

Savoy earns international industrial designation

Jon G. Savoy of Signature Associates, Southfield, has received the SIOR industrial designation award from the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, an international association of professional commercial real estate brokers.

He is an associate real estate broker with 13 years of experience and specializes in sales and leasing of industrial real estate in Farmington Hills, Novi, Wixom and Commerce Township.

Grubb & Ellis, a Southfield property management company, has tripled the size of the assets it manages in Michigan with the addition of three projects. In Detroit, it has add-

ed the Gateway Industrial Center. The former Massey Ferguson plant at Southfield and I-96 is being converted to multi-tenant occupancy. The complex comprises nearly one million square feet. The company also has been named the leasing and property manager for Sheldahl Plaza, Troy, a four-building office complex of 750,000 square feet. The third is Jackson Square, 187,000 square feet in Jackson.

Three employees of local companies have been named officers of the Michigan chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. They are Sandra Johnstone with a business bearing her name, Birmingham;



Jon Savoy

Lisa Hildorf of Minoru Yamasaki Associates, Troy, and Sherry B. Jones of TMP Associates, Bloomfield Hills.

Three others have been named board members at large. They are Robert C. Carr of Lawrence Technological University, Southfield; Bon-

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nie Meyer of Meyer Interiors, West Bloomfield; and Susan Zinger, Michigan Design Center, Troy.

Environmental Data Resources of Southport, Conn., and TOXICHECK Environmental Information Services of Birmingham have merged to form an environmental data services company under the Environmental Data Resources corporate name.

Products and services will be nationally marketed under the TOXICHECK trademark.

Mark Carlini of West Bloomfield has been named director of project development and Jerry Gaudet of Livonia has been named director of project administration at Jon Greenberg & Associates, a Southfield retail design and architectural firm.

Irv Rich has been named execu-

tive vice president of Winston-Traitel Realty, a Farmington Hills company specializing in commercial, industrial and investment real estate. Previously, Rich had been senior vice president of Schostak Brothers and president of his own company.

Planterra Tropical Greenhouses of West Bloomfield won a national merit award from Associated Landscape Contractors of America. The environmental improvement award is for the atrium in the Gateway offices building, Farmington Hills. The plants were installed in 1987.

August was a poor month for both Wayne and Oakland counties for new residential building starts. Oakland recorded 7 percent fewer starts compared to July; Wayne 43.8 percent. For 1991, both counties are lagging 1990 figures. Oakland is down

38.1 percent and Wayne 33 percent, according to the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

Frank Calabro has been named vice president and director of the commercial division of Jack Christensen Inc., Troy. He is founder of Calabro Properties, a Rochester development, commercial investment leasing and brokerage services company.

Germano Management Co., Livonia, has completed the final phase of the \$5.1 million, 394-unit Inverness manufactured housing community in Bedford Township, Monroe County.

The Apartment Association of Michigan is hosting its first industry trade show 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Northfield Hilton, Troy. Show exhibitors are companies who supply goods and services to the residential property management industry including media, landscape and computers firms. Free tickets are required for admission and can be obtained only in advance by calling 737-4477.

Residential construction spending spurs growth

AP — Construction spending rose 0.3 percent in August, the second straight advance, government said today. But only residential spending increased as non-residential and government outlays fell.

"The overall construction sector is far from ready to rebound with continued signs of an overbuilt commercial real estate market and tight credit constraints by banks," said economist Michael P. Niemira of the Mitsubishi Bank in New York.

The Commerce Department said residential, non-residential and government spending totaled a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$408.2 billion, up from \$404.9 billion in July.

The revised July figure showed that spending was a bit stronger than first estimated, rising 1.7 percent rather than the 1.6 percent reported earlier. Outlays had dipped 0.2 per-

cent in June. Still, the value of construction put into place was 9.7 percent below that of August 1990.

Residential spending rose 3.5 percent, to \$167.3 billion, after gaining 2.1 percent the previous month.

SPENDING ON single-family units jumped 5.9 percent, to \$102.2 billion, on top of a 5.0 percent advance a month earlier.

But spending on multi-family units continued to slide, down 0.7 percent to \$13.6 billion after falling 7.4 percent in July.

The value of non-residential construction also declined, down 3.9 percent to \$99.0 billion following a 0.5 percent drop the previous month.

Government spending, reflecting tight budgets, fell 1.2 percent, to \$110.3 billion, after rising 4.0 percent a month earlier.

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