Dick Purtan's back in town as morning-drive show host from 8-10 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays on radio station WCZY (95.5-FM) in Oak Park. Purtan, a Bloomfield Township resident, took his radio show from WXYZ-AM in Southfield to CKLW-AM in Windsor, before bringing his comedy-and-music-filled program back across the border to the station known as "Cozy." Purtan plans to spend more time on topical issues and less on fictional characters for the show at WCZY. Ho continues to host "Purtan's People" comedy spots daily on WDIV-TV.

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Players connects with comedy

The Birmingham Village Players production of "How the Other Half Lones" by Alan Ayckbourn continues at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday at the playhouse at Hunter and Chem ut streets, south of Maple Road. Tickets are \$4 at the door, but reservations are recommended. For reservations call 644-2075, anytime.

By Barbara Michais . special writer

An ounce of deception leads to a ton of trouble in the Birmingham Village Players' hilarious production of Alan Ayckbourn's "How the Other Half Loves."

Ayckbourn, who has written a string of comedy hits, is often called the Brit-ish Nell Simon, but his plays rely more heavily on farcical situations than on witty one-liners.

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"How the Other Half Loves" takes place simulaneously in the respective living rooms of two couples. The dialogue alternates between them, and each couple ignores the other's presence on stage. One especially clever scene simultaneously covers two different evenings involving the same visitors to both apartments.

The set is divided into quarters, with alternating backdrops and furniture styles to contrast the two couples. The staid, traditional living room belongs to the Fosters, Flona (Joan Bowes) and Frank (Bob Bowes). The modern,

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disheveled room belongs to the Philipses, Terry (Jane Lowman) and Bob (David "Skip" Pobst).

TO COVER UP their brief infidelity, Flona and Bob each tell their respec-tive spouses they spent the previous evening counseling one of the Detwilers about the latter's marital

Mary and William Detwiler (Donna Snyder and Jerry McKeon), totally innocent bystanders, find their own solid
marriage greatly imperiled when
Frank and Terry decide to add some
friendly marriage counseling of their
own.

own. Bob Bowes is outstanding as the ab-sent-minded, bilthering Frank. His tim-ing, facial expressions and overall stage demeanor are masterilly comic. Obviously well-intentioned despite his ineptness, Bowes Frank is delightfully endearing.

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As Flom, Joan Bowes keeps her patrician cool no matter how abourd the situation gets. Always self-assured and in control, she is the perfect foil for her husband's cornic bungling.
Lowman excels when Terry's fiery temper flares. Though topelessly non-chalant about housekeeping and tend-

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ing her infant son, Terry is willing to stand up and fight for her marriage.

POBST SEEMS too nice a fellow to e cast as the lary, self-centered Bob, nd at times he appears ill at ease with

the role.

Snyder and McKeon are perfect as she very-square Detwellers. Mousy Mary, totally dominated by her otherwise soft-spoken husband, is timid to the nth degree. Dull, ploddling William

is socially inept but surprisingly leo-nine in his own lair. Both are gloriously beluddled when they stumble into the marital mayhem created by Fiona And

marital mayners created by Flona And Bob.
Director Florence. Neal Brown de-livers a very entertaining show, gener-ally well-acted and smoothly paced. At Sunday's malinee, minor line problems kept popping up in the first act, but the little gremlins did no serious harm to a fine production.

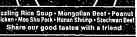
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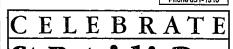




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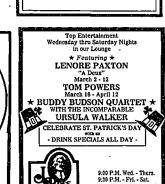
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