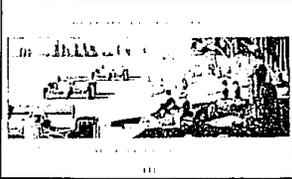


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Start your engines

The '90s version of George Saurat's "Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" is this year's official Detroit Grand Prix poster. Mark Zapico, creative director for D'Arcy, Masius, Benton & Bowles in Bloomfield Hills, cloned the classic for the annual poster contest open to metro Detroit advertising agencies.

"I wanted to bring back a feeling of the past, of a more genteel time on the island, while at the same time bringing it forward to the '90s," Zapico said. The artist used electronic imaging and hand illustration to duplicate Saurat's style. It's available from Detroit Renaissance (259-5400) at \$15 plus postage or at local poster shops.



Be my guest

Aero bed is one way to oblige unexpected house guests this summer — even a 300-pound wrestler. The twin-sized portable mattress inflates in 45 seconds and accommodates guests up to 6 feet 11 inch tall. Plug it in, push a button and inflate to any firmness. When it's not in use, the bed folds into a carrying bag to store for the next round of guests. Makers of Aero bed suggest using the bed-in-a-bag for cottages, dorms and efficiency apartments, too. Folded, it's slightly bigger than a backpack. It's practical, surprisingly comfortable and costs the same as a modestly priced twin mattress (\$99). Sold only at Jacobson's Home Stores.

LOCAL SPINS

The top 10 recordings getting airplay on "Detroit Music Scene" 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sundays and 5-6 p.m. Thursdays on WDTR, 90.9 FM are:

1. "Heem Street," Bruce Nichols
2. "Party Store," Snake and the Charmers
3. "Desdemona," Nova Ovena
4. "Come Running," Life on Mars
5. "Flowering Scrunch," The Exceptions
6. "We Ain't Here To Dance," Triple Threat
7. "Never Give In," Cheap Thrillz
8. "Chicken Wing," Ponytalo
9. "Take Me Back," Franchile Joy
10. "Turn Your Mind Inside Out," d. Veda

CUTTING GROOVES

The top-selling singles sold by Harmony House during the week ending May 23, were:

1. "Dazey Duks," Dulco
2. "Wreck," 3BY
3. "Knockin' Da Boot," H Town
4. "That's The Way Love Goes," Janet Jackson
5. "Show Me Love," Robin S
6. "Dre Dry," Dr. Dre
7. "Freak Me," Silk
8. "Love Is," Vanesa Williams
9. "Three Little Pigs," Green Jelly
10. "Down With the King," Run-D.M.C.

Yard Boss proves it's the boss

With the help of a silent partner and a big dose of talent, Yard Boss is closing the door on comparisons of the group to grunge bands. One step in that direction is its debut CD "Swollen."

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



When Yard Boss records its debut CD "Swollen," it's going against the traditional layering technique to give it a "live" feel.

"We like it to be like lasagna. We like it all melted together," said lead singer Marty Conselyea, intertwining his fingers together.

Conselyea and guitarist Greg Savella have other hopes about the product. They anticipate it closing the chapter on comparisons to grunge bands.

"Swollen" will set the record straight," Savella said.

"We're like an exceptional journey without a destination," Conselyea said.

Yard Boss has attracted plenty of vacationers on its "journey," including two die-hard fans who the band has never met. They stand in front of the band shouting during its set. Before Yard Boss comes on, the duo chants the group's name.

"We don't even know who those two guys are; they come to almost all our shows," Conselyea said. "It started, I think, with the (fraternity) TKE show we did at Eastern (Michigan University)."

As the group collects its following, Savella said, unknown fans become more common.

"We're pretty shocked at how well it's building," said guitarist Savella.

The hype about Yard Boss is also building quickly. Recently, the band won the first round of radio station WLLZ's "Home Cookin'" battle of the bands at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. The group will now compete in the semifinals July 8 at the theater. Semifinalists will appear on



Making It: Yard Boss — guitarist Nick Sokolowski (from left), drummer Rico Grazioli, guitarist Greg Savella, vocalist Marty Conselyea and bassist Todd Pocobello — are headed away from grunge band comparisons with their debut CD release, "Swollen."

WLLZ's "Home Cookin'" CD and winners will open for a national act at the theater.

Within the last few months, Yard Boss has also appeared on the "Home Cookin'" radio show along with CIMX's "Homeboy" show, both of which broadcast on Sunday nights.

It's only been about a year since Yard Boss formed. Within five

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months of its first show on June 27, 1992, the band released its first effort "Gateway." The local record label, Anti-Music, picked up on the group's success and solicited them to contribute to "Thick," a local music compilation. The album, which also included Bog Blast,

Brickyard, Fiesty Cadavers, Ricochet, Scrufty Tenaways, Six Feet Deep and Smoke, is being distributed internationally.

The group's soon-to-be recorded CD "Swollen" will be recorded under the its label, Hole in Your Heart Productions.

Yard Boss is a full-time job for the five some, which also includes drummer Rico Grazioli, guitarist Nick Sokolowski and bassist Todd Pocobello. The musicians live together in a 2,400-square-foot home with seven acres of land in Dexter, outside of Ann Arbor. They wouldn't say who's fronting their career except for it's "one of Todd's connections."

"It's a silent partner," Conselyea said. Understandably, they enjoy this

carefree way of living.

"It's a lot better than working for 'The Man,'" Conselyea said. This "Don't" as they call him, is what's helping Yard Boss live up to its name — at least musically — in town.

"It's the toughest guy in the prison. He's the one guy you don't sit anywhere near on the bench," Conselyea said. "We're all bosses of the yard in our own special way."

Yard Boss will perform Tuesday, June 8, at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. Call 996-8555 for more information. They also will perform Friday, June 18, with Rollin'head, Black and Back Alley Blues at Psychick's Lounge in Hamtramck (874-0909), and Friday, July 16, with Black Malt at Alvin's in Detroit (832-2355).

Young drummer has the beat of a veteran

Smart sticks:

At age 13, drummer Tom Clufetos of Rochester has played with the likes of Chuck Berry, the Pointer Sisters, Jerry Lee Lewis and his dad's group, Tommy C. and the Gamut Band.



By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Most 13-year-olds spend their time off from school baby-sitting, doing homework, or goofing around with friends.

Drummer Tom Clufetos of Rochester proves himself to play with the likes of Chuck Berry, the Pointer Sisters and Jerry Lee Lewis, along with his dad's group, Tommy C. and the Gamut Band.

Despite reaching such success at a young age, the teen shrugs it all off — with a big grin.

"It's all basically the same," the clean-cut Clufetos said about his gigs. "Every gig is fun."

Presumably, an early May gig during the Music West Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, will stick out in his mind. There, Pearl Drums representatives along with Charlie Quintana, drummer for Bob Dylan and Izzy Stradlin, and Greg Blissette, drummer for David Lee Roth and Joe Satriani, voted him the best drummer younger than age 16 in North America.

Clufetos and 14-year-old Leo Cordin of Vancouver were chosen from 1,500 drummers who sent in performance tapes to the drum company to compete for the title.

Bob Attwell, Pearl Drums' general manager, said it was Clufetos' maturity that made the teen stick out.

"At that age . . . they tend to be full of energy; dynamics (of playing) get blown out of the water," Attwell said. "Tom really plays at a whole different level (than what a) player at that age would play. He really had command of the instrument."

The modest teen didn't expect to make it that far.

"I thought I had a chance . . ."

Clufetos said. His teacher, Mark Mvud of Royal Music Center in Royal Oak, isn't surprised.

"He's always set his goals high," he said. "He's an example of endurance. He goes through the motions. He's here every week. The only time he misses is when he's incredibly ill."

As a reward, Clufetos received a Pearl Forum series drum kit worth \$1,200 and jammed with Joe Walsh, guitarist Danny Gatton, Blissette and Quintana. Shy, he promises to say much about his success.

"Let's just say he's been a very good sport about it," said his mother, Debi.

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IN CONCERT

Monday, June 7

THE FITZ
The Fitz, 10½ and Gratiot, Roseville. (rock) 778-8404

PERNY LANG
The Ark, 637½ S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (folk) 761-1451

GRATEFUL DEAD
The Palace of Auburn Hills, I-75 and Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills. (rock) 377-0100

THE SEX MESS
With Confuse a Cat at Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. 996-8555

Wednesday, June 9
With Bernuda Mohave, perform during live broadcast on radio station 89X, CIMX-FM, at The Fitz, 10½ and Gratiot, Roseville. 778-8404

JOE WALSH AND GLENN FREY
Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sassa-

low Road, Clarkston. (rock) 377-0100

ELECTRIC BOWHAI BAND ALBUM RELEASE PARTY
The Ark, 637½ S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (folk) 761-1451

GRATEFUL DEAD
The Palace of Auburn Hills, I-75 and Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills. (rock) 377-0100

LAIN MATTHEWS
The Palace of Auburn Hills, Woodward, Ferndale. (English Singer/songwriter) 547-3480

PAT SAVAGE
Avin's, 5756 Cessa, Detroit. (rock) 422-0509

UPPERING
Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. 996-8555

Thursday, June 10

STEVE MULLER
Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sassa-low Road, Clarkston. (rock) 377-0400

NOBY BLOCK
The Ark, 637½ S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (folk) 761-1451

DANIEL LAMORE
Producer of R.E.M. and Peter Gabriel brings his own show to Majestic, 4140 Woodward, Detroit. 833-9700

TRAIL MIX
New dance night with DJs Greg Scott and Steve Bob at the Majestic, 4140 Woodward, Detroit. 833-9700

ESKAUCHERY
With What's What and Missed Her Charlie at Grit's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. 334-9292

NO LIMIT
Psychick's Lounge, 2932 Canfield, Hamtramck. 874-0909

THE MIND
Avin's, 5756 Cessa, Detroit. (rock) 832-0589

FRANK ALLISON & THE ODD BOX
Gotham City, 7248 Woodward, Ferndale. 398-7430

THE VERVE PIPE
With The Obscure at Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. 996-8555

UNPLUGGED BLUES 'AM
Featuring Robert "Tee" Saginaw St., Pontiac. 334-7411

SAND RUBIES
Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. 334-1809

Friday, June 11
WADE GERHARD
With Cadillac Holmes at La Cesa Music So-

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