'Undecided' running a strong race

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ar. Seeking office in the hotly contested race are Republicans state Sen. Dave Honigman; former Oak-land Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert; Inni Circuit Judge Alice Gibert; and Troy insurance business owner Joe Knollenberg. On the Democrat-ic side are Walter O. Briggs, an ac-countant with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan; and Novi teacher Michael Meyer.

Honigman leader The survey indicated Honigman

Tespineens and port. "I really consider myself an in-formed voter. I've heard the com-mercials. They give a real favorable impression of Honigmon," sold Cliff Neumann of Redford.

He cautioned he had not made a final decision on how he will vote. "I know his (Honigman's) family. Tve heart good things about him," said Helen Quinn of Beverly Hills. "I think he is a great goy. He's dune a great job so far and he de-serves to continue — in Washing-ton," said Heidil Roed, of Farming-ton Hills.

appears to hold the lead. He lead respondents with 69 votes of sup-

ton Hills. Honigman's strongest areas oppeared to be Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township, his

Gilbert gives choice

hometown.

said.

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Grass-roots try

choice stance and because she is a woman. "We want to get the female vote in Congress," said a Southfield vo-

particularly malpractice," said John Mills, a Birmingham dentist. Gilbert has proposed caps on malpractice suit awards.

Knollenberg, who has the en-dorsement of retiring Congressman William Broomfield, ran e distant tihrd. He gamered 24 support pledges, with an expecially strong showing in the Birmingham-Biomfield Hills area. "Bill Broomfield recommended Knollenberg. He's running a grass-roots, not a big-buck, campaign," said a West Bloomfield Township resident.

Gilbert did well in Birmingham-Bioomfield Hills, getting 47 piedges of support. Her pro-choice stance on the abortion was a key factor with many voters. "Individual rights are being erod-ed at a ropid rate," sold Portia Reu-ben of Redford. "Til vote for Gilbert because she's pro-choice. Women have a right to choose what to do with their bodies." one Birmingham voter said a view spectrum resident. "The others are just too politi-cal," said another West Bloomfield cal," said another West Bloomfield voter. "'He's got some business sense. He might do a better fob at a timu-lating the economy," said Tom Ziel-inski of Bevrihy Hills. "He's got some very good com-mon sense ideas," said Colleen Giles, also of Beverih Hills. Of the Democrats, Walter O. bodies," one Birmingham voter

Briggs was the clear front-runner. He got 22 affirmative votes. "I know him. I like him," said Elizabeth Christopher of Birming-

ham. As for Meyer, the majority of comments were that he wasn't known by most voters.

In congress, terms of Farmington ter. Debble Lecours of Farmington Hills is a Democrat but plans to vote for Gilbert in the primary. "She's the best Republican. I'll go back to the Democrats in the fall, though," Lecours explained. Gilbert's judicial background was also viewed as a plus by some. "I like her stand on legal issues, porticularly melpractice," said Anti-votes cast

Not all the comments were posi-

Not all the comments were poin-tive, however. Beverly Hills resident William Sturley said he'd support Knollen-berg because "Honigman and Gil-bert are playing a game of negative uncertainty,"

ber ate proying a gaine of regards "My impression of Alice Gilbert is very negative," said Edwin Riley, of Bingham Farms. "Her commer-clais turn meof Itotally." A Birmingham man said, "I'd vots for Gilbert or Knolleberg. I just don't like Honigman. One man

vote for Gilbert or Knollenberg. J just dor't like Honigman. One man can't change Congress and he gives the impression that he can." "Neither one of those propile (Honigman or Gilbert) would get my vote under any circumstance. I would vote for anybody else," said Huberta Karpinski of Redford. Bio Cross of Livonis said he will support Gilbert because, "I wouldn't vote for any incumbent, or any Democrat, in any office right now." While Honigman topped the poll, an equal number of voters said they were undecided. A typical response came from a Redford man who said, "I'm argia-tered voter, but I'm just not Inter-ested."





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Clatenceville students and teach-

Clarenceville students and teach-ers will pay more come September to est lunch in the cafteteria. The Clarenceville Baard of Edu-cation Thursday approved a 10 cent increase in the cost of student lunches and a 25 cent increase in the cost of adult lunches. Elementary lunches have gone from \$1.35 to \$1.45, secondary lunches from \$2.25 to \$2.50, and milk from 25 cents to 30 cents. If the cost of lunch was not raised, the district most likely would have to raise its subjety to

would have to raise its subsidy to the lunch program, said Ralph Skrocki, finance director of

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"She's tough on crime and is pro-choice," said another Brimingham

Gilbert also got the nod from sev-eral Southfield voters for her pro-

Years. "And milk prices keep going up," Clarenceville's current subsidy to its food service program is \$28,000. "And mik prices keep going up, Wood said, "Our profit margin keeps shrinking every year. The majority of schools in Oakland County are charging 30 cents al-ready." its hood service program is 223000. "Subsidies are paid for with tax dollars that are distributed over the entire district," Skrocki said. "Price increases go to the student or stu-dents' parents." Previously, Clarenceville raised lunch prices in 1985, 1988, 1990 and 1991.

The food service's budget was helped in 1991-92 by an increase in the number of students eligible for the federal free lunch program, for

which the district is reimbursed, Wood said. Clarenceville originally projected it would get \$55,000 from state and federal funds; it got \$62,000, she

federal funds; it got 302,000, sue said. "At the elementary level, 85-95 percent participation was the norm all year. There are many one-parent families with very low incomes in our achood district. For many of these children school lunch may be the best meal they have all day."





