### Workers stay mostly free of drugs

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but they just had to work it out themselves."

themselves."
Spreitzer's employees have to work around some potentially dangerous equipment like meat silicers, knives and ovens.
"You could literally lose a hand (if you work high)." Spreitzer said. "I suppose down deep in my heart I was thinking of their safety (when I fired them)."

fired them)."
Experience, it is said, is the best teacher, and Spreitzer is a good ex-

teacher, and Spreltzer is a good example.
"I try to screen them as best I can," she said. "I try to look for things that they would cart back and forth (to work) themselves. If it's 90 degrees, why is he wearing a long-sleeve shirt?"

Spreitzer recently noticed a roach clip hanging from a job applicant rear-view mirror. "I knew right away that wasn't the kid I wanted to hirr," she said.

Julie Williamson, manager of the Orchard 14 Soft (Cloth Car Wash in Farmington Hills, said "from time to time I've had an employee who had a (drug) problem."

But she doesn't consider that sort of thing a firing offense unless they do drugs on the job.

One employee in particular was "so strung out and not thinking clearly," Williamson said, that she offered him a leave of absence if he would get help. The employee quit, but got into a treatment program and returned to the ear wash six

ONE SOMEWHAT (lippant Bloomiteld Township pharmacist who declined to give her name seemed unconcerned that her employees might be using illegal drugs. Wed ob have people who abuse drugs here." she said. "Several people come in here that have smoked marijuana and take diet pills."

On the other side of the spectrum, you might find Delores Dabrowski, owner of Video Junction of Rochester. With a chiropractor husband, Dabrowski takes a hollstic approach of drugs. She doesn't tolerate them, legal or otherwise.

"This is a pure workplace," she said. "We do not take drugs whether

pushed or prescribed. We encourage our employees to take vitamin therapy."

A fervent non-smoker, Dabrowski also maintains a nicotine-free staff. "A smoker wouldn't come here to work because of the attitudes (of my employees)." The said. employees)," she said

While some Oakland County small-business people admit having had an employee with a drug prob-lem, most replied to questioning like

The manager of Thingz of Roches-ter, an unusual-gift shop, said, "I have never had anybody that's worked for me that had a (drug) problem. We've had a couple that idin't want to come to work now and then, but it wasn't because of drugs."

Richard J. McDonald of Blomfield Hills retired from Genvral Motors Research Laboratories and director of GMR's Research and Administra-tive Servicess of May 1. McDonald was employed by General Motors for 39 years. He ploned GMR in 1951 as a college graduate in training.

business people

Heary Moses was named leasing director at Barry M. Klein Real Es-tate, Inc. Moses will be responsible for all major leasing activities at Barry M. Klein.

Sallie Roby was named director of sales and marketingat Martee Man-agement Limited and Janet Udvardi was named office manager with Martee Management Ltd. in Bir-mingham.

J.B. Davies, co-manager of the Fi-nancial Services Group at Cushman & Wakefield of Mithlgan was recog-nized as one of the firm's Top 100 brokers for 1999. Davies was a fi-nancial services specialist with Cushman & Wakefield for nearly two years.

Sandra Romzek was named asso-ciate producer for WXYZ/Channel 7 Action News. Most recently Romzek worked as 6 p.m. News Producer for WJRT-TV 12 in Flint. Margaret Alexander of Southfield

was awarded the use of a pink Cadil-lac by Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Jim Urbanski was named CompuSearch Account Executive of the Decade and was also named Ac-



McDonald

count Executive of the Year for the Central Region.

Marilyn M. Murphy of Union Lake was certified by The National Asso-ciation of Legal Secretaries as a cer-tified professional legal secretary.

Mark C. Pfeffer of Farmington Hills was appointed sales manager of PaineWebber Inc.'s Farmington Hills office. Prior to Johning PaineWebber in 1989, Pfeffer was a financial consultant in Shearson Leh-man Hutton's Detroit office.

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THEY MAY also want to apply for a major credit eard. Although Rob has been affered credit cards in the past, they have avoided them for fear they might be taking too many financial obligations.

It is true that credit eards can be abused. By using them improperly, some people become financially strapped or worse. Used prudently, a credit eard can be convenient and can help to reinforce a good credit record.

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In a way, credit can be compared to alcohol — some people can handle it well in moderation, Others avoid it entirely as a matter of principle, and still others get booked on it and abuse it until it ruins their lives. Rob and Shirley need to do some soft-as-sessment to decide if they can suc-cessfully handle this responsibility.

A MAJOR GAP in their financial situation is their lack of any insur-ance for their possessions.



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renters.

They should contact their insur-

They should contact their insur-ance agent with whom they have their auto insurance to find out about such coverage. It is relatively inex-pensive and would stand them in good stead if they ever need it. As an additional part of their financial foundation, we would recom-mend that they create written wills. It is the most important document they need in their current estate planning. When they have children or when their circumstances change, they should review and update their estate plan with an attorney.

Although they both have modest group term life insurance at their places of work, they might want to consider buying some insurance that is personally held. Certainly this should be done when they buy a house. Due to their ages and good health, the premiums would be relatively low.

ALTIOUGH RETIREMENT is far into the future, Rob should give some thought to contributing \$75 per pay period into a tax-sheltered amusity (TSA) — this type of retirement plan available to employees of non-profit organizations, such as schools, hospitals and churches. Contributions to this plan are tax-deductible, and they grow on a tax-deferred basis. ALTHOUGH RETIREMENT is

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