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Wake" at Baci Theatre in Pontiac. Jeff Daniel's comedy, "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.

**Best Religious Revival at a Concert:** Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, who led a night of rock and roll worship at the Palace.

**Best Concert Under-attended:** Poi Dog Pondering at St. Andrew's Hall.

**Best Chance to Rush Main Floor:** Family Values Tour 1999 — featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter and Crystal Method — spurred a rush of fans from the nosebleed section down to the already-overcrowded floor at the Palace.

**Best Band to Become Household Name:** The Push Stars, an alterna-pop sensation on the verge from Boston and Train, who showed listen-

ers what a return to really good music sounds like with its first single "Meet Virginia."

**Best Under-Used Venue:** 7th House in downtown Pontiac, complete with quaint tables and balcony seats, all in an unassuming locale.

**Best Homecoming Performance for Local Actress:** Southfield native Erin Dilly's portrayal of leading lady Bertrande in the musical love triangle "Martin Guerre" at the Fisher Theatre.

**Best Attempt to Bring Live, Local Music Back to the Suburbs:** The Alley, inside Rochester's Mainstreet Billiards, known for scheduling top-notch local acts in '99.

**Best Punk Rock Band:** The Demolition Doll Rods, Oakland County's answer to a stripped-down punk revival.

The band was picked up by Matador Records last Spring.

**Best Encore:** Fans drown in a sea of silver ticket tape at the encore of the Hole show at the State Theatre in Detroit in May. (And Courtney Love didn't even threaten to walk off stage once.)

**Public Service Awards:** The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan and ArtServe Michigan for funding and coordinating an unprecedented analysis of audiences for cultural events in southeastern Michigan.

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# Conversations from page B4

by the name of Buzz may actually offer an important reminder of what's at stake as we ponder the future.

**Peaceful way**  
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After another year of work, work, work, and the last few weeks of spend, spend, spend, perhaps there's no need for buzz words or catch phrases to describe what lies ahead. (That sense of urgency pounding inside your chest is the sound of your life rushing past.)

Who doesn't need to slow down? Take a breath or several, for that matter.

Perspective is a scarce resource. The only gift worth giving is your time. And if there's anything that can transcend life's contradictions, it's simply a thing called love. Not

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infatuations found in the virtual-reality broadcast-media drive-thru, or bought on credit, but the deep appreciation wrought from respect and understanding.

At the dawn of a new century, the past is fading fast. The future is rushing at us at warp speed. And the present?

That's for us to decide. Before we all find ourselves

living in an unknown galaxy, we might want to find our own peaceful way to infinity and beyond.

Let us remember the lessons of the past.

A little perspective, please.

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