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Kuhnlein studies in Bahamas

Jerome Kuhnlein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kuhnlein, 31561 Lamar, Farmington, will be one of 22 Kalamazoo College students who will travel to the Bahamas to participate in the field study portion of a marine biology class.

Kuhnlein is a member of the class of 1980.

Healthy soda

If your youngsters diets lack the proper nutrients because they don't drink enough fruit juice, you can mix them some "soft drinks" of club soda and apple or orange juice.

The palace guard?

Businessman blasts Hill officials

It's about time Farmington Hills officials were taken to task, says businessman Don Payne.

In a telephone interview, Payne said the city's building department hassled him in attempts to open his restaurant one year ago. He is the owner of The Baggy Works, located on Orchard Lake Road and Thirteen Mile.

"In terms of attitude, all I can relate to is the Nixon administration—they're king and you have to bow down," he says.

While he says fear of retaliation prevents some business owners from complaining, he's convinced the business community has to start making waves.

"I'm tired of getting pushed around," he says. "If you feel you're legally right, you don't let them shove you around."

PAYNE is fighting one case with the city in court. He licensed with the state a covered wagon in his parking lot to advertise his business.

"There's nothing that covers a licensed vehicle, but they say it has to go," he explains. Other encounters with inspectors have been even less pleasant, he says.

He was told he had to sweep the parking lot every day and get the grass out of cracks in the pavement by one inspector.

"That's just ridiculous. I've put \$7,000 worth of landscaping in somebody else's parking lot already," he says. Payne leases the building.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Chamber of Commerce representatives referred to Payne while regarding the council with complaints about the city's public services departments.

One such complaint centered on

Payne's plan to put up barnwood in the restaurant. He was told by building inspectors that the barnwood wasn't fireproof. Payne suggested sending the barnwood to a laboratory for testing, which confirmed that the wood could conform to the code.

"I think the job has gone to some persons' heads," he says.

RALPH MAGID, director of public services, wonders why the complaints haven't come to him before this.

"We're all professionals in this business and we feel very strongly about being fair to the public," Magid responded.

"I have to know about the problems in order to iron them out." But he doesn't believe the city should relax its standards, either.

The city's standards are based on national codes, state highway and county standards, and "the trend of good engineering standards practiced in older cities," Magid says.

He also believes the city might be the fall guy for the slow response time of other agencies.

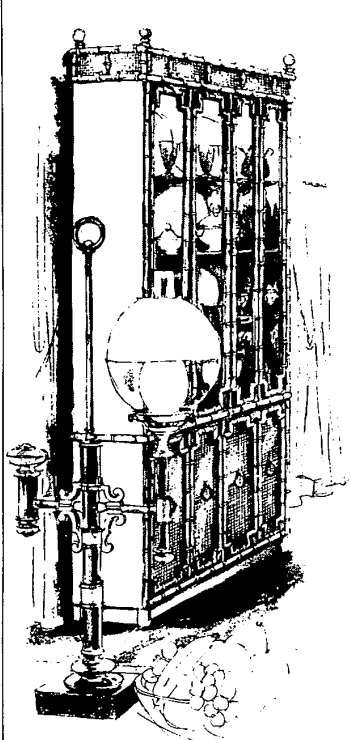
A developer's plans must be approved by various other agencies, which might include Oakland County, the state highway department, the Department of Natural Resources, and state health inspectors, Magid says.

"You're relying on a lot of people to get those permits back."

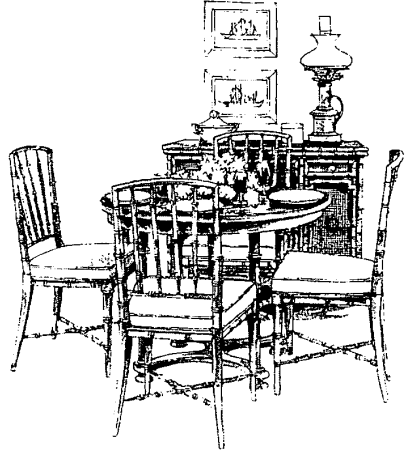
The business community, as well as developers, should bring problems to the staff, Magid asserts.

"I hope they know I'm the kind of person who doesn't go around with blinders on. I'm ready to listen to complaints. That's what I'm here for."

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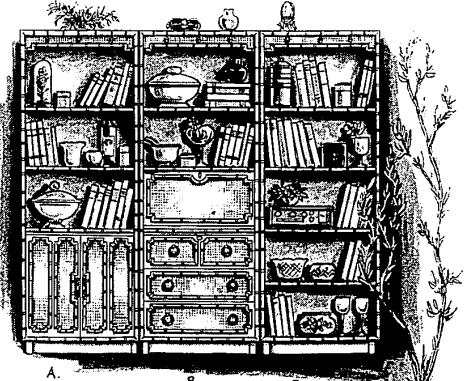
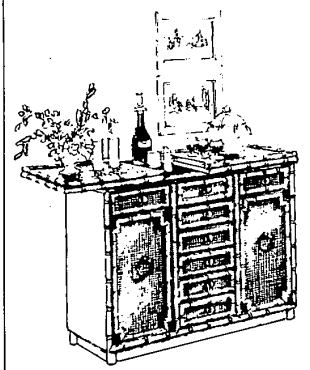
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