

OBITUARIES

CORA S. CARNES

Services for Cora Sue Carnes, 63, formerly of Farmington Hills, were held July 9 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Otis Buell officiating. Burial took place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mrs. Carnes was born Oct. 9, 1937, in Pineville, Ky., and died July 6, 2001, in Sterling Heights. She enjoyed going to casinos and playing Bingo.

She is survived by sons, Russell (Tammy), Dwayne, and Anthony (Joy); daughter, Rhonda (Chris) Reese; brothers, Gary Jones, Mike (Linda) Jones and Bruce (Sandra) Jones; sisters, Jean Jones, Wanda (Alvin) Wilson and Ginger (Daniel) Mesquita; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jake.

JAMES GRAY

Services for James "Jim" Gray, 69, of Farmington Hills will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 13,

at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Gray is survived by sons, James (Lucy) and Scott (Millie); daughter, Kathleen (Kevin) Rouse; grandchildren, Victoria, Stephanie, James, Ryan, and Brittany; and sister, Nancy (Eddie) Fernandez. He is preceded in death by his wife, Joan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

RICHARD E. HARVEY

A memorial service for Richard E. Harvey, 57, of Farmington Hills will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Harvey is survived by wife, Brenda; sons, David and Richard; daughter, Judy (Steven) Caruana; and son-in-law, Donald Tulpo.

GEORGE A. SEMACK

Services for George Anthony

Semack, 80, formerly of Farmington, were held July 11 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Brian Chabala officiating. Burial took place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Semack was born Oct. 20, 1920, in Detroit and died July 7, 2001, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was vice president of purchasing for Cunningham Drug Stores and a World War II veteran.

He is survived by son, Greg (Susan); daughter, Cathy (Bob) Laux; brother, Leonard (Helen); sister, Rita (Ed) Cwiling; and grandchildren, Kelsey, Courtney and Diana. He is preceded in death by his wife, June, and brother, Harry.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

LEO L. ELDERKIN

Leo Lawrence Elderkin, 79, of Farmington died June 27, 2001, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington.

Mr. Elderkin was born May 18, 1922. He worked for Universal Pump and was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by wife, June; daughter, Lynn Ott; brother, Robert; grandsons, Donn, Timothy and Randal; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his son, Donn.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

LORRAINE D. MALLOY

Services for Lorraine Dorothy Malloy, 80, formerly of Farmington Hills, were held July 10 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Timothy Halboth officiating. Burial took place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mrs. Malloy was born May 8, 1921, in Detroit and died July 6, 2001, at Munson Health Care Center in Traverse City.

She is survived by son, Gerald; daughters, Marlene (Ron Bates)

Kenworth and Nancy (Paul) Paquette; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

BARBARA J. SIMONYI

Services for Barbara Joyce Simonyi, 62, of Novi were held July 10 at First Baptist Church of Farmington with the Rev. Fred Froman officiating. Burial took place at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

Mrs. Simonyi was born June 12, 1939, in Detroit and died July 6, 2001.

She is survived by daughters, Delores (Harri) Mrljak and Mary (Steve) Myers; son, Timothy (Rebecca) Neuman; brother, Thomas (Karen) Powers; sisters, Judith (Charles) Maund and Dorothy (Steve) Rindfuss; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

PAUL R. SIEVERT

Services for Paul Richard Sievert, 50, of Redford will be held at 11 a.m. today, July 12, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Livonia with the Rev. James Hoff officiating. Burial will take place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Sievert was born Jan. 17, 1951, in Detroit and died July 7, 2001, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He worked as an assembler for Ford Motor Co.

He is survived by wife, Rita; sons, Paul "Rick" (Lindsay) and Randy; daughter, Stephanie (Edward) Mill Rose; mother, Idamarie Sievert; brother, Leslie (Juanita); sisters, Pat (Ray) Schmidt and Sandy Olson; and grandchildren, Dillon, Zachary Jordan and Sydney.

Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Hills man arrested for fraud

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A highly profitable fraud scheme, allegedly operated by a 29-year-old Farmington Hills man, came to an abrupt end Sunday when an alert employee called Western Union.

A loss prevention officer at Sears contacted police when he became suspicious after the man used a \$100 Westland Center gift certificate to buy a \$10 item and then pocketed \$90 in cash.

The man had been in the store on several previous occasions using gift certificates to buy small items and receiving cash for the balance, she said.

The loss prevention officer, in a call to the mall's customer service desk, learned that the man bought \$2,900 in Westland Center gift certificates last Sunday with a business check from a bogus company called UCC on 12 Mile in Southfield, police said.

The man had, in recent weeks, bought large sums of gift certificates using business checks, police said.

Police confronted the man at 12:54 p.m. last Sunday outside the shopping center and placed him under arrest.

Although the man has no prior criminal record, he is thought to have used the scheme before, police said.

"We believe he's done a lot of this in the past. He has no job and lives in a high-rent district," said Lt. Marc Stobbe of the Westland Police Department.

A check by police showed that the company UCC did not exist and that the check belonged to a private mailing-and-shipping company in Southfield.

Stobbe said this type of fraud is "very common."

A search of the man's vehicle revealed merchandise from Radio Shack that had been paid for with gift certificates, police said.

Nine blank checks were found, along with two checks made out to Detroit Edison totaling \$1,200; a purchaser's receipt for \$4,800 made payable to an Auburn Hills company; a check

made payable to an investment firm for \$42,266; and a check payable to Ameritech for \$1,000.

Two blank checks in the name of UCC in West Bloomfield were also confiscated, police said.

The routing number on the check was traced to an American Express Bank in Utah. However, the bank named on the checks was based in Minneapolis, Minn., police said.

More than 45 gift certificates were also found on him.

"Someone has taught him well," Stobbe said.

The man was arraigned Tuesday before Judge C. Charles Bokos in 18th District Court in Westland.

A plea of not guilty was entered to one charge of uttering and publishing (bad check writing), which is a 14-year felony, Stobbe said. A preliminary examination was set for July 19.

The man is free on a \$5,000 personal bond.

Stobbe credited the employees at Sears in Westland Center for helping to apprehend the man. "They did a very good job."

Methodist pie, ice cream social on hiatus

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The popular, annual pie and ice cream social at First United Methodist Church, endeared among so many since almost the start of the Founder's Festival, is taking a hiatus this year.

The church, located on Grand River next to the Dimitri's of Farmington Restaurant, is being renovated. The church, which has 550 members, is expected to resume its trademark tradition next

year.

"We're building a new office on the side of the church, and it is being re-roofed," said Connie Burress, office administrator.

Festival-goers knew besides the chance to obtain tasty treats, they could take a break in the air conditioning. It also had restrooms open to the public, Burress said.

The festival committee makes sure there are adequate portable restroom facilities, said festival organizer Suzanne Lichtman.

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SWOCC plans approved

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The Southwest Oakland Cable Company plans to move its offices to the city of Farmington next year to increase its space and afford more freeway visibility.

SWOCC, now located at 24021 Research Drive in Farmington Hills, is expected to relocate next year. The Farmington Planning Commission approved a site plan for the new location at 33300 Nine Mile at its July 9 meeting.

The SWOCC will renovate a former one-story collision shop, which is across Nine Mile from Farmer Jack.

The 9,878-square-foot building is three times the size of its Farmington Hills building, according to Eric Angott, video operations director.

"When this building became

available in Farmington, we thought this was a wonderful idea," said Robert Allen, an architect with Allen & Laux Inc. in Farmington. "We will reorient the building with a new entry on Nine Mile. We want to change the 1950s appearance."

The renovation will give a high tech appearance with visibility as a community center. It will include replacement windows with commercial glazing in a large loft style, Allen said.

Caren Collins, SWOCC executive director and the applicant, didn't attend the hearing because she was out of town.

SWOCC qualifies as a municipal use of the property, according to city officials.

The new facility will house Public Access Channel 12, city of Farmington Channel 16, city of Farmington Hills Channel 8 and Novi Channel 13.

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