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Windfall for city expected after census

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Sometime after the Nov. 5 election, Novi should have a hefty check in the mail from the State of Michigan.

While it earlier appeared that the city would not get its full cut of additional state shared revenues based on the recent mid-decade census, State Senator Bill Bullard, R-Milford, recently reported to the city that new legislation should make good the shortfall.

With its 22.8 percent growth in population, Novi expected to get another \$530,000 annually. Instead, Lansing originally appropriated only \$84,000 for the city, alarming local officials. But another \$445,000 is

expected to be on the way, Bullard noted.

The new count found Novi has 40,534 citizens, 7,536 more than six years ago. In the 1980 census, as completed by the U.S. government, Novi had 32,998 residents.

While Novi had the largest population boom in Oakland County, it didn't take the lead in Michigan. That honor went to Lenox Township in Macomb County, which saw its population soar by 42 percent over those five years.

To be eligible for an increase in the state shared revenues, a local unit of government must show a growth rate of 15 percent or better. Statewide, 31 municipalities qualify and together will receive \$2.9 million in additional state funding.

Dealership wins nod from planners

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Welcome to Novi ... wanna buy a Mercedes? You won't have to go far to test drive a luxury car if a Detroit area man chooses to relocate his Detroit Mercedes-Benz dealership on the corner of Haggerty and Grand River Avenue.

Estate Motors, LTD. of West Bloomfield, petitioned the Novi Planning Commission Oct. 16 for a rezoning that would allow the company to build a showroom and attach it onto the already existing Northwest Industries building on the property.

"We treat people fairly and become a part of the city," explained Charles Ghesquire, owner of Estate Motors. He and his two sons run a Cadillac dealership in Rochester and a Mercedes dealership in Bloomfield Hills.

Agreeing the showroom would make a unique focal point to the entrance of the city, the commission unanimously granted a rezoning. Estate Motors was successful, they agreed, in proving the current zoning, which would allow light industrial development, won't be best for the city and isn't physically feasible on the narrow parcel of land.

The rezoning recommendation will go onto the City Council for final approval. Ghesquire said he is prepared to present a site plan within 30 days.

However, with the rezoning to a general business district, should plans for the dealership fall through, property owners could build fast food restaurant, retail

"It will add a wonderful show place ... to a very busy corner."

Allie Fayz
Pheasant Run Plaza manager

development, car wash or a auto-service shop.

Estate Motors also has petitioned Farmington Hills for a rezoning of the nearby junkyard for "development of a new and used car sales facility," according to Brandon Rogers, city consultant for Novi.

Ghesquire, last week, said "the Farmington site was our second choice. But now that we have the zoning in Novi we're set."

The dealership plan is not set in stone. No official plans were presented to the commission, but members thought the location was particularly good, citing the proximity of nearby auto dealerships across and down Haggerty.

Commissioner Eda Weddington said her one concern is that the dealership won't come to fruition and the city may get an "undesirable" business on the site.

"But it's a risk I'm willing to take at this point," she said.

The current cabinet-making business in the building would relocate to make room for the dealership's service center and storage. The purchase of the land also includes the Keford Collision property and a dentist's office.

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Photo by HAL GOULD

An eye for quality

Piers Anthony Weymouth Wedgewood, the Lord Wedgewood of Barlaston, breezed through Novi on Oct. 25, stopping at Heslop's at Novi Town Center to promote the stoneware and

bone china bearing the family name. Wedgewood was founded by his ancestor Josiah Wedgewood in 1759. Local devotees had the opportunity to take tea with his lordship.

Bond issues highlight ballot

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Four things will be asked of Novi voters on Nov. 5.

City Clerk Tomni Bartholomew is requesting patience, because a whopping 75 percent turnout is anticipated and lines at the polls could be long.

And Novi officials are asking voters to determine the fate of three local bond issues on the ballot.

The largest by far of the local



ballot questions is a \$17.1 million bond proposal for road construc-

tion. In addition, voters are asked to approve a \$2.5 million bond proposal for renovations to the Novi Police Department building and a \$2.225 million bond issue for a replacement Novi Fire Department station and training center.

For the owner of a \$100,000 home, with a state equalized valuation of \$50,000, the 0.86 road bond millage would add \$43 per year to the tax bill, the 0.11 fire bond millage, \$5.50 and the 0.13

police bond millage, \$6.50. If all three passed, that would be a tax increase of \$55 each year. This figure is expected go down as the city develops and new property owners join in to pay back the bond and interest rates. City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

One mill is a \$1 tax per each \$1,000 of a property's SEV. SEV is approximately one-half of mar-

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Voters get ready for Nov. 5 election

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The talking's almost done, the races almost run. Now, Novi, it's up to you this election day.

Voters across America will go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 5 to participate in the democratic process, casting ballots for everything from President to a ballot proposal on bingo gaming.

The key votes of local interest include Novi bond proposals for road improvements, additions and renovations to police headquarters and one for building a new fire station and firefighter training facility.

Headlining the ballot, of course, will be the battle for the White House. Voters will also make their choices for the U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress, as well as our representatives to the Michigan House of Representatives and a slew of Oakland County offices.

The polls will be open on election day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are still available; contact city election Clerk Tomni Bartholomew at 347-0456.

Polling locations include:
• Precinct 1: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Nine Mile.
• Precinct 2: Meadowbrook Congregational Church, Meadow-

brook Road.

• Precinct 3: Village Oaks Elementary, Willowbrook Road.

• Precinct 4: Novi United Methodist Church, Ten Mile.

• Precinct 5: Orchard Hills Elementary, Quince Road.

• Precinct 6: Holy Family Catholic Church, Meadowbrook Road.

• Precinct 7: Fire Station No. One, Grand River Avenue.

• Precinct 8: Hickory Woods Elementary, Decker Road.

• Precinct 9: The Grand Court Novi (Novi Village), West Road.

• Precinct 10: Beachwalk Apartments clubhouse, Beachwalk

Drive.

• Precinct 11: Novi Christian School, Eleven Mile.

• Precinct 12: Novi Middle School, Taft Road.

• Precinct 13: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, Ten Mile.

• Precinct 14: Novi High School auditorium, Taft Road.

• Precinct 15: Novi Civic Center, Ten Mile.

• Precinct 16: Thornton Creek Elementary, Nine Mile.

• Precinct 17: Church of the Holy Cross, Ten Mile.

Novi honors couples married for 50 years

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Sometimes going against your own inclinations can be a good thing.

At least it was for Monica Fisher, 86, who's been married to her husband, Edward, 94, for 60 years. He was the widower next-door.

"My neighbor said 'go over and see him, he's lonely,'" she said. "When I first met him, he was short. My idea was tall and handsome."

"Love grows on a person. After two years, we got married ... After 60 years, you get so you know each other."

Sunday, the City of Novi threw its second annual Golden Anniversary Celebration for local couples who have been married for 50 years or more. The event at

the historic Novi Township Hall honored the devotion of 12 couples, with the Fishers and Edgar and Emma Clays setting the record for the longest time married. Both couples tied the knot in 1936.

Dr. Gary Elmer, of the First Baptist Church of Novi, gave the invocation and Mayor Kathleen McAllen recognized the husbands and wives for their contribution to family stability in the city. Each was presented with a certificate by the mayor.

An award for the most unusual reason for getting together was not offered by the city. But if such a category existed, it would have gone to Edward and Lucille Lesniak, who found they shared similar tastes.

"I drove Lucille and her mother

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Photo by SUE SPILLANE

Adele and Fred Plotinski celebrate their 50th at Old Town Hall.

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A special section ...



Driver pulls pistol on motorist

Police News

A Commerce woman who was unable to let a fellow driver into her lane faced an angry man, Oct. 19, as he pulled a black semi-automatic pistol on her as she stopped alongside her car.

Police said the woman was heading to Twelve Oaks Mall on Twelve Mile Road when a white Honda tried to cut in front of her. She was unable to let him in and he became angry, following her into the parking lot and pulling along side.

When she saw the weapon she ducked and he drove away. She tried to call the police but the Honda sped away and followed her instead. Unable to lose the Honda, the woman parked and ran into Hudson's to find security.

Police attempted to make contact with the registered owner of the Honda, a Warren woman, but was unsuccessful.

Police News

Police spoke to the teens legal guardian who agreed to discipline the young man. The matter is still under investigation.

THE MAD CROWD
An angry group of women gathered around a Jeep Cherokee parked outside a town center store, demanding to know why an infant was left alone inside the vehicle, Oct. 11.

Police said the mob yelled at the woman who came out of the store a short time later, carrying two bags of merchandise from T.J. Maxx. She got in her vehicle and left.

Police made contact with the Nov woman, who said she had left the child in the car for approximately two to four minutes while she went to retrieve the rest of her purchases.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency calls of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Oct. 27. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

- MONDAY, OCT. 21**
Medical, 21225 Glen Haven Court, 2:01 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 1917 Austin, 9:28 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43407 Grand River, 3:18 p.m., Squad 1.
Service, 241 Wainwright, 3:26 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 44785 North Hills, 5:58 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41458 Cornell, 7 p.m., Squad 2.
- TUESDAY, OCT. 22**
Medical, 30965 Winding Trail, 8:37 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 42198 Roscommon, 8:59 a.m., Squad 3.
Stand by, Country Place, 3:02 p.m., Response 510.
Medical, Hudson's and Twelve Mile, 3:51 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 31276 Spring Lake, 3:51 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:04 p.m., Squad 2.
- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23**
Investigation, 24603 Bashant, 12:32 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 30950 Westgate, 1:44 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22335 Chelsea Lane, 4:33 a.m., Squad 3.
Wire down, Thirteen Mile and Meadowbrook, 7:42 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 24360 Novi Road, 12:52 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 1986 Austin, 3:15 p.m., Squad 2.
Service, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 6:27 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 1917 Austin, 8:29 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 23575 Broken Stone, 9:42 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 10:03 p.m., Squad 1.
- THURSDAY, OCT. 24**
Investigation, 25855 Laramie.

Resident hosts stop smoking sessions

Join Novi resident Dr. Arthur Weaver, Nov. 8, 11, 15 and 19 at Novi Meadows School, for his seven-day stop smoking program.

"We work on exercise and diet and a few other things as well. If you can change your lifestyle to a better lifestyle it's much more successful than just pulling the cigarette out," said Weaver.

The Breathe-Free Stop Smoking Program focuses on quitting while attaining other lifestyle changes to make the new habit, not smoking, stick.

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Weaver is affiliated with Harper, Hutzel, Detroit Receiving and Grace Hospitals in Detroit.

"As a surgeon, especially a cancer surgeon, I felt people ought to be warned. They didn't have the foggiest idea of what they were doing to themselves," Weaver explained.

The sessions, funded by donations, begin at 7:30 p.m. in the media center.

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Flasher investigated by police

Novi Police are investigating a 38-year-old Novi man for exposing himself on numerous occasions to his neighbors.

Police allege the man has a habit of standing at his front window either naked or scantily clad when one of the two teenagers across the street are outside the home.

He reportedly told police it's because he can see the girls changing their clothes in their bedroom windows.

"Hey, I'm a single male, seeing that is what sets me off," he said.

The actions have the girls' family frightened, according to police, and afraid for their safety.

The first incident reportedly happened nearly a month ago as the two girls, age 15 and 17, left for school at about 7 a.m. As they walked down the driveway to their

car, parked near the man's home they heard him yell "Come here girls" and looked to see where he was.

What they saw was the man in his front window wearing only a "skinny" pair of black underwear. They immediately left, although he continued to call for them, according to the report.

The latest incident reportedly occurred Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. as one of the girls and a friend exited the home. As they got in the car and turned the vehicle around in the man's driveway, the girls said they saw him naked in a lighted room, masturbating.

The girls drove to a local restaurant where their parents were dining and the immediately came home to call police.

While the man reportedly told

Police "I hope you can understand I'm embarrassed about this," he denied having fondled himself in the window.

According to the police report, he said he first noticed the girls changing in their rooms while watching from his spare bedroom for someone he thought was doing "lewd jobs" in front of his home. He said he has seen them standing in their rooms nude.

He told the officers they should talk to the parents because "they shouldn't be allowing the girls to do that."

Officers told him to stay away from the family and that he wasn't under arrest. However, the case has been turned over to Oakland County prosecutors for review.

Volunteers to be protected from suits

Nonprofit organizations' volunteer directors and officers are protected from lawsuits under legislation signed last week.

Public Act 397, sponsored by state Rep. Jan Dolan, allows nonprofit organizations to assume the liability of volunteer officers and directors. The new statute extends existing law which protects nonprofit directors from liability.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of most nonprofit groups," said Dolan, R-Farmington Hills. "Those

who help such causes as neighborhood organizations, charitable institutions or scouting should not have to live in fear of being sued."

The law permits nonprofit organizations to include in their articles of incorporation a provision to assume liability for all acts or omissions of volunteers. It does not extinguish a volunteer's liability, but merely transfers it to the corporation. Volunteers remain liable if they acted outside the scope of their duties.

A 1995 incident in Farmington Hills prompted the bill. An unincorporated homeowners association of residents living on a natural beauty road sought and received a zoning change to prevent threatened overdevelopment. A developer sued the city and each member of the neighborhood association.

"The suit was voluntarily dismissed against the residents, but only after they lost time and money and suffered great emotional distress," Dolan said.

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HEALTH NOTE
 by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

CHILLING PROSPECTS

While most people know to grab for an ice bag after twisting an ankle or experiencing other types of sprains, many are not aware that ice should only be applied to the injury site for a limited period of time. According to researchers at the University of Chicago's Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation Medicine Center, icing an injury for exactly 25 minutes is the optimum time for quickest healing. When researchers applied ice to the knees of volunteers for various amounts of time, they found that the healing effect began at 5 minutes and reached a peak at 25 minutes. During this time, there is a decrease in blood flow, which reduces swelling (ling longer than 30 minutes posed the danger of damage to tissue and nerves). At Northville Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Inc., our staff of well educated, experienced and highly motivated professionals specialize in all phases of rehabilitation care. Since 1965, we have been committed to helping patients reach their individual treatment goals. A certified Medicare and Blue Cross rehabilitation agency, we welcome all insurance plans, worker's compensation, and automobile insurance. You will find us at 332 E. Main Street, Suite A. To schedule a consultation, call 349-3816.

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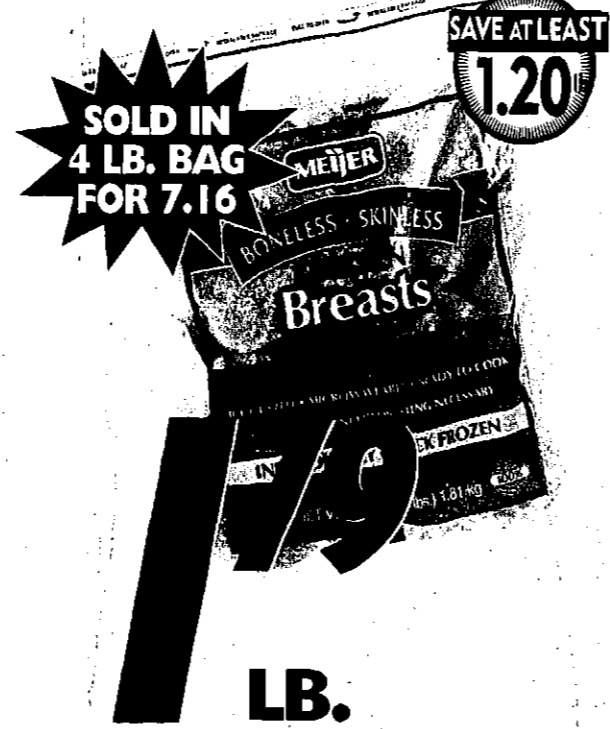


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A rundown of items on ballot

Novi voters will head to the polls five days from now to cast their votes for everything from U.S. President to a local police bond proposal. Here's a breakdown of everything on the Nov. 5 ballot:

- President and Vice-President.
- U.S. Senator from Michigan.
- U.S. Congressional rep, 11th District.
- Michigan House rep, 36th District (full term).
- Michigan House rep, 39th District (partial term).
- County executive, prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, treasurer and drain commissioner.
- County commissioner, 17th District.
- Two seats on the state board of education.
- Two seats on the board of regents of U of M.
- Two seats on the board of trustees of MSU.
- Two seats on the board of governors of WSL.
- Two seats on the state Supreme Court.
- Three seats on the 2nd District Court of Appeals.
- Six seats on the 6th Circuit Court.
- One seat on the Probate Court.
- Judge of the 52-1 District Court.
- No less than six state ballot proposals: A, B, C, D, E and G.
- Local bond proposals for road improvements, police headquarters additions and improvements and for construction of a new fire station and fire department training facility.

State rankings show reps are polarized

State representatives in Michigan were more polarized this year than usual, according to ratings from three organizations.

This was particularly true of western Oakland County and Livingston County lawmakers. Republicans scored low on liberal scales, Democrats high.

The most comprehensive rating was done by Inside Michigan Politics, a Lansing political newsletter edited by former Republican legislator Bill Ballenger. In its system, a perfect conservative voting record received a zero, a perfect liberal 100.

BP considered 29 roll call votes on everything from bills to conference reports to amendments. For example, it considered a bill to tighten requirements for written consent for payroll deductions to unions — favored by liberals, opposed by conservatives. A vote to lower the minimum age for waiving juveniles to adult courts was considered conservative; a vote against liberal.

Ballenger said state representatives were more polarized than usual this year because of Republicans' razor-thin (56-54) control of the House for the first time in three decades. BP made the same finding as this newspaper did in the school reform bills — that freshmen in each party were either more conservative or more liberal than senior members.

BP said Democrats had an overall score of 69, Republicans 9. Here is how area lawmakers were rated:

Willis Bullard (now a senator), R-Milford, zero.
Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston, 3.
Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, 15.
Tom Middleton, R-Orionville, 11.
Susan Munsell, R-Howell, 12.5.
Kirk Proff, D-Ypsilanti, 67.

On the Michigan Chamber of Commerce's Index, 100 was a perfect pro-business score. The chamber used 23 roll calls, three of them on Senate Bill 344, a reform of product liability laws that, in general, would make it tougher to sue manufacturers. The chamber also included cuts in the single business tax and repeal of the intangibles tax.

Area lawmakers' rankings: Bullard, 95; Gustafson, 91; Law, 95; Middleton, 91; Munsell, 95; and Proff, 30.

Clean Water Action, a Democratic-leaning environmental group, generally deplored the Legislature's performance. CWA also noted the House was "dramatically split along party lines." Democrats averaging 81 percent, Republicans 4.

The results "emphasize business interest over environmental protection, allow state environmental agencies to conduct business behind closed doors without public accountability, dump cleanup costs for pollution caused by known polluters on the state's taxpayers, and encourage polluters to keep secret from communities information about environmental crimes they have committed."

Here is how it ranked area lawmakers:
Bullard and Munsell, 13.
Gustafson, Law and Middleton, zero. Proff, 75.

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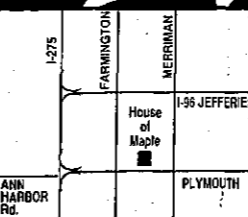
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Candidates would ease up on Dr. Death, pleas

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

As Oakland County prosecutor, Republican Dave Gorcyca would cease trying to prosecute Dr. Jack Kevorkian for assisting suicides until the Legislature passed a new law. Democrat Steve Kaplan also would quit chasing "Dr. Death" but prefers to regulate rather than outlaw assisting suicide.

Both would do more plea-bargaining than outgoing prosecutor Richard Thompson, but Gorcyca would refuse to bargain a longer list of offenses than Kaplan.

Kaplan, 43, of West Bloomfield, says he has better credentials — 10 years in the Macomb prosecutor's office versus Gorcyca's three in Oakland; 160 jury trials versus Gorcyca's six; longer service in local government; 40 articles in legal journals and 14 homicide trials versus none for Gorcyca.

But it was Gorcyca who in the Aug. 6 Republican primary toppled Thompson after eight contentious years as a hard-nosed prosecutor. Gorcyca is seeking to dress himself in the "victim's advocate" cloak that L. Brooks Patterson wore in 1973-88.

They were interviewed Sunday on Channel 7's "Spotlight on News" program. A condensed transcript:

Q. Our outspoken photographer asks, "When the hell is the government going to quit picking on Jack Kevorkian?"

Kaplan (D): "It depends on who is prosecutor. Juries will not convict Dr. Kevorkian. It's futile to spend government resource on it."

Gorcyca (R): "It's a legislative issue, not a prosecutorial issue."

Q. That's interesting because Brooks Patterson (now county executive) said Thompson should have asked for a better law.

Would you want a better law to prosecute assisted suicide, or just legalize and regulate it?

Gorcyca (R): "I'm not going to take a position on it. It's the prosecutor's function to enforce the law, not make it. There are two legislative bills pending — one to make it a four-year felony, to ban assisted suicide; the other to place it on the ballot or legalize it. I will enforce whatever law the Legislature enacts."

Kaplan (D): "Since juries will not convict Dr. Kevorkian, it's futile to have such a law making assisted suicide illegal. The smart, prudent thing to do is regulate the issue so a probate judge makes the determination whether a patient is terminally ill and qualifies for assisted suicide."

Q. Let's say you're prosecutor and get a call at 11 at night that someone has seen Dr. Kevorkian go into a hotel with an elderly patient. What are you going to do? Call police?

Kaplan (D): "It's generally a police function. . . I don't think so (call the police) because this is a personal issue between patient and physician. There's no law prohibiting physician-assisted suicide. I don't consider the common (case) law controlling here."

Gorcyca (R): "We ought to send somebody to investigate but not break down doors. Contrary to Mr. Kaplan's opinion, the common law is the law, whether we like it or not."

Q. Oakland has been known for not plea-bargaining, but in Macomb they're more lenient. If you're elected Oakland prosecutor, is there a list of crimes you would not plea-bargain?

Kaplan (D): "As to violent crime, no plea bargains, no concessions, no leniency. That's the general rule. There are two instances where I would try to resolve it before trial."

"One would be if there's a weakness in the case, such as a witness has died or recanted, or evidence has been lost. There, a half-loaf is better than none. Second, if two or more people are involved in an offense, but we need the lesser person's testimony to convict the trigger man."

Gorcyca (R): "Certainly not capital crimes (where death has resulted). I will continue the Brooks Patterson style; I'll be more pragmatic (than Thompson). I don't believe in a revolving door of justice or bargaining away victims' rights."

"I will give the assistant prosecutors more discretion where a victim recants or there's an adverse evidentiary ruling. . . but only if the victim consents and the officer in charge agrees to the plea bargain."

Q. The Thompson administration has appealed more cases to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court than all the other 82 prosecutors combined. Will you continue the policy of appealing a large number of cases?

Gorcyca (R): "It's difficult to make a general rule. If I believe the judge made an erroneous ruling, I'll pursue it as long as neces-

sary because the victim is the one forgotten."

Kaplan (D): "There are limited resources. The following types should be appealed: 1) if it involves a significant issue to the state, where maybe new law has to be made; 2) if it's an important case that we want reinstated. We want the victim's rights reinstated."

Q. The Legislature has been giving prosecutors more and more leeway in moving juvenile cases out of probate court and into adult circuit court. Is that a healthy trend?

Kaplan (D): "I think it is. We can prosecute a 14-, 15- or 16-year-old as an adult without a hearing in probate court which could last weeks."

Gorcyca (R): "I think so. We have charge juveniles with adult crimes with adult time. There are 110 gangs in 20 Oakland communities."

Q. (Off camera) The prosecutor serves on the county gun board to decide who gets concealed weapons permits. Some sheriffs take the position that no one but police officers should get a permit. What is your view?

Kaplan (D): "Any adult who has no restraining order and meets the qualifications should be eligible. They should take 12 hours of instruction in handling a weapon."

Gorcyca (R): "As long as you meet the state requirements, I support the second amendment (right to bear arms). You should have training."

Race for supreme court gets savage

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court can't campaign much, but this year other political interests are doing the fighting for them.

The result is a series of attack ads as savage as in a congressional race. The issues are liability lawsuits and money.

The Supreme Court itself, in 1974, wrote highly restrictive canons of conduct. Says Canon 7: "A candidate, including an incumbent judge, for a judicial office . . . should not make pledges or promises of conduct in office other than the faithful and impartial performance of the duties of office."

The result has been wooden campaigns between candidates in black suits or robes, all stressing fairness and experience. Voters are so poorly informed that one-third never bother voting for Supreme Court, and only about 7 percent can even identify a justice in a non-election year.

This year the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, aided by defendant corporations, is doing its best to help Republican nominees, Chief Justice James Brickley, 67, of Traverse City, and Oakland Circuit Judge Hilda Gage, 57.

The Michigan Association of Trial Lawyers and organized labor

help Democratic hopefuls, William Murphy, 51, of Grand Rapids, and Marilyn J. Kelly, 58, of Bloomfield Hills, both judges on the Court of Appeals, the second highest court.

Meanwhile, a couple of other candidates could be spoilers for the major party nominees, Jessica Cooper, an Oakland circuit judge who tried but failed to get support in Democratic circles, is running an independent campaign. Jerry J. Kaufman, a Libertarian, is making his third bid for the Supreme Court after running fourth (ahead of a Democratic nominee) in 1988. Under Michigan's quirky law, most candidates are nominated by political parties but run on a non-partisan ballot.

THE TORT ISSUE

The chamber started it. President James Barrett wrote in its magazine that business was tired of seeing tort reforms passed by a pro-business (read: Republican) governor and Legislature but junked by appellate courts.

Its complaint is that appellate courts are too free with other folks' money in allowing plaintiffs to sue for injuries, with "greedy" trial lawyers collecting one-third of the awards.

Its ads attack Murphy and Kelly without mentioning Brickley and Gage. One ad features the case of a hockey player who sued the ice

rink for a puck injury and a woman who complained of sexual abuse 41 years after the event. Murphy and Kelly favored letting the cases go to trial.

"Let the jury decide," say trial lawyers, who resist any effort to cap "pain and suffering" awards, the kind of "expert" witnesses who can be used and limits on their fees. "Wait 'til you are injured some day," they add.

Democratic chair Mark Brewer replied that the chamber, through its Justice for Michigan Citizens political action committee, is trying to "buy control of the Michigan Supreme Court."

Murphy, the first Democratic nominee, is a former president of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, the hobgoblins of business and health care providers. His 1996 literature, however, buries that fact. Instead, Murphy's campaign pushes better management of the criminal docket.

In his acceptance speech, Murphy departed from his text to remind Democratic delegates his sister "is a proud member of the MEA (Michigan Education Association)."

Kelly's quest for the nomination stressed her labor support.

THE MONEY ISSUE

Both side have made an issue of how the other gets its money.

The chambers' PAC, Justice for Michigan's Citizens, says "more than 88 percent of all the money raised so far by Murphy . . . has come from trial lawyers."

It singles out Sommers, Schwartz, Silver and Schwartz, a Southfield law firm, for raising 33 percent of Murphy's money as of Labor Day and personal injury lawyer Lee Steinberg (as in "Call Lee for Free") for donating up to the limit.

"More than 90 percent of the contributions to his (Murphy's) campaign are from trial lawyers," added GOP chair Betsy DeVos on Oct. 11.

Democratic chair Mark Brewer says the chamber is dodging the campaign finance law and doubling its contributions by creating the second PAC, Justice for Michigan's Citizens.

In a formal complaint to the Secretary of State, Brewer said the chamber is largely in control of the second PAC.

Brickley, Gage, Murphy and Kelly remain quietly above the fray, letting the special interests and partisans do the heavy work.

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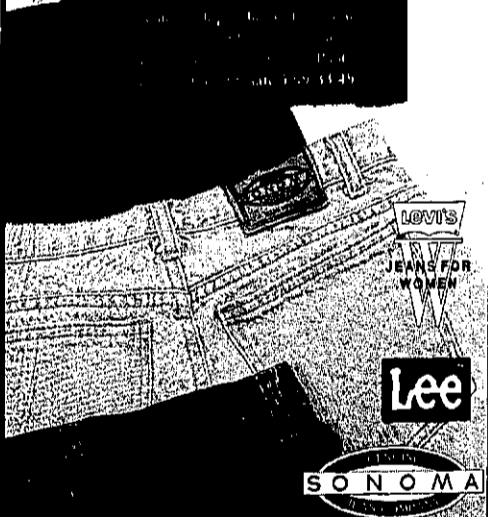
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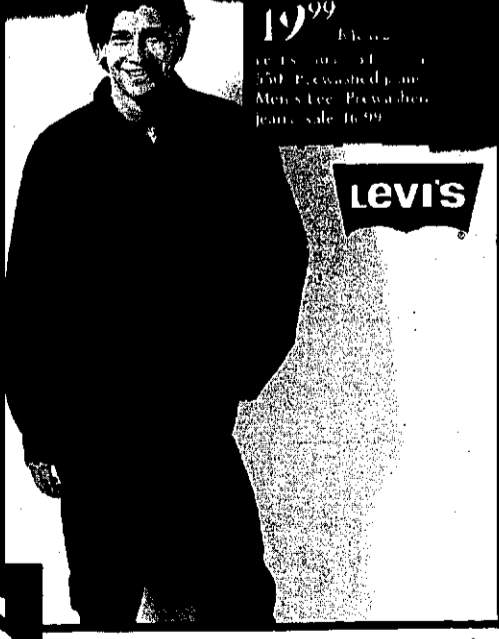
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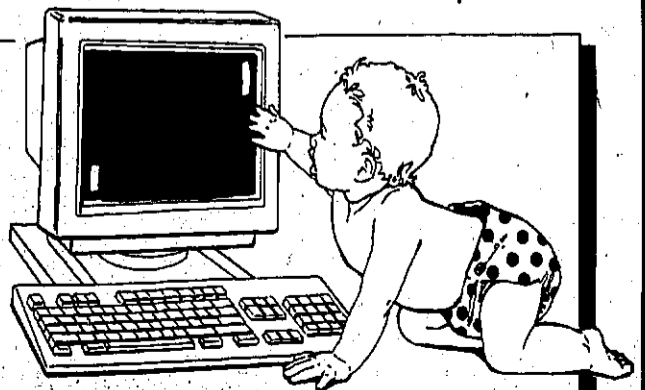
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Six state proposals to confront voters Tuesday

Here is an outline of the state ballot proposals on the Nov. 5 ballot:

PROPOSAL A: POLITICAL BINGO

A "yes" vote will: Prohibit political parties and candidates from conducting bingo games as fundraisers. (Churches and charitable groups would still be allowed to conduct games.)

Sought by: Democrats, who seek a "no" vote to overturn a 1994 Republican-passed bill in the Legislature. Party organizations, mostly Democratic, have been raising \$30 million to \$40 million a year. Democrats argue that political activity is a perfectly proper use for bingo proceeds, lessening the parties' dependence on lobbyists and corporate backers.

Opponents say: Bingo players are duped into supporting Democratic organizations. Partisan Bingos divert money from churches and charities. The number of Bingos would be little affected because political organizations account for only 5 percent of the take.

PROPOSAL B: QUALIFIED JUDGES

A "yes" vote will: Amend the

Michigan Constitution to require that judicial candidates be licensed attorneys for at least five years. Currently, the Constitution requires only that they be licensed and may not run after reaching age 70.

Sought by: The Legislature, which put the proposal on the ballot by a two-thirds vote of each chamber. Purpose is to assure judges have legal experience before deciding others' cases. Supporters say inexperienced "name" candidates, fresh from law school, have been winning judicial elections on bedsheet ballots, notably in Wayne County.

Opponents say: The proposal doesn't guarantee experienced because it says a candidate need only be "licensed" five years. A smart candidate with four years of experience in major litigation would be excluded from the ballot. No group, however, has openly opposed the proposals.

PROPOSAL C: VETS' TRUST FUND

A "yes" vote will: Amend the Michigan Constitution to prohibit the fund from being used for anything but emergency grants to military veterans, their widows or

dependents.

Sought by: The Legislature, which established the fund at \$50 million in 1946 but has borrowed from it during the economic downturns of 1959 and 1976.

Opponents say: No known opposition has developed. Intellectually, it can be argued that the Legislature is tying its own hands and making tax increases more necessary during economic downturns. Most of the fund that was borrowed was used for veterans' programs anyway.

PROPOSAL D: BEAR RESTRICTIONS

(See also Proposal G below.)

A "yes" vote will: Prohibit the use of bait piles and dogs for hunting black bear in Michigan. It also will shorten the bear season to three weeks in September.

Sought by: CUB (Citizens United for Bear), mainly Upper Peninsula landowners who see it as a method of stopping trespassing. They contend hunters trailing dogs with radio collars ignore "posted" signs and threaten those who tell them to leave. Anti-hunting animal rights groups also are backing it.

Opponents say: See Proposal G below.

PROPOSAL E: DETROIT CASINOS

A "yes" vote will: Amend state law to allow casino gambling other than on Indian reservations. The legal definition fits only the city of Detroit, which would be allowed three casinos. The proposal would set up a five-member State Gaming Commission appointed by the governor. It would end what is in effect an Indian monopoly on casinos.

Sought by: Detroit, where voters rejected casino proposals four times between 1976 and 1993. Backers say Casino Windsor, in Ontario, is attracting 19,000 customers a day, 76 percent from the U.S. An 18 percent tax on casinos' gross would be split with 55 percent going to the city, 45 percent to the school aid fund. The proposal was placed on the ballot by the

Legislature.

Opponents say: Gambling produces no useful products, lures the weak into debt and bankruptcy, and robs society of moral fiber. The bill is written to give preferential treatment to those who already have applied for casino licenses.

PROPOSAL G: GAME MANAGEMENT

(The opposite of Proposal D, above)

A "yes" vote will: Amend state law to designate the state Natural Resources Commission as the sole authority to regulate all hunting, including bear — called "scientific management" by supporters.

Sought by: The Legislature, which passed PA 377 of 1996 as a counter-measure to Proposal D, and supported by Michigan United Conservation Clubs. They say the ballot box is a poor way to manage

wildlife populations. Michigan has 10,000 bears; the state receives 26,000 applications for licenses and issues about 6,400 licenses. Actual kill: 1,500. Of these, 95 percent are taken through the use of bait piles and/or dogs. That's a 33 percent success rate compared to only 10 percent among hunters who stalk. Supporters fear that if Proposal D becomes law, the "antls" will seek to outlaw all hunting in Michigan.

Opponents say: See Proposal D above. In addition, opponents say the claims that bears are dangerous to human beings is wildly exaggerated.

D versus G

If voters say yes to both, the proposal with the most yes votes becomes law. If voters reject both, then the director of the DNR continues to regulate bear hunting.



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Obituaries

WINTON P. HENSON
Winton P. (Whitney) Henson of Novi died Oct. 27 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was 70 years of age.
Mr. Henson was born May 26, 1926, in Denton, Ky., and was a resident of the Novi community for 37 years.
Mr. Henson was a graduate of Fordson High School. He had formerly lived in the Redford and Farmington areas before moving to Novi. Before retirement he was employed in the maintenance and repair department at Detroit Edison where he worked for 46 years. He served in the Navy during World War II.
Henson was a member of the Novi Camera Club and developed a local reputation for his photographic skills. He presently has an exhibit at the Novi Library and his work has been shown at the Novi Civic Center-Surviving Mr. Henson

are: his wife of 46 years, Audrey M.; son, John Palmer Henson of Novi; mother, Lucy Kirks of Wyandotte; brothers, Jerry and Larry Henson; and sisters, Jean Kirks and Norma Burns.
Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Rev. Kurt Stutz, Chaplain at Botsford Hospital, officiated the service.
Memorials to the American Heart Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072 would be appreciated.

RONA V. JOHNSTON
Rona V. Johnston, age 80, of Novi died Oct. 27 at Charter House of Novi. She was born Oct. 16, 1916, in Kirk Cady, Scotland.
During her working years, Miss Johnston was employed at Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen and Freeman as a legal secretary.
She is survived by: niece, Alice (Tyler) Youmans-Don; nephew, James (Dorothy) Youmans; and sister, Mary Youmans.
Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 30, Interment was in Accela Park in Birmingham.

VERNERS A. LENS
Verners A. Lens, age 87, of Novi died Oct. 19 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.
Mr. Lens was born Aug. 28, 1909, in Latvia.
He is survived by his wife, Alice (Pernaus); children, Iga, Gaida, Ivars, Maris, Ilze, Astra and Wies-

day, Oct. 30. Interment was in Accela Park in Birmingham.
turs; brother of Meta Kalmns and Janis Lens; 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.
Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at St. Paul's Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills with Rev. Edgars Petreics officiating.
Memorials to St. Paul's Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30623 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

Denise L. Szczepkowski
Denise L. Szczepkowski of Walled Lake died Oct. 23 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was 34 years of age.
Mrs. Szczepkowski was born Jan. 4, 1962, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.
Surviving Mrs. Szczepkowski are: husband, Mark; sons, Kirk

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Marching band caps season with Silverdome performance

When the Wildcat Marching Band finished their regular competition season two weeks ago, they earned 10th place in what many call the most competitive division in the state. Their finish generated excitement to the Michigan Competitive Bands Association State Championship held Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Novi's placement at the Silverdome mirrored the season, as the Wildcat Marching Band ranked 10th, with a score of 80.72 out of 100. This year's score tracked within two points of Novi's state final finishes in 1995 and 1994, when those scores earned seventh place and fourth place finishes, respectively.

Marching band fans from all over the state converged at the Pontiac Silverdome to watch a day long series of light competitions. The Wildcat band performed its "Victory at Sea" program to a crowd of over 20,000 band fans.

The Novi Marching Band achieved outstanding results in a very competitive field. At the State Championship, Novi's Flight II class featured an impressive field of marching band schools, including Mona Shores, White Lake, Leland, Muskegon, Beech-Puller and Flushing. Novi remains a contender in its flight in spite of the realignment of the division, which saw several Flight I schools reclassified to Flight II. The changes introduced even stronger competition to the already crowded field.

Besides points earned by the overall band performance, captain awards are announced for best marching, percussion, winds, color guard and more. Novi came in behind Southgate Anderson, which won this year's percussion captain in Flight II.

Under the leadership of fourth year Director of Bands Scott Boerma, the Novi High Marching Band participated in a variety of MCHA competitions in September and October with progressive improvement at each outing.



The Novi Marching Band performed its Victory at Sea program in the Silverdome Saturday.

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Horse show set for Novi Expo Center on Nov. 8

Kids and horses are a natural combination. For all the young horse lovers in your family, consider spending some "quality time" at the North American Horse Spectacular at the Novi Expo Center in Novi, Nov. 8-10.

This annual celebration of horses offers a wide array of activities, displays and entertainment, much of it specially planned with children in mind. Admission is reasonable, \$6 for adults, \$2 for children 5 to 12 years of age and children under 5 free, making it a perfect family outing.

Approximately 50 horses will be at the Expo Center, representing breeds ranging from the elegant Arabian to the mighty Shire draft horse. The horses will be performing entertaining exhibitions throughout the event. The public also can visit the horses at their exhibit stalls and talk to their owners. Special demonstrations include the classical art of dressage, a pas de deux on horseback, drill team quadrille, gaited horses, drawing the horse and more.

Kids love the interactive children's area, designed and staffed by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council. This area offers games and activities designed to help kids learn about horses and safety in a fun way. Special demonstrations geared toward the younger set include Hands and Hoofs Youth Program, Drawing the Horse, Broomstick Dressage Tests, Equestrienne Clown Patie Cake and her miniature horse Baby Cake and more.

Children and adults will also enjoy strolling through the gallery area for The Equestrian's Eye Justified art show, where paintings, drawings and sculptures by outstanding artists from across the U.S. and Canada will be on display. There's also plenty to see and purchase, from coloring books and stickers to horse trailers with living quarters at the Horse Spectacular trade show. It's a great place to begin holiday shopping, with many unique and hard-to-find items for anyone who enjoys horses, country life, or country music.

The highlight for many youngsters is a free ride on the authentic carousel. Show hours are 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Call (517) 468-3094 or fax (517) 468-3314 for a schedule.



Novi honored "golden anniversary" couples in a special program Sunday at the Old Town Hall.

Seniors celebrate lasting marriages

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each weekend to her aunt's farm, which was within one mile away from my folk's farm... We both liked watermelon and because of it, we started to date," Edward wrote in a form submitted Nov. Public Relations Director Lou Martin.

For those who aim to extend their lives, the Fishers have a few tips.

"No alcohol. No smoking," she said.

"Well, I used to smoke, but not for 20 years. We did enjoy a bottle of beer, but not anymore."

"That and Monica keeps Edward busy."

"She's always lying awake at night dreaming up things for me to do," he said.

"I make the beds. I do the housework."

"No, you don't," his wife said. "If he's not doing anything, I make sure he gets his daily walk."

Following are the couples, with the years of their weddings.

1946
Adele and Fred Motinski: Met in 1941 at Graystone Ballroom. A few months later, he was drafted into the army. They wrote letters back and forth, but every time he got a firefought, it was canceled.

They have three children and seven grandchildren.

"We've been really blessed. Thank God," Adele wrote in the form submitted to the city.

1942
Richard and Frances Simo: After they were introduced by friends, the couple dated through their high school years. They married before he entered the service and then spent their first three years apart.

They have two children and four grandchildren.

1938
Clarence and Anna Lee Wilson: With a group of his friends, he came to her house to see about buying her father's old Essex.

"When I went to high school as a freshman, Clare was a senior and my Spanish class was very near his locker and I made sure to get to class early so I could see him," Anna wrote.

"Started dating when I was 16. Clare went into the army and I married him in Cheyenne, Wyoming."

They have four children and three grandchildren.

1940
Harold and Mary Catherine Hill: They met on a rainy pleasure trip to Put-In-Bay, Ohio and ended up sitting together at lunch.

"After lunch, we paired off for the remainder of the day... Harold asked if he could drive me home," she wrote.

They have two children and five grandchildren.

1936
Elgar and Emma Claes: Biographical data not submitted.

Edward and Monica Fisher: He had a daughter by an earlier marriage. They had one daughter. The couple has three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dealer granted approval by city

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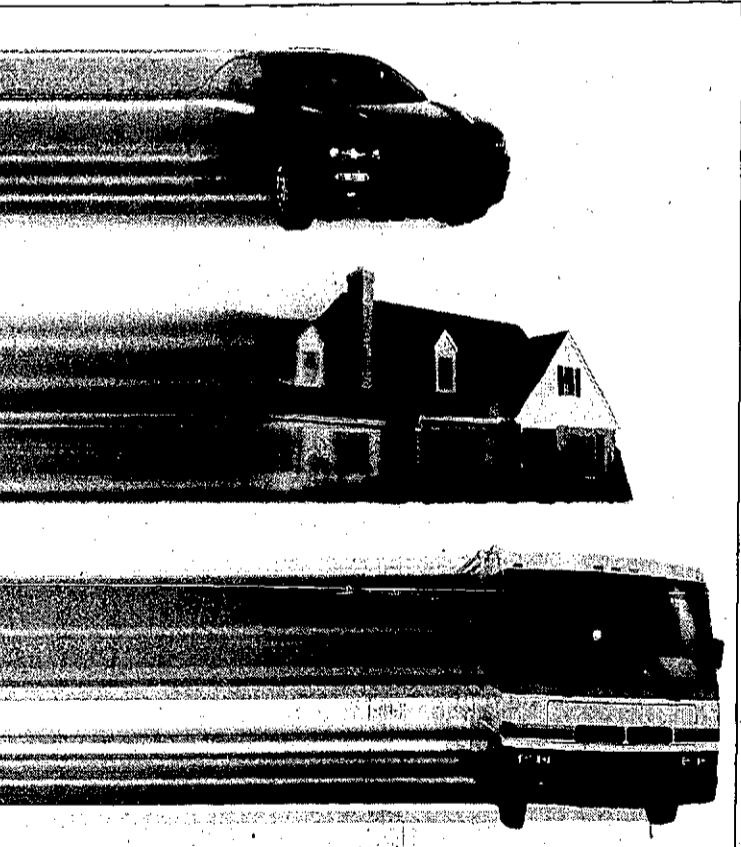
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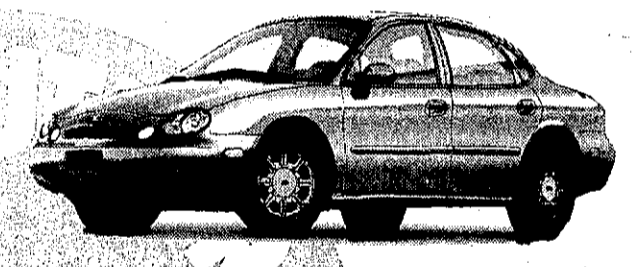
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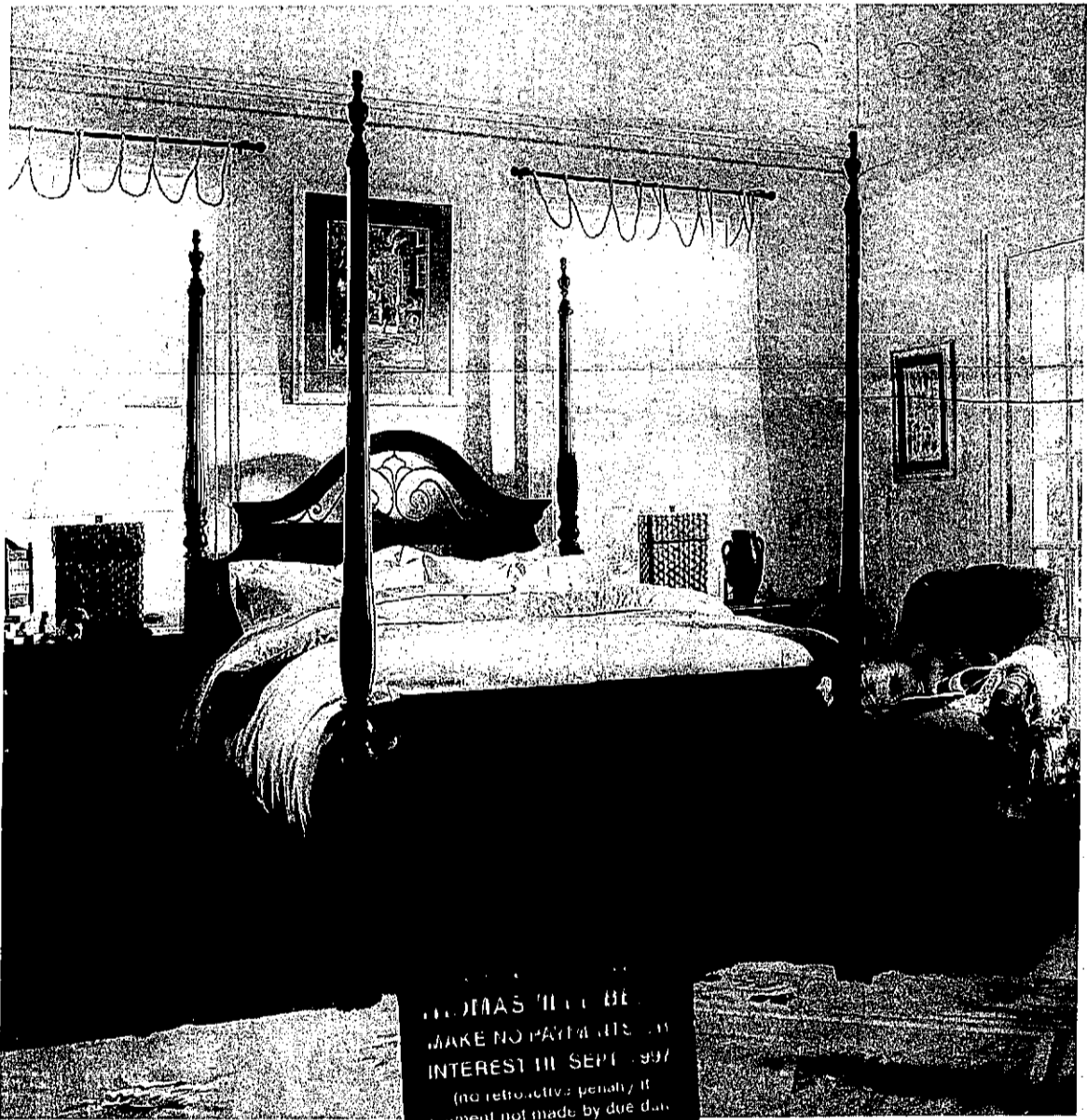
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The thrill of the HAUNT

Scary fund-raiser is in its seventh year

To scare or be scared? That is the question this time of year.

Volunteers who chose dramatic, scary or informational scenes for the Maybury Haunted Forest decided to be on the giving end, and mostly for two reasons - it's a fundraiser for the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, and it's just plain fun.

Although the Haunted Forest is in its seventh year, this is the first time Parks and Rec offered a cash prize for set designers.

The winner of Maybury's Haunted Forest is Northville resident Rob Figgins for the "Noville Tunnel." Second place went to Scott Baker of Dearborn for "Frankenstein." Dave Schmidt, also of Northville, finished third for "Nicked at Night."

The winner received \$250 while second place took home \$200, and \$150 went to the third place finisher. Entrants were judged on creativity, spookiness, originality, and overall and crowd appeal.

First place winner Noville Tunnel returned for the second year with a few updates in the maze where the predictable still is unexpected.

"You get so many different reactions," Figgins

Winners of "Maybury Madness" Haunted Forest

1st Place - Noville Tunnel
Northville resident Rob Figgins updated the Noville Tunnel used last year. Jim Frisbe of Dearborn and Jim Leuterik of Northville also volunteered to help Figgins throughout the weekend.

2nd Place - Frankenstein
First time Maybury Madness participant and Dearborn resident Scott Baker, with the help of friends and neighbors, brought Dr. Frankenstein's monster to life.

3rd Place - Nicked at Night
A gruesome version of three television sitcoms - I Love Lucy, The Brady Bunch and Home Improvement. Co-anchors Dave Schmidt and Tom Barry designed the display, along with set manager Mike Kolbow, Marlene Davenport, Greg Andersen, Tom Holden, Dave Field, Andy Vafakas, Greg, Lauren and Randy Schmidt, Justin Kolbow, Whitney Field, Holly Taylor, Ely Andersen, Jon Spendlove, and Will Davenport.

Other sets and participants this year:

School Scene - Maza Family of Northville

Boy Scouts - Troop 903

Electric Chair and Dr. Death sets - organized by Sue Lehner, manned by students from Cooke Middle School in Northville.

SADD - Northville High School students.

said. "Some middle-age kids come through and they don't think it will scare them, but they are trying to crawl out of their pants by the end of the exhibit."

Figgins has been doing this type of thing all his life. He grew up just north of Flint with a dad who always had a pulley system or air compressors with hoses set up for different scenes at Halloween.

When Figgins and his fiancée, Sue Lehner, moved to Northville two years ago they saw the Northville Parks and Recreation Department fundraiser as an opportunity to meet people.

"We moved down here from up north, we didn't really know anyone and wanted to get involved in the community," Figgins said. "Northville Parks and Rec was the way to go for us."

Lehner had two sets at the Haunted Forest, an electric chair scene, which came in fourth place, and a Dr. Death

set. "You can pick and choose who you really want to scare," said Figgins. "You have to use selectiveness."

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Journey into the Forest is not for the weak

For some of the 1,577 visitors to Maybury's Haunted Forest in Northville, it was the unexpected that was the driving force that led them to put their lives into the hands of spooks.

As the narrator at the begin-

ning of the entrance to the forest announced, "to ensure your safety, be sure to stay with your group, especially children, as they are most vulnerable to the spirits ... If you run into a spirit, don't touch it, because one touch and the spirit will possess your

body.

"This journey is not for the weak at heart. Should you continue, there is no return, at least not in your present form."

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Tom Barry plays Tim Allen, injured after working on a chain saw, in the Nicked at Night set during the Haunted Forest held at Maybury State Park in Northville.

Stories by Carol Workens • Photo by Al Ward

Horror Facts

• Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde was written in three days by Robert Louis Stevenson. A popular story says the author's wife burned the manuscript out of pure horror. Stevenson rewrote it in another three days.

• Mary Shelley wrote Frankenstein after creating the idea during a ghost story telling competition between friends. Shelley, her husband Percy, Lord Byron and Dr. John Polidori were on the shores of Lake Geneva, holed up in a home due to two weeks of torrential rains. The group of writers began a competition to

see who could tell the best ghost story. The first ideas for vampire novels were born during these sessions and the first vampire novel was written by Polidori. It is also believed these discussions led to the creation of the more famous Bram Stoker's Dracula.

• Alfred Hitchcock decided to film Psycho in black and white so that the blood would not look so gory and one story goes he even thought about filming in color except for the 45 second shower scene, which would be shot in a more

toned-down black and white.

Literary Horror Classics

- Lord of the Flies, by William Golding
- Dracula, by Bram Stoker
- Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley
- Turn of the Screw, by Henry James
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- Psycho
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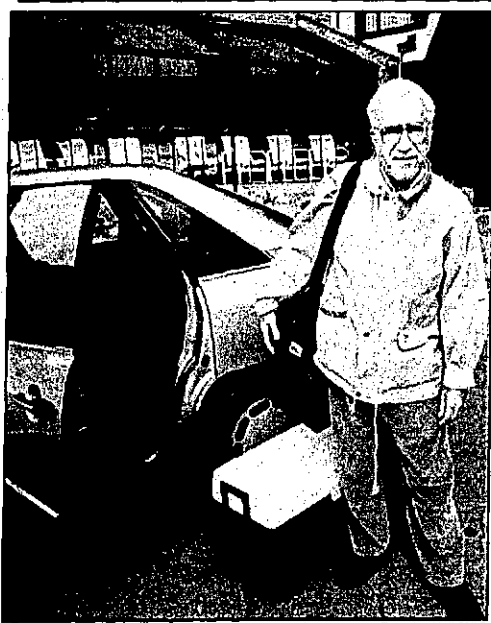
A King's Eye View

Modern day horror writer, Stephen King, says horror stories can be divided into two types: tales of horror that result from an act of free and conscious will - a consciousness to do evil - and those where, while the horror is predestinate, come from the outside like a stroke of lightning. There are three ways, King says, to express these horrors. One is the "gross out." The other is a "dance" to push society's public pressure points. Writers and filmmakers can feed off the nation's fears or a person's internal nightmares. King says he believes most of the attraction for horror is that it allows people to

express "antisocial" emotions and feelings that society demands be kept in check for everybody's own good. For example, everyone feels anger and frustration but can't go ahead and dose people with acid for the sake of revenge. The writer also says horror films, especially those which have a "happy" ending, can be cathartic. It's a way of facing a fear and seeing the fear conquered. "The answer seems to be that we make up horrors to help us cope with real ones," writes King in Danse Macabre, his book on the history and attraction of horror.

— Compiled by Wendy Pierrman Mizel

Volunteer



Carl Karoub is a Meals on Wheels volunteer driver.

Karoub brings meals fresh from the oven

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Carl Karoub began volunteering for the Meals on Wheels program shortly after moving to Northville five years ago.

"I wanted to get to know the community, get to know my way around," he said. "I was looking for some way to be helpful."

Karoub is a regular driver once a week for the Meals on Wheels program and is also an occasional substitute driver.

Drivers pick up the lunch at Allen Terrace in Northville and deliver it to homebound seniors.

"Anybody who thinks that these elderly are grumpy, should come with me for a day," Karoub said. "They are wonderful people. They are very happy to see me. Sometimes it is their only contact with the outside world."

Karoub takes time to chat for a minute with each senior on his route. If they need a letter mailed or want the garbage taken out, he

is happy to oblige.

"The meals are hot, so you can't stay long," he said. "If you can do something quick and easily they really appreciate it."

"I am so glad I am doing it. It makes my life busier," he said. "It's only an hour and a half out of the week. It is no big deal."

A retired teacher, Karoub is a musician and an assistant conductor with the Livonia Symphony. A busy season is ahead for Karoub, who is in the middle of preparing for a concert at the Livonia Civic Center Library on Nov. 15. The library is located on Farmington and Five Mile roads. Christmas concerts are scheduled for Dec. 5 and Dec. 14.

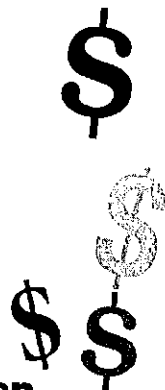
"I would like to get to the seniors and play a chamber concert," said Karoub, a horn player. Karoub carries several containers, one for cold food and another for hot items, to the 11 to 13

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The value of Northville Township's taxable property this year is \$645 million, up 9.7 percent from 1995.



Engagement



Karen and Cornelius Robens

Karen Susanne Wilke and Cornelius Robens were married Aug. 17, 1996, at Henry Ford Estate, Dearborn, Mich. Rev. Donald Devine officiated at the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father, George Wilke. A reception for 100 guests followed at the Ford Estate.

The bride is the daughter of George and Christine Wilke of Novi. She is a graduate of Novi High School and Oakland Community College. She is an echo cardiologist.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Julie Beck of South Dakota. Flowergirls were Alexandra and Victoria Czapliska of Farmington Hills.

The bride's gown was designed with a satin skirt accented by an off-the-shoulder pearl studded, re-embroidered lace bodice.

The bride's bouquet was of sterling and white roses.

The bridegroom is the son of Christine Robens of Dasselndorf, Germany. He went to the University of Dasselndorf and will graduate

from medical school in November of this year.

Serving as best man was David Wilke of Northville.

The couple went to Hawaii for their honeymoon.

Church Notes

A blood drive sponsored by the Aid Association for Lutherans will be held at **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 201 Elm Street in Northville, on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the gym. To schedule a donation, call (810) 349-8850.

For more information, call the church at 349-3140.

Renowned gospel recording artist Larnell Harris will be the featured singer when Detroit Impact Community Center's GospelFest '96 fundraiser returns to **FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**, 21260 Haggerty Road in Northville, for the third annual concert on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. Donation tickets are \$10.

All proceeds will go to Detroit Impact to help them continue their efforts to provide programs for children as a means of developing character and education.

Harris will be joined by his choir and Detroit Impact's Community Choir.

For more information, call (810) 348-7600.

NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH in Wixom will begin a new series on Nov. 3 at 10:30 a.m. to coincide with Thanksgiving, called "The Key to Everything." The church meets at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Beck Road.

New Song's forte is using contemporary music, drama, and relevant messages. The atmosphere is casual (come dressed comfortably), and all are welcome.

The message behind "The Key to Everything" is what is gained by giving.

For further information, call Brent Hanson at (810) 926-1512.

THE NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, has 1997 Entertainment Blocks available at \$40.

The sixth annual church auction and spaghetti dinner will be held Friday, Nov. 1. Dinner will be served from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. A silent auction begins at 6 p.m. and concludes at 7:30 p.m. The live auction begins at 7:30 p.m. The fund-raiser benefits the outreach ministries.

For more information, call 349-2652.

The Detroit Brass Society will perform in concert at **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 E. Main, on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students or senior citizens or \$20 for the family. Entertainment books are available for \$40. Proceeds benefit church programming.

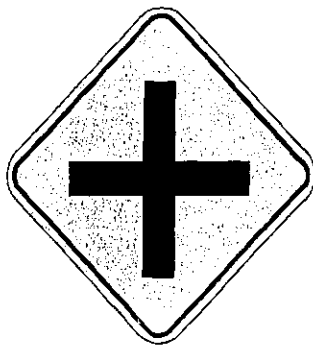
The Fall Fashion Show will be held Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 12:30 p.m. Fashion models will be Victoria's Place. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds benefit the missions.

For more information, call (810) 349-0911.

Kudos

CARRIE WICKERT, a 1993 graduate of Novi High School and a musical theater performance major at Western Michigan University recently starred in the university's season opener "The Secret Garden."

Performances of the classic children's novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett ran Oct. 10 through 20 at Shaw Theatre on the university's campus.



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Piggins said he doesn't think he will ever outgrow Halloween.

"You can be 60-years-old and still have a blast," he said.

Only four points behind the winner, the second place finisher, "Frankenstein," was created by Scott Baker, who said he got his start in a coffin when he was a teenager.

First-time entrant Baker played the monster created by Dr. Frankenstein. With boots, the 6-6 Baker came in a towering 7 foot 5 inches. No beginner in the haunting business, Baker credits his dad with setting him on the right path.

When he was a teenager, his take during what would become his last trick or treat outing proved unsuccessful, so he decided not to go out the next year when he was a freshman in high school. He chose instead to take the place of the dummy his father had put in a coffin in a Halloween display at the family's Dearborn home.

Baker has been building onto the Halloween display ever since. Now he has eight "spooks," or rooms set up in two buildings he builds just for Halloween night. Friends and neighbors, including engineers and a dentist, get involved manning the rooms for the night.

"Everybody tells me I need to go see a shrink and up the voltage," Baker said.

For the Frankenstein set, Baker took some of the props from his home display and brought them to Maybury State Park for the fund-raiser.

"The real thing is to scare the adults that don't think they can get scared anymore," Baker said. "Dad is supposed to be the big guy."

Spooks can give quite a thrill

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Northville resident Meaghan Battle attended her first Haunted Forest with co-worker Sandra Wilson and her daughter, Lauren, on Saturday, the second day of the two day fund-raiser for the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

Battle, who admitted to having been to a couple in my day," said she enjoys being scared.

"A guy jumped in front of me and I got startled. She [Lauren] heard me scream and come in and get me," said Battle of the Noville Tunnel.

"Her name is the tree of knowledge from the Tolkien books so she really identifies with this Halloween stuff," said Sandra of her daughter who is 9. "This is her first time for a haunted forest or a haunted house."

Lauren enjoyed her first experience and thought the Noville Tunnel was the best.

"I like that it is outside," said Battle. "This one's neat because they have people coming (at you) from all directions."

Then there's Rob Mitzel of Novi, who visited his first haunted house of the season in Milford over the weekend with friends.

"You know they (spooks) can't do anything to you," Mitzel confidently said.

But Mitzel also admitted to being in the middle of his small group as they worked their way through the haunted house. The people in the front and the rear act as a buffer for the person in the middle, making it the safest place to be.

One thing to remember when you enter a haunted house is that you don't want to be in the front, and you don't want to bring up the rear.

"Haunted houses are a lot scarier because they are dark and you don't know what's coming up," said Sandra, who lives in Westland.

Reunions

WOODHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1956, 10 year reunion, Nov. 1 at Arnold's in Trenton. Call (810) 360-7004.

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NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1956, 10 year reunion, Nov. 30 at the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 360-7004.



Congratulations

Hudson's Regional Director Steve Prebelich (from left) and Twelve Oaks Store Manager Chris Wozniak with two employees who were inducted into the 25 Year Club, Novi resident Irene Pyzik (third from left) and Canton resident Judith Smy-

czynski. Hudson's President Dennis Toffolo, (far right) a 25 Year Club member himself, welcomed a total of 26 new members into the group, which now numbers 700, at a dinner held at the Westin Hotel in Detroit in September.

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Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people, meets at First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. The topic is "Prayer."

The group will meet at the Sundowner Restaurant on Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. for dinner, followed by "Becoming more Effective" at 7:30 p.m. with speaker Patty Syrian.

Sports activities coming up include indoor volleyball on Fridays Nov. 1, 15 and 22 from 9 until 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$4.

Bowling will be on Fridays, Nov. 8 and 22, at 8:30 p.m. at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. The cost is \$6 plus shoes.

Upcoming Opportunity for Growth Workshops are "Men and Women in the 90's - Friends or Foes?" with Joe and Shirley Bavonese on three Sunday evenings, Nov. 10, 17 and 24 at 7 p.m.

Workshop attendees will explore ways to create more positive and friendly attitudes towards the process of dating. The cost is \$26, or \$29 at the door.

"Out Issues of Singleness" with Dr. J. Harold Ellens will be held on Thursdays, Nov. 7, 14, and 21, at 7:30 p.m. The three issues to be discussed are anger, intimacy and sexuality. The cost is \$27 or \$30 at the door.

The Single Place Road Rally will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

ANCHOR BAY FELLOWSHIP will meet for Christian Singles Mingle on Saturday nights from 7 until 11 p.m. Events will include Christian music, praise, and worship-karaoke, inspiring testimonies and a salvation invitation, and an outreach to the single, divorced, lost and lonely. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

For more information and directions, call (810) 615-1280.

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Set goals for weight loss attempt

By CAROLINE SMITH
Special Writer

Weight-loss decisions are the beginning of a journey. As with any journey, we go forth with much anticipation and excitement, hoping for clear skies and calm seas to carry us to our destination. Setting goals is the first step providing us with the road map we need to get us where we want to be. Goals should be set in small steps so that success can build on success. Also, the more specific our goals are, the more defined the path helping us to keep our resolutions in sight and achievable. To do this, our goals need to be measurable and time-dated. Instead of saying, "I want to lose weight" - a vague goal - decide specifically on how much weight such as ten pounds. Additionally, this initial statement means you theoretically have as much time as you want - 10 weeks, 10 months, 10 years!

Instead, "I will lose one pound a week over 10 weeks" is more specific, time-dated and will serve as an attainable goal and help keep you on track.

Frequently evaluate if a particu-

lar approach is or is not helpful but remember to be flexible. Circumstances change and evolve over time. Adaptability is one of the most helpful assets you can have that will keep you on your course. If you did not lose weight this week, study and define the problem. The problem may be, "Every time I go out to eat, I overeat." List all the things you can do about it such as: order smaller portions, share your meal, eat slower, eat with individuals who have similar goals, etc. Then take action and reevaluate if it's working for you.

Observe others, read and research until you find approaches that will help you maintain your resolve. Evaluate all the pros and cons of the change and anticipate problems. Maybe your goal was unrealistic, or there may be an obstacle you must deal with first. Possibly losing one pound a week beginning with the upcoming holidays may be unrealistic.

Too much change all at once is not good or effective. Select the change which is most essential and say no to the rest. Also, priori-

ize and regulate the amount of change you are already working on. Are you changing jobs, quitting smoking, and trying to lose weight? Select one and really focus your energies and beliefs in it.

Reward behavior instead of results. A goal such as weight loss can be a reward in and of itself, but to keep the wind in your sails you should also reward the behavior change. For example, weight loss can be a very slow process. If you wait until you achieve your goal, you might have a very long wait and become discouraged during the process.

Holding off and not rewarding yourself may serve as a reminder that you have not succeeded or are not making good progress. A more positive motivating approach is to reward yourself for positive behaviors such as faithfully following your special meal plan for one week or exercising three times a week for the last two weeks.

Be creative. Make a list of all possible rewards you could give yourself such as a new book or tickets to a favorite event.

Zig Ziglar, a leading motivation

expert, compares motivation to a fire. When the flames die down to glowing embers, you must stimulate the embers to get the fire going again. You may need some outside stimulation to get you excited again. Make a list of people, places, and experiences that motivate and energize you as well as books, lectures, and magazine articles.

Think about getting yourself energized on a regular basis, not when you are so far down it's really difficult to get back up again. Keep the wind in your sails and your fire burning. Above all, focus on the outcome, visualize it, believe in it. A mental image and a belief that you can do it are powerful motivational tools.

Caroline Smith, RN, MSN, is the health programs coordinator for Botsford Hospital's Health Development Network. She has participated in research programs and national seminars in meditation and relaxation for stress reduction and pain management.

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Infant Care

Learn about caring for newborns at St. Mary Hospital's new Infant Care class from 7-9 p.m. on Nov. 7 and 14.

Taught by a registered nurse, the first class, "Getting to Know Your Newborn," focuses on the care of your well infant, including feeding, bathing, sleep and activity habits. The second class, "Caring for the Sick Infant," features infant safety, such as how to childproof your home, immunizations and signs of illness. This class is not just for parents but for anyone who cares for an infant.

The cost of the class is \$18 for one session or \$35 for both. For more information or to register, call (313) 655-3314.

Premarital Instruction

St. Mary Hospital will offer a premarital AIDS class on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class will meet in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B near the Levan Road entrance.

People who wish to be married in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license. Upon completion of the class, you will receive the necessary certificate to obtain a marriage license. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Registration is required. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

To register call (313) 655-3314 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

Stress Management

Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce is offering "Personal Stress Management," a two-hour program designed to heighten stress awareness and provide tools that will convert daily stressors into positive energy.

The program will be held Monday, Nov. 4 from 7-9 p.m. at Huron Valley Hospital. There is a \$40 fee.

For more information or to register, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500 by Nov. 1.

Women and Heart Disease

DMC Health Care Centers, Novi, will offer a "Women and Heart Disease" seminar on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in its second floor auditorium.

Internist Jane Syriac, M.D., will provide information on women and heart disease, including cardiac risk factor identification and reduction. Since cigarette smoking is a primary risk factor in need of modification, health educator Deborah Moraitis will share information about smoking cessation and provide an overview of behavioral techniques for quitting.

To register for this free seminar which is part of a special women's lecture series entitled "What Every Woman Should Know," call 1-888-362-2500 by Nov. 4. The center is located on Twelve Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

Osteoporosis and You

Huron Valley Hospital will offer a free "Osteoporosis and You" seminar on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

Internist and Rheumatologist Ruth Kozlowski, D.O., will provide information on osteoporosis, a progressive disease resulting in weak bones that are prone to fracture. An overview of osteoporosis will be covered along with information about its diagnosis and treatment.

Participants of this program will have an opportunity to register that evening for a free bone density screening to be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-noon at Huron Valley Hospital.

To register for this free seminar call 1-888-362-2500 by Nov. 11.

Headache seminar

Huron Valley will also host a headache seminar on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 7-9 p.m.

David Wartel, Ph.D., a behavioral psychologist on staff at Huron Valley Hospital will discuss how headaches are diagnosed and the current treatments available. Psychological factors contributing to headaches and non-medication treatment approaches will be the focus.

Registration is required by Nov. 4. There is a \$10 fee. Call 1-888-362-2500 for more information.

Birthing center open house

McPherson Hospital will hold a free open house for its family birthing center Sunday, Nov. 3 from 1-4 p.m. The event will include presentations on pregnancy topics, tours of the birthing facility and information on birthing options, breast feeding, pain management, and refreshments and door prizes.

McPherson's Family Birthing Center delivers more than 400 babies each year and that number is on the rise as more people move to Livingston County. With obstetricians and family practitioners affiliated with McPherson Hospital, the Family Birthing Center is a top choice for families that desire a smaller, personalized approach to childbirth in a modern facility that has a highly-qualified nursing staff.

The Family Birthing Center open house will feature two formal presentations: "Preparing for a Health Pregnancy" at 2 p.m. and "Care During Pregnancy: What to Expect" at 3 p.m. Obstetricians, family practitioners, an anesthesiologist, neonatal nurse practitioner, lactation consultant and nurses will provide information and answer questions about birthing options, C-sections, epidurals, pain management, breast feeding and infant nutrition, classes for new parents and other issues.

Guests are asked to enter through the hospital's main lobby. For more information, call (517) 545-6517.

OCC workshops

Several health workshops and programs are being offered at Oakland Community College.

- Friday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to noon - A workshop for businesses interested in starting employee wellness programs will be offered at OCC's Highland Lakes campus. Topics to be covered in the interactive workshop include low-cost, easily implemented employee wellness activities and workstation ergonomics.
- The cost to attend is \$25. Participants will meet in the campus' Student Center Arena. Highland Lakes campus is located on Cooley Lake Road in Waterford. For information call (810) 360-3186.
- The Orchard Ridge campus is located on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

CPR

During a heart attack seconds count and knowing how to administer CPR can mean the difference between life and death. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers offers Heartsaver CPR classes for members of the community who would like to learn this important skill.

The three-hour course covers the signs and signals of heart attack, risk factors, healthy heart living, one-man rescue and the Heimlich Maneuver. Successful completion of the course results in Heartsaver certification by the American Heart Association. The course will be offered during the month of November from 6 to 9 p.m. at the following locations:

- Nov. 7 - Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield.
- Nov. 11 - Providence Women's and Children's Center, 33133 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills.
- Nov. 18 - Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.

There is a \$20 fee for the course and advance registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595 for further information or to register.

Caregiving

At some point in their lives, most people will find themselves in the role of caregiver. But

where can individuals find the spiritual, emotional and physical strength to face the challenges of caring for another without neglecting their own needs?

This fall Botsford General Hospital, in conjunction with the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table, is offering an excellent program specifically designed for caregivers. "Adventures in Caregiving," an eight-week training series, focuses on a mind/body/spirit model, and presents practical skills and valuable resources about a variety of issues. Some of the topics include: empathy training, grief, substance abuse, domestic violence and human suffering.

The sessions are offered on consecutive Thursdays will run through Nov. 21 held from 7-9 p.m. at Botsford.

Weight

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a special nutrition and weight loss lecture entitled "How to Survive the Holidays." The lecture is designed to provide tips to participants on how to have fun during the holidays and not gain weight in the process.

Presented by a specialist in the area of nutrition, the lecture will identify holiday food traps and how to avoid them. Participants will learn ways of enjoying holiday foods without fighting the extra pounds after the holidays are over.

The lecture is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 14 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.

There is no charge for this lecture but advance registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595 for further information or to register.

Sally Star

If your child is scheduled for surgery, it can be a very frightening experience for them. Providence Hospital and Medical Centers continues its "Sally the Surgery Star" program to help little ones deal with a hospital stay.

The child is taken on a tour and is familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay. At the end of the tour, the child is honored as a "Surgery Star."

Tours are offered at both Providence in Southfield and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. Call (810) 424-3978 to arrange a tour at the Southfield campus or (810) 380-4170 to arrange a tour for the Novi facility.

CPR and Children

CPR can save lives, and Providence Hospital and Medical Centers offers the opportunity to learn this valuable and special technique for infants and children.

The three-hour course is designed for families with infants and children (up to age 7), especially those at risk of developing respiratory emergencies such as choking, croup or sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

The session will run from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4 at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.

There is a \$20 fee for the course and advance registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595 for further information or to register.

Breastfeeding

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a breastfeeding preparation class to expectant mothers. This two-hour class provides information and encouragement to participants and provide a forum to have questions answered by medical professionals.

The class will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield from 7 to 9 p.m.

There is a \$10 fee for this class and advanced registration is required. For further information or to register call 1-800-968-5595.

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