

OBITUARIES

MELINDA FIOTT-MONFORTON
A funeral mass for Melinda Fiott-Monforton, 40, of Livonia will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 1, at St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills. Visitation will be Friday, 9:45 a.m. until time of service.
Mrs. Fiott-Monforton, who died April 23 in Royal Oak, was born in Detroit. She came to this community in 1994 from Dearborn.

She was a 1975 graduate of Harrison High School, Farmington Hills. She was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority at Michigan State University. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Detroit Mercy.
Mrs. Fiott-Monforton worked for Advanced Business Forms as a bookkeeper. She was a homemaker and mother. She loved going to Disney World, shopping

for crafts, doing school activities and gardening.
Surviving are: husband, Louis Monforton; sons, William, Michael and Nathaniel; parents, Kenneth and Nancy Fiott; stepmother, Robin Fiott; brother, Joseph; and sister, Deborah.
Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.
NORMAN KOPONEN
Norman Koponen, 86, of Livonia died April 27.

Mr. Koponen was a draftsman for Ford Motor Co. A member of St. John Lutheran Church and the Finnish Center, he was active in the Finlandia Male Chorus, Finlandia Strings and played the mandolin.
He is survived by wife, Irene; son, Glenn (Marika) daughter, Jan (Victor) Koponen; two brothers, Roy and the Rev. Donald Koponen; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 1, at St. John Lutheran Church in Redford with the Rev. William Mock officiating. Visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. today, April 30, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.
Memorial contributions can be sent to St. John Lutheran Church in Redford.

THEODORE VLAD
Theodore Vlad, 78, of Detroit died April 23, at Providence Hos-

pital in Southfield.
Mr. Vlad was a quality controller for General Motors, a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians Union for 61 years. Known as the "Voice" at Club Joal with Eddie Alexander, he was a popular entertainer in the 1940s, playing the saxophone and clarinet.

He is survived by wife, Marion; sons, Robert of Detroit, Douglas of Warren, Alan of Farmington and Neil of Farmington; sisters, Flora Murphy of Canton and Mary Crove of Plymouth; and granddaughter, Michela.
Funeral services were held April 28 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Ralph Unger officiating.

MARIE DOROTHY NOLAN
Marie Dorothy Nolan, 85, of Farmington died April 24 at Botsford Hospital.

Mrs. Nolan was a nurse at Mt. Carmel Hospital and a member

of the Ladies of the Nile and the Wives of Moslem Temple Shrines.

She is survived by daughter-in-law, Marilyn; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
Funeral services were held April 28 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with Monsignor Walter Hurley officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

ALEX MEETAS
A memorial service for Alex Meetas, 60, of Farmington Hills will be 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Hilbert Junior High, 26440 Furlan, Redford.

Mr. Meetas, who died April 16 in Huntington, W. Va., was born in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a teacher in Redford Union Schools over 30 years, teaching foreign languages and drama. He was involved in theater, drama and music.

Surviving is his mother, Delia Lopez.

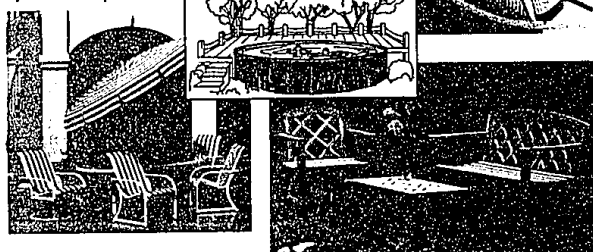
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Tickets are \$6.50 for adults; \$4.50 for seniors (62 and older) and children ages 6-18. Children 5 and under are free but require a ticket for admission. Doors open one hour prior to show time. As a result of the ice show, there is no drop-in hockey 9-10:50 a.m. Thursday, April 30; and no open skating 7-8:50 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 3:30-5:20 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

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