

MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, new store or office openings, new mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Write: Marketplace, Building & Business, Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 3625 S. Schooncraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

HEADS EUROPEAN GROUP

Maureen Christensen becomes manager of European operations for Speedy of Europe, Inc., the international franchiser of American Speedy Printing Centers. She's responsible for training, daily European operations and development of marketing and advertising.

The Commerce Township resident also owns American Speedy centers in Bloomfield Hills and Southfield with her husband, Jerry Christensen. She'll handle her new assignment from the Bloomfield Hills location.

TOP SUPPLIER

Southfield-based Gail and Rice Productions received a General Motors 1993 Worldwide Supplier of the Year award for quality, service and price, announced Timothy D. Rice, a West Bloomfield resident and Gail and Rice executive vice president.

GM awarded 178 of its 30,000 suppliers at its second annual worldwide awards program in London.

G. Richard Wagoner, Jr., GM's executive vice president-worldwide purchasing, said the winning suppliers have shown they are leaders who share GM's "vision to put the customer first in everything we do. We know that's what it will take to win in this fiercely competitive global market."

PARTY ON

Denise A. Albrecht of Farm-

ington Hills, a senior supervisor for Christmas Around the World, earned the second-place 1993 national sales award from the Kansas City-based firm. She ranked second in sales volume out of 10,000 supervisors nationwide.

For the year, her group had more than \$277,000 in sales. She also achieved \$31,000 in personal sales and for the fifth year picked up the President's Club Award. Awards were presented during a company sponsored trip to Rome, Italy.

Christmas Around the World is the party plan division of House of Lloyd.

NEW LAW FIRM

Robert S. Harrison, a metro-Detroit attorney for more than 27 years, has formed Robert Harrison & Associates, in Bloomfield Hills. The firm handles criminal cases, commercial and civil litigation, divorces and personal injury-medical malpractice cases.

MANAGEMENT GROUP

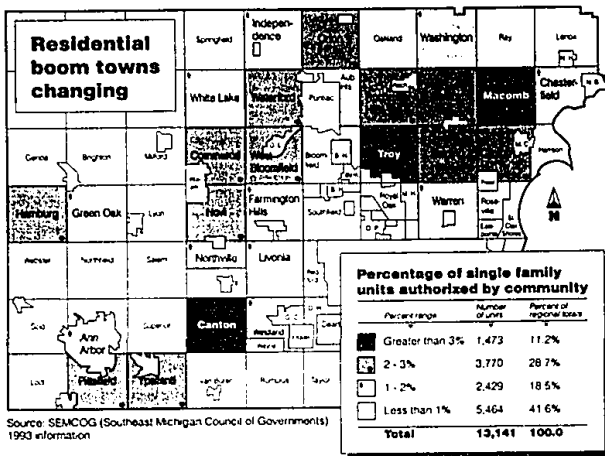
The metro-Detroit chapter of Turnaround Management Association announces its first breakfast and founders meeting, 7:30 a.m. Monday, June 13, at the Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Suite 2500, Southfield.

Founders of the metro-Detroit chapter include Richard W. Gorges, a turnaround business consultant from Richard Gorges Associates, Troy, and 18 other corporate renewal professionals.

Guest speakers for the first meeting are Gerald L. Harvey, National Bank of Detroit first vice president, and Edgar L. Howbert, an attorney from Dickinson, Wright, Moon Van Dusen and Freeman.

Professionals in corporate renewal and related fields are invited. Cost for the breakfast meeting is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. For reservations or membership information, call Lois Seager at Richard Gorges, (810) 643-0600.

Clarification



Source: SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) 1993 information

TAMMIE GRAVES STAFF ARTIST

Where's Canton?: This map, which ran last Thursday in Building & Business, mis-identified Canton, which is correctly shown here as a residential growth hot spot.

BRONZE WINNER

Detroit Zoological Society, Royal Oak, and Arnold Goodwin Communications, Chicago, won a Bronze Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society of America for their campaign, "What is your zoo?" The two won in the not-for-profit organizations category.

AT NATIONAL MEETING

David M. Lippitt of Farmington Hills, an agent for Consolidated Financial Corp., Farmington Hills, attended The Chubb Life Co.'s annual White Mountain Club conference in Maui, Hawaii. The meeting included the top 20 percent of Chubb Life's independent agents.

TELLY WINNER

Digital Animation Corp., Southfield, won five Telly

Awards for its work in stock 3-D animation. They are first place in the general use of animation category and third place for video catalogue, animation quality and production of demo reel.

DAC founder and president Thomas L. Hammill said, "In a competition where creativity, artistry, lavish custom animations and big budgets reign supreme, it is unprecedented for a supplier of low-cost stock animations to be nationally recognized to this extent."

"We create animations that corporate producers, cable companies, agencies and independent producers use to rev up the quality of their own video productions. So, for us to win not on, but five Tellys? It's a bit like winning the Indy 500 in a stock Chevy."

BEST VEHICLE DESIGN

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute received the 1994 Best Analytical Approach to Vehicle Design Award from Troy-based Altair Engineering at the 14th annual Formula Society of Automotive Engineers Collegiate Competition.

Seventy-one cars from 65 schools around the country were entered in the event that gives engineering students a chance to conceive, design, fabricate and compete with small formula-style racing cars.

SALUTE 50 YEARS

Harold "Bud" Thorn, a 50-year employee of First American Title Insurance Co., Troy, was honored at a Meadow Brook Hall recep-

tion last week.

He received a gift from regional vice president Carl Hasselwander and a plaque from John Bethell, vice president-Michigan state operations manager. Thorn and fellow employee Mary Jane Newman, who celebrated 50 years of service in 1993, also received congratulatory letters from Gov. John Engler's office.

The Eastpointe resident joined Burton Abstract and Title in 1944. St. Paul Companies acquired Burton Abstract in 1989, and operated the title insurance division by the name St. Paul Insurance Co. First American Title Insurance acquired St. Paul Title — and Bud Thorn's services — in 1982.

SIGN AGREEMENT

Auburn Hills-based ABB Paint Finishing said it has signed an agreement with the Big Three's Low Emission Paint Consortium to design and build a prototype powder coating line at Ford Motor Co.'s Windsor facility.

The \$20 million project calls for a 60,000-square-foot expansion to test painting materials and processes for automotive applications.

The consortium, formed by Chrysler, Ford and General Motors, shares information and costs to study reductions in paint shop emissions.

CONTRACT AWARDED

Cincinnati-based Gibson Greengrass Inc. awarded its advertising account to W.B. Doner & Co., which will target advertising and promotions to consumers and Gibson retailers.

Gibson, the world's third largest greeting card company, has \$500 million in annual sales. Doner, whose local office is in Southfield, will manage the account from its Cleveland office.

FEATURED SPEAKER

Michael E. Tindall, president of Invest Financial Group, Inc., an investment banking firm with offices Southfield and Port Huron, was a featured speaker at the International Business Brokers Association and The M&A Source's semi-annual conference in San Francisco.

He talked to 800 member firms on structuring complex merger and acquisition transactions.

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