



Ann Donovan charming idea



Carole Lawson not practical



Judy McLeod why a big clock?



Wayne Moran good for celebration



Pat Strobel old town atmosphere

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"I like the idea," said Ann Donovan, a Farmington resident and owner of Donovan's on Grand River. "There's a clock in Northville in the center of the road and I always remark how I like it, and people say it adds to the charm of the city."

So, the clock debate rages on. Since the Downtown Development Authority approved the plan at its Feb. 2 meeting, the clock is the talk of the city. Renovations for the corner would include new trees, a three- by six-foot sign, and the 28-foot brick clock tower

with a mansard roof. The DDA approved a cap of \$65,000 for the plan; The 125th anniversary committee is contributing \$22,000.

Judy McLeod, a waitress at Dimitri's, said it's a topic of discussion among some customers.

"They think it's crazy to have another clock," McLeod said. "Mostly it could be money better spent than on a clock. Why do we need a big clock? People use their watch."

Pat Strobel, a manager at Dimitri's, thinks a clock tower would

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*Maurice Kitchen Hills resident*

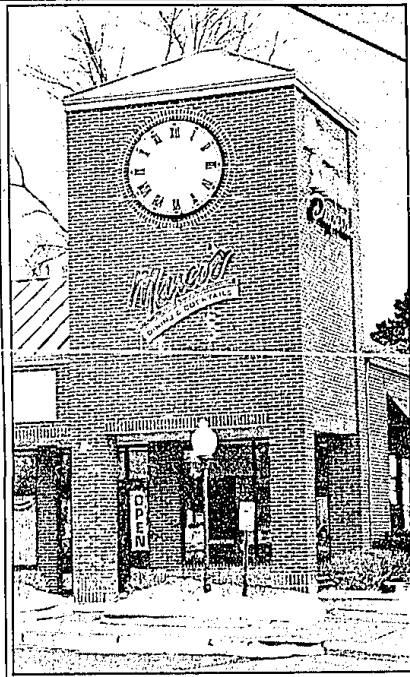
maintain an old town atmosphere.

Added customer Wayne Moran of Farmington: "I think it (the clock) would be a good way to celebrate the 125th anniversary. . . . To put a clock up just to put a clock up, then no."

Mike LaFever cuts hair at the Korner Barber Shop, which is on the corner of Grand River and Farmington. He said the clock has been talked about in the shop. Mainly, LaFever said people have questioned the cost and whether the tower would blend in with the historic Masonic Temple building. The latter's a concern of Maurice Kitchen, who was waiting to get his hair cut.

"I'm a historical kind of a guy. I live in an old house," said Kitchen, who lives in Farmington Hills. "It's just that corner has been a landmark for so long. "I have a very lovely picture of the corner. I have it matted and framed and I've sold a few of them."

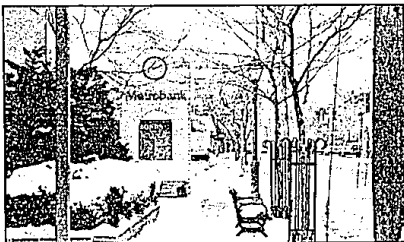
Added another barber shop customer Mike Smith of Farmington: "I know how to tell time. I have a watch. I don't need a clock."



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