

Oakland Dems eye March 26 caucus votes

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Michigan Democrats will vote Saturday, March 26, in some 575 caucus locations on their preference for the presidential nomination.

Later on, district conventions and the party central committee will pick Michigan's 150 delegates to the national convention in July in Atlanta.

"Oakland County has been divided into 51 caucus zones," said Louis L. Miller, county Democratic chairman. "Voting time will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m."

STATE DEMOCRATIC chairman Richard Wiener vowed that his party's unity would be in stark contrast to January's muddled GOP state convention.

Intraparty warfare marked the state GOP's first-in-the-nation presidential delegate process, showing "you can't trust the Republicans to govern this state or this nation," Wiener said.

"I think the biggest thing (the convention) demonstrated, and that the last year has demonstrated, is that the Republicans are incapable of running their own party," he added.

"We are united internally and excellently prepared to meet the challenge of the next four years by electing a Democrat," said Wiener.

MICHIGAN'S 150-member Democratic national convention delegation will be selected in a three-tier process.

They will be divided up based on the support each candidate receives at the March 26 caucuses, when

Michigan Democrats will be able to cast straw ballots at one of 575 locations across the state and 51 in Oakland County.

At the May 7 congressional district conventions, 90 delegates will be chosen.

On May 14, the Democratic State Committee will meet to elect the remaining pledged delegates.

Wiener said he hoped the number of voters participating in the caucuses would exceed the 135,000 who voted in the 1984 delegate process.

Wiener said he expects most of the Democratic candidates to visit the state by mid-March.

VOTING IS open to registered voters and persons who will be age 18 by Nov. 9. You must present some identification — a driver's license, voter registration card or state identification card.

You may vote only in your locally designated area. List below. You will be asked to sign in with your name, address, telephone number and a statement that you are a

Democrat.

Then you will be given a ballot with the names of all qualified Democratic presidential candidates plus blank spaces for write-ins.

Ballots will be secret. They will be separated only by congressional district.

HERE ARE Democratic caucus sites for Observer & Eccentric communities in Oakland County:

Birmingham (one site) — Baldwin Library, 300 W. Merrill.

Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township precincts east of Lahser Road — Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

Bloomfield Township west of Lahser Road — Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph.

Farmington (one site) — Library, 23550 Liberty.

Farmington Hills (four sites) — (1) precincts 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13 and 14 in St. Alexander parish hall, 27823 Shawwassee; (2) precincts 3, 11, 12, 16, 18, 22 and 23 in the library at

32737 W. 12 Mile; precincts 10, 17, 19, 20, 21 and 26, also in the 12 Mile library; precincts 1, 7, 15, 24, 25 and 27 in Universalist Unitarian Church, 25301 Halstead Road.

Oakland Township with Union and Addison townships — Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road.

Rochester and Rochester Hills — Winchester Mall, 160 S. Rochester Road.

Lathrup Village and Southfield precincts 7-18 — Lathrup Municipal Hall, 27400 Southfield.

Rest of Southfield (five sites) — (1) precincts 35, 37, 42, 49 and 50 in WSU Southfield Center, 25610 W. 11 Mile; (2) precincts 3-6, 35, 41, 44 and 47 in Kingswood Place Condo Clubhouse, Evergreen south of 12 Mile

(3) precincts 32, 38-40 and 43 in John Grace Community Center, 21030 Indiana; (4) precincts 2, 29-31 and 33 in St. Michael parish, 25225 Code Street; (5) precincts 1, 19-28 and 46 in AFSM Council 25, 23851

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Southfield Township (villages) — Groves High, 20500 W. 13 Mile.

Troy (two sites) — (1) precincts 1, 2, 4-6, 11, 13, 16, 18-20, 23, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33 in Troy Community Center, 520 W. Big Beaver; (2) precincts 3, 8, 10, 12, 14, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 32, 34 and 36 in MSU Management Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road.

West Bloomfield Township (two sites) — (1) west of Orchard Lake Road in the township library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road, along with Orchard Lake, Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake; (2) east of Orchard Lake Road in Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200

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Persons with religious objections to voting on that Saturday may write for forms and ballots to: Michigan Democratic Party, 608 Townsend Lansing 48933. They must be returned by 5 p.m. on March 25 for counting on March 26.



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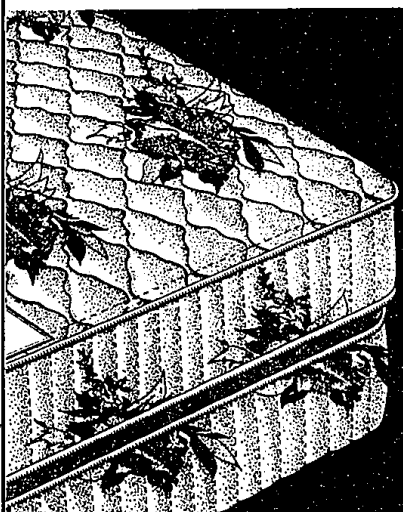
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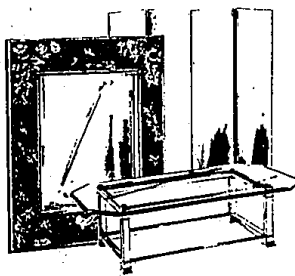
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