

### Birth Announced



Gary and Heidi Minnier proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Maura Grace. Maura was born in Chambersburg on February 9, 2009. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Blaine, Aaron and Nathan are Maura's big brothers.

Grandparents are Gary and Joy Minnier of McConnellsburg and Tom and Deb Coccagna of Chambersburg. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Minnier and the late Fred Minnier and the late Wilson and Mildred Truax. Other great-grandparents are Bruce and Janet Johnson and the late Frank and Helen Coccagna.

### Birth Announced



Andrea Minnier and Jared Stouffer proudly announce the birth of their son, Owen Heath Stouffer. Owen was born in Chambersburg on February 13, 2009, and weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Owen's grandparents are Gary and Joy Minnier of McConnellsburg and Jere Stouffer of Chambersburg and Tracey Stouffer of Charleston, S.C. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Minnier and the late Fred Minnier, and the late Mildred and Wilson Truax. Other great-grandparents are Glenn and Dorothy Stouffer of Chambersburg, and Mike and Bonnie Wilcox of Mount Pleasant, S.C.

### Wilson College Expands Graduate Degree Program

Wilson College is expanding its Master of Education (M.Ed.) program to accept female and male secondary school teachers. Until now, the M.Ed. program was available to students teaching kindergarten through grade six. The M.Ed. program is targeted toward certified elementary, and now secondary, teachers seeking a professional, advanced degree. "Wilson College is pleased to expand its high-quality, well-regarded master's program to an additional audience of educators," said Dr. Mary Hendrickson, Wilson vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. "We welcome applications from teachers who are interested in refining their teaching methods and developing their content knowledge in order to put their talents to use as exemplar classroom teachers."

The degree expansion was approved Feb. 20 by the Wilson College Board of Trustees and comes one year after the Master of Education program was established at Wilson. It replaced a Master of Arts in Teaching first offered in 2006.

Several additional courses will be added to the curriculum to accommodate secondary school teachers, according to Dr. William Shoemaker, director of the M.Ed. program. "We are accepting applicants now for summer courses," he said.

Courses in the M.Ed. program are offered at Wilson and off-campus sites throughout the year, including both summer terms.

The master's degree complements Wilson's successful Teacher Intern Program (TIP), which helps those with bachelor's degrees in non-teaching majors become certified teachers.

For more information about the M.Ed. program, call 262-2045 or send an e-mail to mstrait@wilson.edu or wshoemaker@wilson.edu.

### Erie Approaching Season-Record For Snowfall

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - Erie is closing in fast on a season record for snowfall.

So far this year, the city in northwestern Pennsylvania has seen nearly 142 inches of snow - that's just under 12 feet.

Erie needs approximately seven more inches to set a new record, which currently stands at just over 149 inches. That mark was set in the winter of 2000-01.

The forecast for the next week doesn't call for any significant snowfall for the region. But National Weather Service meteorologist Marty Mullen says there's still plenty of time to break the record.

March typically brings more than 11 inches of snow to the region.

### Pittsburgh Hospital Retains Hollywood PR Firm

**By Luis Fabregas**  
PITTSBURGH TRIBUNE-REVIEW  
PITTSBURGH (AP) - He is known in business and entertainment circles as a public relations pit bull, a master of spin.

He represented Paris Hilton after she got out of jail, Rush Limbaugh during his prescription drug scandal and Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry when she was accused of a hit-and-run accident.

But he does much more than simply help troubled celebrities, and that's why the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center is on the client list of Los Angeles public relations guru Mike Sitrick, whose mission is to help the 20-hospital UPMC market itself worldwide.

Sitrick's representatives last week toured the soon-to-open campus of the \$625 million Children's Hospital in Lawrenceville.

The new Children's is the latest project that warrants promotion by a national PR firm like Sitrick's, UPMC spokesman Paul Wood said.

Children's use of a comprehensive electronic medical record system has drawn praise from the leading health care technology industry organization HIMSS Analytics and merits increased news coverage, Wood said.

"That's a significant accomplishment. We expect that story to be picked up all over the world."

The firm, which lists more than 1,000 clients on its Web site, charges some clients \$695 an hour, according to published reports posted on the Web site.

The nonprofit UPMC would not say how much it pays Sitrick. The hospital network, which last year posted about \$7 billion in revenue, in recent months made cost-cutting moves in light of the national economic crisis. Its top executives and senior managers are taking pay cuts of as much as 25 percent. President and CEO Jeff Romoff, who last year made about \$4 million, is taking an even bigger cut.

UPMC has used Sitrick before. "Sitrick helped us orchestrate the national announcement of UPMC's partnership with IBM a while back," Wood said.

Sitrick's company is known on the West Coast as one of the nation's top go-to crisis communications firms. Sitrick represented the billionaire owner of the Penguins, Ron Burkle, when he was embroiled in a public feud with the New York Post. The firm represented the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles in a molestation scandal.

Sitrick's firm has represented companies involved with bankruptcy filings and proxy fights, according to its Web site. The company has experts to help companies develop or refocus their corporate images, "draw notice to accomplishments that were not getting the attention they deserved, and recover from disappointing news," according to its Web site.

Wood said UPMC is using Sitrick's firm to augment its visibility and not because of any image problem.

"It may be helpful to UPMC as we continue to position ourselves nationally and internationally as a global health enterprise," Wood said.

According to posts on Sitrick's Web site, Sitrick always talks to reporters and counsels his clients to never say "no comment." Yet, a reporter seeking comment about the UPMC deal was met with only off-the-record comment from Sitrick's office. That is, in effect, no comment.

### Attains Dean's List



Emily Mumma, daughter of Edison and Susan Mumma of Hustontown, was named to the fall 2008 dean's list of Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.

She is a sophomore majoring in elementary education.

Emily is the granddaughter of Dorothy A. McQuade, John and Mary Mumma, all of McConnellsburg; Frank Martz, extended care unit at Fulton County Medical Center; and the late Mary Ellen Martz of Hustontown.

### In Memory

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## Girls Scouts Hold Thinking Day



Girl Scouts from the Big Cove neighborhood held their annual Thinking Day on Sunday, February 22, at the American Legion in McConnellsburg. Each Daisy, Brownie, Junior and Cadette Troop presented crafts and snacks highlighting the friendship girls make through scouting the world over. A fashion show of friendship, which each troop "fashioned" their version of Girl Scout friendship, highlighted the day's events.

### Third Lawsuit Targets Pa. Judges Over Fraud

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A third class-action lawsuit is being filed on behalf of juvenile offenders in a Pennsylvania county bogged down by a corruption scandal.

Federal prosecutors say former judges Mark Ciavarella (shiv-ah-REL-lah) and Michael Conahan took \$2.6 million in payoffs to put juvenile offenders in private lockups. Both presided over cases in Luzerne County in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Philadelphia-based Juvenile Law Center says it will file the lawsuit in federal court on Thursday. The lawsuit alleges a conspiracy by Ciavarella, Conahan and others that violated the juveniles' civil rights as well as racketeering laws.

Two other lawsuits making similar allegations were filed Feb. 12 and 13.

Both judges recently pleaded guilty to fraud charges.

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