

# Creative Living

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## January holds furniture values

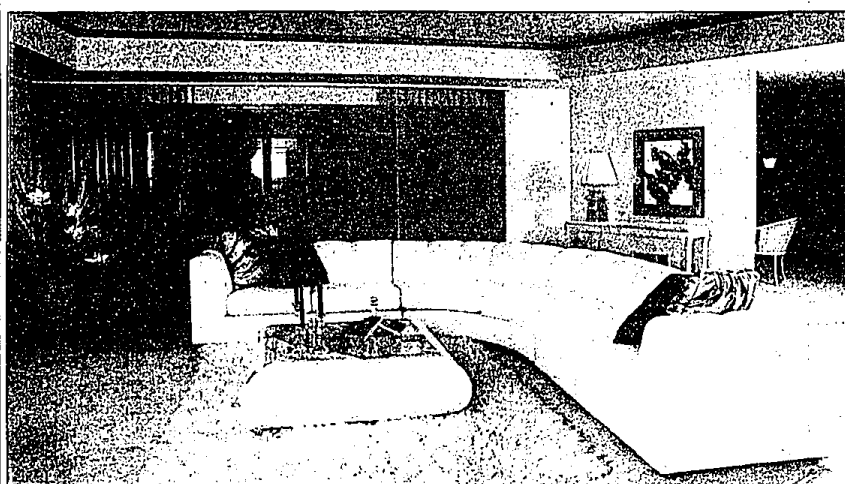
**H**URRY — don't walk — run to Jacobson's Store for home furnishings.

January is the month for bargains. I saw lovely linens for the dining room and bedroom on sale.

I have been looking for formal place mats — easy care — no laundering. My "good" dinnerware is Royal Crown Derby, a white bone china with a decorative gold border. While the place mats I found were not sale priced, they are a bargain because they so suit the purpose. They are made of vinyl. The color is gold and the design is ribbed. Quite stunning. I chose the shell shape. They are available in oval and fan-shaped. They also come in silver as well as the gold. They are priced at \$6 each. The napkin holders I found are silver and gold. The combination is great looking.

I have always enjoyed browsing in Jacobson's furniture department. Baker Furniture and Henredon are well represented. They also carry Sherrill Furniture. This line is a favorite for upholstered pieces. Sherrill has a wide range of fine fabrics or they will use what is called "C.O.M." (Customer's Own Material.) Their craftsmanship takes back seat to none.

There are a number of "one-of-a-kind" pieces on the floor that are tremendous values. A highboy with a bonnet top is priced on sale at \$1,595. The highboy is a versatile piece.



Cove ceiling, oak doors and trim are throughout the 440-square-foot airy living room (right) that has an expanse of windows at one end. The dining area (below) is off to one end of the living room area. A mirrored wall adds an illusionary dimension to the area. Models will be on display at an open house at the end of the month.

## Residential getaway

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**C**AN YOU IMAGINE waking up in the morning and looking at that?" asks Sylvia Stern, marketing coordinator of Glen Oaks apartment development in Novi. Stern sweeps her arm across the wall of windows in the sun balcony of one of the apartments. "That's all lakes and woods down there. Isn't it amazing?"

Stern's question is not just promotional hype. The view out the windows of this 90-unit development could be from a cabin in northern Michigan woods. Nestled among 18 acres of spring fed lakes and trees, complete with ducks and the promise of wildflowers and cattails under the snow, Glen Oaks is surely the commuter's answer to a residential getaway that doesn't really leave civilization behind.

For example, a different view from the bedroom window discloses a Lord and Taylor store just down the way, along with 150 other stores that comprise Twelve Oaks Mall.

**LIVING WITHIN** walking distance of your favorite fishing hole and a large mall are just two of the numerous amenities of Glen Oaks, according to Stern. The three towers, each holding 30 apartments, are connected to each other and to a full provisioned health club (pool, whirlpool, sauna, exercise equipment), by means of a above-ground walkways.

"You never have to go outside," said Stern, "not even for your car." Cars are housed either beneath the towers or in attached garages. There is also a helipad for the long distance commuter.

Walking through the 440-square foot living room, Stern points out the cove ceiling, the oak doors and trim throughout, a kitchen with 30 — she counts them — cabinets, and a long sweep of counter. Besides two bedrooms, two baths and a neat little utility room, there is a cozy den which is attached to the living room by means of a large archway. The 2,300-square-foot apartment, with its dining, living and kitchen areas flowing into each other, gives the illusion of wide open space. "People move here from 8,000-square-foot homes and they love it," said Stern. "It feels roomy."

**ANOTHER APPEALING** feature of Glen Oaks is its 24-hour manned security. It is not possible to enter the tall, iron gates at the entrance without first pushing a buzzer and identifying yourself to the security guard at the other end — in the lobby. Security maintains four cameras which cover the outside grounds, keeping track of all arrivals and departures. Not only that, but residents can watch their own guests arriving in the lobby on a special cable TV channel.

"That way," Stern said laughingly, "if you see that they are dressed nicer than you are, you can change quick."

Apartments in Glen Oaks begin at \$1,100 a month and go up to \$1,400 according to the view. (In spite of the mall, most people still opt for the ducks and the lake.) There are also 12 completely furnished apartments — "right down to the toaster and coffee pot" — which rent for \$2,000 a month, or Stern can arrange to have one decorated to your liking. The model, which houses her office, is done with taupe carpeting throughout, lots of glass and brass



and a creamy sectional in the living room.

During the weekend of Jan. 30-31, Glen Oaks is holding an open house from noon to 5 p.m. with wine and hors d'oeuvres during which time models can be viewed.

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## Daily irritants block productivity

**Q.** I have lots of unimportant things that need to be done but since they are not essential to my goals, I try to spend my time doing more constructive things. These little things are really adding up, however, and bothering me a lot.

**A.** As life continues to gain momentum, you are smart to organize your activities around your goals. May I suggest, however, that perhaps one of your unmet goals is "Peace of mind." Since it's difficult to maintain peace of mind with a host of netties prickling you, my first suggestion is to set aside regular catch-up times just for handling low priority tasks.

Secondly, realize that most people don't have as many little tasks to do as they think. Instead, they may be seeing the same To Do's over and over again, each time being reminded of what seems to be another chore. Every time they see one of these reminders — say a leaky faucet — they snap their fingers and mumble, "I've got to take care of that." Because it seems to be a low priority task, however, they go on their way, seeing it but not doing anything about it.

If you notice the same faucet four times a day, you have had four reminders of something to do. Now suppose you have five To Do's: The faucet, a messy desk, a chair to be upholstered, a stack of unread periodicals and merchandise to be returned to a store.

If you see each of these five To Do's four times each day, you have had 20 reminders of something to do. Unless you make it a practice to write down all of your To Do's, you are probably too close to be objective. You don't realize that the irritants have multiplied and you think you actually have 20 different things to do, instead of only five. Suddenly you feel overwhelmed.

As I will be discussing in my Goal Power seminar this week, not only do irritants multiply, they may also hinder other productivity. A person will say, "Just as soon as I (do this) — I'll — (do that) —" (fill in the blanks — i.e. do research/ write a report/ get the house organized/ find a job/ redecorate/ entertain/ read book/ return it, etc.)

You may be amazed to find that by removing just a few of these irritants, you will feel you have much less to do.

**READERS:** I am doing research on the chain effects of irritants at home and work and want to hear about those which affect you. I would like to know: (1) What are your irritants? (2) How do they affect your organization and productivity? (By writing out your problems, solutions may occur to you spontaneously in the process.)

I will send a complimentary copy of my "26 Hot Tips" organizing booklet, which normally sells for \$5 to the first 20 readers who send the above information with a long self-addressed envelope. Address your replies to: Dorothy Lehmkuhl, Organizing Techniques, 6185 Worlington, Birmingham 48010. (Do it now!)



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