

# Brotherton's departure spurs hot 69th race

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The reasons for running for political office are as varied as candidates' personalities.

But all six candidates vying for the 69th state House district seat this year say they got involved mainly because it is an open race. Incumbent state Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton, R-Farmington, will end his 14th year in office in December, and each of the six wants his seat.

Four Republicans and two Democrats will square off in their own primaries Tuesday, Aug. 2, and the two winners will run against each other in November. Republicans include Michael Bouchard, Jan Dolan, Mike Sarafa and Paul Welday. Democrats are John Dolan and Ken Murray.

When asked what special qualities they would bring to the Lansing seat, each replied:

• Bouchard (Republican) — "As a 12-year veteran police officer, business owner and elected official, I have the proven experience that can make the difference. Voters need a working representative. I have a tire-

shared experiences as homeowners, business owners, crime victims and can truly represent their interests. In addition, I have a tire-

**John E. Dolan**  
Retired manager



Party: Democrat.  
Address: Timberbrook, Bingham Farms.  
Age: 65.  
Employment: Retired manager.

Length of residence in district: Seven years.

Family: Wife, Mary Ann; and children, Molly Pepper, John A., Peter M., Kevin M. and Shannon D.

Education: Bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan.

Government involvement: Current Democratic precinct delegate.

Community involvement: None listed.

less enthusiasm that will work endlessly in Lansing and a reputation of honesty and integrity that will serve the residents well."

• Jan Dolan (Republican) — She has "a strong desire and commitment to public service, proven leadership, knowledge, integrity and direct involvement over the years in many facets in the district. I believe I would be a true representative of both young and old."

• Sarafa (Republican) — "I will bring the desire to serve the community and a commitment to public service that motivates me to work hard for the people and not betray their trust. New and young blood is needed in the state House and the Michigan Republican Party, and I offer a fresh approach on the issues."

• Welday (Republican) — He believes he can bring "experience,

**Ken Murray**  
Active with youth



Party: Democrat.  
Address: Chestnut, Farmington.  
Age: 50.  
Employment: construction electrician.

Length of residence in district: 14 years.

Family: wife, Linda, daughter, Nancy, and son, Bill.

Education: Wayne State University, University of Michigan School of Labor Studies, associate's degree from Madonna College.

Government involvement: Farmington Beautification Committee 1974.

Community involvement: member Farmington Democratic Club 14 years; anchorperson for Tri-Outlet news show through Southwest Oakland Cable Commission 1985-87; Southfield Emergency Services Unit officer for four years; Southfield Police Reserve for two years.

Other: active in the Civil Air Patrol for 11 years and in the Army Reserve for 14 years.

knowledge, commitment and integrity. Working in government and the political process at all levels, I have gained the knowledge of issues that are important to our district. I see this office not on a whim, but out of deep concern for our future. I have been tested. My parents and grandparents, friends and neighbors have taught me that honor and integrity are the values to live and work by. These are the qualities I offer the people of the 69th district."

• John Dolan (Democrat) — Dolan believes he will offer "independence, free from pressures of special interest groups" and "the opportunity to be a full-time legislator because of no other career or outside business interests."

• Murray (Democrat) — He offers "the common sense of a middle class working man in state government."

CANDIDATES DISCUSSED a variety of ways they would bring in touch with constituents if elected.

Murray proposes town meetings and forums throughout the district

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**Mike Sarafa Young**  
GOP rep



Party: Republican.  
Address: Lake Park Drive, Farmington Hills.

Age: 22.  
Employment: self-employed.

Length of residence in district: one year.

Family: single.

Education: bachelor's degree in public policy, Michigan State University.

Government involvement: Republican precinct delegate 1984; youth representative for board of commissioners and Southfield Parks and Recreation Department, 1983-84; staff member of the Michigan Republican State Committee 1988.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: none listed.

**Michael Bouchard**  
Council president



Party: Republican.  
Address: Locherbie, Beverly Hills.

Age: 32.  
Employment: Self-employed security consultant.

Length of residence in district: 28 years.

Family: Wife, Pam.

Education: Graduated with honors from Michigan State University majoring in criminal justice. Also attended the Mid-Michigan Law Enforcement Center, where he graduated valedictorian. Graduate of Brother Rice High School in Birmingham.

Government involvement: Current president of Beverly Hills Village Council, on which he held a seat since 1986; Republican precinct delegate 1986-88; served on board of River Rouge Watershed Council in 1986; youth assistance chairman of bicentennial constitution committee in 1986; board member of the Republican Club 1985-88; board member of Lincoln Club 1985-88; delegate to county and state Republican conventions 1984-88; liaison to homeowners and service groups 1987-88; board member of Birmingham Traffic and Safety, 1985; selected for Birmingham Groves High School facilities study in 1988.

Community involvement: Active in a number of organizations, including Big Brother, the Birmingham and Farmington Jaycees, Friends of the Rouge, Area Senior Citizen Coordinating Council and other senior groups, YMCA Youth in Government, Special Olympics, Communion Optimists Club, Farmington Republican Club, Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce; speaker and participant in programs at area high schools in Farmington, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Southfield.

**Jan C. Dolan**  
On Hills council



Party: Republican.  
Address: Rudgete Blvd., Farmington Hills.

Age: 59.  
Employment: administrator for Church of Our Savior, West Bloomfield.

Length of residence in district: 22 years.

Family: widow with four adult sons, Mark, Scott, Gary and Todd.

Education: bachelor's degree from the University of Akron with continuing education in gerontology at Michigan State University and Madonna College.

Government involvement: Farmington Hills city councilwoman from 1975 to the present, with two terms as mayor in 1978 and 1983; Hills Housing Commission from 1976 to 1980; Hills Beautification Commission from 1973 to 1980; and an alternate delegate to Southeast Michigan Council of Governments from 1980 to present.

Community involvement: Farmington Community Center, board president 1987-88; YMCA board of directors, Bolsford General Hospital board 1977 to present; chairwoman of Professional Affairs and member Quality Assurance committee Farmington Garden Club 1968 to present; two-term president Kimberley Homeowners Association; church elder; membership chair of the Professional Women's Network. Also member of American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Older Women's League, Farmington Families in Action advisory board, Rotary Club, Farmington Art Foundation.

**Paul F. Welday**  
On plan panel



Party: Republican.  
Address: Tulane, Farmington Hills.

Age: 29.  
Employment: self-employed political and public relations consultant.

Length of residence in district: 25 years.

Family: wife, Rhonda C. Welday.

Education: Graduate of Michigan State University with political philosophy major; attended Oakland Community College; graduate of Farmington High School.

Government involvement: Current Farmington Hills planning commissioner. Michigan Republican State Committee 18th Congressional District; past president Farmington Area Republican Club; national delegate 1988 Republican National Convention; Republican 300 Club board of directors. Also Southeast Michigan regional field director Dick Headlee for Governor Committee 1982; executive director for the Republican Committee of Oakland County 1984-86; campaign manager for Dan Murphy for Governor Committee 1987-88. Additional volunteer work for the 1980 Republican National Committee, for U.S. Congressman Jack Kemp, and for state Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton, R-Farmington.

Community involvement: 1983 publicity committee for Farmington Founders Festival; 1983 coach for Farmington YMCA youth baseball.

Other: named Legislative Intern of the Year in 1981.



# Founders Fest has something for all fun-lovers

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Magician Mark St. John, who drew large crowds to the Showmobile last year, returns to perform captivating illusions.

The Detroit Police Blue Pigs band, a newcomer to the festival, will entertain at the Farmington Community Library's Farmington Branch at Liberty and Grand River 2-5 p.m. Saturday.

AMONG THE most popular events each year is the Miss Farmington Pageant, scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Admission is \$7.

Entering its 15th year, the local pageant is a preliminary to Miss Michigan and Miss America competition. The winner receives a \$1,000 college scholarship along with a \$1,000 modeling scholarship. She

also earns the right to compete for the title of Miss Michigan at Muskegon next June.

Last year's winner, Dulane Whinnery, was among 10 finalists this year in Muskegon. She will relinquish her crown to a new Miss Farmington July 13.

"Competing in the pageant is a great experience for the girls," said Sarah D'Ascenzo, executive director for the Farmington event. "It gives them a big boost. It teaches them poise, confidence and other attributes. It's a valuable learning experience."

History buffs will enjoy the Farmington Historical Museum, the former mansion of Gov. Fred Warner. Museum volunteers will conduct guided tours from 1-4 p.m. Friday, July 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 16. The museum is on Grand River, west of the Farmington City Hall complex.

SOFTBALL BUFFS can watch tournament play at Drake Field, on Drake south of Grand River, and at Harrison High School, on 12 Mile east of Orchard Lake Road, Friday evening, all day Saturday and until 3 p.m. Sunday, July 17. An open tennis tournament will be held at Oakland Community College from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday of festival week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17.

Also on Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17, the Farmington Area Jaycees will sponsor radio-controlled model airplane demonstrations at North Farmington High School from noon to 5 p.m. A body-building contest is slated for Uptown Farmington Center, on Grand River near Orchard Lake Road, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 16. Antique and exotic cars also will be on display at the same locations both Friday and Saturday, July 15-16.

The big event during the day on Saturday, July 16, will be the Founders Festival parade, featuring bands, floats and other vehicles. The 10 a.m. parade will proceed from the drive-in theater on Grand River near Orchard Lake Road eastward to Farmington Road.

In conjunction with this year's festival theme, floats will depict the ethnic diversity of the community. Many marchers will wear ethnic costumes and carry flags of the countries to which they trace their heritage.

OTHER FESTIVAL events, days and locations are as follows: (call the sponsoring organization for times):

• Arts and crafts sales: Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Road; Muirwood Square, Drake and Grand River; Walnut's Corner, Farmington Road south of Grand River; Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas. All

events are Thursday through Saturday, July 14-16.

• Pie baking contest: First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Grand River at Warner, Thursday evening, July 14.

• Kids games: Village Commons, Grand River east of School, Thursday-Saturday, July 14-16; First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Friday and Saturday, July 15-16.

• Ask the Handyman: Radio personality Glenn Hagie and refinishing expert Homer Formby will answer questions (Damman Hardware, Downtown Farmington Center), Saturday, July 16.

• Cable TV: "Meet Your Neighbor" interviews in the crafts tent, Thursday, July 14.

• Health: Free spinal and weight-bearing analysis (Loren Chiropractic Clinic), Farmington Road south of Grand River.

"WE'RE FORTUNATE to have

such strong support for the festival from community organizations and businesses," said Jody Soronen, who oversees the Founders Festival as executive director of the chamber.

"Thanks to their efforts, and those of event directors and participants, most of whom volunteer their time, the festival has become one of Oakland County's premier summer events."

"We've added more activities each year, and attendance just keeps growing. Overall, this is a very positive happening for the community. It fosters a spirit of community pride and cooperation. It showcases our community and it enables people to enjoy themselves."

Soronon said the chamber office can direct callers to the appropriate parties for more information on times, locations and other details of the dozens of activities scheduled for the 14th annual Founders Festival. The number is 474-3440.

# Marchers in ethnic garb needed

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ken in our community. We are becoming truly cosmopolitan, rich in ethnic cultures, racial backgrounds and religious traditions."

PEOPLE WHO have a flag of their native country are encouraged to carry it in the parade and to wear the appropriate ethnic costume. But no one need feel obligated to walk in the parade, Dudley said.

"If someone has a national flag to loan us for the parade but would prefer not to march themselves, we can make arrangements to have the flag carried and returned to them later."

Float committees and sponsors should begin planning now, said Jody Soronen, chamber executive director. There will be trophies and cash prizes for floats in several categories, including most original and best depiction of the festival theme.

Persons who wish to provide flags of other nations or to march in ethnic costume should call Dudley at 455-1050. For information about entering a float or a marching group, call the chamber of commerce, 474-3440.

The parade is sponsored by Bolsford General Hospital. The parade route will be Grand River from the drive-in theater to Farmington Road starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16.

# 69th hopeful cites experience

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recr. I am totally free from any special interest groups. I can serve any resident of this district — most of the problems are the same.

"And the Democrats can do a better job of resolving them."

DOLAN FACES battle in a district that has been held by incumbent Republican state Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton for the past 14 years. Brotherton announced in January he would not seek re-election. Dolan said he is confident the district can now go Democratic.

"I wouldn't be crying for it, if I didn't (feel that way)," he said. "It's not going to be easy, but tougher battles have been won."

of educators. His mother was a school teacher, as were his uncle, sister and "numerous aunts." A product of Michigan's public school system, Dolan has general concerns surrounding the education issue.

He calls for education finance reform and wants public schools to prepare students to compete in a competing world. "We need to raise the level of awareness of people in general... and students in particular, that we are in a global situation as far as competition" he said. "Many other countries with far fewer dollars spend a great deal more of their money to educate."

IF ELECTED, Dolan said he would look at the way the Legislature funds districts, tied in with cur-

riculum requirements, to ensure students are receiving the right type of education.

Dolan does not align himself with any one sect of the Democratic Party, although considers himself a "traditional, partisan" Democrat who weighs each issue on its merit.

"Any traditional Democrat has to look at each individual issue," he said. "When you tie it all together, that's what separates the Democrats from the Republicans."

If elected, he said he would "work to abolish" Offshore Expense Accounts.

The 69th District covers the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills and the villages of Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills and Franklin, which are in Southfield Township.

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