

Stagers of a spoof get a gracious sendoff from the real thing



Lagniappe

By BETTY GUILLAUD

The opening of "Moon Over Montevideo" at the Pitt Cinema got a smashing send-off from a sparkling — beautiful and gracious — star.

"Moon" is an affectionate satire of the Alice Faye-Carmen Miranda "South of the Border" movie musicals. And opening night brought a telegram from Alice Faye herself. "Good luck with 'Moon Over Montevideo,'" it

read. "I wish I could be there." Director Ty Tracy and his cast of eight were thrilled, none more so than Janene Darnell, who plays "Alice Foy" in the show.

"Is this for real?" she squealed when she read the wire. Janene prepared for her role by poring over "The Alice Faye Movie Book" and catching every Faye movie she could — both at screenings Tracy set up and during Channel 12's recent festival of Fox musicals.

Faye's daughter, Alice Regan, who lives in New Orleans — and who's recuperating from surgery which is delaying her annual visit with her mother in Carmel — has seen and liked "Moon" and tipped off her mother to the opening.

The "Moon" is rising to the occasion

and now there's been a matinee added to the performance schedule. The Sunday, July 25, performance will be at 3 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

"We've gotten a lot of calls asking for a matinee," said director Tracy. "And several groups are interested in attending an afternoon performance."

Reservations for the musical comedy spoof may be made by calling 283-2209.

A CONFEDERACY FOR 'DUNCES': John Langdon, that Fort Worth financier who now has the option for the movie rights to "Confederacy of Dunces," arrives in New Orleans today — after a delay or two — with an entourage of staff members to tell some local socials about his celluloid caper.

Langdon's staff includes Carl

Broack, who co-produced "The Big Fix" with Richard Dreyfus. Broack was also captain of the Olympic foil team in '72 and is still a member of the U.S. Fencing Team.

Rod Taylor, the hot new writing and directing talent in Tinseltown (his first movie was Burt Reynolds' "Gator"), and Gary Burden, the architect-turned-artist, are the other two members of Langdon's staff. Burden began his movie career after he designed a house for Cass Elliott of the Mamas and Papas and ended up doing the graphics for and films promoting albums for people such as Paul McCartney, Joni Mitchell and Richard Pryor.

Johann Bultman is the local liaison, which means that he's coordinating the development of the property ... and planning the party (with a little help

from wife Bethany) that they'll all attend at Cafe Sbsa tonight.

MILE HIGH AND HANDSOME: Civil engineer Roland Vaughan, with wife, Jean, and architect Luis Acosta, with wife, Penny, have left New Orleans for Colorado. For good. Vaughan and Acosta will operate the new Denver office of Perez Associates, as in architect August Perez, who can't leave town until he gets the world's fair off the ground.

For Vaughan, it's not exactly brand new territory since Jean's sister, Mrs. Robert Jones, lives in nearby Colorado Springs.

Vaughan has spent some of his time getting to know his Denver associates and some more getting to know former state Sen. John Birmingham, with whom he dined the other night, along

with Richard Spelts, who was an attorney for the U.S. Justice Department under both Presidents Johnson and Nixon. Vaughan has also been entertained by Dick Fleming of the Denver Partnership which is similar to New Orleans' Downtown Development District. In fact, Fleming used to work with Tom Cuculla, former director of DDD. And Vaughan has met Pete Sutherland, president of Intercontinental Hotels, who's building a Perez-designed property behind the Pan-Am Building on Poydras Street.

Also on the up and up is the Hilton's Brian Mulholland, who's just been elected to the select Greater New Orleans Executives Association, which limits its membership to 100 young business leaders — each from a different industry.

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The People Helper

By ANDREA STAHL

telephone from Dr. Leonard's Health Products in Brooklyn, N.Y. I placed the order in February but so far the only thing I have gotten back is my canceled check. The price of the device was \$11.84. I would appreciate anything you can do to help me get my money or the hearing aid. — B.S.

The company said the product was shipped. Look for it.

How does President Reagan's individual tax cut, which went into effect July 1, affect each individual's income? Does everyone basically get back the same amount of money in their weekly paycheck?

Pot-Shots BY ASHLEIGH BRILLIANT

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SOMETHING I WOULD
RECOMMEND
TO EVERYBODY.

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Trivia quiz

Bridge

Hero goes down if given ace of trumps

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD
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The average bridge player, a very ingenious fellow, will take a lot of trouble to find a way to go down at an unbeatable contract.

Our average player would make today's slam if he had the king of spades instead of the ace. After winning the first trick

If the spade finesse worked, South wouldn't be a bit better off; the slam would still depend solely on the club finesse. When the spade finesse actually loses, West cashes a diamond at once to defeat the contract.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 9 8 7 6
♥ A K J
♦ Q 7 5
♣ A Q 8

DAILY QUESTION

Partner bids one notrump (16 to 18 points) and the