

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY M. KLANN
Dorothy Minn Klann, 75, of Farmington Hills died Feb. 9 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.
She is survived by sister, Esther Henrian; sister-in-law, Lillian (Elmer) Klann; nieces, Kathleen House and Carol Hermann; and nephews, Kenneth Klann and Gordon Klann.
Funeral services were held Feb. 13 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Timothy Halboth officiating.
DENNIS L. BURTON
Dennis L. Burton, 51, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 9

at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Florida.
Mr. Burton was a master carpenter specializing in cabinetry and finishing work. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #152 in Port Tampa and the Sons of the American Legion and the Moose Lodge, both in Tampa.
He is survived by wife, Patricia; sons, Mark, Stephen and Andrew; mother, Lucille; brothers, Jerry, Alan, Nick and Russell; sisters, Carol Benton, Mary Lou Trew, Nancy Burton-DeWitt and Juanita Burton; and grandchildren, Rachel and Jarred.
Arrangements made by Heinz Funeral Home in Inverness, Fla.

KATHLEEN V. GORDON
Kathleen V. Gordon, 88, formerly of Farmington, died Feb. 8 in Westland.
She is survived by son, Harold Hiersback of Fenon; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Feb. 10 at Church of the Redeemer in Southfield with the Rev. Arthur Whitbread officiating. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.
Memorial contributions can be made to Church of the Redeemer in Southfield.
CHARLES B. BORKES
Charles Benjamin Borkes, Feb. 8, 1999. Stillborn prematurely at Huron Sinai Hospital.
Son of Ruth and Steve Borkes; brother of Eleanor and Lucinda;

grandson of Dorothy and Charles Borkes, Jan Houser, and Lenville Smith; he is also survived by aunts and uncles, Linda and Darrell Chadwell, Debbie and Jim English and Becky and Paul Philhower.
A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Feb. 14, at First United Methodist Church of Farmington. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.
JULIA LARSON
Julia Larson, 92, died Feb. 9, in Novi.
She was born in Gay, Mich. Jan. 21, 1907 to parents Evert and Alexandra Raski. She attended Hubbard schools. After moving to the Detroit area she married Milo Larson in 1932.
She is survived by children, Charles (John) of South Lyon,

David (Vivian) of Fredonia N.Y., Conrad (Janet) of Clare, Harvey (Sharon) of Novi and Angela (George) Wills of Novi; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; sister of Tyne Sisko, Ray (Edith) Raski, Heimo (Margaret) Raski, Taisto Lahti and Leo Lahti.
Funeral services were held Feb. 12 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Jonathan Bomgrun officiating. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.
Memorial contributions can be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.
SALLY JO HACKMAN
Sally Jo Hackman, 56, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 10.
Mrs. Hackman was the owner of Sally Hackman Associates -

gift manufacturers. She was a volunteer for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and a former board member of the Michigan Association of Gift Salesmen. She enjoyed volunteer work and reading.
She is survived by husband, Robert; sons, Jamie and Christopher; mother, Enid (Charles) Durst; brother, Chuck (Laima) Durst; and sister, Carol (Chick) Ross.
Funeral services were held Feb. 13, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Dennis Fitzpatrick officiating.
Memorial contributions can be sent to Gilder's Club, 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak 48073.

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C'ville district nixes laser pointers

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Clarencville has joined a growing list of school districts nationwide which have banned laser pointers, a business or educators' tool increasingly called dangerous by school leaders.
No longer will the pointing devices that emit a narrow beam of light simply be confiscated and a parent called, said David Simowski, Clarencville High principal.
Under a new rule approved by Clarencville administrators, students in any of the four schools caught with the devices will automatically receive a three-day suspension for being in subordinate and for disobeying school rules.
Both Simowski and Clarencville Middle School

principal Pamela Swert told the Clarencville Board of Education recently that students have been well-informed of the rule change.
"Every student knows," Simowski said. "We had one student suspended when a laser was brought to school. Now, they know that if they bring it to

school they have to hide it very carefully, or pay a penalty."
About six laser pointers had been confiscated before the new rule went into effect.
"Since the announcement, there's been no incident," Swert said.
Laser pointers are the expensive tools used in corporate board rooms and by educators wanting to highlight information on projection screens during presentations.
Somehow, they turned into the gadget-of-choice by teens and preteens, much like beepers, and began showing up at low-price items for sale in convenience stores and even gas stations. Many hang from key chains.
If pointed in someone's eye for even seconds, a laser pointer can burn and damage the eye, according to an alert given

recently by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). A beam can project anywhere from 600 to 4,000 feet or more.
Dearborn recently joined Philadelphia and New York by passing an ordinance banning the ownership of laser pointers by minors.
Problems from the beam of light range from being a disruptive annoyance if pointed at body parts to being downright dangerous if pointed into an eye.
Additionally, according to the MASB, police can easily confuse the laser beam with light emitted from certain guns that have a laser pointer.
Part of the youths' fun, said the MASB, comes from projecting the laser's beam at distant targets and then watching others try to figure out the source of the bright red dot.

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