



PETER BALDWIN

Adopt-A-Highway

Phil DeWachter was one of 26 Farmington Hills firefighters, their spouses and family members who lent a hand to keep the Eight Mile-Grand River Avenue area clean. The fire department has promised to maintain

the area under the Adopt-A-Highway program. Firefighters are required to maintain the area four times a year. Before their first effort, firefighters met for a 10-minute video on safety during the cleanup.

Police arrest boyfriend in suffocation death

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Jury will determine the degree of the charge, Nebus said.

THE CASE WAS turned over to Detroit police homicide investigators and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office because evidence has determined that Albert was killed in Detroit, Nebus said.

"This was a tedious investigation," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said.

Albert's partially nude and decomposed body was found by a Goldsmith Street resident as he drove by an open field on the dirt road just north of Eight Mile, east of Halsted.

Albert's father, Ronald Bekkala of Livonia, reported his daughter missing Dec. 21, 1989. Albert was last seen Dec. 15, as she left the Toy Box Bar on 6 Mile and Telegraph with her boyfriend, Nebus said.

Livonia police conducted an investigation after Albert's father made the report. "Their investigation was not able to find her," Nebus said.

Albert, who police said was blond and dressed in a white dress, white boots and a light-colored coat, was also found with her purse, containing money and identification.

POLICE BELIEVE Albert was killed in a house on Wormer Street in Detroit. Her body remained in the house 6-7 weeks before she was dumped in the Farmington Hills field, the night before the Goldsmith resident found her body, Nebus said.

"On Feb. 8, we searched the house. We felt we had found the death scene," he added.

Within hours after Albert's body was found, police went to Detroit and later to a small town about 20 minutes outside Windsor where Albert's boyfriend was found and later questioned. The man later moved to Redford Township and then Delta Township where he was arrested, Nebus said.

Farmington Hills investigators and evidence technicians as well as Detroit police evidence technicians collected evidence from the Wormer Street house. Search warrants also were conducted of the man and his car. Blood, hair, saliva, fingerprints and palm prints were collected for evidence, Nebus said.

All evidence was turned over to the Michigan State Police crime lab. "It took several weeks for the evidence from the crime lab. And it took another several weeks for the toxicology and medical reports," Nebus said.

Dwyer credited the state police, Detroit and Livonia police, Eaton County Sheriff's Department, Ontario Provincial Police, Oakland and Wayne counties prosecutors and the Oakland County Medical Examiner for "making the investigation and arrest possible."

Minister sentenced to 7 years for robbing 14 Michigan banks

A minister who confessed to robbing 14 southeastern Michigan banks to buy prostitutes' services has been sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Hackett also ordered Wednesday that the Rev. Roy Allen Yanke pay \$37,450 in restitution, another \$700 in costs and spend five years on probation after his release from prison.

Yanke, 37, of Berkley was arrested Jan. 9 at his church by FBI agents investigating the last in a string of bank robberies over a 16-month period. He resigned the same day as pastor of Covenant Alliance Church in Beverly Hills.

Yanke was arrested shortly after the robbery of the Manufacturers Bank branch at Long Lake and Telegraph.

A man answering Yanke's description was seen running from the bank to a car by witnesses and bumped into one passerby in the parking lot. Witnesses copied down the license number as the bank manager called for help.

The car had been rented and was traced to Yanke. It was found parked outside the church.

YANKE USED disguises such as hair dye, fake scars and glasses when robbing the banks, according to police. He usually passed notes to the tellers during the robberies.

The FBI dubbed the robber the

"bearded bandit," because the robber had a beard. Investigators reportedly found makeup in the church after Yanke's arrest. A pellet gun and the money from one of the robberies was recovered, police said.

Yanke confessed at the Bloomfield Township Police Department to robbing 14 banks in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties and spending the money on prostitutes.

Banks the FBI said Yanke admitted to robbing are: Sept. 13, 1989, Comerica Bank, Beverly Hills; Nov. 15, 1989, Comerica Bank, Southfield; Jan. 16, 1990, Credit Union One, Royal Oak; March 20, 1990, Midwest Guaranty Bank, Troy; April 17, 1990, United Savings Bank, Farmington Hills; June 29, 1990, Bank of Commerce, Rochester; Sterling Savings Bank, Clawson, and Warren Bank,

Warren; Aug. 1, 1990, First of America, Livonia; Sept. 13, 1990, Standard Federal, Farmington Hills; Oct. 10, 1990, Comerica, Troy; Nov. 5, 1990, Comerica, Ann Arbor; and Jan. 9, 1991, Manufacturers National Bank in Bloomfield Township and Huntington Bank in Warren.

At Royal Oak Ford's rental agency on Woodward, workers described Yanke as a regular. He rented about eight cars last year and bought a used car for his wife from the agency.

Neighbors said Yanke, his wife, Debra, and 10-year-old daughter lived quietly. The minister's wife, daughter and several parishioners supported Yanke since his arrest and regularly attended his court appearances.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

obituaries

WILLARD GERALD LAVERN

Mr. Lavern, 81, of Farmington Hills died May 24.

Mr. Lavern worked with the American Red Cross during World War II. He was a member of the Planetary Society and many other organizations.

He is survived by many friends whose lives were touched by him. Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. Burial was in St. Catherine Cemetery, Algonac.

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

MARGARET MARSH KLAMP

Mrs. Klamp, 79, of Farmington died May 27 in Naples, Fla.

Mrs. Klamp was a retired Royal Oak teacher.

Survivors include her daughter, Marilyn L. Thurston; stepdaughter, Gerald Lucas; stepson, Walter Klamp; son, Fred M. Nicholas; sister, Elizabeth Brandt; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held Friday, May 31, at the First Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills.

Memorials may be made to The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

48335. Arrangements were made by the Hodges Funeral Home.

ROBERT J. MACKEY SR.

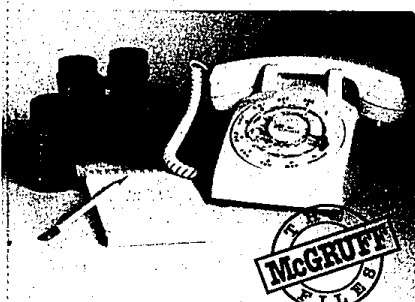
Mr. Mackey, 84, of St. Augustine, Fla., formerly of Detroit, died May 29.

Born in Stockton, England, Mr. Mackey was a retired tool and die machinist for Burroughs Corp.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian; son, Robert Jr.; daughter, Maryanne Sytniak; five stepchildren; sister, Jane Mackey of Farmington; brother, William Mackey of Farmington; 21 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Column Morgan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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



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NEW GRADUATES

Jeffrey Sell of Farmington Hills graduated from Northern Michigan University.

Deborah Arnold, Julie Weigold and Dana Young Copes of Farmington Hills graduated from Alma College.

Sarah Shevlin of Farmington Hills graduated from Olivet College with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

Heather Grelt graduated from the University of Michigan with a de-

gree in Human Resource Management. She will be attending Michigan State University this fall at their Institute for Agricultural Technology, specializing in Horse Ranch Management. She is a 1986 graduate of Harrison High School.

● **RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP**
Suzanne Ritterling of Novi received the Moneta Welch Scholarship Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. She is a 1988 graduate of Farmington High School.

Kathryn Wik of Farmington received Eastern Michigan University's 1991 Recognition of Excellence Award.

Kari Urevig of Farmington, a sophomore at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, was awarded the Otto and Esther Austin Family Scholarship.

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