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3 parties qualify

Michigan voters will have their choice between three politi-cal parties in the Aug. 4 primary and four on the Nov. 3 ballet, the Secretary of State's office has announced.

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Ross Perot's Reform Party joins the Ropublican and Democratic parties in being able to pick candidates in the statewide primary. That's because Perots party received more than 5 percent of the 1996 vote.
The Libertarian Party will be back on the Nov. 5 ballot bur must pick its candidates in party conventions, at a time and place to be announced. Libertarians, dominated in recent years by gun owners groups, topped 1 percent of the 1996 vote and did not need to file petitions for a ballot spot.

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spot.

Any other party hoping to be on the Nov. 6 ballot must file a "new political party" petition with the Secretary of State by 4 p.m. July 16. Potitions need at least 30,891 signatures.

In addition, other candidates

without a political party may get on the ballet by filing qualifying petitions by 4 p.m. July 16. They may use this process to run for three state administrative board positions — governor, secretary of state and attorney general; U.S. representative; state senator and state representative; four education boards — State Board of Education, University Michigan regent, Michigan State University trustee and Waynos State University trustee and Waynos State University governor (two positions on each board); and two nonpartisan Supreme Court justice posts.

These unaffiliated candidates for statewide office must file at least 6,733 and not more than 30,891 petition signatures. Petitions must include at least 100 signatures from each of at least eight congressional districts.

signatures from each of at least eight congressional districts. For other information on any election issue, call the Secretary of State Bureau of Elections at (517) 373-2540.

stantillon grant to acquire land for approach protection.

It was among \$12.5 million in grants to 15 airport projects statewide announced by the Michigan Aeronauties Commission.

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Smietanka runs

for attorney general, is assured of a well-financed rival.

John Smietanka, the 1994 nomince, is running again and has appointed pizza magnato Tom Monoghan as his finance chairman.

chairman.
Smietanka is a former Berrien
County prosecutor and for U.S.
attorney for western Michigan.

Funds for Clinton

Clinton County Friend of the Court is in line for a \$100,000 state grant to promote access and visitation of children in rural areas. Its work will be pilot project for other counties.

Clinton got more than onfourth of the \$380,000 for 10 counties that applied for and got the grants.

The county will develop ridee and resource materials in partnership with the state-level Friend of the Court Association, according to an announcement

from Gov. John Engler. The video will focus on single parents

and paternity establishment.

Its use will be piloted in Oakland County and may be expanded to other parts of the state.

Jaye heads panel

Newly-elected state Sen. David
Jaye, R-Macomb County, will
chair a new standing committee
on Hunting, Fishing and Agriculture. The appointment was
made by Senate majority leader
Dick Posthumus of Alto.
Billing himself as "Lansing's
top hunting, fishing and gun
rights advocate," Jaye said he
would introduce a 26-bill package to promote hunting, fishing
and gun rights.

It would include allowing all
luw-abiding Michigan residents
to carry a concealed pistol and a
han on Indian gill nets as a condition of their operating casinos

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It's the year to think elections at Oakland Community College.
Candidates for three positions on the board of trustees have until 4 p.m. Monday, April 6, to file nominating potitions. They will need at least 50 and no more than 200 signatures of registered voters in the district, which is roughly contiguous with the county.
Petition forms are available from, and should be filed with Famila Dorris, deputy board socretary, in the chancellor, the chief executive files, Bec Administrative Center, 2480 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills.

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Three trustees' terms expire
this year: Anne Scott of Royal
Oak, Janice Simmons of
Rochester Hills and Judith
Wisor, board chair from West
Bloomfield. Scott and Simmons
have completed one term; Wiser,

two.

Already announced is Rochelle
Heyniger, a student from
Rochester Hills, who served a
year as the student body's board
representative. Heyniger has
launched a high-profile cam-

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Major "deferred maintenance"
projects will show up on three
campuses after the board on Jan.
26 approved, 7-0, authority for
its construction management
company to make design and
construction contracts.
Total value of the contracts is
estimated at \$5.24 million.
Funds will come from the special
property tax of 0.8 mills for
seven years approved by voters

in mid-1995.

Largest is \$3.88 million for renovation of Building A on the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Work will include bringing it up to codes (Americans with Disabilities Act and Indoor Air Quality Act), "flexible and multiple-use space to support enthusiastic learning with in enhanced academic courses and programs," according to an administration memo.

Some 29,450 square foot — a figure Chancellor Richard Thompson said compares favorably to similar area projects.

Other Orchard Ridge projects:

Renovation of toilet rooms in Building M to comply with barrier-free design law and the federal ADA—\$82,600.

Mechanical pipe insulation reinsulation to remove asbestos in Building F—\$304,400.

Electrical improvements for two computer rooms—\$99,500.

The Royal Oak Campus will get roof replacements to prevent water damage—\$795,100.

"Remedial repair work is not feasible and will not extend the life

of the roofs," said the administration memo. Covered will be. Buildings A, B, C, D and E and the powerhouse. Per-foot cost is estimated at \$7.

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The criminal justice building (J) on the Auburn Hills Campus will get digital temperature controls estimated at \$82,300.

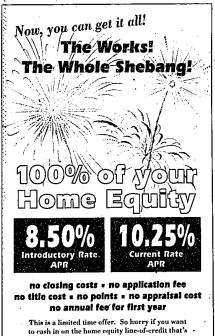
Environmental jobs

The board also approved two absets abstement contracts for the Highland Lakes Campus, Union Lake.

HBC, Inc., will do the work in the Highland Hall crawl space (\$33,000) and in High Oaks Hall (\$44,300).

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Faculty member Sarah Keidan, of the Orchard Ridge economics and political science department, has been reassigned until Aug. 30 as interim dean for academic and student services.
Chancellor Richard Thompson said she will fill in for David Dodge, who is working on a technology project. By juggling existing staff. Thompson said, the college won't need new hires.



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