



Irene Schwyer is Posay Burroughs and David Conrad Hatch of Birmingham is Lawrence Hailton in "The Station Master's Daughter" at the Henry Ford Museum Theatre.

upcoming things to do

- FREE FUNHOUSE**
 The Bonkmobile funhouse on wheels from Nabisco Brands Inc. will be open free to children from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 25-26, outside the east entrance (off Rochester Road) of Winchester Mall in Rochester. Children may enter the Bonkmobile and travel through a Fruit Forest maze.
- AT ARCHIBALD'S**
 Dick Haynes, on multi-keyboards and vocals, plays through Aug. 3 at Archibald's in Birmingham. He performs from 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays.
- MEADOW BROOK**
 Kenny G, with special guest Lorber Fuson, has been announced as the attraction for 8 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. For ticket information call the box office at 377-2010.
- IN PRODUCTION**
 Daniel Watson of Birmingham is Frederic, and James R. Ozinga of Rochester Hills and Matthew E. Hackett of Rochester are cast in dual roles of pirates and policemen in the Oakland University Center for the Arts production of the Gilbert and Sullivan musical "The Pirates of Penzance." Eight performances continue through Sunday, June 23, at Varner Recital Hall on the OU campus near Forest Hill. For tickets at \$4.50 general admission, \$3.50 for students and senior citizens, call the box office at 370-3013.
- MUSIC WORKSHOP**
 Applications are being taken for the eighth annual Academy of Popular Vocal Arts Choral Music, Choreography, Show Choir and Vocal Jazz Workshop for Students and Teachers to be held Monday-Friday, July 8-12, on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. For more information, call 685-3037.
- COMEDY-MELODRAMA**
 "The Station Master's Daughter," an 1888 romantic comedy-melodrama, continues a six-week run at 8:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through June 19 and July 12-14 at the Henry Ford Museum Theater at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Tickets are \$5.50 per person, or \$18.25 each for a combination dinner and theater package (reservations required). For reservations call 271-1820.
- HART PLAZA**
 Jazz, country, concert and symphonic music will be presented Friday-Tuesday, June 20 to July 2, at Hart Plaza in Detroit, during the International Freedom Festival. Attractions Saturday, June 29, include the 82nd Air Borne Chorus and the Navy Band Great Lakes; country singer Steve Wariner will perform in the evening. The Hart Plaza Showdown, sponsored by WWWW-FM, will feature comedy acts throughout the day.
- FIREWORKS FESTIVAL**
 The eighth annual Czechoslovak-American Festival will be held Friday-Sunday, July 12-14, at the Benjamin F. York Arena, 3131 Third Street. Among entertainers are the Czechoslovak Festival Brass of Troy, which performs Saturday, July 13, and the Rusyn folk group of Livonia. Hours are 6 p.m.-midnight July 12, 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 13, and 1-10 p.m. July 14. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens. Children 14 and under, accompanied by an adult, are free.
- FIREWORKS PARTY**
 Tickets are on sale for the Central Business District Association's second annual Fireworks Party aboard the floating Lansdowne Restaurant on Monday, July 1, at the riverfront in downtown Detroit. CBDA has reserved the entire 1,000-seat restaurant for the International Freedom Festival display. Tickets at \$35 per person include a supper buffet and seats for fireworks viewing. Cash bars will be open all evening. For

tickets call 981-1403 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

- AT LILI'S**
 The Burdons, a four-piece pop-rock and rockabilly band, will perform Friday-Saturday, June 29-30, at Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. The Burdons, who hail from Bay City, currently are heard on the group's self-titled debut album. Cover charge is \$3.
- ENGLISH SHOW**
 Stagecreators will present its sister group from England, the Company of Ten from St. Albans, in the play "Lord Arthur Savile's Crime" on Saturday-Sunday, June 29-30, and Monday-Wednesday, July 1-3, at the Bowers Street Auditorium in Clawson. The Company of Ten will perform "Music Hall," a 40-minute rendition of English tunes at noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m. Thursday, July 4. For ticket information call Bob Hagle at 832-5772.
- JEROME KERN**
 The Rackham Symphony Choir will present "The Music of Jerome Kern Under the Stars" at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The choir and orchestra will be conducted by Frederick DeHaven. Tickets are \$8. For further information, call 683-5828 during business hours.
- BUD SUPERBEST**
 The Budweiser Superbest, a rhythm and blues concert, will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Appearing on this year's show are Aretha Franklin, "The Queen of Soul"; Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, the Whispers, and Teena Marie. Tickets at \$18.75 are available at all Ticket World outlets and the Joe Louis Arena box office. For ticket information, call 567-6000.
- 'BUS STOP'**
 TV stars Ed Marinaro of "Hill Street Blues" and Priscilla Barnes of "Three's Company" will co-star in the comedy "Bus Stop" by William Inge at the Star Theatre of Flat on June 25 to June 30. Tickets are available at the box office in Whiting Auditorium, phone 239-1404.
- MOONLIGHT CRUISE**
 Barbershop quartets and choruses will be aboard the Bolo Boat moonlight cruise at 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 12. Open to the public, the cruise is sponsored by the Detroit No. 1 Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. For further information, call 398-8365 or 328-3446.
- IN CONCERT**
 Manhattan Transfer will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, July 12, at Ford Auditorium in Detroit. Tickets at \$18 and \$16 are available by calling 567-1400. Stanley Clarke will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 28, in a concert rescheduled from June 6, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Tickets are \$13.50. For tickets phone 546-7610. Both concerts are presented by Brass Ring.
- PRIX PARTY**
 "The World's Largest Grand Prix Parties" will be given by WMJC-FM and the Westin Hotel from 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, June 21, and 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, June 22, in the hotel's Renaissance Ballroom in Detroit. Both parties are free and open to the public. Food and a cash bar will be available.

Information for the Upcoming calendar may be submitted to Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Mailing address: P.O. Box 503, Birmingham, Mich. 48012, or 35231 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150. Entertainment events should be open to the public. Preference is given to information about restaurants, or events within the circulation area of the 12 O&E newspapers.

These Californias rate high

About once a year the time comes around in this column to nominate the Best Buys in wine available in local stores. Previous columns of this genre mention things now long gone; new issues come along regularly to take their places.

This column will focus on California releases; European buys of merit will come along soon. First mention honors must go to Glen Ellen for their continued excellence in their Proprietor's Reserve series, this year a 1982 Cabernet and a 1983 Chardonnay. Year in and year out these wines continue to impress me for their consistency, quality and pricing. The Chardonnay this year is especially noteworthy: fresh and full flavors unimpaired by oak overtones. At about \$5.50 a bottle they are both highly recommended.

Perhaps most surprising is the 1981 Almaden Cabernet Sauvignon, carrying a Monterey appellation. At \$6, this has lovely Cabernet character and has a bit of tannin to compound it. Not known historically for fine Cabernets, both Almaden and Monterey are unexpected nominations.

Two Sauvignon Blancs deserve mention, though neither is marketed under that varietal name. Wolverine White, made by Granite Spring Winery in Amador, is a joy. It has been around since the opening of the 1984 Michigan football season and it continues to develop well in the bottle. At \$4 it is a Best Buy. In a wholly different cost league is Lyle's new 1983 White, a \$10.50 bottle that should be reserved for only the best occasion. It is blended with pronounced amounts of Semillon that produces an opulent roundness and elegance to the wine. This is not the grassy style so much in fashion today. It is closer to an exceptional White Bordeaux (its companion, a 1981 Red, is still very hard and unforgiving, and at \$17 a bottle is a real risk).

Best Buy among the red wines is the Shafer 1982 Red Table Wine. This is the wine John Shafer felt was not good enough to be called a Zinfandel and sold as such at a higher cost. This \$4 wine continues to improve with age, picking up some depth to add to its initial berry flavors. This is the style of Zin-

fandel that will soon bring this grape back to the popularity it deserves.

Two Petite Sirahs also deserve mention. The Tjesseling Family Vineyards from Mendocino County has just released a 1981 loaded with black peppers and chewy fruit. At \$8 it has much to commend it. And old friend, Santa Cruz Mountain man Ken Burnap, has finally released another Durif (using his idiosyncratic name for the origin of the grape clone used), his first since 1978. This is from the 1982 vintage and can only be described as massive! It will live a long time for those who want it well tempered by age but it is also a joy today with a brassy meal. I can think of no food that will dominate it.

Among high class jug wines, the 1981 Red and 1983 White by Parducci and the 1981 Gurgandy and 1983 Chablis by Concannon are all to be commended. These are all fine, well made wines and, at about \$8 for a 1.5-liter bottle, are sound additions to any big dinner table.

Because of their continued popularity, White Zinfandels must also be mentioned here. Recommendations, however, are generic in nature. Nearly any of the approximately 30 available offer pleasing sipping, with few differences among them. All tend to be fruity, soft, low-alcohol summer quaffing events in the \$4.50-a bottle range. The Kenwood seems to me to be the driest. The only ones not recommended are the Sutter Home (a rather fun pop wine), the Cribari (almost wholly devoid of any flavor) and the 1984 Ridge (\$8.19 for a White Zinfandel).

Now for the Biggest Disappointment category, a release that is truly unworthy of its usually distinguished name. The non-vintage Vin Blanc from Joseph Phelps has a flavor reminiscent of malt polish remover, harsh and wholly unpleasant. Its companion, a Vin Rouge, is somewhat better, it should be added. But the Blanc from Phelps, long known for his highly estimable white wines, is poor fare.

A sad ending to an otherwise most cheery column.

wine

Richard Watson

Wolverine White, made by Granite Spring Winery in Amador, is a joy. It has been around since the opening of the 1984 Michigan football season and it continues to develop well in the bottle.

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