

## obituarles

### BRUCE E. MILLER

Mr. Miller, 34, of West Bloomfield died Oct. 2 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Ohio, Mr. Miller was owner and president of Bruce Miller's Car Stereo Installation Centers, Inc. He was a 1978 graduate of Southfield High School. He started his company seven years ago with

one store. Today the company employs 250 people in 70 stores in 11 states. He was nationally recognized as an electronics expert by Car & Driver Magazine and Auto Motive Magazine.

While in high school he earned letters in basketball and football. He was an active player in local sports. Survivors include his wife, Kelly; son, Casey; a daughter, Kelley; father, Donald Miller; sister, Cathy Murray.

Services were Oct. 6 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Almus Thorp Jr. of Christ Church Cranbrook officiating.

**Arthritis Today**  
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### MUSCLE PROBLEMS IN ARTHRITIS

Polymyositis is a condition characterized by weakness in the arms and legs. If you have this condition, you find it difficult to pull a sweater over your head or walk up a flight of stairs.

Treatment includes taking large doses of steroids on a daily or every other day basis. The probability of unwanted side effects with this program is great, and obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, and fragile bones, are almost an inevitable accompaniment of therapy. Thus, before recommending such a program with its attendant risks, the doctor must be sure of the diagnosis.

However, most of us have incurred episodes of muscle fatigue and pain because of physical or mental strain, viruses, or as an after-effect of nerve damage. Because of the possibility of these alternative causes, it may take your physician weeks to months to ferret out the presence of polymyositis.

This condition illustrates a general truth in dealing with arthritic conditions: the need for patience on your part and for perseverance by your doctor.

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"In addition, Detroit Edison saves as much as \$7 per audit in promotional costs — a savings that is passed on to our customers."

"More than 1,000 energy audit requests were generated by 280 non-profit groups through a recently completed GEM pilot program," Aho added.

THE ENERGY audits are designed to encourage homeowners to use energy efficiently and get the most from their energy dollars, according to Aho.

Detroit Edison has completed more than 249,000 home energy audits since the utility began offering them in 1981.

Before the GEM program, the utility promoted home energy audits through direct mail, tele-marketing and word-of-mouth.

Oakland-Livingston Human Service Agency used dollars earned to insulate homes owned by low-income families.

Non-profit organizations interested in participating in the GEM program may call Detroit Edison toll-free at 1-800-482-2983.

## campus pipeline

If you have news from a college, university or other campus of higher education — and there's a Farmington-area connection — we'd like to hear from you so we can share your news item with other Farmington Observer readers. Send items to: Campus Pipeline, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

### BEGINS STUDIES

Andrew Drake of Farmington Hills began studies at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

A 1988 graduate of North Farmington High School, he was a member of the National Honor Society and the basketball and baseball teams. He received a Presidential Academic Fitness Award.

### FALL SPORTS

The following students from the Farmington area are participating in intercollegiate fall sports at Kalamazoo College: Laura Livingstone, senior, cross country; Cyndi Rieden, sophomore, field hockey; and Amy Smith, sophomore, soccer.

### NAMED PRESIDENT

William Lottman of Farmington Hills was selected president of Lawrence Institute of Technology's Chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society.

### HONORS LIST

The following students from the Farmington area were named to the honors list at Michigan State University: Sherri Goerke, Jay Haas, Stephanie Ellis, Erin Kelly, Kristine Kirsten, Heather Wallas and Beth Farkas.

### NEW GRADUATES

The following students from the Farmington area graduated from Ferris State University, Big Rapids: Diane Schumacher, Kathryn Anne Spangenberg and Andrew Lorenz.



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