

GLT ready for Second Time Around

Georgetown Little Theatre will begin their 29th season by presenting the comedy *Second Time Around*, by Henry Denker. Director Jacky Willows has lined up the following cast: Shiona Watson, Ron Hunt, Lois Fraser, Ashley Windsor, John Carter, Joan Andrews, Sam Hancock and Michelle Rouillard.

Some of these names will be familiar to you - others are new to the group. Georgetown Little Theatre welcomes them and hopes that you will come along and support their endeavors and enjoy this very funny play.

Show dates are Oct. 20, 21, and 25-28 at the John Elliott Theatre, Georgetown.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Sept. 13, 1989

Today is the 256th day of 1989 and the 85th day of summer.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1788, New York was declared the first federal capital and the seat of the U.S. Congress.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Walter Reed (1851-1902) bacteriologist; "Black Jack" Pershing (1860-1948), Army general; Roald Dahl (1916-), author; Mel Torme (1925-) singer; Fred Silverman (1937-) TV producer; Jacqueline Bisset (1944-), actress; Nell Carter (1948-), actress.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I'm a person whose happiness depends on control. I need to know what to expect." - Jacqueline Bisset.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 8) and full moon (Sept. 15).

Some good insights into Parenthood

AT THE MOVIES

By **DIAHANN NADEAU**
Herald Special

Parenthood is the kind of movie that catches you by surprise; one moment you're laughing so hard you're crying, and the next you're just crying. A multi-generational story about families and child-raising, *Parenthood* is a very funny film with some astute insights.

Steve Martin plays Gil, father of three, husband, son, and brother. He and wife Karen (Mary Steenburgen) seem to have the perfect family - on the surface. But their oldest son Kevin is a nine-year-old with emotional problems. Their youngest child likes to butt his head. Gil isn't going to get the partnership at his firm. But compared to the rest of Gil's family they're laughing.

Gil's older sister Anne (Dianne Wiest) is a divorcee with a teenage daughter and pre-teen son. Gary exists as a shadow in his house, barely there, saying little beyond hello, and carting a mysterious brown bag around. Sister Julie sleeps with her boyfriend in her room, unbeknownst to her mother. Mom has no control in this house.

Then there is Gil's younger sister Susan (Harley Kozak), married to Irwin (Rick Moranis) a yuppie intent on pushing their four-year-old daughter Patty into Harvard. Patty's bedtime reading is Kafka. Susan seems happy with his rigid program - until she pulls a shoe box of junk food out of the closet and

munches a Twinkie in rebellion.

Black sheep younger brother Larry (Tom Hulce) returns to the fold, to his father's delight (Jason Robards is the cynical paterfamilias) and no one else's. He has Cool in town, his unexpected and half-black little boy. Larry is a compulsive gambler with death threats to contend with.

The movie follows the families through marriage, separation, little league, puberty, and school plays. A family dinner produces unexpected results - a black-out sends Gil into Anne's bedroom for a flashlight and he returns with a vibrator instead. The lights come on and one child asks what it is. "It's an electric ear cleaner honey," says Karen. "Sure is big," says her little girl: "sure is," echoes Grandma. The next day, when Anne confronts her daughter about her boyfriend spending the night, Julie replies, "I thought someone in this house should be hav-

ing sex with something that's not a machine... I'm leaving before I say something I'll regret." "You can say something worse than the machine crack?" questions her mother. Kids, go figure.

The acting in the movie is excellent. Steenburgen, Martin and Wiest stand out especially. Wiest's "Hi Gary," conveys every emotion a mother has over a troubled child. Robards is so perfectly sardonic it's scary. The children are delightful, and Martha Plimpton as Julie, Leaf Phoenix (River's brother - Woodstock lives) as Gary, and Keanu Reeves as Julie's

boyfriend Todd stand out especially.

Ron Howard directed this film with a loving touch. It is a solid two hour film, with an occasional long moment, but generally it moves well. There are lots of hilarious scenes, but just as many touching ones. This is definitely a feel-good film, a family movie, but for the over-14-year-old set.

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