

Ross speaks at Clinton's summit

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Doug Ross is no stranger to presenting his ideas on government and economics before policy makers. And he's no stranger to President-elect Bill Clinton.

The Farmington Hills residents and former state senator put those experiences to use as he spoke before more than 300 attending Clinton's economic summit in Little Rock, Ark., earlier this week.

Ross, who has written extensively on entrepreneurial government, is serving as senior advisor on Clinton's domestic policy transition team. His ideas are largely reflected in Clinton's economic policy, called "Mandate for Change."

While serving as an aid to U.S. Sen. Joe Tyding of Maryland in the late 1960s, Ross became involved with the Democratic Lead-



Doug Ross
ership Council. He served as its chairman 1989-91.
"Working with the DLC, I met

the governor from the small state of Arkansas by the name of Bill Clinton," Ross said. "I know him well. I helped with his Michigan primary campaign and with the national campaign."

Author David Osborne, who will join Ross during his presentation, has written about Ross's ideas in both "Laboratories of Democracy," and "Reinventing Government."

Ross, who now serves as president of Michigan Futuro Inc., a citizen organization funded by corporate donations and foundation money, said he won't be a permanent part of the Clinton administration, but hopes to influence economic policy.

"He (Clinton) has this challenge to find new and different ways to get this economy going and yet find a consensus," Ross said.

As a former director of the

Michigan Department of Commerce, former state senator and consultant to several national and state groups and associations that work with both government and business, Ross knows about the political prospects of getting new economic ideas implemented by government. And so far, Clinton has made some good decisions, Ross said.

"He has gotten people who can help him get his program implemented, and he has recruited deficit 'hawks' (those who place the highest priority on deficit reduction)."

And maybe the next president has surrounded himself with some experienced economic advisors, including Ross, a seasoned hand in economic development.

"This presentation (at the economic summit) is about how to implement an economic strategy," Ross said.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

FALSE ALARM

A 12-year-old Dunckel Middle School student was suspended Dec. 11 for eight days after he admitted pulling a fire alarm. School officials told police that

after talking to students, the boy admitted he had pulled the alarm.

ARRESTS

Two Farmington Hills men were arrested Dec. 12 for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. Police were called to a Bunker Hill residence and saw one of the men rolling a cigarette. After an inquiry and search, police found the marijuana in the house.

In unrelated incidents, a 29-year-old Detroit woman was arrested Dec. 14 after Hills police stopped her for an expired license plate. The woman was driving a 1976 Outback Olds on Grand River. She had two misdemeanor warrants out of Detroit and Hamtramck, and was driving with a suspended license.

A 21-year-old Redford man was arrested on a civil warrant out of

Wayne County and for driving with a suspended license after Hills police stopped him on Grand River for driving with a visual obstruction.

THEFTS

A Hills woman reported Dec. 14 that \$1,000 worth of jewelry had been stolen from her purse while she was in Boisfort Hospital. In an unrelated incident, a Wyndham resident reported Dec. 14 that a \$300 cordless telephone, a \$250 knife set and \$192 worth of compact discs were taken from his home.

ATTEMPTED HIT

A Wixom man told Farmington police that two women in a car tried to "run him down" during the early morning of Dec. 9. The man, a security guard at Bob Saks Olds, said that he was returning from purchasing coffee at the Mobil Gas Station when the car swerved toward him while he waited in the curb lane for the car to pass.

Farmington Hills retiree wins Cash 5

A 47-year-old retired mechanic from Farmington Hills said he did a handstand when he realized he had won the \$100,000 "Cash 5" top prize in the Dec. 11 Michigan

Lottery drawing. The winner, who requested anonymity, has been a regular lottery player for 20 years. He said he purchased his "easy pick"

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