

furnishes our hero with a new-fangled treasure map.

The cyborg — part human, part machine — is, of course, the charismatic John Silver (the character's "Long" appellation apparently having been lost in the translation). The ship's cook, Silver (voiced by veteran stage actor Brian Murray) acts as a mentor of sorts to impressionable Jim but clearly hints at darker aims, including mutiny and betrayal. Like previous cinematic Silvers (Wallace Beery and Robert Newton, to name two), however, this John is more of a likable rascal than an

line captain of the galleon Legacy and a canine astrophysicist who turns out to be more helpful than someone who's just along for the ride. Martin Short makes himself heard midway through the 90 minutes as this saga's Ben Gunn, a rickety, marooned robot who literally has lost his mind (and who must reclaim it to resolve the mystery of the hidden treasure).

Much less effective is this film's Jiminy Cricket figure, a cutesy piece of protoplasm named Morph who playfully assists Jim through his adventures. The character, obviously designed to appeal to preschool viewers, seems superfluous amid the other comic re-

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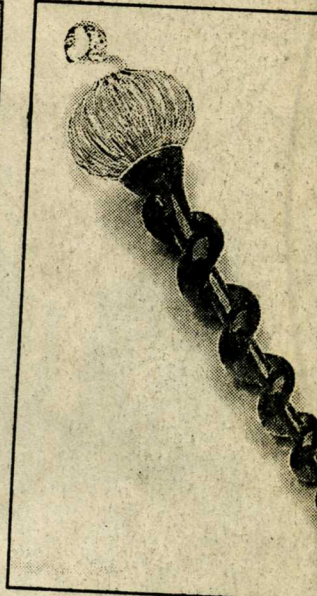
Creations of Santa Barbara, Calif., will entice teens and adventurous adults, while more traditional, handwoven ones by Dinah Morrison of Battle Creek better suit career women and moms.

For kids, there are marionettes in the shape of a dragon, unicorn, wizard, knight and princess, all made by a company called Bozart of Philadelphia. Prices range from under 30 cents for glass bugs and hearts to \$6,000 for vessels by noted Seattle glass artist Dale Chihuly. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

● **Left Bank Gallery**, 503 East St., (810) 239-2921 — Grand Blanc potter Larry Clegg's porcelain bowl with a bamboo handle is just the right size for salsa, candy or nuts. If you like stained glass and color, check out butterflies and three-dimensional hanging pieces by Grand Blanc artist Janet Bondy, whose business is appropriately called "Welcome to Our Whirl." Charles W. Jackson of Swartz Creek has something practical — cork bottle stoppers — and something playful, a train music box. For nature-lovers, Bob Florine, also of Swartz Creek, creates inlaid wood designs of cardinals.

Quilter Marty Lawrence of Flint flashes back to the 1970s with her tie-dyed, infant outfits and socks for children and adults. Angel and floral photography by Kathy Fornal of Grand Blanc is dreamy and ethereal. Prices range from \$1 for Christmas cards to more than \$1,000 for a painting. Hours are noon-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The holiday show runs through Dec. 21.

● **Shiawassee Arts Center**, 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso, (989) 723-8354 — Bold and unusual designs characterize jewelry by Jerry Ivan Bohnett of Williamston. One necklace, titled "Dentrite Energy," utilizes quartz...



Gift suggestions for the holiday include this porcelain bowl created by Larry Clegg of Grand Blanc and an icicle ornament from James and Tim Harkenrider of Milford.

and Tibetan prayer beads. Coruna artist Michael Hettinger's floor cloths resemble abstract paintings, but the canvas is treated so you can walk on them. Perry artist Jann Lardie's stoneware wall pockets are made for decorative and functional purposes.

Susan Hensel of East Lansing decorates jackets of old books with beads and other trimmings and fills them with handmade paper. Rainbow-colored coasters and window hangings in fused glass by Margabeth Cibulka of Williamston are eye-catching. Mary Andrews of Grand Blanc creates vivid, abstract wall hangings in fiber. Beth Cox of Peronville and her partner, Chuck Pritchard, make delicate glass buttons that look almost antique. Beaded coin purses by Sue Bishop of St. Charles also are reminiscent of an earlier era. Prices range from \$1 for an ornament to \$750 for a colored pencil work. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. The 14th annual holiday show runs through Dec. 30.

● **Jagged Edge Gallery**, 12272 Fenton Road, Suite 7, Fenton, (810) 629-0440. If you're hunting for something unusual, check out the whimsical fabric figures...

There's "Sundance," dress 1970s-style green and yellow. "Letting Go," an orange-haired mermaid; and "Love Wisdom" a gray-haired lady in purple. Tom native John McCormick, now lives in Bay City, has a gift for hearts. His faceless ceramic figures have heart-shaped holes and wear cloaks. He also makes larger heart sculptures with a lily, a Buddha, fish and feathers emerging from the top. McCormick's daughter, Michelle, paints striking treescapes of Miami hotel scenes. Prices range from \$8 for angel cards to nearly \$3,000 for an original painting. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays.

● **Farnsworth Gallery**, 241 Da... Road, Mayfield Township, (810) 667-3632 — Colorful quilts by... ane Hancock of Lapeer are among the most prominently featured items here. There's a host of holiday crafts, from birch candle holders and centerpiece to blown glass tree ornaments by Dennis Helfer of Lapeer. Beeswax candles by Donna Monville of Mayfield Township. Soft-sculpture frogs by...