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of a womanizing ad executive who
takes his teenage nephew out for a
night on the town in order to show him
the ways of the world, and intelled
process discovers a newly earned respect for women. Stars Campbell Scott, Isabella Rossellini, Jennifer Scott, Saderia Rossenin, Jennier Beals, Elizabeth Berkeley and Jesse Eisenberg. Directed by Dylan Kidd. (Artisan Entertainment) Rated R. Running time: 105 minutes

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REAL WOMEN HAVE CURVES

Al 18, Ana 1s caught between her
dream of going to college and the loydily she feets to her family. Though her
mother Carmen means self, she
underestimates Ana's desire to forge a
life of her own, and pustes Ana to get
married and produce the grandchildren she believes she deserves. When
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of beautiful gomms-gowns for women
who have lives so different from her
own, gowns she will never fit lato,
the child of the control of the control
to the control Gradually Ana teaches the women at the factory how to love every curve of their bodies. Stars America Ferrera, Eupe Ontiveros, Ingrid Oliv. Oirected by Patricia Cardoso. (IFC) Rating PG-13. Running time 85 minutes.

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FEMME FATALE
A contemporary film noir about an
alluring seductives suddenly exposed
to the work and her enemies by a
voyeuristic photographer who
become engraped in her surreal quest
for revenge. Stars Antonio Bandersay,
Rebecca RomigniSamos, Peter Cosycle,
Grego Henry, Rie Rasmussen and Lifa
Debauare, Directed by Britan De Palma,
Warner Bros.) Rated R. Running time:
14 minutes. BARSERSHOP (PG13) BED DRAGON (R)

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An honest and provocative fictional examination of a critical month in a young man's life as he searches for identity and a sense of purpose. Against a backdrop of familial indiffer Philer, Lugene Byrd, Taryn Manning, Omar Benson Miller. Directed by Curtis Hanson. (Universal Pictures) Rating TBD.

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QUILTERIUM
In a futuristic world, a strict regime
has eliminated war by suppressing
emotions: Books, art, and music are
strictly forbidden and feeling is a
crime punishable by death. Cleric John crime ponishabite by death. Cleric John Preston is a lory-ranking opvernment agent responsible for destroying those who resist these rules. When he misses a dose of Prazium, a mind alterering drug that hinders e mollion, Preston, who has been trained to enforce the scircl laws of the new regime, suddenly becomes the only person capable of verticoking Li Stars Christian Bale. Taye Digas, Sean Been, Emily Watson, William Pitchner, Directed by Kort Wilmmer, (Miramas) Rated R,

This film tells the true story of Mexican painter and 20th century icon Frida Kohlo, focusing on her often rocky relationship with husband Diego Rivera, and their place in Mexican society, included in the mix will be David Siqueiros, Rivera's rival in the Mexican art world, Jina Modotti, a David Siqueros, Never Sir veil a little Mexican art work of 275 sirvel in the Mexican art work of 175 about 175 abou Geoffrey Rush, and Roger Rees. Directed by Julie Taymor. (Miramax Films) Rating R. Running time 118

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HALF PAST DEAD
Steven (Exil Wounds) Seagal stars as an imprisoned FBI undercover agent who must stop a criminal who is planning to infilirate a high-tech prison in order to persuade an immate on death row to tell him the whereabouts of millions of dollars in stolen gold Featured players include Morris (Two Can Play at That Game) Chestnut, Nia Peeples (TV's Walker, Texas Ranger) and rap artists Ja Rule and Kurupt. Don Michael Paul directed the action marking his feature directorial debut. (Sony Pictures) The film has not yet been rated.

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HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SCREETS
The next installment in the HARRY POTI'ER series finds young wizard Marry
Potter and his friends Ron and
Herrinoe lacing new challenges during their second year al Nogwarts
School of Wichcraft and Wisardry as
they try to discover a dark force that
is terrorizing the school. Stars Baniel
Radclife, Sean Biggerstalf, David
Bradley, Remeth Branagh, Altrid Burk,
John Cleese, Robbie Coltrane, Allie
Enoch, Ion Telfon, Judic Gover (voice
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STANDING IN THE SHADOWS OF

MOTOWN

Based on Allan Slutsky's award-win-ning book of the same name, this movie tells the story of the Funk

Brothers by combining exclusive interviews, archival footage, re-inactiments, reminiscences, and brilling new performances by the reunited flips frommances by the reunited flips frommance by the reunited flips from the reminiscence are such incredible contemporary vocalists such as Ben Harper, Joan Gobrine, Netholl Harper, Loan Gobrine, Netholl Harper, Loan Gobrine, Metholl Harper, Metholl Har

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DIE ANOTHER DAY

Pierce Brosnan returns as agent 007, James Bond, who this time comes up against a North Korean General Zao, the get his hands on a device that lets him change his facial features. Bond travels to Iceland, where he must unmask the trailor and prevent a war unmask the traitor and prevent a war of catastipolic consequence. Features players include Halle Berry, John Cleese and Judi Bench as Bond's boss. M. Lee Tamahori directed the twentieth installment of the James Bond series. (MGM/UA) This film is not yet rated.

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The third installment in the series takes piace during the Christimas sea on back in the old nelphotorhood where it all began. Although coursis Craig (tec Cube) and Day-Day (Mike Epsy have left behind the security of living with their parents, the rundown apartment they now share is filled with all the accondrements and spirit of the holiday season. Everything it significantly applied of the course of the property of t breaks in and steals their Christmas presents and the rent money hidden in their stereo speakers. Other featured players are K.D. Aubert, and John Witherspoon. Marcus Rabby directed the comedy, marking his feature direc-torial debut. (New Line) Rated R

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FAR FROM HEAVEN
from the director of Safe comes a contemporary drama set in a suburban
american community in the 1950s,
where the ideally perfect griftering
surfaces often tide a repressed world
of great portions. The story, which
crosses both sexual and racial fines,
revolves around a privileged family
whose fires are filled with daily family
eliquette, social events at the
club, and an overall desire to keep up
with the Jones's. The lamily is
turned uspidle down when both husband and wile are faced with choices
that not only create a gossisp milt for that not only create a gossip mill for the entire community but also change their entire lives forever. Starring Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert, and James Rebhorn. Directed by Todd Haynes. (FOCUS Features) Rated PG-13

## SCHEDULED TO OPEN WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

ARARAT
A story of fruth and denial on both an intimate and a qrand scale. The estranged members of a contemporary Armenian family are faced both with Turkey's denial of their catastrophic past and with their own complicated present. A mother who wants strophic past and with their own complicated present. A mother who wants broken but self-buttlen, and a young man whose journey to uncover his roots is jeopardizing his future. Stars part of past Angay, Armies Sannowur, Eric Bogosian, Brent Carver, Marie-Jussee Croce, Bruce Greenwood, Arsinee Khanjijan and Christopher Plummer. Directed by Afon Egypan. (Wiramas) Directed by Atom Egoyan. (Miramax) Rated R

EXTREME OPS

A group of the world's top daredevil extreme skiers and snowboarders gather together for an amazing film shoot. But when the crew accidentally snoot. But when the crew accidentally lims a murderous war criminal who has been hiding in the mountains, they lind themselves skiing for their tiwes as they try to escape him. Stars Devon Sawa, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras, Rupert Graves and Rulus Sewell. Directed by Christian Duguay. (Paramount) Rating PG-13.

## Magician to pull money from hat for new barn theater

Magician Bob Sheets has a few tricks up his sleeve to raise funds for the Farmington Players' new Barn Theater. He's planning to perform a fun show for children as well as adults 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Rond, south of Maple, West Bloomfield.

Tickets are \$20, \$10 chil-Magician Bob Sheets has a

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dren. Proceeds go to the Farmington Players' new Barn Theater. For more information, call (248) 219-0800. Sheets is from: Washington, D.C. via San Diego, Chicago and Aspen, His credentials are wider anging, Sheets has done everything from being a circus and side show performer to a street magician. Sheets lectures and performs for

magicians all over the world including England, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Australia, and India. In 1996, he won first place in London in the prestigious Ron MacMillan World Close-up Magic

Contest.
The show is presented by McCabe Funeral Home. Not recommended for children age 5 and under.