

OBITUARIES

GRANVILLE FRANKLIN SLUSHER

Mr. Slusher, 77, of Farmington Hills died Sept. 22.

Born in Warfordsburg, Pa., Mr. Slusher was a graduate of Hazel Park High School and attended the University of Detroit.

During World War II he was a sergeant in the Marine Corps, Marine Wing Squadron, 9th M.A.W.F.M.F. He was a member of the American Legion Post 346, a Redford Lodge F&A.M. and a 32nd-Degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Nettie; sons, Thomas, Granville and Jeffrey; brother, Charles;

sister, Lucille Canaan; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were Sept. 25 at the Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Walled Lake. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

RUTH D. HALBERG

Miss Halberg, 66, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 31 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit, Miss Halberg was a benefits manager for the state of Michigan.

Survivors include her brother, William; sister, Donna Hendrickson; friend, Betty Cadwallader. Services were private.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield, Ste. 110, Southfield 48076.

JEAN M. DAVIS

Mrs. Davis, 71, of North Canton, Ohio, died Nov. 4 after a sudden illness.

Born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Davis was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church of North Canton. She was a Girl Scout leader, Welcome Wagon volunteer and a member of several garden clubs.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; daughters, Kathleen Grannan of Columbus and Susan Feiten of Farmington Hills; son, Thomas of Texas; sisters, Helen Guild and Aileen Robinson; brother, George.

Mabey; four grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated in St. Paul's Catholic Church with the Rev. James McKenna officiating. Burial was in North Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Ohio Affiliate, Northeast Ohio Service Center, 222 W. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio 44302.

Arrangements were made by the Shriver Funeral Home, Canton, Ohio.

SOPHIE VICTOR

Mrs. Victor, 73, of Farmington died Nov. 2.

Mrs. Victor was born in Detroit.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond; sons, James, Eugene and Raymond; sisters, Helen Peplowski and Agnes Pietrak; three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held later at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

SISTER ELLEN MARIE FOLEY

Sister Ellen Marie, 64, died Nov. 4 at McAuley Center in Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit she attended Precious Blood grammar school. Before graduating from Our Lady of Mercy High School in Detroit, she joined at 16, the Sisters of Mercy, where she was known as Sister Mary Kevin and went on to graduate from Mercy College. She received her master's degree from the University of Notre Dame. She also studied art at the University of Vienna and at Cranbrook Academy.

Sister Ellen Marie taught elementary grades at St. Ignace, Rogers City; Holy Name,

Wyoming; St. Andrew, Saginaw; Our Lady of LaSalette, Berkley; and St. Monica, Detroit. She also served on the Mercy College of Detroit faculty for two years.

In 1970, she joined the faculty of Our Lady of Mercy High where she served as artist-teacher for 17 years. She was a member of the Farmington Artists Club. Survivors include her brothers, Mike and Bob; sisters, Cathy Winkel and Ginny Whinter; several nieces and nephews.

A prayer service was Nov. 6 in Carlow Room, Mercy Center. Mass was celebrated Nov. 7 at Mercy Chapel. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to the McAuley Renovation Fund, 29000 11 Mile, Farmington Hills 48336.

Prison or heart transplant? Hills woman waits and wonders

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

At the Farmington Hills home where she remains under house arrest, Mindy Brass keeps a small bag — containing toiletries and a few essentials — at the ready.

"That bag is always packed," said Brass, "and I'm ready to go."

The question is, however, will Brass go back to prison, or to the University of Michigan Medical Center where she's on the list for a heart transplant?

"I've quit smoking," Brass said Friday, "and I've been watching my diet. They tell me that because of my blood type (AB positive) and my size (5 foot, 3 inches and 125 pounds), I'm a good candidate for a transplant."

A hearing Wednesday before Oakland Circuit Judge Rudy Nichols could go a long way

toward determining where Brass will go back to the Scott Correctional Facility in Plymouth or to Ann Arbor for a new heart and a new chance at a healthy life.

The hearing will address five separate motions — two from prosecutors and three from defense attorneys — pertaining to Brass' new trial, scheduled to begin Nov. 2.

Brass could be summoned to Ann Arbor before then. U of M officials have assured her there's no direct connection between her eligibility for a heart transplant and her status as an accused drug dealer.

Nonetheless, Wednesday's hearing is a milestone in her life. On the advice of her attorneys, Brass Friday declined to talk about her upcoming court dates. But attorneys on both sides say they are confident.

"They convicted my client on

the testimony of a liar and a drug dealer," said Marguerite A. Hanes, co-counsel with Henry M. Scharg. "And we're prepared to challenge that testimony."

Oakland County assistant prosecutor Beth M. Hand said the main witness against Brass, William R. Leflet, has been contacted and is ready to testify.

"I'm confident the evidence will lead to a guilty verdict," Leflet and another inmate, Emil Mardenli, were arrested in Troy on Dec. 7, 1991, after they tried to sell a kilo of cocaine to undercover police. They subsequently implicated Brass and two other California residents, Michael Toller and Daniel Solomon.

Brass, Mardenli and Solomon were all sentenced to life in prison under Michigan's drug-law mandating life in prison for anyone convicted of trafficking in 650 or more grams of

cocaine or heroin — although Solomon's conviction was overturned.

Toller was turned over to federal authorities and Leflet, in exchange for his testimony, was allowed to plead guilty to a lesser charge. Leflet was released from prison after about two years.

Brass served almost seven years in prison, with little hope for parole, until July when Judge Nichols, who presided over her original trial, ordered a new trial. Nichols said defense attorneys should have had access to information that would have enabled them to challenge the credibility of Leflet.

As a prosecution witness, Leflet gave contradictory testimony, according to Brass' attorneys who say that should be grounds for dismissal of charges against her client.

PUBLIC NOTICE
STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on December 8, 1998, at 10:30 AM or after, Leroy Elfrank, Auctioneer and Executive Administrator for Storage USA, 38875 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48335, will be offering for sale, under the judicial lien process, by public auction to the highest bidder the following units:

UNIT#	NAME	ITEMS FOR SALE
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D-269	THOMAS L. HALLMAN	EQUIPMENT
E-21	ANALYTIC & BIOLOGICAL LAB.	MEDICAL & EXERCISE
E-212	GEORGE GROOT	HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

All bids must be paid in cash "only" and all items are to be removed from the sale unit the day of the sale, (unless otherwise agreed upon)

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NOTICE

The Annual Return of the Suzanne Slott and Ray Okonski Foundation, a charitable trust, designated as a Foundation under Section 509 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code, as amended and pursuant to Section 6104(d) of that code, is available for inspection at the office of Sutherland & Yee, P.C. 1095 South Main Street, P.O. Box 701308, Plymouth, MI 48170 during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the date of this notice. The Foundation's principal manager is Ray Okonski.

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section 6104(d) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and in compliance with the provisions thereof.

RAY OKONSKI, Principal Manager
Telephone: Timothy C. Yee
(734) 453-6200

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
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The City of Farmington Hills Purchasing Division will solicit sealed bids during the next forty-five (45) days for the following products and/or services:

- Excavating and Soil Spreading
- Carpet Cleaning
- Order
- Sale of City Vehicles
- Gazebo Roof

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Central Services Department. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the bid specifications.

The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
(Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with the 47th District Court was held Monday, November 2, 1998, in Council Chambers, 26300 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1978.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hortack, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauboff.

47th DISTRICT COURT PRESENT: Judge Harris, Judge Parker, Court Administrator Walsh.

Council met with the 47th District Court to discuss court operations; to receive an update on activities of the Court Facility Planning Committee and to consider increasing, by \$5.00, the portion of certain fines which are contributed to the Court Building Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Farmington Public Schools is seeking bids for a security system for all buildings within the District. The RFP is available from the District beginning Wednesday, November 4, 1998. Please contact Paul Hain to make arrangements to receive your RFP document.

Paul Hain, Supervisor of Purchasing
Farmington Public Schools
32500 Shawwassee
Farmington, MI 48336-2363
248-469-3345

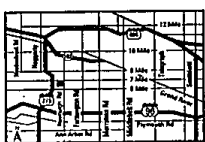
The RFP requires a compliance form and a base bid cost summary form that shall be returned by all bidders. All bidders must indicate a guaranteed percent completion date. All bids must be submitted by 1:30 PM. Each bidder shall submit with higher proposal either a bid bond equal to five percent (5%) of the total base bid amount payable to Farmington Public Schools.

Four (4) signed copies of a sealed bid and the bond shall be addressed to Paul Hain at the address noted above. Mark the outer bid envelope "SECURITY SYSTEM".

Bids will be accepted until 1:30 PM, local time, on Tuesday, November 24, 1998, at the Administrative Offices. At that time, they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at the next regularly scheduled meeting. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic, or facsimile proposals will be considered. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities therein, or to award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, whichever is in the best interest of the District.

The pre-bid meeting will be on November 10, 1998, at 1:30 PM, at the Administrative Offices.

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