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## Election '78

# Ross wins as locals follow state lead

## Voters backing trends

For the most part Farmington and Farmington Hills voters followed state trends when it came to casting ballots for the state ballot proposals.

But in Farmington Hills, voters overwhelmingly turned down two local proposals. Proposition No. 1 would have allowed the Hills government to levy one mill for 10 years to finance road construction. Voters turned that down with 11,557 voting against and 7,780 casting ballots in favor.

Proposition No. 2, a \$2 million bonding proposal, put on the ballot as a hedge against the possibility of the Headlee amendment success, also failed. Final tally showed 13,061 against and 5,955 voting in favor.

The funds would have been used to purchase bonds for water sewer bonds.

Both Farmington and Farmington Hills voters approved Proposal E, the Headlee amendment. Although winning narrowly in the state tally, Farmington Hills voters approved it with 62 per cent of the vote, 12,646 voting yes and 7,445 voting against. Farmington voters cast 3,048 in favor and 2,009 against.

The controversial Tisch proposal, Proposition J, also went down to defeat in the sister cities. Farmington voters cast 3,221 against and 1,713 in favor. Farmington Hills voters cast 13,020 against and 6,985 in favor.

The voucher plan, Proposal H, also was defeated locally. Farmington Hills voters cast 15,199 in opposition and 4,959 in favor. City of Farmington voters followed suit, casting 3,825 against and 1,281 in favor.

In other proposals, the City of Farmington turned down Proposal A, a constitutional convention by a vote of 4,226 against and 844 in favor. Farmington Hills voted 16,336 against and 3,581 in favor.

Both Proposals B and K, propositions to stiffen regulations on parole and bail, passed handily in the twin cities. On Proposal B, parole, Farmington Hills cast 16,027 in favor and 4,200 against. City of Farmington voters gave Proposal B approval with a 4,087 to 1,067 vote.

On Proposal K, to deny bail, Farmington voters cast 4,494 in favor and 616 against. Farmington Hills voters were even more enthusiastic, casting 17,823 in favor and 2,559 against.

Proposal D, raising the drinking of alcohol to 21 years old also received large support. Farmington Hills voted 12,087 in favor and 8,380 against. Farmington voters cast 3,105 in favor and 2,080 against.

Proposal G, collective bargaining allowance for state police, passed statewide but Farmington Hills voters thought differently, casting 10,272 against and 9,704 in favor.

City of Farmington voters passed the measure narrowly, voting 2,546 in favor and 2,518 against.

Proposal C, allowing state deposits and loan associations and credit units won support in both Farmington and Farmington Hills, as did Proposal M, which allocated 90 per cent of gas tax revenues for general road purposes with the remainder going for other transportation purposes.



Flanked by his wife Karol, a victorious Doug Ross accepts the congratulations of his supporters on election night. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Ross reaffirms pledge

By STEVE BARNABY

Surrounded by family, friends and supporters, Doug Ross, newly elected 15th District Democratic State Senator, vowed to take his campaign of openness to Lansing in his victory statement this week.

Ross easily defeated Republican opponent Markus Simon for the much-coveted seat held by lame duck incumbent Democratic State Senator Daniel Cooper. The final tally had Ross ahead 52,478 votes to Simon's 31,499.

The 36-year-old Common Cause activist's election was almost assured Tuesday after he whipped Cooper in a hard fought primary battle last August.

Speaking at Farmington Hills Labor Zionist Institute on election night, Ross credited the work of his volunteers for his victory.

"We've pulled it off. We've won the election," Ross told his jubilant supporters. "But the harder part is still to come."

With wife Karol at his side, Ross implored his workers to aid him in finding different approaches in solving the state's problems.

"Together we have created an expectation in Oakland County and in some cases beyond that. We have made a commitment to openness in government and demonstrated a will-

ingness to involve people in the operation of government," he said.

Throughout the campaign Ross has vowed to form constituent committees to parallel those in state government. He reaffirmed that stand Tuesday.

He warned his workers that they, along with him, must follow through on commitments made during the campaign.

"If after a year things are the same and we didn't change anything, then all the work that we did during the election won't be worth anything," he said.

Ross emphasized during the primary campaign that Cooper had shut himself off from the district's electorate. He said the lines of communication must be reopened.

Among priorities he listed were senior citizen needs. In an interview with the Observer & Excelsior on election night, Ross said he had a special commitment to the elderly.

"During the campaign I noted that they are the group which seems the most desperate. They can't wait around for any 10-year plans. They need help right away," he said.

He labeled the recently passed lobby reform bill as a "big joke" and said that the Senate operations must be even more open.

He also hopes to seek relief for small businesses. He says they have been hampered by the Single Business Tax.

## All are re-elected

# Incumbents have easy day

Election day was a good one for incumbents in Farmington and Farmington Hills with all county commission races and the state representative race going to the Republican incumbents.

Republican State Rep. Sandy Brotherton easily won a third term in the 64th district against political newcomer Democrat Robert Green.

In Farmington, Brotherton received 3,747 votes against Green's 912. In Farmington Hills Brotherton received 12,969 votes to Green's 5,339. In Southfield Brotherton didn't do as well, receiving only 3,785 against Green's 4,325.

In the 27th County Commission race,

incumbent Republican John McDonald won easily against perennial Democratic candidate John Campbell. A tally from Oakland County showed McDonald winning with 6,555 against Campbell's 3,238.

In the 23rd County race Robert McConnell staved off political oldtimer George Montgomery. McConnell received 7,584 against Montgomery's 5,394.

In the 24th District county commissioners race, an attempted political comeback by Lew Coy was foiled in his race against Republican incumbent Dennis Murphy. Murphy received 8,993 votes to Coy's 3,590.

Lillian Moffitt, the 15th District

County Commission representative, also won easy victory taking 8,065 votes against 5,128 cast for Democratic opponent Albert Keenan.

The only happy Democrat in the area was Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. William Brodehead of the 17th District, who went virtually unchallenged in both the primary and the general election. His opponent in this week's ballot counting was Hector McGregor, an American Independent Party candidate.

Brodehead carried Farmington Hills with 90 per cent of the vote, 18,402 against McGregor's 1,341. In Farmington Brodehead received 2,633 votes.



Doug Ross celebrates his new state senate seat with daughter Julie, 4, at the Labor Zionist Institute in Farmington Hills, on election night. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

# Botsford chief named to head national group

By ELEANOR S. WRIGHT

"Osteopathic physicians do not offer something different but something more," Gerson L. Cooper, chief administrative officer of Farmington's Botsford General Hospital recently told a Senate sub-committee considering amendments to the national health plan.

On Oct. 17, Cooper became chairman of the American Osteopathic Hospital Association. He has served as AOA's chairman-elect for the past year, has been chairman of the Government Relations Committee and its Committee on Hospital Trustees which

in April drafted a position statement on the National Health Program.

"It is the DO's (doctor of osteopathy) orientation to all aspects of medicine (with heavy emphasis on the musculoskeletal system and how it interacts in disease) that has contributed to their becoming family practitioners," he noted.

"Our DOs pride themselves in practicing 'wholistic' medicine—that which treats the whole human being."

This family orientation, he said, has contributed much to the growth and future of osteopathic medicine in the U.S. today. Statistics show that DOs

comprise only 15 per cent of the practicing physicians in the United States but that they are providing 70 per cent of the primary care because of their service as general practitioners.

Also enhancing osteopathic (Continued on page 2A)

# Schoolcraft settlement nears

By TIM RICHARD

Schoolcraft College negotiators may be close to new contracts with two unions except for one thing.

A state fact-finder has recommended part-time faculty members get a raise of 4.5 per cent the first year and none the second year of a two-year contract.

"That combination is causing the union some difficulties," said William Nickels, president of the Faculty Forum, bargaining agent for some 180 full-time and nearly 200 part-timers.

"It ends up close to the board's last proposal at the bargaining table," Nickels said.

State fact-finder George T. Roumell Jr. recommended raises of 7 and 6 per cent in each year of a two-year pact for full-time instructors. That contract would expire Aug. 24, 1980.

Roumell recommended raises for the secretaries' union of 6 and 5.25 per cent, plus "step" increases, for a two-year contract that would be retroactive to July 1, 1977 and expire June 30, 1980.

As the union described it, that was

the next closest thing to binding fact-finding.

Writing a contract is still up to the bargaining teams. College President C. Nelson Grote said the college suggested meetings with the unions today and Friday.

"I'm optimistic we can finish this and have it to the board for ratification at the regular meeting Nov. 15," he said.

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The board met Monday night to get Grote's assessment of the cost of implementing the fact-finder's report. After debating 30 minutes about whether to make the fact-finder's report public, the board decided against it and went into closed session.

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An exultant Richard Headlee greets supporters after his tax proposal is approved by Michigan voters. Headlee supporters gathered at Farrel's Ice

cream parlor in Southfield to await election results. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

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## "I'LL DO IT AGAIN"

Alice Bonticelli has no qualms about using the want ads in her hometown newspaper in the future. The last ad she ran sold her old washing machine in just one day. "It's the best way to go if you want to sell something in a hurry." Call us today, or whenever you're in a hurry to make some EXTRA cash

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