Young artists: Today's your last chance to view 950 works of art by middle and high school student from Wayne and Oakland counties at Summit Place Mall, 315 North Telegraph at Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford. Several "Gold Key" winners in the 2002 Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Exhibition at Summit Place, also will show their works in a national exhibit in Washington D.C. this year. They include Jamie Carlen, Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, (from left), Michael Locascio, Orchard Lake St. Mary, Melinda Steffen, Livonia Churchill High School, and Katie Banks, Northville High School, (248) 652-0123. Young artists: Today's your







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Rev up your motors and head to Cobo Hall this weekend for cars, stars and hot rod nostalgia. Detroit Autorama celebrates its 50th year with more than 1,000 customized cars, trucke, vans, motorcycles and hot rods on display Friday through Sunday in downtown Detroit. The Michigan Hot Rod Association, also celebrating 50 years, sponsors the annual event, which will include celebrity appearances and famous cars on display.

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Adam West of Batman fame will be on hand 7-9 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22 and 1-4 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23. The World Wrestling Federation's Chyna (Joanie Laurer) will greet fans 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24 and Dukes of Hazzard's James Beat and Sonny Schroyer will make appearances 1-4 p.m., and 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23. The Batmobile and the "General Lee" from the Dukes of Hazzard will be on display.

be on display. Special exhibits include the All nerican Motorcycle Show, with

100 bikes on display, a Hot Rod Heritage fine art display and annual toy collector's show.

Some of the wildest vehicles — including Frank Mack's Roadster and Carl Casper's Popeors Wagon — to appear at Autorama will be on display in an anniversary exhibit.

The show also recognizes Mike and Larry Alexander's contributions to custom autos. The pair operated one of the most prolific custom car shops in the 1960s in Detroit. Autorama's Alexander Brothers exhibit includes 10 of their vehicles.

Autorama runs from noon to 11 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m., 12 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23 and 11 a.m. 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24. at Cobo Hall in downtown Admission at the gate is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Murray's Discount Auto Stores are selling general admission tickets for \$13 and child admission tickets for \$1.0 cm for more information.



Calling all Batman fans: Adam West, star of the 1960s television series, will sign autographs from 7-9 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22, and from 1-4 p.m., Satur-day, Feb. 23, at Autorama, in Cobo Hall, Detroit.

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painting landscapes that are not natural, pristine or picturesque. It's possibly a reaction to growing up in Chicago. In the Cherry Creek painting, Nawara uses quick gestural brush strokes to depict grass and branches dormant from cold. Three major trees celebrate the variety of colors found in nature. The creek, hardly a thing of beauty, looks like pea soup but grabs the eye and holds it there. "There are many beautiful things in nature, overlooked landscapes and landscapes that show the affect of people on land and as a result combine organic and geometric forms," said Nawara who has work in collections at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Toledo Museum of Art, and Museum of Fine Art, Boston, to name a few. "I like the way Vermeer organizes a space. I like to deal with a lot of information in a painting, Many of the paintings evolve over a period of time that sometimes takes years. Invention, imagination, memory Invention, imagination, memory

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Monument seems like it came from Nawara's creative dreaming but the surreal block of concrete does exist in the middle of a sandy shore along Lake Michigan. Towering trees cast shadows on the decaying material producing a striking contrast between soothing the elements of nature and hardness of a manmade structure.

"It was the base for a saw at Empire Lumber Company," and Nawara. "I'm interested in evecative things, mystery in the landscape, dramatic lightings shadow falling on concrete. What I paint is tempered by everything I've experienced and how see things."

see things:
Nawara first sketched the composition for the large-scale painting on the beach at Empire. It was part of a three-week residency he and his wife Lucille, also a pointer, completed at Sleeping Bear Dunes in 1998. Nawara

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refers to Lucille as his best critic. The couple, married since 1968, met in graduate school at the University of Illinois.

"It was one of the memorable experiences," said Nawara who will teach a landscape painting and drawing class in May at various locations around town. All we did was paint. Lake Michigan is behind you. I made notes about color."

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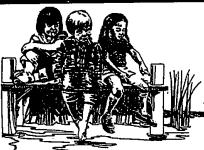
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