

## Room for Design

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### It looks like wood— what is it really?

When you are shopping for case goods, be it bedroom furniture, dining room cabinets or any type of table, you may become perplexed by the choices available. Because you are able to see the inside as well as the outside of a wood furniture piece doesn't mean it is any easier to make the right choice, or know that you are getting good quality for your money.

It may all look like wood—and it may all be wood, more or less. Some furniture is still "solid," meaning panels are made from single pieces of wood. Some case goods are wood veneer laminated to a core wood, and some are plastic combined with wood or with machine-etched grain.

Seeing is not believing in the matter of case goods, and prices aren't going to help much either—they're all over the ball park.

Because a sheet of table may be of a synthetic dye, not meant to be used, and in quality from a wood piece. The best way to select is to find what you need or like in a price range that is comfortable and then give it the strongest force of attraction.

**EXAMINE** that the joints are tight fitting. Some are put together with chisel joints. Test all drawers. Good quality furniture will have center-to-edge slides for easy operation. In drawer fronts should be flush with the surface of the furniture. There should be dust panels between drawers to help keep drawer contents clean.

If there are doors on a piece of case goods, open and close them eight or ten times if they have a tendency to hang open. The top and bottom edges of doors should be in reasonable alignment. If you are shopping for a chair, check to see if it is sturdy. Sit on them, wiggle around for them to make sure they do not give way under your weight.

The finish could be the beginning of a whole new piece of furniture. Even the surfaces may be finished with a substance which is applied to the furniture to protect it from stains and scratches. When you run your fingers across the surface, it should feel smooth, hard and be without bubbles or flaws.



### Pender-Trombley

Sherryn Lyn Trombley and Randall Lawrence Pender were married Oct. 23 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Neil W. Trombley of West Bloomfield, formerly of Farmington, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Pender of Northville.

The bride wore an ivory chiffon gown with rhinestones and pearls at the bodice and on the cap. The couple were graduated from Central Michigan University where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. She is a graduate of North Farmington Senior High School and her husband is a graduate of Farmington Senior High School.

The couple is living in Brighton.

The applied finishes can vary from lacquer and paint to varnish, oil and even plastic. The more labor that has gone into a finish, the higher the price, as with staining, bleaching or distressing.

There are also vinyl surfaces that are built right into the furniture, such as laminated paper with melamine plastic. This is tops for wear and durability. Some of these finishes can be repaired when necessary, while others cannot should anything catastrophic happen to it.

**ASK** to see the back of the piece of furniture you are considering. In inexpensive pieces, the back may be flush with the sides, and simply tacked in place with a tack and a promise. In high-quality merchandise, the backs and undersides are sanded and color stained, and sometimes finished as nicely as the front.

You want to be certain the legs are sturdy, and the knobs or drawer handles are tight. If the construction looks like a sloppy job, it will not give you the service and wearability you are entitled to. It is your responsibility to test, question and examine until you are satisfied with what your money is buying.

**DEAR GLORIA:** My carpet is medium apricot, sofa is apricot and beige. Can you suggest a color for the walls and draperies? He and what other accent color may I use?

**ANSWER:** What a lovely color to work with! Paint for papered large walls in soft apricot, other walls in very light beige. Draperies should be heavy, sheer, honey color. If overdrapes is used, it should be color matched apricot. Accent with a third chair in cocoa brown and throw pillows of beige, apricot and brown on sofa. Use brown in other accoutrements to add richness and ring.

Got a question for Gloria? Send it to: Gloria Cohen, Room for Design, at The Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Towers, Birmingham 45402.

### March of Dimes plans Feb. 12 ball

Saturday, Feb. 12 is the date set for the March of Dimes Sweetheart Ball, a benefit of the Metropolitan Detroit March of Dimes.

Members of the Sweetheart Ball Committee have disclosed that two men have been chosen for "Humanitarian of the Year Awards" at the event.

According to Mrs. Frank Morris, chairman of the 15th annual Sweetheart Ball, the recipients will be Monsignore Clements Kern, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, and Thomas A. Murphy, chairman of the board of directors of the General Motors Corp.

Television personality Vic Caputo will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening. Tickets for the Sweetheart Ball are \$40 per person and include a cocktail hour, dinner with wine, entertainment, dancing to Eddie Santora's orchestra and door prizes.

Tickets may be obtained through committee members or through the March of Dimes office, 20100 Greenfield, Detroit or by calling 864-6600.

### Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carty

Diane Anna Satterlin and Kenneth William Carty were married Oct. 23 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Satterlin of Farmington Hills, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carty of Port Huron formerly of Farmington Hills.

Diane, a graduate of Lansing, served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Lisa Satterlin, a sister of the bride, Amy McCutchen, a friend of the bride, Glenn May and Carolyn Wheeler. The bride and her attendants wore all-cream, and were designed and made by the bride and her mother.

James Young of Oxford was best man. He served with governorship Jeffrey Carty and Robert Carty, both brothers of the groom, and John Satterlin, a brother of the bride. Doreen May, Terry Satterlin and Kevin Satterlin served as ushers. The couple received guests at a buffet dinner immediately after the ceremony in Farmington Manor, Temple.

The newlyweds will make their home in Port Huron where the groom is employed with Kerr-Albert Office Supply and the bride by St. Clair County Community College.



### Fletcher-Alder

Mr. and Mrs. Alan H. Fletcher of 2143 Lyncastle, Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter Pamela Jo to Mark Frederick Alder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Alder of Dover, Mass. The bride-elect is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where she majored in fine arts. Her fiancé, also a graduate of Miami University, is a life insurance agent with New England Life in Cleveland. The couple plan to be wed March 28 in Nardin Park Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

### Movies to roll at Schoolcraft

Excerpts of four movies of particular interest to women have been scheduled for January and February by the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College.

June Fonda will be featured in the first film, "A Woman's House," to be shown from 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 in room B20 of the liberal arts building.

The other films will be shown at the same hour in the same location, and all are free.

On Thursday, Jan. 29 Hope Lange will star in an excerpt of "I Love You, Goodbye," as a woman begins to search for greater growth. The film discusses how this affects her marriage and family life.

The question of whether to have children is the theme of "A Brand New Life," in which Gena Lee Noyes plays a 43-year-old career woman who must confront perhaps the most modern of dilemmas in being a woman. This film will be presented Thursday, Jan. 27.

On Feb. 1, in "To Me Where It Hurts," Margaret Stephens will dramatize the life of a woman who is challenged to live on motherhood and women and their families.

### Who's Who lists 2 from Farmington

Two Farmington residents who are students at Schoolcraft College have been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" for 1974-77. They are Diane Gale of Farmington Hills and Karen Wolf of Farmington.

The campus nominating committee makes its selections on the basis of scholarship, leadership and cooperation in educational and extracurricular activities and general citizenship.

### Pendergrass makes cheerleading squad

Matt Pendergrass, a senior in biology at Western Michigan University has been selected as a member of the school's varsity cheerleading squad. All members of the squad are full-time undergraduate students who are selected at tryouts.

Pendergrass lives at 2333 Kendallwood Drive in Farmington Hills.

New uniforms for both the football and basketball seasons, a mini trampoline and new gymnastic stunts have all been added for the squad this year.

## J. Payne directs 'Night Must Fall'

June Payne, who has been active in theater most of her life, is now in the throes of directing "Night Must Fall," the English mystery drama coming to the Farmington Players' Barn in January.

The Farmington Players winter production will open Jan. 21 and run for three weekends in the barn on Twelve Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads.

Players will remember Ms. Payne as Martha in the Players' production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and Mrg in "Damn Yankees."

She was assistant director for the Players' production of "Star Spangled Girl" and directed one part of "Plaza Suite" for the group. She also served as president for the Farmington Players.

Her assistants for "Night Must Fall" are Ellen Dietrich and Dorothy Hill.

The drama was written by Emlyn Williams in three acts and was first presented in London's Durbess Theatre in 1933 when the lead male character was played by the author.

**THIS TIME AROUND**, leads are taken by Stu Orman, Steve Symant and Ellie Jorgensen.

Others in the cast are Sheda Grant, Rick Thayer, Karen Oliver, Kathleen Minicello, Tea Schaefer and Bob Thomas.

Ms. Payne's theatrical background includes children's theater, television and drama, writing musical reviews and work-



JUNE PAYNE

with Sweet Adeline barbershop groups. In addition to her work with the Players she has also been affiliated with Wild-Way Theatre.

Tickets for "Night Must Fall" are now available through the Players box office telephone 477-1066.

Play dates are Jan. 21 and Feb. 4 and drama, writing musical reviews and work-

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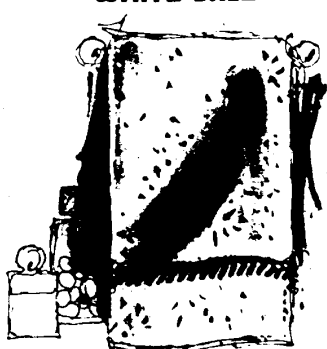


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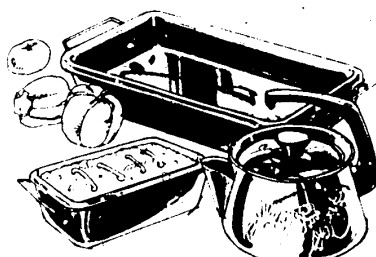
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### Turton wins scholarship

Dale Turton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Turton, 2000 Ridgeway, Farmington, has won a scholarship awarded by the Paper Technology Foundation. He is a junior at Western Michigan University.

Turton was one of 28 WMU paper science and engineering students who took scholarships from the foundation this year.



### SALE

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