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the highways in terms of the ac-tive areas of building — 1-75, 1-56, 1-275 and 1-94," Capaldi said. "Last year we saw an increase in building activity in . . . Novi and farmington Hills in Oakland County and we expect that to con-tinue."

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Builders continue to offer innovation as they try to meet demands, Capidi said.

"More and more homes are using windows as the focal design point." he said. "Specialty areas media, fitness, computer, even a child's play area.

"And technology is becoming more important from security to sound to video to the control of overything in your home," Capadia added.

Nationally, housing starts are expected to increase from 1.2 million last year to 1.32 million list year and 1.4 million in 1994, Selders and 1.4 million in 1994, Selders and 1.4 million in 1994, Selders and 1.5 million list year and 1.4 million in 1994, Selders and the self of the

industry.
"One of your growing problems
is the lumber market and rising
prices," he said. "A timber sum
it is to be held by the Clinton
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Other observations by Selders:

#The way things are evolving, it's probably unlikely we'll be able to pull off a home buying tax credit on grounds that a short-term (economic) stimulus is needed.

Will land development loans become more available in '93? I guess it depends on to whom.

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"It looks like enough money has been getting through the cracks to meet demand, but data on lot availability is really crum-my. If land development is done in phases, they're done in pieces, banks and thrifts will have an in-creasing appealing to differ

creasing appetite to do it.

"We're working with Congress
to make sure housing elements
are in those (tax) enterprise

Capaldi touched upon why houses are more affordable here than other parts of the country in a brief interview after the formal

a brief interview after the formal presentation. "One reason, I think, is competition. Competition turns into good prices," he said. "I think we're very productive. Our subcontractors are very productive. "Probably over the years, land costs haven't got out of sight," Capaldi continued. "I think they've been sensible. That's a big factor."

Also, less expensive materials

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Also, less expensive materials
like asphalt shingles and laminate counter tops are used here
even in custom designed houses
as opposed to tile roofs and ceramic counters popular elsewhere,
Capaldi said.

#### Winning the fight against dustballs

(AP) — Some people are bothered by overy speck of dust; others can ignore dust until it becomes a finger-drawing canvas for children.

However often you dust, here are some tips to make the job go faster:

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Your aim is to pick up dust, not move it around. Use wool or cotton fabries such as old diapers, towels, undershirts or new cheesecloth. Avoid cloth that continue materials — such

cheesecloth. Avoid cloth that contains synthotic materials—such as old lingerie—which is less absorbent. You can also buy chemically treated cloth that attracts and holds dust.

18 To make sure dust is picked up, spray dustcloths with silismes—to lower ones—tables, one. Cheesecloth moistened with lemon oil also works well. If you use an oil or wax-base polish, you can spray it onto your dustcloth Use an oil base polish for oiled furniture and a wax-base for waxed.

18 Dustcloths should be clean.

Otherwise, dirk particles may scratch furniture. Keep turning and folding the cloth so dust irrapped inside and you are always wiping with a clean surface.

Bro light dusting, especially of small objects and hard-to-reach places, use a duster with a handle and a fluffy lambs wool head. This is better than a feather duster because wool attracts instead of just whisking it around.

If you will be dusting for some time, coat your nestrils with petroleum jelly to prevent a scratchy threat.

#### Survey from page 1F

ing homes, readers have been one of the company's richest sources of new ideas.
Floorplans and artist's renderings of the 1993 Dream Homes will appear on these pages in April.

Last year more than 100 readers participated in the survey, resulting in three model homes designed by Landmark that incor-

porated the features readers most requested.
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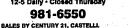
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