

BUILDING SCENE

G

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1993

BUILDING SCENE'S NAMES & PLACES

Project architect

Gail D. Laurinec has been named project architect at Campbell/Menix Associates, a Southfield design firm.

Laurinec has 15 years of experience in all phases of architectural practice and previously worked for Contract Interiors and Lindhout Associates.

In addition to a bachelor's degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University, she has completed training in management development, corporate strategic planning, lighting and fibers.



Laurinec

Production coordinator

Dan Haughton has been appointed project production coordinator by Redstone Architects, Southfield.

Haughton works directly with project managers and clients, producing construction documents, coordinating and approving shop drawings and serving as a liaison between the firm and consulting engineers during final design and construction.

Prior to joining Redstone, Haughton was project manager for Siegel Tuomala. He holds a drafting and design degree from Western Michigan University.



Haughton

Pentastar award

John Wieland, J.S. Alberici Construction Co. vice president, and Mark Richert, vice president for automotive marketing, accepted Chrysler Corp.'s Pentastar award. Alberici was one of 76 suppliers to receive the award presented by Robert Eaton, Chrysler chairman-elect. It is the only construction company to have received the award each year since its inception in 1985.

Wieland heads up the company's offices and yards at 12040 Merriman, Livonia.

Project development

J. Michael Kirk has joined the Southfield retail design and architecture firm John Greenberg Associates as director of project development.

Kirk will head a team to assist community and commercial groups in identifying, developing and implementing urban retail and mixed use business strategies.

Prior to joining JGA, Kirk was principal and president of Kirk Architecture. His specialty fields are historic preservation and urban revitalization. His 15 years in architecture have involved him in projects such as the Sibley house in Detroit, the Kresge Foundation headquarters in Troy and the Wheeler Opera House in Aspen, Colo.

Buildings earn construction, design awards



Any structure is testimony to the talents of a number of professions. The Design and Construction Showcase '93 awards honor many aspects of the building industry including design, craftsmanship and project planning.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

A West Bloomfield synagogue, the Redford police station, a high rise office complex in Southfield and a shopping mall in Troy are among buildings that have won Design and Construction Showcase '93 awards.

Members of the Construction Association of Michigan, the American Institute of Architects-Michigan and the Construction Specifications Institute made the selections.

"It's prestigious from the standpoint that it's the entire industry and not just one aspect voting," said Brenda Zimmerman, spokeswoman for the Construction Association of Michigan.

"We encompass all areas — design, craftsmanship, project planning."

To qualify, buildings must have been finished within the past four years and both the contractor and architect must be located in Michigan.

The 10 winners are:

■ B'Nai Moshe Synagogue, West

Bloomfield. Designer — Neumann, Smith & Associates, Southfield. General contractor — Turner Construction, Detroit.

■ Redford police station. Contractor — A.J. Ekin Construction, Farmington Hills. Designer — Coquillard/Dundon/Peterson & Argenta, Southfield.

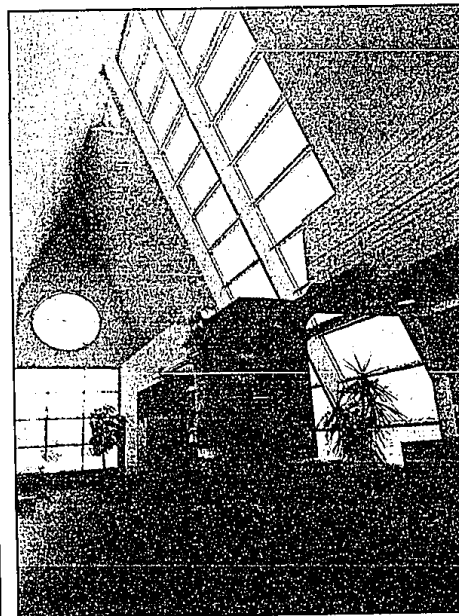
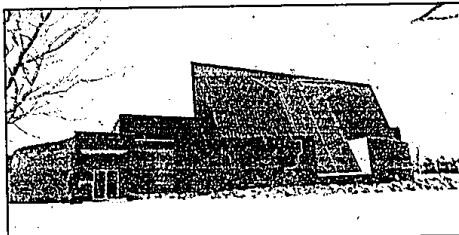
■ Oakland Towne Square, Southfield. Designer — Rossetti Associates Architects, Birmingham. Contractor — R.E. Dailey, Southfield.

■ Somerset Collection, Troy. Designer — James P. Ryan Associates, Farmington Hills. Contractor — Clark Construction, Lansing.

■ Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum, Clinton Township. Contractor — A.J. Ekin. Designer — Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates, Southfield.

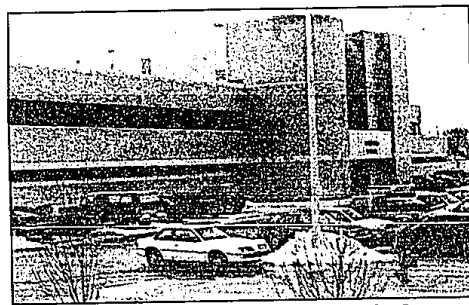
■ Instructional Technology Center, Novi. Designer — TMP Associates, Bloomfield Hills. Contractor — The Bell Co., Fraser.

See AWARDS, 3G



DAN DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Award winners: B'Nai Moshe Synagogue in West Bloomfield (above) and the Redford Township Police Station (left) are among the 1993 Design and Construction Showcase winners. Architects, contractors and suppliers were involved in the selection process.



JIM JAGFIELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Expert witness testimony settles building cases

BY MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

Shoddy workmanship, contaminated soil, payment disputes — these are jobs for the construction police.

They're not really cops, but rather tradesman who give expert courtroom testimony in litigation concerning the building trades.

"One theme rings true throughout the industry — make your objectives clear and don't cut corners before the first shovel of dirt is turned, be it residential or commercial construction."

"A large percentage of our litigation work involves private homes, properties ranging from \$50,000 to over \$1 million in value," said Rich Anderson, senior vice president of Soil and Materials Engineers in Plymouth.

"We act as consulting engineers. My specialty is environmental and geotechnical." "Anderson analyzes soil to let the builder know how deep to dig and what the foundation is composed of. His courtroom expertise comes into play when builders try to sidestep this task and end up with cracked foundations or discover their structure sits atop contaminated soil."

"We're called to do soil borings for most commercial construction. There'd be too much risk otherwise," Anderson said. "But residential, most builders don't want

to spend the extra \$1,000 to \$2,000 for soil borings. Normally, we'd only get involved in more expensive custom houses."

"A large percentage of our litigation work is private home settlement litigation."

Of the 25 times Anderson has made pre-trial depositions, only three or four cases proceeded to trial. Most were settled at the deposition stage.

"To fix the problem is very expensive, from \$15,000 up," Anderson said.

Homeowners "pretty much take the builder at his word. He's responsible the land is fit for the purpose intended."

Structural defects, architectural malpractice, and representing contractors trying to wrest their due from developers make up the bulk of practice for attorney Pat Faccia. His Royal Oak based firm consists of five attorneys, most with trades backgrounds.

"I worked for a small commercial foundation contractor before becoming an attorney," said Faccia. "It makes our clients feel more secure. We've been on job sites. We have a better understanding of what's happening. We've represented all the different trades, electrical and mechanical."

See WITNESS, 2G

Hillpointe
ON MIRROR LAKE
NEW PHASE

2,271 TO 2,798 SQ. FT. PLUS WALK OUT LOWER LEVEL

**THE ULTIMATE
CONDOMINIUM ON
YOUR OWN PRIVATE LAKE**

Magnificent homes with courtyards and lakefront decks. Security systems. Landscaping/sprinklers. Overlooking 13-acre spring-fed lake, adjoining nature preserve. From \$295,000. Open daily & weekends 1-6 P.M., except Thursday. Glysson Realty. Model phone 682-6020.

ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
Main Office 641-1730
PRIME PROPERTIES SINCE 1962

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY