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**'Wonder Woman' Sequel Pushed Back To Summer 2020**

The world will have to wait a little longer for the "Wonder Woman" sequel, which will now arrive in theaters in summer 2020. Warner Bros. said Monday that "Wonder Woman 1984" will now open on June 5, 2020. The film starring Gal Gadot as the Amazonian superhero had been slated for a Nov. 2019 release. Patty Jenkins is returning as director and has teased fans with tidbits about the series' time jump to the 1980s. — *The Associated Press*

**Backstage Pass**

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

**'Steel Magnolias' Celebrates Friendship and Community**



L.A. Theatre Works brought its theater and radio drama hybrid production of "Steel Magnolias" to The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center Monday night.

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L.A. Theatre Works' style of a theater and radio drama hybrid made the play intimate, intense and compelling.

There's something really satisfying about sitting back after a long day and listening to a good story.

I had the honor of doing just that Monday night with hundreds of other patrons of The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center during the L.A. Theatre Works production of "Steel Magnolias," a classic American play.

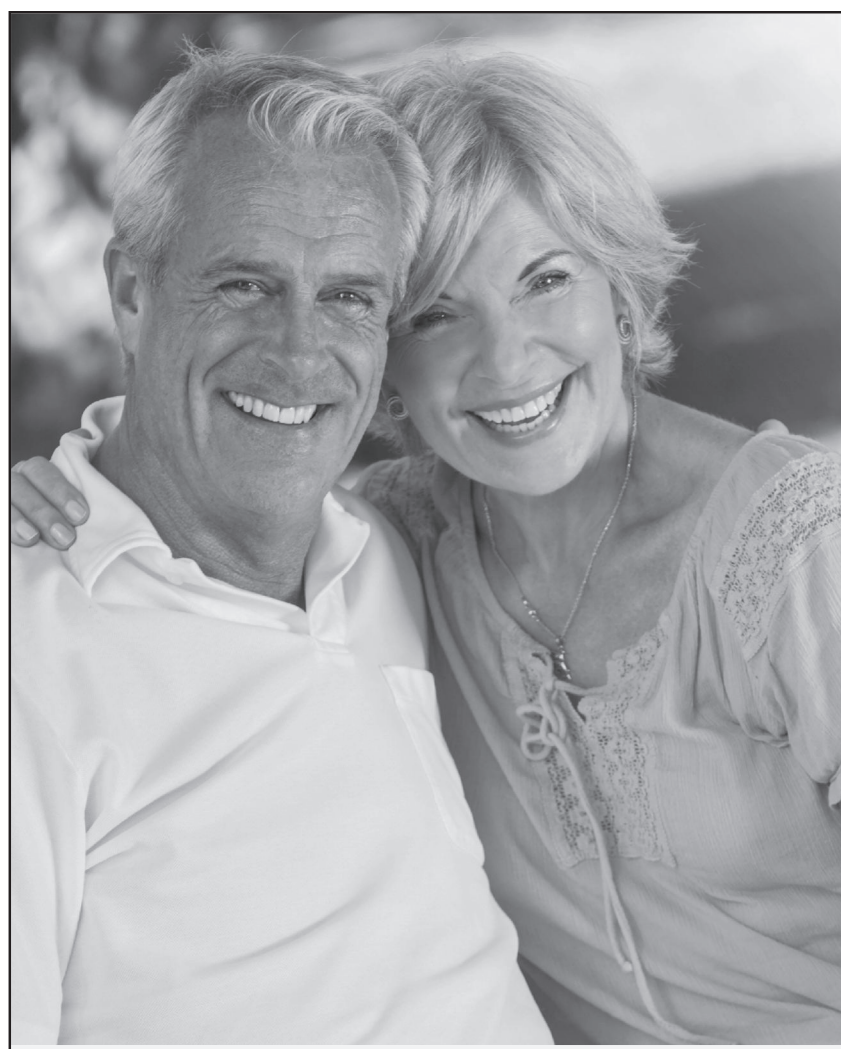
Set in a southern beauty parlor in the '80s, the play focuses on six very different characters. There's Truvy, the comical beautician; Ouiser, a grumpy old woman; Clairee, the town's former first lady; Annelle, the born-again Christian; M'Lynn, the worried mother; and Shelby, M'Lynn's sweet but stubborn daughter.

While the play's main conflict is the diabetic Shelby's choice to have a child despite her doctor's recommendations and the health problems that result from that choice, I would argue that the story is more so about the friendship between the six women and how they are able to grow together over time.

L.A. Theatre Works' style of a theater and radio drama hybrid made the play even more intimate, intense and compelling.

In this production, the story was told with only

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After a 35-year career, one of the best-known actresses of her generation, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, will receive the Mark Twain Award for lifetime achievement in comedy.



**MICHAEL CAINE**

Michael Caine has been looking back, and on the whole he likes the view. The 85-year-old star of "Alfie," "Get Carter" and "The Dark Knight" reminisces fondly in "Blowing the Bloody Doors Off."



**AMY SCHUMER**

Amy Schumer took the long way around to announce she's pregnant with husband Chris Fischer. The comedian and actress broke her baby news Monday on the Instagram stories of friend and journalist Jessica Yellin.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

**PBS Docuseries 'Native America' Recreates Cultures Pre-1492**

The story of Native America taught in U.S. public schools usually begins at contact with European explorers. Children then get lessons about Thanksgiving, maybe the Trail of Tears or the 19th century wars over the removal of tribes in the American West. A new four-part PBS docuseries entitled "Native America" seeks to recreate a world in the Americas generations prior to the arrival of Europeans.

— *The Associated Press*



The whole cast was culturally diverse and incredibly talented. They had a way of making you fall in love with their characters.

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microphones, digital panels and six very talented actresses.

While the actresses wore '80s-style costumes and hairstyles, there were no props or set furniture.

But the minimal ornamentation strengthened the story, allowing the audience to be completely pulled in by the actresses' voices and what they had to say.

Cheryl and Vinnie DiMaggio just moved from New York to the Village of DeSoto two weeks ago.

"We've gone to Broadway," Cheryl said. "And I know the movie like the back of my hand. They are doing a great job."

Vinnie said that he was so focused on the story that he didn't even notice the screens behind the actresses at first.

Both Cheryl and Vinnie were deeply impressed by the performance of Monica McSwain, who played Shelby.

The whole cast was culturally diverse and incredibly talented. They had a way of making you fall in love with their characters.

I found myself hanging on to every word, laughing out loud and sitting literally on the edge of my seat.

The play had both serious and funny parts, and although the ending was sad, it was also hopeful.

The play showed the importance of being in a community, and having a solid friend group within that community. And I think our community can relate.

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