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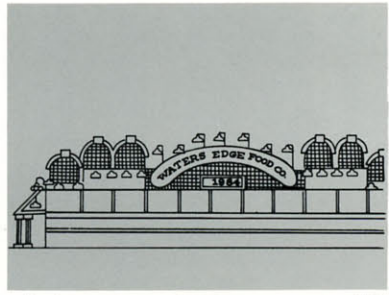
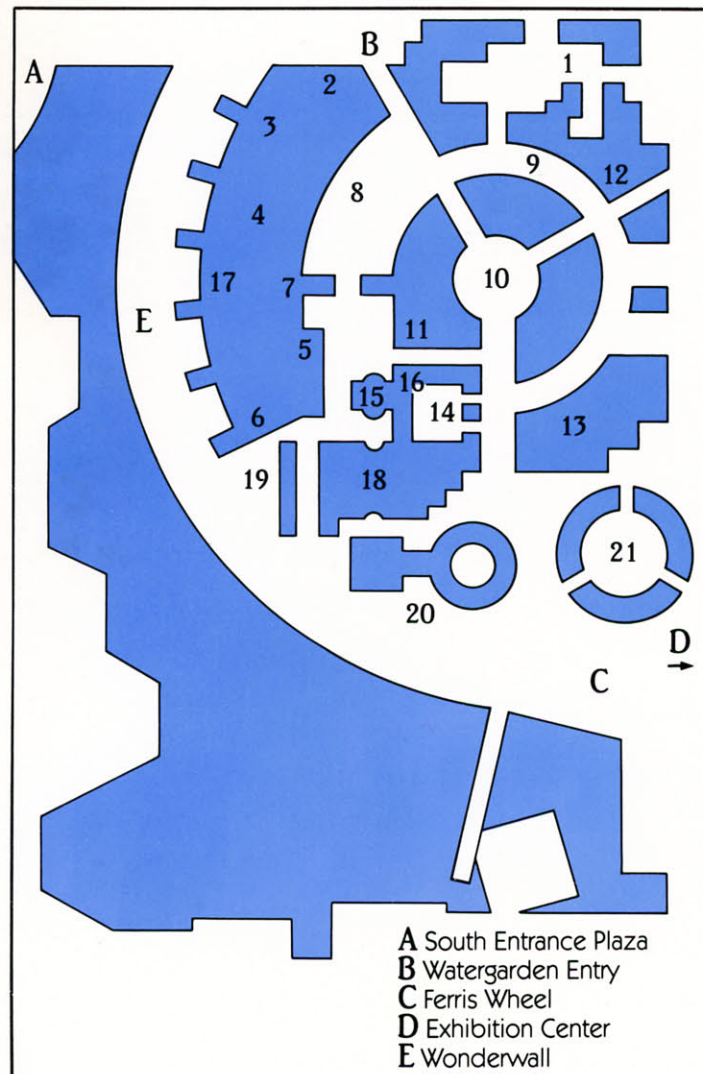
The Watergarden—a joyful celebration of jewel-like droplets sparkling, tingling, misting, spurting, jetting through an atmosphere of fact and fantasy. A wonderland where the recreational uses of fresh water will exist for six months in 1984 from May 12-November 11 for millions of visitors to the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition. It's the ultimate celebration of the theme—The World of Rivers, Fresh Water as a Source of Life.

The site plan of the Watergarden expresses the close integration of the form and configuration of the Exposition's Wonderwall, a major promenade which spans nearly half a mile along one axis of the site. Visitors will enter the 1.5 acre Watergarden from the south entry plaza, the Wonderwall or the pedestrian walkway south of the Louisiana Pavilion.

Once inside, a captivating, stimulating, active array of experiences awaits the visitor's participation. The excitement ranges from games and events, both educational and recreational, for individuals, groups and of course, children, to refreshment and rest areas at the east and west edges of the Watergarden!

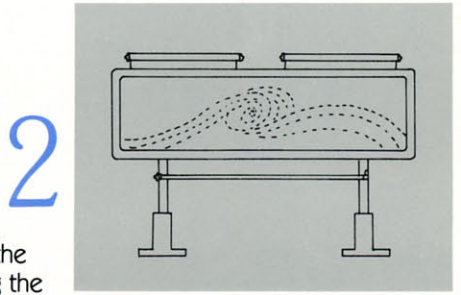
The Watergarden has been programmed so that any one or group of activities can be isolated from the others affording an innovative approach to sponsorship opportunities. Major attractions within its perimeters can be viewed by large numbers of people inside the Watergarden or on the promenade adjacent to the Wonderwall.

The Watergarden offers participants the unique association of sharing in the dazzling excitement planned for the world in 1984.

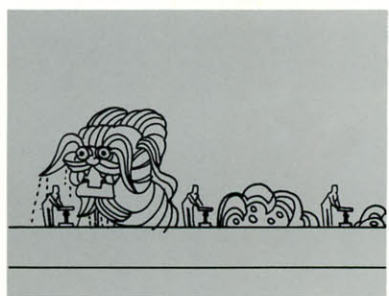


**1** Water's Edge Food Company · Gang-planks lead down to a whimsical, Hollywood-set facade inset with serving windows

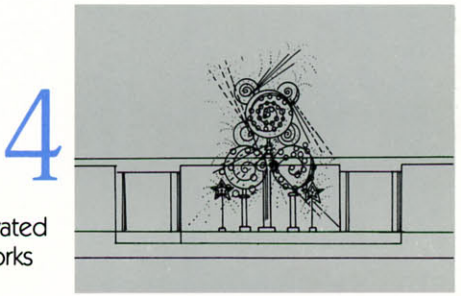
offering a tempting assortment of foods and beverages from individual push-carts concealed behind. Tables and benches provide seating for visitors and secondary paths lead back into the Watergarden.



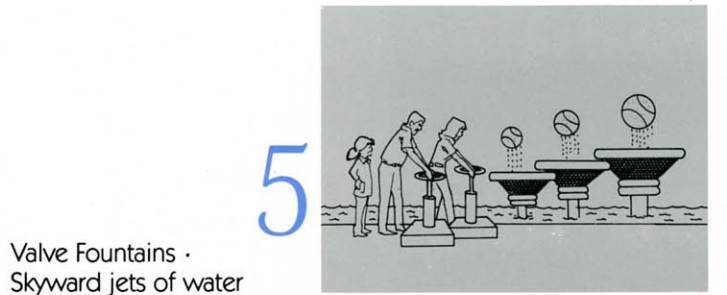
**2** Wave-Generating Billboard · Placed in the south pool and facing the entry plaza, this giant, rocking billboard displays its lighted message beneath a wash of waves which alternately cover and uncover the message.



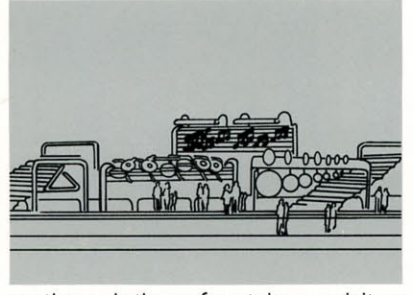
**3** Water Monsters · Submerged in the south pool, mythical beasts and creatures will arise from the water's surface, activated by valves on the shore. Visitors operate the valves which are programmed to pump-up the creatures at random.



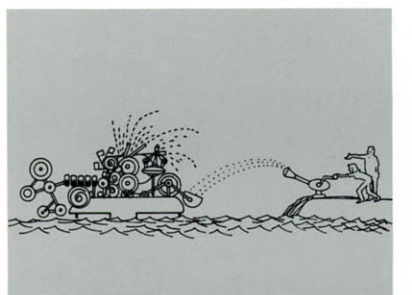
**4** Water Works · Aqua-technics—water activated counterparts to fireworks and pinwheels—will provide a dazzling display for visitors. In the evening, the fountains will be combined with light shows and firework extravaganzas.



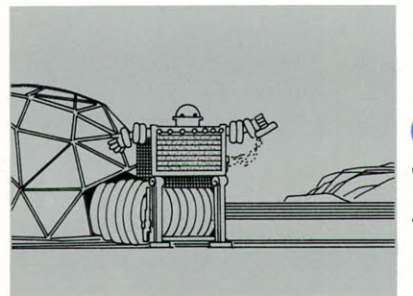
**5** Valve Fountains · Skyward jets of water balancing spinning balls and other water spectaculars are triggered by over-sized valve wheels on the shore. Visitors operate the valves and the fountains' "surprises."



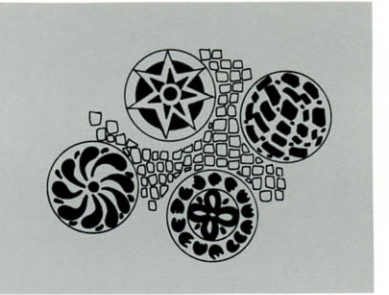
**6** Water Music · An orchestra of sounds—whistles, toots, drum beats, cymbal clashes—bubble up through these fountains as visitors "conduct" on shore. At regular intervals, Handel's Water Music fills the air coming up from the depths of the fountains.



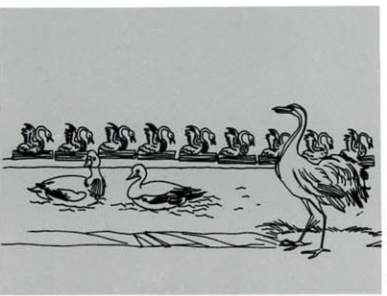
**7** Shooting Gallery · Anyone can play by zeroing in on the water target which triggers a large spinning, pumping, clanging and banging Rube Goldberg-like object.



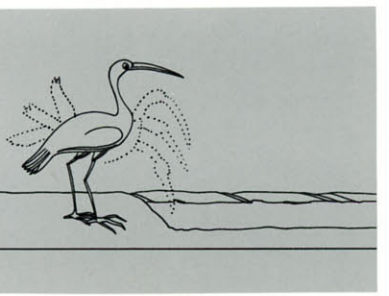
**8** Games Arcade · Step onto this island in the Watergarden and entertaining games both educational and computer-based await the visitor. Choose from a walk through the Water Resource Center of thematic exhibits or a brief rest on benches surrounded by flowers, greenery and trees or enjoy the views of the south pool and aviary nearby.



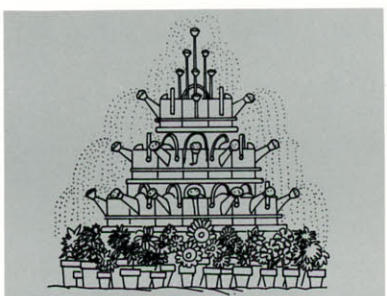
**9** Fifty Drains · An island paved with commemorative manhole covers from each of the fifty states just tempts the visitor to identify the one from home.



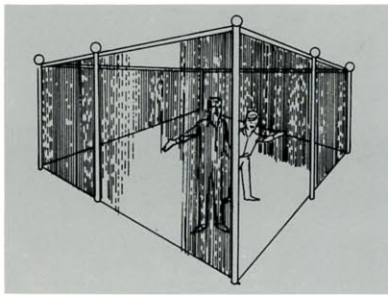
**10** Aviary · The translucent shimmer of a million feathers, colorful petals, lush greenery and sparkling waterfalls lure the visitor into the aviary, the largest structure in the Watergarden. Inside the park-like environment, flora and fauna, water birds, fish and other living creatures co-exist in magnificent display. Visitors will enter the aviary by any one of three paths within the Watergarden.



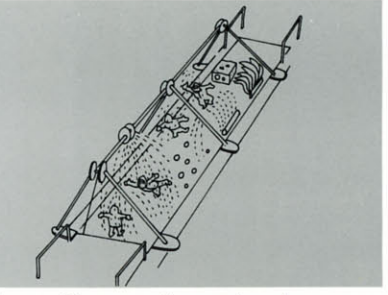
**11** Dippy Birds · A perfect counterpoint to the colorful birds within the aviary are giant versions of the "dippy bird." Majestically rising from the pools adjacent to the aviary, they rhythmically dip their beaks into the water and then straighten up to gaze beyond.



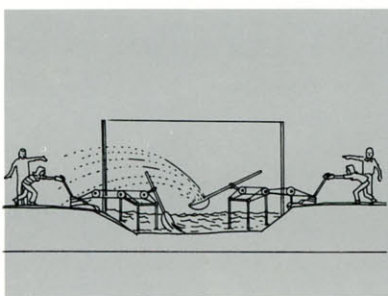
**12** Water Flowers · Unfolding and closing their petals, these fountains move to the rhythm of water jets within their "stems."



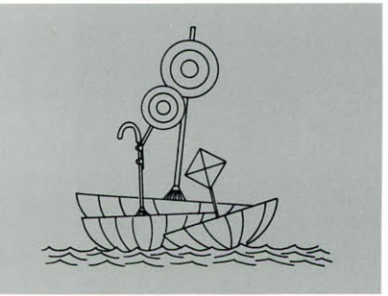
**13** Water-Curtain Maze · A game of skill and chance, the maze is comprised of square sections, each one surrounded by a continuous water curtain. Visitors enter and leave each section through a randomly programmed opening in the curtain. If they anticipate correctly, they leave the maze reasonably dry; if they guess incorrectly, they get wet.



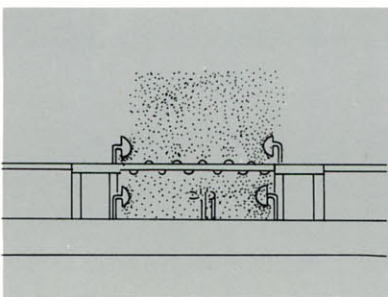
**14** Kid Wash · An exciting replica of a car wash which puts little folks through the same sprays, brushes, rinses and squirts as the family car. On a gentler scale, of course, and equipped with a drying room at the end.



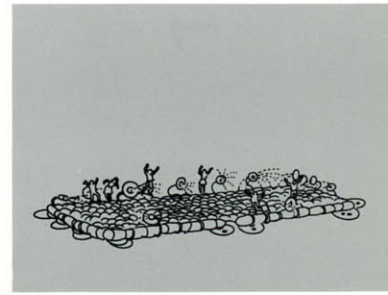
**15** Water Toss · An oversized version of the game kids play in a pool, contestants try to dip up a "spoonful" of water and toss it at one another.



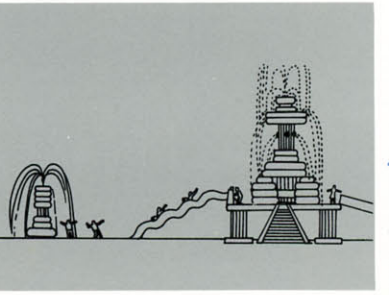
**16** Bumper Shoot · Visitors squirt water nozzles at targets attached to the handles of inverted umbrellas. When the target is doused with water, the umbrella skitters across the pool. Since more than one person shoots at each target, the umbrellas are in constant, frenetic motion.



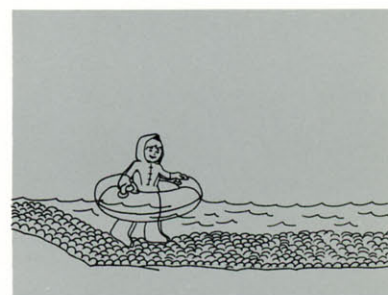
**17** Mist/Light Fountain · This decorative fountain of mist and light is located in the south pool, facing the Wonderwall. At night, the display of colors and vapor twinkles with brilliant light.



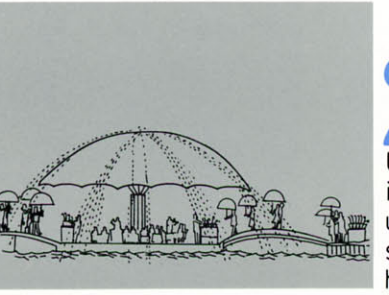
**18** Water Mattress Game · Children bounce on this giant mattress and douse other bouncers from a water nozzle nearby. With each bounce, the little ones learn to coordinate time and movement.



**19** Mobile Fountain · Similar to a space craft maneuvering through space, this fountain scoots around its enclosed pool by the action of water jets in its base.



**20** Run Thru Water · Hip-boots are attached to a floating ring which children pull on the buoyant run through the water course. The bottom of the course is composed of soft, springy balls to heighten the floating sensation.



**21** Umbrella Cafe · An island covered by a large umbrella canopy and surrounded by a pool, houses this major fast-food facility at the east end of the Watergarden. A constant stream of water drips off the edge of the umbrella into the pool below and onto the paths leading up to the Cafe. Visitors going to and from the restaurant must do so under an umbrella—available at the beginning of the paths.





"Water that is pale blue and dark blue, water like liquid gold, treacherous green water reflects the sky and the banks of the pond, and among the reflections, pale water lilies and bright water lilies open and flourish."

Critic Jean Louis Vaudoyer's review of Claude Monet's Giverny paintings.

