

obituaries

MARY DIPONIO
Mrs. DiPonio, 85, of Livonia died April 19 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. Born in Italy, Mrs. DiPonio was a homemaker. She received the Citizens Award for Mother of the Year in 1977 for the City of Livonia.
Survivors include her son, Angelo; daughters, Connie DiPonio, Rose DiPonio, Antoinette Fattore, Louise Bidigare and Mary Mancini; five sisters and two brothers; 43 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.
Services were April 22 at the Harry

J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia, with the Rev. Joseph Ferens of St. Colette Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

MARTHA MITCHELL CHAPMAN
Mrs. Chapman, 86, of Detroit died April 20 in Grace Hospital.
Born in Kilmalcolm, Scotland, Mrs. Chapman retired after 47 years as executive secretary of Detroit Lubricator Co., Division of American Standard Corp.

Survivors include her brothers, Douglas and George Lindsay.
Services were April 25 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Alexander Stewart officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

EMIL VAGNETTI
Mr. Vagnetti, 76, of Farmington Hills died April 21.
Mr. Vagnetti was born in Rimini, Italy.
Survivors include his wife, Vincenza

(Jean); sons, John, Michael, Frank and Carl; a daughter, Virginia; two brothers and two sisters; six grandchildren.
Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

BERNARD J. THOMPSON
Mr. Thompson, 70, of Farmington Hills died April 21.
Born in Pennsylvania, Mr. Thompson was the owner of Bernard J. Thompson Studio, Bloomfield Hills. He was a member of Beaver Lake Hunt Club, National Rifle Association and the

Edgewood Country Club.
Survivors include his wife, June; a son, Bernard J. Jr.; daughters, Kimberly Thompson Stewart and Marsha Moyer; six sisters and two brothers; seven grandchildren.
Services were April 25 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. George W. Ramsey officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

ORLETTE G. LYNCH
Mrs. Lynch, 95, of Farmington died

April 23 in Beverly Manor Nursing Home.
Born in West Milford, W. Va., Mrs. Lynch worked for Parkview Cemetery.
Survivors include her sons, Elmer and Roland; a daughter, Betty Yackley; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.
Services were April 26 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Carl Schultz of Salem United Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

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On May 4, persons interested in learning how to start their own businesses can attend an information day being sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Retailers Association, Oakland Community College and the Farmington Observer.

Entitled "How Do You Spell Entrepreneur?" the schedule runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. The displays will be in the multipurpose room of the Orchard Ridge campus in building H. The Orchard Ridge campus is south of I-696 between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

Businesses from around the metropolitan Detroit area will be in attendance to answer any questions you might have. They will provide material about their businesses and answer questions on starting a new business in areas such as permits, licenses, taxes, financing, personnel, marketing, advertising and product development.

Space is still available for businesses wishing to have a display table. Cost is \$15. Those interested should call Jody Soronen at the Chamber office, 474-3410.

Beware of phonies collecting for Africa

The American Red Cross is warning residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties to be wary of individuals claiming that they are collecting donations for African Famine Relief on behalf of the Red Cross.

"There are many groups and organizations who are legitimately collecting funds to give to the Red Cross for African Famine Relief," said Duane E. Johnson, executive director of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter. "However, there are also some unscrupulous individuals who are using people's concern about the tragedy in Africa to rip them off."

Johnson cited recent reports of a person with a canister allegedly collecting funds for Red Cross in the parking lot of businesses on Telegraph Road in Taylor.

"Red Cross is a United Foundation/United Way agency and does not solicit funds in that manner," said Johnson, "nor have we have authorized anyone else to do so in our name. There have also been reports of individuals — some of the teenagers — collecting money door-to-door. We don't do that either."

Anyone in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb who uses the name or symbol of the Red Cross in collecting funds must have permission from the Southeastern Michigan Chapter, Johnson said.

Anyone who uses the Red Cross symbol or name without authorization is violating the United States Criminal Code and could be subject to a \$250 fine and/or six months in jail if convicted.

"If you want to help African famine victims through the Red Cross and aren't sure about the legitimacy of the person or group asking you for a donation," said Johnson, "the safest thing to do is send your contribution, earmarked 'African Famine Relief,' directly to the American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, P.O. Box 351, Detroit 48232."

Since November, southeastern Michigan residents have contributed nearly \$312,000 for African Famine Relief through the American Red Cross.

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