

## KNOLLENBERG

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ago. The two hammered at each other in TV and print ads. Knollenberg represented the 11th District for his previous five terms. The district was redrawn into a new 9th District.

The 9th District overlaps a portion of the old 11th District, but is about 60 percent new. It encompasses West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Pontiac, Lake Angelus, Southfield Township, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin, Berkley, Royal Oak, Clawson, Troy, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Oakland Township, most of Waterford and part of Orion Township.

Knollenberg said his campaign was successful because "everything we did seemed to work," he said.

His committee began raising money in February.

"We made a strong campaign and we made the money last to the bitter end. It all worked — the phone calls, the brochures, the mailings, the television and radio messages. They got the word out."



Troy's Marty Knollenberg peers over the shoulder of his father, U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, while watching election returns Tuesday night. Joe Knollenberg was re-elected to Congress while Marty Knollenberg won an Oakland County Commission seat.

Knollenberg said. "And our volunteers were the best."

Fink said: "I'm grateful to the people of Oakland County for the tremendous assistance we had in this campaign."

"More than 1,000 people worked for us on Election Day."

I hope in the end that this has been a positive experience all around."

Fink said he doesn't know if he'll launch another political campaign.

"Right now I'm looking forward to spending a lot of time

with my family and getting some rest. Then I'll make plans for the future," he added. Knollenberg defeated Bart Baron, a Troy automobile consultant, in the primary race.

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At times Knol stood alone, isolated in the darkened backdrop of Ginopolis Restaurant in Farmington Hills, looking at the results. By the time she arrived, many people had left.

Some of Knol's supporters went to Carver's Restaurant in Farmington Hills to congratulate victor Aldo Vagnozzi, 77, a Democrat, who celebrated with a happy crowd.

"Everyone said they voted for me, yet I'm behind quite a bit," Knol said. "I won Farmington but Farmington is so small. I won it by a couple hundred. I ran a great campaign. This was a grassroots campaign. I thought it was a little closer than this."

The final vote tally was 2,222 for Knol in Farmington to Vagnozzi's 1,952. In Farmington Hills, Vagnozzi took the lead at 11,196 to Knol's 10,169 votes.

Unquestionably, the former mayor, city council and school board member would have been better known in the larger city. "Name recognition carries a lot of weight," Knol said.

Chris Cummins, vice president of the Farmington Area Republican Club, was direct in his post-election comments. "The GOP controls the state house 62-48," Cummins said. "We lost a tremendous opportunity. This won't help the two communities."

Republicans would have given Knol anything she wanted, and she would have been in the majority, Cummins said. "It's a cold fact of government."

This was Knol's first bid for office. What she lacked in politi-

cal experience, Knol said, she possessed in "real-world experience." She wanted to keep taxes low, hold schools accountable, believed vouchers were right in school districts identified as failing based on the state's accreditation system.

Knol was heavily criticized by Vagnozzi for negative campaigning at the end of the August primary season and during the final months of the general election campaign.

For Knol, Tuesday was a long day. She got up at 3:30 a.m. and put up signs 4-7 a.m. At 7 a.m., she went out to Precinct 4 at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills.

"I floated to precincts throughout the day," she said.

When polls closed, she stopped at home to change clothes then went to Farmington City Hall. "Even at the polls people were saying, 'I know you're going to win. We voted for you. Everybody we knew voted for you.'"

Will she make another bid for public office?

"Me?" she responded with a quiet laugh. "Now's not the time to ask that. I still have my job at Johnson Controls. I will continue to be involved in the community. I will continue to be involved in Oakland County politics. We'll see. Two years is a long time."

Her immediate plan was to pick up all her signs, thank her supporters and clean her house. Those who joined her at Ginopolis continued to express their support despite the unexpected loss. "It's not over until it's over," said George Ross, a Farmington Hills resident, giving her a warm hug as he said goodbye.

## OBITUARIES

## William G. Greenhalgh

Services for William George Greenhalgh, 50, formerly of Farmington, will be held at noon Saturday, Nov. 9 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Alex Reigel officiating.

Mr. Greenhalgh was born July 22, 1952 in Detroit and died Nov. 4 at North Oakland Medical Center.

He is survived by his sisters, Mary (Doug) Mancini and Cindy Greenhalgh; brothers, Tom (Mary) and Mike; his life's love, Maureen Wadkins; and nephews, Jack and George. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Lois.

Memorial contributions may be made to the McCarty Foundation, 27387 Woodward, Berkley, MI 48072.

## Ronald K.L. Holdaway

Services for Ronald K. Leroy Holdaway, 77, of Farmington Hills, will be held Nov. 6 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with Brother Rodger Srednicki officiating.

Mr. Holdaway was born Feb. 7, 1925 in Highland Park and died Nov. 3, 2002 in

## Farmington Hills.

He is survived by his children, Ronald, Suzan (Terry) Hodor, Timothy, and Leslie (Don) Cadmus; sisters, Doreen Holdaway and Margaret Holdaway; grandchildren, Brandon and Tyler; and his companion Alma Srednicki. He is preceded in death by his brother, Douglas.

## Donald R. Kannilainen

Services for Donald Reuben Kannilainen, 51, formerly of Farmington, were held Nov. 5 at MacDonald's Funeral Home in Howell with the Rev. Dr. Gary Bruland officiating.

Mr. Kannilainen was born Feb. 9, 1951 in Detroit and died Nov. 1, 2002. He was a 1969 graduate of Farmington High School and married Lois Osborne on June 14, 1984. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Howell and the Finnish Center Association in Farmington.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; step-son, John Asselin; mother, Betty (Bill) Stanford; sisters, Jane (John) Niles and Karen Molnar; two grandchild-

ren; and several uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, Reuben.

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