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the scene determined

answer calls or voice mails over several days.

The roommate returned home to find a square of carpet cut from a larger piece in a room where exercise weights whre kept. While there was no obvious sign of a struggle or blood, police technicians who examined the scene



there were blood splat-ters. Police are

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Machek is described as white,
5 feet 8 inches and 130 pounds
with short brown hair and
brown eyes and a thin build.
Dwyer said Machek's housemate
last saw him Oct. 18, when he
left for an out-of-state trip.
"Starting on October 20
through Saturday, October 27,
the roommate tries to call every
day with no response; he leaves
voice-mail messages," Dwyer
said, adding the roommate is not
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On Wednesday, Oct. 24, the roommate called a neighbor to say he was worried. She walked around the outside of the home, but noticed nothing unusual, police said. The next day, Oct. 25, the roommate called the neighbor again, told her where a key was concealed, and she went inside - but again found nothing unusual.

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inside - but again lound noting.

Because a missing persons report must be filed in person, the reommate, still out of state, got the neighbor to file a report. On Oct. 26, police entered the house. They noticed the piece of carpet had been removed, "The bouse hadn't been ransacked, it was very neat and tidy, the car-

pet piece was neatly cut out from a larger piece," Dwyer said. On Saturday, Oct. 27, the roommate took a flight back to Detroit. He returned home the next day, to find the minivan and Machek's Dodgo Neon.

Blood found

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"He walks to the house with the neighbor and discovers a large square of carpeting cut out, calls police, we respond and we have several detectives and evidence techs, about nine officers processing the scene," Dwyer said. The technicians found blood on the floor where the carpet was removed and blood stains on nearly stairs.

Dwyer said police theorize that Machek was killed on the lower level of the home and placed in the trunk. "He drags the chest leaving scratch marks, takes the chest into the sairine" a 2001 Chevrolet Ventura minivan, then takes the chest with the victim, the carpeting and the murder weapon and disposes of all those items."

"Now he returns to the home and puts the minivan back to its normal parking location, probably then re-enters the home and maliciously cleans the crimo scene up, which would be undeceted by the average person," Dwyer said.

Also missing from the home

Dwyer said.

Also missing from the home was a vacuum, towels, hand wipes and a small plastic crate

wipes and a small pinatic crate containing some paperwork.

Dwyer said the investigation "is progressing at a very fast pace. We've had some major developments over the last 24 hours."

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Dwyer said the prime suspect in the case may soon be wanted on unrelated feloney charges prior to the conclusion of the homicide investigation." Also working on working on the case are

the FBI, Michigan State Police and the Oalcland County Prose-cutor's Office.
Police are offering a \$5,000 reward to anyone with informa-tion that leads police to the killing. The Hills police number is 248-473-9694.
For several years at Christ-mas, Machek made and donated toys to the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farm-ington Hills.

Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills.

"He was a very talented woodworker," recalled Jean Vickers, executive director, who knew of his donations. "One year he made handmade wooden toy chests, another year a wonderful little play table for younger kids in foster care, and one year a gorgeous ewooden rocket with doors that opened.

"We're very shocked and saddened by all this news," she said.

Triangle Foundation

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Sean Kosofaky, director of policy and victims services with the Triangle Foundation, said Friday, "Wo're offering our assistance to the Farmington Hills police in this case. We believe the victim in this case is gay, and it's too early to rule out sexuality as a possible detail." The Triangle Foundation investigates hate crimes against goys and leshians. Kosofaky said the group has in the past been able to gain information, or encourage others in the gay/leshian community to pass information to police.

"Knowing what we know, this is not a suicide; we don't even know if he's dead," Kosofsky



Murder scene?: The missing man shared this home with a roommate,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

■ Bruce dedicated **■ Supports Bruce**

I appreciated your recommen-dations for the Farmington Hills city elections. I was particularly pleased that you included Randy Bruce in your choices for City Council.

I have known Randy for a number of years during which I have found him completely dedi have found him completely dedi-cated to the best interests of our city. I had the pleasure of appointing Randy to the Zoning Board of Appeals which he now chairs. He has done a good job on the ZBA, always working to protect neighborhoods from the incursion of commercial activi-ties.

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I am also supportive of Mr.
Bruce's proposals to expand
ways in which the public can
communicate their views to
council members. Shakespeare
once wrote What is a city but its
people." At the local level it's
important that the city's people
have opportunities to express
their views, ideas and recommendations to those who govern.
I hope the voters agree with
your recommendations on Tuesday, Nov. 8, and include Randy
Bruce among those you support

Bruce among those you support for Farmington Hills City Coun-

Aldo Vagnozzi Farmington Hills

■ Support soccer

Mayor Nancy Bates, Jerry Ellis, John Grant and Cheryl Oliverio demonstrated through their votes that they support soccer in Farmington Hills. Their votes on City Council provided the following:

1. The six outstanding soccer fields at Founders Sports Park, with underground drainage and sprinklers.

sprinklers.

2. A comfort station at

2. A comfort station at Founders soccer fields. 3. Improved maintenance of the existing soccer fields. This demonstrated City Council support is crucial for so because soccer must have the fields. Re-elect these candidates!

Joe Miller, Former President, Farmington Soccer Club Farmington Hills

We are writing in support of Randy Bruce for city council. Randy has demonstrated strong leadership on the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as a willingness to listen to residents and find ways to help them and address their concerns. He treats averyone with respect, and

and no ways to neep them and address their concerns. He treats everyone with respect and dignity, and we know that the city will be in very good hands once he is on council.

We are happy this city has citizens like Randy to step forward and make needed, intelligent change that will improve city services while keeping taxes low. We have known Randy for many years and know that he is a problem-solver who enjoys helping others. We are encouraging all of our friends to vote on Nov. 6 for Randy Bruce.

Allan and Marge Whittemore

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■ Endorsements

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I appreciate your endorsement for the Farmington Hills City Council, which appeared in the Oct. 25 edition. It was obvious that whoever wrote it wanted to communicate that there was nothing wrong with the incumbents. For those who were looking for new people, that Randy Bruce was qualified and had a record to recommend him.

In an era when we are wrestling with term limits at the state level, it is important to deliver the message that "Three incumbents, new voice in the Hills" did. I want to congratulate you for responsible journalism. As someone who knows Randy Bruce, I too can recommend him shaving displayed intelligence, good judgment, concern for the residents of Farmington Hills and creativity. Fine qualities for a city council person.

Deborah J. Goldberg Farmington

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to honesty.

Ivo known Ron for 20 years and we don't always agree, but I have never found him to be disingenuous or willing to compromise his integrity. Ron Oilverio has no hidden agenda. You always know where he stands.

We need our next Mayor to be firmly on the side of the Citizens. Ron may ruffle some feathers, but sometimes that is a very good thing. We need a Mayor who is willing to disagree with Council, when appropriate, and isn't controlled by a philosophy of "going along to get along." We need a Mayor who will defend Council decisions, when warranted, but will also reexamine them when legitimate citizen concerns are raised.

Nancy Bates is a good person. I happen to like her, but this election is not about the directions our excellent city will take. It's about develonment or

directions our excellent city will take. It's about development or take. It's about development or parks. It's about open doors or closed. It's about being upfront and continually honest. It's about being willing to take the heat. It's about our quality of life. For these reasons I'll be voting for Ron.

Don Padalis Farmington Hills

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■ Votes for Ron

I'll proudly be voting for Ron Oliverio for Mayor. While I don't always agree with his approach, I deeply admire his commitment

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