

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: Edith Simmons, Entertainment Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

MOVIES, AUCTION

The sneak preview of a major movie, food served from Detroit-area restaurants and an auction of celebrity memorabilia will be presented Wednesday evening, Oct. 4, at the Northland Theatre in Southfield. The Variety Club of Detroit is sponsoring the event. For more than 50 years, the show-business organization has helped help handicapped and underprivileged children in Michigan lead more normal lives.

More than 100 entertainers have sent personal mementos to be auctioned Oct. 4. Everything from a monogrammed silver bon-bon dish donated by Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward to Hulk Hogan's neon yellow boots will be available for purchase. Austin Galleries is donating an original, limited-edition lithograph by artist/singer Tony Bennett. A display of some of the major items will be on display at the Austin Galleries' West Bloomfield location, on the Boardwalk.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., partygoers may browse through the silent auction while dining on specialties from Dimitri's of Southfield, Ginopolis, State & Co., Vineyards Wine Cellar, Home Sweet Home, Sultan's Table, Detroit Bagel Co., Ristorante di Modestia, Yogurt on Wheels, Mary's Cookies, the Marriott Corp. and others. Tickets for "Lights, Camera, Auction" are \$100 "Producer," one premiere reserved seat, \$50 "Director," one reserved seat, \$25 "Supporting Cast," general admission seat. Call the Variety Club office, 855-6440, for more information.

AUDITIONS OPEN

Birmingham Village Players will hold open audition for the musical production of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Sept. 11-12, at the playhouse in Birmingham. Parts of all sizes, both singing and dancing, will be auditioned. Those auditioning should bring prepared music. For more information, music and scripts, call 258-9276 or 642-3846.

BIG BAND

The Executives Big Band, "The Big Band from Birmingham," will wind up the last of Birmingham's 14-week "In the Park" series of summer concerts at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in Shain Park. Featured will be hit tunes from Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and Woody Herman, as played during the big-band era. An area for dancing



Charles Nelson Reilly is director of "Driving Miss Daisy," which will begin a national tour following its Birmingham Theatre engagement opening Tuesday, Sept. 19. For ticket information, call 844-3533.

will be provided for this performance. As usual, park-goers may bring lawn chairs and blankets. In case of rain, call 644-1807 for information.

COMEDY SHOW

Kadima Jewish Residential Care and Support Services for the Mentally III is sponsoring an evening to benefit Kadima at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. Minimum tax-deductible donation of \$40 per person includes entertainment by stand-up comedian Dennis Wolfberg, who has been seen on "The Tonight Show," "Late Night with David Letterman" and "The Pat Sajak Show." The evening also features an informal buffet and cash bar. For further information, contact Miriam Iwrey at 559-8235 as soon as possible.

CLOWN SCHOOL

Enrollment starts now for Professional Clown School at the Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield. The six-week study will turn out a graduating class of clowns with expertise on make-up, costume and ventriloquism. Students will learn puppet manipulation, balloon sculpture and prop construction. Classes start Monday, Sept. 11. Enrollment fee is

are March 13 and 15, with show dates of May 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19. Individual tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door for each show, or showgoers may save \$3 by purchasing season tickets: \$16 for adults, \$14 for senior citizens and students. For ticket or audition information call 879-1285.

LECTURE SERIES

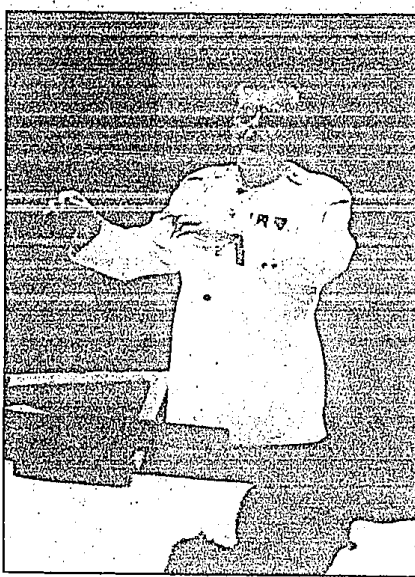
The Community House in Birmingham again will host the Michigan Opera Theatre Lecture Series, which begins at 8-10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11. Tickets are \$12 individually, or \$54 for the series of six lectures. Karen DiChiera, Dr. Wallace Pearce, Dr. Peter Schoenbach and Armand Gebert will be among the presenters. "Les Misérables" will be presented Monday by Dr. Pearce. The lecture will be followed by a champagne reception. Other lectures scheduled are "Hansel and Gretel," Monday, Nov. 20; "Swan Lake," March 5; "Don Giovanni," April 9; "La Traviata," April 30, and "Romeo et Juliette," May 14. For more information call 644-5832.

CLASSIC FILMS

Motor City Theatre Organ Society, Inc., presents its new bi-weekly fall series at the Redford Theatre in northwest Detroit. These movies have become a regular entertainment event for many families. The films start at 8 p.m. Organ overtures and intermissions are played by favorite area organists on the Redford Theatre's vintage 1928 Barton Theatre Pipe Organ. Organ overtures begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the films are available at the theatre box office on scheduled movie nights and also by mail. A ticket order form may be obtained by writing to the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahar, Detroit 48219. Tickets are \$2 each. When sending for tickets, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

AT PALACE

Detroit Pistons star forward John "Spider" Salley and Friends will present a special "X-Factor" Fan Club concert, featuring urban/pop rockers Guy with special guests E.U. and Today at the Palace of Auburn Hills at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15. Tickets are \$18.50 (reserved). Award-winning country music superstars, Randy Travis, K.T. Oslin and Tammy Wynette, appear at the Palace at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. Tickets are \$18.50 (reserved). A second perform-



Leonard B. Smith directs the Detroit Concert Band in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. For further information, call the box office, 286-2222, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

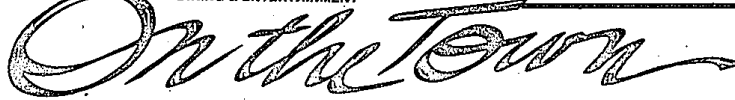
ance by teenage pop sensation New Kids on the Block, with special guests Dino and the Cover Girls, has been added at the Palace at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Tickets also are available for the previously announced show, also Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets for the second show are \$18.50 (reserved). Tickets for all concerts at the Palace are on sale at Ticketmaster outlets, including Hudson's, Harmony House and Great Stuff locations. Tickets also may be charged by calling 645-6666.

BAND CONCERT

Leonard B. Smith and the Detroit Concert Band will appear in a pro-

gram of international favorites titled "Around the World with Music," at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts at the Macomb Community College - Center Campus. Featured is WJR's Mike Whorf as narrator, DCE recording artists Elsie Inselman, soprano, and Dr. Earle L. Louder, euphoniumist, and a post-concert "Wine and Cheese After-Glow." Admission is \$10. Tickets are available by calling the Central Macomb Chamber of Commerce at 483-1528 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call the box office, 286-2222, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the performing arts center.

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