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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
Michigan & Telegraph
313 561 3449
Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily *Late Shows Fri., Sat., Sun. & Mon.*
THRU THURSDAY
NP DENOTES NO PASS

HOW HIGH (R)
SUN. 10:00; MON-THURS 6:45, 9:05
JIMMY NEUTRON (PG13)
MON-THURS 2:50, 4:50
BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
SUN 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
MON-THURS 2:30, 5:10, 8:10
NP SLACKERS (PG13)
SUN. 12:55, 2:55, 4:55, 7:05, 9:10;
MON-THURS 2:55, 4:55, 7:05, 9:10
NP A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG)
SUN 1:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:55
MON-THURS 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:55
NP MOTHMAN PROPHECY (PG13)
SUN. 12:30, 3:40, 6:40, 9:35
MON-THURS 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40;
NP COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG)
SUN. 12:35, 3:35, 6:35, 9:15
MON-THURS 2:05, 5:05, 8:05
SNOW DOGS (PG)
SUN 12:40, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50;
12:00 AM-THURS 3:10, 5:25, 7:35, 9:50
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
SUN 12:30 2:45, 5:00, 6:55, 9:25
MON-THURS 2:45, 5:00, 6:55, 9:25

Showcase Pontiac
2425 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
248-334-6777
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NP BIRTHDAY GIRL (R)
12:55, 2:55, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
NP I AM SAM (PG13)
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
NP THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13)
1:30 4:20, 7:10 9:55
NP A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG)
12:50, 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 9:45
BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
1:10, 4:00, 6:55, 9:50
SNOW DOGS (PG)
1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25
A BEAUTIFUL MIND (PG13)
1:05, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25

Showcase Westland 1-8
6600 Wayne Rd.,
One Blk S. of Warren Rd.
313-729-1060
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri., Sat., Sun. & Mon.
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LORD OF THE RINGS (PG13)
SUN 12:15, 3:45, 7:15
MON-THURS 4:05, 8:00
NP A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG)
SUN. 12:20, 2:35, 5:20 7:45, 10:10
MON-THURS 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
NP MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)
SUN. 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
MON-THURS 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
SUN 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
MON-THURS 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
NP COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13)
SUN. 12:55, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50
MON-THURS 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
A BEAUTIFUL MIND (PG13)
SUN. 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 10:05
MON-THUR 4:10, 7:05, 10:05
SNOW DOGS (PG)
SUN. 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:25, 9:45;
MON-THUR 5:15, 7:25, 9:45
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
SUN. 1:05, 3:05 5:05, 7:20, 9:30
MON-THURS 5:05, 7:20, 9:30

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NP DENOTES NOT VIP TICKETS

NP BIRTHDAY GIRL (R)
11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:40 7:40, 9:40
NP BROTHERHOOD OF THE WOLF (R)
11:45, 3:20, 6:45, 9:50
NP SLACKERS (R)
12:50, 2:50, 5:00,7:10, 9:10
NP THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13)
1:00, 4:00,7:00, 10:00
NP I AM SAM (PG13)
12:40, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
NP KUNG POW: (PG13)
11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30
NP MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)
11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:45, 10:15
NP WALK TO REMEMBER (PG)
12:20, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
12:10, 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, 10:20
SNOW DOGS (PG)
11:20, 12:30, 1:40, 2:40, 3:50, 4:50, 5:05, 6:10, 7:15, 9:25
BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
12:05, 1:05, 3:05, 4:05, 6:05, 7:05, 8:05, 9:05, 10:05
GOSFORD PARK (R)
11:25, 2:30, 5:45, 8:45
THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS (R)
11:50, 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:15
IN THE BEDROOM (R)
12:35, 3:45, 6:40, 9:35
All (R)
8:50 PM ONLY
A BEAUTIFUL MIND (PG13)
12:00, 1:35, 3:00, 4:15, 6:00, 7:20, 9:00,10:10
KATE AND LEOPOLD (PG13)
11:20, 1:50, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20
THE SHIPPING NEWS (R)
12:55, 3:35, 6:20, 8:55
JIMMY NEUTRON(G)
11:55,2:05, 4:40
THE LORD OF THE RINGS (PG13)
11:10, 2:35, 6:15, 8:40, 9:45
THE VANILLA SKY (R)
6:55, 9:55
OCEANS ELEVEN (PG13)
12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30
HARRY POTTER (PG)
11:15, 2:25, 5:35
MONSTERS (G)
12:45, 3:25, 5:50

NO TICKETS NECESSARY
NP SCRIPT. NO PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS FEATURE. NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 6 WILL BE ALLOWED IN RATED R FILMS AFTER 6 PM. YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 17 YEARS OF AGE WITH PROPER IDENTIFICATION TO PURCHASE A TICKET FOR A RATED R FILM. ONLY ONE TICKET PER ID WILL BE GIVEN

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248 585 7878
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm
NP DENOTES NO VIP TICKETS

NP THE BIRTHDAY GIRL (R)
11:45, 2:05, 5:15, 7:50, 10:00
NP SLACKERS (R)
11:25, 1:35, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:40
NP MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)
1:15, 4:05, 7:25, 9:50
NP KUNG POW: (PG13)
12:25, 2:25, 4:25, 6:20, 8:20
NP I AM SAM (PG13)
1:25, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
NP THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13)
12:05, 3:05, 6:10, 9:20
NP A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG)
12:15, 2:35, 4:45, 6:55, 9:30
BLACKHAWK DOWN (R)
11:55, 2:55, 6:00, 9:10
SNOW DOGS (PG)
12:35, 3:35, 6:40, 9:00
IN THE BEDROOM (R)
1:00, 4:35, 8:00
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
1:55, 3:50, 6:35, 8:40
BEAUTIFUL MIND (PG13)
11:35, 2:45, 5:45, 8:50
KATE AND LEOPOLD (PG13)
11:15, 4:55
LORD OF THE RINGS (PG13)
1:45, 5:05, 8:30
JIMMY NEUTRON BOY GENIUS (G)
1:45, 3:05, 8:30
VANILLA SKY (R)
7:05, 10:20
OCEANS 11 (PG13)
2:15, 8:10

Star Rochester Hills
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248-853-2060
SUNDAY THRU TUESDAY
No one under age 6 admitted for PG 13 & R rated films after 6 pm
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NP SLACKERS (R)
1:45, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:30
NP THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13)
12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
NP THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)
2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:15
NP WALK TO REMEMBER (PG)
1:35, 3:30, 6:25, 8:45
BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
SNOW DOGS (PG)
12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
1:35, 5:25, 8:10, 10:40
IN THE BEDROOM (R)
1:30, 5:20, 8:00
A BEAUTIFUL MIND (PG13)
12:00, 3:05, 6:00, 9:00
LORD OF THE RINGS (PG 13)
12:30, 4:30, 8:30
OCEANS 11 (PG13)
9:15 ONLY
HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE (PG)
2:20, 5:45

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NP BIRTHDAY GIRL (R)
12:00, 2:20, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
NP SLACKERS (R)
11:10, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
NP BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
11:55,2:40,5:30,8:00,10:15
NO 7:00 PM TUES & WED
NP THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)
11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10:10
NP A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG)
12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30
NP KUNG POW: ENTER THE FIST (PG13)
12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:00, 9:40
NP BROTHERHOOD OF THE WOLF (R)
11:45, 3:00, 6:10, 9:30
NP THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13)
12:50, 3:50, 6:20, 9:20
NP I AM SAM (PG13)
12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:20
NP SNOW DOGS (PG)
11:40 12:40, 2:15, 3:10, 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 9:35
IN THE BEDROOM (R)
12:05, 3:10, 6:15,9:15
GOSFORD PARK (R)
10:50, 2:00, 5:15, 8:20
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
12:45, 3:30, 5:45, 8:10, 10:25
ROYAL TENENBAUMS (R)
1:00, 4:40,7:40, 10:15
A BEAUTIFUL MIND (PG13)
11:15, 6:20
KATE & LEOPOLD (PG13)
9:50
All (R)
8:50
LORD OF THE RINGS (PG13)
1:15, 5:00, 8:45
JIMMY NEUTRON (G)
11:50, 1:50, 4:10
VANILLA SKY (R)
6:45, 9:45
OCEANS 11 (PG13)
11:25, 2:25, 5:30, 8:30
HARRY POTTER SORCERER'S STONE (PG)
2:10 ONLY

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SUNDAY

SLACKERS (R) NV
1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:20
THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13) NV
12:50, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)NV
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
KUNG POW: ENTER THE FIST (PG13) NV
1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:25, 9:35
A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG) NV
12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05
BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:00
SNOWDOGS (PG)
12:20, 2:40, 5:00 7:20, 9:40
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
12:30, 2:45, 5:10 7:30, 9:50
LORD OF THE RINGS (PG13)
12:00, 4:00, 8:00

NOW THURS
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SUNDAY

BIRTHDAY GIRL (PG13) NV
11:30, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10,9:40
SLACKERS (PG13) NV
12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00
THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13) NV
12:30, 3:50, 7:20, 10:10
THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)NV
11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:20
A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG13) NV
11:50, 2:15, 5:00 7:30, 9:50
I AM SAM (PG13) NV
12:00, 3:30, 6:45, 9:40
KUNG POW: ENTER THE FIST (PG13) NV
12:10, 2:20, 4:20, 7:05, 9:20
BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
SNOW DOGS (PG) NV
11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30
IN THE BEDROOM (R)
12:20, 3:20, 6:30, 9:30
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
12:15, 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55
ROYAL TENENBAUMS (R)
11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15
A BEAUTIFUL MIND (PG13)
12:40, 3:40, 6:50, 9:45
LORD OF THE RINGS (PG13)
12:00,4:00,8:00

MONDAY -THURSDAY
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NP BIRTHDAY GIRL (R)
12:50, (4:35 @ $4.50) 6:50, 9:20
NP SLACKERS (R)
1:40 (5:00 @ $4.50) 7:20, 9:30
NP COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13)
1:10 (4:30 @ $4.50) 7:15, 10:00
NP A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG)
1:30 (4:45 @ $4.50) 7:30, 9:45
NP MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)
1:30 (4:20 @ $4.50) 7:20, 9:55
NP I AM SAM (PG13)
1:00 (4:10 @ $4.50) 7:10, 10:00
KUNG POW: ENTER THE FIST (PG13)
12:30, 2:50 (5:15 @ $4.50) 7:30, 9:30
SNOW DOGS (PG)
12:40, 3:00, (5:20 @ $4.50) 7:40, 9:50
BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
1:00, 2:00, (4:00, 5:00 @$4.50) 7:00 8:00, 10:00
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
1:10 (4:40 @ $4.50) 7:40, 9:45
THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS (R)
1:20, (4:15 @ $4.50) 6:45, 9:15
A BEAUTIFUL MIND (PG13)
12:45 (4:10 @ $4.50) 7:00, 9:55
JIMMY NEUTRON BOY GENIUS (G)
1:20, 3:20, (5:20 @ $4.50)

LORD OF THE RINGS: FELLOWSHIP OF RING (PG13)
1:15 (5:15 @ $4.50) 8:00, 9:00
OCEANS 11 (PG13)
(4:30 @ $4.50) 7:15, 9:50
HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE (PG)
12:30 (4:30 @ $4.50) 8:00
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12:30, 2:30

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12:50 4:15 @ $4.50) 6:50, 9:20
NP SLACKERS (R)
1:40 (5:00 @ $4.50) 7:20, 9:30
IN THE BEDROOM (R)
1:00 (4:00 @ $4.50) 7:00, 10:00
KUNG POW: ENTER THE FIST (PG13)
12:30, 2:50 (5:15 @ $4.50) 7:30, 9:30
NP I AM SAM (PG13)
1:00, (4:10 @ $4.50) 7:10, 10:00
NP THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)
1:30 (4:20 @ $4.50) 7:20, 9:55
NP THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO (PG13)
1:10 (4:30 @ $4.50) 7:15 10:00
NP A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG)
1:30 (4:45 @ $4.50) 7:30, 9:45
SNOW DOGS (PG)
12:40, 3:00, (5:20 @ $4.50) 7:40, 9:50
BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
1:00, 2:00, (4:00, 5:00 @ $4.50) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00
ORANGE COUNTY (PG13)
1:10 (4:40 @ $4.50) 7:40, 9:45
A BEAUTIFUL MIND (PG13)
12:45 (4:10 @ $4.50) 7:00, 9:55
JIMMY NEUTRON BOY GENIUS (G)
1:15, 3:15 (5:15 @ $4.50)
LORD OF THE RINGS: FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING (PG13)
12:30 (4:20 @ $4.50) 8:00
OCEAN'S ELEVEN (PG13)
7:30, 9:45
HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE (PG)
12:30 (4:00 @ $4.50)
MONSTERS INC. (G)
12:45, 3:00

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GOSFORD PARK (R)
(1:00 4:00) 7:00, 10:00
THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS (R)
(1:15, 4:10) 7:15, 10:15
IN THE BEDROOM (R)
(12:45 3:45) 6:45, 9:45

Maple Art Theatre III
4135 W. Maple, West of Telegraph
Bloomfield Hills
248 542 8180
(DISCOUNTED SHOWS!!)

LANTANA (R)
SUN. (12:45, 2:00 3:45,3:00) 6:45, 8:00, 9:45; MON-THURS (3:45, 5:00) 6:45, 8:00
AMELIE (R)
SUN. (1:00 4:00) 7:00, 9:30
MON-THURS (4:00) 7:00, 9:30

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BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG13)
SUN. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
MON-THURS 5:00,7:30, 9:45
THE BLACK KNIGHT (PG13)
SUN. 12:00, 1:45, 3:30, 5:30,7:30, 9:30
MON-THURS 5:30,7:30, 9:30

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KUNG POW: ENTER THE FIST (PG13)
BLACK KNIGHT (PG13)

THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (PG13)
THIRTEEN GHOSTS (R)

BLACK HAWK DOWN (R)
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (PG13)

HOW HIGH (R)
All (R)

VANILLA SKY (R)
OCEANS ELEVEN (PG13)

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BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG 13)
11:40, 2:25, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45
BLACK KNIGHT (PG13)
11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00
BONES (R)
12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (PG13)
11:50, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
DON'T SAY A WORD (R)
11:20, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35
MARDIALI (PG13)
11:00, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
HEIST (R)
11:10, 4:25, 9:40
JOY RIDE (R)
11:55, 2:20, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55
LIFE AS A HOUSE (R)
11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
MALL RESTRICTS BIG SHOW (PG)
11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
OUT COLD (PG13)
1:40, 7:15
RIDING IN CARS WITH BOYS (PG13)
7:05, 10:15
SHALLOW HAL (PG13)
11:15, 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
SPY GAME (R)
11:15, 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40
THE ONE (PG13)
11:50, 2:15, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30
THE PRINCESS DIARIES (G)
11:05, 1:40, 4:20
THIRTEEN GHOSTS (R)
11:35, 2:05, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
TRAINING DAY (R)
11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:50, 10:40

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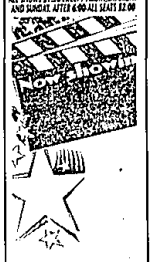

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Book inadvertently describes harm suffered by circus animals

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"I think they're nuts," author Shirley Carroll O'Connor says about activists who insist animals should live freely in their natural environment rather than captive in a circus.

"They should be where they're fed and cared for," she said. "In the wild they could get killed by poachers."

O'Connor, 82, is author of *Life is a Circus* (Xlibris Corp. 2001, $18), a narrative based on her 25 years as a circus press agent for several circuses, including Clyde Beatty–Cole Brothers Circus and Ringling Brothers Circus. What's intended as a light-hearted book of circus-life reads more like an unintended description of the slavery, mockery and indignities circus animals endure.

For example O'Connor described a chimp named Andy as similar to a "well-trained maid." She raves about his intelligence, sensitivity and kindness and even explains his strong similarities to humans. He's so nice he tries to stop people when they argue — despite that she doesn't seem to care that when she met him he was in chains and clothed as a human.

Life is a Circus is at least an interesting historical read. Circuses with animals are slowly disappearing. Banning them has already happened in some areas of the U.S., Canada and India and is under consideration in Puerto Rico. Adding to the decline is the soaring popularity of sophisticated all-human shows ala *Cirque De Soliel*.

O'Connor has a sweet nature, but the book's unintentional political incorrectness extends beyond animals. She refers to Native Americans as "Indians" and jokes that she feared being "scalped."

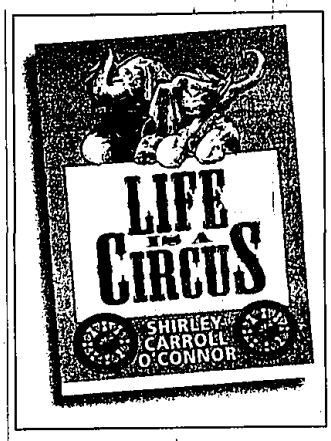
Different views

The writer's opinion that animals are treated kindly contradicts the words of Henry Ringling, founder of Ringling Brothers Circus. In the book *The Circus Kings*, Ringling himself says circus animals perform out of fear and intimidation. O'Connor says she didn't see animal abuse — innocently not making its connection in the book's photo of a Clyde Beatty Circus trainer holding a thick black whip while tigers and lions perform.

During a telephone interview, she said the circus was an integral part of her life for 25 years and saw "only one" case of harshness toward an animal and "that person was severely punished."

The United States Department of Agriculture reports indicate differently. The Humane Society of the United States monitors circus incidents including the more recent from the USDA:

■ Serious health problems with two elephants owned by Clyde Beatty–Cole Brothers Circus in 2000. Bessie, a 55- year- old elephant, bleeds when she urinates. Helen, a 46-year-old elephant is partly paralyzed on her tail. The report said both had numerous scars.



■ Five Ringling animals die within 18 months between 1997 and 1999 including a baby elephant who drowned.

■ Large lesions found on two young elephants in another circus. The scars were caused by rope burns that occurred during the separation process from their mothers on Jan. 6, 1999.

■ Wounds found on several elephants at Clyde Beatty Circus in 1998. The USDA stated, "We believe that Clyde Beatty–Cole Brothers Circus abusively used an elephant hook on several animals." Fine was $10,000. Less than two years later, two more elephants there had serious health problems, according to the USDA.

■ Kenny, 3, is the name of an elephant who was forced to perform while ill by Ringling Brothers. He died.

It seems safe to say those animals weren't treated with care For O'Connor, however, promoting the trainers, clowns and trapeze artists was a "wonderful experience." After that she promoted theater including *Grease* and *Tommy*.

The book may be worth keeping; as someday we'll hopefully tell our grandchildren, "Read this book and you'll see that in the old days even nice people assumed it was OK to enslave animals for our entertainment."

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BOOKSTORE

Walden Books (30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia): Author book signings 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, Anthony Collings, *Words of Fire*. Stephanie Mellen, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 3, and Carl Lamb, Last Parade, noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10, (734) 261-7811.

LIBRARIES AND UNIVERSITIES

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: – Poet Edward Hirsch reads from his newest work, *How to Read a Poem: And Fall in Love with Poetry*, 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, Hale Auditorium, Business Assembly Hall. No charge.

Poetry readings 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, Michigan Union Ball Room, reception follows. Lecture *The Egret Fishing Through Its Smeared Reflections: Poetics and the End of Nature*, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, Michigan Union Ball Room. Call (734) 615-3710 for details.

Northville District Library: Dr. Weldon E. Petz presents a slide presentation about the Lincoln Assassination with music and artifacts, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. For more information, call (248) 349-3020. Carolyn Griffin, author of four family history books, offers advice on Organizing your Genealogical Records, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady. A class for those new to family research will precede the meeting at 1:30 p.m. for those new to family research, 734) 878-0361 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~minga/

Walled Lake City Library: Cat in the Hat Read-a-thon – 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. Readers and listeners will receive special Cat in the Hat stickers and a certificate of participation. Readers may plan to read 15 minutes or more. The public is invited to listen.

Refreshments will be served, 1499 E. West Maple, (248) 624-3772.

Annual folk dance featuring Michigan Dance Heritage musicians, Glen and Judy Morningstar with caller Steve Gold, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 2, Richardson Community Center, 1485 Oakley Park Road, Commerce Township.

Refreshments provided by Friends of the walled Lake City Library.

Call (248) 624-3772 for details.

Check out 'Photography for Dummies'

By Rick Sammon
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I admit it. I sometimes judge a book by its cover. The back cover, that is. That's where publishers often list quotes by experts in the same field as the author who have read an advance copy of the book and recommend it. Such was the case with Russell Hart's *Photography for Dummies*, one of the books in the *Dummies* series of how-to books.

Sam Abell, National Geographic photographer, called it, "The most practical and inspiring basic book for photographers." John Isaac, former chief photographer for the United Nations, said, "I wish I'd had a book like this when I started in photography." And Bob Krist of National Geographic Traveler said, "Chock full of advice ... even experienced photographers will pick up some valuable tips and techniques."

So, after reading the quotes, I thought it would be fun to get a copy of *Photography for Dummies* for myself. I found the book packed with information and, perhaps equally important for *dummies*, well-organized. Just about everything a beginner needs to know about point-and-shoot cameras, lighting, lenses, composition, film, photo processing and flash photography is in the 400-plus pages.

Even those who have been taking pictures for a few years can benefit from Hart's experience, which he gained as a professional photographer, and, more recently, as the technology editor at American Photo magazine. For example, in a chapter titled "Ten Favorite Places to Take Pictures" (which includes Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington and the Salton Sea in California), Hart describes some of the photo ops shutterbugs will encounter, and how to get the best shots.

So, if you are new to photography, or need some new ideas about what to shoot and where to go for good pictures, check out "Photography for Dummies" (Hungry Minds Inc., New York, N.Y., www.dummies.com, $21.99).