

BRENNAN-  
BUCKHOLZ

William and JoAnn Buckholz  
of Reford Township announce

the engagement of their son,  
Carl Edward, to Rhonda Kay  
Brennan, daughter of Steve and  
Charlene Brennan of East Jordan.

The bride-to-be is a graduate  
of Central Michigan University  
with a bachelor of science in  
business administration with a  
degree in accounting. She is living  
in Farmington and is working  
at Lift Aid, Inc. in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of  
Lawrence Tech University with  
an associates degree in mechanical  
engineering. He is also living in  
Farmington and is working at  
Atmosphere Furnace in Wixom  
as a mechanical engineer.

A September wedding is  
planned in St. Joseph Church in  
East Jordan.

REDMOND-  
MACK

Garland and Florence  
Randall of Lakeland, Florida  
announce the  
engagement of  
their daughter,  
Laura Susan Redmond  
of Farmington  
Hills, to Judge  
Milton Louis Mack,  
Jr., son of Milton  
and Virgie Mack of  
Wayne.

The bride-to-be is a  
graduate of Walsh College of  
Accountancy and Business  
Administration. She is pursuing  
a law degree at Wayne State  
University Law School. She is  
employed by Seyburn, Kahn,  
Ginn, Bess, Deitch and Swelin in  
Southfield as a paralegal in the  
estate and retirement planning  
areas.

Sean West served as best man  
with attendants Scott Stuart,  
Jacki VanderMolen (groom's sister),  
Shane Woytko and David  
Hirring.

The couple received guests at  
The Grand Atrium in Seattle  
before leaving on a trip to  
Jamaica. They are making their  
home in Seattle.

They are now Janine and John  
VanderWhite, having combined  
names.



Her fiancé received his bachelors  
degree from Eastern Michigan  
University and his law  
degree from Wayne State University  
Law School. He was formerly a  
Wayne County Commissioner  
and is currently a Wayne  
County Probate Judge.  
A late June wedding is  
planned at the Dearborn Inn in  
Dearborn.



## Spa gets national attention

Tamara Friedman of Tamara Institut de Beaute in Farmington Hills was featured in the April/May issue of Complete Woman's "Who's News" section, along with such celebrities as novelist Danielle Steel and clothes designer Donna Karan.

The May issue of Allure, the beauty magazine, named Tamara Institut as one of the top 15 places in the country to get a great manicure and pedicure. Watch for your July issue to get a Vogue magazine where Tamara in Town Spa was picked among one of the best places in the country offering the most extensive massage and body treatments.

For more information call 810-855-0474.

## Garage from page A13

About a mile away, sisters  
Donna Drotar of Farmington  
Hills and Janet Eberline of Novi  
were hosting a sale featuring  
plenty of children's clothing, all  
neatly hung on racks or folded in  
laundry baskets according to size  
and sex. Together they have  
eight children, four boys and  
four girls.

"We do this twice a year, in the  
spring and fall," said Drotar,  
who lives on Fox Creek.

Drotar finds herself pricing  
and sorting merchandise as she  
removes it from her kids closets.  
They also use the same bright  
pink signs over and over again.  
"With more than one seller, you  
can take a break," Drotar  
said.

Jane Glossop, with daughter  
Erika, 5, was busy scooping up  
pretty summer dresses.

"We're getting ready for  
school," said Glossop, who

scanned Observer ads for garage  
sales close to her downtown  
Farmington home. Erika will be  
attending kindergarten at Flannery  
School in September.

"It's certainly cheaper than  
buying everything new," she  
said.

Friends Karen Martin and  
Mania Ruicci, both of Farmington  
Hills, hosted a sale prior to  
Memorial Day.

"Be ready to haggle and know  
what you have," Martin said.  
"Many shoppers come with specific  
lists. It's a lot of work for  
what you get out of it."

Garage sale veteran Vicky  
Hamm, who lives on Gary near  
13 Mile and Drake roads, offers  
this: "Be very organized and  
make sure everything is clean.  
Clothes should be pressed and  
on hangers. Price as you'd  
expect to pay as a customer."

VANDERMOLLEN-  
WHITEMORE

Janine Karole Whittemore and  
John Michael VanderMolen were  
married December 31, 1995 in  
Unity Church of Seattle by the  
Rev. Robert Biddick. She is the  
daughter of Karen Whittemore  
and Allan Whittemore both of  
Farmington Hills and he is the  
son of John and Ida Vander-  
Molen of Winthrop, Washington.

The bride is a graduate of Harrison  
High School and Hope College.  
She is attending Seattle

University Graduate School of  
Counseling.

The groom is a graduate of  
Bellingham High School and the  
University of Washington. He is  
also attending Seattle University  
Graduate School of Counseling.  
They are both employed as  
counselors with "At Risk" Youth.

Jodi Bennett served as maid of  
honor with attendants, Elizabeth  
Bischoff, Todd Whittemore  
(bride's brother), Julianna Carlson  
and Edey Granning. Leesha  
Rozboom served as flower girl.

## Funerals

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funerals to know where their  
money is going.

When funeral homes, cemeteries  
and pre-need companies  
employ commissioned salespeople  
to sell their services and merchandise,  
the truth can get  
muddy. Do these situations  
sound honest?

A funeral director sells a family  
a casket and a burial vault then  
tells them "everything is  
taken care of." Years later when  
the death occurs, they are told  
they must pay a service charge  
and additional expenses.

A cemetery owner selling a  
product tells a consumer "the  
price will double after today."

A pre-need company rents a  
casket for \$1,600 by telling the  
family the average casket sells  
for \$9,000. When the family gets  
to the funeral home, they learn  
that for \$1,400 they could have  
bought the same one.

Do I need to mention free  
attorney services for estate planning  
to encourage sales?

My point is that it is hard to  
know with whom you are dealing.  
These salespeople may  
work for the funeral home,  
the cemetery, the pre-need  
company or a company  
contracted by any of the above.

The state of Michigan is  
supposed to regulate  
pre-need funeral  
sales, but unfortunately it knows as much  
about funerals as the average  
citizen.

Example: If you saw a company  
named ABC Funeral Services,  
would you assume they are a  
state licensed funeral home? I  
did, so I filed a complaint. The  
state told me the company is  
legal because it is licensed as a  
pre-need seller. Why do you  
think this pre-need company  
would want a name that makes  
people think they are a funeral  
home? Simple... sales, sales and  
more sales!

So how do you protect yourself?  
Deal with someone you  
know. If you do not know someone  
in this field, find someone  
committed to your community.

Make sure 100 percent of your  
money is trusted and that you  
can get a 100 percent refund on  
principle and interest. Get it in  
writing.

Be wary of anyone who says  
"everything is taken care of."  
There are always incidental  
items at the time of death.

If it sounds too good to be true,  
it is. Don't let salespeople compare  
one product or service to  
another. Make your own comparisons.

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