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stand trial. He soon learns that and constantly clowning around.

Jack (Stephen Hatzai) and Margery (Mimi Smith) fear the evil witch

#### ENTERTAINMENT

# New Vasey play comes up short

By MICHAEL GOLD

Villanova Theatre opened its spring season last week with the production of "Vinegar Tom." While the play has some good points, mostly musical, it comes up short overall and is a weak first effort of the season for the theater department.

'Vinegar Tom" is the story of four women who are accused of being witches, and the way they cope with that situation. Much attention is given to their accusers, who use the existence of witches in their town as a way of explaining their bad luck.

Eventually, two of the women Alice and Susan, portrayed by Anne Marie Ryan and Dana Stago, are hanged while two are left alive to deal with the aftermath of what has happened to them. One of them crumbles emotionally and begins to believe that she is, in fact, an evil person. The other is angry at herself and her society and she resigns herself to the fact that the way of the devil is the only way left for her. In a rage, she says that she wished she was a witch so that she could seek revenge on her accusers and

While Hopper tries to be funny, Sutherland's Buckner seems com-

Walker's friend Maggie (Carol

Kane) is one bright spot in the

film. Kane is perfectly cast as a

flakey flower child caught in a late

1960s time warp. The film chooses

to ignore her for the most part,

however, and concentrates on

Overall, "Flashback" produces

some laughs, but leaves the viewer

discouraged. The plot is hard to

follow at times, and the solid

Hopper and Sutherland do not

work well as a comedy duo, and

the movie suffers as a result. Incorporating the 1960s into the

plot adds nothing except confusion and a few good songs in the soundtrack. This is a good week-

supporting cast is underused.

Hopper and Sutherland.

The play was written by Caryl Churchill, and deals with 17th century society's use of witches as scapegoats in times of stress and hardship. It is a feminist play that covers many of the hardships faced by women through the ages. Included here are comments about menstruation, pregnancy and the general suppression of women.

Some of the ideas that are brought forth show surprising promise

The four men represented in the play are a playboy, (Robert J. Koelmel) a man who has touble functioning sexually (because a mances of Leslie Burns, Sean witch stole his "thing"), a doctor Murray and Jenn Rice are, without who practices bleeding techniques a doubt, the best part of the show and a religious zealot who tortures There should be a soundtrack. women accused of being witches, both portrayed by Michael Sharp. There is a lot of man-bashing going on here.

While sex is a major theme in innuendos as she possibly can. In ing, they just can't do enough.

results in poignant or funny scenes. In other cases, however, she crosses the bounds of good taste. The result is a show that, because of these sections, may be offensive to some. The gestures made by the actors always seem to be sexual in some way, and there is also quite a bit of groping going on.

In contrast to most of the rest of the show, the music is superior. Musical director Ricardo Martin did an outstanding job preparing the score for this show. Rock. blues and even rap numbers were belted out between scenes by three energetic performers on stage and a strong band backing them from the loft. The perfor

This show is almost worth seeing just for the music and its one or two funny lines. The fact is, though, that this is a play and the play, director Joanna Rotte not a concert. Although the musigoes to the extreme to stuff in as cians and actors do their best to many sexual references and make up for the script and direct-

#### Hopper sinks in 'Flashback' transport a fugitive (Walker) to tricks, duping everyone he meets

life with Huey Walker is anything

The basic plot of "Flashback" plays upon the current resurgence

of 1960s popularity, and the acting

"Midnight Run," the movie fol-

lows the adventure of these two

as they trek across the Northwest.

This is the first attempt at

comedy for both actors and they

seem uncomfortable with their

roles. Sutherland and Hopper are

walking cliches - one is a con-

servative cop, the other a happy

radical. The generation gap and

their conflicting personalities do,

however, create some humorous

Although there are some great

abilities of Hopper and Suther land. Borrowing from the plot of

but routine.

By AARON NICODEMUS

"Flashback"

Directed by Franco Amurri Paramount Pictures

The 1960s had flower children, tie-dyes, communes, protests and "peace, brother." The 1980s had yuppies, three-piece suits, BMWs and Ronald Reagan. "Flashback" attempts to combine the turbulent 1960s with the conservative

Dennis Hopper plays Huey Walker, a radical and notorious prankster who has been hiding out for over 20 years in a desert commune. He was arrested by the FBI for playing a practical joke on one-liners, the humor is generally Spiro T. Agnew. Kiefer Sutherforced. Hopper makes every land plays John Buckner, a young, attempt to make his character hard-nosed FBI agent whose come alive. Throughout the

#### night VCR flick, but don't run out to the theater to see it. 'Bradys': a new low for TV

By EILEEN FITZPATRICK

"The Bradys" Friday, 8 p.m.

"The Brady Bunch" has returned as CBS's "The Bradys," a new tri-generational family of the 1990s. The original cast, along with many new members, was reunited last Friday night at 9 p.m. Maureen McCormick (the original Marcia) was the only veteran not to return - she is trying to put the Brady image behind her. Unfortunately for her, it appears the only work any member of the original cast can get is on the new Brady series.

At least (the original Cindy), Susan Olsen, decided to come back from the world of Reebok

What issues of the 1990s do the

question of what issues don't they Cindy is a radio disc jockey, deal with. Within two hours "Cindy at Sunrise." Speaking of Bobby became paralyzed; Jan was DJ's (VJ's) what is Martha Quinn, infertile, but able to adopt a small of MTV fame, doing as Bobby's Korean girl in a single episode; Greg debated his career choice; Marcia's husband lost yet another job; Peter broke his engagement; and Cindy entered a May to December relationship with her

Carol and Mike were there, being supportive and open-minded series. Poor writing, acting and as usual. And Alice, in or out of directing are other reasons to uniform, will always be there as avoid this show. the Bradys' maid.

can walk." Remember?)

bride Tracy. Her performance leads the viewer to ask "What is

And is the audience going to be is reason enough not to watch the series. Poor writing, acting and

Martha Quinn doing on network

The executive producer vete-No fan, no matter how devoted rans of the original show, obviousto the family everyone grew up .ly did not know enough to let with, is ready to accept Jan vacu- sleeping dogs lie, and "The Braduming the house half naked and ys" is an excellent example of bad Back Down" and "Free Fallin." having sex in all but two scenes TV programming. The series will she is in. And what happened to all that hard work with Cindy and the tongue twister books? ("Baby it will not appeal to the generation who are to the living room of Theodore Roosevelt, complete with a stuffed bear, mounted horns, a totem pole talk, baby talk. It's a wonder you who is meeting the family for the and wooden floor boards. It to the T-shirt stands, saying



(Photo courtesy of the Spectrum)

Tom Petty rouses crowd at The Spectrum.

### Petty invades the Spectrum

By DAVID J. CRIBLEZ Assistant Entertainment Editor

Bo & Luke Duke, fear not, because America's favorite rebel, Tom Petty, is carrying on the Philadelphia Spectrum Feb. 6.

The killer opening synthesizer made the hair rise on the necks subjected to Carol's "miracle of thousands of fans as the tune a climax that showed Petty stagcure" singing every episode? This | "Love Is A Long Road," from his gering back to the treasure chest, multi-platinum disc Full Moon plopping down the hat and slam-Fever, whipped the concert into a ming the chest shut, closing the powerful early rage. "A Heart With A Mind Of Its Own," also from Fever, led as a nice bridge to the classic crowd sing-a-long "Breakdown," only to be backed up by two new classics "I Won't

> The rustic stage set was similar showed a special fresh-air feeling.

The evening's highlight was definitely the outstanding version of "Don't Come Around Here No More." The tune started with Petty opening up a treasure chest southern tradition with his moon- He then pulled out his trademark shine rock that seeped into the Mad Hatter country-bumpkin top hat (from his infamous MTV video). The performance was complete with a strobe light and

> Petty and his boys broke into a second set of mellow songs, from Tell" to new tunes such as "Depending On You" and his new single, "Face In The Crowd."

He also dedicated a song "(We Got To) Get It Together" to Greenpeace, whose members flooded the concert hallways next (Continued on page 24)

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### Movie Clips

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY: Tom Cruise stars in this powerhouse account of a paralyzed Vietnam veteran, based on the true story of Ron Kovic. Oliver Stone directed.

DRIVING MISS DAISY: A light and charming film that documents the friendship between a self-sufficient widow, Miss Daisy and her black chauffer, Hoke. The film not only examines black and white relationships in the South, but also deals with religious prejudice.★★★

FLASHBACK: An attempt to combine the turbulent 1960s with the conservative 1980s, "Flashback" produces some laughs but leaves viewers discouraged. Dennis Hopper and Keifer Sutherland star in this film directed by Franco

INTERNAL AFFAIRS: An action packed detective story that deals with a "good cop-bad cop" theme. Starring Richard Gere and Andy Garcia, the movie creates a high level of intensity. A must-see for thriller enthusiasts. \*\* GLORY: A powerful story that chronicles the story of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry, which happens to be the first group of black soldiers of the Union Army in the Civil War.

ROGER & ME: This is a documentary on the overwhelming unemployment in Flint, Mich., after the GM plant closes. Michael Moore does a brilliant job showing how a town can literally be financially and emotionally destroyed by big companies. ★★★½

Presents the questions of honor, racism and mortality.

STELLA: A heart-wrenching story that stars Bette Midler and Trini Alvarado. The movie deals with the question of raising a child as a single mother or letting the child's upperclass father have custody. Another tearjerker, "Stella" examines the responsibilities of love. \*\*

#### Tom Petty

(Continued from page 23)

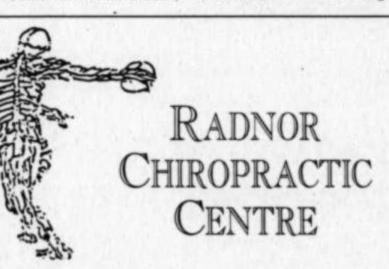
"Remember if there's no earth, it's gonna cut into your rock-n-roll rather than divided into a group

served up as the evening's entree. singles, "Don't Do Me Like That" Songs such as "Rebels," "You Got and "Jammin Me," were absent. Lucky" and the trademark "Refu- But all in all. Petty and his gee" mixed with the new "Yer So Heartbreakers were in fine form. Bad" were capped off with a Reggae bluesy funkster Lenny

"American Girl."

could have been mixed up a bit A buffet of old Petty classics ones and a group of mellow ones and a group of old rock-n-roll with some new favorites was standards. Also, Petty's two best cracking version of recent hit, Kravitz opened the show. It "Running Down A Dream." seemed that he would be better

seemed that he would be better off in a club on South Street. Petty returned to quench the where he would be more apprecrowd's eager thirst for more with ciated. He played his hits "Let encores, "The Waiting" and Love Rule" and "Does Anybody Out There Even Care?" That's The concert greatly pleased the crowd, but it had two flaws. First, himself before he went on stage.



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## Career guide proves helpful

By E. VAUGHN VOGEL

Throw Away Your Resume By Robert Hocheiser Barron's Publishing

Newly updated to meet the prove valuable to the person not 1990s job market, Throw Away Your Resume is a career success guide that shows how to take a

new and interesting approach when you are about to launch a new career or advance in a present one. This book pushes you to abandon the routine resume and make your job search more The author is Robert M. Hoch-

heiser, who has had ample experience in the job market, especially after being released from a vice president position during a company takeover. Having used many of the current traditional approaches available, Hochheiser found that, despite his flawless track record and impeccable references, he was unable to land a

Using his new approach, which includes writing a formal letter instead of a resume, presents a different outlook on getting a job. This new concept is outlined in Throw Away Your Resume, and covers issues such as: thinking like an employer, making a good first impression, organizing your job searching trip, following help wanted ads, exploring alternatives to resumes and filling out applications.

the new songs and the older hits Preparing a new breed of resume is the main topic of this book and the ideas that are brought forth show surprising promise. However, this new

resume is just a list of ingredients so experienced in this area.

that say far too little about the Although the supporting

job seekers talents and goals. Also, fine tuning techniques are discussed, such as presentations, the do's and don'ts of telephone interviewing and how to follow up resume. It could also serve as a on offers. Although the tips seem starting point for designing your to be common sense, they could own unique attempt at landing a

Although the supporting material is somewhat inadequate to make a complete guide, this book contains numerous tips that can breathe new life into an ordinary



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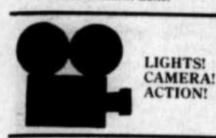
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#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

# Blacks progress on TV

By STEPHEN POWERS Entertainment Editor



For most of its 50-year history, elevision has been dominated by programs about white people and the networks have been programmed for a predominantly white audience. But over the past decade, blacks have been getting more air time on TV and the medium is starting to become

During television's "Golden Years," the 1950s, shows that featured black performers were few and far between, and those that did were degrading, featuring blacks in mainly subservient roles. One of the first performers to break out of the stereotypical black role was Bill Cosby, not with his current hit, "The Cosby Show," but with "I Spy," an action-adventure that ran on NBC during the 1960s. While NBC was reluctant to cast Cosby in one of the two leads, the network took a risk and it paid off - "I Spy" was a hit for four seasons.

Another ground-breaking show for blacks was "Julia," a sitcom with Diahann Carroll. Though the show itself was nothing spectacular, Carroll was the first they lived in a fully integrated "Family Matters" is attracting a do so over the next decade. Young MC raps to the top

By MICHAEL AIMETTE and BILL CARR

Staff Reporters

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

He first gained national atten-

tion as the co-author of the two

Young MC seems poised for mega-

What is this USC economics

major's secret? One will find the

answer to this question on Young MG's debut album, Stone Cold

is that he knows the two most

important ingredients needed to

concoct a good rap song: a catchy

riff and a good sense of humor.

In a rap world full of monoto-

nous, sense-dulling drum tracks

and self-important, over-serious MCs, Young MC's grasp of these basic rap music principles stands

as no small accomplishment.

stardom.

eighborhood. loyal viewership. In addition, "A The 1970s brought Norman Different World," a "Cosby" Lear with relevant sitcoms such spinoff set at a predominantly family that runs a successful three years. chain of cleaners. "The Jeffer- The success of "Cosby" has not Times" and "What's Happening" continued to stereotype blacks.

ized television with "The Cosby Show" in 1984. The characters on black family. his show do not go around spout- On the daytime front, ABC's ing street-talk; instead, the comedy focuses on the problems when a white man married a black of an upper-middle-class family woman. And last year, NBC introthat happens to be black. It duced "Generations," a soap with immediately shot to the top of the a predominantly black cast. ratings chart with its premiere episode, and has been there ever Hall is the big success story with

over the head with issues; instead, have risen steadily and his show it takes a more subtle approach. is now second only to Johnny During the first season, son Theo Carson's "Tonight Show" on had a poster in his bedroom that NBC. On the weekends, Byron read "Stop Apartheid" (NBC Allen is quietly enjoying success originally objected to this, but with his own syndicated talk Cosby threatened to shut down show production of the show, so the sign stayed). More recently, daughter Sondra and her husband named and Winnie Mandela.

and, of course, eating cafeteria food ("When I tried the apple-sauce/I heard it crunch," from

Young MC is rap's savior, he falls

into the conventional rappers' traps — namely self-indulgent

huge Tone Loc hits, "Wild Thing" and "Funky Cold Medina." Now, with two substantial hits of his own and a third one on the way,

MG's debut album, Stone Cold ences to eight-track tapes, a sample from "Play That Funky What separates Young MC as one of the freshest rappers around encased in the disc's final track about 75 percent of the albums out right now; it is just

TEXAS: Southside, the debut

"Bust A Move," for example, stands out as one of the best rap songs in ages both because of the fiendishly funky bass line supplied by Flea (of Red Hot Chili Peppers) and because of Young MC's hilarious, catchy lyrics.

TEXAS: Southside, the debut album from Texas, contains all that the two friends have written together. It will not be as exciting as either of the two bands' shows, most likely, but it should be a most interesting and entertaining show version of the traditional opensious, catchy lyrics.

Young MC draws from his own

Young MC draws from his own unexpected part of this scenario have just released their fourth

experiences as an adolescent and a student to create humorous short stories anyone who has been there will appreciate. It is all here:

unexpected part of this scenario disc, which is considered to be a major breakthrough for the Australian band ... We like Paula band Texas, then? The reason is

recent history, he may want to potential

"Just Say No."

rapping profession."

'Principal's Office").

as "The Jeffersons," an "All in the black college, has been a consist-Family" spinoff about a black ent Top 10 performer for the past

sons," did not try to be as issue- only led to more programs focusoriented as its parent series; ing on black characters; it also has instead, it aimed to entertain its led to the introduction of black viewers, and did so for 11 seasons. performers on previously all-However, programs such as "Good white shows, such as soap operas. Diahann Carroll had a three-year But in the 1980s, things began "Dynasty." CBS' "Knot's Landto change. Bill Cosby revolution- ing," currently the top-rated nighttime serial, now features a

"General Hospital" broke taboo

In the late-night arena, Arsenio his syndicated talk show. Since "Cosby" does not beat viewers his debut last year, Hall's ratings There is still some progress to

be made. Shows like "Cheers" and "Murphy Brown" are set in places their newborn twins after Nelson where there would be black people in real life, but the casts of both The success of "Cosby" led are all-white. So is the current network programmers to realize cast of "Saturday Night Live." that audiences would accept And with the exception of "Genershows with predominantly black ations," most of the soaps feature black woman to have the lead in a prime-time comedy that was not about a servant. Instead, Carroll casts, as long as they liked the show itself. NBC's "Amen" and the situation has greatly improved since the 1950s, and all signs played a widow with a son, and successful runs and ABC's new indicate that it will continue to

Generally, Southside is a solid

effort with some notable tracks,

particularly the minor hit "I Don't

guitar-driven songs with sparse

Unfortunately, most of the

that this very charming and

forming songs from both of the

bands' careers as well as material

electric lead guitar fills.

Want A Lover" and "Prayer For

stories about playing the lottery and blowing it ("Roll With The Punches"); hitting on members of the opposite sex ("Bust A Move"); the kinship the band, particularly vocalist Sharleen Spiteri, feels with the film Paris, Texas; hence the unlikely name.

The disc is by no means perfect. You," both featuring Texas' Just when you start to think strong ability to write acoustic

boasting and repetition of one's songs follow the "verse-chorus-name. songs follow the "verse-chorus-verse-chorus-

Still, Young MC handles these song, please "pattern that tends

shortcomings with superior wit. to melt into an unexceptional Lines like "I'm dusting MC's like mass towards the disc's finish.

lor," ("Got More Rhymes") allow exacerbated by the rather average

incessant bragging.

Other cool things about Stone
Cold Rhymin' include two refer
Still, these criticisms might be

One word of advice for Young talented band needs a little more

MC, though. Due to events in seasoning to fulfill its substantial

change a lyric in the song "Come Off." It reads, "Like Tyson drops the Theatre of the Living Arts is

boxers in rapid succession/That's Peter Buck of R.E.M. and Kevin how I'm droppin MCs in the Kinney of Drivin' & Cryin' per-

the listener to forgive Young MC's lyrics and generic song titles (see

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