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This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

William W. Tulloch of Plymouth was elected president and chief operating officer of Westland-based RHM Fluid Power, Inc. He had been executive vice president of the firm's Grand Rapids facility.



Tulloch

Leslie A. Touma of Birmingham was named director of investor and government relations for Lear Seating Corp., Southfield. She had been Michigan International Trade Coalition executive director. She's also been a policy advisor to Gov. John Engler.



Touma

Ramzi Naber of Farmington was promoted to regional director of operations for HDS Services, a Farmington Hills food service and hospitality management company. He had been unit director of food service for the Unisys facility in Plymouth.



Naber

Sharon Kamin of Canton is one of three new owners of RTL Advertising and Consulting, Troy. She joins Ronald Ascenzo of Sterling Heights and Elizabeth Malkowski of Wyandotte at the full-service agency, formed in 1978 to service strip shopping centers.

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Novi Place: Each of the 18 units at the small condominium project features two bedrooms, 2½ baths and a detached garage.

Amenities a draw to Novi Place Condos



Most architects aren't builders and most builders aren't architects. Amarjit S. Chawney is both. He attempts to effectively use every bit of space in his most recent project, a small condominium development in Novi.

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The lure of Novi Place Condominiums is in details such as a two-story entry foyer with an upstairs bridge.

Its other amenities include bay

windows, cathedral ceiling in the master suite, covered front porch and a promise of a tree in front of every unit.

Amarjit S. Chawney, an architect/builder based in Bingham Farms, has constructed 18 units,

each with two bedrooms and 2½ baths, on a two-acre parcel.

"What I love to do and the challenge of designing is (finding) exciting space in the smallest square footage," Chawney said.

"The basic factor I considered was habitability. People must enjoy living in the units. What stands out is openness and light."

The attached condos - six in one cluster, four each in three others - are on Bashian Drive, off Grand River, about a third of a mile west of Haggerty.

Ten of the 18 have sold. The first resident moved in last August.

Two slightly different floor plans are available. All units approximate 1,250 square feet. Prices range from \$89,900 to \$105,900.

"We were trying to accomplish a product that is affordable and nice to live in," Chawney said.

Both models have a kitchen/breakfast nook, dining room, living room and powder room on the

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Managing change: Thomas G. Dewar, president of Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, says the organization has redefined its focus over the years.



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Changing times

Junior Achievement updates direction

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Junior Achievement is still around but probably not in the form many people remember.

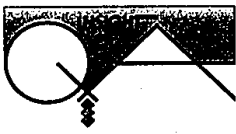
Since its founding in Springfield, Mass., 75 years ago, the organization has evolved from an evening company business development opportunity for high school students to a wide-ranging classroom experience for children of all ages.

"We're getting out of the widget-making business," said Thomas G. Dewar, a Rochester Hills resident and president of Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan.

"The best way to get information to students is to get them where they have to be," he said. "It's too difficult to get mom and dad to drive them to a night program."

Dewar, 59, is in charge of day-to-day operations of an organization with an annual budget of \$1.3 million.

He's responsible to a board of directors of 55 culled from the local business and educational communities. He also oversees a permanent staff of 19 and 1,700 volunteers who



this year worked with 39,000 children in a seven-county area including Oakland and Wayne.

Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview with Dewar in his Detroit office:

What is the mission of Junior Achievement?

Dewar: JA is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing business, economics and life skills programs for children. We have evolved through these steps in recent times.

At first, it (JA) was a time for children to learn about business. They're in business doing on a small scale with volunteer adults working

with them. That's all JA had through the first 65 years of its existence.

In 1993-94, that accounts for only three out of 100 we work with. That's our smallest part.

I would think that fewer kids are involved in the traditional JA student/business company operation because there are fewer kids today and more things for them to do.

Dewar: That's the problem. They're all doing part-time jobs, sports, drama.

So what else is there?

Dewar: Twenty years ago, teachers started telling us times were changing and JA had to change. We had to get to students earlier.

JA invented a program, Project Business, for the eighth-grade level. The biggest change of all is we went into the classroom rather than have a program after school in a service center.

We would align a business person with a particular classroom for 12 weeks, one hour a week, to help stu-

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