

COMING EVENTS

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 4

A BEAUTIFUL MIND

This is the true story of John Forbes Nash Jr., a young man in 1950 whose formulae established the mathematical principles of the "Game Theory" of economics, eventually winning the Nobel Prize 40 years later. By the age of 30, however, Nash was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. Nash has lived an unusual life as well, which included an arrest for indecent exposure in a men's restroom and the fathering of a child out of wedlock. Stars Russell Crowe (John Forbes Nash, Jr.), Jennifer Connelly, Paul Bettany, Adam Goldberg, Ed Harris, Judd Hirsch, Christopher Plummer, Jason Gray-Stanford and Anthony Rapp. Directed by Ron Howard.

IMPOSTOR

Based on Philip K. Dick's 1953 short story, this futuristic drama tells of a time when Earth is at war with alien race. The action turns on the character of Science Officer (Gary Sinise), one of many scientists researching new weapons that could defeat the enemy. Arrested by the secret service and taken to the moon, Sinise is told he is a robot, planted on Earth by the aliens. What follows is a journey of self-discovery in which the question is posed: "Am I human? Or am I just programmed to believe I am human?" Featured among the ensemble are Madeleine Stowe, Vincent D'Onofrio, Tony Shalhoub, and Mekhi Phifer. Gary Fleder helms the film. (Miramax) Rated PG-13

THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS

This is the story of three geniuses, the Tenenbaums (Gene Stiller, Gwyneth Paltrow and Luke Wilson), who are brought back together to live with their parents in New York when their father, Royal (Gene Hackman) returns after many years to his wife (Anjelica Huston), the author of a book about their experiences, Family of Geniuses. (Touchstone Pictures) Rated R

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THE ACCIDENTAL SPY

This is the story of Bel, an exercise equipment salesman with dreams of action and adventure, whose encounter with two jewelry store thieves leads him to Liu, a private investigator who is convinced Bel is actually the long-lost son of a wealthy Korean businessman. He's soon on his way to Korea and Turkey, becoming involved in an international conspiracy revolving around the cure to a lung virus. Stars Jackie Chan, Kim Min and Vivian Hsu.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE WOLF

Set in France, this epic adventure is based in part on the legend of the Beast of Gévaudan, a ferocious wolf-like creature that slaughtered and terrorized over a hundred women and children between 1764 and 1767. Chevalier Gregoire de Franoise and Mari, his Native American friend, are sent by King Louis XV to

track down the beast. The beast emerges every now and then, but nobody has been able to stop it from causing any more harm. Christophe Gans helms the adventure. (Universal) Rated R

FAT GIRL

This is the story of Anais, an overweight 12-year-old, and her beautiful 15-year sister, Elena while on vacation with their parents. Elena meets Fernando, an Italian student with whom she falls in love, but he may be more than she expects... (Cowboy Booking) Rating Unknown

OOSFORD PARK

Set in England, the story centers on the relations among the different social classes in the 1930's who have come together for a dinner party on a country estate. A murder mystery brings together people from upper, middle and lower class backgrounds including friends, family servants and a Hollywood actor. Featured players include Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, Emily Watson, Helen Mirren, and Stephen Fry. Robert Altman helms this mystery. (USA Films) Rated R

ORANGE COUNTY

Collin Hanks (son of Tom) plays a high school senior who is rejected by every college on his list, not because of his shortcomings but because of his ridiculously inept guidance counselor (Lily Tomlin) who sends the wrong transcripts. Featured among the ensemble are Kevin Kline, Chevy Chase, John Lithgow, Gary Marshall, and Catherine O'Hara as Hanks' nervous, chain-smoking mother. Representing the younger players are Schuyler Flak (daughter of actress Sissy Spacek) and Jack Black. Jake Kasdan (son of Lawrence) helms the screwball comedy. (Paramount) Rating unknown.

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THE ADVENTURES OF PLUTO NASH

Pluto Nash, the owner of a nightclub on the Moon in 2087, finds himself in hot water when he refuses to sell his club to the local mob. Stars Eddie Murphy, Randy Quaid, Rosario Dawson, Peter Boyle, Illeana Douglas, Pam Grier and Jay Mohr.

BLACK HAWK DOWN

The story centers on the harrowing true account of a group of elite U.S. soldiers sent to Mogadishu, Somalia in October 1993 as part of a U.N. peacekeeping operation. Their mission: to abduct several top lieutenants of a Somali warlord as part of a strategy to quell the civil war that is tearing away at the country. The carefully planned mission goes terribly wrong, resulting in the U.S. military's single biggest firefight since Vietnam. Featured among the ensemble are Josh Hartnett, Tom Sizemore, Ewan McGregor, Ron Eldard, and Jeremy Piven. Ridley Scott helms the drama. (Sony Pictures) Rating unknown

ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS

Fifth in the Danish Dogma '95 film series, this comedy of manners adheres to the Dogma rules of handheld camera, natural light and shooting on location. The story follows six insecure singles whose lives interweave on dreary Copenhagen winter. The action turns on the character of Andreas (Anders W. Berthelsen) who arrives in town to replace the local pastor. Subdued yet hopeful in the wake of his wife's recent death, Andreas is persuaded to sign up for an Italian Language course offered by the local town council. Helmed by Lone Scherfig. (Miramax) Rated R

KUNG POW! ENTER THE FIST

Writer-director Steve Oedekerk acquired the little known 1976 Hong Kong kung fu flick "SAVAGE KILLERS." Then seamlessly blended portions of the film with new material he directed to create a wild off-the-wall, feature film. Oedekerk wrote, directed and stars in the comedy, placing himself digitally into the old film, re-dubbing the characters, as well as shooting new scenes. (Twentieth Century Fox) Rated PG-13

SNOW DOGS

Based on the 1994 book "Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod," the story centers on the reunion of a father and son during the famous Alaskan dogged race that stretches for 1,100 miles between Anchorage and Nome. The action turns on the character played by Cuba Gooding, Jr., a big-city writer, whose father, (James Coburn) was a famous dog sledder. Determined to follow in his footsteps, Gooding enters a race where he and his dogs must persevere through blinding wind and snow and even deal with a "moose attack." Featured among the players are John Cusack, Graham Greene, M. Emmet Walsh, Brian Doyle Murray, and Grammy-nominated singer Sade. Brian Levant helms the action. (Walt Disney Pictures) Rated PG

STATE PROPERTY

Jay-Z and his Roc-A-Fella family step onto the silver screen in this urban drama described as a visual interpretation of a rap song. The action turns on the character played by Beanie Sigel who steers a group of friends into becoming a gang empire. Featured among the ensemble are fellow rap artists Damon Dash, Memphis Bleek, and Omillio Spans. (Lions Gate Films) Rated R

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Troy concert raises money for defibrillators

The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation is selling tickets now for a benefit concert in March that will raise money to buy defibrillators for Michigan high schools.

Kimberly Anne Gillary died in April 2000 after suffering a cardiac arrest while playing in a water polo match for Troy Athens High School. The daughter of Randy and Sue Gillary, Kimberly's heart condition — hypertrophic cardiomyopathy — went undetected even though she played water polo in the summer and had just started playing with Athens High School's new polo team.

People with the disease, which causes the lining of the heart muscle to thicken, are more susceptible to cardiac arrest during strenuous activity. The only way to detect the abnormality is through a heart ultrasound.

The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation has raised more than \$265,000 for defibrillators and has donated 70 of the units to Michigan high schools. It

also paid for equipment training at each school.

There are approximately 860 high schools in Michigan.

Defibrillators are essential in avoiding severe brain damage and death in cases of cardiac arrest. The risk for both brain damage and death increases by 10 percent every minute after a cardiac arrest. Defibrillation must occur within 10 minutes of the arrest for the victim to have any hope of recovery.

Singer-songwriter David Bailey will perform at the concert, *A Celebration of Life*, at 8 p.m., March 23, in the auditorium at Athens High School, located on John R. just north of Wattles.

Tickets are available through Emily Gillary, Kimberly's sister, at (248) 528-0440 or by sending a check to The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, 201 West Big Beaver, Suite 1020, Troy, Mich., 48064.

The foundation suggests a minimum donation per ticket of \$5 for children 10 and under, \$10 for students, age 10 and up and \$20 for adults.

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