Primary battle belongs to GOP

A 25 percent turnout is expected in Oakland County for Tuesday's presidential primary, Michigan's third.

Oakland County Clerk Lynn Allen estimated that 150,000 of the county's 600,000 registered voters would go to the polls in what is essentially a Republican contest.

The primary will focus on the Ronald Reagan-George Bush battle for the majority of Michigan's 82 Republican convention delegates.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The predicted 150,000 turnout would be considerably below the 228,900 turnout of 1972, the state's first presidential primary.

THE STATE Democratic Party last week urged Democrats not to vote Tuesday.

The only issue at stake in the Democratic balloting is whether splinter candidate Lyndon LaRouche will qualify for up to $170,000 in federal matching campaign funds. To do so, LaRouche must capture 20 percent of the Democratic vote Tuesday.

Because Democrats boycotted the open primary and selected their convention delegates at closed party caucuses last month, President Jimmy Carter and U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts removed their names from the primary ballot.

Filling out the GOP ballot are U.S. Rep. John Anderson, now running as an independent; Harold Stassen, one-time governor of Minnesota; and businessman Benjamin Fernandez, of California.

Appearing on the Democratic ballot will be California Gov. Edmund Brown, who dropped out of the race in April, and Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr., leader of the U.S. Labor Party, which has become a right-wing group over the years. During the 1976 presidential campaign, LaRouche predicted the election of Jimmy Carter would bring the world to thermonuclear war by the summer of 1977.

LaRouche's organization has been most active recently in pro-nuclear power and anti-drug campaigns./P Voters are restricted to casting ballots for either Republican or Democratic candidates. Votes can't be cast for both.

BOTH BUSH and Reagan have made recent appearances in predominantly Republican Oakland County. These could lead to a larger turnout.

Besides the Republican race, special millage referendums in six townships, including Avon and two cities, including Rochester, may add to the vote.

Republican precinct delegates will also be elected Tuesday.

Allen said he didn't think Democrats crossing over to the Republican side would be "too much of a problem."

One reason Democrats say they opted for closed caucuses this year was to prevent Republican crossover voting.

The most notable crossover vote occurred in 1972, when former Alabama Gov. George Wallace won the state's Democratic primary. That year in Oakland County, 186,500 voted in the Democratic primary while only 42,400 voted Republican.

EDC opens up shop for county businesses

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners has approved 15 persons from area banks, businesses, law and accounting firms to be directors of a newly created Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

An EDC is a semi-autonomous agency through which businesses can borrow investment money at interest rates 2 to 3 percent lower than the going market rate.

The EDC will issue low-interest, tax-exempt bonds on behalf of a business. A firm uses the bond sale revenues to acquire property, develop land, construct buildings and finance equipment.

THE COUNTY BOARD approved County Executive Daniel T. Murphy's appointment of the following to the EDC Board of Directors:

Edward E. Barker Jr. of Springfield Township, chairman of the board, Pontiac State Bank; Henry Bennett of Oxford Township, vice president, Community National Bank; Peter J. Cristiano of Southfield, general manager, Omnicom of Michigan Inc. and former city manager of Southfield.

Theodore Dziurman of Troy, director of administration services, Neyer, Tiseo and Hindo Ltd.; William Clavin of Bloomfield Hills, vice president, Grand Trunk Western Railroad Co.; Martin W. Hollander of Southfield, accountant, Cole and Hollander P.C. and former Southfield City Council member.

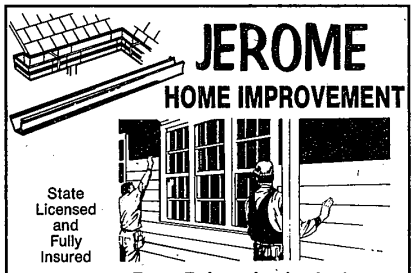
Eugne Kuthy of Orchard Lake, manager, Ernst and Whitney Accountants; Jack Martin of West Bloomfield, managing director, Jack Martin and Co., accountants; William Moon of Royal Oak, vice president, Wayne Oakland Bank; Thomas H. Ritter of Clarkston, owner, Ritter's Farm Market.

Harriet B. Rotter of Huntington Woods, attorney in the Farmington Hills law firm of Faintuck, Schwedel, Wolfram, McDonald and Zipser; Fred C. Seeley of Bloomfield Hills, vice president, Perry Drug Stores Inc.; Robert D. Shimmin of Union Lake, principal, R.D. Shimmin Inc., Realtors; Sheldon B. Smith of Waterford Township, president, Sheldon B. Smith Inc., Realtors, and William Waterman of Pontiac, attorney with Waterman, Hooe and Curry.

AT THE FIRST meeting of the board of directors, Barker was elected chairman and Kuthy vice chairman. Kuthy was Murphy's Democratic opponent for county executive in 1974.

The EDC will meet regularly the third Tuesday of each month. Its next meeting is Tuesday.

Since the EDC was established two months ago, 14 firms have applied for loans ranging from $250,000 to $15 million, according to Jeff Kaczmarek of the county planning office.



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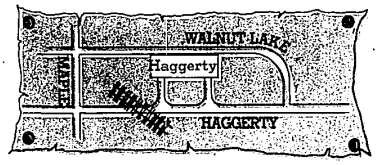

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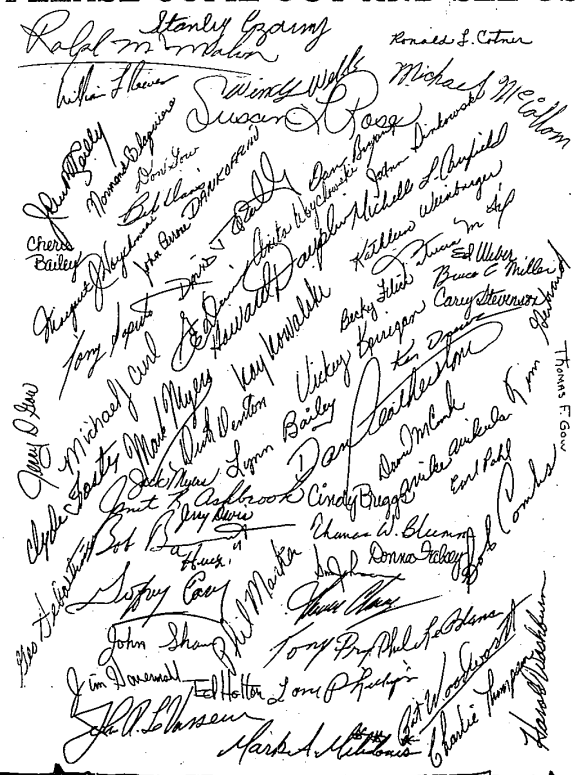

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