

City dwellers try to cope with life

The aggravations and paranoia of city life are brought to the stage by the Farmington Players in Neil Simon's "Prisoner of Second Avenue."

The play, which runs Nov. 15-17 in the Players Barn, 3232 West 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads is one of Simon's early hits.

The plot centers on Mel and Edna Edison, almost typical city dwellers who are trapped in their almost typical Manhattan high-rise by a combination of city frustrations, New York's stench, noise, crime and unemployment rate are holding them captive in their apartment.

They try different ways of dealing

with the problems of city living but discover that even succumbing to the desire to forget it all and have a nervous breakdown won't work.

The play is directed by Nancy Harrower, of Southfield whose previous credits include directing the Players 1978 hit, "A Streetcar Named Desire."

Ralph Rosati plays Mel Edison, married city dweller and Judie Tibbitts plays Mel's wife, Edna. Both players are from Farmington Hills.

Performances begin at 8:30 p.m. nightly. Tickets are \$3 for Thursday performances, \$3.50 for Friday and \$4 for Saturday. The Players box office can be reached by calling 477-1066.



TV newscasters are part of the madness of city living according to Neil Simon. Here are (from left) John Knock, of Farmington Hills; Vicki Merrick of Livonia and Steve Kachmachyk of Farmington caught during an interview. (Photo by Pat Bordanman)



It's a tense moment in the Edison household when Mel (Ralph Rosati) argues with Edna (Judie Tibbitts) during a scene from "Prisoner of Second Avenue." (Photos by Pat Bordanman)



Comparing notes during rehearsal are director Nancy Harrower and Gordon Stadler, lighting chairman. (Photo by Pat Bordanman)

State director of CARE speaks

Susan Whittemore, Michigan director for Cooperative American Relief Everywhere (CARE), will discuss international trade with the League of Women Voters of West Bloomfield-Farmington area. The League convenes at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 14 at the Farmington Hills branch library on 12 Mile near Farmington Road.

Ms. Whittemore, former director of employee communications and advertising at the J.L. Hudson Company has

traveled extensively in Central America, Africa, Southeast Asia, India and the People's Republic of China.

She is state director for trade for the League of Women Voters of Michigan. She is vice-president of the Michigan International Council and represents the American Association of University Women on the board of the Coordinating Council for Human Relations.

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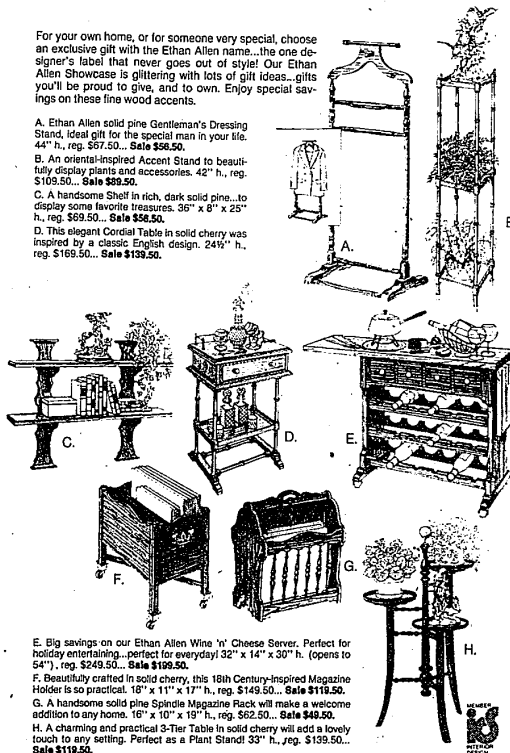
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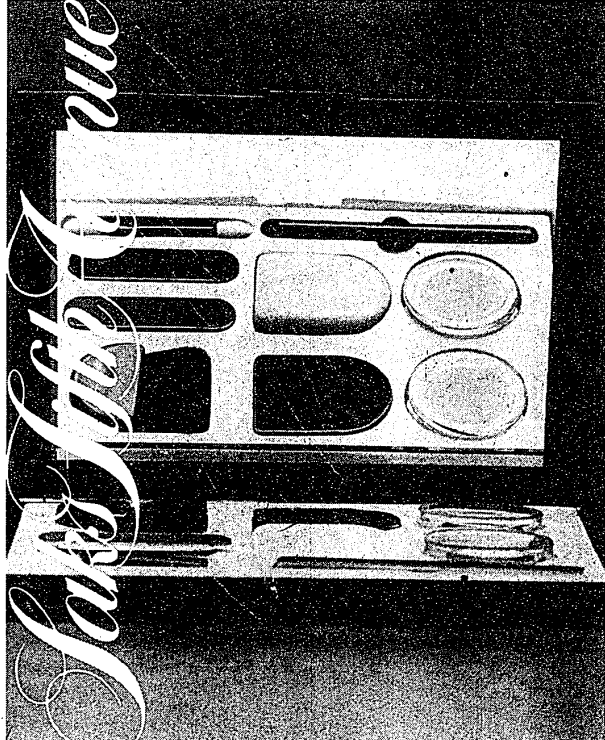
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