# Creative Living



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## organizing Dorothy Lehmkuhl

Q: We moved recently and I had such high q: we moved recently and I had such high hopes of getting our new home organized quickly and going back to work, but it hasn't worked that way. Our children have been sick constantly and I just can't seem to "get it all together." Do you have tips on how I can get organized soon?

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A: Yes I do, but they won't be the ones you are expecting. A long-distance move can cause a great deal of family stress.

In 1987, Dra. T.H. Holmens and R.H. Rohe devised the Social Readjustment Rating Scale. They assigned value units to major life event changes. Death of a spouse rated 100; major business readjustment 39; taking out a mortgage 31; wife beginning or ceasing work 25; moving 25, etc. (The complete study can be found at the library). Some compating of the compating of the compating work 25; moving 25, etc. (The complete study can be found at the library) copie who commissed 300 or more life change units within a past year get sick in the near future. With 150:299 units. approximately 30 percent.

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I REALIZE it is togo in to live amid chaos and that you are anxious to re-establish your own career, but those things may have to be put on the back burner temporarily. Right now it is more important to get your family settled into your new community. You see, physical organization is only a result of mental order. Depression can be a natural by-product of moving stress, and it's difficult to remain organized when you are depressed.

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Instead, take time to Invite your children's new friends to play at your house (they don't care what your house looks like trust mo), attend Welcomin Wagon or control which was not a control with the property of th

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condo queries Robert M. Meisner

Q. I was driving my car in a condomini-um development recently and was struck by one of the maintenance vehicles appar-ently operated by the condo association. It was badly hurt, having broken my right arm and having suffered facial cuts and scars. I have not consulted with an attorney yet, but I understand that no-fault may pre-clude me from getting "pain and suffer-ing," Am I restricted because of the fact that I was on private property in a condom-inium?

A. The fact that you were injured on a private drive of a condominium development does not preclude you from pursuing your legal rights for damages austained in the auto accident against those people responsible for your injuries.

Normally, in an automobile accident you would have a claim against the driver of the which who was negligent in hitting you, presumably, as well as the owner of the vehicle who was negligent to a support of the work of

You may also have a claim depending on the facts and circumstances against the person who designed the road and/or main-tained it, if that had anything to do with the

iained it, if that had anything to do with the cause of the accident.

Ensed on your question, it appears that the driver of the minitenance vehicle was responsible for the accident. It also appears that you have asstained "aerious injuries" that might take you beyond: the threshold necessary to establish your rights to "pain and suffering" and other damages beyond, the no-fault remedies.

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### WeedBlock Company helps keep gardening easy

AP — The back yard is becoming an outdoor family room. And families, especially those in which husband and wide both hold jobs, are looking for help in the garden—ways to save work and water, and reduce the use of chemicals.

This trend has influenced Dick Grandy and Joe Owens in the development of products for Easy Gardener, their aptly named company.

"Homeowners want attractive gardens and landscapes, but have far ices spare time to devote to their maintenance," the affable Grandy said. "Similarly, professional landscapers, pressured by the rising cost of labor, need to cut maintenance me want to said. "In the said in the cost of t

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Easy Gardener produces Weed-Block, a durable plastic landscape fabric designed for homeowner and professional weed control. According to Grandy, the non-woven, polyethylene geotextile ("vispore") is easy to cut, will not un-ravel, and controls 95 percent of nor-mal weed growth, including nearly all broadlenf weeds and most grasses.

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"It lets 95 percent of the water through," he said, "conserving seil moisture, dramatically reducing the need for supplementary watering." WeedBlock reduces day-night temperature fluctuations and maintains lower daytime soil temperatures even in extreme summer heat, Grandy said, resulting in healthler, less-stressed plants.

"WeedBlock has no weak spots to break or tear and will tolerate 590-percent elongation or stretch," he

Its strength and give make it espe-cially useful under heavy mulches, such as stone or gravel, and in areas that get heavy traffic, he said.

ANOTHER WATER-SAVER is Easy Gardener's Cloud Cover, an anti-desice-and (anti-transpirant) that, when applied to plant leaves and stem, reduces water loss by up to 80 percent, depending on temperature, humidity and wind, Grandy said.

"Their primary purpose," Grandy said, "is to prevent damage and stress from water loss and associated problems due to heat, sun, wind, frost and severe cold.

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"They are used to protect nursery transplants from shock for fast recovery, to reduce water loss in land-scape plants, especially evergreens in winter and summer, and all garden and container-grown plants in bot, dry weather or instorage.

"They are especially helpful for

hanging baskets and potted plants, which tend to dry out fast, and for carrying plants better through your vacation absences."

Cloud Cover, a clear, non-sticky Cloud Cover, a clear, non-sticky film, extends the indoor life of Christmas trees and wreaths. Organ-ic, non-toxic and blodegradable, it prolongs the effectiveness of insecti-cides, fungicides and animal repei-ients; protects plants from salt spray, de-leing chemicals and air pollution; and helps protect certain plants from insect-borne fungal dis-cases.

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Easy Gardener also produces Floating GroCover, a clear fabric so light it can be put on top of growing plants, Tomato Gro-Bigs, pale-green plastic covers that it over tomato constitution of the covers of the produce of the covers of the

'Mounting public resistance to use of toxic especially pesticides herbicides.

has caused a few farsighted manufacturers to develop alternative products."

### Old West Side is house tour focus

A historical potpourri of architectural variances will make for an interesting old house tour sponsored by the Ann Arbor Old West Side Association.
Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, the Old West Side Neighborhood provides tour goers with a pleasant Sunday afternoon in a setting once typical of the turn of the century Midwest.

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This year's tour, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, will include six houses and one commercial property.
Tickets are \$3 for seniors; \$4 in advance and \$5 on the day of the tour. Advance tickets are available at a number of Ann Arbor businesses. Names are available by calling 655-4087 o 682-2187.

Oldest house on this year's tour is the classic Old West Side home of Dave and Denise Gilbertson, 537 Second, featuring a wraparound porch complete with swing and

flowering geraniums. It was built in 1893 by Frederick D. Radtke Jr., a carpenter who outlived three wives and stayed in the bouse until just a few years before his own death in 1968 at age 98.

NEWEST HOUSE ON THE tour is a 1931 Tudor with double-peaked roots, first lived in by German immigrants John and Bertha Buehler, and now owned by Dave Seaman and Helen Zylman, at 615 S. Seventh.

Built during the Depression, when those who could afford to build at all could get quality work and materials, the house includes many features that were state of the art for the time, including coved cellings, stuccoed interior walls, laundry cheites (Zylman's favorite), and all troning closet now used for a pitces.

A 1918 bungalow, now owned by Marilyn Williams and

remembered Sugar Bowl restaurant
Three brothers from Greece opened the restaurant in
1913. Originally, all three lived in the house, but it eventually it became the home of Charley Preketes and his bride.
The new owners have decorated the house with pieces of art acquired over the years, most demonstrating their Southern origins, such as baskets of cotton, or their interests, expecially relating to the women's movement in which they are active.

Tour headquarters are the Reorganized Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the corner of W. Jefferson and Fourth streets. Free shuttle bus service will be provided. Buses will make a cottinuous loop and will stop at each house to pick up passengers approximately every 15 minutes.

#### Homearama is under wav

Homearama, the annual public showing of new idea houses built especially for public display by members of the non-profit Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, its currently under way with expanded viewing hours.

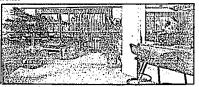
In the Hills of Oakland subdivision, on Adams Road just north of Dutton, north of Rochester, Homearama will be open 3-11 p.m.

Monday through Friday, and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5 per person. Discount coupons, good for Monday through Friday only, are available at Detroit Edizion and First Federal of Michigan. They are also available at AAA metro Detroit offices.

The event runs through Sunday, Sept. 24. Ample free parking is available.



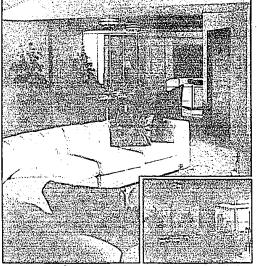
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