

Host families needed for foreign students

Youth for Understanding, one of the largest non-profit international high school exchange programs, is looking for families in the Farmington area to host students from 26 countries.

International students participate in full-year programs while learning first-hand what American family life is all about. They are required to have good conversational ability in English and are expected to participate as a family member, not a guest.

Volunteer host families provide room and board to their student, offering the same guidance and love they give their own children. Clothing, spending money, insurance and other personal expenses are provided by the student's natural family and program fees.

Currently, the organization is looking for homes for students who will be arriving next month from Chile, Japan, Belgium, Spain and Sweden.

FOR MORE information on becoming a host family, call Herb or Dorothy Pilo at 626-1222.

Balloonist tells tales

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As the nylon balloon was unrolled, crew members kept the material close to the ground, controlling the amount of wind which managed to sneak under it.

On windy days the bulk of the work involved in flying balloons is performed on the ground. The unrolling of the balloon must be controlled very carefully, Byrne said. "Once it's in the air, it's OK," he said.

Byrne received his training for his commercial pilot (lighter-than-air) license by working on a balloonist's crew.

By crewing, he learned to keep the balloon smoothly in the air while it was tethered to the ground with ropes and while it was allowed to roam freely across the sky.

The balloon is filled with cool air. Static pressure is built up by introducing hot air through a propane burner. The result of this meeting of hot and cold is a rising balloon.

Bond on trading block

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IF THE FARMINGTON HILLS City Council doesn't grant rezoning, Hughes will forfeit \$12,000 and the school building will revert back to the school district for sale.

A spokesman for the Oakland Subdivision Homeowners Association who live in the Bond School area said the group doesn't object to use of the school building for offices.

"We'd just like to see the transaction handled smoothly," said Ralph Wise. "We're there to protect our interests."

Albert Kabak, a Farmington Hills resident and owner of Washington Clothiers in Farmington, is offering \$350,000 on a land contract over five years at 10 percent annual interest.

If the board accepts Kabak's offer, the developer has four months to bow out of the deal if rezoning hasn't been granted or if architectural studies prove the structure unfit for Kabak's plans.

If financing can be obtained, Kabak would pay \$312,000 cash in one payment made at closing time in lieu of the five-year offer.

Attorneys for Kabak and Hughes argued that the school board shouldn't accept other offers since legal bids were closed and those two offers frozen and made public knowledge before any additional offers were made.

"If you keep considering new offers, this could go on indefinitely," said William Elson, attorney for Hughes.

But school attorney Robert Kelly advised the board to consider all offers since no deal has been made yet.

THE THIRD OFFER was made by Bloomfield Hills developer Louis B. Dezal, who told the board he's currently "in a school buying mood," having just purchased two schools in the metro area.

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