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Bush gets the nod

Michigan delegation gets its wish for VP

By MARY CONNELLY-SZCZESNY

It paid off. Michigan delegates to the Republican National Convention early Thursday saw George Bush, their overwhelming choice, picked by presidential nominee Ronald Reagan to be his No. 2 man on the GOP ticket. Joseph Knollenberg, Oakland County Republican chairman, said, "I'm picking Bush because I think he offers the best chance of winning in November."

An announcement from Reagan's headquarters that Bush was selected ended a wild two hours on the conven-

tion floor of Detroit's Joe Louis Arena in which stories circulated that Reagan had cut a deal with former President Gerald R. Ford.

Apparently, the deal fell through. Like two-thirds of the Michigan delegation, Knollenberg had supported Bush in the May 20 presidential primary.

Shortly after midnight, Reagan made it official by announcing that Ford "came to the conclusion he can be of more value as a former president campaigning his heart out."

The former California governor said he picked Bush, a former United Nations ambassador, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, envoy to China, Republican National Committee chairman and U.S. representative from Texas as "a candidate with great experience in government who can enthusiastically support" the entire platform.

The Michigan delegation greeted Reagan's announcement with tears of joy, hugs and shouts.

LARRY LITTMAN, a Bush delegate and 18th Congressional District chairman, favored Bush because "I really believe he (Reagan) wants to try to put together a ticket that would attract the most voters possible."

Michigan voters had supported Bush over Reagan by a 2-1 margin in the May 20 presidential preference primary. The Michigan delegation had a similar 2-1 makeup for Bush.

On the first — and final — ballot, Michiganians cast 67 votes for Reagan, 13 for Bush, one for former Ambassador Anne Armstrong and one uncommitted. Earlier in the day, Bush had released his delegates. Joseph Burdzinski, a 17th District Reagan supporter from Southfield, preferred Rep. Jack Kemp of upstate New York for vice president.

"I think Reagan wants a conservative ticket," said Burdzinski, rating Bush's chances at only 5 percent.

"I'm not considering anybody but George Bush," said Rhys Lewis of Redford Township, a 17th District Bush delegate. "It's going to be tough for me to say 'Reagan' unless I can say 'George Bush' with it."

"I think the Bush delegation from this state — which is the largest Bush delegation at the convention — feels that way to a person," said Lewis.

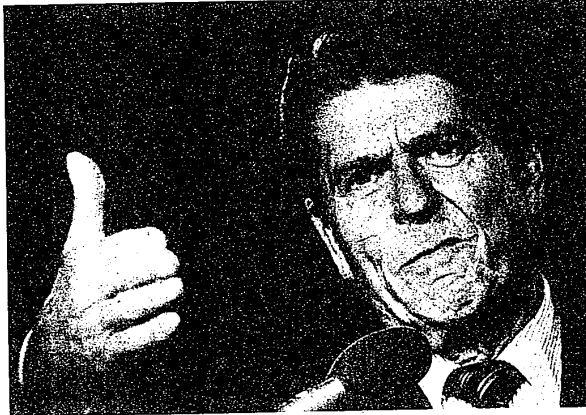
U.S. SEN. Robert Griffin said he met with Ford Wednesday afternoon to discuss the vice presidency. "My impression was he had not changed his position but was giving it further consideration," said Griffin of Ford's reluctance to join the ticket.

"All through this convention, there has been a feeling he (Ford) would make the ticket strongest. But it would be a great sacrifice for him to do this," said Griffin, who has been close to Ford for years and masterminded Ford's renomination in 1976.



He's my guy

Ronald Reagan had everyone thinking it would be Gerald Ford — until midnight last night when he pegged George Bush of Texas to be his vice presidential nominee. Throughout Wednesday evening speculation pointed toward former president Ford for the No. 2 spot, and then the news was leaked. Bush, 56, considered a jack of all trades because of his varied political background, was Reagan's staunchest foe during this year's Republican primaries. (Photos by John Stano and Art Emanuele)



Suspects head for trial in murder of Caddy owner

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

At a pre-trial examination in 47th District Court, Adrian Fleming, 18, described how she and a male companion convinced Pinus "Pete" Reif to take them for a ride in Reif's white 1973 Cadillac.

Reif's body was found on June 16 in

the middle of Tredwell street in Farmington Hills. He was dead from two gunshot wounds. The Farmington Hills gas station owner was last seen by his son-in-law and co-worker Joseph Abdou a few minutes before his death.

Abdou testified Monday before Judge Michael Hand that he saw Reif drive

away with a man and a woman in the Cadillac.

Ms. Fleming, charged with larceny over \$100, testified against her companions, Daryl D. McMillon and Herbert M. Crosby. Both are charged with first degree murder and possession of a firearm. The case was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court.

Ms. Fleming testified that she and McMillon visited the area around the gas station several times before asking for a test ride with Crosby. They followed Reif to his Farmington Manor

apartment the weekend before the slaying, she said.

Crosby and Ms. Fleming approached an elderly couple and asked for the owners of the Cadillac.

WHEN Reif walked out of his apartment he told them that the car wasn't for sale but eventually relented and said he'd asked his wife about selling it. Ms. Fleming and Crosby went to Reif's Shell station on Nine Mile and Middlebelt June 16 and asked once more about buying the car. Ms. Fleming said she asked Reif for a test drive.

When he agreed, she sat in the front passenger seat and her companion sat in the back seat behind the driver. McMillon parked in the lot of a nearby hamburger stand, waiting for the duo, according to Ms. Fleming's testimony.

By arranged signal, she handed her purse to her companion when he asked her for a cigarette. Ms. Fleming testified that the purse contained a handgun.

When her companion had the gun in his hand, she told Reif that it was a "sticker" and he wouldn't be killed if

he cooperated, according to her testimony.

As she rifled Reif's pockets, the gun went off, hitting Reif in the thigh. As he screamed and resisted the two, he was shot in the back of the head, according to Ms. Fleming's testimony.

His body was pushed out of the car and the Cadillac was driven away, she said. When the trio returned to their homes in Herman Gardens, a Detroit housing project, they changed their clothes and attempted to hide the car.

Board cool to proposal for high schools

Principals want parking lot guards

By MARY GNIEWEK

Farmington school administrators have proposed spending \$18,000 to hire attendants for student parking lots at the three district high schools to discourage class skipping, vandalism and to free principals from daily supervision.

The recommendation brought to the Farmington Board of Education Monday by Superintendent Lewis Schulman also calls for spending an additional \$19,000 to fence those lots.

The request got a cool reception from the board's Safety and Operations Committee, which will make a recommendation to the full board of education.

The board would have to approve the measure.

"High school principals and administrators have been anxious to do this for a long time," Schulman said.

"It's not oppression of students; it's a reasonable way to guarantee students they can come and go legitimately. They can feel secure about their cars."

Part of the cost would be defrayed by charging students an annual fee, possibly \$10, for a parking permit, Schulman said. Guards would be on duty from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The concept is one which has been pushed by administrators for the past five years.

BOARD COMMITTEE chairman Michael Shpiece is opposed to the idea.

"If this is to be done based on protecting students cars, my guess is that the overwhelming number of students and drivers would be opposed," Shpiece said.

Shpiece called the proposal a symbolic issue on the part of administration, one which lacks substance.

"I don't think it would have much affect," he said. "It wouldn't cut down on vandalism. In terms of pot-smoking, it's just going to shift someplace else, like the back of the school."

The district needs a uniform attendance procedure, Shpiece said. "We've got to get a better handle on

what the problem is."

Another concern about fences besides cost is what affect it would have on after-school activities, like football and track, Shpiece said.

The other two committee members James McGlinicy and Emma Makinen, are also opposed.

"I feel an attendance problem should be addressed first by other means," McGlinicy said. "I haven't heard enough justification to warrant taking this action."

Makinen is opposed to the cost of the proposal.

McGlinicy said the committee would meet soon to discuss the recommendation.



Dressing for victory

A quizzical look belies Michigan delegate Haline Frizelle's confidence in her candidate. Mrs. Frizelle, of Farmington Hills, is a longtime Reagan supporter. This is her second national convention. For her, the only mystery left in the goings on at Joe Louis Arena was the choice of a vice-presidential running mate. Look inside for more convention coverage. (Photo by John Stano)

New posts filled

Trustees were bumped in rank or reshuffled in the first organizational meeting Monday of the Farmington School Board for the 1980-81 school year.

Jack Inch was named president by his peers. Inch, a math instructor at Oakland Community College, is midway through serving a four-year term.

He served as vice president last year under Michael Shpiece. Shpiece, who was elected to his second four-year term in 1979, wasn't named to an special office this year.

Inch of Farmington was an active member of an educational ask force studying alternatives to the grade structure before being elected in 1978. The candidate who captured the most votes to win a four-year term on

the board last month, James McGlinicy, was named vice president.

McGlinicy, personnel and labor relations director at Wayne County General Hospital, was first appointed to the board in July 1978. Last year he was elected to a one-year term.

McGlinicy also resides in Farmington. Janice Rolnick was named secretary.

Mrs. Rolnick of Farmington Hills teaches a nutrition class at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus. She begins the third year of a four-year term this month.

This is her first appointment to a board office, though she as served on various committees.

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