

Builders unveil their latest in housing designs

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"The Albertville," a 4,288-square-foot French chateau style, in the \$399,000 to \$469,000 house.

Named for this year's Winter Olympics, the home has seven skylights. There's also a sauna in the exercise room, said Klapp, a first-time Homearama builder.

There's a fireplace in the master suite, living room and family room, a recycling center in the kitchen, marble in the foyer and hall, and cherry cabinets with granite tops in the kitchen.

Bill Kamego of Kamego Building Co., Sterling Heights, offers a garage large enough for five vehicles.

This is his third Homearama and he's presenting "The Devonshire," a 3,600-square-foot home in the \$315,000 to \$435,000 price range. The home has octagon balusters and a newel post on the foyer stairway and decorative English pelmets.

His wife, Mary, is the interior designer. "People get personal services," she said. "There are no supervisors. They talk to Bill, Bill Jr. or me."

The home is replete with closets, another much-demanded feature. One of the main features Mary designed is a walk-in shower so deep it doesn't need a door to stop the spray from coming out. She designed it this way because she dislikes cleaning shower doors.

PROJECT DEVELOPERS Michael Chico of M.J.C. Construction, Mount Clemens, and Scott Jacobson of S.R. Jacobson Development Corp., Birmingham, who also are showing homes in this Homearama, wanted to stress creativity.

They both drew upon their travels to

Georgia and California. They enjoy the country atmosphere in Oakland Township with nearby amenities in Rochester and Rochester Hills.

"We're stressing that in this marketplace, you have to be more creative to get your piece of the pie," Jacobson said. "People are much smarter and more demanding."

In his 3,700-square-foot house, "The Sussex," priced at \$395,000, Jacobson features a Georgian-style exterior and four fireplaces, one in the master bedroom.

Instead of the traditional center entry, the entry of "The Sussex" is to the right. An open stairway leads to the four bedrooms on the second floor.

Chico's "The Stratford" is a 4,100-square-foot colonial with a French country elevation. It's priced in the \$324,900-\$420,000 range. A circular stairway in the foyer leads to a bridge overlooking the family room and foyer. There's a vaulted ceiling in the family room with a marble-paneled fireplace. The master bath features a whirlpool tub and an oversized shower with a seat and glass on two sides.

JAMES RUTKOWSKI of James Joseph Enterprises, Inc., Rochester Hills, features a full theater in the lower level of his 4,400-square-foot home, "The American," priced at \$499,000. The theater is part of a '50s theme complete with a bar, a Coke machine and an entertainment center.

Every room in the house has a different ceiling design — cathedral, pan, barrel, stepped, cone, pyramid and arched. There's two marble fireplaces and one brick fireplace as well as a two-island kitchen.

"It's important to give all the appeal

possible for a good dollar amount," Rutkowski said.

Rutkowski's house is powered by all natural gas.

"The Porto Fino II," priced at \$390,000 is a 3,750-square-foot home with a neo-classic exterior. Offered by Michael Mocerri of Capitol Homes Associates, Mount Clemens, the home has a

solarium nook in the kitchen along with an island and a peninsula with a snack counter. There's a mud room and powder room on the first floor. The floor in the kitchen and nook is ceramic.

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"The Knorwood" features a new design concept with round wall corners in almost every room and a re-positioned, side-opening garage.

"I saw it (rounded corners) done in the west," Jones said. "Design begins in the west and moves east. Every home won't except it. Rounded corners have to complement the house."

"The Knorwood" also features a

mini-balcony overlooking the front entrance. "We have an open style with lots of windows," Jones said.

Jones has a surprise — an old-fashioned phone booth, complete with a glass door — in the kitchen.

He believes in the team approach, with emphasis on doing work in-house. Among his staff of 13, he employs a civil engineer and a designer. He also owns a computer-aided design (CAD) system.

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STANDARD FEDERAL Bank, Michigan's leading home mortgage lender, will be a co-sponsor of Homearama Spring 1992.

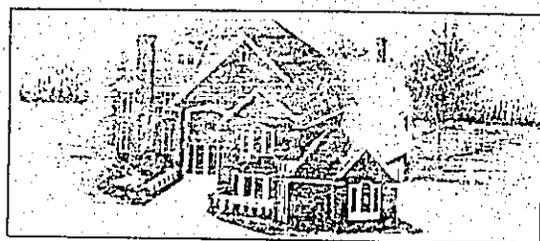
The 10 homes in the Meadows At Oakland Farms subdivision in Oakland Township are valued at \$300,000 to \$500,000 each. They incorporate the latest features in style, living convenience, construction and energy conservation.

Standard Federal provided

construction funds for the model homes. It also will offer financing to qualified buyers of homes in the subdivision. The bank will have an information booth in the Homearama exhibit area.

Discount admission coupons, good weekdays, are available at local Standard Federal branch offices.

Standard Federal Bank, headquartered in Troy, has assets of \$9.5 billion. It operates 120 branches throughout Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.



The American

Lot 6

Builder: James Joseph Enterprises, Inc., Rochester Hills, James Rutkowski, 656-0067.

Architect: Thomas Kurnas.

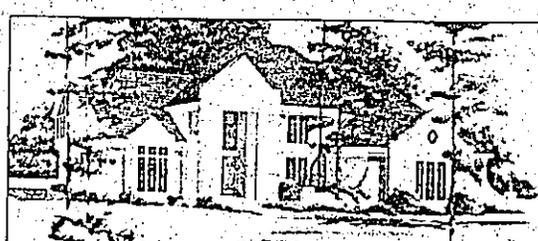
Landscaper: Dave's Landscaping.

Interior Design: J.C. Penney and Dramatic Design.

Square foot: 4,400. **Bedrooms:** 4. **Bathrooms:** 3, 3 half.

Price: \$499,000.

Features: The latest in gas technology and energy efficiency, sponsored by Consumers Power. Traditional French exterior — brick and wood. Full theater in lower level. Two staircases, including a freestanding staircase in foyer. Three fire places — marble in living room and master bedroom; brick in family room. Cathedral, pan, barrel, stepped, cone, pyramid and arched ceiling styles. Two-island kitchen. Nook and garden room area. Octagon-shaped dining room. Walk-in closets in all bedrooms.



The Porto Fino II

Lot 7

Builder: Capitol Homes Associates, Mount Clemens, Michael Mocerri, 263-1203.

Architect: Lubin, Tringali.

Landscaper: Gethsmane.

Interior Design: Mary Lujan and Hepplewhites.

Square foot: 3,750. **Bedrooms:** 4. **Bathrooms:** 3, 2 half.

Price: \$390,000.

Features: Neo-classic exterior. Limestone-capped court walls and gables. Roughed bathroom in the basement. Two stairways, one in foyer and one in great room. Octagonal tray ceiling in master bedroom. Ten-foot tray ceiling in living room. Two-level, walk-in closets in master suite. Solarium nook in kitchen. Kitchen has island and peninsula with snack counter. Kitchen and great room create integral living area. "Mud Bath" and powder room on first floor.