

obituaries

HELEN C. ALLES
 Mrs. Alles, 81, of Redford Township died June 27 in Hill, Carmel Hospital. Born in Canada, Mrs. Alles was a receptionist. Survivors include her son, Donald; sisters, Charlotte and Ruth; two grandchildren.

GEORGE B. STRICKER
 Mr. Stricker, 40, of Southfield died June 27 in Beaumont Hospital. Mr. Stricker was a computer salesman.

Survivors include his daughters, Lisa and Katharine; parents, George and Doris Stricker; brother, Gary. Services were June 30 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Peter S. Nickel officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

ARTHUR F. GROSCAP
 Mr. Groscap, 83, of Farmington died June 28 in Arnold Home, Detroit. Born in Garrett, Ind., Mr. Groscap was the owner of Ventilation and Blower Systems Co. He was a former member of Huron River Club in Farmington. Survivors include his wife, Bena; a daughter, Corinne Henderson; sister, Bernice Allman; two grandchildren.

WILLIAM O. KORHONEN (PONCHIO)
 Mr. Korhonen, 53, of Farmington Hills died June 30. Born in Chatham, Mich., Mr. Korhonen was a 1949 graduate of Wm. G. Mather High School. He retired from the U.S. Navy Submarines in 1974 after serving 16 years. Prior to that he was

in the U.S. Army Paratroopers from 1949 to 1953. He had been a security guard since 1975 in the Detroit Metro area. Mr. Korhonen was a member of the Redford Elks Club and was an avid sailor. Survivors include his mother, Ellen E. Makinen; half brothers, Floyd and Keith. Services were July 3 at the Bowerman Funeral Home, Munising, Mich., with the Rev. David Weber officiating. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Chatham.

BEATRICE D. ALLEN
 Mrs. Allen, 88, of Novi died July 1 in Beverly Manor Nursing Home. Born in Canada, Mrs. Allen was a homemaker. Survivors include her daughter, Constance; two grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

RUTH DAY
 Miss Day, 82, of Farmington died July 4 in Traverse City. Born in Sylvania, Ohio, Miss Day was a pioneer woman in life insurance sales for both the Catholic Church and The Bankers Life. She became the only female member of the Bankers Life Hall of Fame in 1963. Miss Day graduated from high school at age 16 and attended Davis Business College in Toledo. There she sang in the Toledo Choral Society and continued playing piano. She worked in the Toledo office of the Veteran's Bureau after graduation as manager of the auditing department for approximately four years until she accepted a job offer as store manager for the Edison Store in Sylvania. She worked and attended night school at Toledo University and earned a bachelor's degree in business education. She spent six more years as assistant manager and manager for the Masonic Auditorium Concert Series.

Survivors include her sister, Edna Powers; brothers, Glen and Paul. Services were July 7 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Arthur L. Spaford of First United Methodist Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was in Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery, Sylvania, Ohio. Memorials may be made to the church or the Michigan Heart Association.

LEONARD W. GRAINGER
 Mr. Grainger, 87, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., formerly of Farmington Hills, died July 7. Born in England, Mr. Grainger was a sheet metal worker. Survivors include his wife, Edith; son, Barry; a daughter, Jacqueline Wright; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were July 12 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. J. Kenneth Hoffmaster officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

About time for hike, say founders

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 Inflation, but it turned out to be double-digit," he said. Charter commissioners made provisions for capital improvements, McConnell said. But those provisions

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was nothing like what is now being proposed. Councils have been putting off the inevitable and "now it's catching up to them."

"I think they'll have a tougher time going for a charter amendment rather than a special millage," he said. Agreeing, former commissioner Earl Teeple said he would prefer to see the 1.5 mills in the form of a special millage rather than a charter amendment. But that's not because he takes it personally that attempts are being made to change the charter.

"We know that things get more expensive," he said. "We have made great strides. We paid our own way. So if we need money now is a good time to ask the people."

Frankel agreed. "The city government has been pretty good," Frankel said. "Most of the original objectives have been realized."

When framing the charter, Teeple said, the 10-mill limit "was considered fair for now." But the city has changed, he said, and amending the charter is "okay" as long as those amendments are seriously considered.

Ben Marks, former commissioner, echoed Teeple's sentiments. "I think it's in line," Marks said, referring to the proposed charter amendment and request for an additional 1.5 mills for capital improvements. "It's not cast in stone. Maybe gran-

ite. But it can be changed," he said. Changing the charter is fine as long as council defines what the additional 1.5 mills will be used for, Marks said.

"If it gets co-mingled then it's destroyed the whole concept of the charter," Marks said, about the proposed 1.5 mills.

Former commissioners Joan Dudley, Fred Lichtman and Robert Clarke were unavailable for comment.

But Councilman Don Wolf, who was absent when council voted to move ahead with the proposed charter amendment and request for additional millage, and Democratic activist Aldo Vagnoni, both said council would be in a better position to simply ask for special millage.

"I hate to see a charter amendment," Wolf said. "Right now, I would rather see just a special millage."

Vagnoni, meanwhile, said he thinks "the way the proposal is worded is going to make it more difficult to pass. I had hoped they would have come up with another solution."

While Wolf believes the council is going to "have a hard time selling an 11.5 mill limit," he says he is "going to let the people decide that."

Council's current problems can be traced back to the low charter limit and the putting off of raising taxes enough to start some needed projects, Vagnoni said.

"I think the problem is the low limit. Now it's caught up with them. I think that is what is behind it. They've been trying to look good with some taxpayers at the expense of some projects."

"I think there's been some foolishness in the last couple of years," Vagnoni added.

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