

How to inspire program ideas

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First step in script writing — where is the inspiration?

How does one find an idea to develop, for a television or newspaper article, a poem or a book? Ideas are everywhere, they are within everyone. Their trigger mechanism is of oneself.

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Go beyond yourself to gather information and then internalize all the data. Your built-in computer will decipher ideas who do have value to you. This is a critical step necessary before creative juices will flow. Projects which remain unfinished may have been projections of someone else's priorities and not yours.

Try jotting down several ideas. Now write a paragraph on each. This exercise will be a wonderful tool to determine which idea to develop. Yes, indeed, the answer is now clear. That of

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which inspires you finds more words than space would allow.

Next dilemma, tightening the reins of ideas. Remember not to try to develop more than one idea at a time. Scripts need to be simpler yet fast paced. The audience of today require drama and simplicity. Too many unnecessary words will bore the television viewer. Save the extra words to incorporate into graphics or set. Keep your one idea growing by respecting all the senses: sight, touch, smell, hearing, and taste.

Share with us new inspirational ideas as you develop your television program by getting in touch with yourself.

Metropolitan of Oakland County's public-access programming on for the week of March 3.

COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE Channel 12

Monday, March 3
• 12 noon — Lifestyle. Repeat at 6 p.m.
• 12:30 p.m. — Artist in You. Repeat at 6:30 p.m.

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• 1 p.m. — Serendipity. Repeat at 7 p.m.

• 1:30 p.m. — Artist in Residence. Repeat at 7:30 p.m.
• 2 p.m. — Detroit Institute of Arts and Flowers. Repeat at 8 p.m.
• 2:30 p.m. — Agnes Monsour. Repeat at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

• 12 noon — Church of Today. Repeat at 6 p.m.
• 2:30 p.m. — Sixth Anniversary of Community Bands. Repeat at 7 p.m.

• 1:30 p.m. — Alm. Repeat at 7:30 p.m.
• 2 p.m. — Insight. Repeat at 8 p.m.
• 2:30 p.m. — Community Update. Repeat at 8:30 p.m.
• 3 p.m. — Separation of Church and State. Repeat at 9 p.m.
• 3:30 p.m. — Important Tax Tips. Repeat at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

• 12 noon — Governor's Report. Repeat at 6 p.m.

• 12:30 p.m. — Serendipity. Repeat at 6:30 p.m.
• 1 p.m. — Jack Akouri Show. Repeat at 7 p.m.
• 2 p.m. — The Choice is Yours. Repeat at 8 p.m.
• 2:45 p.m. — Farmington vs North Farmington basketball. Repeat at 8:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

• 12 noon — Perceptions. Repeat at 6 p.m.
• 12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine. Repeat at 6:30 p.m.
• 1 p.m. — Horizons. Alternative way to health.
• 2 p.m. — Insight. Repeat at 8 p.m.
• 2:30 p.m. — Community Update. Repeat at 8:30 p.m.
• 3 p.m. — Novi Parks and Recreation. Repeat at 9 p.m.
• 3:30 p.m. — Art in Review. Repeat at 9:30 p.m.
• 4 p.m. — Oakland County Connection.
• 7 p.m. — Live, Scores of Your Mind.

Friday, March 7

• Repeats of your favorite Channel 12 shows are shown between 3 and 9 p.m. To request shows, call 553-7303 before Friday.

YMCA highlights

These YMCA Highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION — Now is the time for the whole family to shape up for spring at the Y. There is something for everyone to do in our diversified program offering.

Aerobic exercise, aquatic lessons, water fitness, gymnastics, judo, karate, youth sports, league play and more. Registration continues until Feb. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and March 1, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Programs begin March 3 and end April 28. There will be no classes the week of March 31 through April 5 due to spring vacation break.

RACQUETBALL SIGNUP — Beginning March 1, our court reservations will be on a hourly basis.

INVEST IN YOUTH RUN — It is time to begin training for our third annual invest in youth run to be held Saturday, May 3. This community activity is hosted by D. Dennison's Seafood Restaurant and the Farmington YMCA. Your support will assist the YMCA in providing memberships, recreational activities, youth sports opportunities and camping adventures for Farmington area youth. Watch for details.

DRIVER EDUCATION — Accurate driving school is once again offering area youth the opportunity to meet Michigan law requirements for driver education at the YMCA. Students must be at least 15 years of age.

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recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Division will present a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For more information about division programs, call the office at 474-6115. To discuss Farmington Hills City Council agenda items, call the division newsletter: 476-3838.

SOFTBALL SIGNUP — The Recreation Division is accepting registration for adult softball teams for the 1986 summer season. Returning teams from the 1985 summer season have until Jan. 31 to make a \$50 deposit for a league selection. New teams will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis starting Feb. 3. Leagues planned for the 1986 summer season include men's, women's, co-ed and men's 35 and over. For further information, call 474-6115 Ext. 288.

SENIOR TAX ASSISTANCE — Senior adults can receive assistance with preparation of 1985 federal, state, homestead and energy audit forms. Be prepared when you come. A copy of your 1984 tax return is helpful. All assistance remains confidential and is free. The program will be held at the Senior Adult Center from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday from Feb. 4 through April 8.

YOUTH BOWLING — A youth bowling class specially designed for children in grades three through five who are interested in learning the correct fundamentals, stance, lane approach

and delivery will be taught at Bob-Alre, Country and Norwest Lanes. The program begins the week of March 3 and meets once a week for four weeks. Class fee is \$15 and includes shoe rental. Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 28.

YOUTH SOCCER — Registrations are being accepted for children in kindergarten through the third grade for the spring soccer program at the recreation office. Games will be played on Saturdays, with teams practicing once a week. A six-game schedule will be played. Registration fee is \$14 per player.

CPR — The American Red Cross course, co-sponsored with the City's Fire Department, is a nine-hour comprehensive class and refresher course. The session will run 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, Thursday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 25, in Dunckel Middle School. The class fee is \$5 and includes books and handouts. Pre-registration is required.

SHRINE CIRCUS — All handicapped people in the area are invited to the Shrine Circus on March 29. The bus leaves City Hall at 8:30 a.m. for the Michigan State Fairgrounds and returns after the circus at approximately 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is necessary and must be completed through the city's recreation office by March 4. Cost per person is \$4 and includes transportation and circus ticket.

KELLY AND COMPANY — The public is invited to join in a special all-day chartered excursion to two Detroit attractions: Kelly and Company and the Renaissance Center. The bus leaves city hall at 7:15 a.m. and leaves the Renaissance Center at 3 p.m. Pre-registration through the city's recreation office is necessary by March 7. Cost for the day is \$8 and includes Kelly and Company ticket, transportation to the studio, the Renaissance Center and back to city hall at 4 p.m.

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