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CURTAIN TIME

The Runner Stumbles Michigan premiere of drama by Milan Stitt based on a murder case in Michigan in early years of the century. Through Sunday, March 19, at Meadow Brook Theatre on Oakland University campus in Rochester. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets at Hudson's or by calling Meadow Brook box office, 377-3300.

Butterflies Are Free drama by Leonard Gershe presented at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 17, 18, 24, 25 at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets at 644-4418.

The Children's Hour drama by Lillian Hellman presented Friday-Sunday, March 17-19, at Ridgedale Players in Oak Park. Curtain time 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Coffee and sandwiches served after each performance. Tickets at 543-6943.

Open Auditions for parts in Franklin Village Players production of "Period of Adjustment" play by Tennessee Williams. Tryouts at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday, March 19-20, at Franklin Community Church. Cast consists of four men and four women.

DINNER THEATER

Here Lies Jeremy Troy comedy by Jack Sharkey at Somerset Dinner Theatre in Troy. Pierre Turgeon and Jimmy Launce production each Friday and Saturday through April 15 at theater in lower level of Somerset Mall. Buffet by Alfred's Restaurant begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by show at 8:45. Reservations at Alfred's, 643-8865.

Plaza Suite comedy by Neil Simon presented by Janus Productions at dinner theater at Sussex House in Southfield. Prime rib dinner and show every Thursday and Friday, with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Reservations at 559-3377.

Theatre of the Arts Cocktail Playhouses presents dinner theater productions: "A Thousand Clowns," Thursdays and Sundays at Alvaro's in Troy; dinner at 7 p.m. precedes Thursday show; dinner at 2 p.m. Sunday. "The Boyfriend" musical Fridays and Saturdays at Alvaro's in Troy; dinner at 7 p.m. "Two Gentlemen of Verona," Thursdays and Sundays at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills; dinner at 7 p.m. Thursdays, 6 p.m. Sundays. "Guys and Dolls," musical Fridays and Saturdays at Venice of the Woods in Union Lake. Dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations for all Theatre of the Arts Cocktail Playhouses at 649-0903.

CONCERTS

Dance-Lecture program presented at 3 p.m. Saturdays, March 18 and 25 at Severo Ballet Studio, Birmingham. Sandra Severo, artistic director, presents prefacing remarks on "Ballet: What Is It?" followed by performance of "Blue Bird Pas de Deux" from "The Sleeping Beauty." Ticket information at 642-8141.

Royal Oak Music Theatre presents Tubes, at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, and Grover Washington at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19. Ticket information at box office, 543-8222; tickets also available at Hudson's stores.

Shimon and Ilana Gewirtz—the Balladeers in "Songs for All People" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and 3:15 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit in West Bloomfield. Tickets on sale at both Main Building of Center and the Ten Mile Branch. Information at 661-1000.

Slavic Folk Ensemble of Oakland University in concert, presenting cultural heritage of 10 Slavic lands, at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, in Varner Recital Hall on campus. Also, a matinee at 2 on Sunday, March 19. Tickets available at the door or in advance by calling 377-2060.

Palm Sunday Evensong and Carillon Concert on Palm Sunday, March 19, at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Carillon concert at 4 p.m.; evensong (short musical service without sermon) at 4:30 p.m. No admission charge.

Oakway Symphony Orchestra under direction of Francesco Di Blasi in fifth concert of season at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Seaholm High School in Birmingham. Seven pianists, the chorale ensemble of the Birmingham Musicale, music of Beethoven and Hindemeth, a rare work of Mozart featured. Tickets at the door, or at Hudson's (Northland, Westland and Oakland), Royal Music (Royal Oak) and Madonna College and Hammel Music (Livonia).

Sparkly Rucker sings traditional black-American songs, blues, ballads and Gospel at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Lizard in the Spring, in basement of First United Methodist Church of Berkley. Sponsored by Lizard Folk Co-op and Music Strings and Things of Birmingham. Admission charge.

Common Ground Sandwich Theatre presents Bill Phillips, juggler, poet clown at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in Birmingham. Also, musician (to be announced). Admission charge.

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Mother Goose on the Loose presented through March 19 by Village Puppet Players at the Showboat in MeadowBrook Village Mall, Avon Township. Show times 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Saturdays; and 12:30, 2:30 and 4 p.m. Sundays.

Resident scholar scheduled here

A scholar-in-residence program has been organized for the two-week period of March 19 to April 2 by the Detroit Zionist Federation.

Yehuda Nini of Rehovot, Israel has been selected as the participating scholar.

Nini was born in 1930 in Israel of parents who emigrated from Yemen. He joined the Haganah in 1944 and participated in the War of Independence. He has served on the staff of the Prime Minister's office.

In addition he has studied at the Teachers Seminary of the Kibbutz movement, Hebrew University where he earned an MA in Hebrew literature and Jewish history and at Tel Aviv University where he receinved an MA and doctorate in history and Middle Eastern studies.

Presently he is a lecturer at Tel Aviv University on the History of Israel and Jews in Moslem Countries. He is also lecturing at Kibbutz Movement Teachers College.

Nini speaks on a variety of topics which range from "The Coexistence of Jews in Moslem Countries" to the "Current Situation in the Middle East."

The Scholar-in-Residence program was initiated in 1972 by the American Zionist Federation and the American Zionist Youth Foundation. The program brings some 30 Israeli intellectuals to this country. Each spends two weeks in an American community, meeting with both Jewish and non-Jewish groups, youth and college students.

They discuss their own areas of expertise as well as current Middle East topics and Israel-Diaspora relations.

A reception dinner will be tendered Nini at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 19 at Congregation Bnai Moshe in Oak Park. He will speak at a number of gatherings and meetings during his two week stay.

For more information call the Detroit Zionist Federation office at 968-2040.

Food co-op saves money

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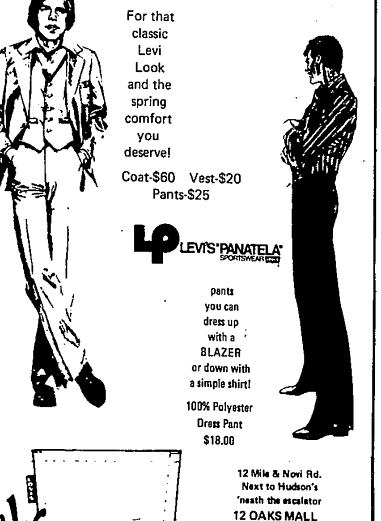
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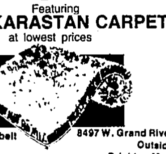
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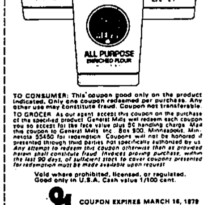
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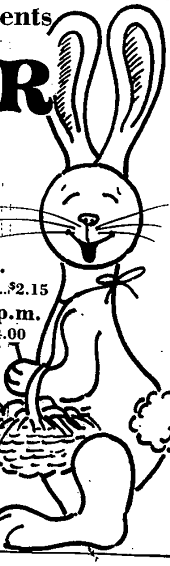
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