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he showed me the clearly worn parts and explained in terms I could understand why they needed replacing.

He added up the cost and gave me a price. I gave him the go-ahead to do the work.

When the work was completed, Roger showed me where he had made a mistake in adding up the price, which was nearly \$100 too low, in my favor.

But he added, "It's my mistake. I gave you a price and I'll eat the difference."

He was adamant about it. Not only that, he went out of his way a few days later to stop by my house to make sure my brakes were okay. I told him that they were and that I

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This was humorous even to those men and women who had lost so much in the disaster.

From the ashes, Farmington rebuilt. A new building housing both the Masonic Temple and City Hall was constructed — a building that still graces Farmington's downtown.

The rubble was replaced with newer businesses and the north side of Grand River today makes up a vital part of the central business district.

Another fire in 1909 burned its way north from Grand River along Farmington Road and stopped just short of the Baptist Church. Along the way, it destroyed a number of barns and houses, including that of the local undertaker, Sergius Lyon. The fire started in a barn by children playing with firecrackers.

The first high school in town was named the Union School. It sat approximately where the retirement high rise sits today near the Farmington Training

never knew of any place that made a house call.

He said he does it every once in a while. How many repair shops will treat you like that?

Shortly after that, a family friend was stopped at a light and the car behind didn't stop and rear ended her car.

She is on Social Security and could not afford collision insurance but had minimum coverage.

The other driver got a ticket and had full coverage.

But the maximum allowed under Michigan's no fault insurance law is \$600, in or out of court. His insurance company sent her a check for \$500.

She got an estimate on the

damage to her car which came to \$900. The rear fender and bumper on her car suffered damage. She was very concerned about not being able to pay the extra \$400 to get her car fixed.

Her mother, who lives in Florida, suggested she see if she could find a bumper shop to fix the whole thing for \$500, which frankly, seemed very unlikely.

I suggested she take it to a nearby place to see what they could do for her.

It was a collision place on Nine Mile Road in Farmington. There a man named Carl looked her car over and told her they could fix the fender but not the bumper for that price.

She decided to just get the fender fixed and left her car there. A few days later she got a call that her car was ready and she asked me to drive her there to pick it up.

Upon arriving at Hi-Tech Collision we noticed her car outside and looked at it before going into the office. It was beautifully repaired, fender, bumper and all. Inside Carl told her that they just decided to fix the whole thing once they were working on it. He accepted \$500 as payment in full.

Ken Kemp is a resident of Farmington Hills.

Doctor gives tips on keeping colds at bay

It's back to school, and back to thinking about how to avoid the pitfalls of cooler weather. And one of fall's "pits" is that it's an open hunting season for viruses. "Our bodies are more susceptible to viruses when we're cooped up indoors, and we're exposed to

them more often, at shorter range and in dryer air," says Batford General Hospital physician Melody MacMartin, D.O. Dry air inhibits the ability of the mucous membranes to resist infection. The cold your body was able to fight off in May will

be harder to do battle with in November. Although it's true that there's no way to prevent "the common cold" there are things you can do to lessen the chance of catching them: Wash your hands. "Before you eat; after you come

home from the office, the store or school; and absolutely after you sneeze," she said. Staying active, getting plenty of rest and engaging in relaxing activities that reduce or offset stress are all good ways to keep colds at bay.



ASK BRISTOL

How necessary is it to clean my cats teeth and how often?

Daily removal of plaque is the key to preventing and controlling dental disease. There is documented evidence that daily teeth cleaning reduces tartar build-up by 95 percent, or by 76 percent for weekly cleanings.

The do-it-yourself method is very easy. It consists of gently rubbing your cats teeth and gums with a piece of gauze soaked in diluted solution of hydrogen peroxide, or use baking soda in water. Also you can use a feline toothpaste. It can cause excessive salivation and if swallowed may result in gastro-intestinal upsets. My cats like the human baby finger toothbrush. It has soft bristles and slides on my finger. It's small enough so that it fits nicely just under the cats lips to clean their teeth.

My dog barks during the day while I'm at work. I have to leave her outside while I'm gone. The neighbors are complaining about her barking. What can I do to control her barking while I'm not home?

Your dog is lonesome and bored, that is why she is barking. To stop nuisance barking, you can use one of two kinds of collars. The first collar (which I don't like) is the electric shock collar, available at pet stores. A better alternative is the Citronella collar.

The Animal Behavior Clinic at Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine shows that a spritz of fragrance under the chin is more effective than electric shock.

Remove plaque often;
collar curbs barking;
keep cat litter clean;
ferrets need shots

Citronella collars, which administer a squirt of fragrance when the dog barks, are available at pet supply stores and through catalogues.

My brother and I each have a pet Chinchilla. Can you give us some tips on cleaning their cages?

Chinchilla tend to choose one spot in the cage to eliminate, allowing an alert owner to place a small pan of non clumping cat litter in corner, making cleaning easier. The best bedding choices include include corn cob litter or white pine shavings. Please avoid cedar shavings, as they can cause respiratory problems for Chinchillas.

Wet litter should be removed daily. The cage should be completely cleaned every four to six days. Because Chinchilla constantly shed their fine silky hair, clumps of hair can collect in corners and crevices of the cage. Remove these clumps several times each week with a damp cloth.

Do ferrets need any vaccinations? How often should I trim my ferrets nails?

All ferrets must receive a check-up and vaccinations against canine distemper within 24 to 48 hours of buying your little friend. Ferrets nails need to be trimmed about every two weeks to prevent them from getting caught in bedding. Cat clippers are best to use to trim a ferrets nails.

Bev Cornell and her dog, Bristol, will answer your pet questions in care of The Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335.



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Heart walk at Detroit Zoo this Saturday

Although nearly twice as many women die from cardiovascular disease than from all forms of cancer, only 8 percent of U.S. women consider heart disease and stroke as their greatest health threats, according to a recent American Heart Association survey.

The results of this survey helped lead to the creation of the American Heart Association's new women's health campaign, "Take Wellness to Heart. With a rallying cry of "Each One, Reach One," this campaign will conduct its local kick-off at the Metro Detroit American Heart Walk on Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Detroit Zoo.

"Not only do I have a family history of heart disease, I have high cholesterol myself," said Miss Michigan, Kimberly Stee, a Take Wellness to Heart spokesperson.

"Doctors said I shouldn't worry about it, because I'm young. I became involved with the American Heart Association because I think it's crucial that women of all ages understand the importance of taking care of their heart."

Women who don't come to the Heart Walk can still benefit from the Take Wellness to Heart campaign by calling 1-888-MY-HEART to receive a free phone card and a brochure called Take Charge which includes a personal risk quiz.

Fashion show to help First Step

The Daughters of Isabella, Our Lady of Sorrows Circle 617, invites everyone to attend the annual charity fashion show at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Oct. 9.

"Steppin' Out for First Step" is the theme of this year's show. First Step is a shelter for victims of domestic violence. The organization will receive all proceeds.

Fashions will be by Liz Claiborne and Elizabeths, Twelve Oaks Mall.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar, followed by dinner and fashion show. There will be a raffle and door prizes. Tickets are available for \$25 and may be reserved and purchased by calling Jean Koss at (work) 248-474-7100, or (home) 248-489-0797.