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Air Force Airman Allen R. Zeitlin has graduated from basic military training at Lack-land Air Force Base, San Anto-Texas During the six weeks of train-ing, the airman studied the Air

Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College

of the Air Force. He is the son of Marlene Zeitlin of Farmington Hills. Zeitlin is a 2000 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, Wixom.





Marksman: Jim Harper poses on the new Livonia Police firing range

Livonia gun range will be used by FHPD around an existing steel bullet trap. "The bullet trap has been here for four years," Harper said.

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From a distance, the new Livo-nin Police Department gun range looks like nothing more than a big black box. Once inside, the bullet con-tainment system becomes more obvious

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tainment system becomes more obvious. Horizontal crossbeams (known schaffles) of plate steel padded with two inches of black rubber casel long shadows across the ground and onto the rubber and steel walls of the structure. "The whole baffle system is based on shooting from specific boints. If people are where they confident that a bullet will not leave the structure," said Livo-nia Police Chief Fete Kunst. The gun range was closed in October 1999, after three stroy bullets traveled north over 1-96 und penetrated the walls of two homes on Cranston. The police range is on city

homes on Cranston. The police range is on city land between Farmington Road and Merriman, and south of 1-96. The range opened to limited use last Wednesday, said Officer Jim Harper, range master. The structure was built

"We're very anxious to have full access to the facility," Harp-er said. "We are still finalizing

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Police will be able to train to a limited degree until then, Kunst aid. Some electrical elements of the course are still under construc-tion, as well as the sod base for the range. When completed, the mange will feature 10 firing lanes with stationery targets and two moving targets, Harper said. The baffle system will allow for guns to be fired from dis-function of the system will allow for guns to be fired from dis-function of the system will allow for guns to be fired from dis-function of the system will allow for guns to be fired from dis-function of the system will allow and a system of the constant of the system of the system of the system of the system of the to proved a certain amount of nounding area. Kunst said. While the range was closed, the 170 sworn officers in Livonia used the indoor range in Garden City for training.

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suid. Kunst said he plans a kind of "grand opening" for the range including city officials and the news media in the fall.



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