

OBITUARIES

**BETTE M. WARREN**  
 Services for Bette Margaret Warren, 76, of Farmington Hills, were held Feb. 26 at Liseney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.  
 Mrs. Warren was born April 11, 1924 in Hamilton, Ontario, and died Feb. 23 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.  
 She is survived by daughters, Kathleen (Theodoro) Allen and Judi (Keith) DeBaesler; son, John; brother, George (Evelyn) Hunter; sister, Kathleen (William) Johns; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas.  
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute of Farmington Hills.

McAuley Center Chapel in Farmington Hills with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.  
 Sister was born Gertrude Ann Lynch, daughter of Thomas and Alice Lynch, Lourdes, Iowa, and attended Our Lady of Lourdes school in Elma. At the age of 20, she joined the Sisters of Mercy at Mt. St. Agnes Dubuque.  
 She was educated for her profession at Mercy College, Detroit, and the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. and earned a master's degree in library science at Rosary College, River Forest, Ill.  
 Sister began her teaching

career in elementary grades at St. Mary School, Larchwood, Iowa. Through the years she taught in other Iowa schools, including Mt. Carmel, Waterloo (Eagle Center); St. Clement, Epworth (Bankston); Sacred Heart, Ackley and St. John Independence.  
 In 1956 she became librarian at Our Lady of Mercy High School, then located in Detroit, and subsequently was librarian at Mt. Mercy Academy, Grand Rapids; St. Mary, Bay City; and again in Iowa, at Mercy Medical Center, Dubuque, where she also served as patient care hostess.  
 In 1970 Sister Beata retired to

a life of prayer at McAuley convent on the campus of Loras College. She resided there until 1984, when she moved to the Farmington Hills retirement center.  
 Sister Mary Beata suffered ill health for many years. She was a pleasant, unassuming woman, who appreciated solitude, quiet reflection and a simple life style. These did not prevent her from loving and enjoying her family and her community, or from keeping up with news, especially from her beloved home state.  
 Sister is survived by her sister, Alice Gringer of Bourbonnais, Ill.; several nieces and nephews;

and the Sisters of her Mercy Community.  
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Retirement Fund, 23000 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48336-1405.  
**DOLORES A. SHEVLIN**  
 Services for Dolores G. Shevlin, 69, of Farmington Hills, were held Feb. 26 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington with the Monsignor Walter Hurley officiating. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.  
 Mrs. Shevlin was born Oct. 4, 1930 in Jersey City, N.J. and died Feb. 22 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She worked

as a secretary for Farmington Public Schools and Ford Motor Company. She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, where she taught catechism and was on many committees. She was also a member of the Farmington Players-Dinner Theatre. Mrs. Shevlin enjoyed knitting, crocheting and reading.  
 She is survived by husband, Robert; son, Christopher; daughter, Sarah; sister, Madeline Oprandy; 10 nieces; and 11 nephews.  
 Memorial contributions can be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 41935 W. 12 Mile Road Southfield, 48377.

**SR. MARY BEATA CLYNCH**  
 Services for Sister Mary Beata, a Sister of Mercy for 69 years, were held Feb. 26 at the

**Akouri is new press secretary**

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, announced the hiring of John Akouri of Farmington Hills as his new press secretary and communications director. Akouri fills a position that had been vacant since mid-1999 and will work primarily out of Knollenberg's Farmington Hills district office.  
 Prior to joining Knollenberg's staff, Akouri worked as a media consultant for the Bob Dole for President Committee, Michigan Gov. John Engler, U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham and a host of candidates for federal, state and local elective office. He has worked with WJBK-TV Channel 2 and Detroit-area radio stations WWJ, WKQI, and WNIC. Akouri's work has been published in magazines including The Michigan Catholic, AAA's Michigan Living and American Women Motorscene.  
 For the past seven years, Akouri has served as the co-host with Knollenberg on the cable television program "Window to Washington." This is half-hour public affairs program focusing on congressional issues is seen in 30 communities throughout southeastern Michigan.  
 "I am particularly pleased to have a communications specialist like John Akouri join my congressional staff," Knollenberg said.  
 Akouri is a longtime Republican Party activist and currently serves on the Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals. He is a member of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials and is a frequent lecturer at area high schools and colleges. He also serves on the local board of the Miss America Pageant Scholarship Committee.

**Search**  
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Police were still interviewing the woman in the home late Friday. As officers stood near the front door, two young children occasionally peered out through the glass or playfully opened the door.  
 Dwyer said the man of the house was in California and had called to speak to the 17-year-old, which police wouldn't allow. It was unknown when the man would return to Michigan. A search warrant was expected to be executed Friday evening.  
 In addition to the allegations of abuse, police are investigating whether the couple forged documents, including a birth certificate.  
 "There's going to be a series of charges coming out of this investigation," Dwyer said. "We will be seeking arrest warrants within the next 24 hours."  
 As police and news crews milled around the front of the home, a tall, thin man stood watching from across the street, occasionally using his cell phone. He would say only that he knew the family and the girl, but wasn't aware anything was wrong.  
 "This is too and for me," he said. "I can't talk about it."

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