

Primary election to be Tuesday, Aug. 7

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Unlike two years ago, first-term Republican incumbent state Rep. Jan C. Dolan will have no Republican opponents for the primary. But she will be challenged in the November general election by Farmington Hills Democrat Barry L. Bricker.
The 49th state House district includes Farmington Hills, Farmington, Franklin, Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills and Southfield Township.

Lawyers work on plea bargain for Bonelli's cousin

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A cousin of convicted murderer Anthony Bonelli is not expected to stand trial on a charge that he was an accessory after the fact in the drowning death of 17-year-old Kristina Marie Fracchia.
A plea bargain for James Nader, who has admitted giving Bonelli a ride from the murder scene and providing him with gloves and marijuana, appears likely, said defense attorney Sanford Rockkind and assistant prosecutor Fred Miller.
Nader's testimony in the Bonelli trial, which ended Friday, is expected to set the stage for a plea bargain, the attorneys indicated, though neither knew what the terms might be.
"We're hopeful that because of Mr. Nader's participation in the Bonelli prosecution and his agreement to waive his Fifth Amendment right to self-incrimination, the matter will be resolved without the need for a trial and that an appropriate plea bargain can be entered into," Rockkind said.
"WE'RE ALSO mindful of the stresses that the Fracchia family has had to endure, and that's also a factor in our hopes that this matter can be resolved without trial," he added.
Nader, 18, could face up to five years in prison.
"What happens to Jim ultimately will be left for the judge to decide,

and there's no way to predict what his punishment might be," Rockkind said, adding that he hopes Nader's testimony in the Bonelli trial "will be looked upon favorably."
In a court hearing on April 18, 1989, Nader said he gave Bonelli a ride from Orchard Lake, where Fracchia's drowned body was found. Nader also admitted supplying Bonelli with gloves and marijuana, which he placed near Bonelli's home on the morning before Fracchia's death.
Nader said he had already been told by Bonelli that Bonelli planned to kill Fracchia. He said he provided the gloves and marijuana because "I owed him a favor." Nader also left a "good-luck" note for Bonelli, who faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

NADER WAS scheduled for an arraignment last Thursday before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Jessica Cooper. He did not appear in court, but his attorney hand-delivered court papers indicating that Nader intended to stand mute. As a result, the court automatically entered a not guilty plea for him, Rockkind said.
Miller, the assistant prosecutor, indicated that Nader and Rockkind have cooperated in Bonelli's prosecution, adding, "I don't think there will be a trial."
Nader is scheduled for a pretrial hearing on June 7, Miller said.

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field Township, will face Democratic challenger Al Zolton of Farmington Hills, for the 15th district county commission seat.
The 15th county commission district includes northeast Farmington Hills, Southfield Township, Franklin and part of Bloomfield Township.
Democratic three-year incumbent Lillian Jaffe Oaks will face Republican challenger Myrten E. Byrd Jr. of Southfield in November for the 21st county commission district seat. This district includes southeast Farmington Hills and the southern portion of Southfield.
IN THE 47th District Court race, gubernatorial appointee Judge Frederick L. Harris of Farmington Hills

will face Farmington Hills attorney Frederick (Rick) O. Knauer in the November election for a six-year term.
Harris was appointed by Gov. James Blanchard last May. He replaced veteran District Judge Michael Hand, who resigned more than 1 1/2 years before his term expired.
The 47th District Court covers

Farmington and Farmington Hills.
IN THE U.S. House 18th district race, Republican incumbent William Broomfield of Birmingham, a 34-year House veteran, will face Democratic challenger Walter O. Briggs IV of Birmingham.
The congressional district includes the Farmington area.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

- **INN DAMAGED**
Damage was estimated at \$500 when a window was smashed and a room was trashed during a party at the Knights Inn, 37527 Grand River, Friday night.
- **TEENS TICKETED**
Three 19-year-old Livonia men were ticketed for transporting open

intoxicants in a motor vehicle when beer was found in their car during a traffic stop at Eight Mile and Farmington Road early Friday, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

- **SCHOOL BREAK-IN**
Two kids stole two plastic sleds from the kindergarten area at Hillside Day School Saturday, Farmington Hills police said.
- **Two janitors arriving-for-work at 5 p.m. saw two boys, who looked about 10, scamper out a room window and into the woods behind the school, with the sleds, valued at \$30 each, in hand.**

The boys had broken into the school through a window. They first rifled the office area and played in the building before stealing the sleds.
No damage was discovered, according to the police report.

- **BUSINESS BREAK-IN**
Computer equipment valued at \$6,000 was reported stolen from

Quality Steel Products, 23717 Research Drive, Saturday night, Farmington Hills police said.

- **ASSAULT ALLEGED**
Two Farmington Hills men face felonious assault charges in connection with a verbal altercation that escalated during a neighborhood barbecue Sunday afternoon, Farmington Hills police said.
A 24-year-old man faces five counts of felonious assault, a four-year felony, and one count of assault and battery, a 90-day misdemeanor, after three women were allegedly struck with a shovel, a bat or a beam. A 38-year-old man faces one count after a man was allegedly struck with a table leg.
The victims refused to go to the hospital. Drinking was a factor in the incident, Detective Doug Anderson said.

- **KNIFE PULLED**
A supervisor at Independence Green Apartments, 38700 Grand River, told Farmington Hills police an employee pulled a knife and

threatened him while the two were outside an apartment unit Monday morning.
The incident followed an argument about the employee arriving late for work, according to the police report.

- **TRAILER STOLEN**
A race-car hauling trailer loaded with automotive supplies, engines, transmissions, walkie talkies, etc., was stolen from Prototype Automotive, 24700 North Industrial, Monday.
The property was valued at \$210,000.
The 44-foot-long, 15,000-pound trailer was heavily chained and locked. A heavy-duty tandem axle truck would have been used to take it.
The trailer had "Rickshaw Racing" printed on the back and "Legacy Motor Sports" on both sides, Farmington Hills police said.

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