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## First time voting

LaPorte County Sheltered Workshop supervisor Stacy Henkes drove 42 workshop clients to the polls this morning. For many of them, it was the first time they had ever voted. Pictured are clients Tony Clark (left)

and Jim Clark at the Ward 4, Pct. 2, polling place at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post. The clerk is Emily Everly. (News-Dispatch photo by Jim Messina)

## City seems headed for biggest vote

Michigan City seems headed for its biggest voter turnout in many years.

A check of the city's 20 precincts between 10 and 11 a.m. today showed 4,993 of the city's 18,309 registered voters, or 27.3 per cent, had voted.

In 1968, 27 per cent of the registered voters had voted by late morning. In 1970 only 20.6 per cent had voted. In 1972 only 22.2 per cent had voted and in 1974 only 17.6 per cent had voted.

Many votes normally are cast after employees get off work before the 6 p.m. poll closing time.

A county election board representative said this morning voting machine repairs were kept busy for about an hour after the polls opened at 6 a.m. However, he said the problems were straightened out. Problems were no more than normal, he said.

An overcast but generally cool and pleasant day greeted voters who went to the polls.

The heaviest turnout was in the 5th Ward, where 1,041 of 3,349 registered voters, or 31.1 per cent, turned out. The 2nd Ward was next with 844 of 2,816 or 30 per cent. Other ward totals, in sequence of turnout, were: 4th Ward, 1,172 of 4,131, 28.4 per cent; 6th Ward, 693 of 2,623, 26.4 per cent; 3rd Ward, 746 of 3,220, 23.2 per cent and 1st Ward, 497 of 2,170, 22.9 per cent.

The highest precinct turnout was reported by the 5th Ward's 3rd Pct., at the Queen of All Saints Church, where 351 of 892 registered voters, or 39.3 per cent, next highest was the 2nd Ward's 3rd Pct., at the Greenwood Cemetery office, where 280 of 653, or 32.8 per cent, had voted.

The lowest precinct turnout was in the 1st Ward's 2nd Pct., at the Superior Court House, where 46 of 259, or 17.8 per cent had voted.

Most precincts reported activity from "steady" to "busy" this morning. Some polling places had voters waiting in line at 6 a.m. this morning.

The Michigan Twp. polling place, at the Michigan City Fish and Game Club, had about 15 persons waiting in line most of the time this morning.

About 42 per cent of the registered voters in Long Beach had voted by 11 a.m. today, as 650 out of 1,543 registered had come to the polls.

Several other polling places had seen from 30 to 35 per cent of their registered voters by 11 a.m.

In The Pines (Pine Twp. 1), 159 of 523 registered had voted. In Beverly Shores (Pine Twp. 2), 294 of 841 registered had voted.

In New Durham Twp. (Westville), 439 of 1,432 registered voters had voted by 11 a.m.

In Rolling Prairie, 394 of 1,178 registered voters had gone to the polls.

Voting was heavy in Porter County An early morning report from a Valparaiso precinct (Center Twp. 6) showed 100 of the 760 registered voters balloting within the first 90 minutes.

In Burns Harbor, officials considered it a good turnout with 228 of 775 registered voters balloting by 10:30 a.m.

Porter figures showed 162 of 677 registered voters voting in the 5th Pct. at the town hall and 157 of 803 registered voting in the 7th Pct. at Yost School.

## Philadelphia's water supply under guard

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Officials kept Philadelphia's water system under tight security today after an extortionist apparently failed to carry out a threat to dump 1,000 gallons of heating oil into the water unless he got \$1 million.

Hillel Levinson, city managing director, emphasized that there was no cause for alarm. He said the worst effect of that much oil would be some cases of nausea, and that the biggest problem would be cleaning it up.

"We hope it's a hoax, but it's too early to tell," Water Commissioner Carmen Guarino said shortly before a midnight deadline for the money set by the extortionist in a

tape-recorded message. Early today, Guarino said no attempt to contaminate the water had been detected.

"We have people stationed at all our facilities and others riding around in their cars," Charles Vickerman, deputy water commissioner, said. "And the police have been alerted to watch for anything suspicious." A man's voice on the tape cassette, which was found in a city hall conference room about 9 a.m., had ordered the city to drop \$1 million from a helicopter over a site that would be marked by flashing lights along the Delaware River.

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## Deaths

Frances Kazmucha, 79, 1717 Manhattan St.

Frida Royce, 84, Lakeside, Mich.

Albert Tokoly, 62, 225 N. Ashland Ave.

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## Weather

Cooler tonight, low around 30. Colder late Wednesday afternoon with chance of light snow. High around 50 before turning cooler. High yesterday 50, low 42, at the local U.S. Coast Guard Station.

# Police benefit show grows--like magic

By HENRY LANGE  
News-Dispatch staff writer

Ticket sales and contributions are continuing to increase as city police officers prepare for benefit magic shows Sunday and Nov. 14 at Rogers High School Auditorium to aid three brother officers.

Proceeds from the ticket sale will aid three families who have amassed bills and other expenses incurred from their medical problems.

"We're at \$8,300 and still climbing," said patrolman Kenneth Waltz, ticket chairman for the benefit performances of Mr. T & Family.

Police Lt. Bob Taylor will bring his popular magic show to the auditorium for performances at 2 and 4 p.m. both Sundays.

Waltz announced additional entertainment for Sunday. John Oviatt will provide organ music before the show and during intermission.

On Nov. 14, banjo player Earl

Powley will augment that afternoon of magic.

"There are only about 500 tickets left," Waltz said.

He added that the three police shifts have started competition to see which shift can sell the most tickets.

"Each shift has averaged \$3,000," he reported.

The benefits are planned to aid the families of patrolmen Kenneth Bodine and Donald Turner, and Detective Sgt. Russell Yorkey.

Bodine is suffering from rare cancer of the spine. Turner's 6-year-old son, Jeff, suffers from cancer. Yorkey is recovering from open heart surgery.

The two largest contributions received thus far are \$500 gifts from the Indiana State Police Trooper Alliance and from John Waltz.

Many businesses and industries have purchased tickets or made donations to the benefit project.

"The cooperation has been tremendous. No one has said they wouldn't help," said Waltz.

He said Del Lonzo is donating the services of his high school junior concessions at Rogers to sell snacks during the performances.

Pepsi Cola is donating soft drinks. Members of the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary will take tickets. Civil Defense volunteers will handle traffic and members of the police department will work at the auditorium.

Waltz said he was contacted by McDonald's Restaurants and the firm plans to turn over its profits from the local restaurant from 7 to 11 p.m. Nov. 7 and 14.

The Michigan City Area Chamber of Commerce and Holiday Inn will cooperate in a public auction at the Inn Nov. 21, with merchants contributing articles for sale.

The fund-raising project began last week when the FOP membership sought methods to help the

three officers.

Lt. Taylor, who has a television appearance scheduled Thursday at 12:30 p.m. on WGN-TV in Chicago, volunteered his services.

Tickets were donated by First-Merchants National Bank and the sale was started.

Tickets still are available from any police officer, at the auditorium the days of performances and at police headquarters. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

DETROIT (AP) — United Auto Workers officials say there still is time to reach a tentative contract settlement with Chrysler Corp. and avert a strike by 118,000 U.S. and Canadian workers threatened for 6 p.m. Friday.

"We still have time to resolve all

the critical issues," UAW Vice President Douglas Fraser said Monday. Union President Leonard Woodcock described the pace of negotiations with the No. 3 auto maker as "fair." "I'd be disappointed if there were a strike," said Woodcock.

## 'Still time to settle contract'

## Poll response favors 'grandfather clause'

Most people responding to a city council public opinion survey favor a "grandfather clause" for the proposed city residency ordinance.

The ordinance would require all city employees, including all board, commission and department members, to live within the city limits. A grandfather clause would exempt from the ordinance all city employees already living out of town.

Support also seems to be building

on the council for a grandfather clause. It is uncertain whether there is enough support for adoption of such a clause, but introduction of one for consideration seems almost certain.

The residency ordinance is scheduled for second reading when the council meets Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the city police facility.

A total of 114 responded to the council's survey, carried as a paid

advertisement in The News-Dispatch. Of that number, six responses were discounted — four because they were from out of town and two because they were unsigned.

The responses were opened and tallied last night by councilman Ronald Kniola and a representative of The News-Dispatch.

Of the 108 responses counted, 68 favored a residency ordinance and 40 opposed one. Also, 68 persons favored a grandfather clause with 40

opposed. About 10 of the 40 against the ordinance were for the grandfather clause and said they would favor the ordinance if such a clause were included.

Of the 108 responses, 10 were from 1st Ward residents, 19 from the 2nd, 13 from the 3rd, 30 from the 4th, 28 from the 5th and 8 from the 6th.

Also, 20 responses were received after the original 108 were tallied. Those 20 responses have not yet been opened.

Turnouts were strong in Chesterton too. Those Westchester Twp. precincts surveyed between 10 and 11 a.m. showed: Pct. 1 — 221 of 773; Pct. 2 — 343 of 911; Pct. 3 — 343 of 911; Pct. 8 — 194 of 691; Pct. 9 — 309 of 899; and Pct. 10 — 186 of 563.

In Jackson Twp., 344 of 1,163 registered had voted before 10:30. A similar turnout in Liberty Twp. showed 317 of 1,095 registered in the 1st Pct. and 360 of 1,030 in the 2nd Pct.

In LaPorte County's Dewey Twp. 220 of the 755 registered had voted by 10:30 a.m.

Coolspring Twp.'s 1st Pct. had 517 of its 1,837 registered voting by 10 a.m. and 650 by 10:30.

Steady flows were reported at Michigan's New Buffalo City, New Buffalo Twp. and Three Oaks Twp. polling places this morning. By 11:30, Michigan time, 424 of about 1,500 registered had voted at the polling place for Three Oaks Twp.'s two precincts.

In New Buffalo, 335 of 1,360 registered voters had come to the city poll, while 318 of the township's 1,800 voters from two precincts had voted.

In LaPorte, 4,487 of the 12,366 registered voters had voted by mid-day.

Also in election news today: — After the closing of the polls today and a visit to his campaign headquarters, Rep. John Brademas, D-Ind., will fly to Washington, D.C., where he will appear Wednesday morning on the NBC Today program to analyze election results in House of Representative races.

Brademas, House chief deputy majority whip, will be joined by Rep. John Anderson, Illinois Republican and chairman of the house GOP conference.

— At least one person cannot be accused of election apathy. At 10 this morning, a high school student called The News-Dispatch to ask who was ahead in the presidential race.

— And finally, a note about the voting machines: One pull of the lever is good for governor and lieutenant governor candidates.

## Mid-morning vote

W-P	Vote	Reg.
1-1	252	1,097
1-2	46	259
1-3	199	814
Totals	497	2,170
2-1	169	654
2-2	167	549
2-3	280	853
2-4	228	760
Totals	844	2,816
3-1	184	946
3-2	197	757
3-3	144	648
3-4	221	869
Totals	746	3,220
4-1	280	969
4-2	472	1,712
4-3	420	1,450
Totals	1,172	4,131
5-1	210	783
5-2	276	970
5-3	351	892
5-4	204	704
Totals	1,041	3,349
6-1	400	1,382
6-2	293	1,241
Totals	693	2,623
Grand Totals	4,993	18,309

1974 registration ..... 16,825  
1974 morning vote ..... 2,965

1972 registration ..... 19,824  
1972 morning vote ..... 4,392

## Follow the vote

You can learn how the election is going tonight:  
1. By calling 874-7211, The News-Dispatch, or  
2. By calling 362-2161, The LaPorte Herald-Argus or

By listening to —  
1. Michigan City radio station WIMS (AM 1420), or  
2. LaPorte radio station WCOE (FM 96.7).  
(First returns expected shortly after 6 p.m. CST)