

FARMINGTON NOTES

Local artists sparkle

Michelle Priebe, a Farmington High School student, is \$250 richer thanks to her skill in art. She was the first-place winner in the three-dimensional art category of the ninth-annual Farmington Area Arts Commission's High School Art Competition. Trael Provizer of Harrison High won \$150 for her second-place finish in the category. Honorable mentions worth \$50 were won by North Farmington's Sean Emmert, Erin Proctor and Rebecca Rosen, and Farmington's Sara Thomas.

In the two-dimensional category, North Farmington's Rob Walker won first place and \$250, while Claire Wiegand of Mercy High placed second and earned \$150. Honorable mentions worth \$50 each went to Noelle Bastus of Mercy; Michael Goldapperrn, Allison Kutz, Provizer and Miho Yoshida, all of Harrison; and Sean Hassell, Justin Munter and Asako Watanabe, all of Farmington.

Robert Pipenburb, an art professor at Oakland Community College, judged approximately 176 entries from high school students in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

The winning entries will be displayed through April 22 at the Art Alcove, 33305 Grand River, Farmington.

The awards will be presented during a reception from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at the Farmington Community Center.

Named to state board

Michael S. Salter, a Farmington Hills resident, was one of several appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Board of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery. The board provides for the licensure and examination of podiatrists and podiatric surgeons. Salter is a podiatrist in private practice.



Husband and wife team: Dee Artharamas (right) and husband Alongkot say their food at Thai Peppers is authentic Thai cuisine.

Eatery's food has Thais to royalty



Dee Artharamas, who may have ties to royalty in her native Thailand, serves up spicy Thai cooking at Thai Peppers on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

By Bill Coutant
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Although she has links to royalty, Dee Artharamas is hoping she can succeed in the competitive restaurant business by catering to the

area's love affair with spicy Thai cooking.

Her restaurant, Thai Peppers, on Orchard Lake just south of 13 Mile in Farmington Hills, has been open since November. Artharamas, who moved to Michigan from Houston,

says she wants to help satisfy people's appetite for Thai food.

"We serve the home cooking type of Thai food," she said.

The restaurant features statues, furniture and decor of Thailand in an impressive style of which its modest white exterior gives no hint.

The menu has traditional favorites, such as satay, an appetizer with a peanut-based sauce, and gang gai, a green curry chicken dish. But Thai Peppers also features dishes you won't find in other Thai

restaurants, like sukthothai duck and haad yai chicken.

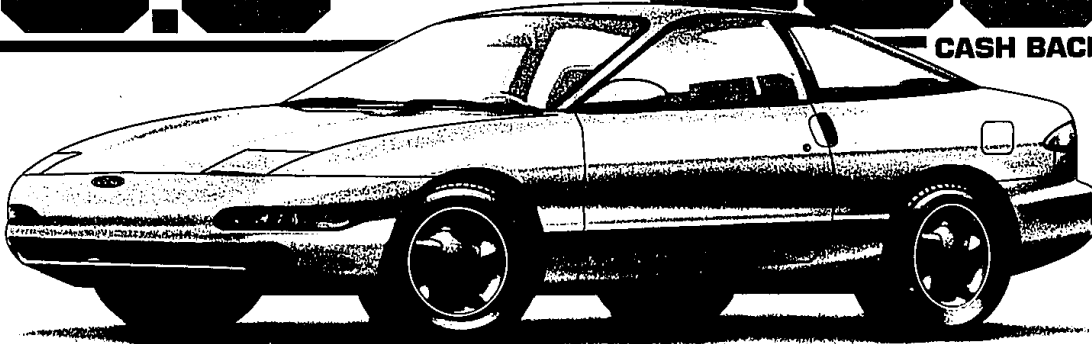
Artharamas discounts her ties to Thai royalty, explaining that although her father is a prince, there are many others of royal birth in her native country. But she takes pride in having met many members of the royal family. And because her husband has worked with the royal cook for the Rama family, the connection has a practical use.

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