



Bill Moore (left) of Birmingham and Del Howison of Dearborn are featured in the Comedy Players Dinner Theatre production of Neil Simon's "Chapter Two."

**upcoming things to do**

Neil Simon's comedy "Chapter Two" has been extended through May 22 at Comedy Players Dinner Theatre of Allen Park. Performances are Fridays-Saturdays on Allen Road near Southfield Road in Allen Park. Tickets are \$12.95 Fridays, \$14.95 Saturdays. For reservations call 661-1383 anytime.

**• DANCERS PERFORM**  
Two folkdancing groups, the Sava Folklore Group and the Dunay Ensemble, will perform at the "Up With Science" extravaganza at 8 p.m. April 15 at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. Immediately following the show will be a complimentary wine reception. Guests are invited to come as they are, or wear costumes. Admission for this and all segments of "Up With Science" is included in regular museum admission of \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students, free for children under 5.

**• WIN SCHULER'S**  
Fable and Grable play easy-listening baroque classical music on flute and guitar 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays at Win Schuler's restaurant, 6066 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

**• CHORAL CONCERT**  
The Arpi Swedish Male Chorus will present its spring concert with the Finlandia Male Chorus at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Ralph Mannisto will play the accordion for dancing and listening at an afterglow following the concert. Tickets at \$2.50 may be obtained by calling Greta Nilsson at 425-3585, or at the door.

**• LAUREL, HARDY**  
Five Laurel and Hardy hits will be screened at the "Laurel and Hardy Comedy Show" on Friday-Sunday and April 22-25 at the Merrie Melodie Theatre at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Avon Township. The films are "The Live Ghost," "Going Bye Bye," "The Laurel and Hardy Murder Case," "Brats" and "Bacon Grabbers." John Anderson will play the theater organ during the silent film "Bacon Grabbers." Tickets are \$3 for adults at evening performances and \$2 for children, \$2 for all matinees. For show times call 375-0911.

**• WAGON WHEEL**  
Prodigy plays through Sunday at the Wagon Wheel Saloon, Rochester Road at Big Beaver, Troy. Shivers is the attraction Monday-Tuesday and the group Old performs Wednesday through April 25.

**• AT DEWEY'S**  
The Counts will appear Monday through April 24 at Dewey's in the Michigan Inn, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. The five-member show/dance band performs from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. There is no cover charge.

**• 'EVITA' TICKETS**  
Hal Prince's new production of the musical hit "Evita" continues through May 8 at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are on sale at the Masonic Temple Theatre box office.

**'Shadow Box' falls flat**

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stage to work with at the Eagle, Bennett inexplicably eliminates a crucial sofa in that part of the set, sabotaging the plot and the action.

**THE EX-WIFE** (overplayed by Jane Shaffmaster) and the lover (David Wilson) in a stiff, flat performance) supposedly hate each other, yet Bennett puts them side by side when they should be nose to nose and nonchalantly distant when they should be circling warily, angrily.  
As the object of Shaffmaster and Wilson's affection, Bob Kaminski, the writer, doesn't use one gesture that is not cliché or melodramatic. Two disparate people have fallen in love with his love for the English language, yet his speeches are laden and uninspiring.  
The unifying voice of "The Shadow

Box" is a disembodied one, an amplified, God-like doctor's voice, interviewing the characters, gently exposing their fears, puncturing their self-deception, helping them prepare their loved ones for the inevitability of death.  
The part demands a voice that can convey sympathy, humor, authority and tenderness. Gerald Hoy's is flat and pitiless. It also sounds like he's using the lobby as his sound booth — the microphone picks up voices, cars and miscellaneous clatter.  
If there is a star in this misguided production, it is the Eagle Theatre itself. It's sumptuously colored in red, gold and sea green, adorned with arches — Moorish, Arabic, Gothic — at every turn. Its acoustics are superb.  
One hopes it will be used vigorously in the future, and that the productions staged there will have future commentators more to praise than the architecture.

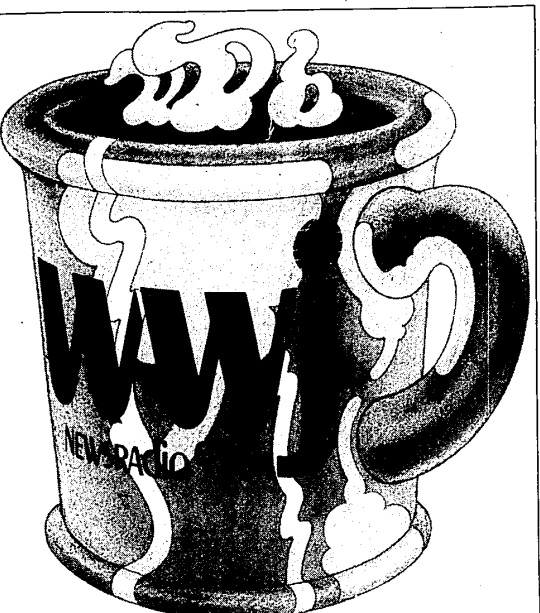
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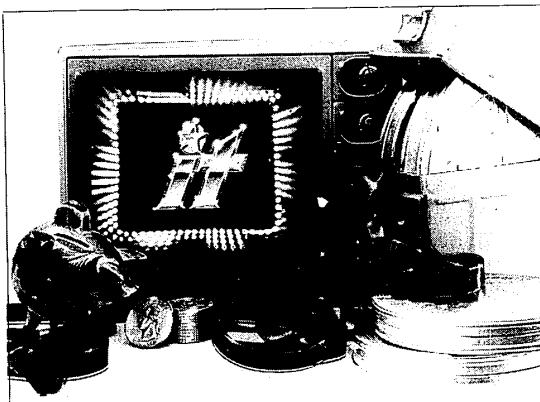


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