Attention Kids: It's Santa Call time

Whether you've been naught or nice, it's time to grab a phone and get ready to dial. Santa returns to SWOCC Studies for his annual Senta Call In Program on Monday, Dec. 17.

The show gives kids a chance to personally talk to Santa and tell him what you want for Christmas. Bif Michelle joins him during this two-hour live breadcast on Farmington's Channel 18 from 4:30 p.m. Entries must be in by two-hour live breadcast on Farmington's Channel 18 from 6:30 p.m. The show will be tast year Santa talked to ever 160 kids, so call early. Action of the state of the st

expected to increase 3.6 percent Inn. 1; and 3 percent in both Jan. 1, 2003 and Jan. 1, 2004. The contract is effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004

These wage rates are equal to the current fiscal year for general employees and are at an amount estimating inflation for the future, said Farmington City Monage Frank Lauhoff. Rising health care costs, especially in the area of prescription co-payments, were addressed, said Bill Richards, assistant Farmington City Manager. Employees who participate in three plans — Blue Cross PPO, Blue Care Network and Health Alliance Plan — will have increased co-payment costs.

Minor changes were made in the way vacation, overtime and

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sick loave are computed. The contract creates a "catastrophic sick leave" category for banked time, to help employees who suffer from scrious illnesses.

The dispatcher contract is expected to become effective Jan. 1, 2002 and through Dec. 31, 2004. Economic changes include wage increases, pension benefit, optical reimbursement and longevity.

There's a 3.5 percent increases Jan. 1, 2002 and Jan. 1, 2003 and Jan. 1, 2004.

Under both contracts, the multiplier used to determine final pension benefits was increased.

Dispatchers expect to sign off on their contract this week, said John Foxton, who represents the dispatchers.

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who will rule on a range of cases.
"The basis of my campaign is I want to do things fast, efficiently and friendly. I don't want people to be afraid to come to court. People should not be afraid to come in to defend their rights," he said.

Born in Detroit, Brickner has lived in Farmington Hills 18 years. A telecommunications major at Michigan State University, his work studying regula-tions in that field drew him to law.

After graduating from Cooley

Law School in Lansing, "I never specialized. I like to do different

things," he said. "That's what makes me a good judicial candidate. I'm familiar with different areas of the law."

Brickner said he has practiced law pertaining to real estate, landlord-tenant issues, probate, personal injury, domestic relations, criminal, traffic tickets, and evid litigation.

"I found that the law is all-pervaive. There are a lot of things we do in our daily lives that have legal ramifications," he said. Law school teaches one to examine a problem, determine issues and de legal research, he said.

Brickner said he's focused on using computers for research; adding such background can help speed the court system. He has written several pieces for the American Bar Association publications on using the Internet and on running a solo practice. He's also lectured on land lord tenant law for new lawyers and done small claims mediation.

Asked what he's learned from judges, Brickner said, "You have to remember where you came from. You treat everyone the same, whether they're attorneys or citizens. You have to be

or citizens. You have to be

accommodating. You determine what the just punishment in a particular case is based on the circumstance.*

The married father of two said he plans to get the word out on his candidacy by going door to door, through mailings and advertising.

Brickner served four years on the planning commission before his election to city council in 1999. He is running for the seat being vacated next year by retiring Judge Fred Harris.

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