

Esser and Gurwin make a good team

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child-rearing to the quiet contentment of old age. During their 50 years of marriage the road is sometimes rocky, but large doses of love, patience and humor help smooth the way.

**BEST KNOWN** of the show's many delightful songs is the tender "My Cup Runneth Over," sung by the young couple to each other as they await the birth of their first child.

By the time they have two youngsters, they remind each other that "Love Isn't Everything," as they face endless diapers and mounting bills.

As the years pass, discontent and restlessness set in. In the amusing "Nobody's Perfect," each partner confronts the other with a list of the spouse's annoying habits.

Together they lament "The Honey-moon Is Over," and Michael boasts "It's a Well-Known Fact" that men age better than women. They also fantasize together about starting their lives anew "When the Kids Get Married."

Both Gurwin and Esser are polished professionals who never disappoint an audience. Both have strong voices and commanding stage presence, making this terrific team well-matched.

Director Edgar A. Guest III, another veteran of the original Gurwin production, has a deft touch, and the whole enterprise sparkles.

The three-piece orchestra under musical director Martin Mandelbaum sounds full-bodied but never drowns out the lyrics. Choreographer Deborah DeCoco's dance numbers are simple but very effective, utilizing the small stage to the fullest. Nancy Brasert's period costumes are attractive.

Since it covers such a wide span of years, "I Do I Do!" has great appeal to romantics of all ages.

The dinner buffet at historic, Botsford Inn features a salad bar, chicken, Swedish meatballs, seafood Newburg and various accompaniments. Desserts include ice cream, fruit and, appropriately, a delicious wedding cake. Cocktails are available before the show and during intermission.

One thing that Rachlevsky can't be accused of is discrimination against women.

Woodward debuts at museum

Organist Lyman Woodward will make his Detroit Institute of Arts debut on "Jazz at the Institute," with sets at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the museum's indoor garden cafe, Kresge Court.

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**Chef's chill**  
Robert Vargo, a chef at Deau Jack's in Birmingham, is an old hand at the chill business. In fact, some people might consider chill an obsession for this year's second-place winner in the fifth annual Great Chill Cookoff and Hot Air Balloon Festival held recently at the Baline Council Fairgrounds. In 1981 Vargo took first place in the same competition; in 1982 it was second, but in 1983 he didn't even place. Vargo's Motor City Chill this year made it into the top 10, then narrowly lost out to Howard Sheltz's recipe for **Deau Saturday Night Chili** — a monster recipe with 34 ingredients. Will Vargo do it again? It seems likely, given his five-year track record.

Baker's featuring Latin jazz

"Pa'Lante at Baker's: Music of Two Worlds" will be presented in shows at 9 and 11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, June 1-3, at the world's oldest continuously operating jazz club, Baker's Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Livernois, Detroit.

The show features New York and Detroit Latin jazz musicians. International stars Jerry and Andy Gonzalez will be joined by local sidemen Kenny Cox on piano, Joe LaRocca on guitar, Phil Layton on saxophone and Mobilo Ketta and Francisco Mora on percussion. Jerry Gonzalez is heard on trumpet and percussion, and his brother Andy Gonzalez on bass. Casa de Unidad, a community arts organization working for unity in Southwest Detroit, has joined with Pa'Lante Productions and Baker's Keyboard Lounge to present the performance.

Tickets at \$6 are available at Percussion World Center, 705 N. Woodward, Birmingham; Drum Shop, 23850 Ford Road, Dearborn; Schock-Id Records, 523 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, and several Detroit locations including Baker's.

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Sierras are fun for wine hunters

For those of you planning a summer vacation in California, and who hope to do a bit of winery hunting while you're at it, a caution: avoid Napa Valley. If the tourists don't get you there, the motor-cycles will. And Sonoma fills up, though less so.

Other areas also get their fill of tourists. Summer is not prime visiting time if meeting winemakers and drinking chardonnay are to your tastes.

There is one area, however, that the wine tourists have not yet discovered. Add to its relative isolation a lot of exciting California history and some beautiful geography. The tourists there tend to be more interested in wines and old towns and avoid the wineries, making this a fine place to be.

The Gold Country, or Mother Lode, extends from Placerville in the north to Columbia in the south. The first is about 30 miles due east of Sacramento, the latter about 50 miles east of Stockton. Both are in the Sierra foothills and this area, of course, is the heart of the '49er gold rush.

**THE BEST** base of operations for the three or four days needed to comfortably visit the wineries of the foothills is Jackson, a modest town about an hour below Placerville, in the heart of Anderson County.

One full day is needed to explore the wineries. In El Dorado County, near Placerville. All require, or suggest, advance phone calls, but hospitality is assured from these pioneer wine people.

Around Placerville, Boeger and Madrona are not to be missed, the first for its zinfandel, the latter for anything it makes. The former is a winery that has perhaps seen better days. The latter is an excellent new venture of great promise.

To the south in the winery with the most beautiful view, Sierra Vista. Slipping chardonnay, zinfandel or cabernet and looking some 30 miles east to a view of snow-covered Sierra peaks (except August) is most memorable.

The last leg of the drive up to the winery will test most rental cars fully. Time permitting, nearby Granite Springs also is worth a stop. Fine wines, lovely setting, good hospitality.

The heart of wine country in the foothills is within a half-hour of Jackson. There are around 14 bonded wineries, at least seven of which are worth a visit. Most successful is Shenandoah Vineyards, makers of fine zinfandel, decent whites and excellent dessert wines. Sautino is no less fine than it makes little but zinfandel. (Fortunately, Shenandoah wines are available locally now and a limited stock of Sautino soon will be.)

**THE LARGEST** winery in the area, Monterey, has opened an attractive tasting room that is not to be missed. This winery has been through some hard times recently but seems to be fighting itself.

Also attractive for the quality of the wines are Keweenaw (Cabernet), Karing (Chardonnay) and Columbia (Zinfandel) and Greenstone (several varieties). To those who want to see a bit of old California wine history, D'Agostini is also in the area, makers of quality wines for decades in an old, old facility. This is the way it was in California before the middle 1950s.

South of Jackson there are really only one or two wineries to visit, though four are in the area. But it is worth a day's trip when combined with the marvelous old gold towns to be seen, most notably Murphys and Columbia. Stevens winery, located outside the former, is a new and fast-growing operation, with excellent wines made in a fine setting. An appointment is advised. With a bit of luck, Chappa Cellars in Murphys also can be visited to drink its mammoth zinfandel, but Stevens is the sure place to visit in the area.

The two wineries in Columbia are best forgotten. Concentrate on the scenery and history.

Accommodations in the foothills are no problem. In addition to a Best Western and a Holiday Hotel in Jackson, there are many pleasant bed-and-breakfast places in the area. For wilderness, check the Sally Taylor and Friends map book (page 20) and write for the free brochure "Wine-tasting in the Sierra Foothills" (P.O. Box 423, Somerset, CA 95554).

**DINING** is a bit of a problem, though two listings above give some help. I have very much enjoyed the balcony in Jackson and both El Fillo (Murphys) and Teresa's (Jackson) are well recommended by local wine people.

All in all, a fine chance to see California, bold and new, without the clutter of summer tourists.

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