

**Unlikely canvas**

Garage art: Artist Donald J. Pearl brought one of his bold geometric color-scapes to an unusual canvas: the garage of his Farmington Hills condominium. Pearl, a self-taught oil painter whose palette is distinguished by fiery primary colors as well as deep ocean hues, took classes at the Chicago Art Institute. Before working with oils in 1986, he was a Michigan Watercolor Society member. His signature works from 1973 to 1985 were drawings done with Flair pens. Many of these pieces were exhibited in juried shows at the Seagrub Club in Detroit and Oakland University in Rochester Hills. "I paint what I visualize mentally," he said. "My focus has been on angles and shapes and dramatic color combinations."



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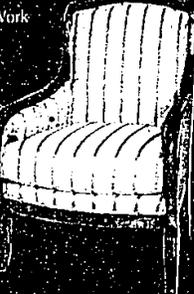
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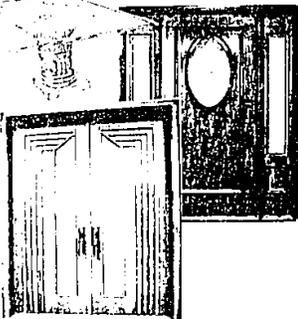
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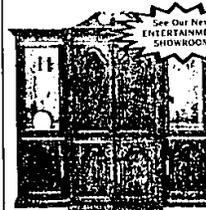
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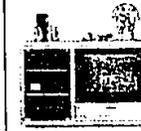
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