

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.

• **Open auditions**
The Jewish Community Center, with Nancy Gurwin Productions, announces open auditions for the Broadway musical "Once Upon a Mattress." Auditions for singers, dancers and actors will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the JCC in West Bloomfield. Gurwin will star in the musical. For more information and appointment, call Gurwin at 352-7297 or 354-0545, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

• **Dance theater**
Los Flamencos Dance Theatre will perform at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Concerts-in-the-Garden series at the Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield. The concert and continental breakfast are \$5; concert and coffee only are \$3.50. Breakfast is served at 10 a.m. For reservations and information, call 354-4717.

• **Musical hit**
Ridgeway Players will present the musical hit "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." This bawdy frolic through ancient Rome was one of the earliest efforts of Broadway songwriting legend Stephen Sondheim and "M*A*S*H" creator Larry Gelbart. The show features wild and risqué comedy along with song hits such as "Comedy Tonight" and "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid." Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, March 9-11 and 16-18, and Friday-Saturday, March 23-24. There is a matinee at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25. Tickets cost \$8 with a \$1 discount for senior citizens Sunday evenings. To order tickets call Donna Backus at 644-8328.

• **Meadow Brook**
"The Great Sebastians," the 1956 Howard Lindsay/Russel Crouse comedy written for Alfred Lunt and

Lynn Fontanne, will open a four-week run at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. In "The Great Sebastians," a vaudeville duo with a mind-reading act arrives in Prague in 1948, just in time for the Communist coup and mysterious death of the Czech national hero Jan Masaryk. The Sebastians (their real name is Schlep, pronounced Shlep) are played by David Regal and Juliet Randall. Detroit actor-director Regal is head of the University of Detroit Theatre Department and artistic director of the Theatre Company. Randall is a local actress who has been a leading player at the Phoenix Theatre in New York, the Missouri Repertory Theatre and Shakespeare festivals across the country. She was last seen at Meadow Brook in "Dear Liar." Tickets for "The Great Sebastians" may be arranged by calling 377-3300.

• **'First night'**
The local Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Singing Society will present, "The First Nighter," a Barbershop Harmony Extravaganza, March 2 and 3, 8 p.m. Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile at Middlebelt. Featured on the family-oriented show are: "The Naturals," from Cincinnati, Ohio and "The Gas House Gang," from St. Louis, Missouri. The Renaissance Chorus and Chapter Quartets will round out the evening. For tickets and/or information, call 420-0978.

• **Comedy star**
Comedian Jerry Lewis, who has raised a billion dollars for children's causes, will greet an expected crowd of 1,600 at Michigan Cancer Foundation's eighth annual dinner Saturday, May 19, at the Westin Hotel's Renaissance Ballroom. In Detroit, honorary chairmen of the gala are Paul and Marlene Borman of Birmingham. Jan and Pat Hartmann of Birmingham are serving as dinner chairmen. Patron tickets are \$300 per person. Sponsor are \$150. For reservations, call 833-0710, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Wayne Newton**
Chrysler/Plymouth presents Wayne Newton at the Palace of Au-

burn Hills at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21. Tickets at \$22.50 and \$17.50 (reserved) are on sale at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets also may be charged by calling (313) 645-6666. For more information call box office

at 377-8600.

• **Ensemble performs**
La Corda ensemble will present a dinner-dance concert, "Afternoon in Vienna," 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25,

at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Soprano Heidi Hepler will sing selections from Viennese operetta, and there will be dancing to the La Corda Salon Orchestra. Ticket prices are \$29. For more information, call 459-5296.

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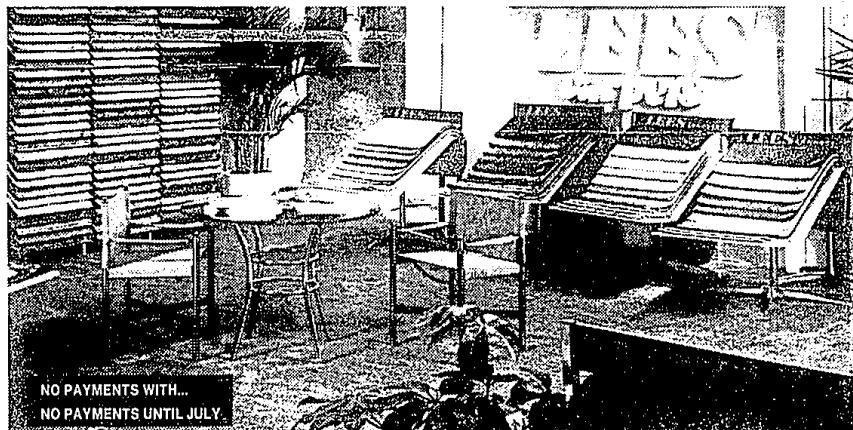
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