

Tour groups see the Palace scene

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THE GUIDE CLOSED the door to the suite and led the group to the television center. It is made up of three main parts: the control room, where, at event time, you'll find a harried director and staff; the audio room; and the equipment room, where there are five big one-inch-tape machines, used for replays and other things. The tape operator was the person who put that basketball game up on the big screen.

Next on the tour was a press-box level view of the arena.

On the way to the Pistons dressing rooms, you pass other dressing rooms, the press room. In the Pistons' dressing area are showers, a sauna, and workout room, which has a variety of equipment especially for the players. The guide found one of Bill Lamber's size 17 basketball

shoes. (Anyone on the tour is permitted to take photographs, except for photographs of the players' personal items.)

Finally, after seeing much more, the group went to the heart of the Palace, the arena proper. There are those \$5,000 seats. Most importantly, though, is the basketball court. You may not walk on it with your shoes.

The tour also includes lunch which could be, for example, beef stroganoff or seafood newburgh with rice, or the "Tour Special" buffet.

To arrange for a tour of the Palace, contact Jeannie Wilusz, assistant marketing director, or Marilyn Desjardins, marketing director, by telephoning 377-8220. Tour packages per person cost about \$27.50, \$27.50 or \$4.95, mostly depending on which lunch you choose.

major concerts, and collegiate and professional sporting events are among the other activities.

Seating capacity for basketball games is 21,455. For concerts, using the end stage, seating is 22,519; concerts in the round seat 22,823. Boxing and wrestling can play to 22,859 fans, and circus and hockey, to 20,471.

There are 21 concession stands. Also, an on-site restaurant, lounge and banquet facility, catered by Machus Enterprises.

The box office has 20 cube-level ticket windows. In the parking lot, 8,000 spaces await visitors.

upcoming things to do

Deadline for the Upcoming calendar is one week ahead of publication. Items must be received by Thursday to be considered for publication the following Thursday. Send to: Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

CONCERT SERIES

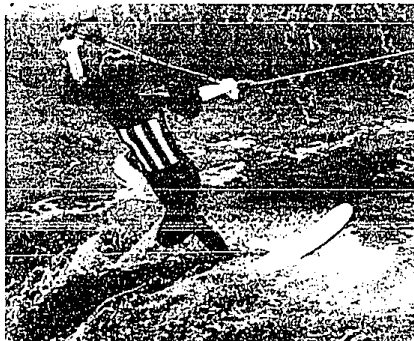
The Somerset Mall concert series from 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays in Troy features the following this month: June 4 — Bess Bonnier, jazz pianist, with Joe Keller, bass; June 11 — Marvin Kohn Trio, sweet jazz; June 18 — Jim Perkins, guitar, traditional and original music; and June 25 — Beebopian String Quartet, classical. All concerts are staged in the center court and are open to the public at no charge.

MOVIE GALA

Birmingham Temple's second annual movie gala will present "Batman" at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Old Orchard Movie Theater in Farmington Hills. A pre-glow will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the celebration tent. Tickets are \$20 each for general admission, \$50 for a family of 4, \$60 each for patrons preferred seating and listing in souvenir program. Proceeds will expand and improve the temple's Education Program. Send checks payable to Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills 48018. Indicate number and type of tickets.

HAMLISCH ENTERTAINS

Marvin Hamlich, award-winning composer, pianist and conductor, will entertain at the City of Hope "Spirit of Life" Award Dinner on



Professional stunt skiers perform water acrobatics and maneuvers in Ski Fever, now water show at Boblo Island. Performances are scheduled up to four times daily. For more information, call 843-8800.

Friday, June 23. The dinner honors Anthony M. Franco of Bloomfield Hills, chairman and chief executive officer of Anthony M. Franco, Inc. Information on the dinner may be obtained by calling 581-2600.

DINNER SOCIAL

"A Place in Time," a summer dinner social, will be held from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The event is a benefit for Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan's educational programs. For ticket information call

Jamie's on 7 in Livonia. Admission is \$15.

JAZZ SOUNDS

River Place chef-proprietor Jimmy Schmidt of the Rattlesnake Club, overlooking the Detroit River, has inaugurated a jazz entertainment series for the summer. Jazz at "The Snake," in the Grill Room and on the patio (weather permitting), began Wednesday and continues as follows: Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, Ralph Koslarski-Expedition; Wednesday-Thursday, June 7-8, Ellen Orr Trio; Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, Don Waldon Quartet; Grand Prix Weekend: Wednesday-Thursday, June 14-15, Filbert Lasley Quartet; and Friday, June 16, Straighthead (Ellen Orr all-female jazz group). For further information or reservations, call 567-4400.

OPEN AUDITIONS

Detroit Center for the Performing Arts will hold open auditions for "Hattie" at 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 12, at the Eastern Theatre in Detroit. "Hattie" is an original drama based on the life of Hattie McDaniel, the first black woman to receive an Academy Award (for her role as Mammy in "Gone With the Wind"). Black female actresses are especially

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table talk

Trading chefs

The Golden Mushroom in Southfield has recently hired a Canadian chef who will temporarily lose its sous-chef while he accepts an catchship to one of France's foremost restaurants. Luke Gagnon was hired to train under co-owner Master Chef Milos Cibulka. Gagnon is a recipient of numerous medals in national culinary competitions and also is considered to be one of Canada's finest ice carvers. Steve Allen, the Golden Mushroom's sous-chef, will live in France from July 1 through Dec. 10 as an apprenticeship in the kitchen of Master Chef Michel Guerard. The

kitchens at Eugene Les Bains, a chateau estate with health spa, is operated by Gagnon, who is the inventor of Cuisine Minceur (slim cuisine).

SHOWCASE CINEMAS
CALL THEATERS FOR SHOW TIMES

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LATE SHOWS 10:00 & 11:00	SEMI-ATOMIC 10:00
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