

# condo queries

## Robert M. Meisner

**Q.** I am on a steering committee and we are trying to pick an attorney to help us prepare for the turnover. We have talked to three attorneys who have quoted hourly rates ranging from \$75 to \$165 per hour. I thought all attorneys were the same. Can you give us some insight into what we should consider when evaluating an attorney?

**A.** As I'm sure you can appreciate, attorneys provide a service as opposed to a product. You must look at the individual attorney you are going to retain in order to evaluate whether he or she is best suited to serve your needs.

Criteria that ought to be considered are the length of time the attorney has specialized in the condominium area; whether he or she is recognized in the condominium community as an expert; whether he or she has written articles, lectured and otherwise contributed to the development of condominium law in the state; his or her academic background; whether his or her office is

# Landmark tour offered

"Have a landmark experience." That is what visitors to the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane will be able to accomplish during holiday tours at Michigan's only National Historic Landmark home open to the public. Tours continue through Saturday, Jan. 2, 1988. The 90-minute tours will be offered from 1-4:30 p.m. daily (except New Year's Day).

These post-Christmas tours are the only occasions each year when visitors can see Henry Ford's kitchen, designed in the 1920s by Albert Kahn. Included is the butler's pantry which remains in its original condition.

Tours begin in the Powerhouse Visitor Center, and include demonstrations of that seven-story hydroelectric power plant. Tour prices are \$5 for the general public and \$4 for seniors, students and children.

Further information is available by calling the estate at 593-5590.

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# briefly speaking

- NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Nature photography by Novl artist Robert Fritz will be on display at Carl Sandburg and Alfred Noble Libraries in Livonia during the month of January. All of the photography will be in color.
- MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS**  
The Marygrove College Music Department will hold a series of auditions for three music scholarships leading to a music degree beginning in the 1988 academic year. Selected students in voice, organ, piano, or guitar will be awarded either one \$1,000 scholarship renewable over a four-year period, or one of two \$500 scholarships, also renewable over four years. Auditions will be held in the Liberal Arts Building on campus, 8425 W. McNichols at Wyoming in February, March and May (dates to be announced). Applications should be submitted at least two weeks before the desired audition date. For more information, call Sue Vanderbeck, 862-8000, Ext. 316 or Elaine Grover, at Ext. 354.
- KERTESZ PHOTOGRAPHS**  
"Kertesz's Paris: City of Light and Shadow," an exhibition of 40 photographs by Hungarian-born photographer Andre Kertesz will be presented in Eastern Michigan University's

- CALLIGRAPHIC REFLECTIONS**  
The annual juried exhibit of the Michigan Association of Calligraphers will be held Jan. 8-30 in the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association gallery, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. An opening reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. For more information, call 644-0866.
- ASIAN ART**  
"Asian Art" will be offered at Madonna College in Livonia from 4-7 p.m. Thursdays Jan. 7 through April 21. The course will provide an understanding of the arts of Asia. For more information, call 591-5188.
- U-M CHAMBER CONCERT**  
The Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra will be joined by guest soloists pianist Robert Conway and soprano Glenda Kirland in performances of Gershwin, Copland and Perle at 8 p.m. Saturday in Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater. Conway will perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and Perle's "Serenade No. 3" and soprano Kirland will be featured in selections from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess." Tickets are \$18, \$123 and \$8 with

- MADONNA EXHIBIT**  
A fine art and commercial art exhibit by G. Panyard will be on display at Madonna College, Livonia through Monday, Jan. 18 in the Exhibit Gallery in the library wing. The event is open to the public free of charge. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 591-7548.
- YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION**  
Auditions will be held at Madonna College, Livonia on Jan. 16-17 for the 1988 Young Artist Competition sponsored by Oakway Symphony. Competition includes all instrumental, piano and vocal students. To compete, instrumental and piano students must not have reached the age of 25 years before Feb. 28, 1988; with vocal students, they must not have reached the age of 30 before the same date. To obtain rules of competition and application forms, write to Oakway Symphony, 18549 Levan Road, Livonia 48152 or call 471-7049. Application deadline is Dec. 31.

## Merrill Lynch Realty

### Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

Contemporary FARMINGTON HILLS home is Super sharp with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, family room with large fireplace, den with parquet floors, full basement, 1st floor laundry and 2 car garage. The stained woodwork, neutral decor, professional landscaping and double door entry into ceramic floor enhance this lovely home. \$214,900 \$28-9100

New FARMINGTON HILLS Contemporary features spectacular great room with expansive cathedral ceilings and dining area, two level flooring deck, library, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living room and 1st floor laundry. This gorgeous home is located in Country Oaks and backs to wooded setting. \$208,900 \$28-9100

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Beautiful 6 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial situated on wooded lot in FARMINGTON offers all the comforts of home! Unique floor plan with 1st floor suite and library/study. Schools and shopping are within walking distance. \$122,000 \$28-9100

Something WEST BLOOMFIELD Ranch features formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2 redecorated baths, fireplace, formal and stainless steel kitchen, porch, patio and central air. Trac lighting, premium wallpaper, linoleum and verticals enhance this gorgeous Franklin Knolls home. \$115,000 \$28-9100

OPEN SUNDAY 1-5, 21745 Fairway, N. of 8 Mile, E. of Telegraph. Perfect starter home in SOUTHFIELD offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, family room, living room, dining room, ceramic floor, central air, patio and fireplace. Newly decorated with many updates plus corner lot! \$47,500 \$28-9100

LOVELY SPACIOUS RANCH in desirable Birmingham area. Located on over an acre of very private land. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal rooms, family room, kitchen with breakfast nook and 1st floor laundry! \$158,000 \$28-9100

Sharp WEST BLOOMFIELD Condo. Desirable end unit offers captivating view of pond, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Great room, neutral decor, fireplace, central air, and deck. Tennis courts, clubhouse, and pool privileges included. Must see this unit to appreciate the view! \$124,900 \$28-9100

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4, 6718 E. Dearborn, N. of 14 Mile, E. of Middlebelt. Ranch on large lot offers 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room, family room, dining room, neutral fireplace and 1st floor laundry. Many updates! \$112,000 \$28-9100

Magnificent BLOOMFIELD HILLS Quad-level features 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, neutral decor, hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms in 3 baths. New carpeting, paint, window treatments, wallpaper, roof and furnace are among the many updates. Prime location for a top quality home. \$279,000 \$48-9000

Attractive Two Story Colonial in WEST BLOOMFIELD offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, family room, living room and breakfast nook. Neutral decor, fireplace and 1st floor laundry are additional pluses. Move-in condition. \$148,900 \$48-9000

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