

B'ham extends liquor service

The City Commission has extended the hours the Birmingham Bowling alley can serve beer and wine.

Commissioners Monday unanimously agreed that the bowling alley could serve drinks starting at 11 a.m., rather than 6 p.m. The bowling alley has a tavern license which allows the sale of beer and wine by the glass.

Commissioners took no action this week on a request from company president Graham Clements that the license be upgraded to a Class C license permitting the sale of liquor by the glass.

In seeking the Class C license, Clements said the bowling alley has lost five leagues because it can't serve liquor by the glass.

Birmingham Bowl is the only bowling alley in the state, other than those in dry counties, which does not have a Class C license, Clements said.

Commissioners did not discuss the request for the Class C license. Instead, they extended the hours of the tavern license so that drinks could be served in the bowling alley's restaurant during the lunch hour.

Bit of Paris opens cafe at the Pontch

It may not yet be summer, but don't tell restaurateur Chuck Muir. He just announced that his Sidewalk Cafe at the Hotel Pontchartrain opens Monday.

It's a French-flavored outdoor cafe on the Left Bank of the Detroit River looking east) in keeping with the French heritage of the Hotel Pontchartrain.

A grand opening week, May 22-26, will feature live music, with the theme "Chuck Muir and the Pontch bring you Paris."

For 12 years now the annual opening of the Sidewalk Cafe, with its freshly planted flowers, wrought iron tables

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and chairs and lighter luncheon entrees, has signaled summer's approach to downtown Detroiters.

Ole Christensen, food and beverage director at the Pontchartrain, said featured menu items at the Cafe will include melon, stuffed with shrimp salad, avocado stuffed with crab meat and Quiche Lorraine.

Entrees will also include Maurice salads, gazpacho soup and fresh fruit salad. Burger fans will also find a half-pound gourmet burger.

The Sidewalk Cafe will be open 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. It is located on the Jefferson Avenue side of the Hotel Pontchartrain.

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Music Hall expands dances

Music Hall center for the Performing Arts, recognized as Detroit's primary showcase for America's major dance companies, will nearly double the number of dance performances for the 1978-79 Season.

Nine companies have been engaged for a total of 58 performances, placing Music Hall among the largest presenters of dance in the United States.

"There is a dance explosion happening all around the country," said Alan Lichtenstein, Music Hall manager, "and there is a combination of reasons for it. Dance is the most original, visual form of entertainment available. The success of public television's 'Dance in America' series has helped build an audience, and the tremendous popularity of the film, 'The Turning Point' has created a widespread acceptance and interest in dance. It's the fastest-growing spectator sport in America."

Music Hall had divided its dance offerings into a choice of nine different series so that people may order four, five or eight performances on a subscription (season ticket) basis, with Wednesday through Sunday selections. Also, the ticket structure will be changed to create a wider, more reasonable range of ticket prices, so that certain seats in the theater may be purchased for as little as \$3.

Companies lined up for the 1978-79 Season, which opens in September and runs until May, are: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; San Francisco Ballet; Martha Graham Dance Company; Joyce Trisler Dance Company; Paul Taylor Dance Company; Nikolais Dance Theatre; Five By Two Plus Dance Company; and the Bella Lewinsky Dance Company from California.

People wishing more information regarding the Music Hall dance season for 1978-79 should call the subscription office, 953-6943, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily. Season ticket orders are being accepted now.

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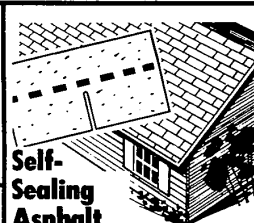
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