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year-old building. The new structure incorporates key elements of the old such as stone artifacts, 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. ■ Walled 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.

■ Chrysler Jefferson North Assembly Plant, Detroit.

The 1.7-million-square-foot auto plant costing \$50 million includes a large general assembly shop, body shop and paint shop.

The facility won an award for its environmental protection systems.

"It's a new-age plant concerned about workers and how they safely do the job," said Don Shalibo, senior vice president for Barton Malow. "It put special emphasis 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 met the challenge well."

■ Focus: Hope Center for Advanced Technologies, Detroit.

The \$12.6-million, 289,000-square-foot training center was designed to prepare technician/engineers to operate, repair and 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 DeMattio. "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 Construction Association of Michigan.

tions of the existing structure and some parts were brand new."

■ Francis Willson Thompson Library, Flint.

The \$15-million, 90,000-square-foot structure replaces a 15-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 Rohlfing, 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 restaurant, 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, metal, wood and glass. The interior focal point is an elegant circular bar built of wood and metals.

"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 Commons, Kalamazoo.

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, 51,000-square-foot steel frame structure.

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

Somerset masonry design honored

Farmington Hills-based JFRA has earned the "M Award" from the Masonry Institute of Michigan and AIA Michigan for its Excellence in 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" building palette that includes a richly colored Cranbrook brick, 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 worked with JFRA to design the entire entry drive area

walkways and landscape walls to encompass brick masonry.

"Our firm is thrilled to have been recognized for our Somerset Collection design by the prestigious Masonry Institute and AIA Michigan," said Jim Ryan, JFRA president. "Our ability to use masonry materials helped us provide a shopping atmosphere which has timeless and unparalleled elegance."

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

JFRA is a full-service architecture and planning firm. Thirty employees are involved in all types of retail projects, from major regional centers to renovation and urban/mixed use. The firm also handles restaurant design, office design, health care assignments, and lease and space planning for developers and major tenants.

Cut mortgage costs to zero

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

The drawing for the first year's worth of mortgages will take place April 15 — tax day. "This is our way of saying thanks to our thousands of customers who helped us close more than \$200 million in residential mortgages during our first full calendar year in 1993 — a Michigan record," said Harry Glanz, Capital Mortgage executive vice president.

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

There's no purchase necessary to win. Capital has two offices: 20475 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, and 824 Main, downtown Rochester.

Homeowners building, buying 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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Reface your kitchen

Mike and Mikki Bush of West Bloomfield have opened the first metro-Detroit Kitchen Solvers franchise in West Bloomfield. The telephone number is (810) 383-8829.

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