

Science fiction atmosphere purveys suburban highrise

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of precautions are taken before the plants are even put in the ground. Nancy Nasset, co-owner of Garden Milieu of Ann Arbor, the firm that designed the Prudential garden and maintains both the Prudential and Bendix gardens, said plants have to be acclimated to Michigan inside a warehouse after they're shipped up north in air-conditioned vans.

"In Florida, these plants are growing outdoors under sunlight that is between 15,000 to 20,000 foot candles of light," Mrs. Nasset said. "The average office has 100 to 200 footcandles of light."

To acclimate the plants, she said, they are put in a giant, warehouse where they go through shock, defoliate by at least one-third, and then adjust to the lower light levels of Michigan office buildings.

"The plant goes through an amazing adaptive stage," said Mrs. Nasset. "I only wish people could get acclimated that quickly. After just eight weeks in the warehouse we end up with thinner, more efficient trees."

SUNLIGHT ALONE is not enough to keep the plants alive, she explains. While a glass wall lines the garden, it faces northwest and the reflective, gold glass only lets in 10 per cent of the sunlight.

Twelve 12,000 watt high-intensity multi-vapor lamps are mounted on the ceiling and burn 12 hours a day, usually at night, because they are blindingly bright.

There are between 6,000 and 7,000 different shrubs, trees ivy and ferns in the Prudential garden. Towering over everything is an abundance of Benja-

min Fig trees that reach heights of 20 feet.

Plant-lovers can find peace lilies, Japanese aralia shrubs, hibiscus, dragon lilies, mock orange shrubs, philodendron, croton and Boston Ferns along the garden paths.

All of the plants are growing in pots sunk in soil.

Rick Stone of Plymouth, crew leader of the plant maintenance squad, said some animals inhabit the forest from time to time.

"Rats and mice do get in," said Stone.

"One time we found a dead gerbil in the garden," adds Gail Siegel, another member of the horticulture brigade. "I think someone from the office left him here to fend for himself in the wild and he died of rat poison."

But, unlike the Renaissance Center atrium, the Prudential garden isn't inhabited by indoor birds.

VANDALISM AND plant pilferage hasn't been a problem, said the maintenance crew. The only damage they can recall is when the adjacent movie theater was showing "King Kong" and a few kids decided to reenact the destruction.

The only complaint the crew has is with theater patrons tossing cigarettes and candy into the garden. The cigarettes hurt the plants and the candy attracts bugs.

Crew leader Stone said that although he has a degree in horticulture, the company almost prefers to hire people with no knowledge of plant care.

"People who've gone to school in horticulture tend to try and save the plants when they're looking bad," Stone said. "The idea in a garden like this is to have the plants looking good."

Stone sees nothing wrong with reproducing a bit of the tropics inside a Southfield insurance company complex.

Prudential executive Robert Reisdorf, chief construction engineer, said he could understand the "tree museum" criticism if it were a garden of plastic trees.

While it's true that the lawn outside is almost devoid of trees, Reisdorf said landscaping is part of "an evolving process" of construction at Prudential and the company doesn't want to plant trees in areas where buildings are planned.

Center's series begins

The Farmington Community Center continues its Art for Young People series on Saturdays beginning Feb. 3. The eight sessions are \$26 with all materials included.

Art Exploration 1 for children ages five-seven will be conducted from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Children will create interesting projects as they explore drawing, painting, sculpture and puppetry.

Reservations are being accepted at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. For further information, call 477-8404.



Associate named

Armen Garbooshian of Farmington Hills has been named an associate of Charles Terrence McCafferty and Associates, architects and community planners of Detroit. A registered architect and graduate of Lawrence Institute of Technology, he will be responsible for all technical coordination of a 10-person staff, as well as working directly with clients on development and project execution.

'Divorce Overview' session set Feb. 8

The Support Group for Divorced Women, sponsored by YWCA of Western Wayne County and Women's Justice Center, invite other women to join them at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, for "A Divorce Overview."

The group meets every other Thursday evening in Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. It acts as a support system for any woman who is separated, is in the process of divorce, or who has been recently divorced.

Membership is by a \$6 YWCA membership fee.

Elizabeth Deluca, a Southfield attorney, will lead "Divorce Overview" giving basic information about the legal aspects of separation and divorce. Individual questions and concerns will be answered.

REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of the

Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington of Farmington Hills in the state of Michigan, at the close of business on

December 31, 1978 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United

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Charter number 15049 National Bank Region Number 7.

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

Cash and due from depository institutions	2,835
U.S. Treasury securities	4,011
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	233
Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States	3,426
All other securities	None
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	600
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	16,510
Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	163
Loans, Net	16,347
Lease financing receivables	None
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	777
Real estate owned other than bank premises	None
All other assets	256
TOTAL ASSETS	28,475
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	8,477
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	15,751
Deposits of United States Government	112
Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States	1,288
All other deposits	None
Certified and officers' checks	504
Total Deposits	26,132
Total demand deposits	9,475
Total time and savings deposits	16,657
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	None
Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money	None
Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases	None
All other liabilities	201
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	26,333
Subordinated notes and debentures	500
Preferred stock	None
Common stock	52,168
No. shares authorized	52,168
No. shares outstanding	52,168
Surplus	522
Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	246
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	874
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	1,642
	28,475

Amounts outstanding as of report date:

Standby letters of credit, total	None
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more	1,845
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more	-0-
Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:	
Total deposits	25,637

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Name
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Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edmond O. Dodson
Signature
1-31-79
Date

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Thomas A. Duke, Jr.
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Free clinic

Oakland County Health Division will offer a free immunization clinic in Walled Lake at the Southwestern Oakland Vocational Center, medical classrooms, 1000 Beck Rd., on Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough are available.

A parent or guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age and bring any previous records of immunizations.



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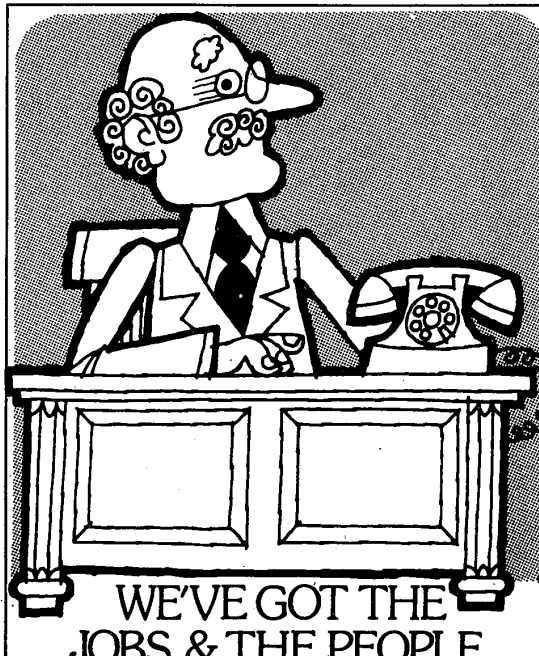
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