OBITUARIES

Harrison T. Charters

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Services for Harrison T.
Charters, 14, of Commerce
Township were held March 8 at
Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in
Farmington, with the Rev.
Gerald Rehagen officiating,
Mr. Charters was born Sept.
22, 1988, in Detroit and died
March 4, 2003, at University of
Michigan Hepital in Ann
Arbur. He was a student at
Cloverdale School in
Farmington.

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He is survived by his parents
Frank and Deidre; brothers,
Sam and Kevin; grandparents,
Bill and Betty Henalian; aunts,
Barbara Winn and Maureen
(Frank) Monte; uncle, Patrick
(Nancy) Henahan; and several
cousins.

(Sancy) Henanan; and severa cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald Hoase of Ann Arbor, 1600 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or The Rainbow Connection, 621 W. University, Rochester, MI 48307.

Helen D. Stockton Services for Helen Doris Stockton, 84, formedy of Farmington, were held March 8 at Thever-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Fred Froman officiating, Burial followed at Grand Lawn Camplers in Bettriil

Mrs. Stockton was born Nov.
16, 1918, in Seaforth, Ontario.
Canada, and died March 6.
2003, at Foot Hospital in
Jackson, She worked as a secretary for J.B. Perria Inc. and was
a former member of John
Montieth Preshyterian Church.
She was a homemaker and
enjoyed gardening.
She is survived by her son.
Robert (Tonjia): daughter,
Mary Diane Stockton; and
good friend, Betty Diederich.
She is preceded in death by her
husband, Robert.
Memorial contributions may

husband, Robert.
Memorial contributions may
be made to the American
Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12
Mile Road, Southfield, MI

Barbara Hanson

Barbara Hanson died March 2, 2003, at Farmington Hills Hospice. Ms. Hanson was born in Salem, Mass. She worked as a secretary for Maccalness Life Insurance Company. She enjoyed gourmet foods, deco-rating, reading and animals. She is survived by her sons, Scott (Rebecca) and David (Theresa); and two brothers. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

All nominations must be received by March 14.

Commission seeks senior nominees

The Farmington Area
Councission On Aging will be
presenting the "2003 Diamond
Award" during the Annual
Seniar Division Volunteer
Luncheon to be held on April
10, 2003, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at the Costick Activities Center,
28600 Eleven Mile Road,
Farmington Hills.
The Farmington Area
Commission on Aging has recognized individuals sped 75
and older who remain active from the Armington Hills.
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and older who remain active from the Armington Hills
Area with their annual
"Diamond Award".
The Gold Award will be presented to the individual age 50
or older who is an active volunteer providing community service in the
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The Senior Division Award will be presented to the individwill be presented to the indiv ual age 50 or older who is an

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number and a short description the nominee's community service and mail to: Farmington Hills Sentor Division, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI, All nominations must be received by March 14. For more information, call (248) 473-

active volunteer in the Farmington/Farmington Hills Sender Division Programs. To nominate a sender for the "Diamond Award", Gold Award" or the "Sender Division Award", write a statement with the person's name, age, plane number and a short description of the nomber's resummits

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Choice of lobby firm draws Dems' ire

A divided Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted Thursday to hire a Novi-based lobbying firm with close ties to the Republican Party. Despite reservations from Democrats, and even some Republicans, the commission has hired Strategic Public Affairs to recognify its

Affairs to represent it in Lansing for two years. The firm will be paid \$48,000 annually. The contract runs through Dec.

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Many commissioners were opposed to hiring Strategic Public Affairs because two of commission chairman Tom Law's brothers are partners in the firm.
Paul Weldey, another firm partner, is the current chairman of the Oakland County Republican Party and a former

chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Township).

Tom Law abstained from the vote, and didn't comment on the matter, except to say the county's legal counsel said there was no conflict of interest in thing the firm, because they hid on the job. At least three other firms also submitted bids. The firm will be replacing Mel Larsen, a former state representative, who resigned as the commission's Lansing lobbijst late last year after serving in the role since 1995.

Democrats took turns Thursday blasting the decision.

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layoffs.
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Commissioner John McCulloch, and the Road Commission all have lobbyists. "Why can't we work with a lobbyist the county already has, and use this money in different areas," McKinney-Hatchett said. "This might not seem like a lot of money, but that \$44,000 repiresents someone's job. I see faces on those \$44,000. This is not luxury time."

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However, some Republicans, including David Moffitt (R-Farmington), were quick to point out that a lobbyist would save the county more money in the lone run.

the long run.
Lobbyists are a fact of life. If we don't have them, we are put-ting ourselves at a disadvantage in Lansing, he said. "You've got to spend money to make

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