

FARMINGTON NOTES

A firm with 'merit'

S legal/Tuomania Associates, Architects and Planners Inc. of Farmington Hills recently received two design awards.

The first, a national merit award for design of the First State Bank of Charlevoix in northern Michigan, was sponsored by the National Wood Window and Door Association. The two-story, 15,000-square-foot bank was designed to capture the character of the indigenous "Charlevoix Style" wood and stone buildings of the area.

The second award, a 1993 Best of Troy Design Award for the Troy Commons shopping center renovation, was made by the Troy Chamber of Commerce. The exterior appearance of the 115,000-square-foot shopping center was totally transformed through the use of diverse, neon-highlighted forms and the introduction of a clock tower.

Current work includes renovation of the psychiatric facilities at the Veterans Hospital in Battle Creek. The firm has been selected for renovation of Mercy Center, which will be bought by the city of Farmington Hills and converted to a senior citizens facility.

She heads group

Jane E. McNamara, a Farmington Hills resident, was elected president-elect of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP) recently in Nashville, Tenn.

SOCAP is a national organization dedicated to fostering and maintaining the integrity of business in dealing with consumers and effective communication among business, government and consumers.

McNamara, vice president and chief operating officer of Credit Counseling Centers Inc., will work with a group of executives from American Express; Coca-Cola, USA; Polaroid Corp.; Volvo; General Motors; Ford; and Firestone to promote customer service and consumer education in the marketplace.

A two-time graduate of Michigan State University, McNamara has a master's degree in consumer economics and bachelor's degree in consumer science.

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Slight overhang: The feet and legs of Danny Brodak (left) and Bob Brisch of Brodak Roofing are showing as they lay flashing on the roof of Ruby Tuesday in Farmington Hills.

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Eatery wants liquor license quicker



Hammers are banging and saws are buzzing at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads where a Ruby Tuesday restaurant is being built — despite the lack of a liquor license.

BY BILL COULTANT
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Despite losing a bid for Farmington Hills' last Class C liquor license, a restaurant is still working toward a Jan. 20 opening at the site of the Roman Terrace restaurant that burned down in February of 1990.

Work is continuing on a new Ruby Tuesday restaurant on the site and

attorney John C. Polansky, who represents the company, said he hopes to have a license by then.

The Farmington Hills City Council rejected Polansky's bid for the last allotted (based on the 1990 census) Class C license by one vote on Nov. 29. But Mayor Nancy Bates said she would pursue legislative options to help the popular restaurant chain get

a license.

A bill that would reinstate the state's 25 resort liquor licenses and 10 Class C liquor licenses is making progress, she said.

"I think things are looking up for Ruby Tuesday," Bates said.

But Polansky said he hopes to transfer an existing license, now in escrow. He has asked to be on the council agenda at Monday's regular meeting.

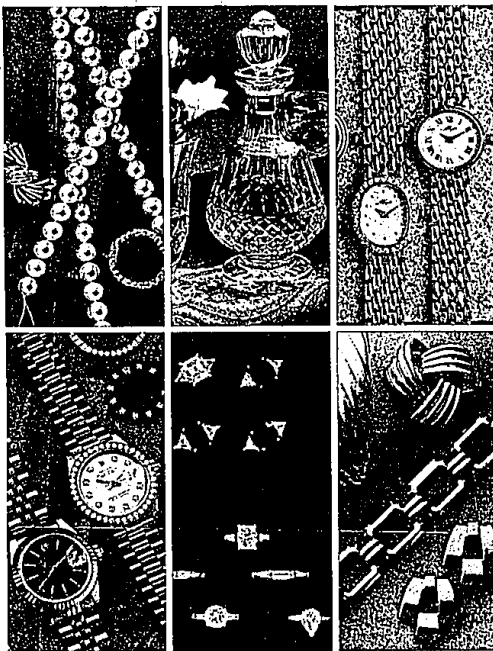
"I'm trying to get it done in time for the opening," Polansky said.

The popular restaurant chain has 370 locations nationwide and 11 statewide.

City clerk Kathy Dornan said even if the state reinstates the resort licenses, they require an investment of at least \$1 million. Morrison Restaurants Inc., which is building Ruby Tuesday, plans to invest \$1,443,311 in the business.

Council members had questioned building the restaurant without first obtaining the license. But Polansky, who has obtained licenses for several restaurant chains in the area, said he didn't have much lead time.

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