

## upcoming things to do

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formance was canceled due to a power outage. For ticket information call 646-6033.

### ● SCENE READINGS

Professional actors will dramatize scenes from the work of five Detroit-area playwrights in a free performance 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Southfield Library. Further information is available at 626-1693.

### ● "CHICKEN RANCH"

Avon Players in Rochester Hills announces the opening of the "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." Show dates are Thursday-Sunday, May 9-12 and 16-19, and Thursday-Saturday, May 23-25. All shows start at 8 p.m. except for Sunday performance, which are at 7:30 p.m. For tickets at \$10 call 375-1390.

### ● MUSIC WEEK

The Birmingham Musicale and the Farmington Musicale are jointly celebrating National Music Week, May 1-8, at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield by sponsoring free, late-morning, afternoon and evening concerts. Vocal and instrumental groups and soloists

from the metropolitan area will present musical programs ranging from popular to classical.

### ● NEIL SIMON

The Village Players of Birmingham presents the play, "Brighton Beach Memoirs" by Neil Simon on Friday-Sunday, May 10-12, and Friday-Saturday, May 17-18. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. except for Sunday, May 12, a brunch/matinee at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, but reservations are recommended. Adult tickets are \$8; student tickets, \$6. Brunch/matinee tickets are \$18. For reservations call 644-2075 anytime.

### ● HAWAIIAN HOMICIDE

Mystery and suspense will highlight the Hawaiian Homicide dinner theater at 7 p.m. Friday, May 3, at the Community Center, Farmington-Farmington Hills. You can put your detective skills to work while sipping on tropical cocktails and dining on a Hawaiian buffet. The evening's entertainment will be provided by Homicide Hosts. For more information or for reservations, call the Community Center at 477-8404. Tickets are \$35. Hawaiian dress is optional.

Performances of the Farmington Players production of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" continue through Wednesday, May 8, at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. For ticket information call 553-2955.

By Mark S. Carley  
special writer

In its production of John Bishop's "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," Farmington Players manages to make an entertaining evening out of some very little material.

It used to be that murder mysteries were carefully crafted plays that included lots of twists and turns and just enough clues to allow the clever armchair detectives in the audience to figure out who-dun-it. The occasional witty witicism was thrown in to ease the tension.

Most of what passes for mystery in today's theater is really a feeble attempt to parody the old masterpieces "Sleuth," "The Mousetrap" with witless jokes, silly caricatures and plots so ridiculously convoluted that logic becomes useless in trying to decipher them.

Sadly, "Musical Comedy Murders"

falls into this over-growing category. There are jokes aplenty but not many are funny. Quite frankly, I am hard pressed to remember who-dun-it. The characters, all of whom have promising backgrounds, don't develop into too much.

WHAT SAVES this show and makes the evening relatively enjoyable is a spirited performance by a talented cast. Margaret Gilkes leads the ensemble as the very rich and equally light-headed Elsa Von Grossenknotten (no, that is not a typo), a financier of Broadway musicals. When she invites a group of actors, directors and producers to her home for a backer's audition, they are, of course, snowed in and quickly cut off from the outside world. I need hardly mention that the phone goes dead and the power fails.

Stand-out performers include Helen Morgan as Hetta the maid (and several of her siblings) and Kirk Hanley as fast-talking small-time comedian Eddie McCuen. Hanley is so good with this schtick that you wonder if he hasn't played the Comedy Castle.



Mark S. Carley

Another big hand must go to the show producer, Bob McSweney, who had to step into the part of Hollywood film director Ken de la Maize at the last minute. This semi-naive, semi-silly role seems made for McSweney.

Director Cynthia DeWolff does a good job with the difficult task of maneuvering her 10-member cast

around a very small stage. The set construction crew also deserves a nod for creating several moving bookcases and secret passageways.

Mark S. Carley is active in local community theater, both onstage and behind the scenes. He is a member of the Birmingham Village Players and Ridgeway Players in Troy.

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