

OBITUARIES

LINNEA S. HARKONEN
Linnea S. Harkonen, 87, of Farmington died March 6. Mrs. Harkonen worked for James Barnes Mortgage. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and an active member of the Finnish Center Association.
She is survived by her daughter, Susan (Michael) Kervinen; brother, P. Walfrid Karvonen; sister, Mamie Haneh; and two grandchildren.
Funeral services were held March 10 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The Rev. Jonathan K. Boman officiated. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials may be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
FAYLENE O'CONNOR
Faylene O'Connor, 85, of

Farmington Hills died March 3 at Nightingale West Nursing Home, Westland.
She is survived by her children, Retha Shopper and Travis Melton; sister, Jesse Hollingsworth; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held March 6 at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, The Rev. Bill Boman officiated. Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery.
EDWARD J. McDONNELL JR.
Edward J. McDonnell Jr., 76, of Farmington Hills died March 4.
Mr. McDonnell worked as an appraiser in the real estate industry. He served in the Navy. He is survived by his wife, Sophia; sons, Daniel (Carol),

David (Linda), Dale (Rose); three brothers; three sisters; and seven grandchildren.
Funeral services were held March 8 at Covenant Baptist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Detroit Baptist Manor Endowment Fund.
GRETA MAE TIPPING
Services for Greta Mae (Flumerfelt) Tipping, 87, of Farmington Hills will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile.
Mrs. Tipping was born in Bronte, Ontario, Canada, and died March 6. She was a former member of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Ontario, the Rosa Society, the Iris Society and was an executive of the Bronte Horticultural Association in Ontario.

She held numerous awards for gardening. She cared for the Perennial Gardens at Longacre House in Farmington for 19 years. She moved to the U.S. in 1962.
Survivors include her husband Ronald; sons, Peter and Michael; four grandchildren; a granddaughter-in-law; and her sister, Ellen.
Cremation rites were accorded and her ashes will be distributed in the church gardens she created. McCabe Funeral Home handled the arrangements.
GENEVIEVE AGNES TEED
Services for Genevieve Agnes Teed, 91 of Dearborn, formerly of Farmington, were Tuesday, March 9, at St. Anselm Church in Dearborn Heights with the Rev. James Maloney officiating.

Mrs. Teed, who died March 6 at the Hospice Home in Farmington Hills, was born Jan. 3, 1908, in Canada.
Survivors include sons, Roger (Nancy), Ernest (Barbara), John (Patricia), Willard (Marlene), Jerome (Lois), Elmer (Gail), and James (Gloria); daughters, Darlene (Milan) Dockery and Mary Ellen (Ralph) DiFazio; sisters, Sybilla Mullen, Grace Giesler; brother, Raymond Schmidt; 30 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.
Her husband, Willis, and son, Ronald Teed, preceded her in death.
Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Memorials may be sent to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen or to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament.

ROBERT L. WALKER
Services for Robert L. Walker, 67 of Farmington Hills will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 12, at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.
Mr. Walker, who died March 6 in Naples, Fla., was born Dec. 3, 1931. He worked as an administrative assistant with the United Auto Workers International.
Survivors include children, Robert A. (Mary Jo) of Trenton, Brian of Northville, Bruce of Livonia, Jason of Farmington Hills and Julie of Farmington Hills; mother Dorothy Walker; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the funeral home, 41556 Grand River in Novi.

OCC official says college will seek property tax renewal levy

Look for Oakland Community College to seek renewal of its 0.8 mill property tax levy when it expires in 2002, said Chancellor Richard T. Thompson.
"We really don't have an option but to pursue a renewal," he told a business advisory group March 8. He suggested a 10-year renewal so that the revenue would overlap the 10-year accreditation given by the North Central Association.

By 2002, the college's budget for both operating and capital will be about \$118 million. About \$65 million will come from property taxes — half from a perpetuity millage in 1964, half from a 1995 levy voted for seven years.
Tuition and fees will bring in \$28 million; state appropriations a bit more than \$20 million; other, \$1 million.
If the 1995 levy of 0.8 mill isn't renewed, Thompson said, OCC

will be about \$33 million short. He indicated the alternatives — closing down to two campuses, eliminating the 10 costliest programs (including nursing), hiking tuition \$10 a credit hour — wouldn't work.
This year Gov. John Engler's administration has recommended a 3.9 percent overall increase for community colleges to \$293 million. OCC is due for just a 1.5 percent increase under the

YEAR 2002
operating formula and 1.6 percent under a grant for capping tuition.
But Engler recommended the special grants for tuition restraint be eliminated and that money folded into the general state appropriations.
"If they eliminate the tuition cap grant," Thompson said in an

interview, "I'm afraid it'll go back to the general pot, and we take a beating."
In general, OCC officials say Lansing views Oakland County as Bloomfield Hills times 30 — a lavish kingdom with streets paved of gold. Although general increases in state aid to colleges may look golden, OCC tends to get smaller-than-average percentage increases under the funding formula.

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