OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

General Cinemas
Bargain matinee daily plus $3.25 (Twi-Lite) show daily

Canton 6
Ford Rd., 1 Mi west of I-275•
734-981-1960
Advanced same-day tickets available
*Denotes W/ restrictions

*MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13)
1:20, (4:10 @ $3.50) 7:10, 9:50
TWILIGHT (R)
1:40, (4:50 @ $3.50) 7:35, 10:00
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
1:30, (4:15 @ $3.50) 7:15, 9:45
TITANIC (PG13)
1:00 (5:00 @ $3.50) 9:00
U.S. MARSHALS (PG13)
1:10, (4:00 @ $3.50) 7:00, 9:50
HUSH (PG13)
1:50
*PRIMARY COLORS (R)
1:00 (4:00 @ $3.50) 7:00, 10:00

Novi Town Center 8
Novi Rd. South of I-96
248-344-0077
Advance same-day tickets available

TITANIC (PG13)
1:00, (5:00 @ $3.50) 9:00
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
1:15 (4:30 @ $3.50) 7:20, 10:00
U.S. MARSHALS (PG13)
1:10 (4:00 @ $3.50) 7:00, 9:45
*HUSH (PG13)
1:30, 7:15,
*PRIMARY COLORS (R)
1:00 (3:50 @ $3.50) 6:45, 9:40
*BIG LEBOWSKI (R)
(3:55 @ $3.50), 9:30
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
1:00, (4:00 @ $3.50) 7:00, 10:00
WEDDING SINGER (PG13)
1:20 (4:20 @ $3.50) 7:20, 9:35
*MR. NICE GUY (PG13)
1:45 (5:00 @ $3.50) 7:35, 9:55

Rouge Twin Cinema
Orchard Lake Rd.
at Cass Lake Rd.
682-1900
Sat. & Sun. only All Seats $1.50 before 6 pm; $2.50 after

THE FULL MONTY (R)
SUN 4:30, 7:15
MON-THURS. 7:15
AMISTAD (R)
SUN 4:00, 7:00
MON-THURS. 7:00

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

Showcase Auburn Hills 1-14
2150 N. Opdyke Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd
248-373-2660
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

PRIMARY COLORS (R)
12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00, 6:50, 7:25, 9:45, 10:15
WILD THINGS (R)
12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
MR. NICE GUY (PG13)
1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 10:00
RAT'S TALE (G)
12:50, 2:50, 4:50
MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13)
12:0, 2:00, 3:50, 4:45, 6:40, 7:30, 9:25, 10:20
U.S. MARSHALS (PG13)
12:40, 3:40, 6:30, 9:30
HUSH (PG13)
5:00, 9:40
THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R)
12:30, 7:10
TWILIGHT (R)
1:20, 3:25, 5:150, 7:45, 9:55
BORDERWORLD (PG)
12:00 NOON
WEDDING SINGER (PG13)
1:15, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:10
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
12:50, 3:25, 7:00, 9:40
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
12:15, 3:25, 6:30, 9:20,
TITANIC (PG13)
12:15, 2:00, 4:10, 7:00, 8:00

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
Michigan & Telegraph
313-561-3449
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm.
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

PRIMARY COLORS (R)
12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:55
MR. NICE GUY (PG13)
12:5, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30
WILD THINGS (R)
12:40, 1:15, 3:00, 4:15, 5:20, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10
RAT'S TALE (G)
12:00, 2:00, 5:00
U.S. MARSHALS (PG13)
12:45 (1:00, 7:00, 9:50
HUSH (PG13)
4:00 6:30, 9:10
SENSELESS (R)
12:40, 2:40, 7:10, 9:20
WEDDING SINGER (PG13)
1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph/Sq. Lake Rd. W Side of Telegraph
248-335-8241
Bargain Matinees Daily
•All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

WILD THINGS (R)
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
MR. NICE GUY (PG13)
12:50, 3:00, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
TWILIGHT (R)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:20, 9:40
THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R)
7:00, 9:30
HUSH (PG13)
4:50
THE WEDDING SINGER (PG13)
1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45 (10:00
THE BORROWERS(PG)
12:40, 2:40

Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2625 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
248-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily
•All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY

PRIMARY COLORS (R)
12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:25, 9:55, 10:15
MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13)
12:50, 1:30, 3:50, 4:30, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20
U.S. MARSHALS (PG13)
12:45, 3:40, 6:40, 9:35
TITANIC (PG13)
12:50, 4:15,7:50
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
12:40, 3:20, 6:50, 9:25

Star Southfield
12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern off I-696
248-353-STAR
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm
FOR SHOWTIMES AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS BY PHONE
CALL 248-177-2222
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NO VIP PRIMARY COLORS (R)
10:45, 11:30, 12:30, 1:40, 2:40 3:40, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP MR. NICE GUY (PG13)
11:45, 2:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
NO VIP TICKETS
NP WILD THINGS (R)
10:00, 11:00, 12:45, 1:30, 3:20, 4:20, 6:00, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13)
10:10, 11:10, 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:50 4:50, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00 9:00, 10:15
NO VIP TICKETS
U.S. MARSHALS (PG13)
12:15, 3:30, 4:40, 6:25, 7:40, 9:20, 10:30
TWILIGHT (R)
12:10,2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40
HUSH (PG13)
10:30, 4:10, 9:35
THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R)
1:00, 6:45
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
12:00, 3:00, 6:10, 9:10
TITANIC (PG13)
10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 10:00
THE WEDDING SINGER (PG13)
11:45, 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:25
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
10:40, 1:20, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35
L.A. CONFIDENTIAL (R)
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
SPECIAL KIDS SERIES
ADULTS $1
KIDS 12 AND UNDER FREE
FAIRY TALE: A TRUE STORY (PG)
10:30, 1:50

Star Winchester
1136 S. Rochester Rd.
Winchester Mall
248-656-5160
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NP MR. NICE GUY (PG13)
11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:30, 7:40, 9:40
NO VIP TICKETS
THE WEDDING SINGER (PG13)
12:10, 2:30, 5:50, 8:00, 10:10
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
12:40, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10
THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R)
11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
THE APOSTLE (PG13)
12:20, 3:20, 6:10, 9:00
THE BORROWERS (PG)
11:00, 1:00, 3:00
L.A. CONFIDENTIAL (R)
11:50, 2:40, 6:20, 9:20
HUSH (PG13)
1:50, 7:00, 9:30
DANGEROUS BEAUTY (R)
5:00, 8:30
FREE KIDS SERIES!!!
$1.00 ADULTS
KIDS ARE FREE
A FAIRY TALE (PG)
11:40, 4:10

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Bargain Matinees Daily, for all shows starting before 6:00 PM
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Fairlane Town Center
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ALL TIMES FOR SUN-THURS.
BARGAIN MATINEES DAILY FOR ALL SHOWS STARTING BEFORE 6 PM.
SAME DAY ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE

AFTER GLOW (R) NV
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35
MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13) NV
1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30
& 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
TITANIC (PG13)
12:45, 4:30, 8:15
& 1:20, 5:10, 9:00
TWILIGHT (R) NV
12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 9:50
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55
APOSTLE (PG13)
12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:45
THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R) NV
4:55, 7:25, 10:00
THE BORROWERS (PG) NV
12:45, 2:55

United Artists Oakland
Inside Oakland Mall
248-988-0706
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

NO VIP TICKETS
NP WILD THINGS (R)
1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:05
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13)
11:45, 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:30-NO 7:00 3/26
NO VIP TICKETS
U.S. MARSHALS (PG13)
11:10, 2:00, 5:15, 8:05, 10:55
TWILIGHT (R)
11:20, 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:00
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
11:30, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:15
TITANIC (PG13)
11:00, 12:30, 3:00, 4:30, 7:15, 8:45

THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R) NV
12:00, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
THE WEDDING SINGER (PG13) NV
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30
& 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00
WINGS OF A DOVE (R) NV
12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
12:30, 3:30, 6:50, 9:45

United Artists 12 Oaks
Inside Twelve Oaks Mall
248-349-6111
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS.

WILD THINGS (R) NV
12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:45
MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13)
1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30
& 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
TWILIGHT (R) NV
12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40
THE APOSTLE (PG13) NV
1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

United Artists West River
9 Mile,
2 Block West of Middlebelt
248-788-6572
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

WILD THINGS (R) NV
12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:55
MR. NICE GUY (PG13)
12:45, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
PRIMARY COLORS (R) LNV
12:40, 3:45 7:00, 10:00
MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13)NV
12:50, 3:55, 7:10, 9:50
U.S. MARSHALS (PG13)NV
12:00, 2:15, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
TITANIC (PG13)
12:00, 4:00, 8:00
TWILIGHT (R) NV
12:20, 2:50, 5:25, 7:55, 10:10
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:35, 10:05
THE WEDDING SINGER (PG13) NV
12:30, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40

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TITANIC (PG13)
SUN. 11:30, 3:15, 7:00
MON-3:15, 7:00; TUE-THURS 3:30, 7:00
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
SUN.-THURS. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35
L.A. CONFIDENTIAL (R)
SUN. 6:50, 9:30
MON-THURS 8:40
THE FULL MONTY (R)
SUN. 10:45; MON-THURS. 1:00
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
SUN 1:40, 4:15, 6:40, 10:00; MON. 1:25, 4:15, 6:40, 10:00; TUE-THURS 1:00, 6:40, 9:20
THE LONG WAY HOME (PG)
SUN. 11:00; MON. 3:50; WED. 4:20 SUN., TUES. & THURS. 3:45
ATM BAND: A SENSE OF LIFE (PG)
SUN. 10:45, 1:35; MON 1:00, TUES & THURS. 1:00, 6:55
NP PRIMARY COLORS (R)
1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
NP MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13)
SUN. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
MON. 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; TUES - THURS. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
NO VIP TICKETS
NP WILD THINGS (R)
SUN. 12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:00, 9:15
MON. 2:50, 4:55, 7:00, 9:15; TUE-THURS. 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20
TWILIGHT (R)
SUN 1:20, 3:10, 5:00, 6:55, 9:30;
MON. 1:00, 2:50, 4:40, 6:50, 9:30;
TUE-THURS. 1:20, 3:10, 5:00, 6:55

U.S. MARSHALS (R)
SUN. 11:00, 4:15, 6:40, 9:15;
MON 4:05, 6:40, 9:15; TUE-THUR. 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R)
SUN. 11:00, 4:30,8:45; MON-1:00, 6:15, 8:35; TUE-THURS. 1:50, 4:20, 8:45
NO VIP TICKETS

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BLUES BROTHERS 2000 (PG13)
7:00 & 9:30
BOOGIE NIGHTS (R)
9:15
MR. MAGOO (PG)
5:15
FULL MONTY (R)
7:15
FLUBBER (PG)
5:00

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BOOGIE NIGHTS (R)
9:00
FALLEN (R)
7:20, 9:45
BLUES BROTHERS 2000 (PG13)
4:30, 6:50, 9:30
MR MAGOO (PG)
5:00, 7:00
FLUBBER (PG)
5:10

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NP WILD THING (R)
1:20 (4:45, @ $3.25) 7:20, 9:40
NP PRIMARY COLORS (R)
12:45, (4:10 @ $3.25) 7:00, 9:55
NP MAN IN THE IRON MASK (PG13)
12:20, 1:00, (4:00 & 4:30 @ $3.25) 6:45, 7:15, 9:20, 9:55
THE BIG LEBOWSKI (R)
1:45, (4:30 @ $3.25) 7:20
*HUSH (PG13)
9:45
THE BORROWERS (PG)
12:30, 2:30, (5:00 @ $3.25)
THE WEDDING SINGER (PG13)
1:45, (5:10 @ $3.25) 7:30, 9:45
GOOD WILL HUNTING (R)
1:30 (4:40 @ $3.25) 7:10, 9:50
AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
1:10, (4:15 @ $3.25) 7:10, 9:50
TITANIC (PG13)
12:15 (4:00 @ $3.25)7:15, 8:00

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Terrace Cinema
30400 Plymouth Rd.
313-261-3330

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AFTERGLOW (R)
(1:15, 4:35) 7:15, 9:45
LIVE FLESH (R)
(12:45, 5:10) 9:55
THE APOSTLE (PG13)
(1:00 4:00) 6:50, 9:35
FIREWORKS (NR)
(3:00)7:30

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AS GOOD AS IT GETS (PG13)
TWILIGHT (R)
L.A. CONFIDENTIAL (R)
HUSH (PG13)

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GEORGE

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BOOKS

Compassionate new book examines problems of aging

Saying Good-Bye: You & Your Aging Parents
By David Klein
Browntrout Pub., 1997, $17.95

ESTHER LITTMANN

Today, the average life expectancy is 78 years. That's good news for many seniors who can look forward to living well into their 80s.

But with longevity comes a price: eventual physical and mental decline. *This means growing dependence* for once-competent and self-reliant individuals plus an unfamiliar, sometimes frightening, role for their adult children.

In "Saying Good-Bye: You and Your Aging Parents," East Lansing clinical psychologist Dr. David Klein writes compassionately and knowledgeably about the inevitable role-reversal that occurs between aging parents and their mature offspring. Graduate of Michigan State University and member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapists, Klein describes what he calls "two good-byes." The first, he says, occurs when we acknowledge that our parents need help, and we take steps to provide for their welfare. The second good-bye is the final one, when we comfort a dying parent and move, together, toward the stage of peaceful acceptance.

Both good-byes are emotional adjustments and demand sensitivity and growth on the part of adult children. For some, it is difficult to give up the illusion that their parents will always be there for them, offering encouragement and support. For others, whose relationship with parents has been marked by ambivalence or stress, the switch in roles may stir up complex, unresolved feelings of resentment. Nevertheless, except in extreme cases of neglect or abuse, Klein insists that it is our duty to care for our aging parents, *providing for their emotional* and physical well-being.

Our actions, maintains the author, create a model for the next generation, who will, in turn, care for us. "This is the unbroken chain," he writes, "the continuity in our lives, and it bears in no small part on our dignity as human beings."

A book that instructs as well as inspires, Dr. Klein describes numerous examples of parent-child relationships to show how each coped with the process of aging, illness and death. The author also includes a personal reminiscence, writing lovingly of his own mother, a nurturing woman who succumbed slowly to the ravages of Alzheimer's disease. In each case, Klein offers practical advice, such as using the resources of neighbors and community, enlisting the services of a geriatric specialist and honoring a living will.

But mainly, "Saying Good-Bye" helps readers face their own anxieties about aging and death. Citing Elizabeth Kubler-Rose's five steps that dying people pass through – denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance – Klein explains that adult children pass through a similar process as they face the death of a mother or father. Just as a dying parent's anger is "not really intended for the target," the anger of an adult child as he or she responds to a loss can erupt at inappropriate times and over inconsequential events.

Klein's book is the product of much wisdom and experience, tackling difficult subjects with a literary voice that is soothing and sometimes lyrical. It teaches us to cultivate an attitude that affirms life while, at the same time, recognizing and accepting the reality of death as part of life's continuum.

(David Klein's "Saying Good-Bye" is available at Borders Book Shop on Southfield Road in Birmingham, where the author recently appeared to sign and discuss his book.)

Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township. She is a private tutor with Una Dworkin and Associates. You can leave her a message from a touch-tone phone at (313) 953-2047, mailbox number 1893. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313)591-7279, or e-mail him at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

BARNES & NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)
Storytime features "The Secret Shortcut," 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 25; Readers Club discusses "Snow Falling on Cedars," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Cinema-Lit club discusses "Oscar & Lucinda," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27; storytime features kids' choice, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at the bookstore, 6575 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD)
Singer Karen Newman performs 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22; Robert Greer signs his book "The Devil's Backbone," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23; Dr. Dave Janda discusses "The Role of Prevention in Sports," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Lit group discusses "Alias Grace," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Greg Summer signs "Dwight MacDonald & the Politics Circle," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Alice Lenaghan and Terry Herald perform 7:30 p.m. Friday,March 27; In-store photo shoots with Maureen Monty 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 27-28 at the store, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005.

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHFIELD ROAD)
"Success Without Stress," lecture by Bolton Carroll, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22; Bari-Ellen Roberts and Jack E. White sign "Roberts vs. Texaco," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Osceola McCarty signs "Simple Wisdom for Rich Living," 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26; Fisher Price Little People's Career Day, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at the store 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham (248)644-1515.

BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)
Michael T. Campbell signs his book "Dandy the Chipbear's Fun Day at Dad's" 11 .m. Tuesday, March 24, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Dr. Louis Tartaglia signs "The Great Wing," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27; Steve Thayer signs "The Weatherman," 7:30 p.m. March 27 at the store, Haggerty and Six Mile, Northville.

BORDERS (DEARBORN)
Home buying seminar, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24; Mother-Daughter book discussion group discusses "The Diary of Anne Frank," 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Intermediate fiction group discusses "The Island of Blue Dolphins," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Xavier Joseph Carbajal signs his thriller "Lady President," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25; Judith Hillman Paterson signs "Sweet Mystery," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26; David Laabs performs, 7 p.m. Friday, March 27 at the store 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn (313)271-4441.

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS)
Mask Puppet Theater, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22; Judith Hillman Paterson signs "Sweet Mystery," 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, (248)737-0110.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS)
Personal journal workshop, "Writing Your Legacy" with Iris Underwood, at the store 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills (248)652-0558.

HALFWAY DOWN THE STAIRS
Betsy Hearne, author of "Seven Brave Women" speaks, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at the store 114 E. Fourth St., Rochester (248)652-6066.

MURDER, MYSTERY & MAYHEM
The Mystery Movers discuss Thomas Perry's "Vanishing Act," 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at the store, 35167 Grand River, Farmington (248)471-7210.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Children's book illustrations exhibit through April 25 at the Gallery, 536 N.Old Woodward.

SHAMAN DRUM
Daniel Burton-Rose discusses "The Ceiling of America: An Inside Look at the U.S. Prison Industry," 8 p.m. Monday, March 23 at the store 313 South State Street, Ann Arbor 734-662-7407.

Festival showcases wildlife art

Fifty six artists will present their work at the annual Michigan Wildlife Art Festival, a fund raiser for the Michigan Wildlife Foundation.

The festival runs from Friday-Sunday, March 27-29 at the Southfield Pavilion on Evergreen Road (between 10 and 11 Mile Roads).

Among the artists are Russell Cobane of Clarkston and Bruce Everly, Sr., a graduate of Cranbrook Institute of Arts in Bloomfield Hills.

Cobane has been voted people's choice five times at the annual festival.

He has won the 1986 Michigan Duck Stamp contest, the 1988 Michigan Trout Stamp contest, and the 1992 South Carolina Duck Stamp contest.

Everly is a classical sculptor of portrait, figurative and wildlife subjects.

He is currently working on a series of African animals that will be limited edition bronze sculptures.

Festival hours: 4-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Bird's eye: *"Summer's Eve," a photograph by Russell Cobane.*

Admission: $6, general; free, children under 12. Free parking.

Also of interest:

■ In its final exhibit of its inaugural year, the Museum of African American History is presenting "Affirmations."

The expansive exhibit features the sculpture of Richard Hunt, who has created some of the most public and commissioned works of any sculptor over the last three decades.

In the mid 1960s, Hunt was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to serve on the National Council for the Arts. He serves on numerous museum boards, including the National Museum of American Art and the Smithsonian Institute.

A 64-page color catalogue documenting "Affirmations" is available.

The exhibit runs through June 21. For information, contact Carla Glamb, (313) 494-5864.

The Museum of African American History is located at 315 E. Warren Avenue at the corner of Brush Street in Detroit's Cultural Center.

■ Writers of all skill levels can retreat into nature and composition at Cranbrook Schools' second annual "Retreat for Writers, from July 10-July 23.

The retreat includes sessions with more than two dozen authors of poetry, fiction, memoirs, nonfiction, screenplays and children books.

Cost ranges from $280-$630 depending on the length of the sessions.

A catalog of classes, teachers biographies and registration information available at (248) 645-3492.