

Compuware announces layoffs

■ While company officials are being tight-lipped about the details, lay-offs announced this week could affect workers in the Farmington Hills facility. Details will be released in May.

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Compuware officials are staying mum on exactly how many people will be affected in a company-wide reorga-

nization plan. With its world headquarters located in Farmington Hills, officials from the computer services giant Monday announced a restructuring plan to improve profitability and position the company for future growth.

Communications director Lisa Elkin said the company will not announce the number of layoffs, nor which offices will be impacted until the affected workers are contacted first. The company has about 3,000 workers at its Farmington Hills facility.

Details of the layoffs and the reorganization plan will be announced at a

May 7 earnings meeting, she said. "We have carefully evaluated our business and determined that we must make significant changes in order to improve profitability and better position the company for long-term success," said Compuware Chairman and CEO Peter Karmanos Jr. "While these decisions have been difficult, Compuware is obligated to take action that helps ensure the future growth and profitability of the organization, for the sake of employees as well as shareholders."

According to a company press release, staff reductions associated

with the restructuring will primarily impact professional services employees and those employees in positions that support them, as well as sales support personnel.

The plan ranges from the reduction of professional services staff at some locations to the closing of entire professional services offices.

John Anhalt, chairman of the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation, said the news is not surprising considering the downturn in the economy in the past year.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to turn your clock forward one hour Sunday morning, also, don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

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Play misty for them: Justin Nezech watches anoles with Melissa Luchtel and Elizabeth Murrenus. Teacher Virginia Lambert mists them with water before placing the lid on the cage.

FHS teacher loves hands-on lessons

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Farmington Public School District High School Teacher of the Year Virginia Lambert is as much at ease talking about the social organization of wolves as she is teaching the first-year-offered Zoo-ology class.

Consider an introduction to anoles. Never heard of them? They're small chameleons.

Lambert, a Farmington High School science teacher, brought a number of them in an aquarium recently and everyone got a chance to handle them as they were separated into smaller, plastic observation boxes.

That educational opportunity was welcomed in varying degrees by members of her class, divided into

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Recording: Brynn Allen and Whitney Dore observe and record the behavior of anoles. Teacher Virginia Lambert offers suggestions on what they should look for.

Hills standoff ends with man's suicide

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Khaduri Whitehead apparently found the Poe home in Farmington Hills a safe haven in only the few months he had gotten to know the family who lived there, police say.

The 22-year-old, known as K-Dog to his friends, told them if he was ever kicked out of his mother's home in Livonia he would steal a car, lead police on a high-speed chase and die in a shoot-out with them.

That scenario came dangerously close to how Whitehead's life ended Tuesday in Farmington Hills.

Despite attempts to negotiate with him at the Poe home, where he had barricaded himself, police found Whitehead dead in an upstairs bathroom from an apparent self-inflicted shotgun wound, after a six-hour standoff with police.

Nearby neighbors in the quiet subdivision with curved roads and manicured landscapes were forced to leave their homes while police from several agencies scrambled to secure the area during Tuesday morning's heavy downpour.

How it started

Poole said Whitehead stole a Ford Mustang at gunpoint in the Livonia Wal-Mart parking lot Tuesday morning and led them on a high-speed chase that ended at the Poe home on Truce Trail near Eight Mile, west of Haledell. After briefly losing police in the subdivision, Whitehead pulled the stolen car into the garage.

There, he held a shotgun to his mouth and told his friend, 16-year-old Mark Poe, he was going to kill himself, said Chuck Nebus, assistant police chief at Farmington Hills.

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End of the day: A member of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Special Response Team leaves the command post after officers found Khaduri Whitehead dead inside the house.

Council interviews won't be public

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The public will likely not know all the people who have expressed an interest in former Farmington City Councilman Bill Hartsock's vacant position.

They also probably won't know which people Farmington council members have asked to apply.

"We're not required by charter to have a public meeting (to interview candidates)," Farmington Mayor Jim Mitchell said. "It's not a practice we've used in the past. We've tried to keep it very private. Historically, we have tried to keep it private. I'm trying to respect the privacy of individuals and still select a councilman we can be proud of and support."

Mitchell expects Council will appoint its new member at the April 16 meeting. This person will serve Hartsock's unexpired, four-year term, to November 2003. The position pays \$1,800 a year.

The Farmington City Council formally accepted Hartsock's resignation Monday, two weeks after he delivered a farewell speech. He has held his seat continuously for more than 28 years.

Hartsock, 51, purchased a home in Farmington Hills, just outside Farmington city limits. He plans to marry Carole Basile April 13, a co-worker he's known for five years at Paine Weber in Farmington Hills. Both Hartsock and Basile work in financial management.

There will be no special meeting in the interim to introduce the interested candidates to the public, Mitchell said.

Applicants are asked to express their interest to individual council members. Mitchell said his personal criteria is

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