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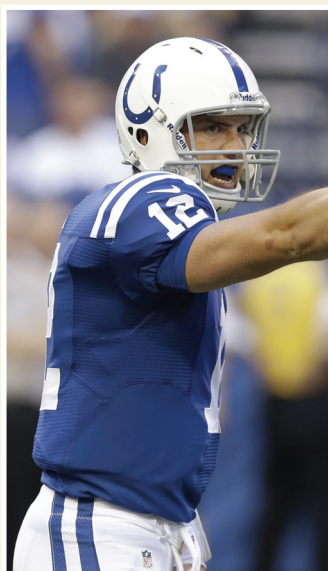
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'Way down in Kokomo...'

Kokomo has a ring to it, doesn't it? Perhaps it's how the word rolls off the tongue that led to its inclusion in so many artistic endeavors. Kokomo has played a role in numerous scripts, novels, and musical recordings. From its first appearance on the silver screen in a 1917 silent picture to low budget movies filmed in the city, Kokomo has been romanticized and ridiculed in multiple productions.

Not only has Kokomo inspired many movie lines, but it has produced several stars of film, literature and stage. From Misch Kohn, a master printmaker whose work hangs in more than 100 museums,

to Strother Martin, who uttered the famous words "What we have here is ... failure to communicate" Kokomo has produced talented authors, actors and artists.

The community's rich history is steeped in culture, inspiring Aretha Franklin to croon about "That first snow in Kokomo," and Normal Bridwell to create Clifford the Big Red Dog. Today, the Kokomo Tribune takes a look at mentions of Kokomo in movies and music. Next Sunday, we'll focus on books, plays and more famous people.

City of Firsts described many ways in song

BY LINDSEY ZILIAK
KOKOMO TRIBUNE

Kokomo has been described in song as a tropical paradise, the place at the end of the blue train and a city where simple folks live.

For decades, singers have been crooning about a place they call "Kokomo." But how many of them are referring to the City of Firsts in middle Indiana?

Local musician Gary Rhum and Indiana University Kokomo music professor Cindy Ison say in many cases, it's anyone's guess.

Their guess, though, is that perhaps the most famous musical reference to Kokomo isn't talking about Kokomo, Ind., at all.

In 1988 the Beach Boys recorded

the pop song "Kokomo" about a tropical destination.

"Aruba, Jamaica, oooh I wanna take you to Bermuda, Bahama. Come on pretty mama," they sang. "Key Largo, Montego, baby why don't we go down to Kokomo. We'll get there fast, and then we'll take it slow. That's where we wanna go. Way down in Kokomo."

Rhum said it's obvious that the Beach Boys' Kokomo is a paradise with sandy beaches, which doesn't really describe anywhere in Howard County. Ison agreed.

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Kokomo common on the silver screen

■ City pops up often in television, movies.

BY CARSON GERBER
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It might be the unusual name, it might be the location, but whatever the reason, Kokomo has had way more than its 15 minutes of fame on the silver screen.

The city made its first appearance in a silent film called "A Romance of Kokomo" in 1917. The movie was filmed in Kokomo, and made its premiere at the now-demolished

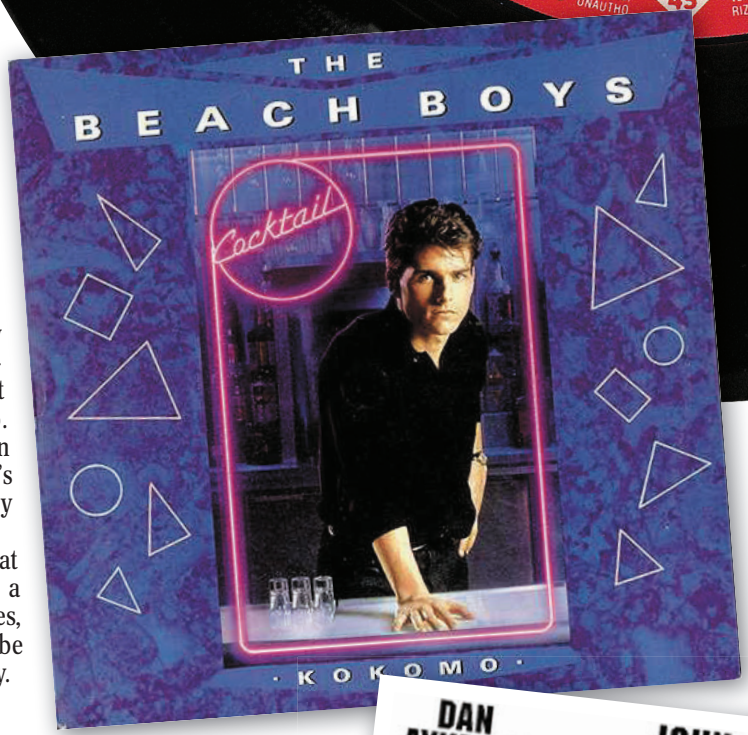
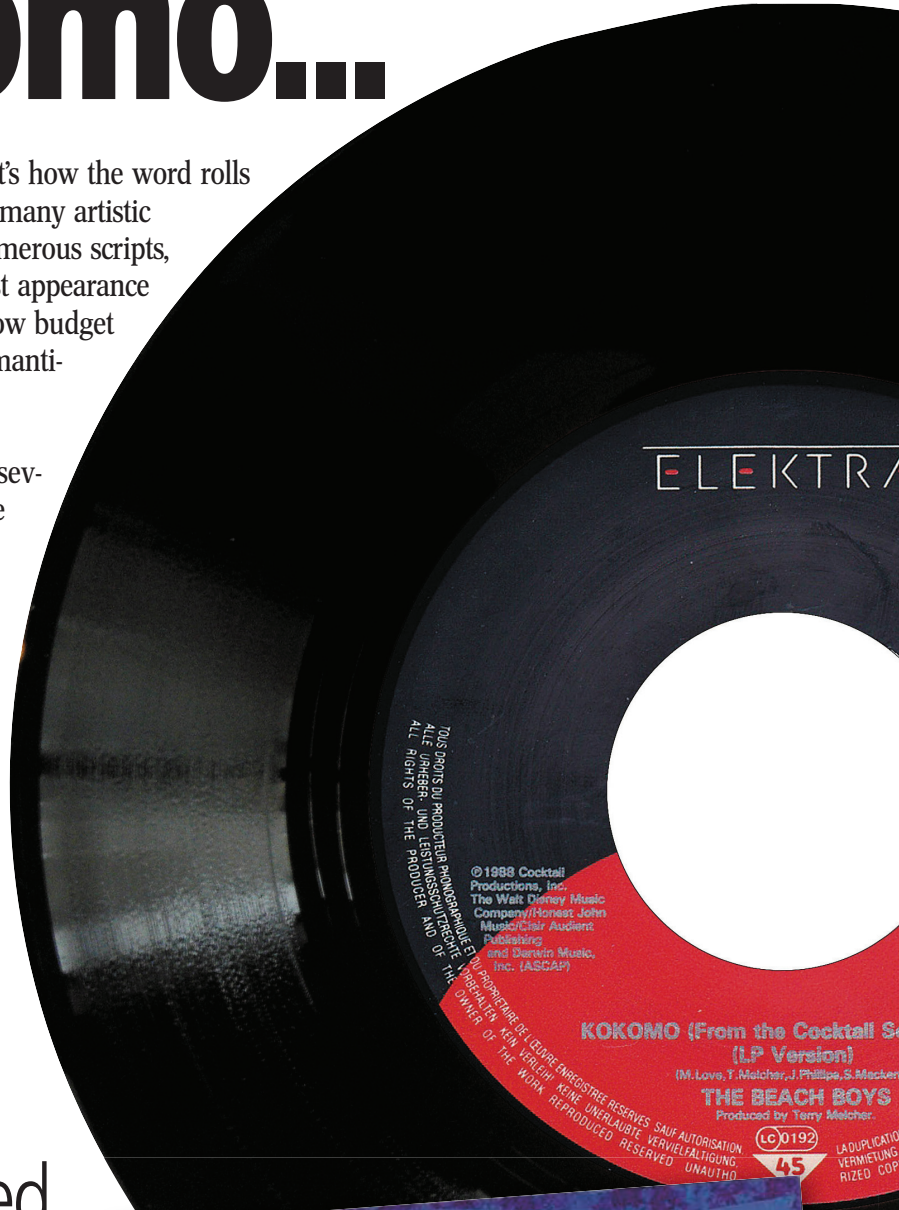
Isis Theater on South Main Street.

Over the decades, Kokomo has popped up in high-profile TV shows and low-budget thrillers. It's been the setting for comedies and the on-site location for historical TV movies.

"Considering the size of Kokomo, I'm surprised by how many movies it's played a role in," said Steve Blackwell, a motion picture instructor and faculty member at Indiana University Kokomo. "I think it's the name. It has a certain

rhythm to it, and it has that sort of hick feeling. If somebody says they're from Kokomo, it generally means they're from the country."

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That's the case in the classic 1980s movie "The Blues Brothers," where the Chicago blues band stops by a fictitious bar called Bob's Country Bunker set in Kokomo.

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