

upcoming things to do

• MICHIGAN PREMIERE
Terence Kilburn, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre, will direct the Michigan premiere of "The Dining Room," a contemporary comedy by A.J. Gurney, opening at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. Six actors and actresses will play almost 60 characters in a series of 20 scenes spanning 50 years and leaping back and forward in time. Performances continue through Sunday, Feb. 19. For ticket information, call the box office at 377-3300.



Joey L. Golden is one of the cast of six in "The Dining Room."

• VIDEOAPE PRODUCTION
Training for beginners in the production of a videotape will be conducted by the Oakland University Division of Continuing Education on Saturday, Feb. 4. The class will be taught from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an hour break for lunch, in the university studios. Tuition is \$70. For registration information, call 377-3120 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays.

• BIRMINGHAM THEATRE
"Crimes of the Heart," 1981 Pulitzer prize-winning comedy by Beth Henley, opens Friday, Jan. 27, at the Birmingham Theatre, 311 S. Woodward, Birmingham. The show stars Genie Francis, who portrays Laura in the TV soap opera "General Hospital." Performances of "Crimes of the Heart" continue through Wednesday, Feb. 22. For ticket information, call 444-3533.

• COMIC BOOKS
A one-day Comic Book Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at the VFW Post 2645, 24212 W. Nine Mile Road, just west of Taylor, Southfield. The day will feature nostalgia dealers from through the Midwest. Admission is \$1.

• ENGLISH COMEDY
"The Slab Boys," an English comedy by John Byrne, will be the 1984 opener for the Studio Theatre, downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University in Detroit. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Feb. 24 and 9-11, and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 5 and 12. The cast includes Thomas Keating Johnson of Bloomfield Hills as Hector McKenzie. For ticket information, call 377-2972.

• INTERNATIONAL SINGER
"A Greek Night Experience" will be held Monday, Jan. 30, at St. George Cultural Center, 1515 N. Woodward, north of Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. A Greek food banquet at 7 p.m. will be followed by a concert at 8:15 featuring singer Irene Raikou, a Miss Young Greece. Also featured are two male vocalists, John Harris and Georgios Demas, and the Mikonos Supper Club Orchestra. Tickets are \$20. For reservations, call 335-8869 or 335-8879.

• SERIES CONCLUDES
The Adat Shalom Adult Study Commission Holocaust film series concludes with a 1976 French film, "Mr. Klein," featuring Alain Delon and Jeanne Moreau, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, in the Youth Lounge of the synagogue at 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Dan Greenberg, Observer & Eccentric film critic, will introduce and comment on the film. The program is free to everyone.

• COMEDY STAGED
"Visit to a Small Planet," a comedy about a visitor from another planet, will be presented by Stagecrafters on Jan. 27-28, Feb. 2-4 and 9-11, at the Stagecrafters Playhouse, 1786 Bowers, Clawson. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$5 for general admission, \$3 for older persons and students Thursdays and Sundays. For ticket information, call the box office at 583-8437.

• COMMUNITY BANDS
The annual Festival of Community Bands will be held from 11 a.m. to 7

made by Sara Lee is available for \$1.79. Patrons can pick it up or request the cake when they arrive at the restaurant.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES are a specialty at Chuck E. Cheese's Pizza Time Theatre locations. Chuck E. Cheese's, 308 S. Wayne Road, Westland (phone 729-5100), general manager Kevin McIntosh explained the Chuck E. Cheese Birthday Package at \$9.90 per person and the Teenage 21, 21st Birthday Package at \$2.00 per person. Both packages include game tokens, pizza, soft drinks and birthday table decorations, plus the Pizza Time Theatre singing "Happy Birthday." The Chuck E. Cheese package offers more game tokens and also sundae for each guest. No cake is provided, but customers can bring their own. There is one complimentary gift, however, McIntosh said. "The birthday person gets a minipizza free. It's limited to two items because that's all that will fit on it."

Ramsey Lewis plays Music Hall

The spotlight focuses on jazz pianist Ramsey Lewis, who will perform Friday, Jan. 27, at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Detroit.

Other concerts coming to the Music Hall include the New 4 Girls 4, starring Rosemary Clooney, Helen O'Connell, Rose Marie and Kay Starr, Feb. 3-5. Multi-talented Ben Vereen will appear Feb. 24-26.

More entertainment includes the Bella Lewitzky Dance Company, Feb. 8-11; Blackstone in Concert, Feb. 17-19; "Really Hot," March 2-4; the Chinese Magic Circus of Taiwan, March 16-18; Jennifer Muller and the Works, March 21-24; the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble, March 25, and Alvin Alley, April 3-8.

10-member troupe does comedy improv

The Detroit Times Theatre Company's 10-member troupe directed by Jonathan Hound performs comedy improv at 8:30 p.m. Mondays through Feb. 13 at the Four Seasons Playhouse, 391 W. Fourth, just west of Washington street, in downtown Royal Oak.

The company's performances consist of selected game forms, improvisational sketch material and working with audience suggestions.

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Restaurants help celebrate birthdays

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What about singing "Happy Birthday"? "We do not sing out here at Jacques," Hayes said, "but we do next door at J.T.'s." Desserts at Jacques's are extra-special, baked in the restaurant's own bakery.

Some restaurants that provide cakes on birthdays do charge for them. At the Main Street Seafood Bar & Grill, 337 Main, Rochester (512-0100), manager Gary Argo said, "There is a slight fee, \$1.50, for an individual, small round cake that says 'Best Wishes.' At Cooper's Arms, 350 Main St., Rochester (551-2266), owner Roger Knapp said, "We get requests for cakes. Customers should call ahead. We charge \$3 for the cake. They're about eight inches. We get them from this home bakery next door."

At the Hillside Inn, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth (455-2003), manager Mike Jackson said a six-inch cake