

upcoming things to do

CASTING CALL
Avon players are frantically searching for male and female singing talent for their summer musical, "Working." The ages are from 18 to 80 years of age, with one part for a young boy approximately 8 years old. There are also some non-singing parts. The auditions will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 29 and 30. The show will be staged for two weekends in July. The theater is at 1185 Washington Road at Runyan Road in Rochester Hills. For more information, call Kimberley at 230-0206. Audition material is available at the Rochester library.

KICKS LOUNGE
Summer entertainment at Kicks Lounge in the Troy Marriott continues with Area Code appearing May 21 through June 9 and The Marvels June 11-30. The bands specialize in Top 40 music for dancing. In addition to live entertainment Tuesdays through Saturdays, Kicks offers a Hungry Hour Buffet 5-7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Troy Marriott is just off I-75 in Troy's Liberty Center Office Complex, adjoining the Troy Civic Center. Lounge hours are 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday; 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday; closed Sunday.

PINE KNOB
Country superstar Barbara Mandrell, with special guest B.J. Thomas, will appear at the New Pine Knob at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 30. Tickets are \$24.50 pavilion and \$20.50 lawn. Grammy Award-winning rocker Don Henley and guest Susanna Hoffs will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 11. Tickets are \$28 pavilion and \$21 lawn. Legendary 60s rockers The Turtles, Grass Roots, The New Rascals and Johnny Rivers will appear at 8 p.m. on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16. Tickets are \$10 pavilion and lawn. The Grateful Dead will appear at the New Pine Knob at 7:30 p.m. for two performances Wednesday and Thursday, June 19 and 20. Tickets are \$23.50 pavilion and \$21.50 lawn. Tickets for all concerts are on sale at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, including Hudson's, Harmony House and Great Stuff stores. Tickets may also be charged to American Express, Visa or MasterCard by calling 645-6666.

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ANIMAL SHOW
As a new attraction for the 1991 season, Boblo Island is proud to present the "Back to Bones" live animal show. Debuting on the new outdoor stage in Fort Fun, Boblo Island's activity area for children, the 30-minute program combines entertainment and education. It takes a close-up look at those curious animals with a backbone - the vertebrates. Farmington native Steve Yauch, a certified high school biology teacher and the creator of Science Discovery Inc., presents his show to more than 300,000 people a year throughout the Midwest. Boblo will open Saturday, May 25.

BENEFIT SHOW
Plymouth Theatre Guild will be hosting a benefit show, "Lovers, Dreamers, and Madmen," to raise money to pay for a new sound system, Saturday evening, June 1. The guild's own James Morrison and Cheryl A. Bubar will be performing contemporary, dramatic and challenging material from a variety of



Barbara Mandrell appears Thursday, May 30, at the New Pine Knob near Clarkston.

theater shows in a departure from the standard duet format. The one-night performance will be at 8 p.m. June 1 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, Northville. Tickets are \$5 if bought or reserved in advance and \$8 if bought at the door. An afterglow including dessert and hors d'oeuvres will immediately follow the performance. For reservations or additional information, call 349-7110.

FOX THEATRE
Robert Townsend, star of the current 20th Century Fox film, "The Five Heartbeats," will join the long-

time musical group The Dells at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 24, at the Fox Theatre. Robert Townsend & His Partners in Crime also introduces the 12-year old singer Tressa Thomas, who co-stars in Townsend's latest film. The rock group Chicago will appear at the Fox Theatre for two shows at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, and at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 25. And The Whispers will bring their distinctive sound to the Fox at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 26. Tickets for each of the concerts are \$25. They are on sale now at the Fox Theatre Box Office (open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.), the Joe Louis and Cobo Arena Box Offices (open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone call 645-6666. For more information, call 667-6600.

MEMORIAL DAY
The River Rock Cafe in downtown Detroit will host Memorial Day Weekend Springfest '91, featuring pop music groups in outdoor concerts at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, through Sunday, May 26. The schedule includes the following: Duke Tomatoe Thursday, May 23; Rhythm Corps, Friday, May 24; Bop (Harvey), Saturday, May 25; and Cheap Trick Sunday May 26. For ticket information call the cafe at 259-8202, or Ticketmaster at 645-6666.

FAIR LADY
Hailed as "the world's greatest musical," the timeless classic, "My Fair Lady," is on its 35th anniversary tour and opens at the Fisher

Theatre for three weeks only, July 16 through Aug. 4, "My Fair Lady," based on George Bernard Shaw's turn-of-the-century play "Pygmalion," is the story of the brilliant but crutchy Professor Henry Higgins and his scheme to transform the cockney flower peddler Eliza Doolittle into a proper lady. Tickets go on sale Friday, May 10, at all Ticketmaster outlets and the Fisher Theatre Box Office. To charge tickets by phone, call 645-6666.

MICHIGAN TASTEFEST
The New Center Foundation presents 1991 Michigan Tastefest at New Center, featuring 40 of Michigan's fine restaurants, wineries and breweries selling "tastes" of their specialties on Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 24, to Monday, May 27. Hours 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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SIMPLE MINDS
Simple Minds will perform Friday, June 7, at Clubland in Detroit. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show, 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$18.50; \$20, day of show. Call Ticketmaster at 645-6666.

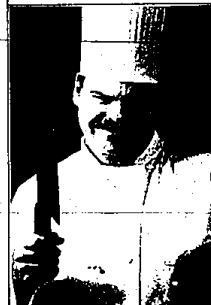
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