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# Hills couple drown in U.P. lake



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The drowning death of a Farmington Hills couple in a pristine Upper Peninsula lake poses a mystery that may never be solved. Teams of searchers last week recovered the bodies of Mark Bowick, 50, a

Visteon engineer, and his wife Karen, 49, a computer consultant. The two were determined to have drowned in East Lake in the central U.P. But Schoolcraft County Sheriff Gary Maddox said preliminary autopsy results revealed nothing as to why the drownings happened. Police know the two were avid

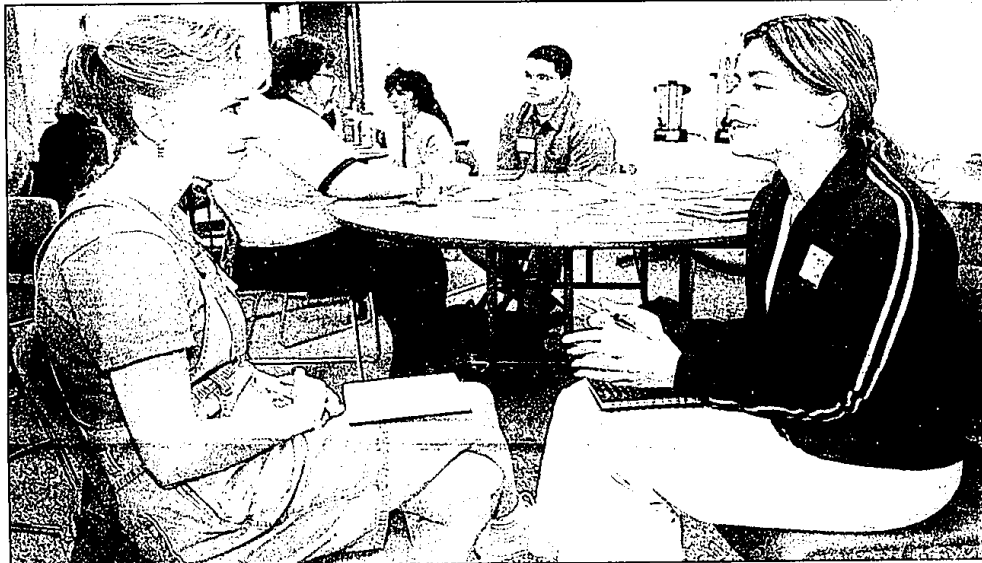
campers and were familiar with water. They arrived at East Lake, where they had camped before, on Sunday, Aug. 5. The other two members of the camping party - Mark's brother, Scott Bowick, and Scott's 12-year-old son - had left the campsite at 1 p.m. Thursday for a day trip to the Seney Wildlife Refuge. Scott Bowick and his son returned at 7 p.m. to the campsite, along East Lake, 23 miles north of Manistique. When Bowick and his son returned to the campsite, they didn't see Mark or



Mark and Karen Bowick

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## Back to school



Teaming Up: Candace Duane and Tracy Conley, who will teach at Dunkel this fall, met at Monday's orientation. Below, new teacher Angela Leach writes in her journal.

# Workshop helps new teachers

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Angela Leach recalled her first day as a government and civics teacher at Linden High School near Flint almost 20 years ago. "They showed me where the copy room was and that was it," Leach said. "I relied on other teachers." Two decades later, as a newly hired government and psychology teacher at Harrison High School, the Farmington Hills resident and mother of three, saw a big difference in teacher orientation. Teachers participated in three-day orientation at Dunkel Middle School in Farmington Hills, which included a continental breakfast each day and lunch provisions on two days. Leach and about 50 other

teachers were greeted by Superintendent Bob Maxwell, School Board President Cathy Webb, PTA Council President Julie Devine, Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates and former Farmington Mayor Mary Bush. They heard discussions about student profiles, school/community relations, personnel, union representation, payroll, safe schools and student services, motivation and took part in breakout sessions. The orientation was organized by Jerry Fouchey, director of curriculum. Judy White, who recently retired as assistant superintendent of instructional services, took a short hiatus from teaching before returning to oversee three sessions for teachers on Tuesday as an independent



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# Alleged abuse survivor testifies at Djoumessi trial

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An 18-year-old woman tearfully told jurors Tuesday she was raped five times in the Farmington Hills home where she lived and worked for an immigrant couple for three years. Under questioning before Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert at the Oakland County Courthouse, the woman, now 18, said she was made to live in a basement where there was no hot water

and the floor was wet following rain. Dressed in a single-breasted suit and wearing her shoulder-length hair in braids pulled back from her face, she answered questions quietly, so quietly that some jurors said they couldn't hear. Judge Gilbert and Assistant Prosecutor Cheryl Matthews urged her to speak louder, if she wanted her story to be known. She told jurors that Joseph Djoumessi, who with wife Evelyn brought her to Farmington Hills from Cameroon in

West Africa when she was 14, told her she was too dirty to use the upstairs kitchen. She was allowed to care for the couple's young children in the upstairs of the house. Both Djoumessis are charged with conspiring to kidnap, kidnapping and child abuse. Joseph also faces two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and third-degree criminal sexual conduct. They maintain they were only trying to help a girl who has now turned on them and lied to police.

If convicted, they could serve life in prison. Assistant Prosecutor Cheryl Matthews challenged testimony given earlier by the Djoumessis, that they treated the girl just like their own daughter. "Were you ever allowed a day of school?" she asked. "No." "Did you ever receive any kind of

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# 'People's longing to know keeps me going'

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He sits quietly, dressed in flowing cotton robes that seem incongruously ancient amid the modern-day trappings of a Farmington Hills apartment. Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev's dark eyes soften as he talks about his life's journey and the mission that has driven him to travel the world six months out of the

year. "People's longing to know keeps me going," he says in a soft but resonant voice. "Modern education and science have given us all the comforts and conveniences. In a way, humanity is more comfortable than ever. Internally, they are more uncomfortable." It is the internal landscape Vasudev helps people master, through yoga techniques. Over the past week, students

have each paid \$200 for seven sessions at the Finnish Center on 9 Mile Road in Farmington, with a man who explains the quality of their lives has more to do with what's inside than what's outside. "Wherever I go, when people are not well-to-do, their concern is how to be successful," he says. "When they are successful, their only concern is how to be

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