



Jeff Upchurch and Karin Elliott star in the Avon Players production of "The Runner Stumbles," opening Friday, Nov. 30, at the Avon Playhouse in Avon Township. Performances continue through Saturday, Dec. 15. For ticket information, call 656-1130.

## upcoming things to do

### FILM SHOWING

"The Fountainhead," a 1949 movie rendition of Ayn Rand's novel starring Gary Cooper, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 29-30, at the architecture auditorium at the Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield. Tickets at \$2 may be purchased at the door. Proceeds will go to the further development of LIT's student chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

### GOSPEL MUSICAL

The Galleons will present the Gospel in song at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at the Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. The Galleons were organized in 1966. Donations will be asked.

### TOP 40

Essence, two female singers with a four-piece, all-male backup band, sing upbeat Top 40 hits, beginning Monday, Nov. 26, at Fanny's in the Troy Hilton Hotel. The group plays for listening and dancing.

### RUN EXTENDED

"Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" the musical about growing up Chic has been extended through Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Birmingham Theatre. Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays, with matinees at 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays. For ticket information call 644-3533. Tickets also are at Ticket World outlets.

### CARE SHARE

The annual Care and Share Holiday Food Drive, co-hosted by the Birmingham Theatre and radio station WQMC-FM, will be held from 3-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, in the lobby of the theater at 211 S. Woodward. Donations of non-perishable food items will be used by the Capuchin Mission Soup Kitchen to provide needy families with a holiday dinner. Every 10 pounds of food donation entitles the giver to one ticket to the musical hit.

### SANTA'S COMING

"Santa Claus will fly in from the North Pole by helicopter at 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield. Before Santa's arrival, Geri the Clown will perform a magic act at 12:30 p.m. in the mall's Center Court. Santa and Geri will talk with children till 3 p.m.

### BOB CRATCHIT

Robert Mayer of Birmingham will portray Bob Cratchit in Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre production of Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," opening Friday, Dec. 7, in Detroit. Tickets at \$4.50 are available at the WSU theater box office, Cass and Hancock, phone 577-2900. Reduced rates are available for students, senior citizens and groups.

### 'MIRACLE WORKER'

Ten performances of "The Miracle Worker" will be presented from Friday, Nov. 30, to Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Studio Theatre on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. Wesley Berns of Troy, a sixth grade student at Baker Middle School, is cast as young Helen Keller. Other area residents in the play are William J. O'Connor of Troy as Keller's half-brother, James John Winkelmacht of Rochester as Mr. Anagnone, and Lisa Buccoloni of Birmingham as Mary. Tickets are \$4.50 general admission, \$3.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information call the box office at 377-3013 weekdays.

### AT FOLKTOWN

Bill Staines will appear in concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Folktown Coffeehouse at the Parks & Recreation Building of the Southfield Civic Center. Staines, who lives in New Hampshire, has written many modern folk classics like "Roseville Air," "A Place in the Choir" and "Silver." Admission is \$5.

### CENTER STAGE

Its first "all ages welcome" engagement, featuring new music band Pigures on a Beach, will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at Center Stage in Canton. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets at \$6 are on sale at all CTC/

Ticket World outlets or at the Center Stage box office. For more concert information, call 464-8447.

### 'NUTCRACKER' BALLET

The Oakway Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Francesco Di Blasi, will present "The Nutcracker" Ballet at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Harrison High School on Twelve Mile Road west of Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. The Dec. 7 date is an extra one; subscription tickets are good for either performance. Guest artist will be James Dunne, with Amy Ureel on Dec. 7 and Kathryn Cooke on Dec. 9. The program features the Contemporary Civic Ballet, with Rose Marie Floyd, director. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at Madonna College, Hammett Music and the Oakway Office.

### POLKA KING

Frankie Yankovic, "America's Polka King," will perform 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at the New York, New York Lounge in Warren. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Dining is optional, 1:30-7:30 p.m. Yankovic has two gold records: "Just Because" and "Blue Skirt Waltz." Studio musician Joey Miskulin will play with the Frankie Yankovic Orchestra. For reservations, call 756-6140.

### SIGNED SHOWS

The Attic Theatre will present special Saturday and Sunday fully signed performances of its forthcoming production "Children of a Lesser God" by Mark Medoff, opening Friday, Dec. 14, at the New Center Theatre on Third Street and W. Grand Blvd., across from the Fisher Theatre, in Detroit. The show runs through Jan. 13. Mary Wells and John Ray will alternate in signing the performances for the hearing impaired. For ticket information, call 963-7789.

### CHOIR BYS

The Vienna Choir Boys will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at the Music Hall in Detroit. In this return engagement, the boys will present a special Christmas show offering many holiday favorites. Tickets priced from \$14 to \$10 are available at the box office, phone 963-7680, and at Ticket World outlets.

### FUND-RAISER

A fund-raising party featuring new recording artists Mixt Emotions, with special guests the Robert Chesnaw Band and Smash Up, will be held at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at St. Andrews Hall in downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. The event will help the animals at the Michigan Humane Society. For ticket information, call 543-2137.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

A holiday tradition continues as Focus: Hope presents its 16th annual Holiday Music Festival at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at the Rosedale Park Community House in Detroit. The metro area's top jazz, folk, gospel and theater music performers will appear. Tickets at \$12.50 per person may be obtained by calling 883-7440 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Food and drinks will be available from a cash bar. Seating is reserved at tables of four and 10.

### KISS CONCERT

Kiss, "the Loudest Band in the World," will play at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, with special guest Queensryche, at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Reserved seat tickets at \$12 are on sale at the arena box office, Hodson's and all Ticket World outlets. For further information call 667-4000.

### 'DIAL 'M'

The Garden City Civic Theatre announces open auditions for its production of "Dial 'M' for Murder," a classic tale of mystery and suspense, at 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 26-27, at the Maplewood Community Center on Maplewood, one block west of Meridian. Auditions are open to anyone regardless of residence or theater affiliation. However, anyone cast in the show is required to become a member of the Garden City Civic Theatre.

## table talk

### Dining concept

A & W Restaurants is utilizing a new dining concept at two restaurants recently opened in the Detroit area. Fast foods are made to order at the free-standing Great Food Restaurant at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn and at the in-mail Great Food Restaurant at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. A one-third-pound ground-beef hamburger and a quarter-pound beef hot dog are among the specialties. Ice cream and root beer are made daily on the premises. A. Alfred Taubman, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of the Taubman Co., Inc., of Troy, is chairman of A & W Restaurants, Inc.

### Late dinners

Two chefs are kept on duty late nights at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills, where full orders are served upon to 1 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays and until 10 p.m. Sundays. Besides full dinners, light meals, hors d'oeuvres, salads and char-broiled burgers are available in the dining room and in the piano-bar lounge.

### Luncheon fare

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