

Bed buy

Old barn transformed into new business

By Judith Berne staff writer

He wanted an art gallery. He got waterbeds.
But Stan Finsilver is still pleased with his renovation of a vintage apple storage barn located on Northwestern between 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in West Bloomfield.
"We tried to keep the pure image of the building." Finsilver said, of the 125,000 remodeling job on the reported 100-year-old barn. "It was such an expessore," he added.
The barn, which comment housed a soft water service, sports a new cear exterior. The location was a soft water service, sports a new cear exterior. The floating has been secured to carry added weight and a new heating and cooling system was installed. It has been leased by Waterbed Gallery, "It's a mixed bag," says West Bloom-"It's a mixed bag," says West Bloom-

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"It's a mixed bag," says West Bloom-field Planning Director Frank Rey-nolds, commenting on the renovated barn.

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sistently maintained UJC, a non-profit group which financed the Jewish Cen-ter as well as the proposed home for the elderly, had never been approached

"It's obviously a pleasant looking structure. The unfortunate part is it's a legal non-conforming use within the road right-of-way. I was disappointed we couldn't get it pushed back. It's the first thing you see as you come into West Bloomfield."

But Finsilver of West Bloomfield, and partners Doug Feuring of Birmingham and Robert Schmier, a former West Bloomfield resident, liked that visibility.

And they are continuing to operate

The renovated barn has a new roof, cedar shingles and double-



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Compromise reached in housing dispute measure up to anything that is expected of them as we go along," Doherty told the board Monday. At the same time, he maintained "one is not tied to the other." Directly after the unanimous votes for approval, UUC attorney Mark Schlussel handed Doherty an envelope promising to pay \$19,000 "representing the UUC contribution to the paying of Drake Road. UUC shall remit payment directly to the township," Schlussel wrote. for the aged), but they should partici-pate if they use the road," Trustee Ray Holland said, at the November session.

A proposed \$3.95-million Residence for Jewish Elderly was given the goahead by the West Bloomfield Township Board Monday night after the sponsoring United Jewish Charities committed to reimburse the township for last spring's paving of Drake Road. That commitment was relayed to the board by Township Supervisor John Doberty.

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scape approvals were held up Nov. 16
when trustees claimed UJC refused to
take part in the road paving, which was
financed by developers along Drake
Road plus 19/900 paid by the township
with public money.
The residence for elderly along with
an apartment complex for Jewish senior citizens are slated for Maple Road,
west of Drake, adjacent to the Jewish
Community Center.

board by Township Supervisor John
Doherty.

"WHILE WE didn't enter into any
binding agreement, I'm sure they'll

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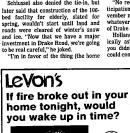












wrote.
Schlussel also denied the tie-in, but



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