

67th District

Joe Forbes

Democrat, incumbent, unopposed.

Jeffery H. Burss

Republican, 24, of Southfield. Welder for a conveyor manufacturer. Education: High school. Qualifications: Common sense and a desire to serve.

1. Provide a homestead exemption of \$25,000 SEV for the aged, disabled, blind, and for disabled veterans. Also, use lottery proceeds for education throughout the state in areas which are most in need. This would give a break to the aged, also provide money for schools badly in need of it.

2. Medicaid funded abortions.

3. Experiments should be made to find the energy potential of the Great Lakes. I believe this is a source of great natural clean power and funding for these experiments could also come from other states it would benefit, even Canada.

4. Tax incentives, far below what they are now, and gradually build themselves up. This would have the potential of bringing thousands of jobs into Michigan.

5. By those who would use them, I just can't see pouring millions of dollars into school districts, schools to meet minimal state educational requirement: a) 100 percent lottery revenue schools; b) percentage of state income tax-schools; c) reimbursing taxpayers costs after leaving college or university over following 20-30 years; eventually equilibrium will be reached requiring small state participation.

2. a) Reform welfare programs to eliminate waste, double dipping, eliminate 18-21 ADC children. b) Transfer senior citizens from welfare to citizen assistance, something that only a small percentage of the people would use anyway. I think van or car pooling would be more effective and economical.

6. Low interest government loans to farmers to buy farm equipment, grain, or any farm needs.

Henry G. Leeds

Republican, 56, of Southfield. Chemical-metallurgical engineer. Education: Indiana Institute of Technology; BS, CNE. Qualifications: Veteran WW II, Korean conflict; homeowner and taxpayer for 19 years.

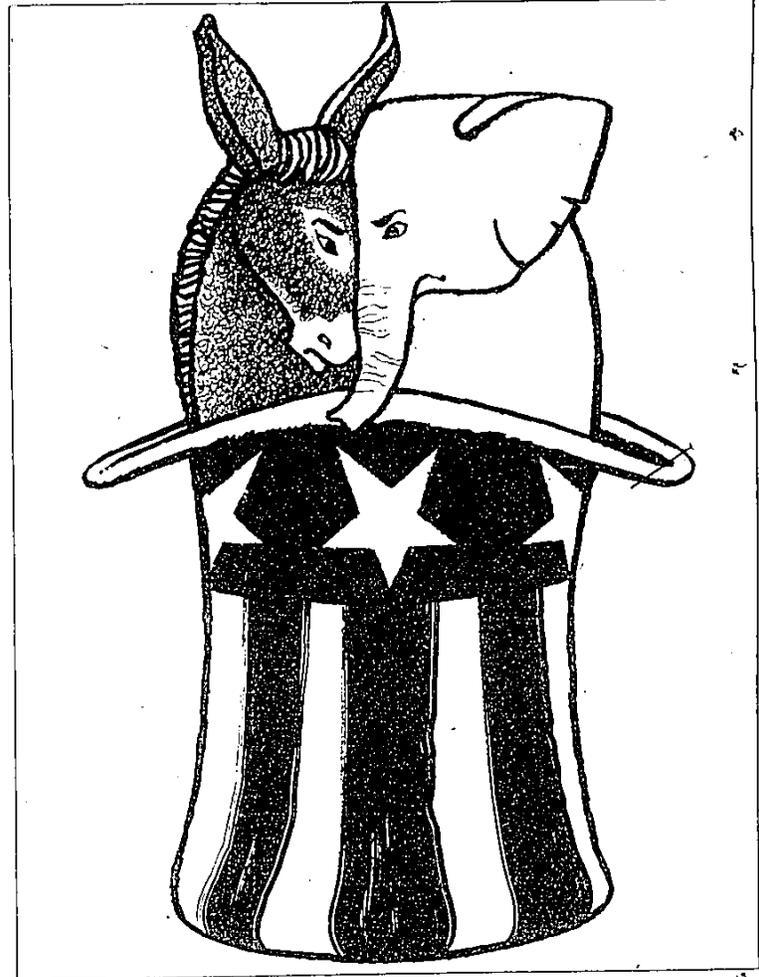
1. Two separate budgets: 1) General funding; 2) education for financing local thereby cutting administrative costs and allowing same benefits with dignity. c) Reduce new road construction, repair old roads. d) Reduce government employees. e) 10 percent across-the-board budget cuts.

3. a) Decrease gasohol tax. b) State cars, minimum of 20 mpg (city). c) Tax incentives for construction of all buildings to incorporate latest energy saving designs and equipment. d) Mass transits to include suburbs. Affordable rail or bus service linking major cities east-west, north-south. e) Utilize energy knowledge in state supported universities, colleges.

4. a) Restructure workman's compensation. b) Tax concessions and incentives, especially to diversify industry. c) Industry redevelopment bonds. d) Volunteer committee composed of state and local government, industry and union. e) Extra incentives to business to locate in urban areas of highest unemployment (Ex: Detroit/Flint) with guarantee of reasonable insurance rates.

5. Per capita basis and fares plus 1-5 percent of the corporate income tax. Amount of tax to be determined by location; less if in urban high unemployment area.

6. a) Inventory of all farmland. b) All farmland must be registered in true owner's name and citizenship. c) System of development rights which could be purchased by state. Farmland taxed as only farmland if development rights state-owned.



71st District

Sal Rocca

Democrat, incumbent, unopposed.

Doug Cruce

Republican, unopposed.

COUNTY OFFICES — PARTISAN

County executive

Oakland was the first county in Michigan to adopt a county executive form of government. Under it, the executive prepares the annual budget for approval by the Board of Commissioners, appoints and supervises heads of county departments and has veto power over actions of the Board of Commissioners.

Term of office is four years. There is a primary contest in both parties. Vote for one.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer these questions in 50 words or less:

1. Is it more feasible for Oakland County to operate its own transit system or to remain part of the regional system (SEM-TA)?

2. Are there additional services county government should be providing or existing services which could be cut?

F. Thomas Lewand

Democrat, 34, of Royal Oak. Oakland County commissioner; partner, 30-attorney business law firm. Education: University of Detroit, liberal arts; Wayne State University Law School, magna cum laude. Qualifications: Public Services Committee, Health and Human Resources Committee, County Task Force on Elderly.

1. Oakland County must remain in SEM-TA because: a) By law, only regional systems are eligible for state/federal money. We cannot afford to operate an independent system. b) A regional system is more efficient for travel between counties. c) Efficient transit is the only alternative to increasing costs and shrinking supplies of gasoline.

2. Oakland residents expect: Efficient management; our share of state/federal funds to fight common problems including toxic waste clean-up, transportation, mental health; and leadership that can deliver. Existing services could be efficiently streamlined to save money. Combine Pub-

lic Safety Division with Sheriff's Department, Department of Public Works with Drain office.

George W. Suarez

Democrat, 53, of Madison Heights. Director of purchasing, Oakland County Road Commission. Education: Cass Technical High; U.S. Navy School of Finance; attended Oakland and Wayne State Universities. Qualifications: Second term mayor, Madison Heights; city councilman, 1973-77; Jaycees outstanding citizen; Community Education Award, 1980.

1. Local officials are more responsive than regional bureaucrats to local needs. By establishing our public transit system, Oakland would be eligible for more federal and state funds than SEM-TA now spends here. Oakland could provide superior transit services sooner, at lower cost,

than SEM-TA. No new taxes would be required!

2. Provide satellite offices in southern and western Oakland County to make these services more accessible to citizens in those areas so the citizens don't have to travel to the courthouse for routine matters. Eliminate private police force which operates at the courthouse and place security under sheriff's jurisdiction.

Daniel T. Murphy

Republican, incumbent, 56, of Sylvan Lake. County executive. Education: Wayne State University, 1946-50. Qualifications: eight years county clerk; 11 years chairman, County Board of Auditors; chairman, Transportation Steering Com-

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