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Suburban Stars highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Suburban Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36261 Schooleraft, Livonia 48160, Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Carol Bugdalski of West Bloomfield was named vice president-pharmacy operations for Troy-based Arbor Drugs. She joined Arbor in 1986 and previously was director of pharmacy development.

Dr. Manuel Valdivieso of Bloomfield Hills, a specialist in lung cancer treatment and re-search, was appointed director of hematology and oncology at Harper Hospital and Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit. He has been interim director for the past

Susan G. Kiebler of Farmington is vice president of Hogg Robinson of Michigan, Southfield, specializing in financial institutions, risk management accounts and financial services products. She also coordinates political risk and credit insurance risks nationwide.

Gregg Keller of Redford has joined the Birmingham office of Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent. His training included Michigan State University's professional insurance pro-gram and the Farm Bureau surance agent career school









General Motors reassigned three Farmington Hills residents employed at the Powertrain Group in Pontiac: David Hancock, Lotus Product Team's chief engineer, was promoted to director of transmission engineering. He joined GM as a co-op student in 1968.



Cutting edge: Jay Anthony, general manager of QID Homecare Suites, be-lieves the modular unit his firm sells provides a homecare environment for people not requiring nursing home assistance.

Homecare Suite option to nursing home



A Birmingham firm says it has an alternative to nursing home care. The Homecare Suite fits in most two-car garages and gives caregivers anoth-er choice for relatives who don't require round-

Me-Glock assistance

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Asmall medical supply firm in

Birmingham has big pians for an

alternative to nursing home care
a barrier-free, modular suite that

fits inside a garage.

QID Medical Supply Service,
which up to now sold wound care
kits to nursing facilities, learned
about the self-contained suite, designed for frail elderly or chronically ill people, from the inventor,

Stephen Menke. The former hospi
tal administrator developed the
unit several years ago with Kansas

State University.

The U.S. Department of

Housing & Urban Development re
cently bought 20 units to try out in

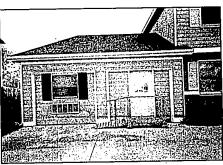
Kansas.

Menke, who says hospitals can't provide long-term care and nursing homes aren't always the answer, came up with the idea for Healthcare Suite at a medical convention. Watching workers carry in and set up a portable baptin from.

QID was so taken with the concept it set up a subsidiarry, QID Homecare Suites, and is Menke's principal marketing partner in the Midwest.

"For us, it's a giant step into the health care market. I think we've hit on something that may

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Easy adaptability: The modular unit with a bedroom, sitting area and barrier-free bath is larger than most hospital rooms and fits inside most two-car garages.

Occupancy up or level; quoted rent rates rise

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER

Both office occupancy rates and quoted rental rates were up slightly in Livenia, Birmingham and Farmington Hills as of the first of the year compared to January 1993.

Occupancy rates remained about the same, but quoted rental rates increased slightly in Troy and Southfield.

That's what Joel I. Feldman, senior vice president and an associate broker with First Commercial Realty & Development Co. in Southfield, found in his annual survey of the metro office market.

Here's a summary of his analysis by community:

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Quoted rental rate, usually higher than actual contract rate, depends on such factors as supply and demand, what the competition is doing and how much a landlord will spend on tenant improvements, Feldman said

Livenia - occupancy, 94 percent; average adjusted quoted rental rate, \$17.83 per aquare foot.

"Majority of leasing activity was corporate in anture and in the form of the renewal of existing leases, the expansion of current tenants as well as the attracting of new tenants," Feldman wrote.

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Western Livonia's major cancern should now be 'Coused on monitoring the supply of office space in relation to domand so that the success it recently enjoys. . . Isn't diluted by the premature introduction of new office product,' he added the 'E' Farmington Hills - occupancy, 89 percent; average adjusted quoted rental rate, \$16.49 per square foot.

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"A healthy relationship between the supply took place," Feldman reported. "Renewals often took the form of lease expansions, resulting in real growth and net absorption.

"This recovery should even be given an additional boost provided significant new speculative office product doesn't come on line in the near future."





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