

# U.S. House candidates set for final showdown

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Remember the Clint Eastwood spaghetti western, "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly"? It culminated in a three-sided gunfight.

Without assigning titles, that's essentially what has become of the race for the 11th District U.S. House.

On one side is Republican state Sen. Dave Honigman. On the other

points of the triangle are fellow Republicans Joe Knollenberg and Alice Gilbert, who have formed an uneasy alliance. Walter O. Briggs and Michael Meyer, the long shot Democratic candidates, stand on the third side.

On Tuesday all will take their best shots on the ultimate political battlefield — the voting booths. All agree it has been a rough campaign punctuated by charges and

counter-charges — some true, some false, some questionable. But all were barbed. And often the issue of negative campaigning has been voiced.

Honigman has taken the brunt of the attack, mainly from Gilbert, although Knollenberg has taken out some radio ad shots about "buying elections." The reference is to Honigman's personal wealth and

his nearly \$750,000 campaign expenditure.

Knollenberg has spent in the area of \$100,000, while Gilbert has not specified how much she has spent, but said it was somewhere between Knollenberg and Honigman. Honigman, who has vowed to focus on the issues, not personalities, at first shied away from attacking the other candidates.

But he did get stung by one of his

**■ Dave Honigman's campaign spending of nearly \$750,000 has been a bone of contention with other candidates. Joe Knollenberg has spent in the area of \$100,000 in his election bid, while Alice Gilbert says her campaign effort has a bottom line somewhere in between.**

ads that accused Gilbert, a former Oakland County Circuit Judge, of leaving a jury waiting while she took the afternoon to go to a Tiger baseball game during a murder trial.

In fact, the jury had been dismissed at noon that day.

Honigman has since pulled the ad, and announced that he will not talk about the other candidates, and focus solely on issues.

Gilbert has also taken some shots in reports that she had a poor work record while a circuit judge. She denies that.

Knollenberg has been basically out of the fray, primarily because this is his first run for office, and he is generally viewed as the long shot candidate for the Republican primary.

Knollenberg, however, has won the endorsement of retiring Congressman William Broomfield, who has held the office for nearly 36 years.

Honigman, 36, of West Bloomfield Township, served three terms as a state representative before being elected to the state senate in 1990.

Gilbert, 59, was the first woman elected to the circuit court in 1976. A Harvard University graduate, she served as a 48th District judge from

1968 to 1976. She lives in Orchard Lake.

Knollenberg, 68, has been active with the Oakland Republican party for many years. He owns an All-State Insurance branch in Troy.

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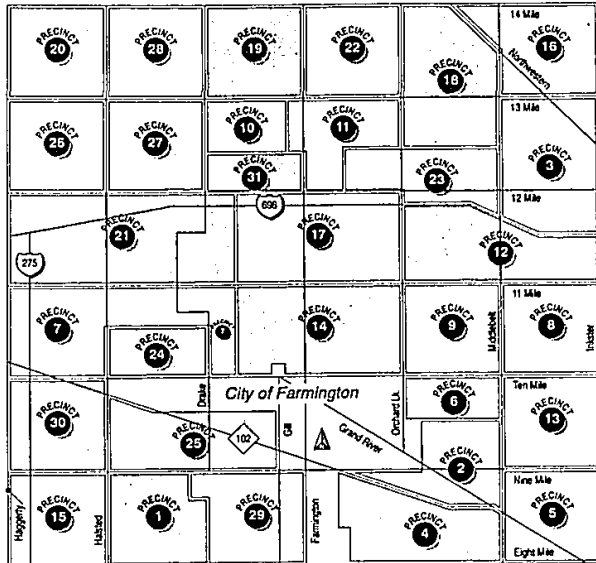
Briggs is an accountant with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. He also is a great-grandson of Walter Briggs, who owned Briggs Stadium, now Tiger Stadium.

Meyer is a political newcomer. He is a member of the Novi school board and teaches world religions at Oakland Community College and is an adjunct professor of philosophy at Schoolcraft Community College.

The new 11th U.S. House district covers a broad area across Oakland and part of Wayne counties. It includes Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Redford, almost all of Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield Township, Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, White Lake Township, Highland, Milford, Commerce Township, Wixom, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wolverine Lake and Redford Township.

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## Precinct voting map for the City of Farmington Hills



Note: The precinct area map that ran in last Thursday's paper showed outdated boundaries. This map depicts the current precinct boundaries.

- 1 Power Middle School (24740 Rhoadwood)
- 2 Farm Community School (20415 Shawnessee)
- 3 Woodcreek School (28400 Harbich)
- 4 St. Paul's Lutheran Church (20905 Middlebelt)
- 5 St. Alexander's Church (27835 Shawnessee)
- 6 Lakeshore School (22800 Tuck)
- 7 Halsted School (28801 11 Mile)
- 8 East Middle School (25000 Middlebelt)
- 9 East Middle School (25000 Middlebelt)
- 10 Duncal Middle School (22800 12 Mile)
- 11 Farmington High School (22900 13 Mile)
- 12 Waverly Center (28620 11 Mile)
- 13 Wilbur Grace School (23040 Shawnessee)
- 14 Alameda School (22420 Alameda)
- 15 Finnish Church (35200 Eight Mile)
- 16 Fairview School (28500 Oak Crest)
- 17 First Presbyterian Church (26165 Farmington)
- 18 Highmeadow School (20175 Highmeadow)
- 19 Forest School (24545 Old Timber)
- 20 Wilbur Tyndale College (25700 12 Mile)
- 21 Forest Ph. Baptist Church (20905 Farmington)
- 22 W. Farmington High School (22900 13 Mile)
- 23 Kenbrook School (22130 Bonnet Hill)
- 24 Wilbur Tyndale College (25700 12 Mile)
- 25 G4 School (21185 G4)
- 26 Hope Lutheran Church (22200 12 Mile)
- 27 Fire Dept. Headquarters (28711 Drake)
- 28 Faith Covenant Church (25415 14 Mile)
- 29 Finnish Church (35200 Eight Mile)
- 30 G4 School (21185 G4)
- 31 Duncal Middle School (22800 12 Mile)

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## Mission statement, policies keep council on future track

A mission statement, policies and annual goals were established recently by the Farmington City Council, in an effort to guide the city in the coming years.

"We were becoming more proactive in different things — I wanted to make sure we were all going in the same direction," said Mayor William Hartstock, who encouraged the effort.

The council met in several, special study sessions throughout this year, discussing the council's role, how to better communicate with the public and how to set appropriate goals for the coming year.

Adopted July 20, the mission statement calls on the city to advance its interests and those of its citizens, businesses and visitors; ensure safety order and welfare of the city; maintain an historic, aesthetic, social physical, political and economic environment to encourage prosperity for all; and to uphold city, state and federal laws.

Hartstock called the statement a "framework" to guide the city council.

"One of the most important effects of this will be to future councils," added Councilman Richard Tupper.

"It's needed to keep Farmington on the track."

Policies include: holding an annual meeting to assess the city's needs and priorities, supporting things which protect and enhance the community and enforcing regulations and encouraging others to preserve the city's heritage. Also, the policies stress openness of the local governmental process and call for encouraging city employees to work at building community confidence.

Under goals, this year's council plans to regularly evaluate these policies, keep a list of citizens interested in participating on boards and commissions, keep public properties looking good and also help the community to focus this way, be sure residents are kept informed, look at special needs of local businesses, set up a network with other governments and groups, compare city services to the population profile to ensure a good fit and maintain a current knowledge of city resources.

On that note, the council has already visited and toured the city's new retention tank off of Nine Mile, and plans to look at other facilities as well.

## POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

### ■ WARNING OFFERED

State Attorney General Frank Kelly recently issued a warning to Michigan senior adults to be cautious of sales representatives using false and misleading statements to sell "living trust kits."

Because of the high percentage of older adults living in the Farmington area, Farmington public safety officials are forwarding residents here about the practice. "Some citizens are misled into paying as much as \$5,000 for these kits, which is considerably higher than what private attorneys charge," said Farmington Commander Chuck Lee.

At least 102 people have already been victimized in Michigan over the past few months, he said.

Kelly has issued notices of intended action against two companies operating in Michigan: Senior Citizen Information Center of Easton Rapids and The American Association for Senior Citizens, Inc. The state bar association has also urged consumers to be sure they are

dealing with reputable, qualified attorneys for probate matters.

Lee said representatives reportedly call and tell people that probate costs may eat up more than 10 percent of their estates, but that these costs may be avoided by purchasing these kits.

Michigan Office of Services to the Aging Director Nancy Crandall advises consumers to go to an attorney and ask questions about a will, trust and probate, or call the Legal Hotline for Older Michiganders at 1-800-347-5397. Those who feel they have been victimized by such services can write to the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, P.O. Box 30213, Lansing 48909.

### ■ THEFTS REPORTED

Golf clubs, golf bag, cart and umbrellas as well as miscellaneous golf items valued at \$650 were reported taken from a garage on DePhillips, between June 27 and July 4.

A radio valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a 1990 Buick at Target, 30020 Grand River. An AM/FM stereo radio and 30mm camera valued at \$800 also were stolen from a 1991 Dodge at Target, June 27.

A computer, color monitor and laser printer valued at \$4,500 were reported stolen from ITW Adhesive, 37722 Enterprise Ct., June 25-27.

Two wheel covers, valued at \$400, were stolen from a 1991 Buick parked in the Botsford Hospital lot July 30.

A \$300 stereo was stolen from a 1991 Jeep Wrangler, on Clairview Drive July 30.

A \$200 cellular phone and a box containing McDonald's restaurant uniforms were stolen from a Ford Probe on Greenhill July 30.

A woman complained that a \$950 black reel purse and its contents were stolen from the Kmart store on Orchard Lake July 30.

A woman said that she was walking from her car toward her Gateway Apartment when a man walking toward her feigned slipping and grabbed her purse in order to gain his support July 30. He snatched the purse and ran.

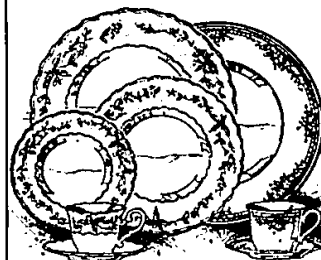
Two sets of golf clubs valued at \$2,600 were stolen from a garage at Chestnut Ridge Condos July 30.

Farmington police are looking for a man who stole four cartons of cigarettes from the Mobil gas station on Eight Mile about 5:30 a.m. July 31.

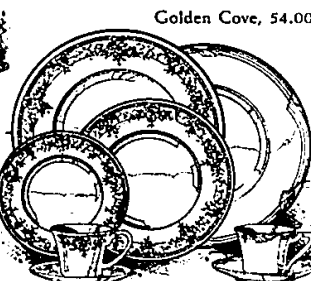
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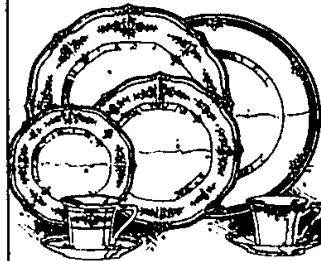
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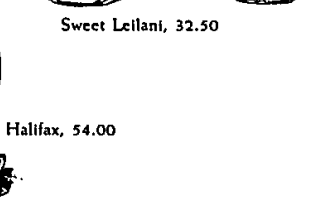
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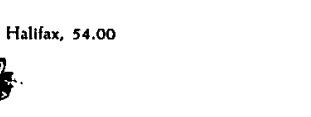
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