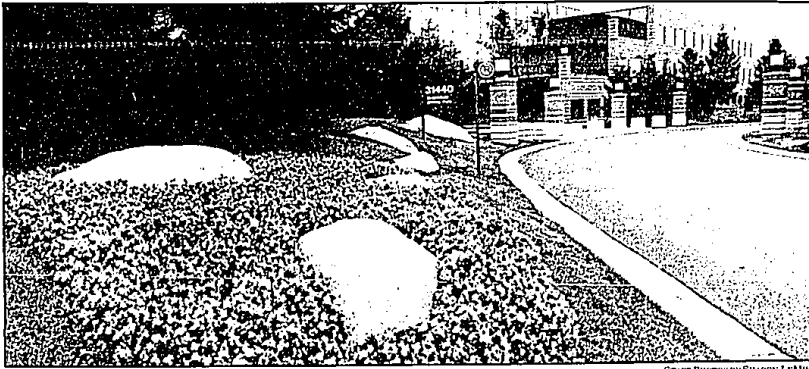
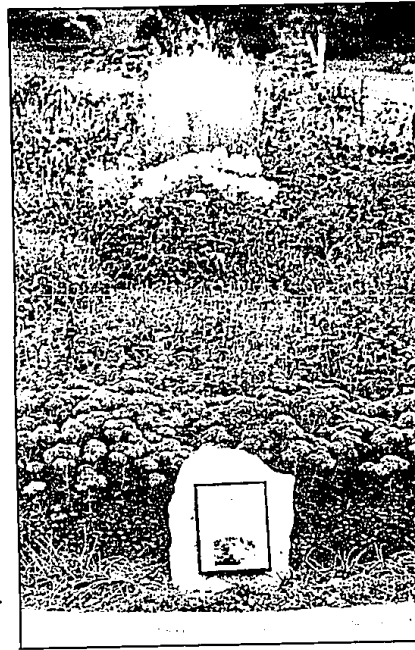


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State recognition: The Brookfield Office Park (above), Farmington Hills city fountain (left) and Heritage Park wildflower garden (right) won awards in the 1993 Keep Michigan Beautiful competition. The three sites were among 91 winners announced and will be recognized at the Keep Michigan Beautiful annual meeting Oct. 6-8 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The fountain and surrounding landscaping replaced a standard wooden sign at the city complex at Orchard Lake and 11 Mile roads. The office plaza, on Northwestern Highway, "encourages additional investment and property improvements throughout the community." The wildflower garden contains varieties native to Michigan, including some that are endangered.

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And although neither city has yet offered financial backing, carrying the banner of the two cities is a beginning, said musical director and conductor Karen Nixon.

"This is a big step in the right direction," said Nixon, who added that the orchestra now has 75 "core" musicians, who play professionally with the likes of the

Michigan Opera Theatre and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, among others. "We hope to get financial backing in the future. This is a good start."

This year's concert schedule includes three other regular concerts plus an added date on the second weekend in December for a Christmas program.

Nixon said the group, which only has a 10-percent turnover rate now, will continue to use different locations for its concerts. She said the different acoustics of the Farmington High auditorium, the Mercy Center and Harrison High School suited different types of music — and different audiences.

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