



PETER BALDWIN

House damaged

Farmington Hills fire officials said a blaze of "suspicious" origin damaged a vacant house in the 21000 block of Jacksonville Street on the city's southeast section Thursday. No injuries were reported and fire-

fighters extinguished the fire in about 15 minutes. Anyone with information about the incident should call the fire department at 553-0744 during business hours.

obituaries

NATALIE KOSSAJDA

Mrs. Kossajda, 97, of Dearborn died April 15 in Troy-Beaumont Hospital.

Born in Poland, Mrs. Kossajda was co-owner of Victory Market in Hamtramck and a meat and grocery store in Dearborn. She was a member of ZPRK Womens Club in Hamtramck.

Survivors include two sons, Matthew of Leonard, Mich., and Richard of Farmington Hills; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mass was celebrated in St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Norbert Kenczarski officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

VIOLET V. LEMLEY

Mrs. Lemley, 84, of Farmington Hills died April 15 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Crawfordville, Ind., Mrs. Lemley was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, George and James; sister, Bernice Galtiff; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were Thursday at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Fred Proffman and the Rev. Richard G. Dun-

can of First Baptist Church of Farmington and Bethel Baptist Church of Dearborn Heights officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

ALICE WALKER

Mrs. Walker, 86, of Farmington died Tuesday.

Born in Manchester, England, Mrs. Walker was a retired production worker for Chrysler Corp.

Survivors include two sisters, Doris Canfield and Annie Mullen. Services were private at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

DONALD WARREN McDANIEL

Mr. McDaniel, 65, of Commerce Township, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Thursday in the University of Michigan Hospital-Ann Arbor.

Born in Neodesha, Kansas, Mr. McDaniel was an executive engineer for Cadillac Motors from 1955-1981. He invented an automobile door lock mechanism that was patented in 1963. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering.

Mr. McDaniel was an active member of the Society of Automotive Engineers for 25 years; a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and the Tau Omega National Aeronautical Engineering Fraternity; deacon, soloist and choir member of the

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington; a 23-year member of the Society for the Preservation & Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America; president of the local chapter of the Wolverine Chorus; and musical director of the Detroit-Oakland Chorus.

Mr. McDaniel served in World War II in Germany and France and was wounded and received the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife, Carollee Joan; one son, Sheldon Keith; one daughter, Lori Beth; one brother, Richard McDaniel; and two grandchildren.

Services are today at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington with the Rev. Brewster Gere, the Rev. David Noble, the Rev. Rebecca Sherwood and the Rev. Robert Berkey officiating.

Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

Drug suspect is killed fleeing undercover cops

Michigan State Police expect to complete their investigation this week of Thursday's fatal shooting of a Westland man after a drug buy fell through.

The victim was Ronald John Melnyk, 33, who lived in the Wilderness Park Apartments, on Warren Road east of Newburgh. Melnyk was described by a police official as a "sizeable dealer for Novi."

Melnyk, who was unarmed, was shot by officers when he tried to drive away from a planned undercover drug buy before the buy was completed.

The incident took place in the crowded Northville Township Meljor Store parking lot on the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty. The store attracts shoppers from Plymouth Township, Farmington Hills and Livonia.

Melnyk was dead on arrival at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

OFFICERS FROM the Northville post of the State Police are handling the investigation. Involved in the unsuccessful drug buy were officers from the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team, with help from the Western Wayne County Drug Task Force.

The shooting started when Melnyk started to flee in his 1989 Chrysler,

Ronald Melnyk, who was unarmed, was shot by officers when he tried to drive away from a planned undercover drug buy before the buy was completed.

striking two officers in the parking lot. The two suffered minor injuries.

Melnyk was the target of a narcotics sting conducted by federal, state and Wayne and Oakland county law enforcement teams, state police Detective Richard Duthler said.

UNDERCOVER OFFICERS were trying to buy seven ounces of cocaine from Melnyk when he suddenly mixed the deal, Duthler said.

The undercover officer and the suspect had discussions, (but) the deal was never finalized.

When Melnyk tried to flee, he struck a 1991 Chrysler car being used by undercover officers.

Two officers fired at least six shots from their 9mm pistols.

Melnyk appeared unconscious before he struck the car driven by an undercover officer, witnesses told police.

OFFICERS HAD previously bought drugs from Melnyk within the past two months, a state police inspector said.

Officers were planning a "buy-bust" from Melnyk Thursday night in a move to arrest him immediately after the drugs were paid for.

Melnyk was a "sizeable dealer for Novi," Lt. Dorothy McAleer of the Oakland NET unit said.

The arrangements between Melnyk and officers were that the planned drug buy was to be in Novi, she said.

Melnyk had an associate who was identified only as a Dearborn Heights party store owner, said investigator Joe Koenig of the state police criminal investigation division.

Warrants for Melnyk's arrest had been issued and were lacking a judge's signature, Koenig said. Melnyk likely was part of a larger narcotics distribution system, Koenig said.

(Information for this story was reported by Northville Record staff members Mike Tierce, Scott Daniel, Cristina Ferrier and Rick Byrne, and written by Leonard Poger of the Observer Newspapers.)

Cable slates budget session rerun

view. Part I also includes comments from other school board members, while part II includes comments from the community.

They will be shown as scheduled:

- Monday, April 22, Part I at 11 a.m. and Part II at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 23, Part I at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 25, Part II at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 30, Part I at 4 p.m.
- Thursday, May 2, Part II at 4 p.m.

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