

TV Channel Prepares Another 'Auction 56'

By LORRAINE McCLISH
Hundreds of volunteers for "Auction 56" are out on the streets now looking for friendly merchants to donate the goods and services that will be sold on television from the Tel-12 Mall in Southfield on auction week, May 16-22.

"Anything and everything will do as long as it's brand new and has a minimum retail value of \$25," said Mary Fisher, of 27751 Fairway Hills, Franklin, who has accepted the chairmanship of

the fund-raising event for the second consecutive year.

Among the items already tabulated at Auction Central, are a Chrysler sailboat, a hand-crafted sterling and bronze chess set, a year at Bloomfield Nursery School, a Ford garden tractor, a Flat sports car, and the chance to name the Detroit Zoo's new tiger cubs.

Buyers will have the chance to bid on a bartender for an evening, the rental of a townhouse for a year, membership in a tennis club,

even a year's supply of dog food.

BIDDING starts Sunday, May 16 with a "Great Art Gala" and continues each day from 2:30 p.m. until midnight. But on the last day, the show continues on the air until the last items are sold. Celebrities will serve as auctioneers through the week as they did last year, when over 4,000 items were sold for \$275,000.

Working with Miss Fisher and her "go-getter" cabinet are Mrs. Morton Herman, 25280 Pershing, Southfield, who is the go-getter coordinator; Mrs. Lloyd Adelson, 32203 Olde Franklin Drive, Farmington, north area go-getter chairman; Mrs. William Rasmussen, 14027 Argon, Livonia, west area go-getter chairman; and Mrs. Michael Steinberg, 23400 Twining Drive, Southfield, an office co-chairman.

All programming for Channel 56 comes from the new Public Broadcasting Service, other regional broadcasting groups, independent distributors and from local productions at Channel 56 in Southfield.

By being a public television station, Channel 56, by law, cannot sell advertising or run commercials, and operates entirely on funds from the public at large. Support comes through individual viewer memberships and donations; corporate donations; selective program grants; operations charges and the annual auction.



FUN-LOVING BOYS — Charlie and Tom, two 10-year-old boys who wish to become the first children to go to the moon, star in "The Wishing Machine," the first of 12 new movies for children produced by Xerox Films. It will be shown in matinee performances this weekend in area theatres.

The Gourmet Adventures of

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Preparing meals for a plantation household in Thomas Jefferson's time was a job that began at six in the morning and went on until after dark. The huge dining rooms, with their floor-to-ceiling windows contained as many as fifty or even seventy places where people might sit down for a meal. Old family inventories mention tablecloths six yards long. Along the Chesapeake at this time, oyster roasts were popular. The oysters, roasted in hot ashes or a cooling oven until the shells popped open, were only appetizers for a feast likely to include duck, crab, puddings, pies, Espics, hams, and beaten biscuits. Preparing meals today is certainly easier than in Thomas Jefferson's day, but we still take the time to see that it's seasoned properly, cooked to order and served in a charming atmosphere. Enjoy the piano music of Pat Flowers Tuesdays thru Saturdays from 8:30 PM to closing. **DANISH INN**, 32305 Grand River Ave., 476-6320 is open from 11AM-2AM with dinners during the week until 10PM. Fri and Sat until 1AM. Closed Sundays.

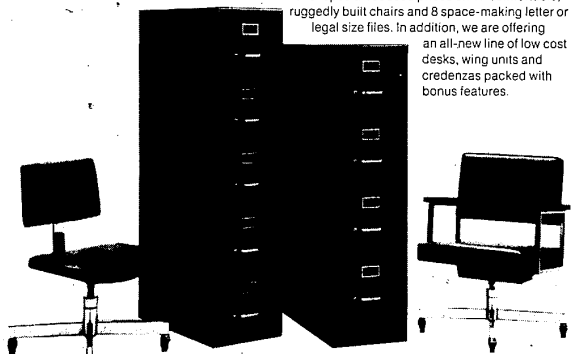
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IN BALLET—Lynn Ferszt of Southfield is one of the dancers in the Suburban Concert Ballet Company. She'll be taking part in their annual concert, set for Sunday, April 4, in Our Lady of Mercy High School, Farmington.

Suburban Concert Ballet To Perform

Three ballets will be performed Sunday, April 4, when the Suburban Concert Ballet presents its annual concert.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy High School, Middle Belt and 11 Mile Rd., Farmington. Tickets are available from any member of the company, at the Evelyn Kraszon Dance Studio, 13315 13 Mile Rd., Farmington, or from Mrs. Jerry Willacker or Mrs. Eldon Collier.

THIS YEAR, for the first time, the company is performing with the Allen

Park Symphony, under the direction of William Savola. The first offering will be a new ballet, "Les Vignettes d'Espagne," choreographed by Leon Dailien, former premier danseur with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. He is now director of the American Ballet Theatre Company in New York City.

The second ballet is entitled "Les Petits Reins," with music by Mozart and choreography by Mrs. Evelyn Kraszon, artistic director of the company. "Les Fatineurs" by Meyerbeer - Lambert completes the program.

'Cactus Flower' Is Chosen By Players

The Farmington Players have completed casting and tickets are now on sale for their third play of the season.

Their spring selection, "Cactus Flower," will open May 7 and run for three weekends. Tickets are available from Mrs. Noral McNeely. All performances will be in the Players Barn, 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Rds.

"CACTUS FLOWER" by Abe Burrows will play Dr. Winston, the bachelor dentist determined to stay single.

Kathryn Totosz is cast as the nurse, who like a cactus flower, blooms late.

Maryellen Haugen will play the role of a bouncy, beautiful girl in her 20s, whose charm is always apparent.

The players have chosen Pete Turgeon as Igor Sullivan.

Comedienne Makes Debut

DETROIT Jerri Cox, talented young comedienne, will make her Detroit debut at the 24 Karat Club, Telegraph and Six Mile Rds., starting Monday night, March 29.

Jerri employs her singing voice along with ability on trombone to augment her comedy impressions. Sharing the spotlight with Jerri will be the Leilani Sisters, a pair of exotic dancers who specialize in Hawaiian and Tahitian routines.

The Joe Vitale Quartet will provide music for the acts and for dancing.

CMU Group Gives Concert

MT. PLEASANT The Greater Detroit Chapter of the Central Michigan University Alumni Association will hold a reception for alumni, guests and members of the Central Michigan University Symphonic Wind Ensemble Friday, April 2.

It will begin immediately following the ensemble's concert at 8 p.m. at the Lakeview High School Auditorium, St. Clair Shores. The program will feature contemporary symphonic band music.

Amusements

Schoolcraft Players Present 'The Lion'

The Masque Players of Schoolcraft College will present their third production of the year, "The Lion in Winter" by James Goldman Wednesday, March 31, through Saturday, April 3. Tickets are available in the college bookstore.

Performances will begin at 8 p.m., in the Liberal Arts Building.

Ken Cyr of Livonia will play the role of King Henry II.

Alais Capet, sister of the King of France, will be played by Sharon Melcher of Plymouth.

Danny Garris of Livonia will play the youngest son, John; Robert Budesky of Detroit, the middle son, Geoffrey; and Steve Devine of Plymouth, the oldest son, Richard.

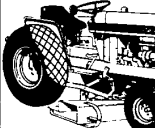
Charlotte LeBlanc of Livonia will play Eleanor of Aquitaine, Henry's wife. Dennis Mannisto of Northville will play Philip, King of France.

The plot of "The Lion" concerns Henry's struggles with his wife and his sons, and has both humor and drama.

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