

North to freedom

DeLores Eva Render and Allen T. Sheffiold are two young slaves who fice a South Carolina plantation and run north to freedom in Aurand Harris' "Steal Away Home," opening Thursday, March 3, at Wayne State University Theatre in Dotroit. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, March 3-6, and 10-13. Matinees are at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5 and 12, at General Lectures Half, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive. For ticket information call 577-2960.

Ford Museum Theater offers season's tickets

The Heary Ford Museum Theater is offering subscription tickets for its 1983 season at Greenfield Village in Charles are available. Subscription programs are available. The theater-only program, at \$19, offers five plays for the price of four, first choice of seats and ticket excapting in the theater-program, plus a candielit dinner prior to each production and an optional cocktail reception. Ticket orders are Other plays in the season include Sidney Howard's satire "The Late Christopher Bean"; the cornedy "Our American Cousin," the play Abraham Lincoln was attending when he was assasinated, Booth Tarkington's "The Man from thome," and George M. Cohan's hit play of 1913, "Seven Keys to Baldpate."



Second runs Tom Panzenhagen

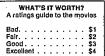
"The Producers" (1968), 7:30 p.m. Friday la Room 144 of Madona College's Science Lecture Hall, phone 591-5000, \$1 Running time \$8 misster. Mel Brooks needs limitations. His best films — "The Producers" and Twelve Chairs" — are his first films, pictures in which the novice director is restrained by plot and comedy-gene slylings. When Brooks cuts loose, as he does, for instance, in "Blazing Saddles" or the more recent "listory of the World, Part One," his films lose focus, reach too far for cheap laughs and generally disappoint. The pairing of Gene Wilder and Zero Mostel in "The Producers" helps further that film's comic value, as well.

Rating: \$2.85.

"American Gigolo" (1980), 9 p.m. londay on Ch. 7, Originally 117

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matling rituals. One loses interest, however, when the plot gets twisted around a
murder rap, court case and miscarriage of justice. Lauren Hutton, Hector
Elizande and a territity miscast Nina
Van Pallandt co-star.
Rating: 23.

"Taxi Driver" (1976), 8 p.m. Tues-day on Ch. 50. Originally 113 min-



Paul Schrader also wrote "Taxi Driver," which makes for an interesting comparison. What do Boverly Hills' Rodeo Drive and New York's \$2nd Street have in common? In Schrader's eyes it's an artificiality — a personality-altering force that drives inhabitants to become pimps, prositiutes and beautiful people, but never themselves. The neon signs of Broadway are as superficial as the haut couture stylings of Beverly Hills. Robert DeNiro, Jodic Foster and Sybill Shepherd star; the film is directed by Martin Scorsese. Rating: \$3.25.

"Footsteps in the Dark" (1941), 1 Tuesday night on Ch. 50. Originally 96 minutes.

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Bernof Flynn as a gentlemanly amateur slewth in the casting twist that gets this comedy-mystery off the ground. Flynn has rarely appeared so urbane — boylahly distillusioned and worldy wise yes, but rarely so schooled and mature. Brenda Marshall, Ralph Beltamy and Alan Hale also star in this fast-paced, Lloyd Barcon film. ced, Lloyd Bacon film. Rating: \$2.95



Rovers arriving

The Rovers will give Pre-St. Patrick's Day performances at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednosday of Macomb Community College's Center for the Performing Arts at Hall and Garfield roads in Clinton Township. The Rovers' record of "The Unicorn" was a triple platinum single, and "Wasn't That a Party" was the LP that marked the return of the group to Top 40 radio charts. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for students and senior citizens. For reservations, call 288-2222, Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

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