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HOME BUYING
The Oakland County Housing
Network is appanering a series of
workshops entitled "Home Buying Made Easy" from 6 to 9 p.m.
on July 16 and 23 at the Pontiae
YWCA, 259 W. Huron in Pontiac. Topics include credit counseling, saving and budgeting and
purchasing a new home. Additional information is available
through Michelle Poeppe at (248)
334-0973.

MARAGED CARE

Marilyn Hill and Patrick Barrio
of the Michigan Department of
Community Health will be available to answer questions during
a forum on "Managod Care"
sponsored by the Oakland
County Regional Inter-Agency
Coordinating Committee and the
Oakland County Council for
Children and Adults with Psychiatric Disabilities. The forum
will be on July 18 at the St.
Joseph Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 900 Woodward, in Pontiac.

Bohavioral health will be the topic from 10 a.m. until noon and developmental disabilities will be discussed from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

STRAIGHT TALK

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Some of the issues to be highlighted on Straight Talk on
Channel 50, WrEID, are how to
stop smoking at midnight Sunday, Amyre Makeupson, a nows
anchor at the Southfield station, hosts the show, which also
includes topics like casinos in
Detroit.

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STUDENT EXCHANGE
Two established student
exchange programs — Nacel
Cultural Exchanges and Open
Door Student Exchanges — have
merged and are looking for families to heat 50 students from
Prance and 30 from Spain in
July and/or August.
The new organization — Nacel
Open Door — is also looking for
families willing to be hosts during the school year while a visiting students attends the local
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public school year while a visiting the school year are urged
to contact state coordinator
Julian Prince at (248) 628-6841
during the evening or on
evenings, or the national office
at 1-800-622-3553.

MENTORS SOUGHT

Oakland County Youth Assistance is looking for positive adult role models for Oakland County thildren ages 5 to 16. To learn how to become a mentor, individuals should attend a training session scheduled from 9 a.m. 1 p.m. Saturday, July 12 at the Oakland County Courthouse (north entrance), 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontice, For more information, call Oakland County Youth Assistance at (248) 858-0041.

SUMMER FUN

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Independence Oaks Nature Center is offering several summer activities including a garden seminar from 7:30 -9:30 p.m., July 17, and the art of aromatherapy will be featured from 7:30 -9:30 p.m., Aug. 21. Preresistration is required for all nature programs. A vehicle entry fee of 58 will be charged for programs beginning before 4 p.m., Independence Oaks County Parks on Sashbaw Road, 2-122 miles north of 1-75 near Clarks ston. For more information, call (248) 625-6473 or TDD (248) 858-1684 for more information or to visit the Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oak-land.mi.us.

— Compiled by staff writer Jennifer Placinto

## Exchange student seeks home

A German exchange student is looking for a host family in Oakland County.

Dominik, 16, will arrive in mid-August and spend 10 months in the United States as a foreign exchange student if host for the confind a local family to provide him with a place to live.

Dominik has many interests and delivers newspapers to can spending money to support she many activities, including as cert, bagkethall, including second to the county of the practices manie and counts. He practices manie three days a week and is helping his high school organize a com-

petitive soccer team. Dominik also enjoys skiing and playing squash.
Dominik describes himself as sociable, helpful and tolerant. In his application, he wrote that he is usually "happy and in a good mood." Dominik's mother says that he is very "sociable, humous and independent and he loves animals."
Dominik is an 'A' student who has studied English for six years and Latin for four years.
He does not smoke or drink alcohol and Dominik is a member of a group that explains the

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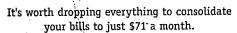
Duminik is enger to share his German culture with his host family and school while he learns shout life in America and improves his English language skills. His parents will provide full medical insurance and money to cover his personal expenses and tuition.

Dominit's host family only needs to provide a bed, meals, transportation to activities, love and guidance. In exchange, the host family will receive a tax deduction. Dominik is eager to share his

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