

LORRAINE

Screen 1: "Lord of the Rings" (PG-13)
Scope, 178 minutes, presented in SDDS/EX, HPS-4000
7:30 p.m. nightly, 3:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

Screen 2: "Oceans Eleven" (PG-13)
Scope, 116 minutes
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Hospital gets very small break on expected Medicaid cuts

What would you do with an unexpected \$161?
Take the family out for a nice dinner?
Pay a bill?
Save it for a rainy day?

That's the decision facing Frank Caruso,
Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital CEO.

Caruso was notified this week that the hospital
will receive a \$161 Critical Hospital Adjustment Pro-
gram payment, part of Gov. George Ryan's plan to
restore \$24 million of the \$114 million in Medicaid cuts
he announced late last year.

The additional funding is for some inner city
and critical rural hospitals in Illinois.

Caruso is less concerned with how to spend
the \$161 than he is the estimated \$100,000 loss in reve-
nue the Medicaid cuts will cost.

The Illinois Department of Public Aid esti-
mated the hospital's loss at \$41,600 but Caruso said that
figure is based on 150 days, not an entire year and that it
does not take into consideration the increased number

of outpatients using Medicaid which the hospital has
seen in the last six months to one year.

Emergency rules, including the cuts made by
Ryan, may be made for up to 150 days before action
must be taken to make them permanent or discontinue
them. "They have every intention of making these cuts
permanent," Caruso said.

There may be more bad news on the horizon.
Caruso said last year that a planned change in Illinois
Department of Public Health inspections, the nursing
home could lose as much as \$200,000. Now, the Nurs-
ing Home Association is advising that the state may cut
Medicaid payments to nursing homes, as well. "The
latest word is a flat five percent cut across the board,"
Caruso said. "That's an \$88,000 cut straight off the top,
cash out the door, that we don't get."

Whether that cut would be on top of the cut
expected from the change in payments resulting from
inspections is not known "The nursing home piece is
kind of tucked

Briefly

Free computer hardware

Hoopeston Area school district will hold a
computer hardware give-away from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Satur-
day, Jan. 12. It will be held in the bus garage behind the
Hoopeston Area High School.

Parts to be given away include outdated district
computer hardware and miscellaneous peripherals in-
cluding printers, monitors, keyboards, mice and other
add-ons.

No returns will be allowed, there will be no
warranties and technical support will not be provided.

For more information, call the superintendent's
office at (217) 283-6668 or network administrator James

Eyrich, 283-6661.

Tiny Tots

"Froggie" is the theme of this week's Tiny
Tots sponsored by the Hoopeston Public Library. Chil-
dren will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston
Multi Agency.

Tiny Tots is for children ages 1-4 who are
accompanied by an adult.

Yearbooks in

Hoopeston Area High School 2001 Picayune
yearbooks are in and may be picked up before or after
school in the art room. Additional books are available
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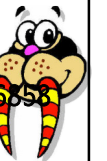
119 S. Chicago, Rossville (217) 748-6855

It's Prime Rib weekend!

Friday: Rib eyes, shrimp. 5-10 p.m.

Saturday: Prime rib, grilled scallops, deep fried
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 **Hoopeston Area grade schools**
MONDAY: Pepperoni pizza, fruit chews, carrot sticks, milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken patty/bun, fries, pears, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, breadstick, trail mix, milk.
THURSDAY: Chalupa, lettuce, tomato, cheese, salsa, applesauce, milk.
FRIDAY: Waffle sticks, syrup, sausage patty, fruit juice, peaches, milk.
Hoopeston Area Middle/High School
MONDAY: Pepperoni pizza or hamburger/bun, salad, trail mix, milk.

 **Police News** 

Elizabeth Rivera, 17, of 830 N. Market, was arrested at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday at East Maple and South Third.
Rivera, wanted on an Iroquois County traffic
See CUTS on other side

Cuts continued from other side
away in a corner of the legislature,” Caruso said.
Input from residents is the only way to help stave off the cuts, he said. Ryan, Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie and House Speaker Mike Madigan need to “get messages on a hand written note card that say ‘you are directly hurting my mother, my brother, my friends,’” Caruso said. “Those three are where we can get a bang for our buck.”
Ryan may be reached at: Gov. George Ryan, 207 Statehouse, Springfield, IL 62706 Currie and


Special of the Week

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Lunch Menus

TUESDAY: Biscuit/sausage gravy or rib/bun, tri-tator, scrambled eggs, orange, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce or chicken patty/bun, salad, peaches, milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken pot pie or fish/bun, peas, applesauce, milk.
FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, vegetable or loaded potato soup, crackers, oranges, milk.
Rossville-Alvin schools
MONDAY: Lasagna, salad, pears, chocolate pudding, pizza stick, milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken BBQ/bun, au gratin potatoes, apple slices, brownie, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog, potato wedges, baked

 beans, oranges, milk.
THURSDAY: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, apple crisp, bread, butter, milk.
FRIDAY: Chicken fajita, refried beans, cheese

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