pling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters ac metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan. IN DETROIT FILM THEATRE

Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5; \$4

833-2322 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)
The Mystery of Rampo" (Japan 1996), 7, 9:30 pm. Sept. 22-23; 4, 7 pm. Sept. 24. A writer pens a story about a woman who suffocates her husband only to find real-life mirroring his work. His subsequent plungs into the world of obsessive, crotic fantasy makes this one of the most bizarre and challenging films of the year.

"The Wings of Honneamise" Japan - 1987), 7 p.m. Sept. 25. Iso known as "Royal Space orce," this boldly designed fea-Also kno ture is one of the must-see titles in Japanese animation.

ES MAGIC BAG TREATRE 22918 Woodward, Ferndale, Call (810) 544-3030 for information.

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(34 unless otherwise notated)
"Grease" (USA-1978). 7:30
p.m. Sept. 21, John Travolta and
Olivia Newton-John come from
different sides of the tracks in
this kitschy tribute to 1950s music and morals. Based on the popular stage play.
"Michigan Lesbian and Gay
Film Festival." Sept. 2:2-24, call
(810) 825-6651 for full schedule

and showtimes. The third annual event kicks off Priday with a screening of "No Ordinary Love," a twenty-something comedy/drama hout the tangled lives and loves of six L.A.-based friends. On Saturday and Sunday, premierss of shorts and features including "Ballot Measure 9," "Heaven's a Drag," and "Sister My Sister." (Tikets 36 per screening 316 featival day pass," Crumb' (USA - 1994). 8 p.m. Sept. 25-27 (call for showtimes). An extraordinary documentary about underground comic artist R. Crumb doesn't blink in its honest portrait of his life and work. Especially unforgettable artist with the brothers who make the eccentric Robert the most atothe member of his family. EMAIN ART THEARTE 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, and showtimes. The third annual

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Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 842-9189 for information and showtimes. (84.60; 4 students and mattere; \$\$\$\$1 will start and mattere; \$\$\$\$1 will start and mattere; \$\$\$\$\$1 will start and mattere; \$\$\$\$\$1 will start and mattere; \$\$\$\$\$1 will start and matter living in New York vows cellibary in fear of contracting AIDS but then meets the man of his dreams, who just happens to be HIV-positive. "Start Trek's" Patrick Stewart recells his stage actor origins in his turn as a flemboyant interior decorntor. "The Usual Suspectar" (USA - 1995). Five guys who meet in a police lineup join for a simple heist. What happens next will keep you guessing in this deverly scripted caper starring Gabriel Byrne, Kevin Spacey, and Chazz Palminteri.

"The Brothers McMullen"

(USA - 1995). For what some peo-ple spend on a new car, Edward Burns made this engaging first feature about a young screenwriter and his two brothers

feature about a young screenwriter and his two brothers in contemporary Long Island. Burns call a his audience pleaser a "romantic comedy for guys," and what it lacks in acting and production values it more than makes up in charm.

IM MAPLE THEATRE!

135 W. Mople, Bloomfield
Township, All titles play through at least next Thursday, unleas noted otherwise. Call (810) 85:205 twilight)
"Country Life" (Australia-1995), Life on a turn-of-tha-century sheep ranch is thrown into chaos with the return of a long-lost son-in-law and his English wife. Based on Chekhov's "Uncle

Vanya," it stars Sam Neill, Grets Scacchi, and Kerry Fox. "The Usual Suspects" (USA 1995). See Main Art Theatre list-ing shows

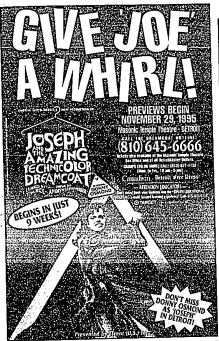
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SCREEN SCENE

PREDFCID THEATRE 17360 Lahaer, Redford, Call (313): 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

507-2569 for Information. (32.50);
"Gigi" (USA - 1958), 8 p.m. 21
Sept. 22; 2, 8 p.m. Sept. 23 (orgazi
overture begins a half hour before
showtime). Lealic Caron and Louis Jordan star in this Oscar-win,
ning musical based on Colette's
atory of a French girl with her
sights set on high society. Dappier
Frenchman Maurice Chevaller ...
Heaven for Little Girts."







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Help us find metro Detroit's sexiest house painter

We know you're out there, but so far we've only received a few entries for our "Motro Detroits sexiest house painter" contest. Send a photo of your candidate for excited house painter—it can be a professional house painter, your husband, a friend, or even a nelighbor who paints houses—by Monday, Sept. 25 to Keely Wygenik, Entertainment Editor, Ob-

server & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, For more information, call (313) 935-2105. Winners will be contacted by phone. Please include a day time phone number with your entry.

The person who picks the sexiest painter will be treated to dinner out with the painter, and four other women chosen randomly by

WNIC, flowers, candy, champagne and a round-trip lime ride to a special preview screening of the comedy "Moonlight and Valentino" 7:30 p.m. Thurnday, Sept. 23 at the Star Theatra John R. in Madison Helghts. The winning photo will be published in the Observer & Eccentric Newspacers. R. in Madison Helghts. The winning photo will be published in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Fifty runner's up will receive

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