

Guich joins Trerice Tosto as appraiser

Samuel Guich was named appraiser/consultant at Trerice Tosto, Birmingham.

He will be responsible for appraising non-residential properties and consulting on property tax and special assessments. Previously, he had been a commercial/industrial appraiser for the Wayne County equalization department and served as an assessor for Ypsilanti and Frenchtown townships.

staff of Soil and Materials Engineers, Plymouth, as project geologist in the environmental group.

Previously he was with SCS Engineers in California, where he performed environmental assessments, managed ground water investigations and conducted hazardous waste reduction audits.

Home Planners, publisher of Home Plan books and Home Design products, has opened a home design center in Wixom.

The public can browse through designs ranging in size from 800 to 7,400 square feet. Styles include early American, Cape Cod, saltbox, Gambrel, Georgian, French, country farmhouse, Tudor, Victorian, Spanish, western and contemporary designs. Construction drawings are available for every design the company exhibits.

The center is in the Beck-Tec Industrial Park at 29333 Lorie Lane, west of Beck and south of West roads. The design center claims to

house the largest home-plan collection in the country.

October saw a drop in construction of residential buildings in both Oakland and Wayne counties compared to September figures.

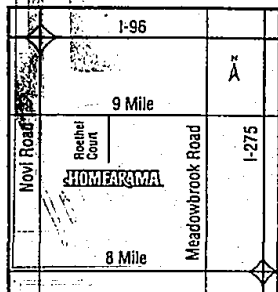
In Oakland, construction starts dipped from 407 to 397, an 11.5-percent reduction. For the year, Oakland County construction plummeted 30 percent, from 6,505 to 4,551.

In Wayne, October starts fell to 377 from 427 in September, a dip of 11.7 percent. For the year, residential building is down 19.9 percent with 2,713 starts this year compared to 3,359 in 1990.



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in Garrison Co. of Farmington Hills has begun construction of the Meadowbrook Dodge dealership in Rochester Hills, a 23,000-square-foot structure.



Last-minute touches readied at Homearama

By Susan Buck
staff writer

There's no place like Homearama for the holidays.

That's what the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan is wishing for.

Its annual Homearama, Dec. 6-22 in Riverbridge subdivision in Novi, features 13 homes and 10 builders.

"We picked a location with intense buyer interest," said Irvin Yackness, executive vice president and general counsel for the builders association, which began in 1928. "We try to find an area accessible to roadways."

This year's Homearama houses top off at about \$280,000; last year's homes began at \$300,000 and were in Brighton, Construction, lot and landscaping

are included in the price of the Homearama model homes.

"We try to determine the price of homes in that area by looking at surrounding homes," Yackness said in explaining how the price range is decided.

A COMMITTEE of eight members selected the builders. Some builders were invited; others volunteered their participation in Homearama, Yackness said.

"They (builders) are members of the builders association, licensed professional builders, with experience and background in the building business," Yackness said. "They needed to show quality, integrity, innovativeness and attitude."

Customer opinions of builders also were considered, Yackness said.

BASM members live in an area bounded by Flint

on the north, Monroe on the south, Port Huron on the east and Ann Arbor on the west.

Some 100 lots are available in Riverbridge, Yackness said.

A People's Choice Award will be given during Homearama. Visitors the first weekend of the event will vote on their favorite home. Results will be announced the second weekend, said Roy Barnes of Stone, August, Baker Communications Cos. of Troy.

"Interest in housing is an ongoing thing," Yackness said. "There will constantly be new home buyers, and there will constantly be people looking to upgrade. There's constant movement in the housing field."

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Spectacular surroundings and luxury homes make Oxford Estates a unique find in Farmington Hills

Some of the biggest news in the suburban development scene is the recent introduction of Oxford Estates, an exclusive new 73-home community nestled among 40 wooded acres in Farmington Hills.

Oxford Estates features lovely, custom-designed homes in a variety of floor plans including ranches, 1 1/2's and colonials from three of Michigan's most prominent builders: Encore Custom Homes, Kimbro Construction and The Selective Group - all of whom are well known for their quality construction and dedication to detail.

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