

COMEDY

New Second City revue offers lots of laughs

The Second City - Detroit presents "Slipped a Discus" 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets \$9 Wednesdays; \$14 Thursdays; \$16 Fridays; \$19 Saturdays; and \$12 Sundays. The cast performs a free show of improvisational comedy after every performance of "Slipped a Discus," (after the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays). Call (313) 965-2222.

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The musical numbers are their strongest, but the other ones are pretty funny too. The multi-talented cast of The Second City - Detroit leaves the audience laughing in their seventh revue "Slipped a Discus."

Newcomer Larry Campbell and Kim Greene easily blend into the cast, which includes Dionna Griffin of Southfield, Joshua Funk, Grant Krauss and Rico Bruce Wade. The new revue is directed by John Hildrich with musical direction by Trey Stone. Lyn Okkerse is the producer. Andrew Alexander is the executive producer and John Holtson

the stage manager.

In this revue, the cast explores themes familiar to metro Detroiters - tense race relations, car-jacking, corporate downsizing, and fear of cancer.

There's a skit about a white suburbanite who can't find her car late at night in a Detroit parking lot, and is terrified of the black attendant. The attendant pretends to be a savage, and then, after a chase scene through the theater, points out the car was there all along. As she gets ready to pull away to a white man who wants to go to Sterling Heights - how ironic.

"Education is a Life and Death Matter," is expressed in a scene where the instructor, Larry Campbell, fed up with his bored, dumb students, shoots them when they don't correctly answer a question.

Anyone who has been downsized out of a job will appreciate the humor of a sketch involving a company about to permanently lay off its employees - "to sustain our record profits, record

growth and restructuring."

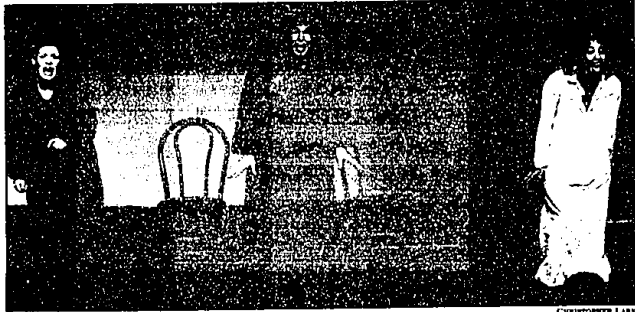
"You will always be part of our family, but you'll be part of our extended family," explains one of the cast, representing corporate interests.

Jenny from the steno pool wants to know if the time they will be spending away from the job will be coming out of her vacation pay.

"None of you work here anymore," explains an exasperated corporate rep. "OK, then where are we working?" an employee asks. The exchange continues until corporate gives up, and the employees, who brilliantly played dumb, go back to work, jobs intact.

"He got the cancer," is a funny musical number where cast members, pretending to be senior citizens visiting in a park, talk about people they know who "heeded every warning," but still "got the cancer."

"Power to the People," is an overriding theme, and fittingly the show ends with a musical, funky number - "the American dream is a marketing scheme - 'Funk the Man, Power to the



Comedy: Kim Greene, (left to right), Joshua Funk and Dionna Griffin in a scene from "Slipped a Discus," at The Second City - Detroit.

People."

On Saturday, at 5:30 p.m. The Second City - Detroit premieres a new show reflecting

"The Best of Second City." One-hour performances of "The Best of Second City," will run 5:30 p.m. every Saturday. Admission is \$7. "The Best of Second City" is performed by The Second City's touring company, call (313) 965-2222 for tickets.

Enjoy summer breezes while reading latest magazines



VICTORIA DIAZ

Now that you have that lawn and garden in working order for the summer, take time to smell the roses. Spend some hours out there relaxing, not laboring. Don't forget to take along a bit of reading material, maybe the latest in magazines. I'd suggest some of the following:

■ "Film Comment" (May-June) - If I were Clint Eastwood, I'm not sure I could bear to look at this issue of the prestigious FC. I think I might literally die of embarrassment at all the gushy praise. Honoring the guy who got his foot in the door via Spaghetti Westerns, the ads call him "icon" and "legend." A full-page Kodak

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pacan reads "People everywhere trust him. Because he's Clint."

Does this include his ex-wife, and his ex-paramour, Sondra Locke?

Anyway, when the Hollywood mega-star isn't being glorified on these pages, his every notion is being analyzed. Film critic, Richard Schickel, contributes one orange piece. "We've never discussed the matter," he writes, revving up for some rather filigreed conjecture, "but I suspect (Clint) sees the urge to press prices upon figures like himself as part of the natural order of things, to be dealt with - how else in his case? - coolly, not as some grand culmination, but as an agreeable interruption in a life still unpredictably unfolding.

something like, say, a round of golf diverting, absorbing, a matter to be taken seriously for the moment but not dwell upon for very long."

Could you die?

For those of you can't get enough of "The Bridges of Madison County," there's a rather detailed analysis of the snooty movie - plus non-related articles on Jim Jarmusch, Stanley Kwan, John Sayles, and others.

If you're a movie fanatic (other than Clint), this issue will make your day.

■ "Country Journal" (June) - Come back down to earth via this unpretentious, but always intelligent periodical. Learn for instance, how you (really, you) can hybridize such glories of the garden as crocus, tulips, poppies, iris, phlox, and others, plus how to create a yard that is especially welcoming to birds and butter-

flies. The section on kids' gardening is not only nute-and-bolts informative, but fun-to-read, even downright inspiring if you have little ones around.

■ "Detroit Monthly" (June) - Unattached area females can take a closer look at some of Detroit's most eligible bachelors in this issue, plus learn a bit more about personals ads and services like Close Encounters and Great Expectations. There's also a feature on "Holdsouts Who Took the Plunge," and a piece on bachelors over 40.

Not all the magazine is devoted to single women, I should hasten to add. Read on, and you'll find just where Detroiters most like to go for Coney dogs, and where you can find some old-fashioned (and-up-to-date) family fun this summer. Fishermen/women should especially enjoy "Local Angles."

■ "Psychology Today" (May-June) - "I'm not the kind of person you want to sit next to on an airplane," reveals CNN's popular interviewer, Larry King, in this issue's PT interview.

"Why is that," queries PT.

"Because I'm going to ask you questions the whole trip," fires back the guy who kissed Marlon Brando on camera last year, as part of an interview with the allegedly reluctant-to-speak actor.

The loquacious King talks about everything from his weakness for women to inept money management to serious legal problems to his childhood in Brooklyn. He also talks about other "TV celebs," when people tell me Howard Stern's a really nice guy and a wonderful person and very shy, that doesn't impress me, because that means the show is a phoney, and it's

fabricated.")

Also in PT this month: "Brain Food: How to Eat Smart." Why are jalapenos so hot right now? What's so great about garlic? Will chocolate really help you to feel better, or sugar help you to think more clearly?

Somebody somewhere should do a feature story on the ads in Psych. Today. They suggest you can develop various psychic powers (not to mention "pheromone power"), learn about "neurodynamics," attain a "hypnotherapy diploma," "chill out with... Kava Calm," and somehow get hold of "prescription drugs without a prescription."

■ "Cooking Light" (June) - This month's luscious cover announces that it's "key lime time!", and also promises to enlighten us about how former Olympians stay fit, if we'll just take a look inside.

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