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TRIBUTE is set to
honor state Rep.
Sandy Brotherton, R-
Farmington, retiring
this year after seven terms in
office.

The tribute is at 6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 6 in the Coach
House at the Botsford Inn,
28000 Grand River,
Farmington Hills. Hosts are
inkeeper John Anhalt and Dr.
Edward Blumberg, a physician
at Botsford General Hospital,
Farmington Hills.
The \$25 charge will include
dinner, a champagne toast, a
testimonial cake and a gift. The
program will include
testimonials from friends.
Reservation deadline is Oct.
3. Call the inn: 474-4800.

ON board.
Farmington Hills resident
Richard Justice, Electronic
Data Systems account
manager, is on the board of
directors of the Metro Health
Foundation.
The private foundation,
headquartered in Detroit,
makes grants to community
agencies throughout Michigan
that provide supplementary
health care.

Memory lane

50 years ago:
Returning to his native land for
the first time in 26 years will be
Joseph Himmelsbach of
Farmington, who on Sunday will
leave with Mrs. Himmelsbach for
a trip to Europe.
A 4½-year-old cow owned by
Charles E. Sorensen of
Farmington set a new Guernsey
breed record of 13,336 pounds of
milk and 860 pounds of butter fat
class B for her age and class,
according to Michigan State
College.
Earl Vivier Shell Gas and Oils
on Grand River in Farmington is
selling genuine A.C. spark plugs
for 49 cents.

— Farmington Enterprise,
Aug. 25, 1938

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Tips sought in execution slaying

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

Detectives are seeking the public's
help in their investigation of the execu-
tion-style slaying of a Farmington
Hills man whose body was found at
an old riding stable in Macomb
County early Tuesday.

Shahpour Tavangar, 28, an Iranian
living in the United States as a legal
alien, was shot in the head and died
of gunshot wounds, said Lt. Dan
Mentzer of the Macomb County
Sheriff's Department.

His body was found at 6:45 a.m.
Tuesday about 300 feet from the
road, on the Washington Township
grounds of the former Green Acres

riding stable, 51551 26 Mile, west of
Van Dyke. He had been dead six to
eight hours.

No motive has been established in
the shooting.

"We don't know if it involved
drugs, if it was political, if just the
wrong party befriended him,"
Mentzer said Friday.

"We don't know exactly what it
was. A lot of different things are
floating around. We need to get some
answers. Somebody wanted him
dead."

Detectives are interviewing
"friends and associates and visiting
haunts where he may have hung
out," Mentzer said.

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lot of different things are floating
around. We need to get some answers.
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— Lt. Dan Mentzer

"We're just accumulating information
that possibly could bring us
around to a suspect," he said.

TAVANGAR HAS been in the
United States for many years, possi-

bly since he was 12. He has lived in
Farmington Hills for about four
years. Unemployed and divorced, he
lived in Cordoba Apartments, near
12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road,
with a friend. The apartment was

checked for clues last week, Mentzer
said.

The victim has no family locally.
An older brother who used to live in
Farmington Hills and who for the
past two years has lived in Turkey is
planning to return here to make fu-
neral arrangements, Mentzer said.
The brothers' mother also lives in
Turkey. Their father died about five
years ago.

Mentzer urges anyone with in-
formation about the shooting to call the
Macomb County Sheriff's Depart-
ment: 466-8700 weekdays; 469-5151
nights and weekends.

"We're hoping an informant
comes forth. Somebody knows some-
thing," Mentzer said.

Hills survey to probe poor voter turnouts

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

David Haron expected questions
but was surprised that the Farmington
Hills City Council thought
\$10,000 was a bit much to find out
why voters aren't running to the
polls for city elections.

"We were very sensitive to price.
We're taxpayers. We're spending our
money," said Haron, chairman of the
reactivated Farmington Hills Voter
Participation Committee.

Nonetheless, Haron is content with
the council's decision to combine the
voter participation and attitude sur-
vey with one proposed to accompany
city administrators' Year 2000 plan.
The survey will be conducted in ear-
ly 1989. Results will be available in
time to plan for the November gen-
eral city election.

"As long as we get the information
we're looking for . . . If the survey
can provide additional information
for the city, then that's terrific,"
Haron said.

The council agreed with city man-
ager William Costick that the two
surveys should be combined after
members criticized the voter partici-
pation survey's \$16,000 price tag.

HARON SAID he was surprised by

**Councilwoman Jean
Fox was the most
enthusiastic against
spending \$10,000 for
the survey. "This is not
a necessary all money
think we should spend
for this. That's what it
boils down to."**

"the casual attitude they (city council
members) had" because former
Mayor Ben Marks reactivated the
committee last year and told mem-
bers to ask the council for whatever
they needed. "They told us to come
back for funds," Haron said.

"When you consider the cost
versus the budget of Farmington
Hills (\$24 million), and when you
consider the significance of voter
participation, there's nothing more
basic to the operation of government
than the election of people we're
dealing with," Haron said.

The survey is expected to be con-
ducted by Market Opinion Research
of Detroit in response to the city's

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Space Camp handiwork

Jeremy Biddle, 11, of Farmington, and Ste-
phen Valenti, 10, of Farmington Hills, put the
finishing touches on the model rockets they
built as part of Space Camp activities last
week at the Farmington Community Center.
The rockets actually fly and took the boys

two days to build. The boys will use the open
fields at Farmington Hills' Heritage Park as
their launching site. These rockets are ca-
pable of attaining altitudes of 1,000 feet. Novi-
based Living Science Foundation presented
Space Camp.

Dolans debate ballot billing in court

By Casey Hans
staff writer

How well do you know your Dolans,
politically speaking?
Elections officials think voters
need help identifying two opposing,
but unrelated, state House candi-
dates with the surname of "Dolan,"
and that clarifying information
should be placed on the November
ballot.

Republican candidate Jan C. Do-
lan of Farmington Hills agrees. She
filed a request this month with the
Oakland County Election Commis-
sion, asking for the clarification.

The commission won't have the fi-
nal word, however. If opposing Demo-
cratic candidate John E. Dolan of
Bingham Farms has his way. He ap-
pealed the matter in Oakland County
Circuit Court this week. It is sched-
uled to come before Oakland Circuit
Judge Fred Mester Sept. 8 for a
hearing.

Mester will decide whether the
identities of the two candidates can
stand on name alone, or whether
they need clarification.

Each won the nomination from
their respective political parties in
the Aug. 2 primary and will square
off Nov. 8 for the 69th district seat in



the state House. John Dolan, 55, is a
retired business manager and active
Democrat, and Jan Dolan, 59, is a
Farmington Hills city councilwoman
and community activist.

JAN DOLAN filed her request for

clarification Aug. 8, stating: "John
Dolan has the same last name, and
his first name sounds strikingly simi-
lar." She also told elections commis-
sioners that there had been confusion
during the primary election, despite
the different political parties.

"In talking with Kathy Dornan
(Farmington Hills city clerk), there
was definitely confusion in this
area," Dolan said Friday.

On Aug. 11 commissioners ruled
the names be clarified on the No-
vember ballot as "John E. Dolan, re-
tired business person" and "Jan C.
Dolan, councilperson."

John Dolan filed a petition in Oak-

land County Circuit Court Tuesday
to reverse that decision. The pro-
posed "councilperson" label for Jan
Dolan is unfair, he said. "I feel that
it certainly gives my opponent an
unfair advantage," he said. "Using
the ballot in this manner is not the
way to do it." He said he was not
surprised Jan Dolan had requested
the clarification.

HIS LAWSUIT contends:
• election commission proce-
dures were "defective" because a
decision was made before votes
were canvassed for the primary.

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Drivers wait to turn onto westbound Grand River from Shiawassee west of
downtown Farmington.

Shiawassee traffic is called dangerous

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Those who live along Shiawassee near down-
town Farmington are as concerned with safety
issues as traffic cops. They told city officials
last week their residential street is becoming
dangerous.

But Farmington's city manager told the res-
idents, who came to city hall for a discussion
on downtown traffic last week, their street is
considered a main thoroughfare for the city
and was never meant to be a residential street.

Can residents ask the city to beef up police
traffic enforcement along the road while the
city council takes time to study traffic conges-

tion.
"Shiawassee is a residential street, not a
limited access highway," the resident added.
"People are not obeying the 35 mph (limit)."
Another resident said he would "hate to see
any kid get hurt in the neighborhood" because
of traffic speeds and congestion.

SHIawassee ROAD flows through part of
the city's residential historic district, called
Old Village, where many of the city's older
houses have been restored. Ken Chiers of the
Old Village homeowners group commented on
the Shiawassee traffic problem last week.

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