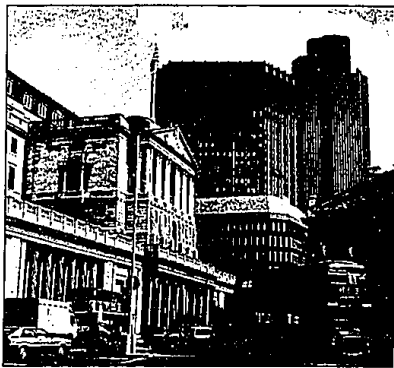


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Hospital to train caregivers

Botsford General Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table are offering a 10-week training series on "Adventures in Caregiving."

This training series is available for anyone who is interested in developing knowledge and practical skills in caregiving issues.

Utilizing a spiritual emphasis, professional caregivers will relate the psychological, spiritual, biological and social needs of various topics ranging from cultural and religious diversity to the physiological aspects of pain.

This training is open to professional and lay caregivers and is often required for anyone who seeks to be a pastoral care volunteer at area hospitals.

The series will be offered on Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Sept. 15 through Nov. 17. Cost for all 10 sessions is \$45 or \$5 per session.

Pre-registration is encouraged. For further information, call 471-8850.

F'ton Center elects new officers

Officers elected to the 1993-94 Board of Directors of the Farmington Community Center are: Kevin McCabe, president; John Akouri, vice president; Chuck Cozier, secretary; and Marcia Ventura, treasurer.

They were elected at a recent board meeting.

The board also elected five new members: Arnold Campbell, Judy Downey, Terry Klenzner, Tomoko Ito and Linda Wain.

The center's Volunteer Guild elected two new officers: Barbara Roth, president and Dee Chuba, vice president.

All volunteers were honored for their efforts on behalf of the nonprofit center. A reception followed the official meeting.

More than 60 members of the board of directors and the Volunteer Guild, as well as major donors and other guests, attended the evening meeting.

Old Glory going up



Flag raising: The Post 346 Honor Guard of the American Legion, Farmington, participated in a recent flag-raising at Carrington Place, Freedom and Drake roads. Replacing the old flag were Post Commander Ken Young, flanked by Dennis Musselman and Don McTigue. In front rank are members Bob MacDonald, Philip Courville, Greg Ray and Tom Armstrong.

Jacobson's to phase out furniture sales

By MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

Jacobson's stores will phase out furniture departments in six of its locations, including Birmingham and Livonia, beginning today.

Merchandise will be discounted 25 to 35 percent, said company president James B. Fowler.

"We consider this an extremely positive move. We're excited about it," said Fowler.

Floor space vacated by furniture will be absorbed by expanded departments for apparel, accessories and home decor, he said.

Stores in Dearborn, East Lansing, Jackson and Kalamazoo also are affected. However, furniture departments will remain in the company's Saginaw and Sarasota, Fla., stores.

"Those operations do well with furniture. They service large geographic areas," said Fowler.

Steve White, furniture manager in the Livonia store at Six Mile and Newburgh, verified the sale begins this week but wouldn't say how it will be marketed. The furniture gallery is a sprawling department on the second floor near Jacobson's restaurant.

"We started this process in our Grosse Pointe store last January," Fowler said. "We moved our children's store into the furniture area and we expanded ready to wear in (the former) children's department. It's been extremely successful."

Successful conversions from furniture to core merchandise were also completed in Rochester

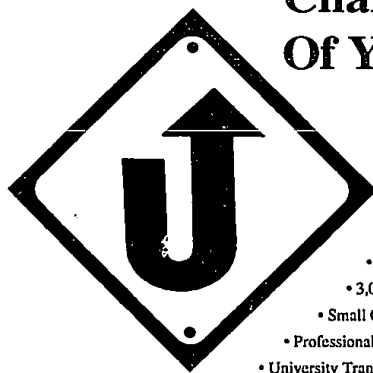
and Ann Arbor.

"Furniture, which comprises less than 2 percent of company-wide sales, did not meet our financial performance standards at these six stores," said Mark K. Rosenfeld, chairman and CEO of the Jackson-based retailer.

"In addition, wood and upholstered furniture, mattresses and floor coverings require a disproportionate amount of floor space, inventory dollars and operational support," he said.

"These moves will allow us to expand our fashion apparel, accessories and home decorative departments, each of which is a key to our strategic plan of being a high service fashion specialty retailer."

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