

**MEDICAL BRIEFS**

**Thermometer exchange**

Botsford General Hospital will exchange mercury thermometers for safer digital thermometers. While supplies last, bring in a mercury thermometer and receive a free digital thermometer, including instructions on the proper use of an oral digital thermometer and information on the dangers of mercury.

According to the American Academy of Podiatrists and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, people should stop using mercury thermometers. Mercury is a toxic substance that can harm both humans and wildlife. Significant exposure, whether brief or extended, can produce major effects on the central nervous system, kidneys, skin and lungs.

- Botsford Community Pharmacy, 28100 Grand River, Suite 101, Farmington Hills
- Botsford Pediatric Associates, 28100 Grand River, Suite 314, Farmington Hills
- Botsford Pediatric Urgent Care Center, 29193 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
- Farmington Village Family Practice,

32764 Grand River, Farmington  
 ■ Botsford Primary Care Physicians, 27031 Warren, Dearborn Heights  
 ■ Botsford Family Health Center, 36000 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
 ■ Family Care Associates, 9398 Lilley Road, Plymouth  
 For more information visit Botsford's Web site at [www.botsfordsystem.org](http://www.botsfordsystem.org).

**Eating disorders**

Participants are needed for a research study that includes a 20-week treatment program to examine the effectiveness of a new type of counseling to reduce eating disorder symptoms and improve health and well-being. Psychotherapy and nutritional counseling and related medical monitoring are offered at no cost with a \$200 compensation upon completion of the study.

You may be eligible if you are a woman between ages 18-35 currently experiencing any of the following symptoms: binge eating, vomiting or using laxatives or water pills to get rid of food eaten or to control weight, exercising several times a week to control your weight, fasting, underweight because of dieting, or missing your men-

strual periods.  
 \* For more information, call (800) 742-2300 category 2200, or e-mail: [cortez@umich.edu](mailto:cortez@umich.edu). The study is conducted by The Women's Mental Health Project at the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

**Pregnancy loss**

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor will hold a special memorial service for those who have experienced pregnancy losses. The service will be held on Monday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's chapel. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is located at 6301 East Huron River Drive.

This communal service provides a setting where family and friends can gather to remember their infants who were lost through ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth and newborn death. The service provides a time for healing, praying and sharing with others who have experienced similar losses. There will be music, scripture readings and the sharing of personal experiences. Registration is not required. For information, please call (734) 712-3354.

**March of Dimes** *from page C4*

Meanwhile, Bill Astell of March of Dimes in Southfield said the Premie Stars "represent some very powerful testimony" and serve as living examples why the non-profit organization is targeting prematurity this year.

"We want to focus on prematurity," Astell said, "because with a lot of situations, in terms of intervention, there are ways of forestalling births."  
 To that end, March of Dimes already has an impressive track record. It helped fund research that led to surfactant, a wonder drug that speeds up lung development and prevents chronic respiratory ailments that often plague premature babies. Surfactant is one reason why Elizabeth and others who began life in hospital NICUs are able to go to school and do WalkAmerica in the first place. About 80 percent of preemies respond well to the surfactant treatment.

With money from the 2002 WalkAmerica, the March of Dimes intends to move to another level of research. Dollars will be funneled to find root causes of fetal growth retardation and premature labor, also to help

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expectant moms extend pregnancies. Proteins in surfactant will be studied with the hope of a new-and-improved version emerging.

Hope also springs eternal that the sickly mass media image of very premature babies can be replaced with that of happy, healthy, normal kids who like to play soccer, ride bicycles or read books.

Perhaps the Premie Stars can help March of Dimes walk — real fast — toward accomplishing that transformation.

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**Gift of life** *from page C4*

function unassisted and she started dialysis. Because she worked, White opted for home treatments, an eight-hour process of being hooked up to a machine. And, like hundreds of other ill patients, White would have to wait on a list for a transplant.

"They told me probably five years," says White. After a year of dialysis, "I figured I could do it for four more years — one year down. It just sort of becomes what you do."

Time passed with White continuing to work and administer dialysis nightly. She even traveled with her machine.

"One thing about kidney failure is you can live with it. You can function. I never missed work and I did it with a 2-year-old, and I did it when my husband had to go out of town."

White is an orchestra teacher at Clifford Smart Middle School in Walled Lake.

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**Greg's question**

Then the unexpected happened. A man named Greg Posey, a friend of White's husband, asked an unbelievable question.

"He and my husband were talking and I guess my husband said something about me needing a kidney, and Greg said 'what would I need to do?'"

Shortly after the conversation, Posey, a young, single African-American from Detroit, chose to undergo testing at University of Michigan medical center where White registered for her transplant.

"They said it was a match," recalls White. "Then we didn't hear from him for a while."

"Then in the summer, I come home from work to an answering machine message and he (Posey) says 'Looks like we're a match. I want to do this.'"

White was stunned. "I had probably met Greg twice. It wasn't like we were best friends or anything."

And while White's husband and Posey were good buddies, by no means, were they best friends.

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Posey's left kidney became White's. The match was so good White has yet to experience a single symptom of rejection or a transplant-related problem. "It's been three years this upcoming October."

Like White, Posey never factored race into his decision to undergo surgery to remove a vital organ, says White.

"At no point, did he hem, haw, back out — anything. You know, you're waiting for the shoe to drop, and it never did."

That the transplant happened proves "it's possible," regardless of race and socioeconomic status, says White.

"I just have a regular guy and a regular life and this is an unbelievable story."

And White's father who was on dialysis? He, too, received a kidney transplant in 1999.

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NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that in connection with the Reorganization, application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency for consent to consolidate Franklin Bank, N.A., 24725 West 12 Mile Road, P.O. Box 6006, Southfield, Michigan 48068-6006, with and into FB Interim National Bank, 24725 West 12 Mile Road, P.O. Box 6006, Southfield, Michigan 48068-6006.

The main office and branch offices of Franklin Bank, N.A. will continue to operate after the proposed Reorganization at the same locations as prior to the proposed Reorganization.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. This notice will appear three times at approximately two-week intervals over a beginning April 21, 2002 and ending May 23, 2002.

Any person desiring to comment on these applications may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to: Licensing Manager, Comptroller of the Currency, Central District Office, One Financial Plaza, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. The public file is available for inspection in that office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the applications should be sent to the licensing manager.

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