WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

KOMER-MARTIN

Ilene Winslow of Commerce and formerly of Farmington Hills announces the engagement of her daughter Joscelyn Rebecca Komer to Travis Phillip Martin, son of Julie Martin of Chatfield, Minn and Arlo Martin of Stewartville, Minn.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Simon Komer and a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in audiology and speech sciences. She earned a masters degree in audiology and hearing sciences at Northwestern University and is employed as an audiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

The groom earned his bachelor of science in computer sciences at Mankato State University. He is a technical support specialist for the Showcase Corporation in Rochester, Minn.

An August wedding is planned in Rochester, Minn.

JACOBS-ESLINGER

Robert and Betty Jacobs of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Christina to Eric Eslinger, son of Richard and Karen Eslinger of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and the University of Michigan. She is currently working toward a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley.

The groom is a graduate of Farmington High School and Michigan State University. He taught computer science at Thurgood Marshall High School in San Francisco for one year and is currently working toward a Ph.D. in education at the University of California at Berkeley.

A June wedding is planned.

WORTHINGTON-KOMER

Rachel A. Komer and James G. Worthington were married Jan. 22 in Captiva Island, Fla., at a sunset ceremony overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. In attendance were the bride's sisters, Joscelyn Komer and Danielle Tjalsma, and the groom's brother, Scott Worthington.

The bride is the daughter of Ilene Winslow Komer of Commerce, formerly of Farmington Hills, and the late Simon H. Komer. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Worthington of Milford.

A reception was held at the Tween Waters Inn. The newlyweds honeymooned in St. Lucia and make their home in Commerce.

HUGHES-KAAN

Lisa Therese Kaan and Paul Hughes were married Feb. 26 at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak.

The bride is the daughter of the late Stephen and Dorothy Kaan of Bloomfield Hills. She is a graduate of Northwood University, and is the assistant to the president at PMC America Inc. in Southfield.

The groom is the son of John P. Hughes and Jane Wolford Hughes of Farmington Hills. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and is employed as a benefits consultant at the University of Michigan.

A reception was held at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills. The newlyweds honeymooned in Acapulco, and they are making their home in Royal Oak.

Musicale concert will feature scholarship winners

The Farmington Musicale presents its annual Scholarship Benefit Concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 14, at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile, between Drake and Halsted roads.

The concert will feature 1999 scholarship winners Ross Gasworth, a cellist and first-place instrumental winner last year; and Julia Siciliano, pianist, first-place piano winner and also winner of the Strey-McCallum award for best overall pianist in 1999.

Julia, a Mercy High School junior and Livonia resident, has studied piano for 12 years. Ross, a North Farmington sophomore, lives in Farmington Hills and has studied cello for 12 years.

Also performing will be Our Lady's Madrigal Singers, a semi-professional a cappella ensemble founded in 1982. Their repertoire consists of period pieces from the Renaissance Era (15th-17th centuries), performed in period attire and sung a cappella in 3 to 6 part harmony in English, Italian, French, German and Spanish.

Also performing will be the Fountain Quartet, a saxophone quartet.

Co-chairwomen for the concert are Noreen Lingner and Chris Rakoczy.

Tickets cost $15 and will be available at the door.

Matzah bread is at center of Passover celebrations

The Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield hosted a matzah making workshop for young children to help them learn the story of Passover.

Children from Adat Shalom Synagogue and the Birmingham Temple, both in Farmington Hills, enjoyed a matzah baking session last Sunday morning.

Matzah (MAH-tza), unleavened bread, is eaten throughout the Seder. The Seder plate is large, usually beautifully decorated, and has a place for each of the ritual Seder foods.

No leavened bread is eaten during Passover's eight days. In addition, certain other foods containing yeast or other leavening agents are forbidden by Jewish law to be eaten at the time.

The head of the house serves as the leader of the Seder, directing the reading of the Passover story.

Passover begins next Wednesday at sundown and continues through sundown April 27.

The seder, the traditional festive family meal, occurs on the first two nights, April 19 and 20.

Passover commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery, approximately 1280 BC, and the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt.

Mmmm good: *Ann Finkel, 7, tastes the matzah, fresh from the oven.*

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Work in progress: *The children roll out the dough in long rows of tables.*

Bakers: *Members of the Chabad Movement of Oak Park place the matzah into the oven. Right is Yaakov Leaf, left is Yossi Stein.*

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