



Comic satire

Mary A. Eldridge (left), Edward Nahhat and Dennis Green appear in the Wayne State University Studio Theatre presentation of "Absent Friends," a comic satire by Alan Ayckbourn, author of "Absurd Person Singular." "Absent Friends" continues at 8:30 p.m. through Saturday at the Studio, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. Tickets are available at the theater box office, phone 577-2972.

French Institute offers film series at OCC

The French Institute of Detroit (F.I.D.), an affiliate of the Fdration des Alliances Francaises, in cooperation with the Oakland Community College is presenting a series of French films, each a full-length color feature with French dialogue and English subtitles. These films are shown on the second Friday of every month (except January) at 7 p.m. in the Orchard Ridge Campus Theatre of O.C.C. at 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. (Tickets: \$1 for F.I.D. members and students with ID, \$2 for all guests).

The program continues:
Jan. 16 - "Le Diable par la Queue" (The Devil by the Tail) by Daniel Boulanger and Philippe de Broca - comic fantasy.
Feb. 13 - "Baisers Voles" (Stolen Kisses), a Francois Truffaut film.
March 13 - "Que la Fete Commence" (Let Joy Reign Supreme), a winner of French Oscars by Bertrand Tavernier.

April 10 - "L'Invitation" (The Invitation) by the Swiss director Claude Goretta.

Attic Theatre continues show

"An Evening at the Paradise" continues through the holidays every Friday and Saturday at midnight at the Attic Theatre in Greektown, downtown Detroit.

Jonathon Round's world-premiere rock and roll musical "An Evening at the Paradise, a nu-wave love story," plays through Jan. 2. Reservations may be made at the Attic Theatre box office by calling 963-7789.

Round has created a nu-wave approach to the musical theater that employs traditional elements, at the same time presenting a view from the other side of the looking glass.



Laugh time

Native Detroiters Thom Sharp and the Comedy Castle Regulars with Thursday-Saturday and Dec. 26-27 at the Comedy Castle at Stafford's in West Bloomfield.

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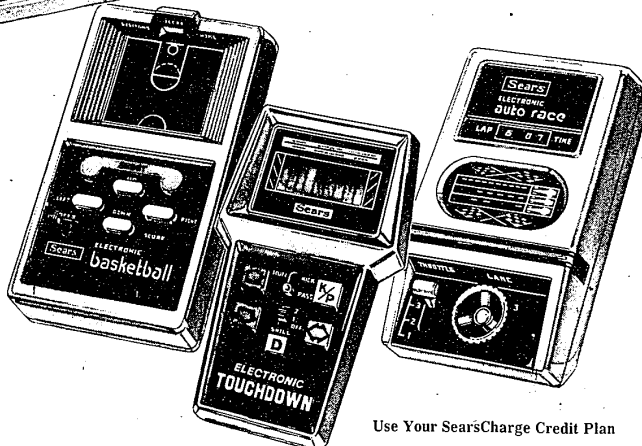
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