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# Hills man guilty, wants guns back



Brian Lang, a 22-year-old Farmington Hills man, was convicted in federal court of 13 counts of firearms and explosives violations. Lang faces a maximum possible sentence of 130 years. His attorney said Lang will probably serve 2 1/2 years.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
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All but two guns and explosives, confiscated by federal agents more than a year ago, are expected to be returned to Farmington Hills resident Brian Lang, who was convicted July 17 in federal court on 13 counts of firearms and explosives violations.

"We filed a petition with the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) for the return of the weapons. We got a letter

back saying they would be returning the weapons. We'll see . . .," said Seymour Posner of Detroit, Lang's attorney.

After two days of deliberation, a federal jury returned 13 guilty verdicts against Lang, 22, following a five-day trial before U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen in Detroit, according to U.S. Attorney Stephen Markman.

The evidence presented at trial established that on Feb. 11, 1991, Mr. Lang knowingly possessed and manu-

factured several firearms and destructive devices that were not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, in violation of federal law," said U.S. Assistant Attorney Greg Schuetz.

Sentencing is expected to be scheduled within three weeks. Lang faces a maximum possible sentence of 130 years in prison and a \$3.2 million fine. Posner said Lang will probably serve about 2 1/2 years, based on sentencing guidelines.

## Raid at home

The charges stem from a February 1991 raid on Lang's Farmington Hills

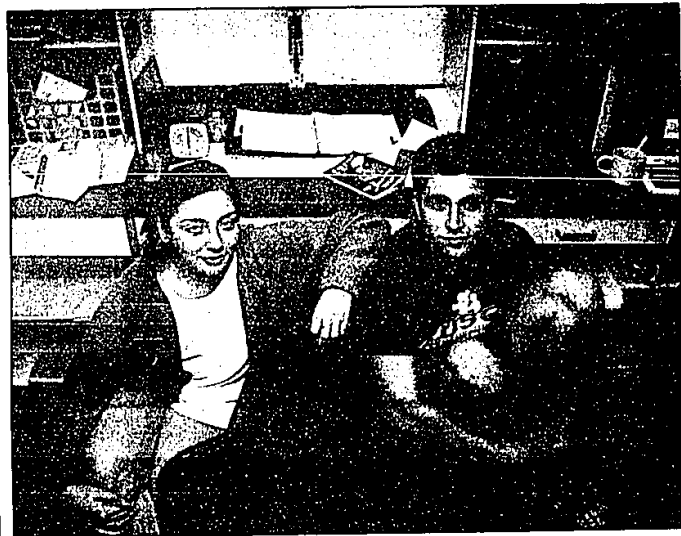
house, where he lived with his parents. The Farmington Hills police and ATF, which conducted the raid, confiscated a cache of firearms and explosives.

Friends testified at the trial on Lang's behalf that some of the items were bought when they were 16 years old. "I think everyone (on the jury) was convinced he had nothing evil in mind."

Posner said, "He got convicted. It was a bit bizarre. I tried to show he didn't knowingly possess those things. They assume everybody knows the law."

Posner describes his client as a young man intrigued by firearms and military weapons who used some of the confiscated items to play paint war games.

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**Creative cohorts:** Sister and brother Tanya and Velko Milosevich of Farmington Hills are working on a film to be shot this fall in Southfield.

# Budding director finds action shooting movie in Michigan

BY CAREY HANS  
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Those who have devoted their lives to months of hard work on a Michigan film project believe Velko Milosevich of Farmington Hills could be the country's next, big film director.

The 26-year-old graduate film student from the University of Southern California has gathered a team of 35 from around the country to develop and film his own script called "The Paraclete."

It's the story of a Detroit cop, an ex-Navy SEAL commando, who is tormented by a ghost in his past: the memory of killing his brother when they were children. The script has a unique cultural flavor, with a Serbian influence in traditional dancing, religion and in everyday life.

Milosevich describes the film, which he is also directing, as "a psycho-thriller."

**■ 'It's a very gifted film-making group. They're really sick of the same old same old. It's a leap of faith for me to be working for him. When he's successful, he'll pull millions into Michigan theater.'**

Tanya Milosevich  
associate producer

"Some days we wake up and say, 'Why are we doing this?'" he said. "I'm doing it to show people what's inside my head — to blow them away."

From the basement of the Milosevich home on Lyncroft in the Hills, Velko, his sister and associate producer Tanya Milosevich, producer Maureen Stanton-Leveque, and others are working the phones trying to get corporate and private funding for their project, which is set to be filmed

this fall in the Detroit area. A number of people from the Michigan film community have also offered their help, including Roger White in special effects, Nancy Clever in casting and Lon Stratton as director of photography.

The writer-director prides himself on not having a traditional, trendy Hollywood style, but admires some of Hollywood's biggest names including

See MOVIE, 4A

# Retirement won't slow city clerk

BY CAREY HANS  
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In a roundabout way, Josephine Bushey found the ideal job in the final step of her career.

The Farmington City Clerk, who plans to retire from her post after the upcoming Aug. 4 primary, worked in the private sector as an executive secretary before entering city government employment 20 years ago.

She worked as the city manager's secretary then, when the clerk's post

**■ 'I know every time you wonder who's going to come in and rock the boat. But whoever's been on the council, they always do their homework which helps. I've always tried to give them whatever they ask for.'**

Josephine Bushey  
retiring city clerk

opened up 10 years ago, was chosen over 34 other applicants for the job where she has served at the pleasure of the elected city council.

"Had I known this kind of job was around, I would have headed this way," said the Marygrove graduate who holds a degree in economics.

Bushey's last day at work will be Aug. 7, but with accumulated vacation time her effective retirement date will be Sept. 22. The Farmington City Council has appointed city treasurer Patsy Cantrell as acting clerk until that date, or until such time as the position is filled.

At Bushey's last city council meeting on July 20, Mayor William Hartsock presented Bushey with a corsage and compliments. "You will be missed," he added.

Councilwoman Shirley Richardson, who first met Bushey when the councilwoman was active in the city's Beautification Committee, thanked the longtime clerk for "being so cordial. It's going to be sad to see her leave."

Councilman Richard Tupper voiced his appreciation, and joked that "you've always gotten me re-elected."

Bushey said it has been interesting having five bosses. "I know every time you wonder who's going to come in and rock the boat," she said. "But whoever's

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## It's hard to 'swallow'

Whoever stole the hanging basket from outside the Fresh Approach market on Grand River in Farmington on July 10 is more than just a common thief. He/she is also a homewrecker of sorts.

The basket contained the nest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Swallow and family, and the folks at Fresh Approach are upset over the loss of their feathered friends.

"When you took that hanging plant, you took a part of us with you," store owners told the thief in a quarter-page advertisement on page 3B of the July 20 Farmington Observer. "You stole our hearts."

The plant was tagged "sold" in three places, and the thief had to cut a rope cradle to get it down, the ad said. Mrs. Swallow laid five eggs last month, but only one baby survived.

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"We looked in the nest every morning and became very attached to them," said store owners Scott Saxton and Jim Welch in the ad said.

Saxton and Welch said the parent birds return to a tree in front of the store.

"Mr. and Mrs. Swallow greet us every morning with inane chirping," the owners reminded the thief. "Every night we forget — every morning we are reminded by these little guys."

"As far as life goes, this is no big deal. But we really enjoyed this unique opportunity to watch nature up close."

Anyone with information on the theft should call Fresh Approach at 442-2160.

## Meet the candidates

The seven candidates in the primary for the judgeship in Farmington's 47th District Court have been invited to participate in a candidate forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

Candidates will make statements and answer questions. The forum will be cablecast live on Metro-View's Channel 18 and rebroadcast on Channel 12. The public is invited to attend the forum, sponsored by the Farmington Area Republican club.

The top two vote-getters in the Aug. 4 primary will face each other in the November general election.

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