

# Movie

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Stanley Kubrick and Francis Ford Coppola.

"It's kind of autobiographical," said the Orchard Lake St. Mary's graduate about his film. "You can't help but put a bit of yourself into this."

The project is Velko's graduate thesis, a 35mm film which will be shot entirely on location in Michigan, with some scenes scheduled for various locations in Dearborn and at Nikola's Restaurant, a family-owned business in Southfield.

The script moves between the past and present, and is described as "hard hitting" by those working on it.

Velko's sister, 21-year-old Tanaya, has taken a year off from New York University's School of the Arts film program to participate in producing the film. She is also making a documentary about the making of the film.

"It's a very gifted film-making group," she said. "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."

She said the team has gone out of the way to involve Michigan college students to help them get experience and college credit, as well.

Stanton-Leveque, a Chicago native whose husband is living miles away in Washington, D.C., has dedicated herself to staying in Farmington Hills to produce the film.

"I haven't seen that many students who stand apart from others — he did," said Stanton-Leveque, who is also a graduate student at USC's School of Cinema/Television. "Most people are excited to take part in it."

The completed film will be shown at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science's First Look Festival and at the Director's Guild of America and other major film festivals.

# Firearms

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"He grew up with hand grenades and all that stuff. His father owned an Army and Navy store."

Lang, a jeweler and goldsmith, also was described as a man who "does not do drugs, drink or smoke." Pooser said Lang has a learning disability and is seeing a psychologist. "He's got some growing up to do."

**Weapons charges**

Illegal weapons for which Lang was convicted include: an Uzi semi-automatic assault rifle with a shortened 10-inch barrel; a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, modified with the addition of a vertical forward grip; two silencers; 29 pipe bombs constructed from PVC tubing; Pyrotech explosive powder and pyrotechnic fuse; 11 bombs constructed from carbon dioxide compressed gas cylinders; Pyrotech and pyrotechnic fuse; three PVC pipe bombs attached to wooden dowel rods; one explosive device constructed from a .223-caliber cartridge casing; gunpowder and pyrotechnic fuse; and components for constructing an operational hand grenade.

Pooser said Lang bought one of the silencers in a store that sells products for paint ball wars and the other he made. "The explosive devices weren't intended to blow up anything."

During the raid on Lang's house, federal agents also found manuals and diagrams describing how to construct silencers, pipe bombs and hand grenades.

Lang is also expected to be sentenced Friday before Oakland County Circuit Judge Rudy Nichols on a guilty plea to a felony charge of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 in connection with two scanner radios police say were stolen from the Detroit Board of Education offices. The charge is unrelated to the weapons convictions.

## Botsford reveals retirement center plans

Botsford General Hospital and Botsford Continuing Health Center are unveiling plans for a retirement living community in Farmington Hills called Botsford Commons. Plans for Botsford Commons, to be located on the grounds of Botsford Continuing Health Center (formerly Farmington Nursing Home) at Tuck and Folsom Roads, include 90 privately owned homes, 48 apartments and 50 assisted-living units. All units are designed with the older, active individual in mind. "Each home and apartment has been designed to support the individual as they go through lifestyle changes," said Steve Faine, an administrator at Botsford Hospital and director of the project. "If necessary, all services, up to and including long-term nursing care, could be provided in the home."

Botsford Commons is different from other senior living communities in the area in that it requires no entrance fee. The individuals actually purchase their own homes and pay a monthly association fee for such services as 24-hour emergency medical call, transportation, trash removal and grounds maintenance. Faine estimates the monthly association fee for Botsford Commons will range from \$150 to \$195.

Each unit will include such features as extra lighting, non-slip flooring, adjustable closets, special bathroom features and many other amenities.

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