



Nick Schoeps, a freshman engineering student at the University of Michigan (right) and members of the Solar Car Team show off their handwork.

FHS grad returns with solar car

On April 8, Nick Schoeps, a freshman engineering student at the University of Michigan and three other members of their Solar Car Team brought the 2001 solar car to Farmington High School. Schoeps is a 2002 FHS graduate.

About 35 students and faculty watched a presentation about the Solar Car and its history during SMART time. They were then shown the solar car inside and out while the team answered many questions.

The car on display won the American Solar Challenge and placed third in the World Solar Challenge in 2001. The race takes place every two years and the team builds a new car for each race. The American Solar Challenge, is a 2,500 mile cross-country adventure that traces historic Route 66 from the starting line near Chicago all the way to the finish in Los Angeles, Calif. The World Solar Challenge which begins along the northern shores of Australia in Darwin and races

through the heart of the Outback to the southern shores of Adelaide.

Both of these races are international competitions open to any corporate, collegiate, or private teams and they attract some of the brightest student minds in the world.

The Solar Car Team is currently soliciting sponsorships and donations for the 2003 race which will take place in July. For more information, visit their Web site: <http://www.engin.umich.edu/solarcar/>

Federated Garden Clubs to meet in Troy

The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. District 1 will hold its annual Spring meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, at the San Marino Golf Club in Troy. District 1 is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. This meeting is open to member within District 1 and offers the opportunity for

attendees to meet with fellow garden club members, share ideas and experiences, and learn more about horticulture and floral design techniques. The host for this event will be the Royal Oak Garden Club.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a brief business meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting will be followed by the morning program *World Gardening/Belize* presented by Chris Rochman. The afternoon will feature Toshi Shimoura presenting a Japanese floral design, *The Language of Flowers*. The day will also include lunch. Call (248) 391-6823.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Scrapbookers

The Scrapbook Page will celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, May 10 at 2153 Pontiac Trail in Commerce Township.

The new location is approximately three times the size of the original store, which will house more supplies and a larger area for classes and crops. (A crop is an opportunity for scrapbookers to get together, work on their scrapbook pages, share ideas and chat.)

Helli Watson from Boyne Embroidery will be in the store from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to offer embroidered clothing with scrapbooking themes. Natalie Nuocitelli from Creative Lines also will be on hand to emboss scrapbooks and stationery.

The Scrapbook Page's grand reopening will occur the same

weekend as the Great Lakes Mega Meet, which is held at the Novi Expo Center. Last year, the event had a three-day attendance of approximately 7,300 scrapbooking fanatics.

Scrapbooking has been around for decades, but in the last 5 years, the scrapbooking industry has quadrupled in size, netting \$1 billion in sales for 2001.

Owners Michelle and John Metry opened The Scrapbook Page in December 2000 when Michelle was six months pregnant with their son, Matthew, who is now 2 years old.

HPS honored

High Performance Systems, Inc., a company specializing in computers, networks, support and repairs was recently awarded the "Employer of the Month"

for the Oakland School's, "Career Focused Business Partnership Program."

This program matches high school students to small businesses to encourage personal, one-on-one training from experienced business owners. Students have a choice of various occupations and commit to work 2 1/2 hours with the company, usually 2 days per week.

HPS has been in business for over 10 years and has been in its current location for four years on Old Farm Lane in Walled Lake. The company works with small to medium businesses as well as the home office or student. They also sell a large variety of computer systems and peripherals such as printers and scanners. HPS is available for consulting, engineering, networking and training.

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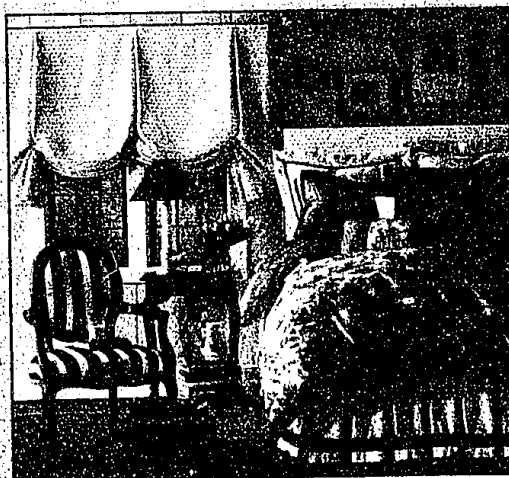
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