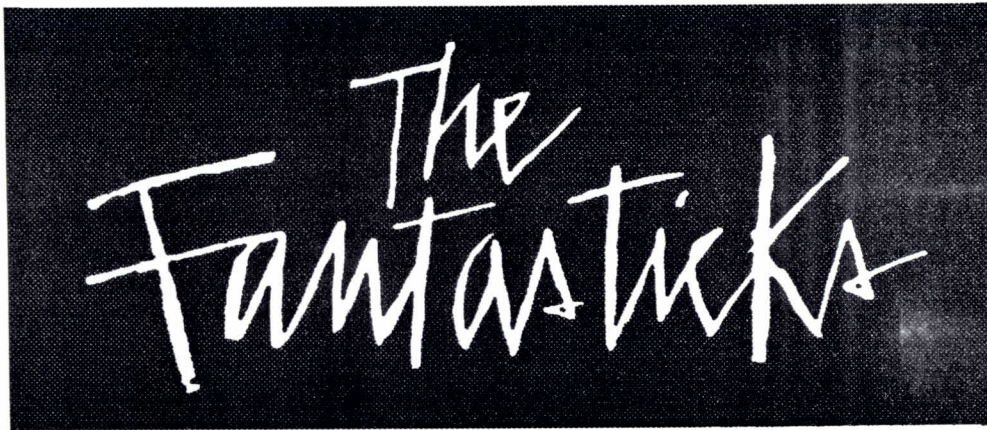


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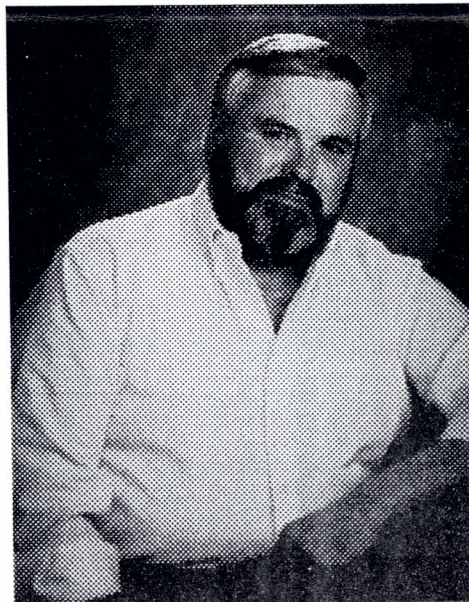


The Beaumont Community Players will present "The Fantasticks" in the Jefferson Theatre September 4, 5, 11 and 12. The world's longest running off-Broadway musical features a cast of eight and will be played by performers representing several cities in the triangle.

"The Fantasticks" is the story of a boy, a girl, two fathers, and a wall. The fathers built the wall and pretended to feud so that their children would fall in love. In their quest for a happy ending, the fathers enlist the aid of the mysterious bandit, El Gallo, and his assistants. Henry, an aging Shakespearean actor and Mortimer, an ersatz Indian. Along the way, they sing some of the most delightful songs in musical comedy including the classic "Try To Remember" and "Soon It's Gonna Rain." The fathers join voices for two comedic numbers, "Never Say No" and "Plant A Radish." Swordplay, pratfalls, puns, and true love provide entertainment suitable for audiences of all ages.

For this week's Rotary program, three members of the cast will provide musical excerpts from the show. In the pivotal role of El Gallo will be Chris Hardin of Lumberton, a veteran of numerous B.C.P. shows as well as productions by the

Beaumont Civic Opera. B.C.P. veteran Tom Rodman will reprise the role of Bellomy which he played in the group's 1986 production of "The Fantasticks." Rodman is well known to area theatre goers for appearances in productions ranging from "Forever Plaid" to "Where's Charlie." Donnie Belt of Lumberton will



Chris Hardin
"El Gallo"

play Hucklebee. Most recently, Belt has been featured in "Kismet" for B.C.O. and in "Cactus Flower" for B.C.P.

Come prepared for a brief, bright, energetic program which will send you back to the office humming a happy song.

Director for the production is PAULA BOTHE.

PROGRAM REVIEW...

Last week, Mr. Harold L. McDonald of BASF presented an informative talk on the new \$900 million joint venture construction project for Port Arthur, Texas. BASF and Fina will join together to construct the world's largest single-train steam cracker. Our area was selected from numerous others and construction will begin in September with a final completion date estimated to be the fourth quarter of 2000.

Mr. McDonald indicated that BASF Group is one of the largest chemical groups in the world. They have production facilities in 39 different countries with the primary headquarters in Germany. BASF Corporation operates in the NAFTA area including Canada, USA and Mexico. BASF Corporation employs roughly 15,000 people at 40 different sites. It projects that it will expend \$1.2 billion in capital improvements in each of the next three years to facilitate growth. A popular ad identifies what BASF is by stating, "We don't make a lot of the products you buy...We make a lot of the products you buy better..." BASF Corporation is separated into five divisions which produce nylon fibers, polymers, ag-products, vitamins and various other items.

Mr. McDonald explained an important corporate philosophy, "Verbund." Verbund is a German word that is best translated as "total integration." When deciding on their recent investment in Southeast Texas, BASF used verbund in this process. The construction of the

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cracker and the partnership with Fina will allow approximately 90% of production to be used by either BASF or Fina. This allows the plant to be totally integrated into BASF's current operation.

The new facility will produce approximately 1.9 billion lbs. of ethylene, 1.9 billion lbs. of propylene, 330 million lbs. of butadiene, 250 million lbs. of benzene and 150 million lbs. of toluene. In addition, the construction of the plant will employ 2,000 construction workers and finally employ 150 full time employees at completion. It is anticipated that the facility will generate over \$100,000,000 in new county and city taxes over the next 20 years and \$250,000,000 in new school taxes over the same time period.

Mr. McDonald explained that BASF chose this location for the following reasons. First, the ability to achieve verbund with Fina. Secondly, the favorable attitude of the area for expansion. Thirdly, a strong work force to build and eventually operate the plant. And fourth, an existing diverse distribution system. Mr. McDonald did indicate that estimates show a potential shortage of workers by the year 1999. This shortage can be a problem, but he indicated that industry and the community were working on solving this issue.

When questioned about the opportunities for small businesses to participate in this project Mr. McDonald responded that there would be opportunities and they would attempt to use local contractors whenever possible. A question was posed concerning possible additional health hazards for residents in this area with increased production of carcinogenic materials. Mr. McDonald responded that BASF's track record has been good and the company is committed to protecting the environment. He also added that all BASF plants adhere to the same stringent safety and environmental standards.

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- * **When** your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- * **You** can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- * **Don't** sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- * **Puppies** still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac.
- * **No** matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- * **Don't** wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts, no matter how cute the underwear is.
- * **Never** hold a dustbuster and a cat at the same time.

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09/09	MARK THEOBALD	Beaumont
09/10	MIKE BRADFORD	Houston
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09/12	R. J. DEMAHY	Port Arthur
09/13	BILL BROWN	San Antonio
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