

Kids campaign for dad in bid for state seat

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Club. "They put my name in the ring. The Oakland County Democrats are thrilled to see an attorney run."

Though he says he's "a walking office," Brickner, a sole practitioner, seems calm and relaxed in his surroundings, especially when showing visitors his garden in Independence Hills subdivision.

HIS LEGAL education and experience, Brickner believes, would serve him well should he be elected. "What better job could you have to go into the state legislature. To practice law in Michigan, you need a license. To write laws in Michigan, you don't," Brickner said.

The former Southfield resident first got involved in Farmington Hills through his subdivision's homeowners association. He served as vice president a couple years ago

and as chairman of the association's restriction committee, which approved house designs and eventually rewrote restrictions.

A volunteer small claims mediator in the Southfield and Farmington courts, Brickner also has expanded his legal business into writing, which is appropriate considering his Michigan State University degree is in telecommunications.

With his personal computer set up in a corner of the family den, Brickner writes what he calls "humorous-type" articles for legal publications. For the American Bar Association he writes about how to use computers in a law office.

He in fact, got a call from a reader who was so amazed at his humor: "I didn't fall asleep," the woman told Brickner.

His love of computers has spilled over into his legal career. He's chairman of the Wordstar Computer Users and was recently appointed chairman of the computer and technology committee of the State Bar of Michigan. He also founded the Oakland County Bar Association's computer user's group. "I have ideas I want to share with my computer," Brickner said.

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olved in the Highmeadow Common Campus Elementary, welcomes her husband's campaign. "I think it's really exciting. We knew what we were getting ourselves into," Cheryl said. Her husband is a member of the Highmeadow PTA.

It was while he was majoring in television and radio at MSU that someone told him he should become

an attorney. He still recalls how much he enjoyed a college class in the governmental regulation of broadcasting. And with his interest in history, law seemed to make sense.

Brickner acknowledges that he has an important factor facing him in his bid against Dolan: she's well-known and pretty much a household word. But it doesn't seem to phase him. He plans to mount the best campaign he can.

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IN HIS BID against Dolan, Brickner plans to spend about \$5,000. "I don't believe you should spend as much money — or more — than the job pays," Brickner said.

Brickner said he is willing to accept political action committee money. "I kind of think of PAC money as a mutual fund. It's hard going up and asking people for money." The only PAC Brickner has received money from so far is the UAW PAC. "The UAW hasn't asked anything of me," he added.

His campaign includes door-to-door visits around the district and mailing campaign literature to voters. He's walked with Democratic state Sen. Jack Faxon and Democratic Rep. Walter Briggs, who is running against U.S. Congressman William Brownfield.

"When you're the little guy, you coordinate with other campaigns," Brickner said. "People are so impressed that you'd come and spend your time and talk with them (voters)."

Opponent denies trashing political signs

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willing to take a long-standing lawyer's word," Holtz said, of Knauer, a Birmingham attorney.

Holtz said that in a few instances Knauer's signs now stand where

Harris' once stood. But Holtz was quick to add that he is not accusing Knauer of wrongdoing.

"I'm running on an ethics platform, a sensitivity platform, an integrity platform," Knauer said. "Ethically — win, lose or draw (the

election) — I intend to come out of this campaign with my integrity."

Harris, who is seeking election to the seat to which he was appointed by Gov. James Blanchard in April, 1989, would not comment on the in-

cident. He referred all calls to Holtz.

Knauer said that he and his supporters are "not at all interested in matching sign for sign or locations of signs. We also have lost some signs. But it would never cross my

mind somebody running for judicial office would take them."

Holtz said that some of the damaged or stolen signs were in certain locations by permission of the property owner. Knauer said he too has signs up by permission.

obituaries

OLIVE (TILLEY) V. CLAPPISON

Mrs. Clappison, 74, formerly of Novi and Farmington, died Sept. 25. Mrs. Clappison was the owner and operator of the Tastee Freeze in Brighton from 1964 through 1974.

Survivors include her sons, William Earl and John Edwin; daughters, Elizabeth Gildersleeve, Patricia Hendrickson, Judith Willacker and Barbara Dieter; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

SISTER NANCY CONNOLLY

Sister Nancy Connolly, 49, a religious sister of Mercy, died Sept. 29. Sister Nancy received her bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit, a member of arts from the University of Detroit and another master of arts from Holy Name College. She was a teacher and principal from 1966-87.

From 1987 until her illness in November 1988, she was a member of the administrative staff of the Federal City Shelter, Washington, D.C. Sister Nancy was a Divisional Board Member of Mercy Health Center, Dubuque, Iowa, and the Marian Health Center, Sioux City, Iowa.

Survivors include her sisters, Verla Lehmann, Jacell Thien, Vivian Steffen and Sister Lillian Connolly; brothers, Patrick, the Rev. Leon and Vincent.

Mass was celebrated Oct. 2 at Mercy Center, Farmington Hills. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Retirement Fund, 28750 11 Mile Road, 48336.

ROBERT CECIL HENDERHAN

Mr. Henderhan, 58, of Farmington

Hills died Oct. 10 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Beverly, Ohio, Mr. Henderhan was a financial planner for IDS.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian; sons, Robert and Patrick; mother, Virginia Henderhan; one grandchild.

Services were Oct. 13 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Paul Blomquist officiating.

3 arrested for breaking and entering

Three Farmington Hills men face felony charges in connection with the breaking and entering of Highmeadow Common Campus early Friday morning.

Eric J. Weisner, 17, John W. Labule, 18, and Robert L. Weidenhammer, 19, stood mute to one count each of breaking and entering. Not guilty pleas were entered on their behalf at their arraignment Friday afternoon before 47th District Court Judge Fred Harris of Farmington.

The three are free on \$1,500/10 percent cash bond. A preliminary examination on the charges is scheduled for Oct. 22 before Harris. Conviction carries a maximum 10 years in prison.

At 1:02 a.m. Friday, Farmington Hills police responded to a burglar alarm at Highmeadow Common Campus, 30175 Highmeadow. When they checked the alarm they noticed a broken window and an open window. They then saw three men carrying a copier machine and computers out of the building, said Det. Patrick Sidge.

"They dropped the machine and officers began a foot pursuit," Sidge said.

One of the men was caught shortly after police discovered the breaking and entering. The other two were caught later, Sidge said.

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However, dryness of the mouth and eyes is part of arthritis, and cannot be blamed on your medicine or explained as the result of your not taking enough fluids.

Rheumatoid arthritis is considered a condition of disordered antibody production. In some cases, the antibodies that attack the joints also infiltrate the glands that make saliva and tears. The inflammation that ensues causes these glands to lose their capability to supply the fluid constituents that make up normal saliva and tears.

You notice these changes as a loss of taste, food seems dull and dry. Or, your eyes feel like sand is in them every morning and appear red, as if you have pink eye.

Treatment for dry mouth consists of sucking on hard candy to stimulate the saliva glands to work. You can counter the dry eyes with daily installation of artificial tears.

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