

Cheers at North Farmington High



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Sweater guy: Mitch Bender, North Farmington senior, performs with the pompon squad during an annual collaborative effort. North Farmington boys, dressed for their parts, performed with the girls during a recent basketball game against Harrison High.

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election signs posted on their front lawn.

A good neighbor

Zelinsky added that although McCarthy was a very busy man and often away on business, he'd find the time whenever he could to walk across the street and say hello. McCarthy's daughter Jessica and one of Zelinsky's granddaughters are friends and schoolmates at Abbott.

"He told my wife he saw me working on my lawn and shrubs," Zelinsky said. "And he told her he'd like to be able to do that. They were very friendly."

Another time, Clara McCarthy made a point to cross the street and inform the Zelinskys that shutters blew off their home during a winter storm.

Agreeing that McCarthy was an amiable neighbor was Victor Bura. "He seemed like a nice kind of person. I just casually talked to him as he walked down the

street." On Thursday afternoon, any signs of such vibrancy and camaraderie on the street were replaced by several cars pulling up in front of the McCarthy home. A family friend, Joel Schere, somberly answered the door for McCarthy and said a statement would be issued to the press later in the day.

In the statement, McCarthy's widow said her husband "was a wonderful husband and a great father. He adored his children and they adored him. He was extremely close to his parents and his brother and sister, and also to my family."

She continued that the alumnus of Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and the University of Rhode Island (where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees, respectively) "made friends easily," was a "terrific businessman," and "inspired deep respect and affection from

those he worked with." On After thanking people for an "outpouring of love and support," she concluded by stating she has "full confidence that the FBI and the police agencies they are working with will apprehend the person or persons who committed this heinous crime against my husband and that they will be punished with the full measure of Justice."

Besides his wife and children, survivors include his parents, John and Ellen McCarthy of Tinton Falls, N.J.; a brother, John D. McCarthy of Gaithersburg, Md.; and a sister, Ellen Wozniak of Point Pleasant, N.J.

Memorials for McCarthy, whose body was to be cremated, can be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, 100 Mack Ave., P.O. Box 351, Detroit 48232. Visitation was at the Vasu, Rodgers & Conell Chapel of A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

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position, nor has it discussed it at length.

Apparently, it's easier to talk about a city seal than whether to give a complicated tax plan a seal of approval.

The irony in all this good-natured hullabaloo is council doesn't need to approve such small-ticket items. The charter allows the city manager to make purchases up to \$4,000.

"City council has decided they like to discuss these things," City Manager Frank Lauboff said. "They are issues they feel the public should be aware of what they're doing."

McShane agrees. She also posted a no vote on the council picture proposal, which passed 3-1 (Hartscock was absent).

"It isn't trivial," McShane said. "Every tax dollar of every person is extremely important. I'm not making issues, believe me. I have no problems or concerns that my fellow council members are trying to do any grand and lavish things. It's the

way I feel about spending tax dollars . . . and the reason I was elected."

Others say they take a broader view on spending.

Mayor Arnold Campbell sees things like buying a city seal as part of normal business. It's been a topic of discussion three times among council members, he said, adding there will likely be a fourth.

Campbell thinks the council should concentrate on making policy and conduct itself as a board of directors, one which hires competent people to make day-to-day decisions.

"It's the same thing at Ford Motor Co.," Campbell said, "If every board of directors worried about whether to replace a \$10 tool on the assembly line nothing

would ever get done."

Hartscock shares a similar view. He appeared exasperated during protracted discussions over the city seal and the travel expense policy.

He said such items spark debate because of their political volatility.

As evidenced by last year's clock tower fiasco, the simplest and most well-intentioned acts can fuel a fire storm of public opinion.

"Certainly we don't want to politicize the city manager's office," Hartscock said. "So, consequently, it's put on the agenda and we kick this thing around."

"I'd prefer to spend a half-hour talking about the condition of the roads."

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Students could get a glimpse of the differences in five stations set up in the gym.

In one station, children see how their peers with disabilities use technology. They are asked to do writing assignments using special equipment.

"Get on the Ball" is another exercise where children learn how poor muscle coordination hinders carrying out everyday tasks. They also ride in wheelchairs amid a clutter-strewn course, learning to negotiate around the obstacles.

Lynne Farina-Noelke, a supervisor of the district's Special Education program, commends the

Changing Places for affecting attitudes of general education students.

"The general ed kids really seem to enjoy it," said Farina-Noelke, who was at the Feb. 3 program. "They have a big smile on their face. There are some challenges there, but they're also ways to identify there are some ways to get to the ultimate goal."

In the end, special education students benefit. Others might be more willing to help, perhaps by not rushing in front of them in the lunch line, by sharpening a pencil, or picking up a book, Gorga said.

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UPDATE ON POLYMYALGIA RHEUMATICA
Long time readers may note that several years back this column discussed therapy. Medical experience continues in this area and makes an update worthwhile.
As you may recall, the importance of Polymyalgia is that it is the only arthritis of the elderly that can be cured; therefore identification of its presence is of great importance.
The condition often announces itself in a dramatic fashion. You go to bed in your usual state of health and awake the next morning with profound stiffness. You feel like the locomotives of Or Star a rat.
The medicine that can relieve you is cortisone. However your physician will exercise great caution in its use, for if not prescribed carefully the medication can cause as much harm as help. The usual starting dose is 10 milligrams a day in the morning. After 2-3 days of treatment, you should note substantial improvement. If not, your physician likely will reconsider the diagnosis.
In the past, doctors placed reliance on a blood test - the sedimentation rate - to both diagnose and follow polymyalgia rheumatica. The worth of the sedimentation rate in initial diagnosis remains. However studies indicate that the change in sedimentation rate with treatment varies widely between individuals. Therefore your doctor may not rely on this test as an ongoing measure of successful treatment.

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