

upcoming things to do

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"Phantom," which inspired Andrew Lloyd Webber, has been performed for crowds nationwide and broke box office records during a nine-month run in San Francisco. Hill's musical adaptation of Gaston Leroux's classic novel adds a humorous touch to the chilling story. The Detroit tour will run through Sunday, Nov. 5. Tickets range from \$20 to \$32.50, depending upon date and time of performance. To charge tickets by phone call 645-6668.

AT PALACE

Three-time winner of the Academy of Country Music's Entertainer of the Year award (1987-89), Hank Williams Jr. and the Bama Band, and country legend Waylon Jennings perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets at \$19.50 (reserved) are on sale at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets including Hudson's, Harmony House and Great Stuff. Tickets may also be charged to Mastercard or Visa at Mastercard at 645-6668.

POP SINGER

Internationally acclaimed Greek pop singer Nana Mouskouri will perform at the Palace at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. The Palace's intimate small theater set-up will be used for the concert. Tickets at \$17.50 (reserved) are on sale at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets including Hudson's, Harmony House and Great Stuff. Tickets may also be charged to Mastercard or Visa at 645-6668. Mouskouri is recognized as one of the world's most popular singers. In the last 25 years, she has recorded more than 150 albums, which have produced 120 gold and platinum records worldwide.

NOVI HILTON

Whispers Lounge in the Novi Hilton offers a live band from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays, providing upbeat, Top 40 music. An extensive happy hour buffet features everything from fajita's to chocolate pasta with raspberry sauce. Mondays-Fridays, no charge. A limited menu is offered from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Upcoming events in Whispers Lounge are as follows: Nouvelle, performing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays through Aug. 12. Every Monday is



Julius LaRosa (left) and Helen O'Connell will perform with Tex Beneke (right), when Beneke brings his big band to the Meadow Brook Music Festival for two shows Friday, Aug. 4. The Modernaires also are on the program, which features the sounds of the '40s and '50s.



'50s Night, with the band playing favorites from the '50s. Every Wednesday is Ladies Night. The Original Ventures will perform at 9 p.m. Monday, July 31; admission is free.

REPERTORY SHOW

The Rozier Players company, longest-running repertory show in the United States and the last of the old-time traveling tent shows, will perform at 7:30 p.m. (house opens at 7 p.m.) Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 1-5, at Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor. The players perform in a different town each week, doing a different show each night. Production dates are: Tuesday, Aug. 1, "Banana Island"; Wednesday, Aug. 2, "The Billionaires of Sweet's"; Thursday, Aug. 3, "The Live Ghost"; Friday, Aug. 4, "On the Spot"; and Saturday, Aug. 5, "Home on the Roster Range" (with Toby's Turnbills). Turnbills records. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Babies in arms are free. Wednesday night only, seniors pay \$2. For more information, call 994-2928.

DANCE MUSIC

In response to many requests for dance music, the Riz-Carrion, Dearborn, has added entertainment for dancing in the Grill from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays-Saturdays. A trio plays dance favorites from the '40s and '50s. Dancers may enjoy the casual club-like atmosphere of the Grill for dinner or simply come and listen to the music over a cocktail in the adjacent Lobby Lounge.

MUSIC SERIES
Harmony in the Park, free lunch-time Open Air Music Series, is being held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 9. Concert dates are: Aug. 2 - Jim Lidgett with Corcovado, and Aug. 9 - a tribute to "Dangerous" Dan Turner by the John Esselman Band.

ACTORS, DANCERS

The Detroit Center for the Performing Arts will audition actors for its matinee and touring productions at 10 a.m. Monday, July 31, and Tuesday, Aug. 1. Auditions for dancers will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 2-3. Auditions are by appointment only. Call 884-0659 or 925-7138 or send resume and photo to DCPA, 8041 Harper Ave., Detroit 48213.

DOG STAR

Hooch, the four-legged co-star of the new Tom Hanks comedy "Turner & Hooch," will visit Livonia Mall at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 27, for an hour of "pantographs" and photos. A Touchstone Pictures release, "Turner & Hooch" opens Friday, July 28, at metropolitan-Detroit movie theaters.



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Concert venues ready for the rain

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Friday poolside event, is an institution at the Hilton. Williams characterizes it as "A stand-up happy hour with complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m." He says, "We use local and semi-local live entertainment and regularly draw between 2,000 and 2,500 people."

Rain dampened one Hot Summer Night so far this year, but the intermittent sprinkles didn't stop the party, Williams says, "We could never attempt to move that many people indoors."

The Poscharrals Hotel in downtown Detroit has had better luck with the weather. "We've never canceled a show since 1985," says Mozelle Boyd, who has been public relations director for the hotel since that year.

FOR THE LAST 17 years the hotel has hosted the P Jazz Series every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. "Up to 1,000 people gather on the outdoor terrace by the pool. There are stations serving cocktails and outdoor food like hamburgers, sausages, and chicken breast sandwiches," Boyd says.

About the weather, "We've been blessed. We've had rain early at 5 and it cleared up, or rain for a half

hour that stopped by 7, but we've never had to cancel. We just cover the band staff to keep it dry and get towels to wipe down the chairs after the storm passes."

The reality of numbers prohibits moving a concert indoors. "We don't have a ballroom big enough for 1,000 people. There's no way we can get 800 people into a ballroom for 400. If we can't hold a concert outdoors, ticket money is refunded."

Coming up this summer at P Jazz are Alexander Zornig, Buckwheat Zydeco, Maynard Ferguson, Tito Puente's Latin Jazz All Stars, Norma Jean Bell in special Friday, Aug. 11, concert, Special Eye, and the Freddie Hubbard Quintet, which closes the season Aug. 30.

Throughout the summer, the Hillside Restaurant in Plymouth offers jazz on the veranda Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights, weather permitting. The veranda accommodates 75.

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How about something special on your next weekend getaway. Get a room with a whirlpool tub at the Ivy Rose Motel, on Howard near Devonshire Mall, and make the time of your life. A restaurant, satellite TV, swimming pool and children's playground are other amenities.

Here's a tip on a great French restaurant: Chez Gylaine, 5 mins. from downtown at 1880 Wyandotte E. Enjoy caviar, saumon, pommes, saumon maison, crevettes a l'orange and more. Pleasant surroundings, and excellent cuisine.

The best way to get from Greektown to Windsor? Catch the "Windsor/Greektown Connection" from the stop at Benben & Monroe. For schedule information please call for only \$1.25 ea. you can leave the driving to Transit Windsor.

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