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year-old building. The new struc-ture incorporates key elements of the old such as stone artifacts, bay windows, arched classroom entries and special ceramic tiles.

bay windows, arched classroom entries and special ceramic tiles. High ceilings and abundant natural lighting create a pleasant learning environment.

"The angles and radius of the building — that was the most challenging," said Joe Jason, project superintendent for Etkin.

Walted Lake Middle School, Commerce Township.

The 138,600-square-foot, \$12.3-million building is designed around the media center as the symbolic focus of learning. Classrooms and special use areas such as art and science facilities are placed on two levels connected by a grand stair that ends at the media center.

The design and construction objective was to create a facility that is durable, cost effective and easily maintained. The roof is pitched with traditional asphalt shingles.

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Chrysler Jefferson North Assembly Plant, Detroit.

The 1.7-million-square-foot auto plant costing \$550 million includes a large general assembly shop, body shop and paint shop.

The facility won an award for its environmental protection systems.

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"It's a new-nge plant concerned about workers and how they usu-ally do the job," said Don Shall-bo, senior vice president for Bar-ton Malow. "It put special em-phasis on making every square foot count.

"Chrysler had an agreement with the city of Detroit heavy into using Detroit-based people and minority contractors," Shalibo said. "They mut the challenge well."

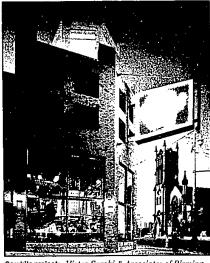
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Focus: Hope Center for Advanced Technologies, Detroit.

The \$12.6million, 260,000-squar-foot training center was designed to prepare technician/engineers to operate, repair and modify computer-integrated manufacturing systems.

modify computer-integrated manufacturing systems. Essential components such as piping and mechanical systems are contained beneath the floor to create open and clean floor space in the transformed, 50-year-old factory.

"One of the more challenging aspects was taking a dilapidated, urban building to a state-of-the-art research building," said Gary Roberts, vice president for development with DeMattla. "In some cases, we were able to use por-



Saroki's project: Victor Saroki & Associates of Birmingham was the architect for The Second City in Detroit, which won a design showcase award from the Construc-tion Association of Michigan.

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Frances Willson Thompson Library, Flint.

The \$15-million, 90,000-square-foot structure replaces a fi-year-old temporary library on the UM-Flint campus.

The three-story building is shaped like a piece of pie with the curved portion consisting of a glass curtain wall and the two radii composed of brick. The glass curtain faces the Flint River.

"The single most unique characteristic, perhaps, is the atrium behind the circular portion of the wall that views out to the river, said Kenneth Rohling, a principal with Gunnar Birkerts.

The Second City, Detroit.

A 65,000-square-foot former clothing store was virtually gutted inside and out and transformed into a 350-seat theater, 350-seat restaurent, 50-seat street-level bar and rooftop terrace accommodating 200.

The facade is enhanced by a variety of elements including stone, bricks in varying shades of red, metals, wood and glass. The interior focal point is an elegant circular bar built of wood and metals.

als.
"It has an identity both inside and outside," Saroki said. "I think that's what makes it unique. It's a popular building type. We get a lot of nice compliments."

■ First of America-Arcadia Com-

mrist of America Arcadia Commons, Kalamazzo.

The initial phase of the \$11.5-million project involved renovation of a 47,000-square-foot building listed on the National Historic Register and a new, four-story,
\$1,000-square-foot steel frame
structure.

Renovation of the historic structure, built in 1872, included new mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection and ele-vator systems.

Somerset masonry design honored

Farmington Hills-based
JPRA has earned the "M
Award" from the Masonry Institute of Michigan and AIA
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Masonry Design of the Somerset Collection in Troy.
Recognized as an outstanding example of masonry design,
the exterior of the Somerset
Collection has a "timeless
a richly colored Cranbrook
prick, broken by strong horizontals of buff-colored Mankato stone.

The entire new main entry "rotunda" court, including free-standing columns, soffits and fascias, are clad in various thickness of Mankato stone.

The landscape designers

The landscape designers worked with JPRA to design the entire entry drive area

walkways and landscape walls to encompass brick masonry.

"Our firm is thrilled to have "Our firm is thrilled to have been recognized for our Somer-set Collection design by the prestigious Masonry Institute and AlA Michigam," said Jin Ryan, JPRA president. "Our ability to use masonry materi-ais helped us provide a shop-ping atmosphere which has timeless and unparalleled ele-gance."

gance."

JPRA will be honored at the
19th annual honor awards program "M-Awards" presentation Snutralay, March 19, at the
Sheraton Oaks in Novi. A distinguished Jury from Cornell
University selected the Somerset Collection from among 36
entries.

entries.
The renovation of the Som-

erset Collection was completed in September 1992 to accommodate such retailers such as Neiman Marcus, Barney's New York and Tiffany & Co.

A second floor was built around an existing mall, without closing the mall for construction. The new design includes a two-story-high rotunda court, which features a stage for special events, a glass elevator and a fountain.

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A lucky homeowner will be the first winner of a year's home mortgage payments from Gakland County-based Capital Mortgage.

The drawing for the first year's worth of mortgages will take place April 15 – tax day.

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A winner will be drawn at random to qualify for 12 monthly house mortage payments. (Payments of up to \$1,000 per month for principal and interest can't include excrewed taxes or insurance payments.)

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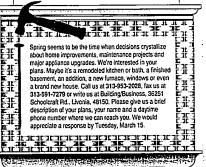
crawed taxes or insurance pay-ments.)

There's no purchase neces-sary to win. Capital has two of-fices: 20475 W. 10 Mile, South-field; and 824 Main, downtown Rochester.

Homeowners building, buy-ing or refinancing are eligible to enter. (Just one entry per household allowed.) The winner's mortgage need not be with Capital.



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