



Shirley Abdullah distributes tickets while Shawn Johnson of the Film Commission and Clark "Madgolfer" Poston sign in at the door.

First Friday

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the perfect place."

But the two will have to battle what Smith calls "cocooning" - the winter doldrums that make people stay home during the coldest months of the year.

"From October through March, people tend to indulge themselves in what I call cocooning, remaining a little bit more

inside. We want to pull them out once a month with First Friday," said Smith.

Daurity said that only events like Christmas or Super Bowl parties draw people out of their shells during the winter months.

Smith and Richardson look forward to a growing crowd now that they are not competing with other downtown activities. Those who come early will be eligible to win door prizes.

But as they wait for word of the event to grow, Richardson and Smith say all people need is a reason to get out.

"Perhaps they stay in because there has been no active reason to go out," said Smith. "Maybe other groups will take notice and sponsor more events on the second, third and fourth Fridays."

The next First Friday will be held Nov. 5. The Domicile is at 629 Trade Street.



Lending a helping hand

Photos by Jeri Young

Students at Northwest Middle School pack boxes of supplies for victims of Hurricane Floyd. The school raised more than \$2,000 for relief efforts and sent two truckloads of supplies to the eastern part of the state.

UNITY honors outstanding neighborhood youth - Cory Hood

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Cory Hood, an eighth-grader at Atkins Middle School, cannot participate in sports because of health issues, but he more than makes up for it by being actively involved in his neighborhood. Cory was recently honored by the UNITY (United Neighbors Involved in Transforming Youth) Neighborhood Association for outstanding neighborhood youth leadership.

Cory has demonstrated a commitment and love for his neighborhood of LaDeara Crest and East 25th Street, where he lives. His community service is exemplary.

He always makes the time to do what is asked of him and more. He has participated in several BIG SWEEP efforts, block-to-block clean-ups and carpentry projects to build ramps for elderly citizens in the neighborhood.

Cory is the son of Gregory Wright and Berdine Hood. His great-grandmother, Elvetta Lopp, has been a resident of East 25th Street for more than 40 years. She has seen the neighborhood change over the years from a mixed community of homeowners to a drug dealer's haven. She hopes things will return to the way they once were and is proud to have a great-grandson who cares about where he lives and is contributing to the neighborhood in a positive way.

Dorothy Bonner, youth organizer and vice president of UNITY and president of LaDeara Crest Tenant Association, has involved Cory and other youths in

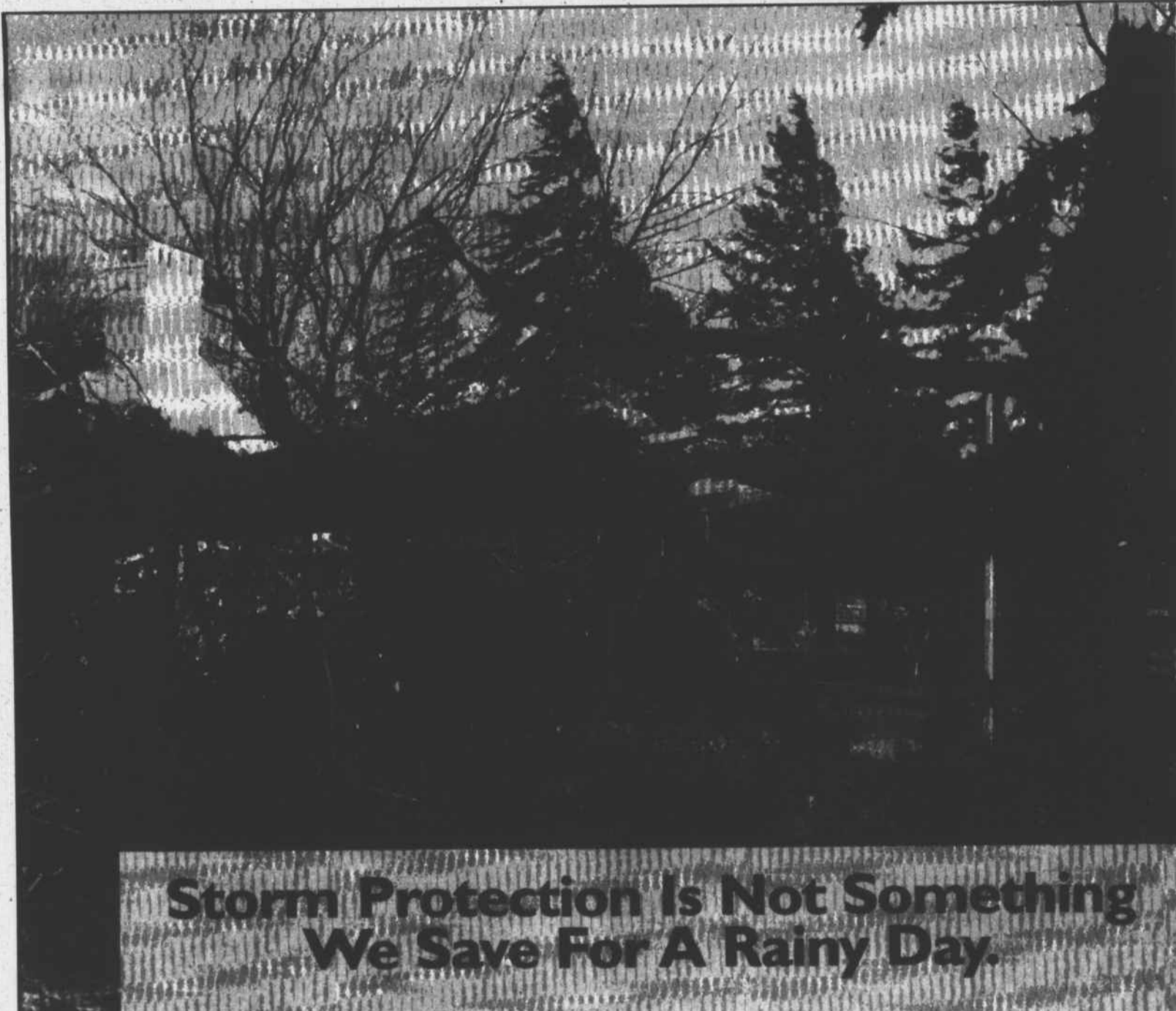
positive community activities and helped them to realize their potential for leadership.

"You can always count on

Cory," Bonner said. "He's there when no one else is. We are proud to have him in our neighborhood. I wish we could clone him!"



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