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Possessing magical powers, "The Little Humpbacked Horse" gives young Ivan a wild ride through the skies to the palace and becomes Ivan's guardian and protector when Ivan is given impossible errands to carry out for the Tsar.

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Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets may be purchased at The Detroit Institute of Arts Ticket Office Tuesday through Sunday (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.) or at all J. L. Hudson ticket service offices.

Mail requests for tickets should be addressed to Theatre Arts Dept., The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., and accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Call Theatre Arts Dept. at 832-2700 for additional information.

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LARRY PARKS and Moya Tormina in a rehearsal scene from "Stop the World I Want to Get Off." The Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild production will open at Bentley High School Nov. 26. Performances are scheduled Nov. 27 and Dec. 3, 4 and 5.

'Stop the World' Rehearsals Underway

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford opens its 11th season with the offbeat musical comedy "Stop the World I want to get off," at the Bentley High School auditorium Nov. 26, 27 and Dec. 3, 4 and 5.

Top-notch professional directors Fenton Calhoun and Jack Pierson share the job of polishing the performances of the cast of 35.

Calhoun, who directed the Guild's presentation of "Guys and Dolls," several years ago, is in the creative TV department of the Campbell-Ewald advertising agency and has been responsible for many outstanding commercial productions for that firm.

Jack Pierson, music instructor at Adams Jr. High School in Dearborn and a Livonia resident, is also this year's Theatre Guild Vice President. A graduate of Ohio University, Pierson was musical director for the Guild's production of "Destiny Rides Again."

The feminine lead of "Stop the World" is Moya Tormina, a 21-year-old actress, once again demonstrates her talent in the poly-sided role of Eve, that has earned her recognition as one of the truly competent artists in community theatre.

After her graduation from Clark College in Iowa, with a degree in drama, Moya gained additional credits in a variety of radio, television and other acting appearances.

She currently does many narrative assignments with the Jam Handy Organization including radio and TV commercials.

Local audiences have applauded her performances in such Guild productions as Glass Menagerie, The Four Poster, Send Me No Flowers and Anastasia, to name but a few.

Starting in the demanding role of Littleface, the Guild introduces newcomer Larry Parks. This leading part, popularized by Anthony Newley on Broadway, is one of the most interpretive roles ever created for a musical production.

Larry, a 1964 graduate of Redford High School may indeed, prove a real theatrical "find", one of the rare breed of community theatre performers who

use such productions as stepping stones to professional acclaim.

His most recent credits include leading roles with the Detroit Civic Center Theatre in "The Fantasticks," "Sound of Music" and "Brigadoon." His immediate desire is to enter Northwestern University where he intends to pursue the formal aspects of dramatic training.

Rounding out the direction staff is Miss Tracy Corbett, whose choreographic talents are implementing the precise movement of the dancing chorus.

Ticket information about "Stop the World" may be obtained by calling 422-0009 or GA 2-8988.



THE TAVI RANDOMS, a local rock and roll combo, will be on hand at the Livonia Cinema for the Friday evening and Saturday matinee performances of the film, "Having a Wild Weekend," starring the Dave Clark Five. Members of the combo, all students at Clarenceville Junior High School, are from left: David Nash, Thomas Berry and Randall Strachen.

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- 1) BONAZZA
- 2) ANDY GRIFFITH SPEC.
- 3) GOMER PYLE
- 4) ANDY GRIFFITH
- 5) GET SMART
- 6) BENTWITCH
- 7) RED SKELTON
- 8) LUCY SHOW
- 9) DICK VAN DYKE, MAN CALLED SHENANDOAH (tie)
- 10) BEVERLY HILLBILLIES
- 11) GUNSMOKE
- 12) GREEN ACRES, HOGAN'S HEROES (tie)
- 13) MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E.
- 14) ED SULLIVAN
- 15) THE VIRGINIAN
- 16) DANIEL ROONE, CBS THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE (tie)
- 17) LAWRENCE WELK

The top ten new shows stack up as follows (in order of preference):

- 1) GET SMART
- 2) MAN CALLED SHENANDOAH
- 3) GREEN ACRES, HOGAN'S HEROES (tie)
- 4) CBS THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE
- 5) F TROOP
- 6) DREAM OF JEANNIE
- 7) FBI
- 8) WILD WILD WEST
- 9) RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

An interesting point brought to light with the latest Nielson figures is the fact that the sensation of last year, "Peyton Place" barely showed up at all. It came in tied for 40th place, the bottom of the list.

If this continues, it may go down as the end of one of the fastest ups and downs in TV history. ABC is so concerned with the soap opera's sag that they are moving the Friday night episode to Monday nights, hoping to soup up the serial sag.

A few months ago, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare asked Columbia to aid in the "Back-to-School" campaign. Columbia records responded with a recording ball around the theme and called it "Tom Hopes and Dreams and Tomatoes."

To make a long story short,

the record has proven so successful that it has now been released nationally and put on sale. The artist who recorded the record has also been revealed and turns out to be a Detroit, Jimmy Fraser. Jim formerly sang at many schools and dances in this area with a group called Spy-dee.

Farmington's Jim Hampton who is Phil's top afternoon D.J. on WAMM under the name Jim Taylor, interrupts his career for a few moments. He is slated to go into the National Guard in January.

OBSERVING THE TOP TEN

- 1) HEAR A SYMPHONY—SUPREMES
- 2) GET OFF MY CLOUD—ROLLING STONES
- 3) 1-2-3—LEN BARRY
- 4) AIN'T THAT PECULIAR—MARVIN GAYE
- 5) I KNEW YOU WHEN—BILLY JO ROYAL
- 6) LET ME BE—TURTLES
- 7) SOMETHING YOU GOT—4 TOPS
- 8) MY BABY—TEMPTATIONS
- 9) I CAN NEVER GO HOME ANYMORE—SHANGRI LAS
- 10) TURN TURN TURN—BYRDS

SPOTLIGHT: PRINCESS IN RAGS—GENE PITNEY

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THE JAYCEE THREE, from left: Ralph Mossman, Erick Cornmuck and Don Harris, have recorded "Sleeping In" a collection of folk songs to benefit the Michigan Jaycee's program to combat the causes of mental illness and mental retardation. Copies of the record may be obtained from any Jaycee member or at any Observer office.

One Man Show Coming To U. of D. November 13

The show that was called in the Oct. 18 issue of the New York Daily News "The first smash of the season" plays a one night stand Saturday, Nov. 13 at 8:30 p.m. in the University of Detroit Memorial Building Auditorium.

It is a one-man show called "The World of Charles Aznavour."

Aznavour, the number one entertainer in France today, sings his own songs something in the style of Edith Piaf.

"Life Magazine" has called the diminutive Frenchman "merely the greatest show business phenomenon of the decade." Aznavour's multiple talents include the song writing ability of Irving Berlin, the gentle flair for comedy of Buster Keaton and the soaring vocal intensity of Edith Piaf.

His current limited New York engagement is playing to standing room only audiences.

Tickets for his U. of D. appearance are currently available. For information call DI 21029.

Royal Ballet Tickets on Sale

Mail orders are now being accepted for the premiere engagement of "An Evening with the Royal Ballet" Nov. 17 and 18 at the Livonia Cinema Theatre. Filmed at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, London, the performance features Dame Margot Fonteyn and Rudolph Nureyev in four ballets: "Les Sylphides," "La Valse," "Les Corsairs," and "Aurora's Wedding" from The Sleeping Beauty.

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