A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

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5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors.

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• "The Flawer of my Secret.'
(\$pain - 1998). 7, 9:30 p.m. May
3; 4, 7 p.m. May 5. A middleaged woman writes romance
novels under a pseudonym, faiting to acknowledge that her own
love life is on the skids. The latest from Pedro Almodovar
reportedly returns the director
back to the mix of irreverence
and flamboyance that made his
Women on the Verge of a Norvous Breakdown such an
instant classic.

• "Two Friends '(Australia
1986). 7 p.m. May 6. The first
feature from Jane Campion
(The Piano') plots a year in the
life of two 16-year-old girls.
Though a his at Cannes a decade
ago, the film has only now been
released in the United States.

MAGIC BAG THEATRE
22920 Woodward, Ferndale.
Call (810) 544-3030 for informa-

Call (810) 544-9030 for informa-tion. (\$2)

"Things to do in Donver
Whon You're Doad" (USA
1995). 9 p.m. May 8. Andy Garcia leads another heist gone way
wrong in this dark, dark comedy
fell through the cracks left by
"The Usual Suspects" and
Reservoir Dogs. Christopher
Lloyd and Treat Williams, and
Steve Busceini lead the rester of
character actors who make this
one definitely worth a look.

RAN ART HEATRE

MAIN ART THEATRE

118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through

at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise, noted, Call 810-542-0180 for information and show-times. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinees; \$3 twi-

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times. (36.50; 34 students, seniors and matinees; 33 twilight.)

- "Jano Eyre" (USA - 1996). Charlotte Gainabourg takes the title role while William Hurf fills the sizable boots of the mysterious Mr. Rochester in this umpteenth remake of Charlotte Bronte's Wictorian novel. Directed by France Zeffireili, best known for his classy Shake-speare adaptations.

- "The Cellubid Closet" (USA - 1995). Oscar-winning directors Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman take an eye-opening look at Hollywood's depiction of homo-sexuality over the years. Interviews with Tom Hanks, Gord Vidal, and Whoopi Goldberg join countless elips from the movies.

- "Frank and Ollie" (USA - 1996). A documentary on Frank 1996). A documentary on Frank 1996.

1996). A documentary on Frank Thomas and Ollie Johnston, two animators who invented the Disney style with such classics as "Snow White" and "Pinocchio." Starte Friday.

""It's My Party" (USA - 1996). File Reheat attern on a gray man.

"it's My Party" (USA - 1990). Eric Roberts stars as a gay man, dying of AIDS, who throws a two-day party for family and friends, choosing to celebrate life rather than succumb to death. Starts Friday.

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield.
All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$5.75; \$2.95 twi-

light)

• "Flirting with Disaster" (USA - 1996). A comedy about a slightful uptight and discontented young man who, having been

adopted at birth, sets off on a quest for his birth parents. The all-star cast includes Ben Stiller, Patricia Arquette, Alan Alda, May Tyler Moore, George Segal, and Lily Tomlin.

"Fargo" (USA - 1996). In this sixth film from Joel and Ethan Coon, Frances McDormand plays a pregnant sheriff investigating a bizarre murder case in the Upper Minnesota snowbelt. Dryer and less satisfying than the Goens' other pictures, but still one of the most unique and uncompromising films of the year.

""The Birdcago" (USA - 1996). Robin Williams and Nathan Lane are a gay couple who must play it straight when Williams son wants to entertain his flame, and her conservative family. Mike Nichols' romack of the 1978 French farce. La Geo aw. Folker Hellbarrer (USA - 1996). French farce La Geo aw. Folker Challbarrer (USA - 1996). French farce La Geo aw. Folker Challbarrer (USA - 1996). French farce La Geo aw. Folker Challbarrer (USA - 1996). French farce had Schwimmer agrees to lead the funeral service of a former high school classmate, despite the fact that he can't remember him at all. Along the way he fails in love with dream-girl Gwyneth Paltrow. Starts Friday.

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"The Celluloid Closet' UISA
1096. Through May 7 (call for
altre listing above.
"Wallese and Grommit: The
Best of Ardman Animation."
Starts May 6. The excentric old
Brit and his loyal deg have been
the stars of a memorable handful
of clay-animated shorts. Two,
"The Wrong Trousers" and "A

ACCEPTANCE.

Documentary: The professional achievements and personal friendship of two of Walt: Disney's legendary animators, Frank Thomas (right) and Ollie Johnston are chivil; cled in "Frank and Ollie" opening Friday at the Main Art Theatre.

Close Shave," have won Academy Awards. This compilation, es in a Rome fountain only to looks at both the theatrical shorts and television commercials that have made Park and friends masters of stop-motion animation.

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REPFORD THEATRE

13671 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-5560 for information. (82.50)

*Three Coins in a Fountain."
(USA - 1948), 8 p.m. May 3; 9, p.m. May 4; forgan overture begins a half hour before show-

STATE THEATRE
2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call
(313) 961-5450 for information.
(\$1)

"Happy Gilmore" (USA)
19961. 9 p.m. May 6. Adam Sandler stars as a die-hard hockey
fan who dreams of becoming a
professional player even if he
ean't skate.

CLASSIC CINEMA SERIES

City of Southfield, along with the Southfield Public Library and Potpouri Productions, Rogan 115 of the Southfield Public Library, 20000 Evergreen Boad.

"Cry the Beloved Country," (USA 730, pm. Friday, May, Id., ticktets \$3, include refreshment, call 6100 424-0522, h.; "Sidney Poitier stars as a hlack minister who travels to Johannesburg to be with his son shap is accused of killing a white magn."

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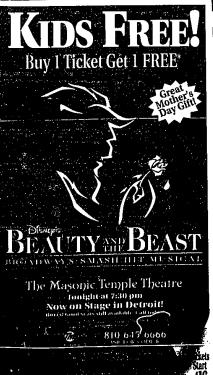
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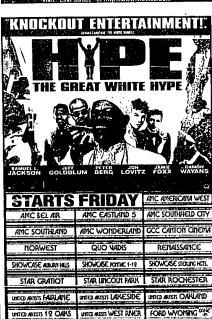
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