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At Home

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Learner

Woman, 78, earns
high school diploma



Accents

The Ultimate
The 2003 Somerset Home & Garden Ultimate Show House, sponsored by Standard Federal Bank.



Custom House by Derocier and Dominek Tringali Architects, is now open at the Somerset Collection, across from Nelman Marcus, in Troy.
The 6,000-square-foot replica of a home would retail for about \$2.5 million if it were built in the Birmingham area, according to builder Doug Derocier.
The home features many Old World touches, such as brick veneers, cultured stone and glazed maple cabinets, and can be viewed by the public during normal business hours at Somerset. Several benefits will be hosted at the Show House.
For information, visit www.TheSomersetCollection.com.

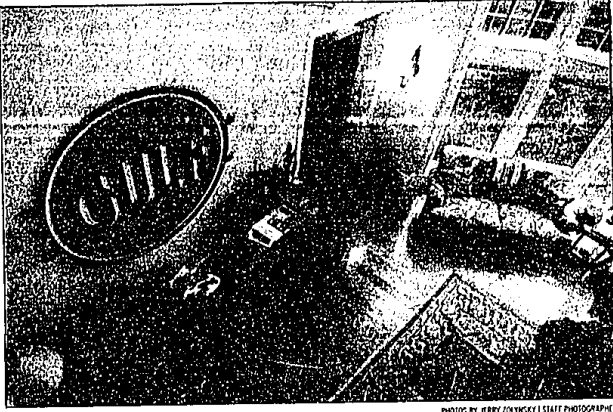
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Fly a kite safely

Warming temperatures and cloudless skies bring spring breezes and beckon kite flyers outdoors. Consumers Energy offers advice to make springtime outings safe.
Consumers Energy urges kite flyers to stay away from overhead electric lines and if a kite happens to get tangled on an overhead wire, don't try to get it - let it go. Caution children to never climb a utility pole, a tree located near a power line or antenna tower to retrieve a kite. In the long run, buying a new kite is safest. For more information on the utility, visit www.consumersenergy.com. For more information on kites, visit www.kitefile.com.

Charming Mix



At left, Bright area rugs are placed around the house, including on a landing. Garden totem poles are also in this space. At right, The Steven Schechter residence in Franklin features a charming mix of antiques and Southwestern-style pieces. In the great room, a desk that belonged to Schechter's grandfather is along one wall, under a Gulf oil sign from the 1940s. Wheat bags are furniture throws.

Styles combine for dramatic effect in Franklin home

First Impressions go a long way when it comes to this English Country Cottage style home.
It's instantly apparent on first sight that this is a charming place, a treasure tucked away in a wooded lot in Franklin.
And as a visitor goes through the house, its charms are revealed in a delightful mix of family antiques and modern art works, Southwestern flavor and contemporary flair.

Unusual and attractive decor and furnishings can be found in nooks and crannies as well as in hallways and overviews. Some archways are cut to form different geometric shapes.
An old butcher block now used as a foyer table, and a cabinet painted with a harlequin pattern, are among the eclectic environment. Here and there, a bright color will stand out from muted shades.
The residence is one of six featured on House Tour 2003

presented by Temple Israel Sisterhood, taking place Wednesday, May 28 (see related chart inside).

MIX OF STYLES

Construction of the house started in 1997 on two acres of a former apple orchard. Steven Schechter has lived there for four years. It was designed by architect Dominek Tringali and built by Custom Homes by,



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This bronze sculpture by Ed Nell is one of the art-works found throughout the home.

By Mary Klemic | Staff Writer

Local designers to meet TV 'Challenge'

BY MARY KLEMIC
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Three area designers will be meeting a special challenge - a *Designers' Challenge*.
Designers' Challenge is the name of a program on HGTV. In the weekly program, which is seen around the country, three different interior designers present proposals for an actual home design project. The homeowners pick one of the proposals, which is then carried out.
Usually the projects are in the Los Angeles area, where the *Designers' Challenge* producers, Pie Town Productions, are based.
But for an upcoming show, Harbi Krass of Colorworks of West Bloomfield, Teri Main of Main Design Innovations at Michigan Design Center in Troy, and Ellen Premtha of Allen Park have been selected to make

presentations for a space in a 6,000-square-foot loft in downtown Detroit.
"We've never really done a loft before," said senior show producer Eric Mathis of Pie Town Productions.
This also is the first time the program, which has been on for four years, will visit the Detroit area, he said.
"We were very flattered and very excited," Krass said. "It should be a great project, and very different from the things we do every day."
"I was surprised and delighted," Main said. "I just thought it being a loft in the city of Detroit, it's something that appealed to me very much."
The project is for a 1,000-square-foot dining/entertaining area "which makes it even more

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MARKET PLACE

Submissions

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Tuscany collection
A unique blend of boldness and restraint, Tuscany is Ethan Allen's newest collection. This panel poster bed features solid alder with select walnut veneers on headboard and footboard panels and post inserts, and carved feet. Prices range from \$2,799 for a queen-sized bed to \$3,399 for a king- or California king-sized bed. The console beds for \$999. The bombe secretary desk has Gemma solids and veneers, hand-carved crown molding, shell feet and French-inspired decorative Rococo hardware. It prices for \$2,299. Ethan Allen stores are located at in Birmingham, Livonia and West.

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