



Susan Paroe of Oak Park is Mabel and Harry Carlson of Birmingham is the Major General in Oakland University's Center for the Arts production of "The Pirates of Penzance," opening Friday, June 14, on campus near Rochester.

upcoming things to do

- **COMEDY IMPROV**
Writers, performers and musicians interested in improvisational comedy are being invited to join the Lunatics Anonymous Writing and Performing Society, being established by the Farmington Players. The troupe will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, May 28-30, at the barn theater, 22332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. For more information call 363-3325.
- **'BIG STORY'**
A new mystery-adventure film, "The Big Story," set in Detroit and Bloomfield Hills, started production last week in Indian Village. Shooting will continue through the summer at various locations in the Detroit area. A cast of local actors will perform in the film, directed by Brian Lawrence and produced by the Independent Film Producers Association of Michigan. For membership in the IFPAM at \$20, or more information about the film, call 541-1450 or 398-7744.
- **PUPPET THEATRE**
Rick's Puppet Theatre will present its 27-minute variety show, featuring Bosco Bird as master of ceremonies, Friday-Sunday, May 31 to June 2, at Winchester Mall in Rochester Hills. Showtimes will be at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Friday, 1, 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday. Other celebrities in the free show include Tommy Toot, Jimmie, the stumbling magician, Pinky the Elephant, and Rick's shark.
- **G&S MUSICAL**
"The Pirates of Penzance," Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 14-15, and Thursday-Saturday, June 20-22, 2 p.m. Sundays, June 16 and 23, and 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, in Varner Hall at Oakland University's Center for the Arts on campus near Rochester. The production will be staged with a 20-piece orchestra. Among cast members are three Birmingham residents, Daniel Watson as Frederic, Melanie Hansen as the lady ward and Harry Carlson as the Major General. Tickets are \$4.50 general admission, \$3.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information call the box office at 370-3013.
- **ACTOR TRAINING**
A new six-week term of actor training programs begins the week of Saturday, June 1, at the Actors Alliance Theatre Company in Southfield. Registration is open for a diverse selection of beginner through advanced level classes, including stage combat, improvisational theater, audition techniques and voices for the actors. For a free brochure call the theater from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays at 642-1326.
- **'MORNING BREAK'**
Tracy Pratt, former Farmington Hills resident, has returned to the Detroit area as hostess for the WKBD-TV, Channel 50, show, "Morning Break," beginning Monday, June 3. Pratt also will serve as reporter for "The Ten O'Clock News." She most recently worked at WLW-TV in Cincinnati as news director and morning drive co-anchor.
- **AUDITIONS OPEN**
Avon Players Collegiate Summer Stock will hold auditions for "Godspell" at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 6, and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at the Avon Playhouse, 1185 Washington Road in Rochester. Cast and crew positions
- are open to high school graduates 17-22 years old. The production will run Friday-Saturday, July 19-20 and 26-27.
- **THEATER ARTS**
Kathy A. Klein, a senior theater arts major at Eastern Michigan University, will play the role of Estelle in the comedy hit "A Waltz of the Toreadors," at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 6-8, on the Quirk Theatre stage at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Klein is the daughter of Sally and Arnold Klein of Farmington. For reservations call the EMU box office at 487-1221.
- **BRASS RING**
Tickets for pop concerts presented by Brass Ring at the Meadow Brook Music Festival are available at the Meadow Brook Box Office on the Oakland University campus near Rochester, Hudson's, Ticket World, J.C. Penney's and all AAA locations. To charge tickets by phone call 377-2010. The concerts include John Denver's "The Man and His Music," at 8 p.m. Friday, July 14; the Pointer Sisters, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 2; the Pat Metheny Group at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17; Stevie Ray Vaughan, along with Double Trouble, at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 31; Amy Grant at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, and "An Evening with Gordon Lightfoot," at 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18.
- **SUMMER STAGE**
Six weeks of SummerStage musicals will be presented by Robert L. Maloney Productions of Pontiac during July and August at the Birmingham Theatre. "Kelly & Company" guest host Jeffrey Bruce will star in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Wednesday, July 17, through Sunday, Aug. 4. Movie and TV actress Patsy Garrett will star in "Hello, Dolly!" Wednesday, Aug. 7, to Sunday, Aug. 25. For more information phone the Maloney office at 373-4410.
- **ETHNIC FESTIVAL**
Phil Marcus Esser of Livonia and Barbara Bredius will lead an international sing-along at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the "Around the World" ethnic festival, which runs Friday through Sunday, June 2, at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. Acclaiming with the sing-along will be a 1985 version of musical genius Mozart, played by actor Scott McCue. The event also will feature a pageant of ethnic festival queens and the maiden brunch cruise on the Detroit River's new Wayward Princess boat.
- **PIANO OLYMPICS**
The 1985 "Piano Olympics," a contest of 1,500 pianists worldwide culminates Sunday-Saturday, June 16-22, during festival week on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. The olympics is sponsored by the Young Keyboard Artists Association. A reception welcoming Dale Nyboer, association president, was held recently at Hamlet Music in Livonia. A total of \$55,000 in prizes will be awarded at the olympics. The competition and special events are all open to the public. For further information call 996-0866.
- **DIANA ROSS**
An "In the Round" performance will be given by Diana Ross at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Jon Louis Arena in Detroit. For tickets at \$17.50 and \$15 call 567-6000.

Korean folk group to perform

Samul-Nori will present a program of Korean drumming and dancing at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Auditorium Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts. General admission is \$15; students and senior citizens are \$10. Performance and afterglow is \$50 per person. Funds from the benefit afterglow will be applied toward acquisition of a Korean work of art. For tickets and information, call the DIA's ticket office at 832-2730.

'Music Man' auditions open

Open auditions for "The Music Man" will be Sunday-Tuesday, June 9-11, at Stagecrafters Playhouse, 176 Bowers, Clawson. Auditions for children and teens under 18 will be 4-6 p.m. June 9 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. June 10. Auditions for adults will be 7-10 p.m. June 9 and 7:30-10:30 p.m. June 10. Call backs will be June 11. All roles are available in the production, which will be staged in September and October. The show will be the first to be performed in Stagecrafters' new facility, the Baldwin Theatre, formerly the Washington, in Royal Oak. For more information, call Hal or Rosemary Robinson after 5 p.m. at 546-8379.

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