



Darrell Mavis, 12, of West Bloomfield, waits pensively for his turn with the accordion. (Staff photos by Dick Kelley)



Five-year-old Sandra Kay Kotz of Detroit came to the auditions with her mother Sandra Kotz (left) and her aunt (not pictured). Others who auditioned included Stefani Van Meter, 9, of Keego Harbor (second row, left) and two girls (second row, center and right) who were among dancers from the Rose Marie Gregor studio in Birmingham.



A Rose Marie Gregor dance student was in the front row of a big production.



Jackie Festa of Livonia did a sizzling tap routine.

## 'I did as good as I could'

Juvenile Vaudeville will come to the Birmingham Theatre Monday, the first day of two-day tryouts, young hopefuls arrived at the theater to demonstrate their talents.

The children, ranging in age up to early teens, were surprisingly self-assured and capable. Singers, dancers and musicians competed. Some of the small children didn't have every dance step down pat (the youngest dancer was a 3 year old boy), but their mothers coached helpfully from the footlights.

Sandra Kay Kotz, 5, of Detroit, did a Greek dance in costume, and afterwards told her aunt firmly, "I did as good as I could." An experienced competitor, Sandra is vying this week in the Tiny Miss Michigan contest.

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