

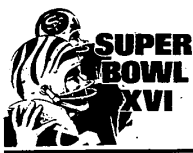
# Restaurants ready for visitors, home-towners

By Ethel Simmons staff writer

Super Bowl Week is bringing an influx of visitors to metropolitan Detroit, creating a brisk business at many Detroit-area restaurants. But that's no reason for regular patrons to stay home.

Restaurateurs don't want to see a repeat of what happened when the Republican Convention came to Detroit last year. Then conventioners didn't do much dining out, while area residents anticipated big crowds and stayed home.

If you were planning to ring up the London Chop House, however, forget it. Detroit's most prestigious restaurant is completely booked through Saturday night (the restaurant is closed Sunday).



of Super Bowl Week, daytime manager Angie Leone, said Tuesday afternoon. But other restaurants are encouraging regular customers and anyone else to call for reservations (or maybe even just drop in).

AT JACQUES Seafood in Bingham

Farms, manager Mark Fraker said Tuesday, "We've started to see an increase in our lunch and dinner business. The level of excitement for the Super Bowl is high with staff and customers."

Fraker said his restaurant made arrangements to sell Super Bowl souvenirs and has a booth set up in the lobby.

To would-be stay-at-homes, Fraker said, "I would encourage people to go out and eat. People will dine out just to be a part of the party atmosphere."

He said Saturday night is already booked heavily but expects that reservations may still be available at Jacques for this weekend.

Jacques ran an ad in the Cincinnati Inquirer, asking out-of-towners to call collect for reservations. Fraker anticipates, however, that many people coming from Ohio will be traveling by bus and just coming up on Sunday for the game. And from San Francisco, people will be coming in the last few days.

"We have extra people scheduled and on call," Fraker said, hoping for a good turnout from regular customers and visitors.

MITCH HOUSEY'S in Livonia is making no special plans for this week. Beverly Fuser, manager, said the restaurant is far enough away so that it won't be affected much by Super Bowl festivities. Housey's in Livonia and Dearborn Heights has been offering a dinner special that includes soup, salad and entree, all for \$8. The choice includes such favorites as lobster tail, seafood platter, and surf and turf.

"These dinners run \$24 everyplace else," she said. "We're leaving the price the same for Super Bowl Week. We're just happy to take all the business that comes our way. We're trying very hard to survive."

Ms. Fuser added, "We've been very fortunate. We do a very nice lunch business and have the Middle Eastern Revue at night."

The restaurant has been at the Livonia location for 17 years, under single ownership (the Houseys).

CHARLEY'S CRAB in Troy has "started experiencing Super Bowl crowds as recent as last Friday," said Sandy Sandt, assistant manager. He said the Cincinnati Bengals, who are staying at the Troy Hilton, just arrived Monday. But that the San Francisco 49ers, staying at the Sheraton

Southfield, came last weekend. On Monday night some 25 of the San Francisco football players had dinner at Charley's Crab. Restaurant customers, as well as guests and hotel people from next door (the Northfield Hilton), were thrilled to see the players, especially Joe Montana, Sandt said. "The girls think he's a hunk."

He said bookings at Charley's Crab look a little heavier than usual and that reservations could become difficult by Friday or Saturday night. He doesn't want to discourage anyone, however.

"We are one of the most popular restaurants in Detroit. We realize what the Super Bowl means to the City of Detroit and have put aside a few reservations for the teams and the AFL," Sandt said.

Still, "We have plenty of places for people to eat."

# 'Rainmaker' nourishes dreams, in players' production

Performances of the Birmingham Village Players production of "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash continue at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at the village playhouse at Chestnut and Hunter, Birmingham. There is also a special benefit performance tonight. For further information call 644-2075.

By Barbara Michals special writer

To dream, to take a chance, to believe in yourself — that's the optimistic creed of "The Rainmaker," a romantic comedy presented with great warmth and skill by the Birmingham Village Players. The modern N. Richard Nash classic

## review

takes place during a summer's drought in a western state during the first quarter of the century.

Lizzie (Lynne Martthey) has just returned home after an unsuccessful attempt by her family to marry her off to some cousin in another town. Both Lizzie and her practical brother Noah (John A. Miller Jr.) feel there is no further hope for the plain spinster, while her father (Dike Dwelley) and happy-go-lucky brother Jim (David B. Marmom) remain optimistic.

A mysterious stranger suddenly appears, a drifter named Starbuck (Tom D'Agostino) who claims he can bring rain for those who have enough faith in him. Intuitively sensing the family's tensions, Starbuck magically gives self-confidence to Jim and Lizzie by believing in them.

MS. MARTHEY IS magnificent as Lizzie. Her naturalness elicits total audience involvement in the anguish of her emotions. Her expressive face and mannerisms speak volumes when she pouts, bites her lip or fumbles nervously with her dress buttons.

Under Starbuck's tutelage, Lizzie's doubts and fears are dispelled and we believe the transformation when the

new Lizzie joyously asserts, "I'm pretty!"

D'Agostino is well-cast as Starbuck. There's a gleam in his eye and a magnetism in his voice and bearing that gives credibility to his success as a con artist. D'Agostino is most effective in his scenes with Lizzie, when some of Starbuck's own loneliness and vulnerability comes through the facade.

Director Barbara Underwood allows Starbuck's entrance, though, to be too brash and blustery. Initially this con man is too much of a comic cliché; silk-smooth talk might be preferable to loud bravado.

Miller is convincing as hard-headed Noah, trying to run the family in the same businesslike manner he runs the

ranch. He denounces his brother's romantic foolishness, Lizzie's hopes and Starbuck's scam because he can't see any practical value to them.

AT THE OPPOSITE end of the spectrum, Noah's brother Jim is an easy-going romantic, good-hearted but not too bright. As Jim, Marmom's infectious grin and ingratiating charm captivate the audience, even though he overplays the buffoonery.

Dwelley is thoroughly credible as H.C., the father who strikes a balance between his children. H.C. knows what Lizzie finally comes to realize: "It's no good to live inside your dreams, and it's no good to live outside them either; it's got to be somewhere in the middle."

As always, Dwelley can be counted on for a polished performance.

Jerry McConn is effective as File, the deputy sheriff who's interested in Lizzie but afraid to reach out. Badly bruised by life, File is a loner, still uncomfortable with people.

Vince D'Agostino is fine as the fatherly sheriff who tries to goad File into warning to life.

Dee Dwelley's ranch house set is appropriately bleak but a bit too spartan to fill the stage.

Bonny Patton's costumes are just right.

The village players "Rainmaker" is well-paced, well-acted and touchingly bittersweet. It's a warm play for a cold winter's night.

# Dinner theater show extends its run at Mama Mia

The Broadway musical comedy "I Do! I Do!" starring Nancy Gurwin and Joe Lannen has been extended through Feb. 27 at the Mama Mia Restaurant and Lounge, 9361 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake. The show opened in June 1981 and was originally scheduled to end at the close of 1981.

Performances are Fridays-Saturdays with dinner at 7 and show at 8:30 p.m. For reservations call 353-1535.

Ms. Gurwin, a Southfield resident, is in rehearsal for mid-March opening at Mama Mia of the Broadway musical "Fanny Brice." Ms. Gurwin will star in the story of the legendary Fanny Brice and her rise to stardom

as premiere comedienne of the Ziegfeld Follies.

A few unfilled opening still exist in the "Funny Girl" cast. Needed are one lead male singer and dancer and three male chorus members. Interested actors may call 354-0545 for an audition.

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