



A FUNNY THING... Mel Oshins loves his work in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" by Best Shevelove and Larry Gelbart. The zany musical is now playing at the Westchester Playhouse, 8301 S. Hindry Ave., Westchester. The Kentwood Players production will play weekends through Aug. 26. The beauties who surround Oshins are (clockwise, from left) Nancy Goff, Dorris Reynolds, Beverly Baines, Calla Silvers, and Irene Matsch. Watching from the window is Fred Baum.

CRITIC'S BEAT

Kentwood's 'Forum' Both Entertaining and Funny

Embarking upon the field of musical comedy for the first time in their history, the Kentwood Players of Westchester have come up with an entertaining if not always polished production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." What the show lacks in polish, however, is more than made up by the enthusiasm of the cast. And "Forum" seems an ideal choice for a first foray into musical comedy, for the play requires — or, perhaps, permits — a good deal less of its stars when it comes to music. As Pseudolus, the slave to a young Roman in love with a girl whom he apparently can't have, Mel Oshins is perfectly cast. Oshins moves through his role with precision and confidence, handling both lines and songs well. OSHINS, by the way, was doing three roles during rehearsals for "Forum." He played the role of Marco in "A View from the Bridge," which won Kentwood top honors in the Los Angeles County Drama Festival just last week. In a special production for an Inglewood area club, As Hysterium, Murray Weissfeld it great. Weissfeld captured the audience with his first appearance on stage and in that scene where Hysterium plays the role of the dead virgin brought down the house. Weissfeld's performance was easily the triumph of the evening and should be remembered when Kentwood hands out awards at the end of the current season. TWO OTHERS who earned hearty applause for their efforts are Myron Cole and Fred Baum. Cole, as Senex, and Baum, as Lycus, the buyer and seller of courtesans, were especially entertaining in "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid." The roles of Hero and Philia were competently enacted by Clyde Harvey and Elena Parks. Both seemed on occasion to be a little unsure of their efforts, but both have fine singing voices. Particularly good as a singer was Marty Olson as Miles Gloriosus, the headstrong captain enamored of himself and come for his virgin. If all the cast was as competent in the musical numbers as Olson, Kentwood would have a first-rate production. COMPLETING the cast are Norma Northcutt as Domina and Robert Thorpe as Erotionus, the old man searching for his children stolen by pirates. The courtesans are played by Nancy Goff, Irene Matsch, Dorris Reynolds and Beverly Baines, Calla Silvers, and Lise Murphy, the Proteans are Dave Lundberg, Hal Fisher, and Hank Sorkin.

Concert Slated at El Camino

A program of orchestra and choral music will be presented by the El Camino College summer orchestra and summer chorus Monday at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Music building. Under the direction of James Mack, music instructor, the orchestra will play "London Suite" by Eric Coates, "Five Courty Dances" from the "Gloriana Suite" by Benjamin Britten and selections from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story." The chorus will sing three movements from the "Requiem" by Durufle, "Sam Was a Man" by Percichetti and "Choose Something Like a Star" from "Froshana" by Robert Thompson. No admission will be charged.

Reject Hike In Driver's License Fee

SACRAMENTO—The State Assembly has rejected a bill which would have raised the fee for automobile driver's licenses from \$3 to \$5. The measure, AB1495 by Assemblyman Robert E. Badham, R-Newport Beach, also would have eliminated an exemption provided in 1957 and required that persons would have to be able to read enough English to understand basic traffic signs in order to qualify for a driver's license. Assemblyman Walter J. Karabian, D-Monterey Park, objected to the Badham bill. He said it was true the department of motor vehicles lost money in the issuance of driver's license but this was only one part of the department's operations and it made up the shortage elsewhere. The vote for Badham's bill was 28-27, with 41 votes needed. The vote was on a party-line basis, with Republicans favoring the bill and Democrats opposing it.

Aquarium Meeting Planned

The July meeting of the Harbor Aquarium Society will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. in McMasters Park in Torrance. Speaker of the evening will be member Al Doyle of Torrance who will show some of his slides of aquariums, including some of his show winners. His talk will center around his recent work as a fish hobbyist.

... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARY

HONG KONG—This still remains the most exciting city in the world, as far as I am concerned. I've looked forward to returning here for a number of reasons — shopping, touring, the incomparable Chinese food, and the wide array of night life. Whatever you are looking for, you will find in Hong Kong. As usual I shop around for the best quality and the best buys. It seems as though things are a little cheaper on the Kowloon side (mainland side). Hotel shops are naturally higher in price, but still bargains, if you can't be bothered by moving around in taxis, ferry boats, and buses. Found some jewelry at the Hong Kong Jade House, 8-A Carnaroon Road, in Kowloon. Ask for Walter Hue and he will show you some unbelievable bargains in jewelry of all kinds. I found several things there I'm taking home with me.



IN HONG KONG... Press-Herald art and travel columnist Larry Macary, now conducting a group from this area on a trip around the world, is pictured in Hong Kong as he enters the Tiger Balm Gardens. With him is "Angela," his guide. Macary describes some of his shopping tour of the British Crown Colony in today's Let's Go column.

Theme Set For School

Registrations are now being received for the vacation Bible school at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 706 Knob Hill, Redondo Beach, for two weeks beginning Monday. This year's activity will center around the theme, "The God I Love." Classes will be conducted each day from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for children in the community from the age of two through the eighth grade.

SIGN-UP FOR TORRANCE POP WARNER FOOTBALL PROGRAM AUGUST 1 THRU 4 AT 5 P. M. WEST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD JUNIOR BANTAM, 11-14 YEARS (100-130 LBS.) MIDGETS, 10-13 YEARS (90-115 LBS.) PEE-WEES, 9-12 YEARS (70-95 LBS.) CLINIC, 8-10 YEARS (LESS THAN 70 LBS.) PARENTS ARE TO ACCOMPANY BOYS TO SIGN-UP

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