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thing in it - good guys, bad guys and boy meets girl.

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Just make it into the state competition is a real achievement. There are 85 bands in the MCBA and only the top 40 bands, 10 in each of Flights I through IV (Flights are determined by the school enrollment with Flight I bands coming from the largest schools) are accepted for competition on the state level.

"You have to have a well-designed program that challenges your kids and that is of a high quality both visually and musically to allow you to advance to this point," said Mack Pittard, executive director of the state championship context. Even if you have the world's greatest musicians, it will be difficult to advance to this point if you're not playing good music point figure not playing good music worth you're not playing good music or marching something worth marching."

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Harrison's eight-minute production of "The Music of EFX"
was a crowd pleaser. The

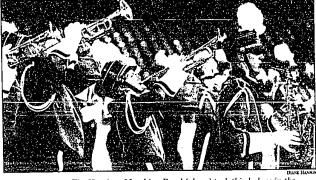
dynamic musical portrayal of a magical, mystical journey through time and apace had a surprise ending that was added for the state competition. While conducting the final notes of the show, the smoke drifted up and the bottom of the conductor's atnad dropped out from under drum major Derek Lewis while streamers shot into the air to the delighted cheers from the audience.

"We just added the new visual effects this week," said Harrison director Mark Phillips. But there was something even more impor-tant to him. "I think the kids have really gotten focused quite a bit the last couple weeks," he said.

said. For Harrison senior trombone player and section leader Julic Barber, "This was our best show

ever."
Nick Allan, sophomore trom some," he said. "The difference was that we were so focused this week. We really had our heads on straight."

For both bands, all the hard work really paid off. "The kids didn't give up," said Logan of the Falcons. "The kids had real faith in their show and they just kept



Reaching the top: The Harrison Marching Band (above) took third place in the Flight III with a score of 84.1 and the Falcons took ninth place in Flight II with a score of 74.3.

working."
The state championships marks the end of the competition season for the Farmington Falcons and Logan will concentrate on Band-O-Rama, a program of musical, instrumental and vocal groups at Farmington Nov. 13.
Tickets are \$2 at the door.
But for the 118 member Harri-

band will compete at the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA and Championships at the RCA and this week will be concentred practice and fine-tuning among 80 of the nation's leading marching bands.

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Forum set for teens

Getting that first driver's license in Michigan is tougher that it used to be.

But new state requirements—in effect for over a year—should help save lives. To help parents and teens learn more about Michigan's new Graduated Licensing Law, AAA Michigan will sponsor a "Teen Driver Forum" at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Farmington Hills office. 38761 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

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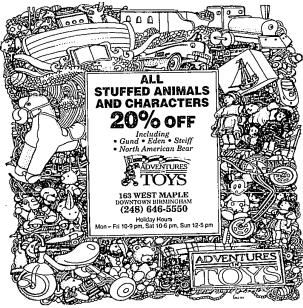
percent discount on its autoinsurance premiums for young drivers who successfully complete the "Teaching Your Teens to Drive" program. The offer is good for AAA Michigan policy-lolders only.

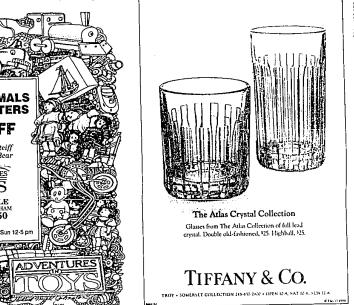
To make reservations, contact the AAA Michigan Farmington Hills branch at (248) 553-3700, Seating is limited.













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