



## Making friends

WJBK-TV2 anchorman Bruce Kirk (left) and Muscular Dystrophy Association poster child Ryan Young, both of Farmington Hills, find a new friend at this year's MD camp on Lake Huron. Kirk was at camp for VIP Day. This camp, as well as four others in Michigan, are made possible through contributions to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. This year's telethon will be aired on WJBK-TV Channel 2 from 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5.

## State OKs \$500,000 for city

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lations grew more than 15 percent since the last federal census in 1980. Though some communities plan to pay for the census with the money, the Hills has already paid for its census from the general fund.

"Strong economic growth in many Michigan communities has placed additional pressures on local services and infrastructure," Blanchard said after signing the bill. "Special census funds help these communities handle growth and maintain and improve their quality of life."

A special committee of the 38 communities, chaired by Costick, helped push for the legislation. The Census Counts Committee sent correspondence to legislators and the governor asking for "nothing more than what we believe the state law originally provided to communities that have experienced abnormally high growth in any one decade."

BLANCHARD SAID he notified the 38 communities last month they would receive the special census money this year. He said, however,

the annual appropriations are subject to "financial condition of the overall state budget" and were not to be considered an entitlement.

"Last year's budget did not provide sufficient revenues to fund special census revenue sharing. I am pleased that our improved fiscal situation will enable us to fund these payments in 1988," Blanchard added.

The special census program was created in 1975 allowing cities to conduct a mid-decade census that would allow access to additional money when available.

## Students undaunted by hikes

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going to be more increases along the way."

MIKE SHIBLER, Clarenceville superintendent, isn't as optimistic about some of his district's graduates.

"It's always a concern when they raise tuition," Shibler said.

Concern about tuition hikes may be one reason the Michigan Education Trust turned out to be so successful, he said. "There is a concern about affording it when the time comes."

Although an official tally remains unavailable, by the end of last week, the state treasury received 35,000 applications for the guaranteed tuition plan.

But even with tuition hikes, college remains a "viable route for stu-

dents to take in this district," Shibler said.

Tuition can be pieced together through a combination of financial aid, scholarships and summer jobs.

Others believed the increases en-

sured quality education to Michigan college students. "I can understand why it's up. If you're going to have quality in anything, you have to pay for it," parent Pat McDougall said.

## Losing candidates finding future goals hard to define

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after that picture in the paper last Thursday," said Murray, 50, a construction electrician.

"They play a different brand of politics than what I'm used to. There were people picking up their markers (favors) this time around," he said.

Another first-time candidate Sarafa, 22, intends to spend his time mulling job offers. Next year, the Michigan State University political science graduate plans to enroll in law school or earn a master's degree.

"As I was saying throughout my campaign, my commitment to my community and the Republican Party are long term," he said.

"I'm not personally a political hack. I'll not hop from cam-

paign to campaign. I'll be back," the Farmington Hills resident added.

In the meantime, he intends to support Jan Dolan. "Jan has integrity, and I think she'll serve the community well," Sarafa said.

ALTHOUGH WELDAY said he'll support Jan Dolan, his political sights are more immediately set on the Republican National Convention in New Orleans next week. Welday, 29, a political and public relations consultant, supports former U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp's bid to become George Bush's presidential running mate.

Aside from the convention, Welday is leaving his options open. "It's difficult to say (what the next move will be). I'll be active in one

capacity or another, in the fall. Personally, I've had folks who've suggested I look at city council next year," the Farmington Hills resident said.

He intends to remain active in the Republican Party. "I need to step back and spend time with my family and friends," Welday said. Bouchard, 32, has said he'd be reluctant to put his family through another strenuous political campaign. But the Beverly Hills Village Council president intends to stay active in local politics.

On primary night, Bouchard said he told supporters: "I feel I let you down. You worked real hard. It saddens me."

He told the Observer he'd hate to put his family and friends through a strain again.

## Chaldean drive

### More than 500 registered to vote

More than 500 local Chaldean-Americans were registered to vote for the Aug. 2 primary in a continuing effort to increase political awareness in the Chaldean community.

The registration drive, organized by Chaldean-American organizations, was called a huge success. "We are very pleased with the response," said Farmington Hills resident Rosemary Antone, drive co-chair. "This must translate into votes for our real goal to be reached, and I am confident that it will."

The areas involved included Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Southfield and Southfield Township. Chaldean-American representatives from these areas were deputized in cooperation with the respective city clerk offices. The drive will resume for the general election in November.

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN is home to 50,000 Chaldean-Americans, most of whom immigrated to the

United States from Iraq in the last 25 years. Chaldeans were christianized by St. Thomas the Apostle in the early years of Christianity.

The registration drive took place during several community events. It had the backing of the two largest Chaldean organizations, the Chaldean Federation of America, and the Chaldean-Iraqi Association of Michigan, which owns the Southfield Manor. The drive had the support of the Chaldean Diocese of America and its bishop, Mar Ibrahim Ibrahim.

Wally Jedan, the drive's other co-chair, believes the Chaldean-American community has much to gain from increased political involvement. "We must familiarize ourselves with the American system and how to use it most effectively. Our voices must be heard."

This year, Farmington Hills resident Mike Sarafa became the first Chaldean-American to run for state representative.



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