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L. Nadeau  
Yovanovich of the  
Michigan State  
Police East Lansing Post, a  
1987 North Farmington High  
School alumna, graduated from  
the FBI National Academy in  
Quantico, Va., Dec. 9.

The Lansing resident and  
Michigan State University  
graduate was among 200 law  
enforcement officers who  
graduated from the 155th  
session of the prestigious  
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The 11-week intensive study  
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their agencies.

**MAGIC movie.**  
A new film, "Moontrap,"  
premiered this month at the  
Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor,  
the product of Magic Lantern  
Productions of Farmington  
Hills.

Part of the film was also shot  
in the Hills.

## QUOTE of the week

"My advice is learn to like  
chickens, don't let brides  
and grooms set your weekend  
schedule, let the staff guide  
you . . . and smile."

— Farmington Hills Mayor  
Jody Soronen, to Mayor-elect  
Terry Sever (story on Page 2A).

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## Early Holiday Deadlines

To place your classified  
"liner" ad in our Monday,  
Dec. 26 issue (distributed  
Tues., Dec. 27), please  
call before 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 22.

Oakland County

644-1070

Wayne County

591-0800

Rochester

852-3222

Happy Holidays

## Man shoots self to end standoff



Ferndale police and Suburban Ambulance personnel help David Scott Klueger after he shot himself in the stomach, ending an eight-hour standoff at the Motorama Motel at 8 Mile and Woodward Saturday.

By Bob Sklar  
staff writer

The Farmington Hills man who  
shot himself in a standoff with police  
at a Ferndale motel Saturday was  
free on bond at the time of the shoot-  
ing, awaiting sentencing on three fel-  
ony counts in Farmington Hills.

David Scott Klueger, 21, remains  
under police guard at William Beau-  
mont Hospital, Royal Oak. He now  
faces four more felony charges.  
Klueger was listed in good con-  
dition Wednesday. He shot himself in  
the stomach to end an eight-hour  
standoff with police Saturday at the  
Motorama Motel, Eight Mile and  
Woodward.

Accompanied by his girlfriend,  
Michelle Elise Friberg, 20, of De-  
troit, Klueger barricaded himself in  
their motel room. The two have

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## Police find stolen car at motel

Ferndale police Sgt. Don Johnson  
gave the following account of what  
led to David Scott Klueger's latest  
arrest Saturday:

At 4:55 a.m., a man took about \$60  
at gunpoint from a 42-year-old Roy-  
al Oak woman arriving for work at  
Metzler Thriftway Acres, Coolidge High-  
way and 14 Mile, Royal Oak.

The woman didn't see anyone else  
in the getaway car but gave Royal  
Oak police the license plate number.  
The car had been stolen at 9 p.m.  
last Thursday in Southfield.

At 6:35 a.m., a Ferndale officer  
spotted the car, unoccupied, in the  
south parking lot at the Motorama  
Motel, Eight Mile and Woodward.  
After alerting Royal Oak police,

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## Remote lessons: teacher on cue

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

It wasn't the typical classroom  
setting — with teacher, desk and  
blackboard.

North Farmington High teacher  
Dean Cobb spoke from a podium  
with a blue backdrop and a plant as  
an added touch. And he spoke to stu-  
dents at three different high schools  
at one time.

The program is called "Teacher  
on TV" and uses cable television to  
link different buildings so a teacher  
and students from each school can  
interact.

The pilot program is one Cobb  
says could be construed as contro-  
versial, but he believes it is the wave  
of the future and will be a tool teach-  
ers can use — not one which will  
take away their jobs.

"I wouldn't be doing it if that were  
the case," said Cobb, telecommuni-  
cations coordinator for the district.

ON TUESDAY, students in Gina  
VanHorn's Mass Media class at  
Farmington High, Joe Ludwig's  
Algebra II class at Harrison and  
Cobb's Mass Media class at North  
Farmington got the same 40-minute  
lesson "History of Film." Farmington  
and Harrison were remote;  
North students were in the studio au-  
dience.

This was the second effort at re-  
mote lessons, according to Sue  
McLean, a consultant who is project  
assistant on the Teacher on TV pilot.  
The district will be doing about  
one similar program each month.  
Elementary schools and the staff de-



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Sue McLean (foreground),  
floor manager, gives direc-  
tions to Dean Cobb during  
the Teacher on TV show. In  
the background is camera  
operator Julie Gling, a North  
senior. Behind her is a TV  
monitor displaying the scene  
from a classroom at Farmington  
High. McLean, an adult  
volunteer, is project assistant  
for Teacher on TV.

velopment department will be in-  
cluded as part of the project. In  
June, the pilot will be reviewed.

FARMINGTON IS one of the few  
districts experimenting with the  
Teacher on TV program. One of the  
advantages, according to McLean, is  
that students from different schools  
can share in a lesson plan without  
wasting time being bused between  
schools, as they are now for some  
courses.

Another advantage became obvi-  
ous as Cobb presented his lesson  
plan. At the two remote locations,  
important words were flashed on the  
television screen to help students  
take notes.

Currently, the program is using  
three local cable stations. Channel  
10 cablecast the lesson plan from  
North Farmington, while channels  
13 and 25 were used to hook up the  
remote school locations.

## Botsford criticizes report on Medicare death rate

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Some variables were not consid-  
ered in the higher-than-expected  
mortality rate for Botsford General  
Hospital Medicare patients listed in  
a Health Care Financing Adminis-  
tration report, said Dr. Kenneth  
Glinter, Botsford's medical director.

In a Dec. 13 report, the HCFA,  
which oversees Medicare, a federal  
health care program for people who  
are disabled or older than 65, listed  
the Farmington Hills hospital among  
nine of Michigan's 192 hospitals  
whose death rate exceeded federal  
guidelines.

Botsford's mortality rate was listed  
as 17 percent, 1 percent more

than the 10-16 percent expected rate.

This was the third year that the  
report was published. Botsford made  
the list the last two years. Michigan  
patients were studied in the first re-  
port, which covered 18 states but  
Botsford was not listed.

"I don't know what HCFA's pur-  
pose is in releasing what they call  
mortality data," said Glinter, Bots-  
ford's medical director for almost  
five years and who also has a gyneco-  
logy practice.

"There has been no reliable organ-  
ization that has any credibility in  
health care that has ever suggested  
that a correlation exists between  
mortality data and the quality of  
care."

"That is our greatest concern that

the consumer will use that as a  
guide. Nothing has been shown to  
support that."

IN A Dec. 15 press release, HCFA  
said the data, derived from billing  
data, is best used as a "screening  
tool" and should not be used as a di-  
rect measure of quality of care.

"Botsford has a relatively low  
number of patients," said Bob Hardy  
of HCFA. "We would hope that the  
hospital management would look  
into this and that some strengthening  
would be accomplished."

Nationally, 3.2 percent of about  
6,000 U.S. hospitals had higher-than-  
expected patient death rates in 1987.

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## Councilwoman questions city's role in training burn

**'Everybody in this community could  
burn leaves for 10 years and not create  
as much smoke.'**

— Jean Fox

Fox said she had received calls  
from several residents complaining  
about that burn. "It has presented  
me with a dilemma," she added. "I  
felt maybe this needed to be said."

Several other council members  
disagreed with Fox Monday and  
voiced support for the fire depart-  
ment's training burn policies. The  
department has burned several  
buildings for training in recent  
years.

"IN MY book, that's not good pub-  
lic relations," Fox said. "It's good  
for the firemen, it's good for those  
people who were there and got to  
watch the fire. I don't think from the  
city's point of view, this is something  
we should be involved in."

Fox said callers after the latest  
burn complained about the smoke,  
given that they are not allowed to

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