Murphy, Wolfram split on 'privatization'

PRIVATIZATION. It's a key card in Republican Dan Murphy's deck as he seeks new term as Oakland County executive.

But Democratic challenger Bill Wolfram opposes Murphy's increasing pressure to use private contractors to replace governmental employees.

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"I'm an attorney, and I'we reper-sented organized labor," Wolfram-sald during a fund-raiser in the Northville home of reitred UAW president Douglas Fraser.
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parison is invalid.

"The minimum security prisoners (guarded by private companies at \$18 an hour) are not the ones that \$18 an hour) are not the ones that cost money. Wolfram said. He said that those awaiting trial for murder and convicts awaiting transportation to state prison are costlier to guard.

"The savings is not there. The most efficient way is to use public employees."

"The response to my candidacy among rank and file (employees) has been very gratifying," Wolfram said.

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DANIEL T. MURPHY, 64, Republican of Sylvan Lake. Oakland County executive since 1974, re-elected three times. Wayne State University, 1946-50. Appointed regis-ter of deeds, 1956, elected in 1958; appointed chairman of the Board of Auditors, 1963.



WILLIAM G. WOLFRAM, 43, Democrat of Birmingham, Lawyer with practice in Franklin, with emphasis on appellate Higation. Michigan State University, 1957; Uni-versity of Michigan Law School, 1970. Assistant pro-secuting attorney, 1971.

Four in 1989. "They can

"They can try to unionize those new guys if they want," he said.

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"IF WE CAN show we can serve
more people with the same amount
of money, who's gonna argue with
hat?" Murphy asked,

"Were looking at other areas," he
said, pointing to private operation of
Camp Oakland and promising ne
initiatives at the county level.

Murphy points to studies in other
states where private contractors
have saved taxpayers 30 percent in
some functions. The beauty of it, he
says, is that if a private contractor
performs badly, it can be replaced at
the next round of bidding.

WOLFRAM WOULD end the sepa-

with the rate of a security force, controlled by the executive, that partois county buildings and parks.

The Democratic candidate would transfer supervision of that unit to the Sheriff's Department, saying Republicans originally set it up to keep the jobs away from the deputies' union.

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Murphy and Republicans have re-sisted Democratic elforts to shift the security force to the sheriff's juris-diction. Usually there is no debate. The GOP majority on the county loard of Commissioners simply votes down the Democratic budget amendment every time the minority party brings it up.

Oakland County executive.

Oakland was the first county in Michigan to adopt a county executive form of government.

Under it, the executive prepares the annual budget for approval by the Board of Commissioners, appoints and supervises heads of county departments and has veto power over actions by the Board of Commissioners.

Term of office in four years. Current salary is \$89,223.

Familiar names lead court race

tor who studied the state Court of Appeals race.
Four candidates with prominent political names may already have locked up election to new seats on the appeals court, according to a poll commissioned by Inside Michigan Pollitics (IMP), the newletter, and the Michigan State Chamber of Com-merce.

THE RESULTS:

• Mark Cavanagh, a 34-year-old Rochester Hills attorney, is leading a field of more experienced judges and lawyers in the 2nd District appeals court race. The district includes Okaland County. He is the son of the late Detroit mayor and nephew of a former appeals court judge who moved on to the state Supreme Court.

Court.

Maureen Reilly and Thomas J.

Brennan, both Wayne County circuit judges, are leading in the race for lat District appeals court. The district includes Wayne County.

Richard A. Griffin, son of Supreme Court Justice Robert Griffin, is running ahead of the compellion in the 3rd District appeals court area. The district covers the northern and western parts of the state.

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win high ratings

It helps to have a familiar name if you're running' for judge. And it doesn't hurt if the name is Irish.

Those messages emerged from a statewide poil and a newsyletter editor who studied the state Court of Appeals race.

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percent in the 3rd.

Some 15 percent of the voters in the 1st District listed Reilly as their first choice, and another 15 percent indicated they would choose her for the second slot. Brennan was first choice of 15 percent of the voters, and second choice of 8 percent. Close behind was another Wayne circuit judge, Richard P. Hathaway.

IN THE 2ND District, Cavanagh was first choice of 23 percent of the voters, second choice of 11 percent Cavanagh finished first by a narrow margin among 13 candidates in the Aug. 2 primary.

Other nominees are Circuit Judges Richard Kuhn of Oakland County and Kathleen Janssen of Macomb County and attorney Marilyn Kelly, a former member of the state Board of Education. a former mem of Education.

Griffin was a runaway leader in the sprawling Third District with 23 percent of those polled listing him as their first choice compared with only 8 percent for runner-up Judy Hughes, Barry County prosecuting attorney.

IGNORANCE AND indecision about the candidates and their qualifications are widespread among those political according to IMP editor William S. Ballenger.
Reilly, 53, and Brennan, 56, who finished first and second in the Aug. 2 primary in the 1st District, a sircounty enclave that includes Detroit, are running ahead of two other Wayne County judges.
Griffin, 36, a Traverse City lawyer, is far ahead of three other conders for one of two seats in the court's 3rd District, a bugg geographical area embracing 52 counties in the western half of the state

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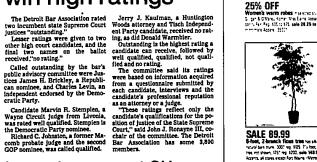
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