

# Homearama is canceled

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"Parking could have been resolved, but the timing, that would have been a problem," he said. Gilbert said site development took longer than he expected.

"We didn't want to start something on paper that we couldn't do," he said. "There's no way we could get 12 builder homes done with all the landscaping and furnishing and have a first-rate development."

Delaying the Homearama until summer — typically one of the slowest times of the year for builders — was also not a desirable option, he said.

HOMEARAMA committee member Dickstein said the committee has discussed another

Clarkston area Homearama site, but unless an agreement and an arrangement for parking is made within the next 30 days, the builders association may have to pass on northern Oakland County until fall or next year.

"We'd still love to do something in the Clarkston area," Dickstein said. "The problem with some of our sites is they're so nice — rolling hills, trees, water — that we can't always accommodate on-site parking."

Developer Gilbert said the Clarkston area is an ideal location for single family housing. Several big name builders — including the Seibert Group and Holtzman and Silverman, both in Farmington Hills, are taking a serious look at the area.

# Office rentals, vacancies listed

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Robbins Executive Park West (800 Bldg.) — 800 Stephenson; built in 1980; 48,200 square feet; 100 percent occupancy; rental rate of \$14/square foot plus electric.



Furniture designers said the selection of fabrics "is all so subjective. We have to make an educated guess and go from here."

# Fabric trends are undecided

(AP) — Furniture manufacturers are making major decisions about the fabrics they will use this season.

The Mississippi National Furniture Market has almost 30 fabric mills represented in their permanent fabric showrooms. More than 20 other fabric mills set up temporary showrooms for the Winter Tupelo Fabric Show that ended last week, said Ann Taylor, fabric show coordinator.

A salesman with a North Carolina-based fabric company said there was not enough business right now in the furniture industry for there to be trends.

He said the distinction between styles has gotten muddy through the years because manufacturers are creating less expensive versions of the more popular, higher-priced items to please all budgets.

Furniture manufacturers meeting with the various fabric companies agreed that there is a slump in the industry and they are searching for good values and new looks.

Ray Priest, with Horizon Furniture Industry of Athens, Tenn., said the highlight of the Tupelo fabric

show is the promotional prices the fabric companies are offering.

"There are some very up-style fabrics, but the companies are giving them at a good price," Priest said. "And that allows us to pass the savings on to the customers."

Mike Caneer, with Hiline Manufacturers of Booneville, agreed that he was looking for good values, as well.

"With the economy the way it is," Caneer said, "The better value we can get, the better value the customer will get."

Jackie Groban, executive vice president with Shaw Manufacturers in Okolona, said he was looking for fabric that will sell to retailers and then to consumers.

"We will use whoever has the look," Groban said. "Don't ask me what the look is. I want the styles that zap me when I see them, so I know they will zap the retailers, too."

GROBAN SAID he had seen several fabrics that caught his attention during the first day of the fabric show. He said nylon velvet, or flock,

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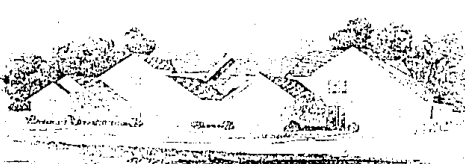


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