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votes and Honigman 2,273. Farmington won much the same way with Knollenberg getting 903 votes to Honigman's 429 and Gilbert's 274.

By 11:15 p.m. Tuesday, Honigman had agreed Knollenberg's strategy worked as he conceded the race to him.

Knollenberg put into practice the strong Republican campaign of promoting family ethics and a strict anti-abortion platform. And he used an army of relatives to support him.

Knollenberg's brother, Walter said, "I've never been involved in politics before. He didn't have a big budget to work with," he said of Knollenberg's campaign. Walter's wife, Ellen, and son, Erik, 18, also worked on the Knollenberg campaign making telephone calls and passing out literature.

Said Knollenberg's son, Marty, "I think it went super. If anybody voted for Honigman or Gilbert, I can't figure it out. We got two candidates beating each other. That's not what the people want. We worked at the grass roots level."

Marty said the Knollenberg campaign, had far less money to work with than Honigman, who reportedly spent upwards of \$750,000 and Gilbert, with a campaign budget of at least more than Knollenberg's \$169,000 spending.

Knollenberg said he concentrated on the new areas being brought into the district, such as Livonia and traditionally Democratic areas such as Southfield and Redford.

But Knollenberg said he didn't write them off as non-Republican voters. "They are significant parts of the district," he said.

Those areas will also be key to Democrat primary winner Walter O. Briggs IV, who will get his wish and face Knollenberg in the election Nov. 3.

Briggs was an easy winner in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"Joe obviously has a lot of benefits for us," Briggs said during a victory party at the Whistle Stop in Birmingham where the Birmingham accountant predicted just after 9 p.m. that Knollenberg would win.

To win this fall, Briggs said he'll focus on getting the Democratic base of voters in Southfield and Redford, plus "persuadable voters" in Livonia, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills.

Mud slinging mired House contenders

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When you throw mud, sometimes it splashes back on you. That's apparently what happened in the 11th U.S. House Congressional race, as state Sen. David Honigman traded shots with former Oakland County Circuit Court judge Alice Gilbert.

And for the most part, the victorious Republican party candidate Joe Knollenberg quietly watched.

"I think it was devastating to Gilbert and Honigman," said retiring U.S. Rep. William Broomfield about the negative campaign ads.

Broomfield, who endorsed Knollenberg, held the congressional seat for about 36 years. He decided to retire when the district was recut to include some new areas, such as Southfield, Livonia and Redford.

Knollenberg was Broomfield's campaign manager and has been active in the Republican party for many years.

"It's been a very tough, difficult, draining race," said Honigman, who was seen by many as the leading contender to replace Broomfield.

But Honigman became embroiled in a war of ads with Gilbert. Who started it is uncertain, but a two-year-old report in Detroit Monthly magazine that characterized Gilbert's performance on the bench as "lousy" was one source.

Following that, Gilbert said Honigman failed to withhold unemployment and Social Security funds from some campaign workers.

Honigman fired back by accusing Gilbert of leaving a jury waiting in the court while she went to a Tiger baseball game. It was a charge she denied, and Honigman eventually pulled the ad.

Finally, Honigman announced shortly before the election that he would not run a negative campaign and instead focused on the issues. He apologized for the negative attacks on Gilbert.

All the while, Knollenberg ran a seemingly low-key, low-cost door-to-door campaign.

Honigman said this was "by far"

While he won't get into a dirty campaign or one of personalities, Briggs said, "We're going to go on the offensive, but we're going to focus on areas of substance."

Republicans planned a unity breakfast for Wednesday morning to kick off the general election push. Former judge Gilbert, whose pro-choice position brought her into the race and is the opposite of Knollenberg's, didn't say Tuesday whether she would support him.

"The party will support Joe Knollenberg," Gilbert said, with the implication that she is part of the Republican party.

"I was the only candidate who did not say anything negative about Joe Knollenberg," she added.

Gilbert said she took no comfort from finishing ahead of Honigman. "I came out to win," she said. "There is no satisfaction at all."

Meanwhile, Honigman conceded the win to Knollenberg by saying, "I'll do all I can in November for Joe. I will back Joe."

Honigman, a three-term state Representative and first-term state Rep., said he had no regrets.

"As my old high school wrestling coach said, 'Suffering builds character,'" Honigman said.

At that point someone in the packed crowd at the Embassy Suites in Livonia shouted, "You're still a winner, Dave."

"I think we worked harder than anyone," said Honigman. And as for his middle-of-the-road stance on abortion, he said, "You have to do what you think is right."

Knollenberg supporter Cathy Browning said Knollenberg "represents everything the citizens said they want in a non-politician."

Finance chairman Kevin Counihan added, "Joe had a grass roots campaign. It's one of the things that made Broomfield great. He's attentive and responds to the people."

Overlooked in the fray between Honigman and Gilbert was the fact that over the years, Knollenberg helped many Republicans win offices while he was a GOP officer, Counihan said.

"And he never asked anything in return," Counihan said. This election he did. And he got it.

"Joe is a go-getter. He's a community service activist," Counihan said.

That was the key to his win, Counihan said.

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Elaine Miller
Gilbert campaign worker

the toughest campaign he has ever faced.

"This has been very tough on my wife," said Honigman after conceding defeat. "She's a very sensitive person." Honigman said he made a point of not making the campaign personal.

"He deserved to lose this race," a tired, but still spirited Alice Gilbert said of David Honigman outside her Southfield Holiday Inn suite in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Gilbert had no apologies for what she said the press has characterized as a dirty campaign. "I am not to be blamed for his (Honigman's) conduct. He has to be responsible for his own actions. And I have nothing to be ashamed of."

Her Colorado-imported campaign chief Steve Viera defended the campaign he designed. "I have no doubt it was the right strategy, no matter how it came out."

But some campaign workers felt differently. "Joe Knollenberg's win shows that people are saying they are tired of negative campaigning," said Elaine Miller, from West Bloomfield. "Campaign workers were concerned about it from the beginning."

The personal attacks of Honigman and Gilbert turned off voters, according to Democrat Walter O. Briggs IV, who'll face Knollenberg this fall.

"I think voters had enough. There's a point of diminishing returns," Briggs said.

Regarding Honigman's pre-election apologies, Briggs said, "In baseball, if you're pitching and you throw at a batter, you don't apologize."

OBITUARIES

CHARLES W. (BILL) MCCONNELL
Mr. McConnell, 74, of Farmington Hills died July 28.

Mr. McConnell was an automotive parts manager for General Motors.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette; daughter, Pamela Vincent; sister, Catherine Nanny; and six grandchildren.

Services were July 30 at graveside with the Rev. Joseph Jones of Troy Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

EVELYN N. TUCK

Mrs. Tuck, 60, of Novi died July 25 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Farmington, Mrs. Tuck was a bookkeeper at Novi Auto Parts. She was a member of the Novi Election Committee, Novi Band Boosters, Novi Athletic Boosters Club, Methodist Women's Club and Marine Prop Riders. She was a Girl Scout leader and Novi Tennis Team mother.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; son, Michael; daughter, Patti Ann; sister, Elsie Hall; brother, Ray Nichols of Farmington Hills; and two grandchildren.

Services were July 29 at the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. Charles R. Jacobs of Novi United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

HELEN R. COLLINS

Mrs. Collins, 79, of Sidney, Ohio, formerly of Farmington Hills, died July 28.

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Collins was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Miller; and three grandchildren.

Services were at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to Wilson Memorial Hospice in Sidney, Ohio.

ODD WILLIAM OLSEN

Mr. Olsen, 77, of Farmington Hills died July 29 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Norway, Mr. Olsen was a tool and die maker.

Survivors include his wife, Else; sisters, August Bergstrom, July Orr and Ruth Rector; and brother, Arthur.

Services were Aug. 1 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

ton. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Society.

FRANK LIGHTFOOT

Mr. Lightfoot, 77, of Farmington Hills died July 30 in University Nursing Home.

Born in Elvins, Mo., Mr. Lightfoot was a sales manager for Hy-Grade Foods in Livonia.

Survivors include his wife, Doris; son, William; daughters, Judith Bialy and Linda Daly; sister, Lucy Sorenson; brother, Henry; and five grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 3 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Bishop J. Philip Wahl of Holy Savior Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

WILLIAM K. VAN DUSEN

Mr. Van Dusen, 80, of Farmington died Aug. 2 in Windemere Care Center, West Bloomfield.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Van Dusen was a credit manager for Fisher Wallpaper and Paint Co. He was one of the first organizers of Cooperative 213 Groups, president of Farmington Co-op Association and a member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mar-

garet; son, William; daughters, Janice Glor and Judy Smith; sister, Peggy Henderson; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 5 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dr. William Ritter and the Rev. David B. Penniman of Nardin Park United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

OSCAR H. CARLSON

Mr. Carlson, 84, of Farmington died July 31 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Born in Dalsland, Sweden, Mr. Carlson was the owner and president of Excel Tool & Die Co. specializing in tools, jigs and fixtures for the automotive industry. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed skiing, sailing and golf. He was a member of Farmington Lodge 151, Finnish Center and St. John Lutheran Church. He was also a member of the Swedish Club.

Survivors include his wife, Violet; son, Arni; and one grandchild.

A memorial service is scheduled for Aug. 8 in St. John Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Daniel Cave officiating. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Royal Oak. A service was also held at Farmington Masonic Lodge Aug. 6.

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