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Meyer is frank about his decision not to become a priest. After 12 years of religious education, he decided he could not live a celibate life, he said.

"I had to honestly look at all the requirements to fulfill that role (as a priest)." And when he wasn't satisfied with the answer, he decided to leave the seminary.

"Honesty" is the key word, he said about his frank comments. "I think people are looking for honesty."

Meyer has been a member of the Novi school board for the past 10 years. He is running basically a shoestring, volunteer-oriented campaign that pales in comparison to the big gun Republican rivals spending hundreds of thousands of dollars. Meyer's war chest is about \$5,000, about half of which has been donated.

But Meyer said that people are looking for a change, and the restructuring of the district that used to be solidly in the hands of Rep.

William Broomfield has given it a more Democratic slant.

"This is a different type of election year," he said. For one thing, "it's a national election year, and the electorate is very intelligent."

Meyer related his campaign to that of H. Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire who recently quit the presidential race he never officially entered.

"I relate to Perot as someone who touched a chord," Meyer said.

At first, even his wife was a bit hesitant about his taking on such an uphill campaign.

Meyer said of his wife, Margaret, "She had some qualms about this." She wanted to see if he would get the required nearly 1,000 nominating petition signatures before she would participate in the campaign.

Now, she's stamping and sending out campaign fliers.

"This is something he always wanted to do," she said. "He's a very busy person and a sensitive

person, and it's a tough world out there."

Meyer said he can take any kind of political flack, but is protective of his family.

Margaret Meyer, a special education teacher in Highland Park, said she strongly supports her husband of 18 years. They have a 15-year-old son, Joseph, an honors student in the Novi school system.

"I think he (Joseph) feels pretty excited about this," she said.

What if Meyer wins?

"I look upon it as taking one question at a time. I do feel confident we can do it," she said.

Changing his lifestyle from the local educational community to Washington is something that will be addressed after the election, he said.

And if he loses?

He said he has had a full, rich life.

"If I lose, I'll still be at peace."

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Knollenberg agreed. "I am outraged by the fact that David Honigman would deliberately distort and extract completely out of context my position on the issue of Social Security," he said.

The two candidates favor reform of the Social Security system, but only relating to new people coming into the system, not retirees already receiving benefits. They have a set contract that cannot be changed, Gilbert and Knollenberg said.

Honigman campaign spokesman Phil Ginotti said the joint press conference was the act of "desperate people."

Ginotti also lashed out at Knollenberg.

"Knollenberg hasn't been above the fray," Ginotti said, referring to some Knollenberg campaign literature, which in bold letters said "This Congressional seat is not for sale!"

The reference was to Honigman's campaign spending, which is expected to amount to \$750,000. That's way above Knollenberg's anticipated campaign budget of around \$100,000 and Gilbert's unestimated budget somewhere between Knollenberg and Honigman's total.

"(Knollenberg) is trying to get other candidates to spend only as much as he does," Ginotti said.

It's sour grapes, Ginotti said, explaining that if Knollenberg can't raise a lot of money, he wants other candidates to be bound by his fundraising constraints.

The Gilbert-Knollenberg attack that Honigman has accepted political action committee money, is misleading, Ginotti added. Although he has accepted PAC money in the past, Honigman said he no longer takes PAC money and wants to end PACs.

"They're not exactly Ozzie and Harriet," Ginotti said of the Gilbert-Knollenberg alliance.

Then on Wednesday Honigman announced that he will pull a television ad that stated that Gilbert, while an Oakland Circuit judge, went to a Tiger baseball game without informing the jury and left them waiting in court.

Gilbert's former court clerk confirmed she had dismissed the jury at noon that day and the jurors were not left waiting. But Ginotti said the ad was tongue-in-cheek and pointed out Gilbert's work record —

that she went to a baseball game instead of conducting court.

The campaign took on a higher pitch last week when it was reported in The Oakland Press that Gilbert was stopped by a West Bloomfield police officer in June.

The officer said he suspected that Gilbert had been drinking, but not to an extent that he would give her a ticket or do a sobriety test.

Gilbert said she does not drink and does not know why she was stopped by the officer.

She said she was returning to her Orchard Lake house after picking

her husband up from Detroit Metropolitan Airport at about 1 a.m.

The officer who stopped her said she was driving 55 mph in a 45 mph zone on Orchard Lake Road.

"I think they were stopping a lot of people in the area," Gilbert said, adding that she has seen several police cars pulling over cars.

Both Gilbert and Honigman have accused each other of timing embarrassing press reports before Tuesday's primary.

Ginotti said in the last few days before the election, Honigman will focus on "positive issues."

## New preschool holds open house, registration

The Bloomfield Child Development Center, a new preschool for 2½ to 6 year olds, will open in September, with open houses at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 12, 13, 17, 18 and 25.

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## Thief trims barber shop

An Oak Park man was hit on the head and robbed of an undetermined amount of money Monday morning as he opened Colombo's Barber Shop in the Maple Plaza on Telegraph in Bloomfield Township.

The 43-year-old man called police at about 7 a.m. He told police that two men entered the shop shortly after he opened it. One man produced a handgun and demanded money, according to Bloomfield Township Lt. Jeffrey Werner.

One of the men then struck

the barber on the head, leaving him dazed.

When police and emergency medical technicians arrived, they saw small bills on the counter and the floor.

The victim said he had seen a man in a car in the parking lot on the previous few mornings, but could not give descriptions of the two men other than to say they were white males.

The victim was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac for treatment and later released.



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