

Today's dance offerings explained

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Concluded by all the new dance offerings?

Karen Blazaitis, who has 23 years experience with mid-American pompon, offers a few explanations:

Hip Hop — The type of contemporary dancing seen on MTV. They may do something where they are just using their shoulders, Blazaitis. "It's super popular right now. The kids love it. This is almost like a rap-type of music."

Funk Jazz — A combination of hip hop and jazz. The jazz aspect is more traditional and includes leaps and turns. Jazz is

more structured and technique based. "The hip hop makes it more fun," Blazaitis said.

Physio ball — A large plastic ball used to balance on and do fitness movements. "You might have the ball, lay on top of it and roll yourself out and do push ups on it," she said. "You might lay on your back and do situps. It's a different medium."

Pilates — Like yoga but there's more strength building and it's more like a routine. "There's a sequence to it. Blazaitis said. "Pilates is the latest happening fitness craze. What's making it popular is that people find that they can get a lot of strength doing it without lifting weights."

Back-based yoga — This is a beginner's yoga which concentrates on adding flexibility to the back. "It's a lengthening and relaxing type of movement," she said.

Cardio funk — This is aerobic with a bit more contemporary movement.

Sculpt-body conditioning — A fitness class but not a cardio class where the student is running or doing aerobic movements.

Kids and parents have opportunities to take classes together. There's also a request for couple's yoga classes, she said. "In the fall we will offer partner yoga."

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very easy on your legs and less abrasive. We also have a CD burner here which will allow them to edit their music."

Blazaitis has a showroom for teams to choose, design and size uniforms. Teams can book one hour time slots 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday.

Call (248)477-5218 to reserve a spot and for information on classes. The Web site is www.pompon.com

The studio charges no monthly dues or membership fees.

Some classes planned for fall include a low impact exercise class for older people; exercise routines that increase flexibility and strength Mix it Up and be Fit, for those bored with aerobics.

"This class uses a variety of exercises to tone and provide a cardio workout. Circuit and athletic stations may be included in this workout," Blazaitis said.

Teachers are certified and go to national training conferences. Blazaitis also requires all of her instructors to be certified in CPR.

"I think it is important for them to have that," she said.

One of the reasons she wanted to open the studio was to offer pom poms and cheerleading for junior high girls.

Blazaitis was a pom pon girl in high school at Eisenhower High School in Saginaw.

She doesn't plan recitals, the way some dance studios do.

"I'm looking to give the kids an avenue to come out and dance, have a good time, without the pressure of the performance and to expense," Blazaitis said.

"Kids are so involved with so many activities. Sometimes they

just want to go and dance and have fun."

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FHS's class of 1982 plans reunion

Farmington High School class of 1982 is looking for classmates for their 20th reunion.

The reunion will be held July 20 at the Hotel Baronette in Novi.

Please call Denise (Bocconi) Frankowski at (248) 360-7118 for further information.

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Teri Arbenowske, who tracks state legislative issues. She said the state's fiscal year ends in October.

"So they're scrambling now to balance their budget," she said.

Bates is bringing along the emergency services chiefs to emphasize the point that cutting city revenues is the equivalent of de-funding the armed services in a time of war.

"Our government tells us we're the front line soldiers, and at the same time, they're taking money away," she said, referring to the aftermath of last fall's terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. "These cuts are going to put us in a worse position than before 9-11."

"We're going to try to convince them to get the money somewhere else."

State-wide, Arbenowske said, the 2 percent revenue sharing

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OBITUARIES

HARLAN G. JENKS
 Services for Harlan George Jenks, 86, of Farmington Hills, were held June 14 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating.

Mr. Jenks was born June 12, 1916 in Detroit and died June 11, 2002 in Farmington Hills. He worked as an auto mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Jill; son, Bradley; daughters, Patti (Steve) Elliott and Kerri (Sam) Valez; sister, Betty Jo Carron; and granddaughters, Alexandria and Samantha Elliott.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

BENJAMIN D. POOLE
 Services for Benjamin David Poole, 87, of West Bloomfield, were held June 14 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Thomas Barbet officiating. Burial took place at Franklin Cemetery in Franklin.

Mr. Poole was born Nov. 8, 1914 in Detroit and died June

12, 2002 at Heartland Health Care Center in West Bloomfield. He was the owner of Pooles Boring Company in Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel; son, David (Jean); daughter, Karen (William) Elders; grandchildren, Jason, Lisa, Tiffani and William; great-grandson, Natham; and sister Martha Ingram.

LEONARD V. JOY
 Services for Leonard Vincent Joy, 83, of Farmington Hills, will be held 10 a.m. Monday, June 17 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington with the Msgr. Walter Hurley officiating. Burial will take place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Joy was born Oct. 28, 1918 in Detroit and died June 12, 2002 at Marywood Nursing Center in Livonia. He worked for the IRS for 32 years and was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; son, James (Ruth); daughters, Nancy (Harry) Davidson, Donna Calus, Diane Joy and Kathleen (Gary) Peters; sister,

Eleanor Nowak; brother, Dennis (Alice) Jagodzinski; and grandchildren, Ryan Calus, Nicole Davidson, Annie Brodski, Alex Brodski, Corey Brodski, Andy Peters and Emily Peters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

ARCHIE S. RAMSAY
 Services for Archie Simpson Ramsay, 80, of Farmington, were held June 15 Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Daniel Cave officiating. Burial took place at Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington.

Mr. Ramsay was born Oct. 19, 1921 in Detroit and died June 13, 2002 at Hospice Home in Farmington Hills. He worked for General Motors and enjoyed golf.

He is survived by his sons, Kirk (Candy) and Craig (Susan) Ramsay; brother, William; sister, Grace Cary; and grandchildren, Carly, Jessica and Brett.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

URGENT SITUATION!

NOTICE: BOTH WATCH HILL LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED TO THE General Public THURSDAY TO PREPARE!

STORE CLOSING SELLOUT!

PUBLIC NOTICE
 An URGENT SITUATION has Developed at Watch Hill Home Interiors ... Our \$1,000,000 Store-Closing sellout began a few weeks ago, and it has proven to be the largest sale of its kind in Birmingham History.



Even so, we have fallen behind schedule.
 At the present rate of sale, it appears obvious we will not clear our store at 330 East Maple in time to meet our agreements. Therefore, we have ordered further and final reductions to be taken on every remaining item.

FURTHER & FINAL REDUCTIONS ON ALL DINING TABLES
 Most of our tables have an old-world look, but we can fit your needs for custom dimension, style and color (even at these historic reductions!)

CUSTOM CHOICES REMAINING:
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 PLUS: Various round and extension tables - it would take a section of this paper to mention them all!

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
 Further and Final Reductions will be Tagged on All Remaining Merchandise. In Addition, on this page we list a few of the approximately 500 items that have been targeted for immediate liquidation at 50% to 71% off.

THIS IS A PARTIAL LISTING ONLY!

In addition, we have specifically targeted over 300 pieces, gathered them into disposal lots, and tagged everything at irresistible reductions. All of this merchandise will be tagged at least 50% off, up to 71% off, regardless of original cost. These bona fide reductions mean that if you find what you want in this selection, you can own unique imported home furnishings and accessories from our regular stock for original cost, near original cost, and even below original cost.



ENTIRE REMAINING SELECTION OF Imported Solid Wood Dining Chairs at Further and Final Reductions!

We are clearing our East Maple Store and attempting to bring all unsold sellout merchandise to the showroom floor. We estimate approximately \$450,000 in merchandise will be on hand, ready for the final wave of bargain hunters.

- (Many items are one or very few of a kind and subject to prior sale. Hurry for first selection!)
- LIQUIDATION LOT PTF-011: Special Selection of Teak Extension Dining Tables including finished, unfinished, oval, double pedestal, rectangle, choice of various sizes. YOUR CHOICE: 50% to 71% OFF UNTIL SOLD OUT!
 - LIQUIDATION LOT BL-044: Special Selection of Windsor Dining Chairs - black distressed finish. Also in this lot: poplar Sheeshak Dining Chairs - black distressed finish and Lodge dining chairs, black distressed finish. YOUR CHOICE: 50% to 71% OFF UNTIL SOLD OUT!
 - LIQUIDATION LOT CF-014: Special Collection of odd lot and discontinued chairs Barrel Style, Metal Garden, Teak formal, Teak outdoors, upholstered dining. Some have minor nicks or scratches. YOUR CHOICE: 50% to 71% OFF UNTIL SOLD OUT!
 - LIQUIDATION LOT MP-033: Special Selection of Mirrors, original Paintings and Prints ... Good selection of styles and sizes. Some have minor nicks or scratches. YOUR CHOICE: 50% to 71% OFF UNTIL SOLD OUT!
 - LIQUIDATION LOT AC-007: Odds and Ends of Accessories ... Tabletop items, wall decorations, candles, lamps, etc. There are fabulous bargains in this lot! YOUR CHOICE: 50% to 71% OFF UNTIL SOLD OUT!
 - LOOK WHAT WE FOUND! SPECIAL ODDS AND ENDS LIQUIDATION LOT: INCLUDES Dozens and dozens of miscellaneous items found while clearing our warehouse. (We've been accumulating odds and ends for 15 years!) Odd lot mirrors, accessories, chairs, lamps, tables and much, much more. YOUR CHOICE: As Low As 29c ON THE DOLLAR!

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