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## LOTTERY

The Lotto jackpot was worth at least \$2 million. The Michigan lottery numbers for Wednesday, Oct. 11, are:

- DAILY 3: 801
- DAILY 4: 2579
- CASH 5: 4, 20, 28, 29, 30
- LOTTO: 4, 6, 10, 13, 17, 37

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# Ice issues wear thin with council



BY BILL COUTANT  
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Some Farmington Hills skating enthusiasts might be muttering to themselves the old saw, "don't wish for something too hard, you just might get it."  
 Most who have used it or have kids who do agree, the Farmington Hills Ice Arena is a great place to skate.

whether in figures or in hockey pads. But the first year growing pains for the new Farmington Hills Hockey Association, and the Farmington Hills Ice Arena Advisory Committee that makes recommendations to the city council on things like, are wearing thin with the Farmington Hills City Council.

At Monday's city council meeting,

members of the advisory commission and the hockey association brought their beefs to the council. It was a familiar theme.  
 "I think we're getting to the point on the council where we shouldn't be hearing this," said Councilman Terry Sever.

Sever said the hockey association's problems with coaches, team membership and other complaints were an internal matter. At the same time, Sever suggested that if City Manager Bill Costick could mediate those concerns of the association, it would be on a volunteer basis.

Some coaches and parents have complained that the hockey association had promised that the youth hockey teams would be made up of at least 50 percent residents. In some cases, hockey teams have few city residents.

"I have coached hockey for seven years," said Dr. Lawrence Lipson. "You have a tremendous amount of good players in the house program who are qualified for the travel team."

Players do not develop on a house team as they do on a travel team, Lip-

See ICE, 7A

## Send in the clowns . . .



Open house: Farmington Hills firefighter Lea Strichfaden becomes "Dimples" for the day at the department's open house Sunday. She's blowing bubbles with a pair of the siblings from Farmington Hills — Ashley and Josh Pifer, ages 2 and 4, respectively. For more on the open house, see Page 3A.

# Tupper roasted, toasted at retirement party

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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Richard Tupper was chided, nee-dled and skewered, but those doing the roasting knew they were saying so long to one good fellow.

Tupper, 62, is stepping down after 21 years on Farmington City Council. His retirement party Saturday at San Marino Golf Course's On-The-Tee Restaurant was small part payback and large part tribute.

Acquaintances and colleagues — past and present — used accolades, poetic verse and Top-10 lists to acknowledge the service of a councilman, whose zeal for denying signs and fence varnishes is only eclipsed by the passion in his volunteer work for the Farmington Area Goodfellow.

"Dick has always had an aversion for fences and signs," former councilman John Richardson said. "I'll never forget the night someone wanted to

put a sign on top of a fence . . . Dick nearly had a seizure."

Added former city manager Bob Duedeman: "Dick always had a lot of no in him."

Gifts to Tupper came with "no" strings attached.

Included was a small replica of the Big Boy statue and T-shirt. Tupper and the owner of the Farmington Road Big Boy clashed over whether to put a large replica of the cherubic cor-

porate symbol in front of the eatery. A compromise was eventually worked out.

Tupper also received a street sign to put in front of his Casa Street home. The sign post for Tupper Drive came complete with a no parking and permit required warning attached.

Tupper was ribbed for continually being voted in to two-year terms. He

See TUPPER, 5A

# Trustees face battles in court, with chancellor

BY TIM RICHARDSON  
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Calkins

The Oakland Community College board met Tuesday — its second meeting of the week — to approve a rule change which would allow the firing of board chair Janice Simmons and Chancellor Patsy Calkins on Oct. 16.

But that action could be invalidated if, in a circuit court hearing starting at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, one of three judges currently assigned OCC cases makes a ruling against five trustees who want to fire Calkins and Simmons.

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## OCC

Gerald Fisher, Farmington Hills attorney representing trustees Judith Wisler and Sandra Ritter, said it would be next Monday before anyone knew which judge would hear all the cases on Wednesday.

Involved are 1, an Anne Scott case charging five trustees with violating the state Open Meetings Act (Judge Jessica Cooper); 2, five trustees filing an Open Meeting Act charge against Scott and Simmons (Judge Edward Sosnick); and 3, a plea for injunctive relief filed by Simmons to keep trustees from voting (Judge Robert Anderson). That injunction was later lifted.

Meanwhile, four of the five trustees who want to fire Calkins failed to show up Monday when the chancellor of OCC gave her \$40 million report on her performance in the last year.

"I do not understand what has happened in the last three months, with what has been accomplished," said Calkins. "I don't understand why we're not celebrating."

Trustees Ritter, Douglas Wakefield, Wisler and Carol Crew were the no-shows Monday as Calkins gave her report preparatory to her Oct. 16 evaluation by the seven trustees. A showdown — her firing — may come then.

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