

## Take Shep home

Shep, who is part Belgian sheep dog and part German shepherd, can be acopted by contacting the Oakland Humane Society at 879-1269. The male dog is about 9 months old and extremely good with children, says Lydia Stack of the humane society.



## Old tales meaningful

One of my favorite pastimes is the reading and telling of fairy tales. There are many reasons with I love these folktales first told by roving storytellers long before they were collected and printed in books.

One of their most intriguing qualities is the repeated referals to magical thinks such as flying carpets, talking mirrors, and doors that open in response to a secret word.

My own favorite definition of magic is: "Anything that works that is not understood."

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The story of "Beauty and the Beast" gives the following account of Beauty's father's entrance into the past acc of the beast for the first time:

"The doors were opened by urseen hands. The room was lighted as if by a thousand candles, but there were no candles there. Suddenly, a voice spoke to him out of nowhere." Indulge, if you will for a moment, in the following fantasy:

ALL OF THE READERS of this column attend a meeting together on a large cruise ship moroed in the Detroit River. While we are meeting there, something terrible happens.

The earth is sideswiped by the following the proposite direction. Or, perhaps, the polar caps on the North Yole finally reach the point where

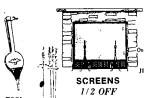
they set the world off balance and it topples over. causing enormous tidal waves.

As a result of this catastrophe, everyone in the world is drowned, or buried, or in some way destroyed, except for those of us on the ship together. And, by a miracle, we are unharmed.

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We are all intelligent people. We know about electricity, television, radio, elevators, escalators, motor cars, and airplanes. But with the world in the state we find it when we disembark, we cannot spend our time trying to build these things. It takes all the energy and skill we can must ruist to be the control of the state with the state with the state of the control of th

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