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FLYING TIGER

A1C Chad Brower was an active part of Operation Southern Watch during the recent crisis in the Gulf. He serves with the world famous "Flying Tigers" made famous by General Claire Chennault during World War II.

He is a crew chief on the A-10 Warthog, an aircraft designed to fly low and destroy enemy tanks, missile batteries and give close air ground support.

During his duty, he had the opportunity to spend some time



Chad Brower (left), Son, Carl Levin with Michigan Sen. Carl Levin. Chad is a Farmington High School graduate and the son of Brian and Leah Brower of Farmington.

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MILITARY NEWS


REPORTING FOR DUTY

Tiffany N. Rogers has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Detroit.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Rogers, a 1997 graduate of Farmington High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training on May 18.

She is the daughter of Gwendolyn Binton and James W. Rogers Jr. of Farmington.



Pvt. Robert Schan graduated April 17 from boot camp at Parris Island, S.C.

A graduate of Farmington High School,

Schan is the son of William and Beverly Schan of Farmington Hills. He will continue on with infantry training in North Carolina.

WEST POINT PARENTS

Stanley and Diane Secosky, formerly of Farmington, visited their son, Pvt. Robert Schan, during the 33rd Annual Plebe-Parent Weekend at West Point Military Academy in New York.

Proud: Cadets Stephanie (left) and Sindy

plebes at Secosky pose at West Point, West Point Military Academy.

Sindy is scheduled to graduate in 2001 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. She joins her sister, Stephanie, who is a third-year cadet in the class of 1999.

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YOU AND THE LAW

by Stuart M. Feldheim
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IN AN EMERGENCY

While a physician is free to choose whom he or she will or will not accept as a patient, a hospital emergency room is obliged to treat those who show up at its doors with life-threatening problems. Hospitals with emergency rooms open to the general public must treat anyone requiring emergency room care for a serious injury or illness. Failure to do so in a true emergency leaves the emergency room liable for damages in the event that the untreated patient suffers further injury due to a delay in treatment that results from having to go to another hospital. Moreover, in a true emergency, an emergency room cannot refuse to examine or treat a person in need of emergency treatment on the basis of an inability to show proof that he or she is able to pay the bill. That is to say that the hospital must treat an emergency-room patient first, then worry later about the patient's ability to pay.

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HINT: Medical malpractice claims are subject to a two year statute of limitations.

Flag 101 visits Sorrows

For the first time, "Grandpa Jack" Curd and his Flag 101 team is taking its American flag etiquette and history program to a private school - Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School.

According to Curd, Flag 101 will be presented to about 380 Sorrows students Tuesday morning.

"This is a first," Curd said. "Usually, we do public education."

The program, designed to teach youngsters how to respect and learn about "Old Glory," was already presented this year in Farmington Public Schools.

Besides Curd, the Flag 101 team includes: Farmington Mayor Mary Bush, who will lead the program; Walter Christensen, home board president of American Legion Walker Groves Post 348 in Farmington and his wife, Lorraine; and Senior Master Sgt. Mike Cannon from Livonia Churchill High School, who will bring a group of four Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets to present the colors.

His efforts on the program helped Curd earn the 1998 Citizen of the Year honors from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Farmington Area Jaycees.

Arthritis Today

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FOOT PAIN DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN GOUT

Pain in the foot, even if in the big toe, isn't a sure indication that you have gout. To confirm the diagnosis, the foot should have most of the accompanying changes.

The pain may be in the first toe but swelling and greatest discomfort should be at the base of the toe and extend to the whole foot. The pain may be tender and tender.

The pain should begin when you are at rest. The usual scenario is that you are sitting quietly or even in bed asleep, when you feel an sudden and intense pain that would not let up. The attack should clear, even without medical help, in 2-3 days. You should be able to return to your usual activities, including sports, with the same vigor you showed before the foot swelling occurred.

If your foot aches and swelling does not meet these criteria, then you need to question the diagnosis of gout.

Keep in mind that a number of entities look like gout, but are not. Gout occurs because of the production in the parts of uric acid. Other crystals of calcium derivatives can also come out of solution and deposit on parts, causing irritation and swelling. These crystals have their own characteristic effects which allow a physician to differentiate their presence from gout.

The distinction is important as treatment of these crystals is distinct from therapy for gout, and that the drugs used for gout like colchicine, indomethacin, and aspirin are effective but also potentially toxic.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

FACE FACTS

Part of an orthodontist's initial assessment involves an examination of the patient's face and its features. Looking at the face both head-on and in profile, the orthodontist will assess the relationship of the jaws, the height of the lower face, and the face's overall symmetry. Careful note will also be taken of the position of the lips and tongue at rest and while swallowing. This will be followed by a check of the temporomandibular joints for restricted movement, clicking, or grating, as well as for tenderness in surrounding muscles. Finally, the extraoral part of the examination takes note of speech defects, habits and the presence of mouth-breathing to get.

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