

# Suburbs back Ford and Udall

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Oakland County applied a big set of brakes to the Jimmy Carter presidential bandwagon, giving U.S. Rep. Morris Udall a 2-1 victory in Tuesday's Democratic primary.

President Gerald R. Ford won by a similar margin over conservative challenger Ronald Reagan in the Republican primary by topping the 25 per cent mark in most areas. Reagan will be entitled to one of the three national convention delegates coming from each of the local congressional districts.

Carter, front-runner nationally in the presidential sweepstakes, was holding a razor-thin margin in Michigan statewide, thanks in part to strong support from Detroit Mayor Coleman Young.

But suburbs in both Oakland and Wayne counties swung strongly into the liberal Udall's camp.

FORD'S MARGIN was fairly uniform all over the county, but was especially big in the City of Birmingham, which he visited a week ago. He carried Birmingham by a 4.2 to 1 margin.

In the Observer & Eccentric area, Ford carried every city and township in the Republican tally and ran behind a Democratic candidate in only one place.

That was the City of Southfield, where Ford got 5,297 to Udall's 8,201.

What will be significant in the totals by congressional district because national convention delegates will be parceled out on that basis. A candidate getting 25 per cent will get one GOP delegate; 50 per cent, two; and 75 per cent, all three.

SOUTHFIELD was the most enthusiastic Udall territory, giving the Arizona congressman a 57 to 1 margin over the former Georgia governor.

Udall's scholarly liberalism apparently appealed to the suburbs. What was unknown was how much Young's support of Carter created a backlash or propensity vote in the suburbs. Some political pros speculated that rank-and-file workers turned to underdog Udall after most labor leaders endorsed Carter.

Other Udall bastions were West Bloomfield Township, where he got 34 votes to Carter's 1; Southfield Township (the villages of Franklin, Bingham and Beverly), 34 to 1; and Birmingham, 34 to 1.

A relatively weak spot was Orchard Lake, where Udall still managed to get 125 votes for every vote of Carter's.

In neighboring Wayne County, only Detroit and Hamtramck supported Carter. Other suburbs all backed Udall, though not as strongly as in Oakland County.

OAKLAND VOTERS preferred the Republican primary, 127,809 to 94,851 Democratic votes.

This could represent some crossover of Democrats into the Reagan column, but it could also represent a tendency of Republican voters to turn out for primaries more strongly than Democrats.

With virtually complete results, the Oakland clerk's office Wednesday reported these totals:

Republican	Democrat
Ford	83,701
Reagan	42,298
Uncommitted	1,940
Democrat	
Udall	8,212
Carter	25,135
Wallace	1,880
Jackson	1,790
Uncommitted	1,544
McCormack	790
Shivers	528
Harris	305

# County parks millage wins with 58% of vote

Some 35,000 Oakland County voters ignored the question, but the parks millage proposal still managed to get 60 per cent support among those who voted on it.

The proposal to renew the quarter-mill property tax for five years was approved 102,798 to 73,237 Tuesday, assuring the county parks commission an average of \$10 million a year for land acquisition and development.

Only two communities in the Observer & Eccentric circulation area failed to give the proposal a majority.

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP approved it 712 to 805 Orchard Lake, where a successful recall proposal was also on the ballot, went 314 to 223 against the parks millage.

In past campaigns, the parks millage passed easily, but this year an opposition group called Citizens Against Parks Expansion (CAPE) was formed in Addison Township.

It attempted to make its influence felt countryside in the closing week of the campaign. But except for some northern areas, most communities supported the renewal.

A total of 178,037 voters cast ballots on the parks question compared to 111,880 in both parties' presidential primaries. Such a falloff is common when voters go from a presidential race to a county proposition.

MOST ENTHUSIASTIC supporters were in Birmingham, which gave it 66 per cent, followed by Bloomfield Hills at 67.3 per cent.

In Bloomfield Township, 67.7 per cent liked it; in the City of Southfield, 66.4; Troy, 64.1; and Southfield Township, 61.5.

The City of Farmington gave 60 per cent support and Farmington Hills 58.8.

Rochester liked it to the tune of 57.9 per cent and Avon Township 58.8 per cent.

# Bottle-ban bill petitions ready

Area residents who feel strongly about the move to ban throwaway bottles and cans may obtain petitions at local Frank's Nursery stores to put the issue on the November ballot.

The petition drive was launched by Michigan United Conservation Clubs, which hopes to obtain 200,000 signatures by June 1.

If the organization succeeds, a bill that would ban the sale of non-returnable beer and soft drink containers would be placed on the referendum for the Nov. 2 election.

According to the MUCC, the drive is an attempt to help reduce litter and conserve energy and metals used in the production of throwaway containers.

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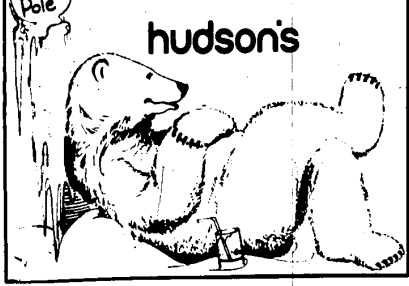
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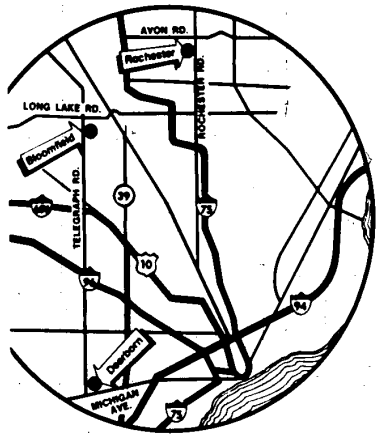
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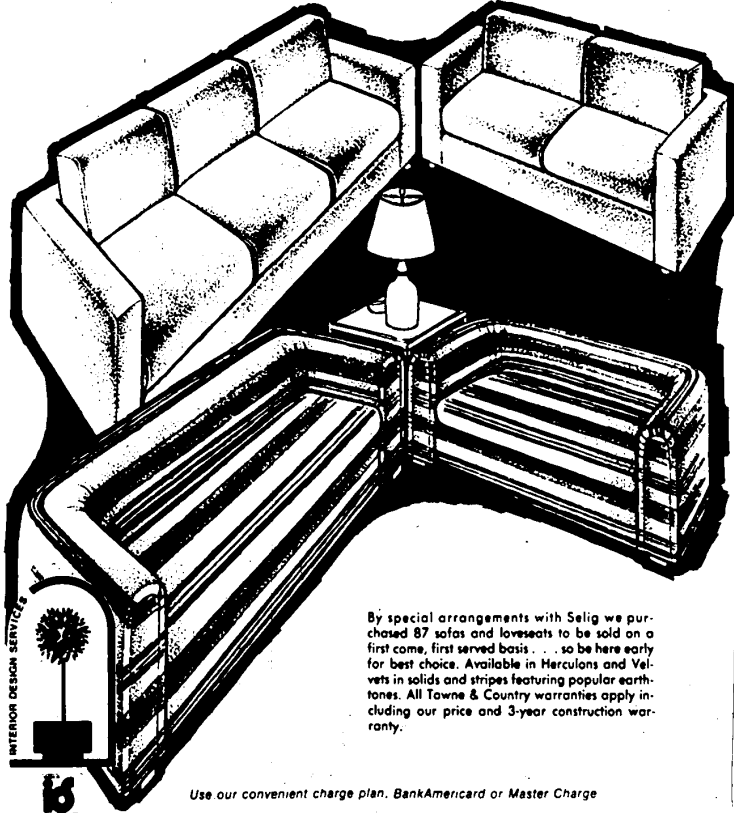
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