Dozens meet deadline for election

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Tuesday was a day of political surprises, as a host of candidates met the filing deadline to qualify for the Aug. 6 primary ballot.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was at the top of the Republican county ticket as Timothy C. Hughes posted the $100 filing fee to challenge incumbent Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

The candidates and their respective parties are:

• County Executive: Hughes-R and Patterson-R; and Edward T. Hamilton-D of Troy.

• Prosecutor: David G. Gorcyca-R of Royal Oak and Richard Thompson-R of Clarkston; and Steven Kaplan-D of West Bloomfield.

• Sheriff: Gerard L. Carlin-R of Rochester, William A. Goodfellow-R of Pontiac, Raymond B. L'Esperance of Davisburg-R, Paul A. Molin-R of Farmington Hills, Michael L. Odelte-R of Clarkston and John F. Nichols-R of Northville.

The Democrats are Scott C. Good of Auburn Hills and Matt Hogan of White Lake.

• Clerk/Register of Deeds: Lynn D. Allen-R of Waterford and M. Kay Brady-D of Huntington Woods.

• Treasurer: C. Hugh Dohan-R of Novi and William T. Pearson-R of Oxford.

• Drain Commissioner: George W. Kuhn-R of West Bloomfield, Charles M. Lowther-R of Royal Oak and R. Ivy Patterson of Rochester Hills and Democrat Martha Blom of Orchard Lake.

•County Commissioners by district:

1st: Ruth Johnson-R of Holly and Michael Dewan-D of Ortonville.

2nd: Tom Eby-R of White Lake, Donna Huntoon-R of Clarkston and Bruce A. Trevithick-D of White Lake.

3rd: Lawrence A. Obrecht-R, Douglas Brown-D of Orion and Rudy Villarreal-D of Lake Orion.

4th: Roger L. Houck-R of Clarkston, James F. McCarthy-R of Waterford, Frank H. Millard-R of Clarkston and Walter H. Bedell-D of Waterford.

5th: Fran Amos-R and Elmer L. Cerano-D of Waterford.

6th: Andy Pettress-R and JoAnne Holbert-D of Pontiac.

7th: Robert Gray-R and Kevin J. Shehan-R, both of Auburn Hills and Jeff Kingzett-D of Pontiac.

8th: Sue Ann Douglas-R of Rochester and Christopher E. Boyle-D of Rochester Hills.

9th: Neil B. Billington-R of Rochester Hills, John P. Garfield-R, Rochester Hills, Scott Monroe-R of Troy and Rebecca L. Curtiss-D of Troy.

10th: Dennis N. Powers-R of Highland and Doug Crump-D.

11th: Richard Andich-R of West Bloomfield, Nancy Dingeldey-R of Wixom and Robert Iannello-R of Walled Lake and Robert B. Donaldson-D of Commerce.

12th: Anthony J. Baginski-R of Orchard Lake, Don Eby-R of West Bloomfield, Shelley Goodman Taub-R and William R. Parnie-D and Arnold Sabarof-D of West Bloomfield.

13th: Sharon Florio-R of West Bloomfield, W.A. Hassberger-R of Beverly Hills, Thomas A. Law-R of West Bloomfield, Herbert Williams-R of West Bloomfield; and David S. Fernquist-D of West Bloomfield.

14th: Dan Devine-R of Bloomfield Hills and Robert Gosselin-R and Jerry L. Bixby-D of Troy.

15th: Donald W. Jensen-R, Pietro M. DiGiorgio-D, both of Birmingham.

16th: Jay Kuhn-R of Troy, Charles E. Palmer-R of Clawson and Tim Dewan-D of Troy.

17th: Kay Schmid-R and Larry J. Fox-D, both of Novi.

18th: David L. Moffitt-R of Farmington Hills.

19th: JoAnne F. Molin-R of Northville, Donn L. Wolf-R of Farmington Hills and Kurt Lopez-D of Farmington Hills.

20th: James M. Hardin-R and Democrat Lawrence R. Pernick-D.

21st: Charles Kleinbrook-R of Southfield, Eric Coleman-D, Gregory Daniel Miles-D and James Schuster-D, all of Southfield.

22nd: John Patrick McCulloch-R and Shannon T. Dare-D, both of Royal Oak.

23rd: Kurt Kramer-R of Oak Park and Gilda Z. Jacobs-D of Huntington Woods.

24th: Joshua West-R of Royal Oak, Eugene Kaczmar-D and George W. Suarez-D, both of *Madison Heights*.

25th: Marcia Alther-R of Ferndale and Ruel E. McPherson-D of Hazel Park.

Gorcyca comes out slugging in county prosecutor's race

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Challenger David G. Gorcyca wasted no time.

As he announced his candidacy for Oakland County Prosecutor Tuesday, Gorcyca, the Royal Oak City commissioner and 1980 graduate of Birmingham Brother Rice High School, accused incumbent Richard Thompson of fabricating conviction statistics and wasting resources and tax money.

Thompson uses "home baked" statistics when he claims a conviction rate of 90 percent or higher, Gorcyca said. "The real conviction rate is closer to 50 percent."

The conviction rate is the percentage of defendants found guilty in court.

Thompson claims a conviction – or success – rate in excess of 96 percent, which would mean 96 out of 100 defendants are convicted.

Gorcyca said the actual number is more like 50 out of 100.

The incumbent intentionally cites those "home baked" statistics to cover up his "failed policies" and to support his claim of being tough on crime, said Gorcyca.

"We need tough justice, not just tough talk," he said.

Thompson, a Clarkston resident, again claimed a conviction rate higher than 90 percent Tuesday afternoon at a press conference following the acquittal of Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Gorcyca's claim that he inflates that figure is "ridiculous," said the prosecutor.

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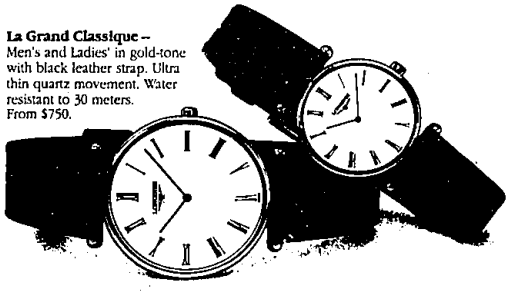

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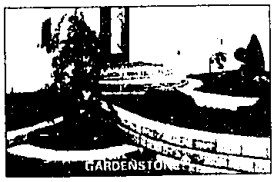

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