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colleges to offer credit for hotel and restaurant management programs.

"We're just waiting, sitting on our hands," he said, adding that he doesn't anticipate trouble winning approval.

If he doesn't, Buoncompagno said he'll head across the river to Windsor.

Several blackjack, craps and roulette gaming tables were under construction in a 2,200-square-foot office in Livonia during a recent visit. Flyers have been printed and several inquiries already have been received.

Thousands of jobs are available around the country now, Buoncompagno maintained, but casinos generally don't train dealers.

"They don't have time and there's a loss of revenue it would take to train personally," he said. "They'd have to set aside tables, equipment and personnel. One or

two might (train), but the majority don't."

"Now they hire out of school. You would hire in at a small casino until you get a few months experience, then move up."

A novice might start at \$100 a day in tips and salary plus full benefits and meals, Buoncompagno said.

In time, dealers make \$150 to \$200 daily in a mid-range casino, then \$300-\$400 daily in top-of-the-line operations, he added. Dealers on river boats can earn as much as \$1,600 weekly.

**Working for tips**

"People don't go into casinos primarily for the salary they're working on. It's tips," he said.

At a minimum, dealers must know how to handle two games and all variations of a game to get a job, Buoncompagno said.

Figure on paying \$1,100 for a

nine-week craps class, at MGI Casino Dealer School, nearly \$300 for a six-week roulette course and \$450 for a five-week blackjack class. Day and night classes will be offered as well as a deferred tuition plan.

Buoncompagno, 50, and wife, Sherri, will teach the classes, as will a couple of former Vegas dealers who return to Michigan.

No job guarantees are offered.

"We're going to train the whole, complete way, all varieties of a game itself," he said. "We would call and set up appointments, set up auditions. They (students) have to be able to perform a game."

Toni Taylor, director of International Dealers School in Las Vegas, said out-of-towners should carefully weigh a decision to move.

"We found in the past that expectations of students relocating

is not very realistic," Taylor said. "You have to be able to toe a line to make it here — show restraint in gambling and party time."

But job opportunities are available, she confirmed.

"We have a lot of turnover in town and we're also expanding," Taylor said. "In the next year or two, five more casinos will open."

Buoncompagno said he's developed contacts with 20 years experience as a dealer, pit boss and shift boss in Vegas, a couple of years managing cruise ship gambling operations in the Far East and a stint at International Dealers School in Las Vegas.

You don't have to be a glamorous person to get a dealing job, Buoncompagno said. But, then, the life isn't for everyone — especially "someone with a real strong attitude toward criticism who can't take instruction, can't stand abuse," he said.

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about 15 years to accumulate this fund, blue chip stocks or a growth mutual fund would be appropriate investments for this money.

The Carsons have not made the time to put an estate plan in place. At a minimum, they should have wills that detail the distribution of their assets, durable powers of attorney that enable them to easily manage their financial affairs if one of them is

incapacitated and patient advocate designations/medical durable powers of attorney that specify their desires if life support systems are required.

They have also neglected to insure their possessions. When they sold their house, they dropped their homeowners insurance, and no new coverage was purchased. They should be aware of a policy specifically for renters that in-

sure their possessions. It also protects them against certain liability claims. They should contact their insurance agent immediately to put this coverage into place.

All and all, Glen and Joyce are on track toward meeting their goal of a comfortable retirement. It will simply require continued persistence and careful controls over their savings and expenditures in the future.

Don Boyce, a certified financial planner at the Center for Financial Planning in Southfield, has been recognized by Money magazine as one of the top financial planners in the nation. Alan Ferrara is a partner in the Farmington Hills law firm of Coates, Lansky, Feak, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar. Both have served in leadership roles in financial planning professional organizations.

## DATEBOOK

**NAPM**  
The Metro Detroit chapter of the National Association of Purchasing Management will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren beginning at 5:15 p.m. with a mini seminar on "Merging Two Corporations" presented by Don Alessi, CPM, Comerica Inc. The after dinner program is "Buy Back the Future (Recycling) with speaker Steve Royce, merchandise manager, University of Michigan Store.

monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21 at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills beginning at 6 p.m. Speaker Joseph Bruner of Quad "C" Company, Topic: Managing Unemployment Compensation in Your Business." Call 646-9031.

**MACPA**  
The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants is offering a workshop on "Qualified Retirement Plan Distributions" on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7:50 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Southfield. Speakers Jane M. Smith CPA and Loral Werner-Gleason, CPA. Call 855-2288 for more information.

**PC PROBLEMS**  
"Identify and Fix Pesky PC Problems . . . Without Calling a Repairman" presented 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Holiday Inn Chamber in Dearborn. Fee: 145. Sponsor: Padgett-Thompson division of the American Management Association, 1-800-255-4141.

**ASQC**  
The Greater Detroit section of the American Society for Quality Control's open meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. will feature Walton M. Hancock of the University of Michigan speaking on "The Use of Production Data For Process Control." Place: Ford Safety Center Auditorium, Village Road, Dearborn. Call 451-4004.

**JAPANESE AFFILIATIONS**  
"Reflections on Japanese/U.S. business affiliations" a business briefing aimed at helping Japanese/U.S. businesses improve profitability, will be sponsored by Coopers & Lybrand on Tuesday, Jan. 26 beginning at 2 p.m. in Eastern Michigan University's corporate education center in Ypsilanti. Call 446-7215 for details.

**FINANCIAL AID**  
Northwood University, headquartered in Midland is offering an informational seminar on college financial aid on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Call 1-800-457-7878 for more information.

**MIOSHA VISITS**  
The American Society of Employers is presenting a seminar on "What to do when MIOSHA Visits on Monday, Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. at 23551 Northwestern highway. Speaker: Richard Zieb, safety consultant, Michigan department of labor. Call 353-4500 for more information.

**IMA**  
The Oakland County Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) will hold its

**FINANCIAL CAREER**  
The Hobbey Agency of the Equitable, headquartered in Troy is offering an informational career seminar on the financial services on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 12 noon in the Timberland Office Park, 6435 Corporate Drive in Troy. Call 641-2763 for more information.

**STRIVE**  
Strive, a networking and support group for women and a local chapter of the National Association for Female Executives meets on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Troy public library. Speaker: Gayla Houser, president of Troy Chamber of Commerce who will discuss the Troy market.

**SUPERVISIONS PRACTICES**  
The American Society of Employers is presenting a seminar on "Principles and Practices of Supervision I" on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 9 a.m. at 23851 Northwestern highway. Speaker: Dick Warner, ASE's Management Education Division. Call 353-4500 for more information.

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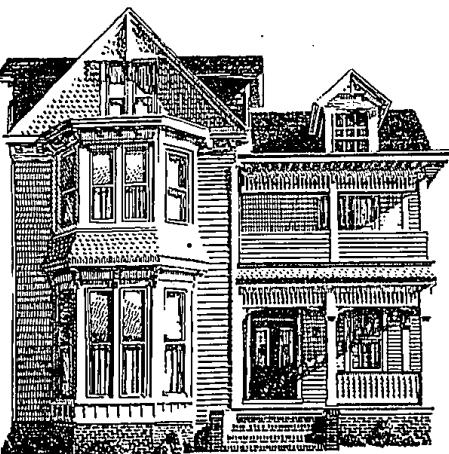
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