

## upcoming things to do

● **"MARILYN" LECTURE**  
Marilyn Monroe, the icon and the actress, a three-week Cranbrook P.M. lecture series, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Carl E. Rollyson Jr., Wayne State University Graduate School assistant dean, will acquaint the audience with the "unknowns" of Monroe, a subject he has researched for more than six years. Rollyson also will show on video film some of Monroe's lesser-known works, such as "Clash by Night." For information on registration call Cranbrook P.M. at 646-3633.

● **SHOW EXTENDED**  
Will-O-Way's production of "Isn't It Romantic" has been extended for two weeks, to 6:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 14, at the theater in Birmingham. For ticket information call 644-4418.

● **SEEKING ACTORS**  
Open auditions for the next production at Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre will be held Wednesday, Feb. 4. For more information call the theater at 644-4418.

● **SOMERSET CONCERTS**  
The George Benson Trio will play sweet jazz from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at Center Court at the Somerset Mall in Troy. The free Sunday concert series continues with the Marvin Kahn Trio, jazz, Feb. 8; Somerset's Bridal Extravaganza, a variety of bands and combos suitable for wedding receptions and private parties, Feb. 15; and Burkowski and Roschacki, folk duo, Feb. 22.

● **MAGIC COMEDY**  
The Comedy Crossing will present its first "Magic Comedy Weekend" at 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, in the lower level of the Red Cedars in Southfield. Three magicians, Hobson, Ronnie Coo and Mark Tripp, will perform. Cover charge is \$5 per person. For reservations call 933-9788. Ron Coder and Company return to the Comedy



Calvin E. Remsburg as Old Deuteronomy appears with the company in a scene from "Cats," the international award-winning musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber opening Thursday, Feb. 5, and continuing through Sunday, April 5, at Detroit's Fisher Theatre. For ticket information, call the box office at 672-1000.

Crossing on Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 5-28.

● **ROMANTIC COMEDY**  
"It Had to Be You," a romantic comedy, will be offered by Jimmy Launce Productions at Somerset Dinner Theatre on Fridays-Saturdays from Feb. 27 to June 13 at the lower level of Somerset Mall in

● **"NUTS" OPENING**  
The courtroom drama "Nuts" will be presented starting Friday, Feb. 27, at the Avon Players Community Theater in Rochester Hills. For ticket information call 739-4660. Segments of the Avon Players production are currently being featured on "This Week in the Arts," a local cable program airing at 9:05 p.m. Wednesdays on public access television channel 52. For more information about the TV program call 656-1987.

● **MUSICAL PROGRAM**  
Farmington Musicals will perform "I Hear American Singing" on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Farmington Community Library. The program will be all vocal. The Musicals Chorus will sing American folk music and selections from "Mackinac," a musical written by two musicals members. Two soloists also will perform. The program is open to the public and admission is \$1.50. For more information call Glenna Clogg at 553-7433.

● **RIVERBOAT GAMBLER**  
A Las Vegas Night, "aboard" the Riverboat Gambler, will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Rochester Community House. Tickets at \$7.50 are available at the house. The event is a benefit for the community house. For more information call 651-0622.

● **ADULT COMEDY**  
"Gemini," an adult comedy about a young man and his relationships, will be presented Friday, Feb. 6, to Sunday, Feb. 22, by the Oakland University Center for the Arts on campus at Rochester Hills. The lead character, Francis Gemini, is played by Jerry Rathgeb, a senior communication arts student from West Bloomfield. The father, Fran Gemini, is played by Deane Clark, a professional actor from



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Carol Dwelly Hodges as Mrs. Tilford (left) turns away from Rose Mary Schneider as Agatha, who is scolding her, in the Birmingham Village Players production of Lillian Hellman's "The Children's Hour." Performances run Friday, Jan. 30, through Saturday, Feb. 7. For ticket information, call 644-2075.

West Bloomfield. Lisa Ugacon of Birmingham, a senior majoring in theater, plays Bunny Weinberger.

● **OPEN AUDITIONS**  
Auditions for the revival of the Actors Alliance Theatre Company production of "The Women Here Are No Different" will be held Sunday,

Feb. 1, at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Equity actors will be seen at 2 p.m., non-equity actors at 3 p.m. Roles are available for women ranging in age from 18-40 years. For more information call Actors Alliance at 642-1328.

## table talk

### Chefs' special

Each of the eight team members of Michigan's 1988 Culinary Olympic Team, including team manager Mike Chelka, will prepare a course for a special eight-course dinner to be served Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield. With accompanying wines, the meal is priced at \$100 per person. The event is a fund-raiser for the World Culinary Olympics, to be held in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1988. For reservations, contact the Golden Mushroom at 559-4230.

Chelka, chef at the Golden Mushroom, recently was awarded first place honors in the Professional Division of the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular. His prize is a round-trip ticket to Japan, to compete with the world's best carvers in February. His winning entry, created from a 440-pound block of ice, was of two mallard ducks rising from a marsh.

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