

Keyboard artist to demonstrate

Bob Spasor, electronic keyboard artist, will give a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the community room of the Bloomfield Township Library, Lone Pine and Telegraph, Bloomfield Township. Before joining the Baldwin company in 1981 as a product specialist, he won first prize in the Baldwin/Liborace Keyboard Talent Search and appeared with Liborace in Las Vegas. To reserve a seat, call Evola Music, 334-0568.



all about color

Helen Diane Vincent

Retirement party calls for special colors

Q: A number of us are getting together to give a retirement party for a very dear friend. I'm in charge of decorations and would like to achieve a look that complements his sophistication and dignity, yet be festive enough for a party. The room we've rented for the occasion has a brass chandelier hanging from a high ceiling, but otherwise has no decorative features.

A: My suggestion is to use a blue, green, and gold accented color theme. Essentially, green signifies dynamic balance and growth; blue, calm and reason; and gold, hope and aspiration. In short, these colors represent ideally what a retirement is supposed to be. Something not mourned as an end, but as starting a new phase to a person's life.

In stores that sell party decorations you should be able to find table runners in 100 foot lengths, paper plates, napkins, streamers, and other decorations in the bright blue, green, and gold. Because of the more sophisticated imagery, I wouldn't use balloons, but the paper spheres instead.

Use the table runner also as swags, anchored from the chandelier, and attached to each of the four corners of the room, thereby creating a tent-like effect. Alternate your tables with blue or green covers, using the blue napkins on the green, and green napkins on the blue table cover. Yellow chrysanthemums would make appropriate centerpiece, and each table should be strewn with yellow, blue and green confetti. If your budget allows, use sequins instead at the guest of honors table. And have fun.

Q: Our 18-year-old son loves to ride his bicycle with his friends in the neighborhood. Even though he's not permitted to go out on any major road, I'm still concerned about his safety riding on local

streets. Aside from the reflectors on his bicycle, are there any other precautions we could take that involve color?

A: Wearing a bright yellow jacket or shirt will help to make your son much more visible than any other color, especially if the garment incorporates a black, red, or navy stripe on the back. With brilliant colors so popular among the very young today, this coloration shouldn't be too difficult to locate, or make him feel out of place.

The high visibility of yellow is one of the reasons it serves in so many products where safety is a key consideration, such as school buses and life jackets. Also be aware the time for greatest precaution is around sunset, when all color contrasts tend to blur, or are minimized to varying degrees.

Q: As a younger woman, I had a strong attraction to bright orange and I used it a lot in my decorating and clothing. Over the years my color preferences shifted to browns, and now my favorite color is dark red. I think of myself as having a fairly happy life, raising a family with the help of a devoted husband. Only recently have the children left home for jobs out of state. Is there something significant in this shift in color preferences?

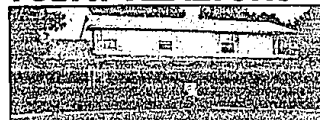
A: What you are experiencing, in part, is very normal and should be welcomed as inherent symbols of psychological maturation. However, you should not discount the influence of highly popular color trends in fashion and home furnishings that feature certain colors. It sounds to me as if your preferences were shaped by both elements.

Oranges, for example, were very popular when you were a younger woman. The color is, nonetheless, a reflection of an outgoing and friendly attitude, and very appropriate to a younger person's development. Whereas the brown, which followed the oranges in popular trends, is an evolution of orange into greater sense of depth of emotions.

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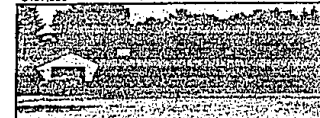
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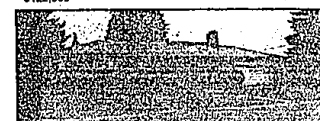
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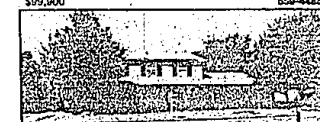
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Classic 3 bedroom brick ranch offers large family room, fireplace in living room, formal dining room, circular drive and attached garage on beautiful treed corner lot. \$122,000 559-4488



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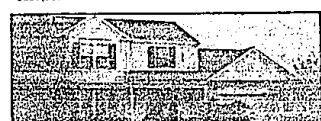
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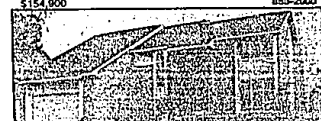
CONTEMPORARY BEAUTY

Decorated to perfection. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, library, formal dining, 2 wet bars, decking, professional landscaping, rec room. You must see this, it will go fast. \$237,900 855-2000



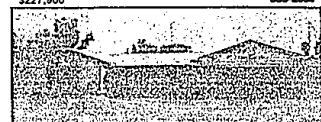
SPECTACULAR SETTING

New England Colonial backing scenic pond. Home is move-in condition, neutral decor, professionally landscaped. Enjoy autumn breeze and view of wildlife on your private deck in desirable Country Oaks Sub. \$154,900 855-2000



BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY

with bridge. Great room with fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, spacious master bedroom suite with cathedral ceiling and fashion bath. Lots of windows, wood deck. \$227,000 855-2000



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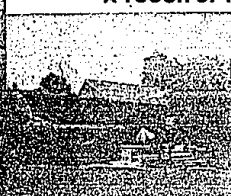
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Lovely 6 bedroom home is the ultimate for family living. 4 1/2 baths, family room, den, banquet size dining room. Master suite with fireplace. Finished lower level with wine cellar. Gorgeous setting with multi-level decks. Inground pool. "A MINI ESTATE." \$375,000 EA-28

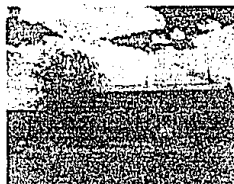
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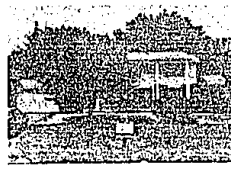
STYLED FOR THE TIMES



Mint condition describes this charming colonial that overlooks pond and woods. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room plus walkout lower level, updated bath. Kitchen with oak floor and newer countertops opening to multi-level deck, 1st floor laundry, alarm, central air. \$198,900 WA-48



This 3 bedroom home in Highland has a lovely large landscaped lot. Wood deck overlooking 24 foot above ground pool. Family room with wood stove. Attached 2 car garage. \$84,900 LO-37

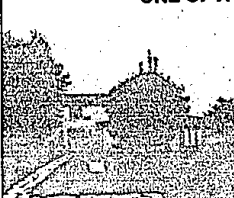


Is this wonderful 4 bedroom colonial in one of West Bloomfield's BEST neighborhoods. Great home for entertaining with newer kitchen, large open family room leading to the patio and beautifully treed private lot. \$199,900 AP-55

ONE OF A KIND

BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN WESTLAND

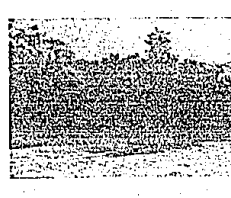
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED



Is this 4 bedroom colonial in Bloomfield Township. 2 1/2 baths, dining room, large family room with natural fireplace, 1st floor laundry. Central air. Beautiful cul-de-sac lot. Walnut Lake privileges. Birmingham schools. \$259,900 TE-53



Many quality custom features - Central air. Family room with woodburner insert in fireplace. Two story 12x18 barn shed. Full basement and 2 1/2 attached garage. \$98,900 BO-37



Sharp Contemporary home on 1/4 acre lot with running stream in West Bloomfield. 3 bedrooms and 3 full baths. New carpeting and kitchen floor. Bright White Kitchen. \$153,500 PE-71

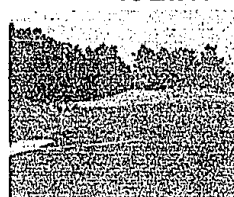
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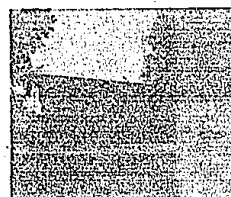
DRAKE AND 14 AREA



Contemporary, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial in Canterbury Commons offers value and style. Sparkling, beautiful inground pool, dramatic modern fireplace, quiet den, circular drive, central air. Newer roof and furnace head list of updated features. Comfort, value and style. \$108,900 CL-29



3 bedroom brick ranch with formal dining room, 2 1/2 baths. Nice open feeling. Full basement. Garage. Nice size lot with trees. Clean as a whistle. \$93,500 ME-18



Beautiful well built 5 bedroom brick colonial with 2 1/2 baths, family room, fireplace. Owner transformed. Huge lot, 2800 sq. ft. home with newer carpet. Lots of privacy. Motivated sellers. \$153,500 BE-31