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E CLARIFICATION

To clarify a definition in a May 18 Real Estate
News story on real estate jargon, the phrase
"buyer' a gent' means an agent who works for the
buyer and is paid by the buyer or seller. Ted Martin, broker-owner of Red Carpet Keim of Westland provides this definition clarification.



Joette George, an associate broker with Better
Homes and Gardens in
Livonia, received Better
Homes and Gardens Producer of the Year Award for

George, a licensed builder who spent more than a decade in new construction in Livonia and Farmington Hills, recently re-entered the resale market.

E REALTOR RATING
David B. Friedman achieved the SIOR office designation from the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. He is with Friedman Real Estate Group Inc. in Farmington Hills.

E TEPEE AFFILIATIONS

Lee Swaby and Susan Delgado have affiliated with Tepee Realty in Plymouth.

Swaby, who brings 20 years experience in real estate, is a certified commercial industrial appraiser and instructor for the Michigan Association of Realtors.

Delgado, with 15-plus years in the field, is an associate broker and owner of independent Management Co. She specializes in condominium and apartment community management.

Home buyers, sellers bone up at expo

problems, but it tells what might go wrong. Decide upfront how much risk you're willing to take on.

8 The purchase agreement is the buyers and seller's blueprint of the transaction. Read it carefully and make amendments before signing.

8 Get mortgage approval before house hunting. Look for a good mortgage deal, but make sure the lender is service-oriented. Examine your lender the way it will examine your credit history and ability to repay.

8 If you're looking for a larger home, sell yours first.

B If you're looking for a larger home, sell yours first.
B Know your area's market value; don't feel pressured to accept an offer.
B If your home needs a new roof or other work, get estimates before listing the property. Knowing how much the work will cost comes in handy when negotiating an offer.
B If you use an aittorney, make sure he or ahe is a real estate specialist. A defense attorney won't know current real estate law.

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Buying a home is an investment, not an expense. Your finances will determine where you buy, but focus on location. Look at schools, crime statistics and municipal services.

two seminars grand for buying or selling property — Should I sell my home before looking for another? The 22-year-old engineer for GM Hughes in Troy was on a fact-finding mission. He attended the recent by the Western Wayno Oskinator and the complex of the state home, but said home ownership seemed like a complicated venture. Like many young professionals to day, this potential buyer lives with his parents, but the kage of reason to move out — every April 16 the tax monster takes a bigger chunk of his growing income. "I'm not sure I want to buy yet," the Livonia attracted mostly first-time buyers of the buying the my taken this year, the preparer and they are not state the deductions." "I'm not sure I want to buy yet," the Livonia attracted mostly first-time buyers who tised 22 booths staffed by mortgage lenders, home inspectors and other real estate specialists. Attendees collected brochures, took notes and asked bright questions at the descriptions and additional translations of the state of the complex of t

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Other attorneys might counsel your to fight the association to the bitter end, in an effort to impose economic hardship on the association, boping that the association's suit will either fail for want of money or desire.

However, this course of conduct ignores the costs attendant to such extended litigation, not only in terms of out-of-pocket costs being paid to the attorney, but also in the deprivation of time and resources of the developer in attending to the litigation, as opposed to engaging in more profitable and productive enterprises.

A profitable or more responsible course of action is to attempt to work with the association, through experienced legal counsel in your behalf, in an effort to reach an annicable and reasonable resolution, hopefully be-

fore the commencement of lawsuits.

It has been my experience that condominium associations do not like litigation any more than developers and will generally bend over backwards in an effort to reach a fair and reasonable accommodation with the developer.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by uriting Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025. This column pracideg general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

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