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IN BRIEF

Botsford Inn noted

THE HISTORIC Botsford Inn on Grand River in Farmington Hills was mentioned in the "Lodging We Like - Good Nights" column of Midwest Living magazine's October issue.

Henry Ford met his wife, Clara, during a square dance at The Botsford Inn, the short article explains, and she fell in love with the sprawling two-story. The rest is history. Ford bought the inn in 1924, so it wouldn't "fall victim to road construction and took an active interest in it."

"For example, to give the dining room walls their antique-caramel color, Ford tossed cornucopia in the fireplace and let the smoke stain the walls," the article says.

Antiques, including several from the Ford estate, decorate the historic public rooms and Abraham Lincoln once used the pine desk in the reception area.

For the records . . .

JUDY G. ASIALA, director of the Medical Record Department of Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, is serving as president of the Michigan Medical Record Association. Her term began last May.

Asiala, a Farmington Hills resident, began her career in the health care field about 16 years ago. She graduated from Livonia's Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in medical record technology, and received her bachelor's degree in allied health management from Madonna College.

A wacky weatherman

CHRIS EDWARDS, a Farmington Hills resident and meteorologist on WJBK-TV (Channel 2), appeared on "The Joan Rivers Show" in New York on Oct. 2 with other network TV weathermen.

Edwards was selected from among dozens of weathermen from across the nation for his sometimes wacky weather forecasts, including doing the weather outdoors in mid-winter clad only in swim trunks and snaking himself "disappear" on Halloween.

Twinkletoes

State ballet theatre practices at hospital

Young men and women in leotards spinning gracefully across the floor to the sounds of Tchaikovsky is hardly the scene one would expect at a hospital.

The Michigan Ballet Theatre will preserve its 25-year-old tradition this month with the help of Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

The company will now practice every weekend in the community room of Botsford Hospital's Education and Administration Building.

The idea that the company consider Botsford as a practice site came at the suggestion of Botsford surgeon Gerald Swiacki, D.O., who is president of the board of directors for the Michigan Ballet Theatre.

Peg Reihmer, vice president of marketing, planning and development for Botsford, said the hospital is pleased that it can provide the practice facility as a community service.

"With both the health care industry and the arts suffering from budget cuts, it is great that we can work together," Reihmer said.

THE MICHIGAN Ballet Theatre is composed of 20 dancers, 14 of whom are female and six are male.

A number of the dancers have professional experience.

There are also dancers in the youth ballet group, ages 8-10 and the junior group, ages 11-13.

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The company tours mostly around the metropolitan Detroit area, performing at high schools, community centers and the Lawrence Institute of Technology.

It has also traveled to Grand Rapids, Flint, Kalamazoo and a number of states in the Midwest including Iowa, Illinois and Indiana.

The dancers have been awarded the title of "honor company" through their participation in gala performances.

"We think it is wonderful that Botsford can provide us with a place to call our home," artistic director Michelle Wolfe said.

The Michigan Ballet Theatre is a member of Regional Dance America, formerly the National Association for Regional Ballet.

Botsford Hospital is a 336-bed teaching facility serving Farmington Hills and its surrounding communities.

It is affiliated with the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Twelve-year-old Eliza Field (right) stands on tiptoe with the help of Alyssa Lazar, 11, before auditions at Botsford

General Hospital for the Michigan Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker."

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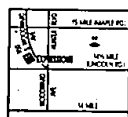
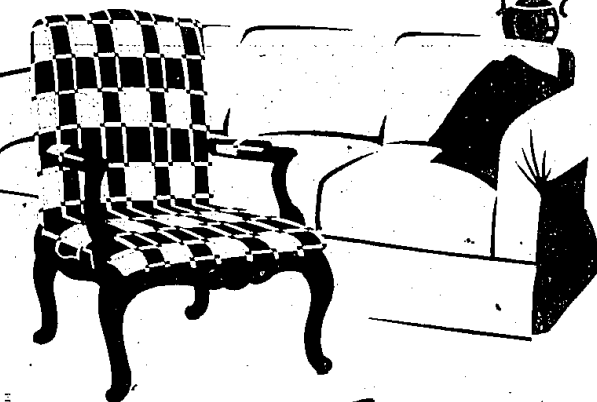
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are lucky to be born even that big.

This year more babies will be born, premature and underweight,
to "crack" cocaine-addicted mothers.

You may have seen photographs of "crack" babies. It's not such a pretty picture. Imagine what it must be like to work in one Metropolitan Detroit maternity ward where, on average, one in ten babies is born addicted to drugs. Now more than ever, the United Way needs your donation to help fund local organizations with programs to help pregnant addicts quit drugs. Your contributions also support the over 150 agencies close to home working among other things, to fight child abuse, provide family counseling and shelter the homeless. So when you give, give big to the United Way. Join Drive. Consider it an investment in the future of the American family.



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