

JFK

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Sidney Lush
—Veteran

especially Saturday, you couldn't change a channel without them interviewing a (Kennedy) family member.

"I guess that parallels (to coverage after Princess Diana's death) could be drawn."

Also outside Starbucks Coffee in the Downtown Farmington Center was World War II veteran

Sidney Lush. He questioned JFK, Jr. taking off at dusk, without a flight plan and without instruments.

"A lot of pilots say he should never have taken off under those conditions," said Lush, a Farmington resident. "... He only had 200 hours of flying time and no instrument flying time."

Sturos said the 38-year-old Kennedy was victimized by his own poor judgment, but he still was saddened about the latest in a long string of tragedies to befall the family.



Sad: Ryan Sturos was saddened by the news.

cast," Sturos said. "Obviously, it's a tragedy in that a human life was lost."

Edward Lewandowski of Farmington concurred that Kennedy "probably shouldn't have flown in the dark with his limited experience."

Lewandowski said the plane crash was tragic, but that it had nowhere near the impact on him that John F. Kennedy's assassination did.

When the 35th President was gunned down on Friday, Nov. 22, 1963, Lewandowski was teaching American government at Denby High School in Detroit. The subject: what happens to the presidency when the president dies.

"It (the assassination) happened during the same time I was lecturing, although I didn't know it at the time," said Lewandowski, recalling that day Monday morning, while browsing at the downtown branch of



Why: Sidney Lush questioned Kennedy's decision to fly.

the Farmington Community Library.

Word that JFK was murdered floored him. "I was just flabbergasted. It just hit me so hard."

The younger Kennedy, said Lewandowski, "seemed to be living a good life and was doing the things he liked to do. But he might have made an error in judgment making that flight."

Over at Cowley's pub, Wixom resident Barb Garry lamented the death of JFK, Jr., his wife and sister-in-law and wondered out loud whether the Kennedy family is cursed.

"I think it's sad, I liked him a lot," Garry said. "It's kind of an omen, things just keep happening."

She did say that "If they died, I'm glad they went together, him and his wife."



Yes or no: Barb Garry wonders if the Kennedy family is cursed.



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Memories: Edward Lewandowski was a teacher when President John Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas in November, 1963. It was an event that had more of an impact on him than the recent crash that took the life of John Kennedy Jr.

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