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BUILDING SCENE'S NAMES & PLACES

Mamat appointed

Frank T. Mamat, senior partner at the law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn, was appointed by Gov. John Engler to a seat on the Construction Code Commission. The commission, a 17-member board, is charged with improving the quality of housing and reviewing building code regulations and interpreting the application of any administrative rules of the Michigan Bureau of Construction Code. Mamat will represent the general public.

Window dressing

Bloomfield Hills-based architectural firm CHFord N. Wright Associates has gained some national exposure thanks to Pella Windows. Pella selected Wright's window designs for its national advertising campaign. Wright's designs will be featured in both Pella's Designer Series Window Brochure and national television spots.

Col. Ohlinger to speak

Colonel Brian J. Ohlinger, the Detroit District Chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is the featured speaker at the Greater Detroit Chapter of the The Associated General Contractors of America membership meeting at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Ohlinger will speak on "Partnering," a new approach to minimize litigation and adversarial relationships on the construction job site.

To register, call the chapter at 948-7000. Information for inclusion in this column should be sent to Marilyn Fitchett, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Don't move on, add on

Land prices are up. Construction costs are up. Uprooting the family can be traumatic. These are just a few reasons why more and more people are remodeling and adding on to their existing home rather than buying and building anew.

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Here's the scenario. It's a good house, a good neighborhood and good schools.

But it's too small. Should a homeowner give it all up, pull up stakes, rent a U-haul, pack the kids in the car and move?

Not necessarily. More homeowners are staying put and opting to build additions.

"In the 1980s, people wanted new and bigger," Keith Logsdon, an architect with CBI Design Professionals in Bloomfield Hills, said. "In the 1990s, people still want bigger, but they also like what they have."

CBI Design Professionals, which five years ago designed primarily new homes, has shifted much of its attention to remodeling. A good percentage of work performed by the firm is in remodeling, Logsdon said.

Logsdon said his clients have expressed a number of reasons for adding on instead of moving out. Certainly, a large number of people are motivated by a desire to stay where they are because they like the community.

Another reason is the price of land, which has increased so dramatically that an addition is more economical than moving to a larger home.



BETH SINGER

Adding on: When architects or contractors sit down to design an addition, one of the most important aspects is making sure it matches the rest of the house. This award-winning addition was designed by Keith Logsdon of CBI Design Professionals in Bloomfield Hills

Another significant reason is that people have begun to reject the philosophy of the disposable home that had been so prevalent in the past, Logsdon said.

More than space

Space isn't the only factor involved. Frank Carmovale, president of architectural and building firm Carmo-

vale Associates, Inc., said adding space is meaningless unless that space is "active space."

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