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Fighting junk mail

An Illinois man recently began fighting back on intrusive telephone advertising into homes. Bob Bulmash started a business called Private Citizen Inc., (PO Box 233, Naperville, III. 60566) to help people stop being housed by telemarketers. Bravol Heading about Bulmash Inspired me to follow through on a threat I'vo been making with a "Less is Better" campaign. I'm tired of being inundated with ecupons I don't want, cards that fall out of magazines (onto the floor 100 percent of the time). Filters from stores I never shop and advertising inserts that accompany almost every bill—sepcelally with those noxious perfumes.

I'm weary of advertisers "crying wolf"—going to any length to get my attention. I recently received an expensive enveloped (closely resembling a major carrier's) saying. "Express Overnight — Extremely Urgent," etc. Inside — sure enough — a Buick dealer would give me the car of my choice, I'm to be a sure to be a sure of the consider would give me the car of my choice. I'm to be a sure to be a sure of the consider would give me the car of my choice. I'm to be a sure to be a sure of the consider would give me the car of my choice. I'm to be a sure enough — a Buick dealer would give me the car of my choice, I'm to be a sure enough and the sure of the consider would give me the car of my choice. I'm to be a sure enough a buick dealer would give me the car of my choice, and the consider young the sure of th

structive ideas do you have for solving the problem?

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condo queries Robert M. Melsner

Q. When my wife and I were divorced, my ame was on the mortgage of the marital home which has sow been quit claimed to credit statements showing that I am also meritages on the house that is endermining my ability to borrow since it is reflected in part by the balance owing on the mortgage which my ex-wife is now obligated to pay in accordance with the divorce decree. What can I do with respect to this matter?

A Write the mortgage company and tell them that you what to be removed as a capter, so to speak, from the mortgage, Dopending upon the amount of equity in the property, as well as your ex-wife a billity to pay the mortgage company, the mortgage company about be in a position to let you off the hook, If they refuse to do so, see a lawyer who may be able to assist you in obtaining some additional relief.

Also, make sure, if it is not already done, that your ex-wife will give you an indemnification and hold you harmless from any liability in connection with her failure to pay the mortgage payments. That should have been done, presumably, before the divorce understands her the condendation but in the interest and interest and the latest and the present and the condendation and the present and the present and the present and the condendation and

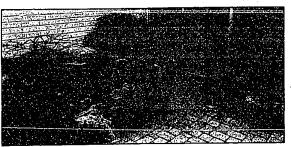
Q: I am thinking about buying a "site" condominium, but I am concerned about the architectural centrols that may not be enforced against the units by the developer. Do you have any comments?

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A: Site condos are becoming more popular because it gives a developer an opportunity to circumvent the Subdivision Control Act, as well as to provide greater flexibility in terms of, the types of units that may be constructed. Unfortunately, concernitant with that flexibility is the possibility that the developer will not enforce architectural uniformity in regard to the construction of units may be staggered over many years and the quality of construction may not be uniform. Site condos are too early to pass judgment on, but additional caution is a good idea because of the unique nature of the concept.

Robert M. Metemer is a Birmingham circing up specialiting in condominium, real estate and corpoparate law.

inside/out



A Japanese garden helps create a serene feeling on the once too-hot patio.

Brother-sister design team stress importance of tying 2 areas together

Once the basic plan is in place, the accessorizina begins. The duo's close working relationship helps the client to put a lot of themselves into the aesign. They "ownership" of it, so to speak.

Staff photos

Steve Cantrell

UT IN Bloomfield Hills is a

UT IN Bloomfield Hills is a careful candominium tucked in a park-like setting, as you approach and explore it, it strikes a chord of screnity as beautiful as a simply melody. Wouldn't it be nice to have an environment that blends so naturally with its surroundings, the interior and exterior seem to be one? Have you ever wished to create a place that reflects you as closely as notes in a symphony?

For most of us, it would be an unfinished symphony.

ENTER THE team of Karon Gagne and Patrick Sellenraad. This talented sister-brother duet special-izes in helping create an environ-ment that flows between the interior

and the exterior.

Gapon Is president of the design firm of Gapon and Gagon Interiors of Troy, Her brother is president of award-winning Klein Bloemendaal Nursery of Birch Run.

She does the Inside; he designs the outside. Together they help the client create an environment to fit his/her specific needs. The exterior design repeals and emphasizes the themes and lines of the interior, extending the tone of the borne.

Gagoe and Sellenraad are members of an artistic family from Frankenmuch.

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Gagne pursued her design degree at Michigan State and Delta College. Sellenraad finished his degree in hortculture at Michigan State University and his master's degree at Ohio

or, Gagne suggests her brother's services to clients who could benefit from landscaping design. Sellenrand, in turn, does the same.

SUCH WAS the case at a Cranbrook Manor condominium.
Gagne began the project after water damage from the loft necessitated renovating the main part of the first floor.
The enclosed atrium, a major design feature of the home, was so bot that the window treatments had to be drawn to keep out the fleat. Another patto also reflected heat. Selernaad picked up on the design elements of the interior to create outdoor rooma.

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THE COURTYARD entry sets the mood. A brick path leads through a carpet of groundcover dotted with psecimen planes. Believe the entry the set of the second of

IT WASN'T always this way. Scilenrand created a serene mood by building a Japanese garden in the 12-foot-square area. He placed a water-fail and reflecting pool among varie-ties of azaless, low juniper and mini-



OAGNE MADE the walls of the open living-duling room glow in shell pink. They furnish the perfect backdrop for the collections of art deco and Oriental pieces the owner has collected in her travels.

SELLENRAAD VISUALLY ex-SELLECTIVADAD VISUALLY ex-tended the floor space by installing a raised deck over a nearby cement patio. Because the patio radiated so much heat, it was unusable. The deck created an outdoor eat-

tranyohlo pine and lacelear Japanese ing area that remains cool and primaple echo the peaceful, Oriental mod. The running water from the waterfall camouflages road noise and cools the area.

The atrum now provides a changing concert of color in which to relax and took up the sun. The finishing fouch? A wazhing basin, x Japanese radiition provided to visitors for hand-washing.

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