryl Holland, Spouse 10213 heater, TV.
- Chris Grawlin, Spouse 2081 blue, tie, shoes.
- Michael Fells, Spouse 1053 wall unit, microwave.
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- Ed Miller, Spouse 1022 TV, sofa, home and stage refrigerator, lamp.
- Gloria Kim, Spouse 1022 sofa, chair, dresser, vacuum, lamp, bed stand.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 1998**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vagnozzi at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Bates, Ellis, Grant, Oliverio, Sorrensen and Vagnozzi.

Council Absent: Barnett.

Others Present: City Manager Drack, City Clerk Dorman, Assistant City Manager Whinnery, Directors, Binello, Boyer, Counsellman, Lasey, Rosch and Attorney Donohue.

Newly appointed Councilmember, Jo Ann Sorrensen, received the oath of office from City Clerk Dorman.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Approved a city employee casual pay donation to Hospice of Southeast Michigan.
- Acknowledged the passing of Oakland County Sheriff and former City Police Chief, John Nichols.
- Made comments on recent attendance at National League of Cities Conference.
- Received the City's Fiscal Year Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- Denied rezoning request R-9-98 from Single Family Residential to Special.
- Purpose District for property on the east side of Middlebelt north of 12 Mile.
- **APPROVED:**
- Cluster site plan for 13 single family residential homes on west side of Middlebelt, between 12 and 13 Mile Road.
- Planned Unit Development for assisted living facility and community center on north side of 12 Mile, east of Kendallwood Drive.
- Storm sewer easement vacation for Dana Commercial Credit Corporation.
- Telecommunications Permit Agreement with phone Michigan.
- Renewal of contract with SMART for the Municipals/Community Credit Programs.
- Agreement with Held Richards for the preparation of an Economic Development Plan.
- Special Event Permit for annual march of Dimes Walk America on Sunday, April 26, 1999.
- Council meeting minutes of November 9th, 16th, 23rd, and December 7th.
- Entering into executive session immediately following the regular meeting to discuss communication from city attorney on a matter exempt from FOIA.
- **AWARDED BIDS/CONTRACTS FOR:**
- Personal body armor for Police Department to Michigan Quality Second Chance in the amount of \$4,240.
- DPW Road Grader to AIS in the amount of \$87,900.
- DPW Street Sweeper to Bell Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$148,315.
- Dirt and Debris hauling for the DPW to Metro Transport in the amount of \$123,850.
- Excavating and soil spreading for the Special Services Dept. to P.J. LaTourette & Sons for an estimated amount of \$20,000 per year; and to secondary contractor D.J. Lawn & Snow for an estimated amount of \$8,000 per year.

ALDO VAGNOZZI, Mayor
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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scoring team in the state this year with 530 points.

Under veteran coach John Harrington (201-54-1 in 29 years), Harrison has played in more state finals (12) than any other school, and only Detroit DeWitt has won more titles with 10.

The Hawks were led by allstate wide receiver Ricky Bryant, three-year starter Mike Hood, Brett Foster, Ryan McGhee and Joe Ghanman and quarterback Dave Persel.

Detroit Cass Tech beats CC 110-115 in double-overtime in boys basketball regional final: The lead on this story read "Can anybody top this one?" which said it all.

This game was one of the most memorable in Observant history.

Five Shamrocks scored in double figures, led by all-state center Chris Young with 39 points, 20 rebounds and 12 blocks.

A questionable goaltending call against Young near the end of regulation helped the Techs' clutch back from a five-point deficit to tie it at 94-94 and force the first overtime.

CC senior guard Joe Janna had six three-point baskets, including one with .01 left in the OT that tied the score at 105. He and teammate Rob Sparks, who made four three-point baskets, finished with 24 points each.

Marion Williams' free throw with 32 seconds left in the second OT provided the final margin for Cass Tech. A last second put-back attempt that would have won the game for CC was blocked by Cass' Milton Napoleon.

Schoolcraft College men's basketball program does good deed: It was a happy homecoming for Carlos Briggs, one of Schoolcraft's all-time best players who came back as a coach and guided the Ocelots to an amazing turnaround.

SG enjoyed its first winning season since 1984, finishing 24-7 overall, and in second place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. For the first time over, the Ocelots received votes in the National Junior College Athletic Association national poll.

Briggs started as a guard at Schoolcraft in 1982 and '83 before playing at Baylor University and in various professional leagues. His best player on last year's team, forward Kevin Melson, was voted MCCAAP Player of the Year and signed with Wright State.

CC three-sport athlete Casey Rogowski returns from broken leg: He was Mighty Casey at the bat and on the mat as a junior, but arguably his finest hour came last fall when he recovered from a season broken leg to help the Shamrocks win their second-straight Class AA football title.

Rogowski missed the first four games of the 1998 season as he battled on and off the field, but he returned to his inside linebacker and fullback.

It was quite an encore for what he accomplished as a junior, going undefeated in winning the Division I heavyweight championship in wrestling, beating Plymouth Salem's Charlie Hamilton in the final, and earning All-Observant first team honors in baseball. A first baseman and outfielder, he hit a two-run home run into the upper deck in Tiger Stadium, leading the Shamrocks to a Catholic League championship.

Plymouth Whalers' center David Legwand drafted in the first round, second overall, in June's NHL entry draft: Legwand, who collected 54 goals and 51 assists in his first year with the Ontario Hockey League's Whalers, became the first pick in the history of the Nashville Predators.

After an extended stint in the Predators' preseason training camp, Legwand, 19, returned for a second year with the Whalers, who won 15 of their first 17 games this season. The Grosse Pointe native is currently playing for the U.S. team at the World Junior Ice Hockey Championships in Manitoba, Winnipeg, his second-straight year on the team.

Tom Teeters fired as Livonia Ladywood volleyball coach: Teeters received his pink slip in July after 12 highly successful seasons as Ladywood's volleyball coach due to "irreconcilable differences" with the administration. Teeters had a remarkable 529-237-14 record at Ladywood, leading the Blazers to two Class A state championships, one runner-up finish and 10 Catholic League titles.

His teams won eight regional and eight district championships.

Ironically, he resurfaced in the fall as the Blazers coach at Plymouth Salem, the town's biggest rival in Observant in recent years. The two schools have had several memorable regional matches of late, all won by Ladywood.

In the first head-to-head meetings this year, the Teeters-coached Salem won twice over Ladywood at the Midland Tournament, including in the title match — the first time Salem had beaten the Blazers in a match with championship consequences.

Livonia Stevenson girls soccer team repeats as Class A champion: The Spartans were 41-0-2 under coach Jim Kimlicki the last two years, each season finishing with a Class A state championship trophy in their possession.

Stevenson, ranked eighth in the final national poll, beat Rochester Adams 3-0 in the state championship game to finish unbeaten and untied in 20 games played last spring. Senior Allison Campbell earned the state's highest individual honor, receiving the Miss Soccer award.

Plymouth Salem graduate Jeff Roth joins elite group in Michigan pro golf ranks: The current club pro at the Flint Golf Club, Roth had a year state pros can relate to.

The 40-year-old won both the Michigan Open and PGA Section championship, joining eight others who managed to win both in the same year, the last being Buddy Whitten in 1983. He also came within two strokes of winning the Tournament of Champions, which would have made him the state's first-ever Grand Slam winner.

Roth's fabulous season earned him his third Michigan Player of the Year title.

Stevenson senior golfer Steve Polanski finishes runner-up in Michigan Amateur: Polanski won the title everyone expected in the fall, taking first place at the Class A state meet with a two-day total of 145 in the Mackinac Island Creek Course (The Emerald) in St. John's.

But what he accomplished in the summer came totally unexpected.

Playing against men several years older in most cases, the 17-year-old Polanski became the second youngest to reach match play at the Michigan Amateur, where he lost in the final to Shawn Koch, 2-and-3.

He signed with Texas Christian after the high school season in November.

North Farmington sophomore Samantha McComb returns from freakish accident to have banner basketball season: McComb had her hand accidentally slammed in a door and lost the tip of her ring finger on her shooting (right) hand at a summer basketball camp. Not deterred, she recovered by the present game practice and averaged 21 points, four assists, eight rebounds and four steals per game in earning first-team All-Observant honors.

Cantata's Charlie Craven untouchable on in-line skates: The top junior male in-line skater in the world can be found walking the halls of Plymouth Canton High School.

The 17-year-old won five gold medals and two silvers as the top male speed skater among juniors in the World In-Line Roller Speed Skating Outdoor Junior Championships in Plombino, Italy last September.

Only the elements could slow Craven.

"There was just one day I didn't race the way I wanted to," Craven said. "I think it was out in the sun too long."

Redford Union, Livonia Clarenceville reach state football playoffs for first time: Redford Union put the memory of several losing seasons behind it with a 9-0 regular-season record under coach Glenn Scala to qualify for the Class A playoffs. Dearborn ended the Panthers' dream ride, 34-27, in the regional semifinal.

Clarenceville, under coach Chuck Donaldson, used some help from other

teams in the last week of the season to qualify for the Class CC state playoffs with a 7-2 record. The Trojans lost to Capoc in the regional semifinal, 48-28.

The Trojans entered the last week of the regular season thinking they weren't going to qualify for the playoffs but several teams ranked ahead of them lost, and that opened the door.

Farmington Hills Mercy wins Class A swimming title: The Marlins ended a drought of a handful of contenders at the girls state championships in November to capture their second Class A title.

Mercy also was the 1972 state champion in the first year the Michigan High School Athletic Association conducted a girls state meet.

The Marlins overcame a one-point Zeeland lead in a double-overtime, winning the 400-yard freestyle relay with a record time of 3:31.25.

Mercy broke seven varsity records in the meet, including two each by Amy McCullough, who won the team's lone individual-event victory in the 500-yard freestyle, and Elizabeth Posner. They also were on the winning relay team with Kelly Carlin and Kristin Linder.

Don Holland retires as Farmington Schools athletic director: Holland wrapped up a 37-year career with Farmington Public Schools when he retired in June.

Holland, 62, began teaching physical education at North Farmington when the school opened in 1961. He became the varsity head football coach the following year and also coached boys track until 1983.

The Raiders compiled a 136-52-3 football record under Holland, who had undefeated teams in 1995 and 1970. North was Class A state champion in 1970 and the tournament runner-up in 1978 with an 11-1 record.

Holland served 15 years as the district athletic director (1983-98).

In October, 150 of Holland's former players returned for a special tribute to him at which time the school's football field was named in his honor and a brick entranceway erected at the gate.

Westland skating pair Danielle and Steve Hartsell: The siblings won bronze medals at the Senior Pairs competition in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Philadelphia.

They got marks ranging from 5.2 to 5.5 on the technical merit side of their program and 5.1 to 5.5 for presentation in their long program.

They thrilled their hometown friends and fans with a fourth-place finish in the Thrifty Car Rental State America International at Joe Louis Arena in November.

Livonia Franklin girls swim team controversy: Head coach Jean Pritchard resigned after three of her swimmers skipped a meet against Northville to participate in homecoming decorations.

Franklin administrators supported the removal of the three, but the Livonia Public Schools overturned the decision, reinstating the trio. John Kuenkel, assistant superintendent of secondary instruction in the district, said provisions in the student-athlete handbook in overturning the decision.

Garden City graduate Tina Atwood gains national prominence in college soccer: Atwood, a sophomore at Rockford College, led the nation in scoring for women's soccer in NCAA Division III, averaging 4.21 points per game with 37 goals in 19 games.

She broke several school records, including most goals in a game (five), most goals in a season (37), most points in a season (160) and most consecutive games with a goal (eight). She already holds the Rockford career record for goals (55) and points (125).

Her accomplishments were chronicled in the book "The Girl in the Crowd" section of the Nov. 2 edition of Sports Illustrated.

She helped Rockford win 12 games last fall, the most in school history.

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which good goaltending will do when your boys are not playing well.

"For whatever reason we didn't play well the whole game. They have to be convinced that until they get to that point, we're going to struggle."

"We've had our ups and downs," the Chargers' Hatley said. "We want to get to a higher level, of consistent good performance. We're not there yet."

The Warriors' crisper play over the final few minutes paid off immediately following a faceoff to the left of Chargers' goalie Ryan McBroome.

Andrew Mechighian won the faceoff and got the puck over to Justin Kozik, whose initial shot was denied by McBroome. However, there was a rebound, and Robert Oldham was right there to snare it by the short side at 13:54.

It was the only goal of the evenly-played third period. Both sides had seven shots in the final period but Churchill had a 29-17 edge overall.

"I like the way our boys didn't give up," Mills said. "They worked hard right to the end. That can only help us come March if we keep doing that."

Churchill scored the lone goal of the middle period in similar fashion to the way the Chargers scored 1:45 into the game.

In the opening period, freshman Aaron Jakubowski rifled home a shot after Dan Cook had

OTHER STORIES OF NOTE

- "Cape" native Jeff Angilli won the gold medal in the Senior Figures at the U.S. Roller Skating National Championships last August in Fresno, Calif. His victory earned him a trip to the World Championships in Bogota, Colombia. Livonia Franklin graduate Matt Bauman left the University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball team after his freshman year and transferred to Schreiner College, where he's been instrumental in the Ocelots' 8-0 start, best in school history.
- Longtime Livonia resident Don Richi retired after a glorious coaching career, winning more than 400 games as a coach for five decades mostly in the South Redford Schools.
- The Michigan High School Athletic Association approved a proposal in December to double the number of playoff teams in football starting next year. In essence, any team that wins six games will qualify.
- The three Farmington schools, North Farmington, Farmington Hills and Farmington, combined to form a unified hockey program. Redford Union started its third year in prep hockey by combining its program with Redford Thorton.
- Livonia Decision Consultants Inc., champion of the Collegiate Division of the ACRY Metro Baseball Association, won its first three games at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association National Tournament in Johnstown, Pa. DCI, coached by Mike George, fell one game shy of the championship round, losing to Washington 11-1 on the final day of play.
- Plymouth Canton wrestling coach John Demick collected the gold medal in the 150-pound division at the AAU Folkstyle Wrestling National Championships in April. He also finished second in the 200-pound division in the same weight class. He has won three gold medals in the last three years.
- Concealed Security's 11-year-old travel baseball team, coached by Livonia/Livon Pironetti, finished fourth at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series in Missouri.
- Plymouth Canton's softball team made it to the Class A Final Four last June before losing in a storm delayed semifinal to eventual state champ Waterford Kettering by a 4-2 margin, despite an out-of-the-park home run by Liz Eisner.
- Junior Karyn Zuk, a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill, became Xavier University's first Smallbore Individual National Champion at the NCAA Rifle Championships. She shot a score of 1,169 out of a possible 1,200 points to beat out her cousin, Livonia Clarenceville graduate Lucinda Rudy of Jacksonville (Ala.) State.
- Westland John Glenn product Bobby Hayes played on his second University of Michigan NCAA hockey champions in his four seasons with the Wolverines.
- Catholic Central's baseball team advanced to the Class A Final Four, losing to Saline in a semifinal game that ended close to midnight on a storm-fried Friday in Battle Creek.
- Redford Union graduate Brian Berryman, who pitched last spring at University of Michigan, was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the seventh round last June and is currently pitching in the Padres minor league system.
- Westland John Glenn product Derek Besco, a right-fielder from Michigan, signed with the Detroit Tigers after going in the 25th round.
- Walt Barnett resigned as boys soccer coach at Livonia Stevenson to take an assistant's job at Eastern Michigan University. The Spartans' assistant coach, one of the school's all-time great players, to replace him. Richters spent the previous seven seasons playing pro indoor soccer with the Detroit Rockets.
- Ed Krost forced Livonia Bentley alumna Alafaire to quit hockey in September, but by late December he was mulling a return to the NHL.
- Redford resident and longtime University of Detroit baseball coach Bob Miller was included in the latest class to be inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

gotten the puck to him from behind the net. Jakubowski originally had shot from his knees in front of the goal but the puck wound up with Tom Sherman and then behind the net.

Freshman Rob McIntosh popped home a puck that Derek Martin had banged off the boards behind the net at the 2:32 mark of the second period to break a 1-1 tie.

Brother Rice tied it at 14:42 of the first period on a goaltender's nightmare — the opponent clears the puck fighting off a power play and it trickles through the netminder's stick. It's nothing that didn't happen to Chris Osgood of the Detroit Red Wings during last year's Stanley Cup playoffs.

"It's happened to me," Hatley said. "It's happened to a lot of goalies. What can you do?"

Chris Eppert played the first half in goal for Brother Rice and Aaron Jones played the final 6:42 of the second period plus all of the third. Eppert had quite a night. He was credited with an assist on Aaron Clark's short-handed goal and his mother won the 50-50 raffle.

"We've been working on our penalty killing lately in practice," Hatley said. "We'll start on our special teams right after the New Year."

"You know, it's not how you are at the start of the season. It's not how you are in the middle. It's how you are at the end."