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Geneva

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"The design (is for) single-family detached units," Kalberer said. They are super-insulated houses, he noted, and the number of windows was intentionally reduced to the minimum required by housing codes because "windows are big heat losers."

According to the project's general contractor, Mike Harms, president of Frameworks Building Systems, the flooding at the High Street lot will soon be resolved. The lot under construction is lower than adjacent lots, he explained, and in the past the other lots had drained onto it.

One of the ironies of the dispute is that FLOSM undertook the project at the request of the city. In the spring of 1985, representatives of the Geneva Housing Authority approached the Finger Lakes office, suggesting that it take advantage of funds available through the Homeless Housing and

Assistance Program to build low-income housing. The Geneva officials outlined a need for three-bedroom, low-income houses in the Ontario County community, and said that FLOSM would be the ideal agency to coordinate the project because of its favorable reputation in that community.

After its board of directors approved the project, FLOSM applied for funding in July, 1985. The office received a signed contract from the state on January 15, 1987. Sites for the homes were found — and purchased — through a local realtor.

Caroscio said that FLOSM pursued the project in the first place because "it's part of the mission" of the office.

"Many of the things that we do (in Geneva) pointed to a need for this kind of housing," the director noted. "It's the area of housing that's suffered in the last decade in terms of funding cuts." Caroscio added that FLOSM already has a waiting list of Geneva-area applicants wishing to rent the houses.

Despite the controversy surrounding the project, Caroscio said FLOSM would consider similar endeavors in the future. "The need is there, and if we can pursue it, we will pursue it," she concluded.

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custody of Cardinal Ballestrero. It is marked by what appears to be the image of a crucified man, long believed to be that of Jesus Christ.

A January 13 article in the Turin newspaper La Stampa quoted Cardinal Ballestrero as saying that "it seems to me the U.S. scientists are acting as if the final decision had already been made. We are still discussing the situation, and will in due time communicate the results."

Meanwhile, Luigi Gonella, the cardinal's adviser regarding the shroud, told the National Catholic News Service Rome bureau in a telephone interview that "we are still in the negotiating stage with laboratories. We have received different proposals. We won't say anything until we have finished studying the proposals."

During their press conference, however, Gove and Harbottle provided copies of an October 10, 1987, letter from Cardinal Ballestrero telling the 1986 workshop participants that the Vatican had directed that "no more than three samples be taken"

for laboratory testing.

"The choice of the three laboratories, among the seven which offered their services, was made, after long deliberation, and careful consultations, on a criterion of internationality, and consideration for the specific experience in the field of archeological radio carbon dating, taking also into account the required sample size," the Oct. 10 letter said.

Gove and Harbottle also released a copy of an October letter to Pope John Paul II, in which they expressed their dissatisfaction and cited "our collective impression that Cardinal Ballestrero has received very unwise scientific advice."

"The procedure that the cardinal of Turin is suggesting is bound to produce a result that will be questioned in strictly scientific terms by many scientists around the world who will be very skeptical of the arbitrarily small statistical basis when it is well known that a better procedure was recommended," the letter to the pope stated.

"Since there is great world expectation for the date of the shroud, the publicity resulting from a scientifically dubious result will do great harm to the church," it added.

King's dream

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Their efforts will continue paying off as the Mooney competitors give eight more "Prophet" performances in upcoming weeks — including a special presentation for Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Although commemoration of King's birthday — whether through dramatic, musical or other events — does create awareness of the civil-rights leader's cause, Smyth acknowledged that "a lot of the same bigotry and prejudice is still there."

In light of comments made on King's birthday by Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, concerning why the famed oddsmaker believes blacks make better athletes than whites, Smyth observed that society still has a long way to go

before King's dream will become a reality.

"Blunders like that simply recreate the focus on racism," he said.

Rod Campbell, the only black student among the six Mooney participants, said he had encountered some of that racism since he became involved in the "Prophet."

"Most of what I've heard (about the play) has been positive... but I've heard through other students that some people think I'm just being a 'nigger lover,'" said Campbell, who said he signed up for the play not knowing it related to racial attitudes during the 60s. "I don't let comments like that get to me though," he said.

Because of the experiences, Campbell, a football player and wrestler at the Greece Catholic high school, said he now plans to pursue drama studies when he enters college next fall.

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