problems who fakes his death and hides out as a house parent at a remote facility for mentally challenged adults, opening at Firehouse Theatre, 1609 W. Broad St. $25. 355-2001. Through July 7.

Festival of Arts: "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," Neil Simon's bittersweet comedy about the escalating problems of a middle-age couple trapped by circumstance in New York in July, opening at 8:30 p.m. in Dogwood Dell, Byrd Park. Free. 646-3355 (festival hot line) or 646-1437. Through Saturday.

Friday

ART OPENINGS

Artspace: "Decay of the Process" by Nutchild; "Dreams and Visions," paintings by Dana Frostick; and "What Goes Around, Comes Around," abstract-expressionist works by James Parker, opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday at the gallery, 0 E. Fourth St. 232-6464. Through July 22.

Art Works: All Media Show juried by Georgianne Stinnett; "Finding Spirit in the Unexpected," photography by Kathy Benham; "Quiet Bounty — Owning the Artist in Me," paintings by Ronnie Moseberth; "Layered Papers/Painted Layers," collage retrospective by Emma Lou Martin; and works on paper and fabric by Cheryl and Denise Clayton, opening with reception 7-10 p.m. Friday at the gallery, 320 Hull St. 291-1400. Through July 22.

COMEDY

Comedy Sportz in family-friendly improv games at 7:30 p.m. ($12 in advance, $14 at door) at ComedySportz Improv Theatre, 7115-A Staples Mill Road. 266-9377. Continues Saturday.

Stand-up and sketch comic Al Madrigal, 7:30 and 10 p.m. at Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant. See Thurs.

CONCERTS

Friday Cheers: Drive-By Truckers and Patty Hurst Shifter, 6 p.m. on Brown's Island, Tredegar and South Seventh streets. Free. 788-6466. Series runs Fridays through June 29.

Innsbrook After Hours: Singing-songwriting duo Sugarland, gates opening at 6 p.m. at SnagAJob.com Pavilion, 4901 Lake Brook Drive. $15. 423-6589.

Short Pump Summer Concert Series: First Impressions in al fresco concert, 6 p.m. at Short Pump Town Center, 11800 W. Broad St. Free. 360-1700.

Fridays at Sunset: Jazz singer-songwriter Michael Franks with Ledisi, 6:30 p.m. (gates) at Kanawha Plaza, Eighth and Canal streets. $20. (888) 301-4102 or 644-8515.

Carbon Leaf with Poston Brown Project, 8 p.m. for inaugural concert at Toad's Place in the former Lady Byrd Hat Building, 140 Virginia St. $15. 648-TOAD (8623).

Hampton Jazz Festival: Patti LaBelle, George Benson, David Sanborn and Tower of Power 7:30 p.m. at Hampton Coliseum, Hampton. $52.50 per performance, box office or Ticketmaster. www.hamptonjazzfestival.com or (757) 838-4203. Different artists each performance through Sunday.