'Cats who' books land on their feet

HE LAST time I asked our local book store staff to recommend books, Lilian Jackson Braim's "The Cat (Who ... "series came up again and again. Now, those of you who might have known (or known of) Braun lythen she was the Good Living secgirhen she was the Good Living sec-tion editor at the Detroit Free Press Sahe retired in 1979) might guess that there was some local loyalty in-flyolved in those recommendations. Not so. The book people I inter-friewed weren't even awar of her lo-cal ties. They just got a kick out of Bare books.

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"The Cat Who Knew Shakespeare" us the latest in the paperback series "published by Jove. Joe has published pelght titles in the "Cat" series, accounting for 1,850,000 copies in iprint, and sales of some 4,000 per "month.



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real-life, long-ago counterparts, and while Yum Yum just goes along enjoying the life of a cat, Koko fancies
limself ab lof a detective.

Jim Qwilleran, Braum's human
protagonist, came along in 1966,
when Braun switched from short storries to novels. Gwilleran is a newspaper writer given to writing feature stories, but there any recemblance to the author ends. "He is justabout as far from what I am as possible," Braun said of the burly sixfolict-wop, plyes-moking, mustachicot, recovered alcoholic.

In each novel, Gwilleran becomes
involved in an increasingly complex
mystery. He is maddeningly slow at
guesting that things are not as
yeem, shough Koko does everything a
cat can do to present him with clues.

IN "THE CAT Who Knew Shake-speare," Koko takes to flipping rare volumes of Shakespeare's works off the shelves to give Qwilleran clues. He sends "Julius Caesar" flying to hint at a conspiracy — then flings out "Macbeth" for good measure. "Hamlet" tells the story of a father

who dies suddenly and a mother who remarries too soon — just as it happens in the hamlet of Pickax, where Qwilleran lives in magazage apartment to the property of the propert

er discuss it."

THE MICHIGAN Council for the Arta announced its latest series of grants to. Michigan artists. Eleven Individual Artists grants were awarded in literature. Grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,000 were awarded in literature. Grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,000 were awarded to. Jose Levva Garna Intervitories, James Lealie Gustafson, Pootitae, for novel and book-length poem. Rose-marie Johnson, Interio-tene, for non-feitional book, Thomas G. Jurek, Ann Arbor, book-length poem. Rose-marie Johnson, Interio-tene, for non-feitional book, Tomas G. Jurek, Ann Arbor, book-length poem, Rose-marie Johnson, Interio-tene, for non-feitional book, Tomas G. Jurek, Ann Arbor, book-fength for story collection, Edward Landing, Book of poems, Nubla Salaam, Detroit, poems on African-American historical figures; Marc Christopher Sanchez, Detroit, book of poems, Rayfield Allen Waller, Detroit, book of poems, Rayfie

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SCHOOLCRAFT RECITAL
Mary Katharine Morgan, soprano,
and planist Linda C. Woring will '
perform arias and soogs at an autunn recital at 8 pm. Priday, Nov.
18, in the Livonia City Hall auditorium. The recital is sponsored by the
Schoolcraft College Music Cub and

Schoolcraft College Music Club and Music Department Performing with them will be mezzo-soprano Susan Stott and violinist Fred Marriott.

Tickets are available in the Schoolcraft College Student Activities Offices, lower Waterman Center, and at the door the night of the recital. General admission is \$4, Store College Student Activities Offices, lower Materman Center, and at the door the night of the recital. General admission is \$4, Store College Store Store

● GARDEN CITY ART SHOW
Awards will be presented at 7 p.m.
Priday to winners of the Garden City
Fine Arts Association annual art exhibit/competition. Following the
ceremony, the art work will be on
public display from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
on Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on
Sunday in the Garden City Log Cablin
in City Park, 200 Log Cablin Road.

• UM OPERA THEATER
The University of Michigan School of Music Opera Theater will present two one-act operas by Glacomo Puccini, "Glanni Schicchi" and "Süor Angelica" this weekend at the Power Center for Performing Arts in Ann

Center for Performing Arts in AnArbor.
The operas will be sung by U-M
graduate and undergraduate voice
students, accompanied by the University Symphony Orchestra.
The production will be the first to
employ supertitles, which are English language translations projected
on a screen above the stage. Perforent 8 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2
p.m. For more information, call 7640450.

• FENTON GLASS

The Fenton Finders of Michigan, a glass study group, has the welcome sign out for new members. The group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December and June) in Riley Middle School on Hen-y Ruff Road in Livonia, For more information, call 484-0747 or 545-1405.

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MADONNA EXHIBIT
 Madonna College Exhibit Gallery
will present a student photography
opening Tuesday, Dec. 6 through

Tuesday, Dec. 13. Admission is free. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 591-5187.

JACOB HOLDT FILM

● JACOB HOLDT FILM
The University of Michigan-Dearborn will present "American Pictures." a widely acclaimed multimedia presentation on American life and the underclass at 1 p.m. Friday, and 4 p.m. Saturday. The free program is open to the public and will be held in Room 179 of the Engineering Laboratory Building.
The film depicts Jacob Holdit journey to this country from Denark with only \$40 in his pocket and his ability to survive due to the including of the Americans he met on his Journey. Individual to the Americans he met on his Journey. Individual to the Americans he met on his Journey. Individual to the Americans he met on his Journey. Individual the ton the country of the Americans he met on his Journey. Individual the ton the country of the Americans he met on his Journey. Individual the country of the Country

● VAAL ART SHOW

The fall exhibit of the Visual Arts
Association of Livonia is under way
in the lobby of the Livonia City Hall.
Viewing boars are from 8:30 a.m. to
5:30 p.m. daily.

● DEARBORN SYMPHONY
The Dearborn Symphony's second concert of the season at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, will feature international-award-winning Polith emigre planist Leszek Bartikewicz in Franz Liszt's bravura First Plano Concer-

to.

Tickets prices for the Friday concert are \$10 for adults and \$4 for students. The concert will be held in Crestwood High School, 1501 Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights.

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ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY
The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra continues its 60th anniversary
season with a concert in the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, at 4:30 p.m.
(neutror Tan Ying, a young Chinese planist who is the recipient of Impressive international awards.

Tickets are available at the Michigan Theater box office, 686-8397.
Tickets are priced at \$12 and \$8, with \$2 discounts for students and senior citizens, \$4 discount for children under 12. For more information, call 994-4801.

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Spotlight on antiques

Investment-grade antiques are in the spotlight at the Great Lakes Antique Show and Sale this weekend in the University of Michigan-Dearborn fieldhouse arens, Dearborn fleidhouse arens, 4901 Evergreen, across from Fairlane Town Center. Featuring 78 of the nation's top dealers in 22 states, the show runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5, good for both days. Furniture is displayed in room settlings as shown at the left.

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