## GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

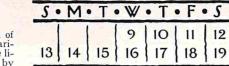
A CONSCIENTIOUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF INTEREST

#### THE THEATRE PLAYS AND MUSICALS

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ANYTHING GOES-Under the clever direction of Jerry Zaks, this exuberant revival is primari-ly a celebration of Cole Porter himself. The li-Timothy Crouse and John Weidman, is consistently entertaining. The company, which includes Bill McCutcheon, Howard McGillin, Patti LuPone, Anthony Heald, and Kathleen Mahony-Bennett, does more than justice to Mahony-Bennett, does more than justice to the words and score. (Reviewed in our issue of 11/2/87.) (Vivian Beaumont, Lincoln Center. 239-6200. Tuesdays through Satur-days at 8. Matinées Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2, and Sundays at 3.)

- THE Boys NEXT DOOR—A play by Tom Griffin. (Lambs, 130 W. 44th St. 997-1780. Mondays and Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8. Matinées Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2, and Sundays at 3.)
- BREAKING THE CODE-Derek Jacobi gives an accomplished performance as the English mathematician Alan Turing, who helped crack the German Enigma code during the war, but Hugh Whitemore's script is more vehicle than play. Michael Gough, Rachel Gurney, and Jenny Agutter are among the good supporting actors. Clifford Williams was the director. (11/30/87) (Neil Simon, 250 W. 52nd St. 246-0102. Tuesdays through Satur-days at 8. Matinées Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2, and Sundays at 3.)
- BURN THIS-Lanford Wilson's play can be considered an occasion for an astonishing performance by John Malkovich, as a foulmouthed restaurant manager who woos and wins his dead brother's dancing partner. The support-ing actors—Joan Allen, Jonathan Hogan, and Lou Liberatore—are also good. Marshall W Mason was the director, and the distin-Mason was the diffector, and the distin-guished setting was designed by John Lee Beatty and lighted by Dennis Parichy. (10/26/87) (Plymouth, 236 W. 45th St. 239-6200. Nightly, except Sundays, at 8. Mat-inées Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2.)
- CABARET—This tasteful revival of the 1966 musical by John Kander and Fred Ebb is di-rected by Harold Prince and has three things rected by Harold Prince and has three things going for it: a sterling performance by Alyson Reed, who plays Sally Bowles as she was al-ways meant to be played and then some; a gloriously muted and subtle Joel Grey re-creating his role as the Emcee; and a slightly rewritten book by Joe Masteroff, the original librettist, which, while not entirely success-ful surgests that what's caught so mean ful, suggests that what's caught so many imaginations in the story of Sally Bowles has something to do with relations between heterosexual women and bisexual men. (11/2/87) (Imperial, 249 W. 45th St. 239-6200. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8. Mat-inées Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2, and Sundays at 3.)
- CIRCLE REPERTORY COMPANY-A comedy by Timothy Mason, ONLY YOU, is the second play in this season's series. Preview Wednesday, Dec. 9. Opens officially on Thursday, Dec. 10. (99 Seventh Ave. S. 924-7100. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8, and Sundays at 7:30. Matinées Saturdays at 2 and Sundays at
- 5.) DoN'T GET GOD STARTED—A gospel musical that is all but done in by amplification. The music and lyrics were by Marvin Winans, and Ron Milner wrote the brief, parable-like playlets between the songs. Mr. Milner directed. (11/9/87) (Longacre, 220 W. 48th St. 239– 6200. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8, and Sundays at 7.30 Matingas Saturdays at 8, and Sundays at 7:30. Matinées Saturdays at 2 and Sundays at 3.)
- DRIVING MISS DAISY-Alfred Uhry's play is more a sentimental than a dramatic occasion. which tells of the growing attachment of a cranky old woman in Atlanta to her black



chauffeur. What gives the evening distinction is the performance—the fine acting of Dana Ivey and Morgan Freeman, under Ron Lagomarsino's direction. (4/27/87) (John Houseman, 450 W. 42nd St. 564-8038. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8. Matinées Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2, and Sundays at 3.)

- EQUITY LIBRARY THEATRE-The third of this sea-**EQUITY LIBRARY IHEATRE**—The third of this sea-son's series of eight productions is a revival of THE GINGERBREAD LADY, Neil Simon's 1970 play. (Equity Library Theatre, 103rd St. and Riverside Dr. Nightly, except Mondays, at 8. Matinées Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30. Closes Sunday, Dec. 20. For information about tickets, for which contributions are requested, call 663-2028.)
- FLORA, THE RED MENACE John Kander and Fred Ebb have written additional songs for this revised version of their 1965 musical; the completely new book, based on Lester Atwell's "Love Is Just Around the Corner," is by David Thompson. (Vineyard Theatre, 309 E. 26th St. 683-0696. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8, and Sundays at 7:30. Matinées Sundays at 3.)

FRANKIE AND JOHNNY IN THE CLAIR DE LUNE-Ter-

rence McNally's enchanting comedy about sex and the sudden onset of love in an apart-ment on Tenth Avenue in the Fifties. Kathy Bates and Kenneth Welsh give remarkable performances, under the direction of Paul Benedict. (11/9/87) (Westside Arts, 407 W. 43rd St. 541-8394. Tuesdays through Fridays at 8: Saturdays at 7 and 10; and Sundays at

7. Matinées Sundays at 7 and 10, and Sundays at 7. Matinées Sundays at 3.) • INTO THE WOODS—The new musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine is an attempt to show what lurks beneath the surface of conventional fairy tales. The amusing first half is like a musical staging of Bruno Bettelheim's "The Uses of Enchantment." The rather nas-ty second half degenerates into cheap philos-ophy. The costumes (by Ann Hould-Ward) ophy. The costumes (by Ann Hould-ward) and sets (by Tony Straiges) are pretty to look at, and the songs are beautiful or funny— sometimes both. The superb cast, led by Ber-nadette Peters and Joanna Gleason, is direct-ed by Mr. Lapine. (11/16/87) (Martin Beck, 302 W. 45th St. 246-6363. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 Matinées Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8. Matinées Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2, and Sundays at 3.)

LAMBS THEATRE COMPANY—The fourth annual presentation of THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI, a musical adapted from two short stories by O. Henry. Randy Courts composed the music and lyrics Randy Courts composed the music and tyrics, and Mark St. Germain provided the book and additional lyrics. (Little Theatre at the Lambs, 130 W. 44th St. 997-1780. Tuesdays through Saturdays at 7. Matinées Saturdays at 2 and Sundays at 3.)

MADEMOISELLE COLOMBE-Tammy Grimes in a musical with a score by Michael Valenti, lyr-

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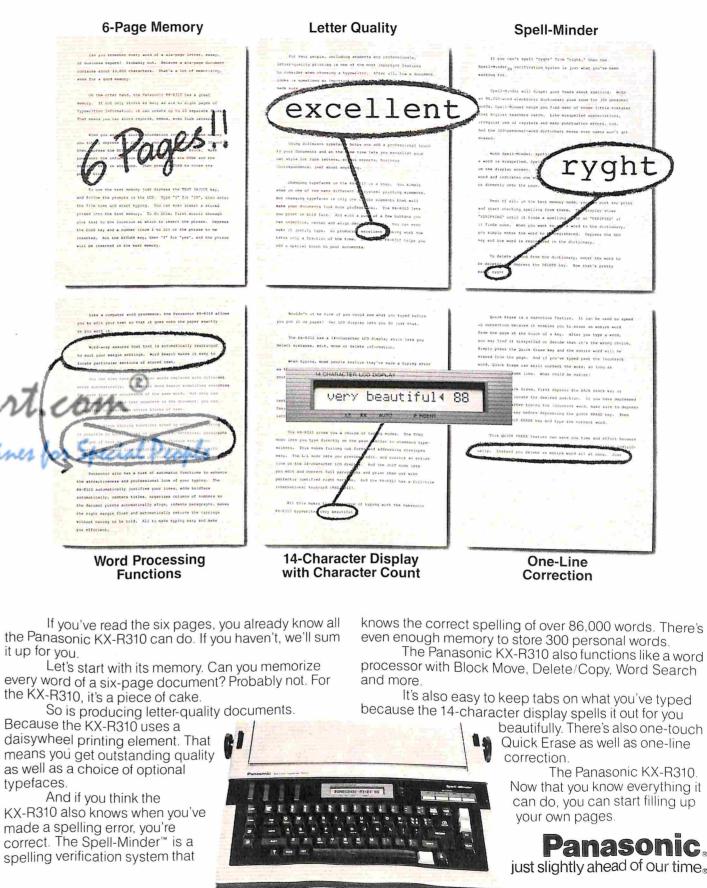
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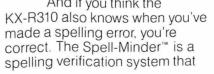
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