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Plimpton Speaks

Author George Plimpton, the "seeker of moments of truth," will appear at 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 in Bloomfield Hills Andover High School as part of Oakland Community College's Contrast Series.

Not content, as many writers are, to merely witness and report what major athletes do, Plimpton has a burning desire to know what makes athletes tick, to feel the emotions they experience and to undergo the mental and often physical punishment they endure.

For this reason, Plimpton, whose works include "The Paper Lion," has played hockey with the Detroit Red Wings and

chess with Bobby Fischer, and he plans an appearance with the Metropolitan Opera and a bullfight.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$1 for students and may be purchased at Hudson's and Grinnell's.

Franklin Band Sets Concert At Village

With the oom pah pah of the tuba, the loodley toot of the flute and the crash of the big bass drum, the Franklin Village Band presents a concert of works by American composers in the Henry Ford Museum Theater at Greenfield Village Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Franklin Community Association, the band was founded in 1959 to recall the days when all small towns had their own band.

Franklin has buildings which antedate the Civil War, a village green and a tiny main street lined with a few stores of early American design -- all reminiscent of the Greenfield Village restorations. The straw-batted members of the Franklin Village Band complete this rural scene from earlier days.



CLARENCEVILLE HIGH School on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. will host the champion gymnastic team of the University of Michigan, represented here by Sid Jensen, a runner-up in the Big Ten all-around competition and a member of the Canadian Olympic team. Admission will be \$1.



MRS. ESTHER OWEN of Dearborn Heights accepts the key to a 1970 Maverick from Gib Brown of Bill Brown Ford, Inc. She was the grand prize winner in Wonderland Center's 10th anniversary contest. Mrs. M. Montgomery of Westland won second prize, an 18-inch color television set.

Moliere Classic Opens At Hilberry

DETROIT One of Moliere's comedy masterpieces, "The Bourgeois Gentleman," is about to make its bow at three special opening performances in Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre.

The annual "president's preview," invitational black - tie gala for theatre sponsors, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8:30. The following Wednesday, Nov. 19, the play will be performed at a club women's matinee party and at the official 8:30 public opening.

"THE BOURGEOIS Gentleman" is the best known of Moliere's court plays, commissioned by Louis XIV to be performed at the palace, and later done with great success in the theatre for the Paris public. The play is a comic portrait of a retired middle-class shopkeeper who has absurd pretensions to gentility.

Along with Moliere's other famous works, such as "Tartuffe," "The Miser," and "The Imaginary Invalid," "The Bourgeois Gentleman" is one of the world's most successful works of comedy. Francis Fergusson has called Moliere "the most universally intelligible of all the great artists who form our image of the human animal."

The Hilberry cast is headed by Jeffrey Tambor as M. Jourdain, the "Bourgeois gentleman"; Claudia Wilkens as his wife, Darcy Pulliam and John O'Connell as their daughter, Lucille, and her fiance, Clonte; JoAnne Delanger as the Marchioness with whom Jourdain is enamored; and Lee Smith as her fiance, Count Dorante.

Other principal roles are played by Trina Cluff, James Corrigan, Robert Jackson, Woody Eney, James Newell, Chester Smith and Howard Jensen.

THE PRODUCTION is directed by Richard Spear, with choreography by Jean Sabatine, setting by Russell Smith, costumes by Vic Leverett and lighting by Gary M. Will.

"The Bourgeois Gentleman" continues weekly in the Hilberry repertory, with additional November performances on Friday, Nov. 21 at 2:30 and 8:30, at a special Thanksgiving performance Nov. 27 at 8:30, and the following Saturday, Nov. 29, also at 8:30.

The play joins Arthur Miller's "After the Fall" and Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" in the repertory.

Information about tickets and schedules is available from the theater box office at 577-2972. Tickets also are available at Hudson's.

Auto Show Tickets

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Advance tickets for the 54th Detroit Auto Show are on sale at J.L. Hudson's, Sears, Grinnell's and Cobo Hall box office, now through Nov. 14.

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