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urging that the rag-tag group "act like professionals." Harvey Keitel, veteran of Scorsese's "Mean Streets" and "Taxi Driver," agreed to both act and co-produce after reading the knockout script for "Reservoir Dogs." He has his meatiest role in years as Mr. White, a sympathetic con who strikes up a friendship with a fellow "Dog" despite orders to the contrary.

Michael Madsen's Mr. Blonde, meanwhile, is a smooth study in psychopathy. While White and Pink flip out, he sips pop casually through a straw while relating that he was justified in slaughtering a roomful of people. "I told them not to pull the alarm, so they deserved it."

"Reservoir Dogs" is incredibly controlled for a first feature. L.A. filmmaker Tarantino maintains the perfect tone throughout, never goes for cheap laughs and even the gruesome moments shows some restraint, letting us imagine the details without showing them in our face.

He's also one of the few modern directors who knows how to use the wide screen image. He pans around the backs of guys during a round-table meeting and plays beautifully with the action in the claustrophobic warehouse, where most of "Reservoir Dogs" takes place.

The soundtrack spins super hits from the '70s, appropriately introduced by the laconic voice of Stephen Wright's disc jockey. The Stealer's Wheel chestnut "Stuck in the Middle with You" serves as background for a gruesome torture scene.

And the tune even hints at a theme for this movie: that these misfit guys really are stuck with each other despite all the precautions to keep them from getting close.

"Reservoir Dogs" is the darkest of "Diner," a buddy movie gone way wrong whose intensity and style can't easily be forgotten.

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Double feature: "Rope" (USA — 1948) and "A Song to Remember" (USA — 1945) beginning at 7 p.m. Nov. 13-14. An odd pairing, to say the least. Alfred Hitchcock directed "Rope," loosely based on the "thriller murder" case of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, played here by submissive Farley Granger and dominating John Dall. The twist here is that Hitch directed the whole thing in one continuous shot, ducking behind a couch or trunk when he had to change reels of film.

Cornel Wilde stars as Polish composer Frederic Chopin in "A Song to Remember," a lavish Technicolor biography also featuring Merle Oberon as George Sand. The story was handled with considerably more spunk in the recent "Impromptu."

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"Swoon" (USA — 1992), 7 and 9:30 p.m. Nov. 13-14 and 4 and 7 p.m. Nov. 15. This low-budget experimental film, shot in black-and-white by debut director Tom Kalin, reopens the strange case of Leopold and Loeb once again. In 1924, these two upperclass Jewish



Criminal minds: Craig Chester plays Nathan Leopold Jr. and Daniel Schachtel is Richard Loeb in "Swoon," written and directed by Tom Kalin.

intellectuals kidnapped and murdered a 13-year-old Chicago boy just for the thrill of it.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY
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"This Is the Army" (USA —

1943), 7 p.m. Nov. 9. Irving Berlin's stage musical comes to the screen as a rousing tribute to American fighting men in World War II. George Murphy and Ronald Reagan star.

MAIN THEATER
118 N. Main at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Call 542-0180 for show times. (\$5; \$3 students, senior cit.

izens and matinees)
"A Brief History of Time" (USA/Britain — 1992). Errol Morris ("The Thin Blue Line") examines Stephen Hawking, the ALS-stricken physicist and writer who explores the secrets of the universe from the confines of his wheelchair. You may not know too much more about the subject than before, but the portrait of Hawking is unforgettable.

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call 855-9090 for show times. (\$5.75 evenings; \$2.95 twilight)

"Reservoir Dogs" (USA — 1992). Five crooks, known to each other only by their code names, plan the ultimate heist. Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Michael Madsen star in this violent actioner, the first film written and directed by Quentin Tarantino.

STATE THEATRE
2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 961-5450 for information. (\$1.89)

"This Is Spinal Tap" (USA — 1984), 9 p.m. Nov. 9. Rob Reiner directed this on-target spoof of rockumentaries when he focused on the fictionalized band Spinal Tap. He traces them from their debut in the psychedelic '60s through lean times as heavy metal has-beens to ultimate triumph. Michael McKean and Christopher Guest star.
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