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Elizabeth Saunders laughs with classmates as she receives art instruction as part of her nanny training at the English Nanny and Governess School in Chagrin Falls. Competition from a new nanny school opening in Solon has added competition to the business.

## NANNY

FROM B1

### Ex-employee sets up competing school

Like Roth, Stullberg cited state rules against criticizing other schools and gave a cautious response to the accusations. She said that the state board cleared her school of the charges and that nobody has exclusive right to educational methods.

She said she bases her school on her own experience as a pediatric nurse and infant care and creative play instructor. Beyond working at Roth's school, she said, she hosted her "Carolyn's Kids" program for infants and their parents for 10 years around East Side suburbs.

And, she said, she received guidance from the International Nanny Association and books on training nannies.

Though they compete with each other, both schools share a common cause of training child care workers. And they share the mission of setting and raising stan-

dards for certification or diplomas for nannies, to set them apart as career child care professionals from amateur baby sitters.

While European families recognize differences between governesses and nannies at one end of the spectrum and baby sitters or "mother's helpers" at the other, Americans lump all sorts of care under the heading of nanny.

Stella Reid, who was known as Nanny Stella on the television show "Nanny 911," said she tried to start a nanny school near Los Angeles to increase child-care training, but it failed.

"When you talk about a nanny in the U.K., it is considered a professional job," Reid said by telephone. "But everybody and their dog in L.A. calls themselves a nanny."

Gaylord bemoaned the lack of standards for people to call themselves nannies.

"You need a license in this country to paint fingernails and to cut hair but not to take care of children," he said.

The two schools have a few differences beyond Alexandria's home in a shopping center and

the English Nanny school's quaint white house and black shutters in downtown Chagrin Falls.

The English Nanny school boasts about being the only school in the country that exclusively trains only nannies and governesses. It charges \$6,900 for its 12-week program, requiring a high school diploma to become a certified nanny and a college degree to become a certified governess.

Alexandria offers several programs, none for the title of governess. It offers an 18-week nanny diploma program for high school graduates, costing \$8,375, and an accelerated nine-week nanny program for college graduates costing \$4,375.

Though the two schools will compete for students and for placement of graduates in homes seeking child care, Stullberg said there is a market for both.

"There's a huge need," she said.

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## TAX

FROM B1

### Preparer gets 2 years for disobeying judge

"We take investigations of preparers very seriously," Okonek said. "We will look at the ones that cross the line."

Perkins, 69, ran a tax preparation business in East Cleveland. He said he defied the judge's order in hopes that he could earn enough money to pay his own back taxes, his attorney told the

court.

Federal prosecutors filed the original case against him in January. According to the charges, he prepared returns for clients between 2003 and 2006 that contained false deductions and tax credit claims.

One scheme involved falsely claiming rental losses on clients' homes even though the houses weren't rental properties and had no tenants, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Kall.

Perkins also manipulated numbers for low-income filers to maximize their earned income credit, Kall said.

The false returns included

\$385,000 in deductions for 11 clients. The IRS will recalculate the returns and will likely not fine the clients, Okonek said.

Perkins also failed to report \$111,000 in receipts for his business, according to prosecutors. Taxpayers should be mindful of who they hire, Kall said.

"Even if you hire a tax preparer, the taxpayer has to look at the return and make sure it looks right," Kall said.

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## COMMUNITIES

From staff reports

BROOK PARK

### I-480 ramp rebuilding

The Interstate 71 northbound ramp to Interstate 480 eastbound will close from 9 p.m. today to 5 a.m. Wednesday. The Ohio Department of Transportation is resurfacing Interstate 480 in the area and rebuilding various ramps between West 130th Street and the Rocky River Bridge. Detour on Grayton Road. Also, expect overnight lane closures on I-480 this week to make way for sign and lighting work.

CLEVELAND

### Officer's scholarship fund

Cleveland City Councilwoman Nina Turner and Councilman Ken Johnson announced Monday the creation of a scholarship fund in memory of slain city police officer Derek Owens. The Cleveland Foundation will administer the fund, which will benefit college-bound high school students and recent graduates in Turner's Ward 1 (the Lee-Milnes area) and Johnson's Ward 4 (Buckeye-Shaker). Both council members will work to solicit donations. Owens, who lived in Turner's ward, was fatally shot Feb. 29 while chasing several young men

ALANA BARANICK  
*Plain Dealer Reporter*

Stephen A. Blossom, who died March 28 at age 93, covered maritime news and the Great Lakes shipping industry for The Plain Dealer for nearly 20 years.

The retired marine editor received numerous honors for



contributing to a better understanding of the merchant marine, Coast Guard and ships.

When the Propeller Club

of the United States gave Blossom the American Merchant Marine Writers Award in 1971, The Plain Dealer was the only newspaper in the Great Lakes area that carried a marine column six days a week.

In 1964, Blossom co-founded Cleveland's Seaman's Service, a group of volunteers who welcomed crews of foreign ships to the city.

Blossom, who joined The Plain Dealer as a reporter in 1938, worked as a copy editor in the Sunday and features departments for 12 years before be-

## covered marine news for P

### Stephen A. Blossom 1915 — 2008

**Survivors:** Sons, William of Mack, N.Y., and Stephen Jr. of Newton, Mass.; daughter, Nathalie Levy of Hidden Hills, Calif.; four grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; and a great-grandchild

**Memorial celebration:** 3 p.m. Saturday, Judson Manor, 1890 East 107th St., Cleveland 44106

**Contributors:** Judson Foundation at the Judson Manor address.

**Arrangements:** Floritio Funeral Service, Lyndhurst

coming maritime editor in 1960. He retired in 1980.

He was born into a prominent Ohio family. His maternal grandmother's family owned the Cincinnati Enquirer. Blossom Music Center was named to honor the philanthropy of his paternal uncle's family.

In his youth, Blossom attended local private boys schools: Hawken and Univer-

*From wire reports*

HIGHTSTOWN, N.J. — Physicist John A. Wheeler, who had a key role in the development of the atom bomb and later gave the space phenomenon black holes their name, has died at 96.

Wheeler, for many years a professor at Princeton University, died of pneumonia Sunday at his home in Hightstown, said his daughter, Alison Wheeler Lahnston.

Wheeler rubbed elbows with colossal figures in science such as Albert Einstein and Danish scientist Niels Bohr, with whom Wheeler worked in the 1930s and '40s.

Born in 1911, Wheeler was 21 when he earned his doctorate in physics from Johns Hopkins University. In the mid-1930s, he traveled to Denmark to study for a year with Bohr, who won a Nobel Prize for his work describing the nature of the atom.

In early 1939, with war looming in Europe, Bohr arrived in the United States with the news that German scientists had split uranium atoms. Working at Princeton, Bohr and Wheeler sketched out a theory of how nuclear fission worked.

During World War II, Wheeler was part of the Manhattan Project, the scientists charged with using nuclear fission to create an atomic bomb for the United States.

Unlike some colleagues who regretted their roles after bombs were dropped on Japan, Wheeler regretted that the bomb had not been made ready in time to hasten the end of the war in Europe. His brother, Joe, was killed in combat in Italy in 1944.

Wheeler later helped Edward Teller develop the even more powerful hydrogen bomb.

sity. He graduated fromville School, a college-tory school established in Ashville, N.C., by University founders.

After graduating from Hams College in William Mass., Blossom became a porter for the Fremont News, where he met reporter Marjorie Van Horn

He continued courting her after joining The Dealer in 1938. They were tied on Dec. 22, 1941. Blossom was serving Army at Camp Funston, Within a couple of yearsom was sent to Europe he participated in fittings with the 4th Cavaliment. He received the Star Medal for valor in tion of his going behind lines to rescue four women, his family said.

He resumed his new career in Cleveland in 1945 His wife, who was a for the Cleveland News 1940s, died in 1993. had lived at Judson M Cleveland since 1994.

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## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

### John A. Wheeler, physicist who gave 'black holes' their name

The name "black hole" — for a collapsed star so dense that even light could not escape — came out of a conference in 1967. Wheeler made the name stick after someone else suggested as a replacement for the cumbersome "gravitationally completely collapsed star," he recalled.

"After you get around to saying that about 10 times, you look desperately for something better," he told the New York Times.

In his 1998 autobiography, "Geons, Black Holes & Quantum Foam: A Life in Physics," he wrote that the black hole "teaches us that space can be crumpled like a piece of paper into an infinitesimal dot, that time can be extinguished like a blown-out flame, and that the laws of physics that we regard as 'sacred,' as immutable, are anything but."

While he spent most of his academic career at Princeton, Wheeler moved to the University of Texas in 1976 because Princeton's retirement age was looming.

### John E. Herlitz, designer of Chrysler muscle cars

NAPLES, Fla. — John E. Herlitz, an automobile designer who styled a signature American muscle car and left his imprint on many notable Chrysler Corp. models of the late 20th century, died March 24 in Naples. He was 65.

The cause was complications of a fall in his winter home in Naples, a son, Kirk Herlitz, said. Herlitz also lived in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Herlitz made his reputation with the 1970 Plymouth Barracuda, which brought a touch of class to the "pony car" segment,

a genre of sporty compact that started with the Ford Mustang, with long hoods and rear decks.

Today, the Herlitz-re Barraudas of the early especially Hemi 'Cuda fearsome 425-horsepower engines, remain some of the sought-after muscle car collector-car auctions frequented by celebrities, bids exceeded \$2 million for Hudas with rare high-performance options.

In another indication of the timeless nature of the Chrysler Is resurrecting racuda's sister car, the Challenger, as a 2008 Chrysler shut down mouth brand seven years ago, precluding a return of the cuda.

Herlitz followed up ] tour de force with well-makeovers of other performance cars, including 1971 Plymouth Road and the GTX. Then, as cle-car era wound down fuel shortages and new emissions rules, He summed ever-increasing ] bility in the Chrysler studio

He worked with the designers who created K-car compact cars, stayed off a bankrupt the first modern minivan family of large sedan early 1990s that were for their "cab forward and spacious passenger compartments.

Last Saturday at the Museum, those arriving memorial service walk orange 1970 Hemi 'Cuda was already in a featuretion near the auditorium with a black 1971 Road that Herlitz had not signed but once owned.

