

# Mystery, suspense add up to a hit

Performances of "Catch Me If You Can," presented by the Troy Players, continue at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 24-25, and Friday, Jan. 31, at the Troy Community Center. For ticket information, call 879-1285 anytime.

The Troy Players production of Jack Weinstock and Willie Gilbert's "Catch Me If You Can" caught me by surprise. I had never heard of Weinstock, Gilbert, or the

play, and I am glad to have caught up with this clever writing team and its wonderfully complicated mystery. "Catch Me If You Can" has everything a good suspense play should have: an unsolved murder, lots of suspects, run-bling thunder in the Catskill mountains, strange poisons, guns, a terrific set by Linda Brick, an enormous moose head, and a smashing surprise ending. Timothy Mohan is absolutely believable as

clean-cut Daniel Corban, the frantic newlywed whose wife appears to be missing. Mohan scatters advertising phrases credit cards and quick-witted thinking with equal aplomb. Phillip D. Martin is especially good as Inspector Corbin, turns in the most polished performance. Somers is good to look at, and a joy to listen to. George Hotz is wonderfully funny as Sidney of Sidney's Sandwich Shop. Hotz looks like the uncle everyone wants to eat his New York accent is sheer folk. Martin's pleasure in playing Levine adds to the delight of listening to him, especially

since the good inspector has most of the good lines. PHLOMENA SOMERS, as Elizabeth Corbin, turns in the most polished performance. Somers is good to look at, and a joy to listen to. George Hotz is wonderfully funny as Sidney of Sidney's Sandwich Shop. Hotz looks like the uncle everyone wants to eat his New York accent is sheer folk. Martin's pleasure in playing Levine adds to the delight of listening to him, especially



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ketchup. Jim Tolpos and Linda Paeletta as Everett and Mrs. Parker, a swinging couple who pop in to add to the confusion, are deft and flashy. David Kery is a bit stiff as Father Keller, but since Kery isn't

really a Father at all, it's easy to forgive this slight unevenness. Director Stephen Kiersey does a good job getting his characters to interact, but it wouldn't hurt if the pace was a bit quicker. Everyone in this

play seems to drive a yellow Mustang with Michigan plates, and the play is at its best when it zips along like a fast car — and for the most part, it does. Kudos to the cast and crew.

## Radio show to help singles find their love

A new radio show for metro-Detroit singles of all ages from 18 up will air 7-8 p.m. Saturdays beginning Feb. 15 on WPON (1450 AM). Called "Valerie's Find

Your Love," the show will be hosted by Valerie Hilson of Bloomfield Hills, who also has another show on WPON, featuring celebrity interviews. "Taped and live inter-

views" of people telling what they're looking for in a mate will be the focal point of the new show, Hilson said. She will interview the guests "just like I've done all through the years with the Fisher stars" (she is "Miss First Nighter" at Detroit's Fisher Theatre), but this time the emphasis will be on romance.

Guests will be identified only by first names and the community where they reside. Some guests may remain anonymous, if they prefer not to give their names over the air.

LISTENERS may call

in during the show if they feel hooked by Valerie Hilson being interviewed, but no calls will be aired during the show. Instead, listeners will leave their name, phone number and other information that can be verified.

Between three and four guests will appear on each show. "Anyone interested in finding their love, or who wants to appear on the show, can call 642-2645 or write to P.O. Box 528, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48303," Hilson said.

Guests on the show will be described as to age, such as "in the teens," "under 40" or "mature," for example. Their physi-

cal appearance may be described, but there will be "nothing negative" at all in the way this is done. "We want them to feel wonderful," she said.

She said the show will stay away from the sex area but perhaps describe "a sensuous person." The show is not for people just looking for a sex

partner but for someone "definitely interested in meeting a good friend, a companion, someone who can add fun and laughter to their life."

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