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Clerks ask voters to come prepared; heavy voter turnout expected

•••• Voters will be asked to decide on six proposals dealing with hunting, gambling, judicial candidate requirements, and Veterans' trust fund

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Precinct officials in Lowell and Vergennes townships and the city of Lowell are exhorting voters to be prepared when they come to vote at the Nov. 5 national election.

"Lines are going to be long," Lowell Township clerk Carol Wells said. "People should know ahead of time what it means to vote "Yes" or "No" on the proposals. They should write down how they want to vote on each proposal. That will save a lot of time when they go to vote."

If absentee ballots are any indication, election officials believe there is going to be a large turnout.

Wells and city clerk Betty Morlock both said the number of people requesting absentee ballots is up this year.

"That is an indicator there will be a large voter turnout," Wells said.

Vergennes Township usually issues 40-50 absentee ballots. "We've already issued about 90," Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said. "We've issued about five-seven a day. What this indicates to me is people want to take home the ballot, study it and then vote."



VOTING HOURS: 7 AM TO 8 PM

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP:
Vergennes Township Hall

LOWELL TOWNSHIP:
Precinct I: The upper level at Lowell Township Hall

Precinct II: The lower level at Lowell Township Hall

CITY OF LOWELL:
Precinct I: Runciman Building
Precinct II: Bushnell Elementary

Absentee ballots should be returned in mail by Nov. 5. Anticipating a large voter turnout, Vergennes Township will set up extra voting booths. "We normally have five. For this election, we're hoping to have 10-12 booths," Stone said.

Both the city and Lowell Township will have 10-15 voting booths.

County officials are predicting a voter turnout of about 70 percent.

Vergennes Township will have one precinct. It will be located at Vergennes Township Hall.

Both of Lowell Township's precincts will vote at Lowell Township Hall. Voters in Precinct I will vote upstairs and voters in Precinct II will vote on the lower level.

Registered city voters will be divided into two precincts. Precinct I will vote at the Runciman building on High Street. Voters in Precinct II will vote at Bushnell Elementary on Elizabeth Street.

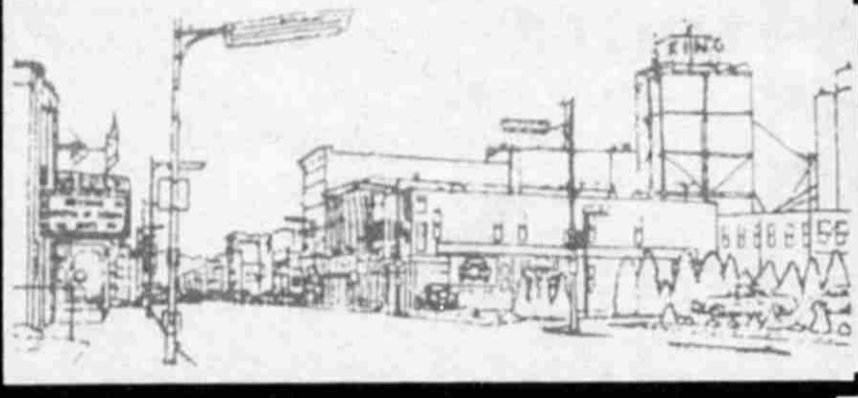
All voting precincts will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The townships and the city will have five-seven precinct inspectors working at each precinct.

Editor's Note: In order to vote in a responsible manner, voters must be informed when they go to the polls. What follows is a description of each proposal and states what it means to vote "YES" or "No" on each proposal. It is the Ledger's hope this will help voters make an informed, knowledgeable choice when they go to vote Nov. 5.

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Along Main Street



HAUNTED HOUSE

Back by popular demand the Lowell Area Fire Department will be having a haunted house free of charge at the Look Memorial Fire Station on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Anyone interested in attending may stop by between 6 and 9 p.m. Refreshments will also be available.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Lowell Area Historical Association is having a fund-raising spaghetti dinner and program on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Cherry Creek Elementary. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and the program will be from 7:30 to 8:30; adults, \$6 and children \$4. Contact Jim Reagan at 897-9656 with any questions.

The program is for business and building owners to maintain and repair their property such as how to maintain double hung windows and how to repaint and repair mortar and bricks. The Acquisition/Collection Committee of L.A.H.A. will have a display of historic Lowell artifacts that will also be worth the visit.

DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS "RAW TALENT"

The Lowell High School Drama Club presents an evening of entertainment on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. This year's programs are being titled *Raw Talent*. The one-act skits, instrumental and vocal music along with monologues will be presented by the drama club starting at 6:30 in the evening. Admission is free.

This will be the first of several programs during this school year. The Lowell Performing Arts Center is located at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library are planning a moving day book

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Heart attack takes life of Michigan Wire co-founder, Donald Fizer, 58

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

On the surface, Donald Fizer was perceived by some to be a very hard, crass uncaring individual.

Employees struggling to pay the week's bills knew a very different man.

"On the surface Don appeared to be a crass, uncaring man," said son-in-law and Michigan Wire president Dean Lonick. "But that was just an exterior shielding his big soft heart."

Fizer, 58, died Saturday evening (Oct. 26) from a massive heart attack while with his wife Deanna at their cottage on Dickerson Lake. He was pronounced dead at Sheridan Hospital shortly after 8 p.m.

"He was putting in a salt lick for the deer, like he did every year, before calling it a day," Lonick said.

In just hours after his death, news spread of his passing. "It was the underground network of the common, plain folk the word got out to first," Lonick said. "The people who had been on the receiving end of his generosity."

Fizer along with Don Dietrich co-founded Michigan Wire a little over 20 years ago. D&D Trucking was started a few years later to compliment the wire business.

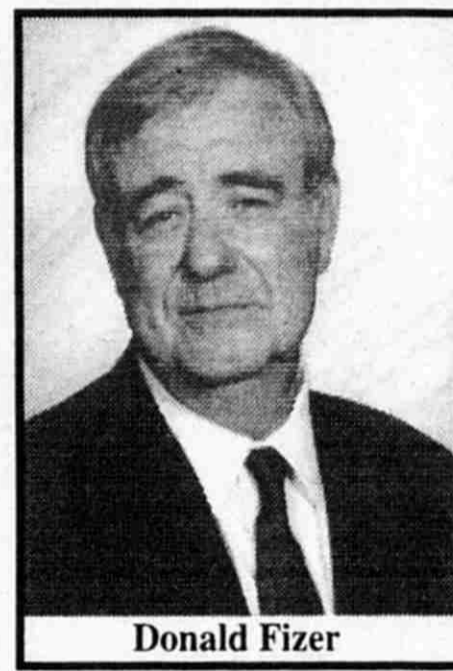
The company was founded for the purposes of annealing, descaling and coating, and drawing of hot rolled bar or rod coils. This enables the rod or bar coils to be used in the cold heading industry for the making of nuts and bolts and other cold headed products used in the automotive, marine, and aircraft industries.

Fizer's reputation in the industry "is second to none. He built Michigan Wire and D&D on the old-fashioned principle of customer service with a deep commitment to the employees and their families," Lonick stated.

"For Don, success was to go do another day," Lonick said. "Material things, while he may have acquired them, were not important to Don."

He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Elizabeth Fizer and a brother John. Surviving are his wife, Deanna; children Deborah and Dean Lonick, James and Sandra Fizer, Janine and Randy Miller, Michael and Sharon Fizer, Gary and Danielle Cornish all of Lowell, Rob and Lisa McCulloch of

Jackson, Ryan and Kathy Cornish of Stockbridge; grandchildren Sandra, Elizabeth, Amanda, Joseph, Jason, Joshua, Kyle, Katherine, Carl, Christopher, Megan, Molly, Zachary, Angela, Derek, Ciara, Nathan, Lucas and Kyle; sisters Jean and Andy Hawley of Jackson, Judy and Gary Hartley of Arvada, CO. Funeral Services were held Wednesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Jeff Manion of Ada Bible Church officiating. Interment Munnith Cemetery, Munnith, MI.



Donald Fizer

The family requests that memorial donations be made in the name of Donald Fizer to the Lowell Library Fund.

Have a
Happy, Safe
Halloween

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OBITUARIES

DYKSTRA - Mr. Folkert T. "Frank" Dykstra, aged 58, of Grand Rapids, passed away on Thursday morning, October 24, 1996, at Butterworth Hospital. He is survived by his children Lorie and John Phelps of Gowen, Lisa and

Pat McClure of Grand Rapids, Lynda and Russ Fenske of Grand Rapids, Sue and Jim Watrous of Lowell; his six grandchildren; his mother Mrs. Ann Dykstra of Grand Rapids; his sisters Alice and Tom Burggraaf of Grand

Rapids, Tina and Core Clockman of FL, Annie and Harry Kuipers of Grand Rapids, Sylvia and Larry Marlink of Hudsonville; and several nieces and nephews. The Funeral and Committal Services were held Saturday at the Alt & Shawmut Hills Chapel.

FIZER - Donald Roy Fizer, aged 58, of Lowell, passed away suddenly October 26, 1996. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Elizabeth Fizer and a brother John. Surviving are his wife, Deanna; children Deborah and Dean Lonick, James and Sandra Fizer, Janine and Randy Miller, Michael and Sharon Fizer, Gary and Danielle Cornish all of Lowell, Rob and Lisa McCulloch of Jackson, Ryan and Kathy Cornish of Stockbridge; grandchildren Sandra, Elizabeth, Amanda, Joseph, Jason, Joshua, Kyle, Katherine, Carl, Christopher, Megan, Molly, Zachary, Angela, Derek, Ciara, Nathan, Lucas and Kyle; sisters Jean

and Andy Hawley of Jackson, Judy and Gary Hartley of Arvada, CO. Don was founder and CEO of Michigan Wire Processing and of D&D Trucking. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Jeff Manion of Ada Bible Church officiating. Interment Munnith Cemetery, Munnith, MI. Memorial contributions to the Lowell Library or Ada Bible Church, 6015 Ada Dr., Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

HEMINGSEN - Robert Charles Hemingsen, aged 82, of Lowell, passed away at his home on October 24, 1996. Robert worked for L.W. Lamb Construction Company in Holland, MI, until his retirement in 1973. He was preceded in death by his parents Wilma and Albert Hemingsen, brothers Don, Albert and Gene, and sister Doris. Surviving are his

wife Norma; and children Juanita Baker-Czapek of Lowell, Guy (Georgan) Watrous of Midland, James (Sue) Watrous of Lowell, Marian (Bill) Mayou of Lowell; brother Alfred Hemingsen and sister Margaret McGalliard, both of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. "Papa Bob" is survived by 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place, and a memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church in Lowell on Monday with Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

NAUSIEDA - Edward J. Nausieda Sr., aged 73, of Wyoming, passed away Wednesday, October 23, 1996. He was a Veteran of

World War II. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his sons Edward Jr. (Terri) of Lowell, Richard (Vicki) of Caledonia; his daughters Patricia (Randy) Bogard and Mary Beth (Matthew) Underhill, both of Grandville; nine grandchildren, Eddie, Yvonne, Erin, Ryan, Jamie, Rachelle, Kelly, Matthew, Kayla, Joshua, one great-granddaughter, Arielle; his brother and best friend William (Joyce) Nausieda of Wayland; his brothers Roman (Ann) Nausieda and Frank Nausieda, both of Wayland, Tony (Helen) Nausieda and John (Julie) Nausieda, both of Chicago; his sister Pat Mariosh of Chicago. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday at St. John Vianney Church, Fr. Larry King presiding. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Vianney Church Building Foundation or the American Heart Association.

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City purchases new pickup

The city of Lowell accepted the bid of Thomet Chevrolet on a new pickup truck with plow.

The new 1997 3/4 ton 4 x 4 truck with a 7 1/2 foot western plow will replace the 1989 GMC truck.

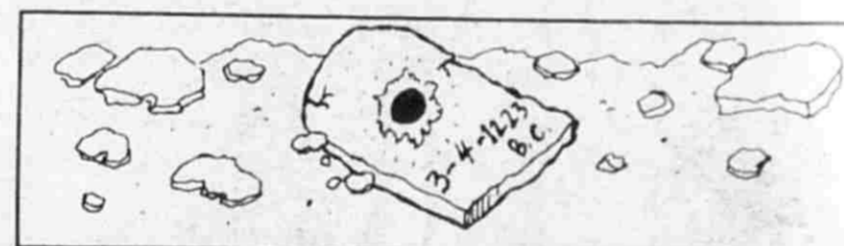
Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said the purchase of a new truck had been planned within the budget as part of a

scheduled replacement vehicle.

The bid on the new pickup came in at \$22,989. Thomet gave the city an

\$8,000 trade-in on its '89 truck, reducing the total cost to \$14,989.

The city had budgeted \$25,000 for a new vehicle.



The oldest record of a total solar eclipse is on a clay tablet found among the ruins of the ancient city of Ugarit (now Syria). The record describes an eclipse that happened March 4, 1223 B.C.

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2. Trick or treat with friends.
3. Have an adult nearby.
4. Have your parents look at treats before you eat anything.
5. Carry a flashlight.
6. Do not take candy from strangers.
7. Look both ways before crossing streets.
8. Don't walk between parked cars.
9. Trick or treat in early evening.
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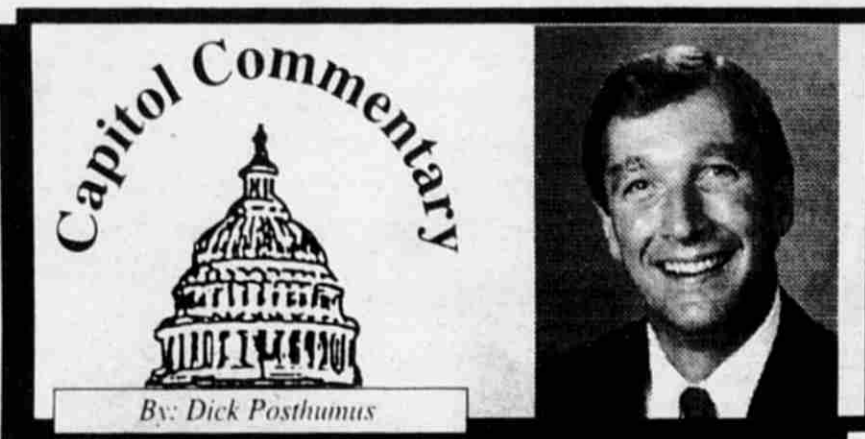
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LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR RIGHT TO VOTE

A lot of us, I think, lose sight of one of the most basic and most important privileges that we have as Americans: the right to vote, and the right to vote in a secret ballot setting. In America, we can vote for whomever we like, and we never have to disclose who we voted for. There are many nations of the world that don't have this same privilege extended to them, or if they do, they must divulge the names of the persons they voted for.

To be sure, there were times and places in American history where voting was dangerous. Local elections in Chicago and its suburbs were fixed by gangster Al Capone and his henchmen in the 1920's so that Capone's candidates, those who turned a blind eye toward his illegal network of speakeasies and gambling dens, would obtain public office.

Capone employed "sluggers" at every precinct, men who would ask you how you were voting as you entered the polls, and if you refused to say or offered that you were voting for the "wrong" candidate, you were either kidnapped until after the polls closed, or beaten until you agreed that perhaps you were voting for the wrong candidate.

It's little wonder, then, that Capone's candidates always won their elections in landslides, allowing him to continue to trade in his illegalities during that lawless time of Prohibition. Thankfully, such vote-rigging doesn't go on in these modern times. You can vote for whomever you like without feeling the heat from some gangster menacingly patrolling the voting booths.

So that makes it even more mind-boggling that more people don't vote today. It's the easiest thing to do and takes so little time. Precinct officials will even send absentee ballots to your home so that you can vote, even if you can't make it to the polls on November 5. We've made it easier than ever to have your voice heard, and yet countless Americans still sit out this most important function of American life.

Yes, it does take a little detective work to learn about what each candidate stands for, how you can expect them to represent your interests in Lansing, Washington, or the various boards, and what you can expect to come out of his or her office in the way of legislative initiatives. But that's all part of a representative government.

The fact that we all pay taxes and we all complain about them to one extent or another makes it even more puzzling that more people don't vote. Our forefathers made sure that a tax-paying America would have the luxury of a representative, citizen-chosen government in exchange for their tax dollars.

I don't know about you, but I always feel very good about myself and my country as I emerge from the voting booth having just voted. I get a very real sense that I am having a direct hand in how my state and country are run, and that I have the right to complain or change things when I see things that I don't like or that I disagree with. It's one of the fundamentally great things about the United States.

Because I have a family, and because I have responsibilities

as a husband, son, brother, father and public servant, I definitely want my voice to be heard. I want to make sure I live in a state that protects me from crime, provides a good education for my children, provides amenities for my mother and all other senior citizens, has good roads and bridges, and a strong economy so that our young people can find good jobs. I can't be sure I'm getting all these things unless I vote.

November 5 is almost here. It's all up to you. The future of this state, and our children's future, turns on how Michigan governs itself over the next few years. It's a huge responsibility to vote, but aren't you glad you have that responsibility? I know I am.

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enhances this tendency. The last group results from injury to the blood vessel, such as trauma, surgery, IV drug use, and special catheters used in hospitals.

There are no specific laboratory tests for detecting DVT. Ultrasound is the primary diagnostic test for patients with suspected DVT.

Once DVT is diagnosed hospitalization is required to start thinning the blood. Blood thinners such as Heparin and Coumadin are used for anticoagulation (blood thinning).

There are complications that can occur as a result of DVT. The more serious and life threatening is pulmonary embolism (PE). A PE can occur when all or part of a blood clot breaks off and floats through the heart and lodges in the lungs. Bleeding or hemorrhage from blood thinners can also occur. Less severe complications are recurrent swelling of the legs and leg ulcers. If recurrent leg swelling or leg ulcers occur it can be treated with leg elevation and support hose.

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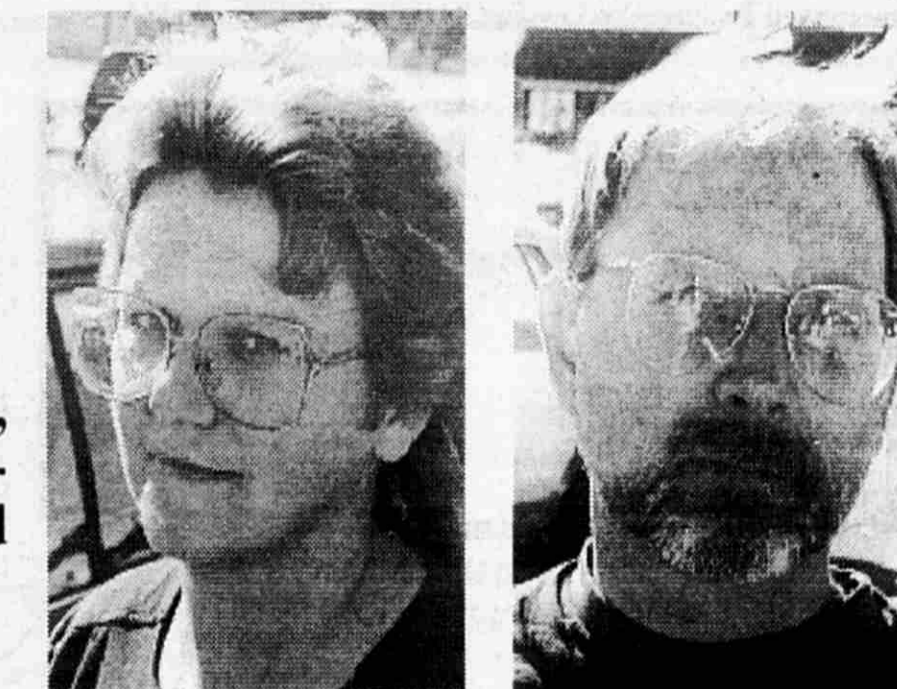
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TOWN TALK

At a recent board of education meeting Bert Bleke, Lowell superintendent, proposed developing a character education program. It would intertwine five-to-seven principles (e.g. respect, trustworthiness, caring, responsibility and honesty) throughout the curriculum. Would you favor such a program?



Sandy Sturgeon
Yes, it is a good idea. Kids aren't getting that stuff at home.

Roger Gillespie
I think a lot of those principles are already intertwined in a lot of the curriculum. I support a character program.



Rose Mitchell
Yes. Teaching principles sounds like a good idea.

Loren Kaeb
At Lowell High School, I don't have a problem with it. At some schools I think it could be a problem. Religion would be brought into it. Someone has to introduce principles if parents aren't doing it.

Herb Swan
It is a darn good idea to get kids thinking about those principles. Maybe it will help keep them out of trouble.

Tom Briggs
I think Lowell High School should concentrate on academics-teaching the three "Rs." Let the parents take care of the values and morals. Lowell doesn't do a good job with academics.



Pearl Murphy
Sure. Kids need that; they aren't getting principles taught to them at home.

Lisa Lane
Yes, it is a good idea. In today's society, we don't focus enough on that.

Sprinkling contract awarded

Evergreen Underground Sprinkling was awarded the contract for the purchase and installation of an underground sprinkler system to be used for the Department of Public

Works and the Look Memorial Fire Station grounds.

Evergreen was recommended by streets and park supervisor Dan DesJarden. "Evergreen provided

warranties and said it would install the system this year," DesJarden said. "It also had a better system for sprayers and zone controls."

DesJarden also recommended that an optional rain check sensor shut-off device be purchased for \$125 at each site. The device automatically shuts the system down if the ground is already wet.

The cost for the sprinkling system at the fire station is \$5,954 and the DPW system will cost \$2,642 for a total of \$8,596.

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Updated fee schedule lessens township's cost burden for meetings and services

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township officials have updated their fee schedule in hopes that residents will not have to incur the cost of special meetings and other uses of township time and material.

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do a site condo, wait for the three-lot approval or purchase more land. One way or another we'll get in there."

Beach hesitates to develop under the site condominium guidelines because the cost is much more than under the plat act.

However, he would like to get the construction of private road started before the weather turns sour.

The planning commission estimates that a public hearing could take until January

to schedule, due to the holiday season.

"We don't want to push it. We have to make sure we get it right," said commissioner Richard Bryan.

If Beach can't construct the road by November or December, he said he will probably wait until June to start construction.

In the meantime, the commission said he can present other plans for the development.

The fee schedule sets specific cost guidelines for persons wanting a meeting with the zoning board of appeals, the scheduling of special hearings, applications for building permits and inspections, cemetery costs and other township services and publications.

The township didn't change the cost for building permits and inspections, but did increase the cost for special meetings and meetings with the ZBA.

The cost of meeting with the ZBA went from \$200 to \$300, because the cost of conducting the meeting has risen.

The increased cost includes the expense of four to six members of the ZBA meeting, at a cost of \$40 per person, and the cost of advertising the request.

"The cost increases just cover the expenses," said township clerk Mari Stone. "The rest of the people should not pay for someone to make appeals."

The township has also added a cost of 10 cents a page for copies, \$15 for a copy of the township master plan, \$5 for zoning maps, and \$4 for facsimile.

Cemetery fees in cases of burial spaces are listed at \$30 for residents and \$300 for nonresidents. Grave openings are \$250 from May 1 until Oct. 31 and \$300 for openings from Nov. 1 through April 30. There are also other fees on record with the clerk for other cemetery needs.

Consulting fees with the township's planning commission

or ZBA have also been added to the schedule.

Applicants must pay for required inspections of private roads by the township's engineer during construction. In addition, the township may require an advance escrow amount to cover any anticipated consultation fees.

"The township is within its legal rights to charge those inspections back to the developer," said Stone. "The township does not want to be liable for those type of costs."

Stone said the changes made make the fee schedule much clearer and help prevent the township from paying unnecessary costs.

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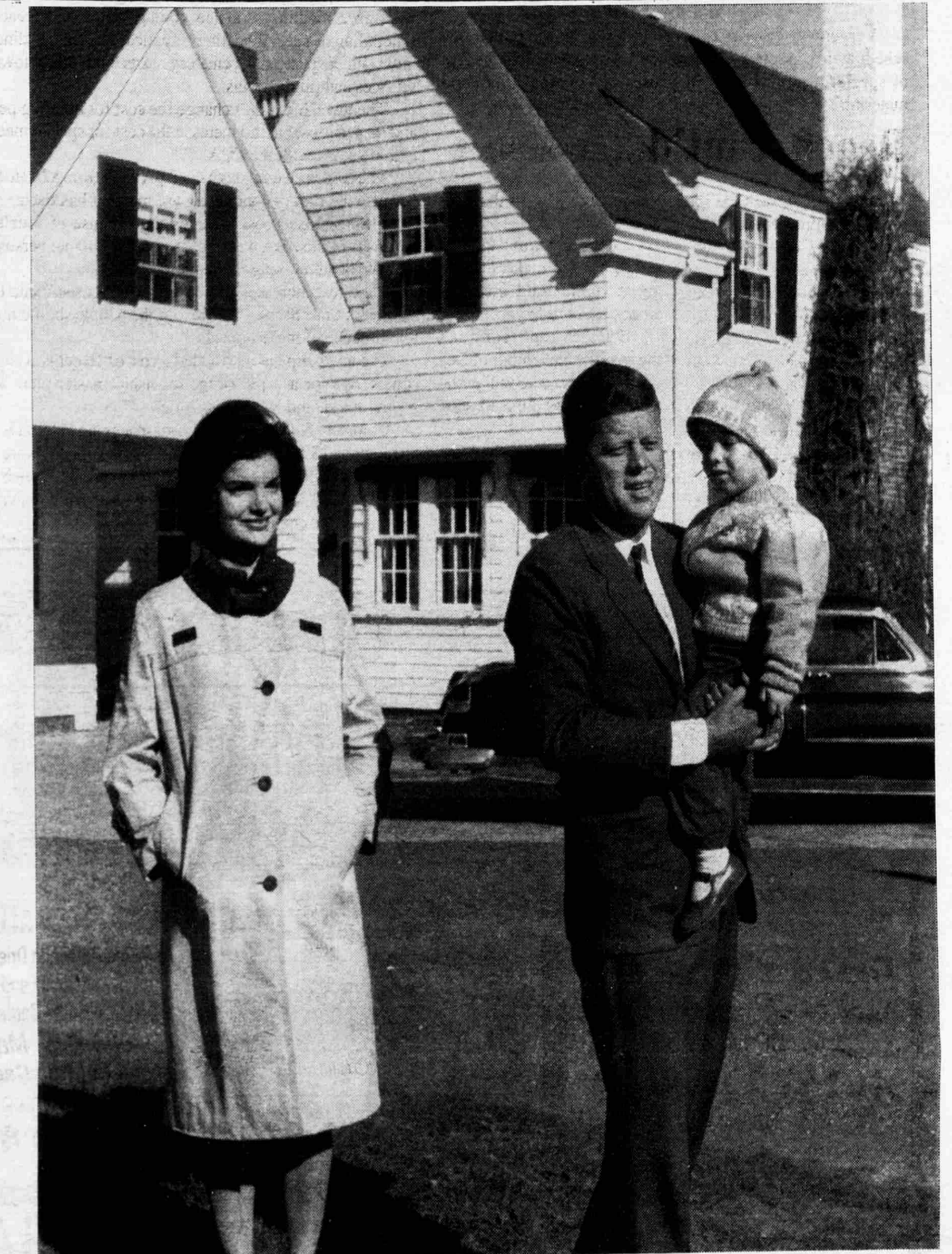
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Medical supply company waits for final approval from township supervisor

By Marc Popielek Contributing Writer

because it would be located in a flood plain area and could landlock 10 acres behind the site.

If Don Anderson and Jeff Tarak are given permission to build a commercial medical supply facility, they will have to receive it from Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpon.

The duo approached the township's planning commission earlier this month about the project and were told to provide some more information before approval could be granted.

The plans call for a 30- by 40- foot warehouse and adjoining 20- by 24- foot office facility on one acre of the available 11 acres of land located along M-21 across from Cumberland Manor.

Among the list of items needed was a septic permit from the Kent County Health Department, the location of a well, certified plans detailing the building location, outline of an acceleration lane and deceleration lane and a letter from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approving the venture.

The duo meet all the requirements, except for the letter from the DNR.

"My father talked to John (Timpon) and that matter has been cleared up," said Anderson, as to why there was no letter presented to the commission.

The commission is wary about allowing a business there

The likelihood of getting access in accordance with our ordinance is nil the way it is currently set up," said commissioner Richard Bryan. "State law says you can't landlock, which means you can't sell that 10 acres without an access road."

The commission was satisfied with the information presented to them, but since they can't issue a building permit, the matter will be turned over to Timpon.

"According to the DNR you're not supposed to build in a flood plain and our ordinance will not allow you to build in a flood plain, but whether you're building in one is up to John to decide," said Bryan.

Paving started for Lincoln Lake business park access road

By Marc Popielek Contributing Writer

Commuters on Lincoln Lake Avenue may have incurred some traffic delay while heading into the city of Lowell, due to road construction, but that construction will end before the snow begins to fly.

The project slowing traffic is the paving of the access road for the Lincoln Lake Business Park in Vergennes Township.

The road improvement comes on the heels of the addition of a new company to the site.

"Only John can issue a building permit," said commission chairman Mel Beers. "In order to allow you to build in a flood plain, John will have to do that."

The commission is concerned about past letters from the DNR regarding violations at the site, but Anderson said those matters were cleared up in court and all charges were dismissed.

When Walter VanderWulp received permission to locate his automobile impound lot, it became necessary to pave the road accessing the business park.

"Road engineers are going to look at it and they hope to have the work completed by snowfall," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone.

Township officials worked to have the road paved earlier, but it wasn't until VanderWulp purchased his 1 1/2 acres that the project officially got underway.

The cost and construction of the road is being overseen by Steadfast Construction, developers of the business park.

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Lowell soccer team frustrated in 2-0 district loss to Grand Ledge



Matt Maatman misfires on a header in front of the Grand Ledge goal.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a sad way to end an otherwise great soccer season. First, a 3-2 lightning-shortened loss to rival Forest Hills Central, and then a 2-0 loss to Grand Ledge in the first round of the Class A district.

"I don't know what the deal was," Lowell soccer coach Dave Wydock said. "I think the loss to Central had an effect on our play against Grand Ledge."

The Red Arrows controlled most of the first half. Lowell had numerous scoring opportunities but was unable to create the Grand Ledge net. "We owned them in the first half," Wydock said.

The Red Arrows were hardly even a shell of themselves in the second half as the Comets dominated play.

Grand Ledge found the Red Arrow net twice over the final 40 minutes.

"We didn't display much emotion," Wydock said. "I think Denny Briggs having to set out the game hurt the squad emotionally."

Lowell outshot Grand Ledge 18-12.

"We got a couple of breaks in the second half," Grand Ledge coach Thomas Olivier said. "Lowell is a good soccer team. They play a physical, aggressive game."

The win improved the Comets record to 8-11.

"We had a fantastic season both physically and emotionally. I just wish we didn't have to end it with two losses," Wydock said.

Lowell finished its 1996 season with a record of 14-5-1.

Lowell junior varsity splits last two games of '96 soccer season

The Lowell junior varsity soccer team finished its season with a win against Ionia and a tough loss at the hands of Forest Hills Central.

The Red Arrows finished the year with a record of 13-5-1. Lowell was 6-5-1 in league play.

Red Arrow Jim Jastifer scored two of Lowell's three goals in the Red Arrow 3-1 decision over the Bulldogs.

Off an assist from Aaron Alsgaard, Jastifer creased the net to give Lowell a 1-0 lead.

The Red Arrows later made it 2-0 when Jastifer scored his second goal. The assist was credited to Joe Giuliano.

Jeff Ortowski scored Lowell's third and final goal of the game.

The Red Arrows were shutout 1-0 by Forest Hills Central in the final game of the year.

Football, cont'd.... From Page 23

balanced Lowell rushing attack. Livingston rushed for 69 yards and one touchdown. Catlin ran for 58 yards and a touchdown. Curtis carried the ball for 48 yards and a touchdown.

Lowell rushed the ball 39 times for 249 yards. Catlin was 10-of-15 through the air for 120 yards.

The Red Arrow defense held Hudsonville to 74 yards rushing. The Eagles' DeVree was 11-of-25 for 206 yards of which 80 came in the fourth quarter.

The loss dropped Hudsonville to 3-5. The Eagles will play Coopersville on Friday.

Red Arrow girls push Zeeland in league loss

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The 49-40 loss to Zeeland was the fifth loss in a row for the Lowell girls' basketball team and its sixth in its last

seven games.

However, Red Arrow coach Ken Akers found a silver lining.

"I saw some desire and heart in our play that had been missing. The girls played as if they wanted to win," Akers said. "Had they showed that same heart and desire against

Middleville and EGR, we could have won a few games along the way."

The Chix (8-2, 9-6), coming off an impressive 29-point victory over Northview, find themselves just a half game behind league-leading Wyoming Park.

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Wojciakowski qualifies for state tournament; Red Arrow squad finishes sixth

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

They may be tough for area golf enthusiasts to walk, but the hills at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Jenison were no match for the field of runners in the Class A regional cross country meet on Saturday.

Over three quarters of the field ran at paces faster than six minutes a mile. The top 15 runners clipped it off in a pace of 5:30 a mile.

Grand Ledge won the event with 91 points. O-K White co-champion Zeeland was second with 93 points and Holland was third with 122. All three schools qualified for the state tournament on Saturday at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Lowell, one of seven schools who entered the race on Saturday with hopes of qualifying for the state meet, placed sixth.

"Out times were good, but this field was so fast," Lowell cross country coach Tom Harper said. "We knew it was going to be fast. There were a number of good teams in this regional."

The Red Arrows' top four runners all came home in less than 18 minutes.

Lowell was hurt in that Ryan Wittenbach, one of its top runners over the last couple of years, could not finish the race due to recurring back problems.

"We were hoping the fact that the hills weren't as steep and there was no hard pavement to run on that Ryan would be okay," Harper said.

However, teammate John Wojciakowski was okay. He placed ninth overall and finished with a time of 16:49. Zeeland's Kevin Blacquiere was first, stopping the clock in 16:12.

Lowell's Jon Dean was 21st and came off the course in X-C, cont'd. pg. 27



Lowell's Frank Kirsch and Jon Dean (far right) run with the pack during the regional meet on Saturday. Lowell boys placed sixth.

Basketball, cont'd.... From Page 24

"Zeeland is playing very well right now," Akers said. "Obrenovich is really making a difference for them at guard."

Despite poor shooting, the Red Arrows led 22-21 at halftime. The two teams played evenly throughout the third quarter and much of the fourth period.

Lowell trailed by one with roughly three minutes to play. "We were down one and Zeeland ran off seven straight points," Akers explained. "It isn't that we took bad shots, we were just unable to make our shots."

0-for-7. "They couldn't get anything to drop," Akers said.

Lowell got a marvelous performance from senior forward Emily Dunn. She tallied 17 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. "Emily looked as good as she can look out there," Akers said. She was eight of 17 from the floor and one of two from the foul line. "The girls played real well defensively and mentally," Akers said. "If they continue to play like this, we are going to win a few more games this season."

EGR 73
Lowell 45

The two shooters Lowell depends on from the outside could not find the mark in the second half. Jenny Borg was 0-for-8 and Lisa Murphy was

for a lopsided final score.

"We played poorly and East played well," Lowell basketball coach Ken Akers said. "It was also Brewer's (Lisa) first game back for East. She makes a difference. As a point guard, she sees the floor well and makes good passes."

Brewer netted 10 points and teammate Amy Alexander led the Pioneers with 14 points.

Emily Dunn led the Red Arrows with 11 points and Jenny Borg contributed with 10.

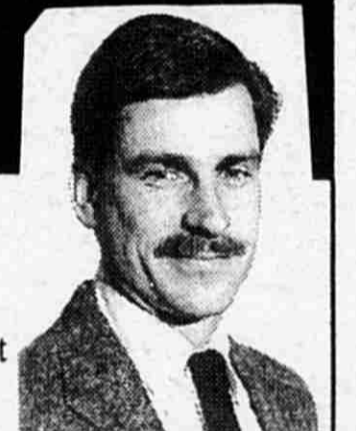
East led 48-39 after three quarters of play. The Pioneers outscored Lowell 25-6 in the fourth quarter.

Lowell finished the week at 3-6 in the O-K White and 6-9 overall.

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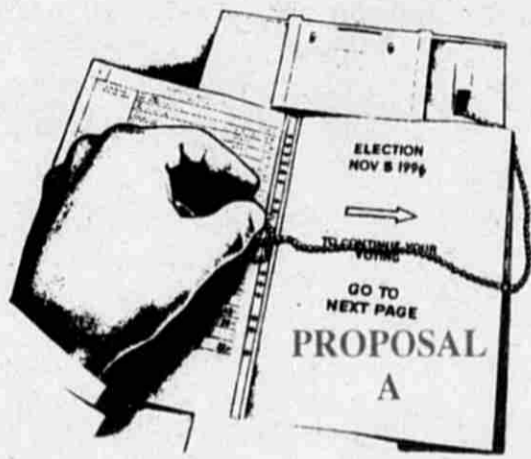
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A referendum on Public Act 118 of 1994 - an act to amend certain sections of Michigan's Bingo Act. Public Act 118 of 1994 would:

- 1) Change the definition of a qualified organization which is permitted to sponsor certain forms of gaming, including bingo, millionaire parties, and raffles, so that an organization which is organized under the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, including a candidate committee, political committee, political party committee, ballot question committee, or independent committee, is no longer qualified to receive a license to sponsor such gaming.
- 2) Permit a change in the single maximum prize or payout for a charity game sold by a licensed religious, educational service, senior citizens, fraternal or veterans organization.

Should this law be approved?

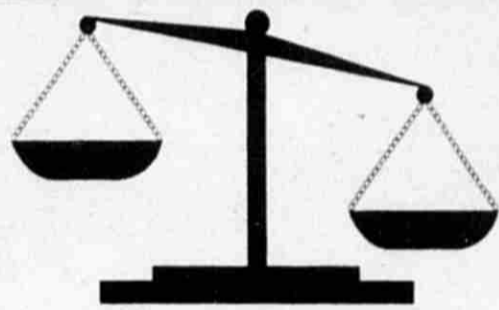
YES NO

People voting Yes on Proposal A argue that:

- Bingo, raffles, and millionaire parties should only be limited to bona fide religious, educational service, senior citizens, fraternal or veterans organizations.
- The Bingo Act allows campaign finance committees to raise funds that are not subject to the same contribution limits and reporting requirements of the Campaign Finance Act.
- Bingo, raffles and millionaire parties should not be used to fund political activities.

People voting NO on Proposal A argue that:

- People should continue to be allowed to contribute to campaign finance committees through bingo, raffles, and millionaire parties.
- Bingo sponsored by campaign finance committees must file more reports than other organizations operating bingo.
- Bingo, raffles and millionaire parties are fairer ways to raise funds than some other methods.



PROPOSAL B

A proposal to amend the state Constitution to establish qualifications for judicial offices.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Specify that a person must have been admitted to the practice of law for at least 5 years to be qualified to serve as a trial court judge, an appeals court judge or a supreme court justice.
- 2) Provide that this requirement does not apply to any judge or justice appointed or elected to a judicial office prior to the date the requirement becomes a part of the Constitution.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted? YES NO

People voting Yes on Proposal B argue that:

- Not practicing law prior to becoming a judge can lead to an inexperienced judiciary.
- Individuals who have just passed the state bar should not be able to win a seat by virtue of name recognition or political connections.

People Voting NO on Proposal B argue that:

- While the issue should be addressed, five years is not a sufficient length of time because not all lawyers actually engage in litigation.
- By setting experience levels for judges, the Legislature is telling the electorate who they can or cannot elect to the judiciary.



PROPOSAL C

A proposal to establish the current Michigan veterans' trust fund in the state Constitution and require that expenditures from the fund be made solely for purposes authorized by the trust fund's board of trustees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Establish the current Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund and the Board of Trustees responsible for administering the fund in the state Constitution.
- 2) Require the transfer of all funds in the existing Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund to the constitutionally established Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund.
- 3) Authorize the State Treasurer to direct investment of the fund.
- 4) Stipulate that except for the State Treasurer's investment actions, an expenditure or transfer of a fund asset, interest, or earnings could be made only upon the authorization of a majority of the fund's Board of Trustees.

Should this proposed constitutional amendment be adopted? YES NO

People voting YES on Proposal C argue that:

- Because the trust fund would be constitutionally protected, the state would be prohibited from borrowing funds from it. Veterans and their families would continue to benefit according to the provisions of the law passed in 1946.
- Since the state would no longer be able to borrow from the trust fund, it would begin operating as provided for by law.

People voting NO on Proposal C argue that:

- The state's hands would be tied if fiscal emergencies required immediate funding.
- Interest payments are a small price to pay for the ability to react immediately to a fiscal crisis.



PROPOSAL E

A legislative initiative to permit casino gaming in qualified cities.

The proposed law would:

- 1) Permit up to three gaming casinos in any city that meets the following qualifications: has a population of 800,000 or more; is located within 100 miles of any other state or country in which gaming is permitted; and has had casino gaming approved by a majority of the voters in the city.
- 2) Establish a Gaming Control Board to regulate casino gaming.
- 3) Impose an 18% state tax on gross gaming revenues.
- 4) Allocate 55% of tax revenue to host city for crime prevention and economic development, allocate remaining 45% of tax funds to state for public education.

Should the proposed law be adopted?

YES NO

People voting YES on Proposal E argue that:

- Millions of dollars in additional revenue, generated by an 18 percent casino tax, would go to the host city for crime prevention and economic development, and to the state for public education.
- Taxpayers would realize a savings in tax dollars since substantial revenue would be raised through a casino tax.
- Native American casinos are allowed to operate in Michigan while private ventures are not.

People voting NO on Proposal E argue that:

- More casinos would open the state to an increased range of social ills, including crime, prostitution and gambling addiction.
- Other American cities rebuilt their economics without using gambling as the primary economic development tool.
- Allowing additional casinos would hurt the state's lottery revenues.

MICHIGAN GAME MANAGEMENT ISSUES

With two competing proposals such as Proposal D and Proposal G, one or neither will become effective. If both proposals receive 50 percent or less of the total votes cast, neither proposal passes. If each proposal receives 50 percent or more of the total votes cast, the proposal that receives the most yes votes will become law.



PROPOSAL D

A legislative initiative to limit bear hunting season and prohibit the use of bait and dogs to hunt bear. The proposed law would:

- 1) Prohibit the use of bait and dogs to hunt bears at anytime.
- 2) Prohibit bear hunting during open season for deer, bobcat and raccoon if baiting or hunting with dogs is permitted during these seasons.
- 3) Create penalties for violations, including temporary and permanent denial of hunting license.
- 4) Allow individuals to sue for damages caused by violations and to seek injunctions.
- 5) Allow bear hunting by any method by government officials acting in their official capacity and for any person acting in defense of life.

Should the proposed law be adopted?

YES NO

People voting YES on Proposal D argue that:

- The present methods allowed for hunting bear in Michigan, using bait and radio collared dogs, give an unfair advantage to hunters.
 - The proposal gives voters an opportunity to decide how to manage Michigan's black bear population.
- People voting NO on Proposal D argue that:
- Regulatory authority for hunting in Michigan should be left to the Department of Natural Resources. DNR personnel base their decisions on sound scientific principles and are the recognized stewards of wildlife management for the state.

- The use of dogs and bait for hunting bear in Michigan is a tool in managing the bear population.
- The present methods of bear management enable the bear population to thrive.



PROPOSAL G

A referendum on Public Act 377 of 1996 - an amendment regarding the management of Michigan's wildlife populations

Public Act 377 of 1996 would:

- 1) Grant the Natural Resources Commission the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game including bear hunting (currently under the authority of the director of the Department of Natural Resources).
- 2) Require the Natural Resources Commission to utilize "principles of sound scientific management" in making decisions regarding the taking of game and to minimize human/bear encounters.
- 3) Require that a public meeting be held prior to the issuance of any orders by the Natural Resources Commission regarding the taking of game.

Should this law be approved?

YES NO

People voting YES on Proposal G argue that:

- The proposal gives the NRC authority to regulate the taking of game, including bear.
- The NRC would be required to use principles of sound scientific management when making decisions about the taking of game.

People voting NO on Proposal G argue that:

- DNR personnel currently base decisions on the taking of game on sound scientific principles.
- DNR personnel are experts in the field and recognized as stewards of wildlife management.

