Enter our sunflower contest

Growing sunflowers this summer? Keep nurturing them, give them plenty of sunshine and water and you just may have a winner.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and English Gardens are sponsoring their second annual High Hopes Sunflower Contest. First., second-and third-place finishers for the tallest plant and widest seed head categories will be awarded.

Winners will receive \$75, \$50 or \$25 gift certificates from English Gardens. Check the Observer & Eccentric Newspa-

Observer & Eccentric Nowspa-pers for entry forms, or call (734) 953-2105 for information. The deadline for entries is Monday, Aug. 27. The top entries in length and seed head for the 2001 season will be ver-ified by judges. Prizes will be awarded Sunday, Sept. 16, at English Gardens in West Bloomfield.







Alum extendible table By: Andrea Lucatello





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The guilty of this with our condenser under the refrigerator of the point of the could result in money spent on a service call and labor. If you have any questions or don't under the hought to the owner's operation what you can do to solve these post 22 years. I informed her how to do the job and called her later that night to find out

Dirty problems

M Dirty condenser under the refrigerator - Clean it every four months using a long handle condenser brush and vacuum cleaner crevice tool. This condition can burn out the compressor and other components and cause a great increase in your utility bill.

M Dirty, plugged-up vent line from your clothes dryer - Clean it twice a year by removing it completely. This is the big cause of some 15,000 house fires a year in this country.

M Dirty drain lines from the dishwasher to the garbage disposals - Remove the connection at the disposer and clean out the neck with a plain screw driver. This is a common service call when the dishwasher does not pump out all the water in the bottom of the dishwasher.

Dirty acreens inside the

EDirty acroens inside the washing machine water valve-Remove the two hoses which connect into the back of the washer. Full out the screen with eye-brow tweezers and use an old toothbrush to clean them. These plugged screens can cause a very long wash velo as water does not enter the machine as quickly as it should.

EDirty surfaces inside of a microwave - Clean with a non-abrasive cleaner, warm water and let dry. Food splatters which are continually cooked every time will harden to a rock-like material and can ruin the paint surface. They will also cause arm to the magneton the which is the heart of the product.

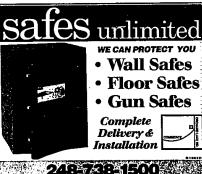
When the need arises for a service technician to visit your home, I'm sure you have thought of everything you could do to prevent it. You already know it's almost maddening when he or she corrects the problem by cleaning something you could have done yourself. The first step is always reading the operating manual and the next is reading this newspaper. Stay unday and Sunday on 780 W.R. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (1313 873-9788).

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