

# Another death makes Mass ironic, mournful

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Yousif Halaki, a 73-year-old Chaldean grocer who recently moved his business to Troy from Detroit because he was fearful of crime, planned to attend Friday's ceremonial Mass in Southfield to honor slain Chaldeans.

Halaki never made it. He was shot and killed at his new store Wednesday night. His name was added to the list of people honored at the Mother of God Cathedral.

"He could have been sitting next to any one of you this evening," said a remorseful Saud Marouf, chairman of the Chaldean Federation of America, which organized the emotional commemoration.

The latest killing of a Chaldean merchant served as a grim reminder why family and friends packed the church.

But those who managed to make it left with a renewed mission to work together with those in the criminal justice system to make a difference.

"IT'S TIME to attack crime and attack the source of crime," said an impassioned Detroit councilwoman Erna Henderson, one of several officials who spoke immediately after the Mass. "We must tackle the big guns. And we can only do it together."

State Supreme Court Justice

Dennis Archer told the people, "I share your hurt. I share your loss. I wish you peace of mind."

But Archer stressed that law-abiding people can help reduce crime by being aware, not being afraid, to report crimes and by "creating the fear of getting caught" in the minds of potential criminals.

Their messages followed the emotional Mass, celebrated by Bishop Mar Ibrahim Ibrahim. Family and friends of the murdered Chaldeans filled the aisles and spilled onto the sidewalk to hear them speak.

"We're here as a show of love, support and concern to the Chaldean community, especially to the families of victims," the bishop said.

ALTHOUGH THE WORDS were kind, the hurt remains for the victims, including Mazin Yaldo, an Oak Park resident still coping with the grocery store killings of his cousin and uncle in separate incidents more than 11 years apart.

"It's really a shame. It doesn't make sense," said Yaldo, whose relatives were both pictured in a distributed booklet commemorating the victims. "Why does it happen? Robberies for drugs, man."

"We need more attention from the city," said Yaldo, an East Detroit grocer who has been shot twice. "You call for a cop, and he comes an hour and a half later."

Yaldo, breaking down a little, add-

ed "my grandmother cries for him every day. It just hurts so bad."

THE BROTHER of Yaldo's murdered uncle wants those officials who spoke at the Mass to follow through with action. "We'd like to work with public officials and see what we can do together," said Sam Kakos. "We need to find a way to enact legislation, whether it be the city, state or federal government, because crime is a major problem facing all of us — not just Chaldeans."

Yaldo and Kakos were among hundreds who carried lighted candles through the church aisles during a pre-Mass procession.

Others included Mike and Jenny Jonna, 11 and 15 respectively, of West Bloomfield. Both are still mourning the January shotgun death of their father, Karim.

Both admitted they still don't believe their father is gone.

"I miss him a lot, every day," said Mike. "It's like he's not there, and it's hard. I say, 'Is it really true?' It's like a dream."

His sister, Jenny, agreed. "It was a shock. I never knew he'd die that way. When I go home, I still think he's there."

She said the traditional support system among Chaldeans — similar to the response to the ceremonial Mass — helped get her family through at a time of mourning the tragedy.



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A cross bearer leads in the procession of family members remembering slain Chaldeans killed at the Mother of God Cathedral in Southfield. The procession was so long some participants had to take a seat when with lighted candles at the Mother of God Ca-



Weeping silently, a woman (center) remembers her 20-year-old daughter who was shot to death after work Dec. 23, 1984.

## business briefs

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### NEW VP

Dr. Gary Ruff of Farmington Hills has been appointed vice president of Materials of CMI-International, Inc., Southfield. CMI-International is a major casting and machining company operating malleable and ductile iron, steel, and aluminum foundries as well as production machining parts.



In his new position, Ruff's responsibilities include materials development, new product applications, and new process development. He brings a total of 18 years of foundry experience holding various engineering and management positions. Prior to joining CMI, he was divisional chief process engineer for GM's Central Foundry Division. He also worked at Chevrolet's Metalcasting Plants in Saginaw and Tonawanda, and at the GM Technical Center.

Ruff is a member of the American Society for Metals, American Society for Quality Control, and American Foundrymen's Society. At the American Foundrymen's Society, he is chairman of the National Cast Iron Division and also serves on the Technical Council.

### KEY AGENTS

The Klebba Agency Inc. in Farmington was named to the Key Agents Club in 1988 by Citizens Insurance Company. It is the first year in which the insurance agency has achieved this honor with Citizens.

"The Key Agents Club is a special honorary group established by Citizens to recognize above-average premiums combined with outstanding underwriting results by the independent agencies representing us," explained James Coville, vice president of marketing at Citizens Insurance Company, Howell.

The Klebba Agency placed over \$1.25 million in premium with Citizens in 1987 and fulfilled all of the other requirements to qualify for the

Key Agents Club. The agency was only one of 44 selected from among over 600 independent agencies that represent Citizens to receive this honor based upon their 1987 results.

### NEW AGENCY

Little Caesars Pizza Stations and Family Fun Centers of the Detroit area Little Caesars Pizza chain announce the retention of Brogan Kabout Advertising of Southfield as their agency for the local sit-down restaurant division of the company.

"Brogan Kabout will create mainly broadcast advertising, promotions and print for the two restaurant concepts," said Denise Ilitch Lites, Little Caesars vice president and corporate counsel. "We are excited about the quality and innovative ideas that they will provide for these two distinct divisions of our company." Ilitch Lites oversees all marketing for the Little Caesars Pizza chain.

The 21 Little Caesars Pizza Stations in Metropolitan Detroit are sit-down and drive-through locations for lunch and dinner. The first Pizza Station opened in Southfield in 1977.

The Little Caesars Family Fun Centers are the newest concept for the Little Caesars chain. The five Detroit area sit-down restaurants provide play areas for children which include building blocks, drawing easels, reading and coloring materials, slides and monkey bars, as well as some video games.

### NEW IN TOWN

Hunan Palace, a new Chinese restaurant at 3824 W. 10 Mile in Farmington Hills, opened March 5. It specializes in Szechuan, Hunan, Mandarin and Cantonese dishes.

Hunan Palace has a cocktail lounge and carry outs are available. The phone number is 473-3939.

Linda Parker and Joe Chue are owners.

### ELECTED PRESIDENT

Jervis H. Webb, vice president of Jervis H. Webb Co., Farmington Hills, was elected the 49th president of the Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) at the organization's recent 55th annual meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Webb succeeds Paul Putzel, executive vice president, operations, Alvey Inc., St. Louis, Mo., as head of the industry trade group founded in 1933.

Webb's father, Jervis C. Webb, president of Jervis H. Webb Co., served as the 17th president of CEMA in 1954-1955.

CEMA is the national trade association of leading U.S. manufacturers of bulk handling and unit handling conveyors and components.

### NEW LOCATION

Reliance Forms & Supplies Inc. has relocated its retail outlet, Reliance Forms Store, from its downtown Farmington location, 23260 Farmington Road, to its main offices, 24010 Haggerty, Farmington Hills.

The newly expanded facilities, located in the Farmington Industrial Center, will continue to provide customers with business forms, computer supplies, advertising specialties, as well as printed goods with the addition of a complete press room.

"We've doubled the size of our main office. Now we can better service our customers with printing facilities, sales people and forms specialists all at one convenient location," said Jonathan L. Grant, president/owner of Reliance Forms & Supplies Inc.

"As always our sales people will continue to make calls. But having everything and everyone under one roof provides a convenient and more reliable alternative to catalogue shopping for the smaller business customer who wants to come in and look around or talk with our specialists," he said.

For more information, contact Reliance Forms & Supplies, 478-6820.

### NAMED MEMBER

Vincent Brennan, a broker at RE/MAX West, Inc., in Livonia, has been named a member of the RE/MAX 100 Percent Club, an honor awarded to its affiliates earning \$100,000 or more in gross commissions each year.

The Farmington Hills resident, a 20-year real estate veteran, joined RE/MAX 4 1/2 years ago. He is a life member of Million Dollar Sales Club and a member of the Graduate Realtors Institute.

RE/MAX is an international company with more than 1,000 independently owned and operated offices.

### ELECTED SECRETARY

Health Alliance Plan announced the election of Roman Kulich as secretary of the Eastern Michigan Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

Kulich, 35, has been a member of the board of HFMA's Eastern Michigan Chapter since 1986, having served most recently on the membership council.

The Farmington Hills resident is vice president for administration and finance at Health Alliance Plan, a position he has held since 1986. He joined the company in 1984 as chief financial officer.

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