

**upcoming things to do**

- IN 'APPLAUSE'**  
 The Farmington Players production of the musical "Applause" opens Friday, April 26, at the Players Barn in Farmington Hills. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through May 18. For ticket information, call 626-5061.
- COMMUNITY CHORALE**  
 The OCC Stage Jazz Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Smith Performing Arts Theatre at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The ensemble, conducted by Craig Strain, will feature popular jazz tunes of the Big Band era. An optional pre-concert dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 471-7700.
- 'GOLDEN WEEKEND'**  
 Radio station WPON (1460 AM), which recently moved from Pontiac to Bloomfield Hills, offers "The Golden Weekend," playing music from the '50s to '70s, Fridays-Sundays. Show hosts are Mark Stevens from 8 p.m. to midnight Fridays, Tom Fontaine from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturdays and Jepp Bryant from 10 p.m. to midnight Sundays.
- AUDITIONS OPEN**  
 Tryouts for "Noi With My Daughter," comedy by Jay Christopher, will be held by Jimmy Launce Productions at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. The dinner theater production opens at the hotel Friday, June 14. Roles are available for three males and three females of various ages.
- DANCE FESTIVAL**  
 The annual International Dance Festival, sponsored by Northland Center, will be 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at the shopping mall in Southfield. The event is presented by the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit. General admission of \$12.50 includes valet parking, wine, ethnic food and entertainment. For ticket information, call 871-8800.
- AVON PLAYERS**  
 "Company," musical with book by George Furth and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, will be presented as the final production of the 1984-85 season by the Avon Players. Performances are Thursdays-Sundays, May 2-5 and 9-12, and Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18, at the Avon Playhouse in Avon Township. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. For ticket information, call 656-1100.
- JAZZ ARTISTS**  
 Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Trio entertain from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays through May 20 at Nicky's restaurant in Troy. Jazz artists are featured along with classic New Orleans and Cajun cuisine every Monday night. For more information, call 352-1262.
- SPRING SING**  
 West Bloomfield Schools Choral Groups will present their annual spring "Singathon" from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at Summit Place's Center Court Gardens in Pontiac. The 9½-hour marathon is sponsored by the West Bloomfield Choral Boosters.
- MIME ARTIST**  
 O.J. Anderson, mime artist, will perform in a "Variety" Town Hall Special 11 a.m. Friday, April 26, at the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 540-1803.
- BENEFIT NIGHT**  
 The Actors Alliance Theatre Company will host a benefit performance of "The Taming of the Shrew" for the City of Hope National Medical Center at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Lyce International in Southfield. For tickets at \$10, call Janice Cohen at 353-1770, days, or 398-7285, evenings.
- LISTENING, DANCING**  
 The Bill Peagler Quartet plays for listening and dancing Saturday evenings at Restaurant Duglass in Southfield. Vocals are by Pinky Smith. For reservations, call 424-9244.
- NEW REVUE**  
 Phil Marcus Esser's new musical revue "1946/Detroit" continues Fridays-Saturdays through June 29 at downtown Detroit. The show is a musical swing through 1946 nightclubs and theaters where Detroit audiences saw name entertainers perform. The show will run for 12 weeks, Friday-Saturdays through June 29, with dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8:30. Dinner and show is \$18.95, show only \$7.95, late show \$5. For reservations, call 963-1225.
- 'NOISES OFF'**  
 Final play of its spring season will be "Noises Off," a farce in three acts, opening Tuesday, April 30, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. The Broadway comedy, which has two touring companies, will remain through Sunday, June 2. For ticket information, call 872-1090.
- BACH EXTRAVAGANZA**  
 Oakway Symphony Orchestra will present a Bach Extravaganza, featuring performances by nine pianists, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. Tickets at \$4 for students and senior citizens, \$7 for general admission are available at Madonna College in Livonia, Hammel Music in Livonia and Plymouthe, Excelsior. Supply in Farmington and the Livonia Board of Education Offices.
- SEEGER CONCERT**  
 Folk music star Pete Seeger and singer-pianist Jane Sapp will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Ford Auditorium in Detroit. The event will be a benefit for Teamsters for a Democratic Union. Tickets at \$8, \$10, \$12 and \$25 are available at all Ticket World/CTC outlets, the Ford Auditorium Box Office and at the Musical Oasis in Birmingham. For more information, call 843-2379.

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**Mary Jane Doerr**  
**'Monique' needs more suspense**  
 Performances of the Troy Players production of Dorothy and Michael Blankfort's "Monique," directed by Joe Burdick, continue at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 26-27, at the Troy Community Center. For ticket information, call 879-1285 anytime.  
 The Troy Players production of "Monique" is billed as a thriller, a suspense drama, but the play eluded my guesses as to the outcome. I must confess most mysteries escape my ardent attempts to second guess the murderer's identity.  
 That is not to say that the play isn't without its clever lines, but any suspense is short-lived and there are few mysterious moments.  
 The well-acted and directed performance is hampered by an unusually loud air-conditioning system that makes lines difficult to understand when the actors drop their voices.  
 No matter how well acted or directed a play may be, there is not much that can be done with poor material. Next time, the company should pick a better play.  
**THE STORY REVOLVES** around Fernand (Ravinel) (Joel Grossman) whose wife, Lucienne Ravinel (Cecil Weisman), rightfully believes he is having an extramarital affair and refuses to give him a divorce. His mistress, Dr.

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