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Accident claims life of 11-year-old Hills girl

Teachers remember Jenny as a one-of-a-kind friend

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Jennifer Kasprovic started every school day with her glasses perched neatly on the bridge of her nose. By day's end, her eyes peered over the rims as the round glasses precariously balanced at the tip of her nose.

And more than once, Jennifer bounced through Beechview Elementary

Principal Norman Langen's office door asking him to please fix her broken glasses.

"These are the kind of things you have to cherish about Jennifer — because that was Jenny," said Rita Kalnz, a Beechview Elementary teacher.

Eleven-year-old Jennifer died last Friday night, shortly after being struck by a car at the intersection of Middlebelt and 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Displaying a laminated book Jennifer recently completed, Kalnz said, "she did things differently than the other children." Always taking extra time and care with her projects, the fifth-grader brightly illustrated her stories about a sailboat, a scientist and a monster, said Kalnz, Jennifer's reading teacher.

"I always like to think of Jennifer as

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Jennifer Kasprovic

Hit by motorist in intersection

By M.B. Dillon Ward
staff writer

An 11-year-old Farmington Hills girl was killed Friday night when she was struck by a car at 11 Mile and Middlebelt.

Jennifer Anne Kasprovic was two steps off the curb, walking toward the southeast corner of the intersection at 7:15 p.m. when she was hit by a Pontiac Lemans traveling south on Middlebelt. She was pronounced dead of injuries

on arrival at 7:41 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital.

The driver of the car, Jeffery Scott Jones, 24, of Farmington Hills, was released at the scene pending investigation. Neither he nor his attorney has made a statement concerning the accident, said Farmington Hills Officer Don Fradette.

Fradette is interviewing witnesses, including the girl's brother and another

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Broomfield: 'Nuclear issue is Dems' ploy

By Robert Downes
staff writer

U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Bloomfield Township, charged yesterday that a nuclear arms freeze resolution passed by a House committee was a Democratic ploy designed to influence the 1984 presidential election.

"The House Foreign Affairs (Committee) decision yesterday representing a nuclear freeze resolution has more to do with Democratic presidential sweepstakes than it does with serious arms control talks with the Russians," he said in an advance copy of the speech made before the U.S. House of Representatives.

"When the issue comes to the floor next week, our decision should be based on what's good for America's national security rather than what's good theater in the Democratic national convention."

BROOMFIELD WAS referring to a non-binding resolution passed Tuesday by the House Foreign Affairs Committee that calls for negotiating a nuclear arms freeze with the Soviet Union and then seeking mutual arms reductions.

The committee voted 27-9 in favor of the non-binding resolution, ignoring a claim by President Ronald Reagan that the nuclear freeze represents "simplistic appeasement."

Broomfield, who is the ranking Republican on the committee, voted against the freeze resolution, as did most of the other Republicans. The non-binding resolution goes to the House next week for a vote. Last year, another freeze resolution was passed by the committee, but failed to pass the House by two votes.

In Michigan, the nuclear freeze proposal has popular support. Last November, 66 percent of voters approved Proposal E, an advisory question that favored a nuclear weapons freeze.

Broomfield intended to read telegrammed warnings from American arms negotiators into the Congressional record, said Jack Sinclair, an administrative assistant for the congressman.



William Broomfield

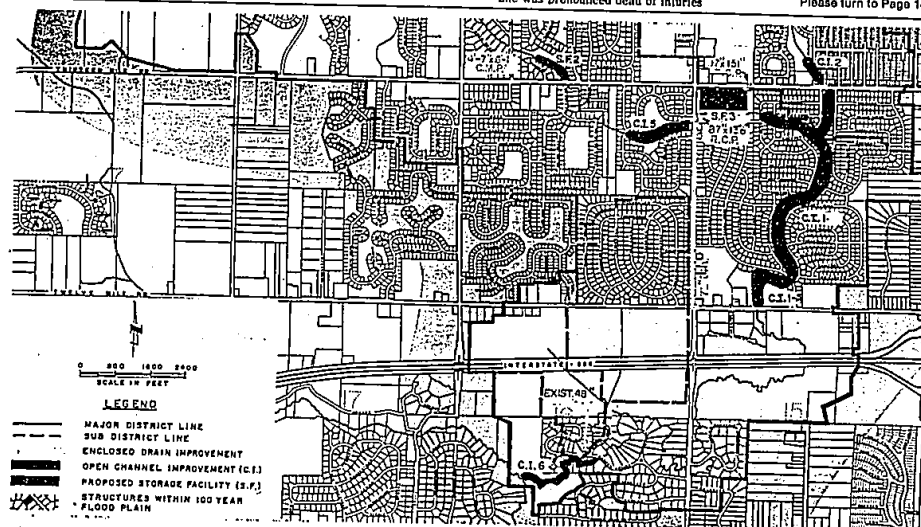
ONE WARNING, from arms negotiator Paul Nitze in Geneva, said the freeze resolution would make his task of decreasing nuclear weapons "immensely more difficult, if not impossible."

Nitze's telegram said that the deployment of longer-range missiles in Europe would give the United States more bargaining power with the Soviets.

Broomfield's speech reflected the administration's position. "Unfortunately, the committee's resolution could do serious damage to the President's efforts to win real reductions in nuclear arms levels before a freeze," he said.

On the day that the Foreign Affairs Committee passed the resolution, Broomfield spoke with a pro-nuclear freeze group from Oakland County, Sinclair said. Thousands of demonstrators rallied in Washington on both sides of the issue as the committee made its decision.

Broomfield receives little mail on the subject of a nuclear arms freeze from his constituents, Sinclair said. The United States and the USSR each have 7,500 nuclear warheads. The freeze resolution calls for no additional warheads to be built.



City and county officials are proposing various remedies for local flooding problems. The plan outlined here calls for an 18-acre water

retention area on the southeast corner of Farmington and 13 Mile roads (small black rectangle).

Flooding is million-dollar problem

By M.B. Dillon Ward
staff writer

Though administrators are actively working on the city's age-old problem of raw sewage backing up into residents' basements, relief is several years off, according to Thomas Blasell, Farmington Hills director of public services.

Eliminating severe flooding in the Kendallwood and Westbrook Manor

subdivisions (bordered by 12 and 13 Mile and Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads) ranks among Farmington Hills' top priorities. But because improvements cost millions of dollars, the project is being weighed against road improvements, purchase of a park site, expansion of police facilities, sidewalk construction and other needed capital improvements, said Blasell.

Kendallwood flooding "is one of the most serious flooding problems" any-

where in the county, said Donald Ringler, manager of Oakland County's sewer, water and solid waste division.

WESTBROOK AND Kendallwood fall into the 130-square-mile Evergreen-Farmington sewer district, and are targeted for \$10 million worth of drainage improvements in a county pollution control plan.

It will cost more than \$90 million to complete other recommended im-

provements in the Evergreen-Farmington system, which encompasses parts of Farmington and Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Troy, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield.

In the Farmington area, interceptor improvements are planned from Inkster Road extending west along I-696, and from Middlebelt south of I-696 past Orchard Lake Road and into Kendallwood. A million-gallon retention basin is planned for the area behind Dunkel Middle School, north of 12 Mile between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

A two-fold problem plagues Kendallwood, Blasell said.

Aside from its inadequate sanitary sewer system, the subdivision's storm drainage facility, Minnow Pond, also has insufficient capacity. The result is overland flooding, he said.

The problem is addressed in the city's yet-to-be-adopted \$48 million master storm drain plan. The project calls for Kendallwood improvements costing up to \$7,000, which would enable the system to handle the water

Landfill contract honored Solid waste plan approved

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Despite Farmington officials' approval of the Oakland County Solid Waste Plan, the city will continue depositing solid waste under its existing landfill contract with Holloway Inc. of Salem Township.

The Farmington City Council Monday unanimously accepted the county's state-required solid waste plan calling for eventual construction of three energy-recovery incineration plants. Under the county's plan, solid waste would be burned to create steam and electricity for nearby manufacturing firms, said George Schutte, Oakland County's solid waste management engineer.

"We're talking about non-hazardous waste," Schutte said. "We won't burn it (solid waste) to make it smaller. We'll burn it to make energy."

But Farmington's participation in the county's disposal plan is at least 10-15 years away, said Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman.

Even though Farmington officials agreed to participate in the county program, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners included a clause pro-

viding that "the county shall give consideration to existing contracts between communities and landfill operators in the development of an implementation schedule for the county plan," Deadman said.

"THIS LANGUAGE may not provide the necessary assurance as it only states that the county would consider our current contract," he said.

So in approving the county's plan, Farmington officials included a resolution stating that the county will honor the city's existing contract with Holloway.

"And they (county commissioners) indicated they will honor that contract," Deadman said.

Farmington currently disposes of about 17,000 cubic yards of solid waste annually at a cost of approximately \$22,500. More than likely, the city will continue renewing its contract with Holloway for at least another 10 years, Deadman said.

Under the county's plan, Farmington's waste disposal tab could increase to about \$88,000 annually, excluding the cost of transporting the waste to one of the county's proposed disposal sites, Deadman said.

The existing Holloway disposal site can continue taking waste for about another seven years, Deadman said. But the landfill's operators are awaiting

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oral quarrel

Should Mansour keep DSS post?

Sister Agnes Mary Mansour is personally opposed to abortion. But if appointed as state Department of Social Services director, Sister Mansour says she will administer the department's funding of Medicaid abortions.

A state Senate committee earlier this week recommended that Mansour's appointment as DSS director be

approved by the full Senate.

Today's Oral Quarrel is given the chance, would you confirm Sister Mansour's appointment as DSS director? Do you think her appointment creates a conflict of interest?

Call Oral quarrel at 477-5498. You have until 1 p.m. on Friday to answer the question. Look in Monday's paper for the responses.

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