

obituaries

ROBERT R. NOLAN

Robert Nolan, 53, of Farmington Hills, died Nov. 13 in St. Mary Hospital. Mr. Nolan worked for General Motors Corp.

Survivors include his sons, Thomas, Francis, Jeffrey and Joseph; daughters, Catherine Nolan and Theresa Ann Liberty; brother, Charles; sisters, Catherine, Sarah Nolan and Mary Kehrer; four grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 17 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was at St. Alexander's Catholic Church with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

JOSEPH BLUM

Joseph Blum, 49, of Farmington

Hills, died Nov. 17.

Mr. Blum worked for Chevrolet Spring and Bumper. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; son, Joe, and one daughter, Rhonda. Services were Nov. 19 at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia with the Rev. Jack R. Williams of Plymouth-United Assembly Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

ROLLAND C. BOYD

Holland Boyd, 79, of Farmington Hills, died Nov. 18 in Botsford Hospital. Mr. Boyd was a floor installer. He was a member of the Multi Lakes Conservation Club.

Survivors include his daughter, Joyce Jaeger; sons, Gary, Robert, Dale and Allan; brother, Samuel; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 22 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Robert O. Bohrer officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit.

JOHN J. PRANCE

John Prance, 91, of Farmington, died Nov. 18 in Grace Hospital-Northwest. Mr. Prance was a retired clothier

buyer for several men's shops. Survivors include his daughter, Dolores Springmeier, and one grandchild, and a sister, Libby Finnegan.

Services were Nov. 22 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Bartlett L. Hess of Ward Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkeley.

Being friendly to alcoholics can do more harm than good

The best friends of alcoholics can sometimes be their worst enemies by covering up their drinking problems and refusing to face up to them.

Dr. Kurt Spitzer, professor in the Wayne State University School of Social Work, and an authority on alcohol

and drug use, says too many times a conspiracy of coverup thwarts treatment of alcoholics.

"Often, members of the family, friends, and even doctors and social workers deny the problem. There are many reasons for this, but mainly its

because they don't want to put a stigma on the person."

Spitzer points out that alcoholics are still regarded as social outcasts in many quarters and there is a stigma attached to them.

He said the old associations of the

"Jah" and "Skidrow bum" are haunting specters still associated with the classical alcoholic and create an aura of fear about admitting the problem.

"Well-meaning people will go to great lengths to make excuses for an alcoholic and co-workers will take over

chores in the workplace to save his or her job."

He warned that the "conspiracy of coverup" is doing much to thwart treatment of alcoholics and that it must be met head-on instead of being evaded by the people in their lives who

are in a position to level with them and take steps to get them professional help.

Spitzer said national statistics show that of all adults who drink, approximately one in 10 is likely to develop the disease of alcoholism.

YMCA highlights

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