

Room for Design

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Design centers preview best of things to come

While recently in New York City, I went to the design centers to focus in on what was being shown in the showrooms there. A summary of my observations is to follow. A combination of notes from the Chicago Furniture Mar-

ket and all I viewed in "the big apple" left me with the feeling that subtle changes are rapid and welcome. Many are breathtaking! If you are living with wall to wall emptiness, you are to be envied. How exciting to be able to start fresh today. Are you ready for this? Here goes.

"Does the name 'HALSTON' ring familiar bells? It should. Halston, the man who dresses the stars and other famous celebrities, (remember the famous "pillbox" hat) has a new collection of carpet designs for Karastan and they are clear out of this world.

In addition to entering the home fashion field with a collection of bed and bath fashions for Fieldcrest, he has approached the carpet world with a collection that includes one with the Halston "H" pattern, subtly executed in a gradation of tones in the thick plush pile. A casual observer would probably not detect the letters, but they're there! See it.

"Sheet Vinyl Designs are new at GAF. They have come up with a delightful new design specifically for baby's room, namely "Small World."

It is a lovely interpretation of the race between the tortoise and the hare, and gambling cats and dogs, all simulating stuffed toys. A sunny patchwork quilt motif is in the center of each lively chase scene. The colors are traditional pinks and blues combined with maize and mint against a white background. The naturally shiny wear surface is easy-to-clean.

Spills wipe up easily from the easy care surface. Really nice, really inexpensive.

"Color? No change, just more of the same, the naturals—gray, bone, camel, greige, all quiet looking and textured. Patterns in one color, elegant yet informal.

"AT LAST, NEW furniture scaled down for efficient use of space. A welcome surprise because of the swing back to apartments and condominiums where space becomes the lack, and furniture is usually oversized.

Burlington House has introduced a collection that is distinctive, modular, and still traditional in design. The collection is in pecan, solid or veneer and has a hand-rubbed finish. Chests, cabinets, highboys, dressers, headboards and night stands are included in the collection. Their new dining room collection, "Towers," is available with detailing in Italian, French or Chinese motifs—all very attractive.

"Bamboo anyone? Bamboo and rattan are solid favorites this year. It is a classic design form that has been drawn from nature. Natural forms are growing important in furniture design and it seems that ALL NATURALS dominate the home furnishings palette. See the rattan and bamboo pieces featured in your store very soon.

DiChiera directs expansion of Michigan Opera Theatre

Dr. David DiChiera recently announced his intention to expand Michigan Opera Theatre, MOT, both in Detroit and through the state.

DiChiera is both founder and general director of MOT as well as founding director and artistic director of Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. Due to his increased responsibilities in the MOT expansion, DiChiera will function only in an advisory capacity to the Center and relinquish his administrative participation.

DiChiera was recently elected vice-president of OPERA America, Inc. and chairs its auditions committee.

Included in the plans for MOT's expansion are a fifth production to be added to the current four-subscription productions.

Next December there will be 10 non-subscription performances of Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors." There will also be an annual summer Festival of Opera which is intended to establish Michigan as a site of major summer opera in the Midwest.

There are also plans for the expansion of the current eight-week Opera in Residence touring-educational program into a 40-week resident company which would employ artists for a

full season and a musical theater series co-sponsored by Michigan Opera Theatre and two other opera companies.

This longer Opera in Residence would offer apprentice experience to selected young talent as well as hold the potential for opera education programs in metropolitan area schools, factories, shopping centers and other community centers.

MOT board chairman Lynn A. Townsend said, "MOT's planned expansion is warranted by the stunning critical and popular success the com-

pany has enjoyed both in Detroit and on tour throughout Michigan."

Townsend continued, "MOT is recognized nationally as one of the country's most innovative professional opera companies."

In recognizing DiChiera for his vision and guidance for Music Hall Center, Ruth Glancy, chairman of the Center board, said, "MOT's planned expansion is especially exciting for Music Hall since the opera was a major catalyst for the Center's evolution and is a cornerstone of our endeavors."

Hoelt called back by Detroit Tigers

Rev. Robert Hoelt, formerly known as Bobby Hoelt when he played with the Detroit Tigers and Chicago White Sox, has been selected by Watson Spoelstra, co-ordinator of Major League Baseball Chapel, to conduct worship services in Tiger Stadium Aug. 28.

Rev. Hoelt is now serving as pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. At 11:30 a.m. he will lead the visiting California Angels in meditation, and at 12:30 he will meet with the Tigers for their chapel service.

When he was Bobby Hoelt, he was chosen, in 1947, as Detroit's first high school All-American in baseball. After playing in the All-American game, in Yankee Stadium in New York City, he was signed to a Detroit Tiger contract.

After several years of professional baseball, and four years in the U.S. Navy, he was called into the ministry.

As pastor of the 1,600 members Lutheran Congregation in Farmington Hills, he says he "feels like he's



PASTOR ROBERT HOELT

really in the major leagues, preaching God's Word, on the most victorious team in the world's history."

To buy or lease?

Trying to decide whether to buy a new car or lease one? Add up the purchase price, taxes, finance charges, insurance and repair costs expected during the period you would own the car. Then subtract the probable cash value at the end of that period. Divide what's left by the number of months you would keep the car and compare with monthly charges for leasing.

Producers of the 2nd Annual Pontiac Kool Jazz Festival, to held Saturday, Aug. 13, have announced that Theodore Pendergrass has been added to the artist's lineup.

Pendergrass, whose current record hit is "Don't Love You Any More," will appear at the Astrodome with his full show, including his 18-member aggregation.

More than 70 of the nation's top jazz and soul artists, representing some 31 million records sold, will appear on the Kool Jazz Festival. The concert will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and should let out shortly after midnight.

All performers will bring along their own self-contained groups to the festival. For example, The Temptations will be backed by 21 musicians.

Kool Jazz adds star



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Crime victims fund expands

Persons injured in actions of domestic violence may soon be provided with compensation, if a bill introduced into the state house passes.

The Crime Victims Compensation Fund was established last year and will provide financial compensation to innocent victims of crime in Michigan when it takes effect later this year.

The fund is scheduled to go into operation in October, but under the law approved last year, those injured in domestic violence are not eligible for reimbursement, according to the bill's sponsor, state Sen. Patrick McCollough (D-Western Wayne County).

"After studying the

statute, it is clear that our original fears of fraudulent claims being filed by related persons are unjustified," McCollough said.

"Not only will this amendment expand the number of victims the compensation fund may assist, but it will give more discretionary power to the board in determining who will be compensated."

The Crime Victims Fund has a review board with authority to award up to \$15,000 to a person who suffers a physical injury as a direct result of a crime. The award cannot be made unless the claimant has incurred an out-of-pocket loss of at least two week's earnings or support.

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