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# GOP unites in state show of support

BY SANDRA ARMERUSTER  
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Sounding at times more like they were running against President Bill Clinton than electing statewide offices, area Republicans pledged their unity at a morning-after breakfast Wednesday at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Southfield.

That kind of unity will apparently be reflected in at least one GOP family, formerly of Birmingham. "We had a mixed household. We cancelled each other out, and I voted for (Spencer) Abraham," said Carolyn Russell, immediate past president of the Republican Women's Forum. Her family recently moved from Birmingham to Whitmore Lake. "We had a good race. We have good candidates. . . People will unite."

Abraham, GOP candidate for U.S. Senate from Lansing, narrowly won the nomination over Ronna Romney of Bloomfield Hills by a 62-48 percent margin.

Talking campaign strategy with Gov. John Engler before the formal program got under way, Romney said it would be important to see how voters cast ballots along the I-75 corridor.

"We touched a core group," bringing new life to the party, Romney told the governor. "I'm really very proud of myself," Romney said of her first election bid for a national office.

"You should be, you should be," Engler responded.

Abraham will be fighting Clinton on the issue of tax hikes, health system and the "perks and powers of an entrenched Democratic Congress," said David Doyle, party chairman, as the program began.

Noting that the president is coming to the Detroit area this weekend to campaign for Michigan's Democratic nominee for governor, Howard Wolpe, Doyle

drew general laughter and laid down a challenge to Democrats by offering to give Clinton a first-class airline ticket any time he wanted to come to Michigan.

Lt. Gov. Connie Blaisfield told the large group of Republicans and media representatives that the GOP message will be those of "promises made, promises kept" and a "team that can be trusted."

Come Nov. 8, the date of the general election, Gov. Engler promised that Republicans would "win again and win early," referring to the close races in the primary.

Crediting Romney for having run a "very intense" campaign, Engler said the primary "pales in comparison to what unites us in the fall. . . Paul Hillebrand (from Holland) will be the only speaker of the House come 1995."

Currently, that duty is shared with a Democrat due to the way vacancies were filled.

Hillebrand, who said he was operating on about three hours sleep, earlier had said the party's job now was to "re-energize after a hard-fought primary. Our challenge is to get out our votes. The election showed that those who feel most intensely get out and vote."

Jodi Swan of Southfield, like other Republicans, including the governor, believes this will be a "watershed year for the party."

Abraham and Romney had a great race, said Swan, who's working to elect John Svetanka attorney general.

Kathy Katz, a Troy resident, said she was happy with the outcome of the election. Being a single mother is "very difficult," she said, adding that she expects the party will "put more emphasis on the family."

Tom Sorely of Novi was also exuberant over the election results. Now, he said, the GOP needs to "reach out to Ronna



Show of support: Ronna Romney (standing) of Bloomfield Hills, who narrowly lost her bid for the Republican nomination for a U.S. Senate seat, shakes hands with supporter Nancy Jachim of Troy.

Romney's followers. . . It's time we got a Republican U.S. senator."

Kicking off his own campaign Wednesday morning, Engler said the issues would continue to be cutting taxes, welfare and reducing government. He also targeted "union bosses and trial lawyers" as having eyes on your pocket books.

Democrat Vicki Barnett of Farmington Hills, chairman of the 11th Congressional District and herself a candidate in the 16th state Senate race against Republican David Honigman of

West Bloomfield, charged that those groups were targeted because the governor became "vindictive" after they refused to support his proposals.

Engler has become a "unifying force" for Democrats, she added. "We'll be working to defeat bad policy. . . We believe you should leave government better off when you depart than when you start out."

Barnett also claimed that "there is a shift on the move, similar to what was seen with the Perot vote" away from people voting Republican.

**Jacobson's**  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR THE 2ND WEEK OF AUGUST '94  
This is what is happening at Jacobson's August 7th-13th. Be sure to mark your calendars so that you don't miss a thing.  
**All Week:**  
Enter our weekly drawing for back-to-school merchandise. It's a great way to reduce your back-to-school expenses. Visit our Children's Department for details.  
Design a Dress Contest. Girls 4-13 can submit their very own creations. The winner will receive the dress of her design from Janelle Dresses, Children's Department.  
We have two new services in our Beauty Salon. Try "Fast Curves" styling perm. The perm with curve but no curl. Perm, cut and style is only \$50. Try our Shiatsu Massage. Please call for an appointment.  
**August 8-13**  
(10-4pm) Join us on August 8 for the Fall and Holiday Evening Extravaganza Collection Show. Cocktail and Evening wear selected from the top New York designers.  
Special reception on August 11 for local award-winning artist Nancy Schaff. Known for her pastel art, we will be celebrating her talents from 8-9pm. Her work will be exhibited in the Picture Department the 11th through 13th, and she will be on hand those days to meet you from 1-3 pm.  
(11-4pm) Color is back this season but more sheer and translucent. A Chanel Make-up Artist will be here to show you the latest applications of make-up. Call ahead for an appointment 313-591-7696, ext. 203. Receive a free gift with your lesson.  
(11-4pm) Clinics will have a facial clinic. Get a relaxing facial and a complimentary gift. Please call for an appointment. 313-591-7696, ext. 203.  
**August 12**  
(11-3pm) Madame Alexander Doll Exhibit. Appraisal books will be for sale. Plus, a drawing for a doll that is available exclusively at Jacobson's Toy Department.  
(11-4pm) A Chanel Make-up Artist will be here to show you the latest applications of make-up. Call ahead for an appointment 313-591-7696, ext. 203. Receive a free gift with your lesson.  
(11-4pm) Dooney & Bourke Handbag Collection shown in Accessories & Handbags.  
(5-8pm) A personal appearance by Curious George. That's right, that little monkey whose curiosity gets him into all sorts of predicaments. Children's Department.  
Christian Dior Cosmetics special. You'll receive a complimentary gift with \$36 purchase. Cosmetics.  
**August 13**  
(10-4pm) Birkenstock Show. The ultimate in comfortable shoes. Miss J Dept.  
Also in the Miss J Department, Coverlet Jeans Day.  
(10-4pm) Judith Jack Show. See her jewelry of silver and maracas in our Fashion Jewelry Dept.  
(12-3pm) John Wagner book signing. John is known for his aerial photos of Michigan lighthouses. You may want to ask him how he can simultaneously fly a plane and shoot photos. Men's Dept.  
(1-3pm) Word of Mouth pests demo. Learn how to prepare it. Better yet, taste it. Gourmet Foods.  
(12-3pm) Scarf Tying Accessories Demonstration. Learn how a small pin or a scarf can change the look of your outfit. 1st floor.  
(12-3pm) A representative from Hartman Luggage will be here to give you helpful packing tips so you can overpack with fewer pieces of luggage. Key chains will be given away. Luggage Dept.  
(12-4pm) Curious George will be back for another day. And he's still in the Children's Dept.

## Gilbert, Levy to face off

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
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In Tuesday's primary election for one seat on the Oakland County Circuit Court, voters chose Alice Gilbert and Bryan Levy to face one another in the November general election.

Gilbert and Levy accumulated 34.9 percent or 47,493 and 14 percent or 19,050 votes, respectively.

The other 11 candidates fared as follows:

- John J. O'Brien 12,357
- Thomas Brennan 12,588
- Dan Devine Sr. 12,172
- Constance E. Cumby 8,977
- Joseph Schulman 3,226
- Marcia Rose 4,991
- Sylvia Kaufman Delin
- Michael Clawson 2,068
- Robert Easterly 1,543
- Marjorie Cohen 4,864
- Paul Hynes 3,651

"Pleased and overwhelmed" with her margin of victory, Gilbert credited her win to three things: her experience as a judge, her involvement in the community and a "wonderful volunteer campaign crew." Those crew names are now being placed on a data base.

Gilbert said she conducted this election the same way she did her first election to circuit court — by not asking for any endorsements and simply running on her credentials. "The only endorsement I want is the vote of the public," she said.

She credited other candidates with running a clean campaign, with the exception of some problems with signs which she attributed to other campaign volunteers.

Gilbert, 62, was an Oakland County Circuit Court judge once before, from 1976 to 1992, when she quit to run for Congress. She lost the Republican primary in a bitter fight with state Sen. Dave Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, and went to work for the law firm Hyman & Lippitt in Birmingham.

The West Bloomfield Township resident got her law degree from Northwestern University in 1970. She was also a 48th District Court judge from 1968 to 1976.

Levy, 44, has been a 48th District Court judge in Southfield since 1987. He got his law degree in 1978 from the University of Detroit.

Levy threw a party for his supporters Tuesday night at the Lancaster Apartments clubhouse in Southfield.

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