

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, 30251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

• SEEKS LOOK-ALIKES
Radio personality Valerie Hilsen is looking for performers to appear as look-alikes in a musical, "Eve Bitt the Apple." She needs individuals who resemble Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Liza Minnelli, Sammy Davis Jr., Sophie Tucker and Barbra Streisand. Hilsen, who is celebrating her 25th continuous year hosting a radio show, has been planning the musical for many years. She says several psychics told her the show would be on Broadway by 1990. Photos or tapes may be sent to Hilsen at P.O. Box 528, Bloomfield Hills 48303, or call 642-2644 or 642-2845 for more information. Hilsen, whose radio show features celebrity interviews, plans to introduce the stars at the new Oliver's restaurant in Royal Oak.

• PUPPET SHOW
The City of Southfield will present the Jan San Puppets from 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, in Room 115 at the Civic Center. The show includes a variety of puppets and songs geared toward children ages 4-10. For additional information and tickets, call Cultural Arts at 354-4717 or pick up tickets at the Mary



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Elaine Irwin (left) as Reno and Kathryn Cook as Hope fight for the object of their desires, Jay Peterson as Sir Evelyn, in the Birmingham Village Players production of the musical "Anything Goes," opening Friday, Jan. 20. For ticket information, call 644-2075 anytime.

Thompson Cultural Center, 25630 Evergreen, just south of the Civic Center. All tickets are \$2.

• PARTY SHOWCASE

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El in Birmingham, Michigan's oldest Jewish congregation, will host a Party Planning Showcase from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, in the temple's Handman Hall, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads. The free show features vendors representing florists, bands, limousine companies, caterers, confectioners, room decorators and party planners. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the Party Planning Showcase for ideas on weddings, bar mitzvahs, anniversaries and other special events.

• ACTORS SEMINAR

Actors Alliance Theatre Company's artistic director, Jeffrey M. Nahan, has added a seminar in career planning and marketing. "Ac-

tors in the Marketplace" will focus on actor/agent relationships, resume preparation, headshots and photographic selection, choosing audition materials, the psychology and auditioning and other marketing techniques for performers. The seminar will be held 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Actors Alliance Conservatory in Southfield. Nahan will lead the session. Seminar fee of \$25 covers all materials for the evening. For registration, call 642-1326.

• IN CONCERT

Inner Light recording artists Paul Vornhagen and Paul Shon will perform selections from their new release "Lavender Blue," as well as their 1987 album "Whispers in the Wind," at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$7 in advance (Harmony House-Birmingham and the Mayflower Book Shop in Berkeley), \$8 at the door.

• NIGHT OUT

The Suspects, a five-piece band from the Detroit area, will make a return visit to Bates Street Night Out from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Community House in Birmingham. Bates Street Night Out is held once a month for singles and couples. Tickets are available by calling the Community House at 644-5832. Cover charge is \$5. Wine, beer and liquor is available, as well as simple snack foods.

• MARVIN HAMLISCH

The Community House is sponsoring an evening of entertainment with Marvin Hamlisch at the Music Hall and dining at the Rhinoceros on Saturday, Jan. 28, in Detroit. Departure from the Community House at 3:30 p.m. in downtown Birmingham is scheduled for 5 p.m., with a return time of 10:30. Cost is \$87 per person, which includes transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach, main floor center concert tickets, dinner and a Community House escort. For further information and reservations, call the Travel Department at the Community House, 644-5832.

• CLOWN, MAGIC

Oakland Mall's Supersonic Sidewalk Sale on Friday-Saturday, Jan. 20-21, in Troy, will feature enter-

tainment by Chooney the Clown of Detroit, who will perform every hour on the hour Jan. 20. A mystifying magic show will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday at Center Court. Popcorn and lemonade stands will be set up throughout the mall.

• SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Detroit Center for the Performing Arts is offering another series of Saturday Workshops in the Performing Arts for ages 7 to adult. Registration and orientation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the center in Detroit. Classes run from Saturday, Feb. 4, through Saturday, March 11, with a final showcase at the end of the series. Courses include Beginning Acting, Voice for the Actor, Dance (several types) and Stage Movement/Physical Characterization. Classes are taught by university-trained instructors with professional experience in performing arts. This is the fifth season of theater workshops at the center. For more information, call 961-7925.

• BONSTELLE THEATRE

"When the Jumble Bird Calls," by Trinidadian playwright Brenda Flanagan, opens Friday, Jan. 27, at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre in Detroit. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 27-28 and Feb. 3-4. Matinee performances are at 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. For reservations and ticket information, call the WSU box office at 577-2560. Door sale at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward, begins one hour before curtain.

• DINNER THEATER

The Van Dyke Park Hotel's 1989 dinner theater season featuring "I Do, I Do" continues Fridays-Saturdays through February in Warren. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. and showtime is at 8.

Magician takes art to Paris

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of everything, so I can't classify myself. I'm like a general practitioner of magic."

He added, "I try to stay away from cards. People have seen so many card tricks that it gets really boring after a while. So I do one card trick that's a real miracle. But otherwise, no. I use ordinary little objects that I make magical things happen to."

And he's learning new illusions every day. He practices a couple of hours a day. While visiting in Bloomfield Hills, he has been doing research in his private library of old magic books by famous magicians such as Harry Houdini, and Jean Eugene Robert-Houdin, who inspired Houdini and is considered "the father of modern magic."

Recently, Karr arranged, edited and published a book by Sam Sharpe, a well-known French magician, titled "Words on Wonder," which had two pressings and was sold mostly to other magicians.

"I want to take my career in France as far as I can go. I think my goal is, basically, to open France up to magic as an art."

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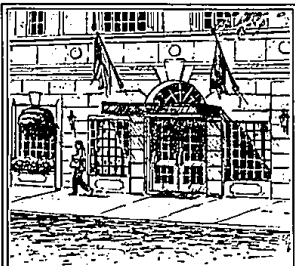
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