

# Mr. Gage top spender in court race

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Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Hilda Gage, who finished a comfortable first in the Nov. 7 general election, also finished a comfortable first in campaign spending.

According to reports filed with the Secretary of State's office, Judge Gage spent \$133,294. She outdistanced another successful candidate, then-district judge Gene Schnelz, who spent \$74,674.

Following Gage and Schnelz were two unsuccessful candidates, Waterford District Judge Robert C. Anderson and Birmingham attorney Judith Denney Doran, who spent \$59,481 and \$49,488 respectively.

West Bloomfield attorney Bernard Kaufman spent \$37,574 in his winning effort.

Trailing in the spending race was former State Rep. Albert A. Kramer (D-Oak Park). Kramer spent \$8,139.

JUDGE GAGE was her own major contributor, spending \$95,000 on the campaign. Another \$22,997 was contributed by her husband, attorney Noel P. Gage.

The next largest single contribution was \$1,800 from Little Caesar's President Michael Hiltz.

Other large contributions, according to the report, came from Kingswood Academy teacher Susan Weiner, who gave \$500, and financier Max Fisher, a \$300 contributor.

As with all six candidates, lawyers supplied much of the campaign money. The largest contribution to Mrs. Gage from the legal community came from the Pontiac law firm of Yutile, Zeleznick, Plourde, and Russell, \$400.

Five sitting judges also contributed to the Gage campaign, her report showed. Circuit Court Judge Bristol Hunter and Oakland Circuit Judge William Hampton each contributed \$100, as did Detroit Recorder's Court Judges Samuel Gardner and Sharon Finch.

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington Hills added \$25 to the Gage campaign fund.

The only labor contribution to the Gage campaign was \$100 from the Michigan Education Association.

JUDGE SCHNELZ, of Walled Lake, was the major contributor to his successful campaign for the county bench. Schnelz loaned his campaign \$15,400.

As the most popular candidate with the county legal establishment, Schnelz received most of his contributions from lawyers.

The largest single contribution from a lawyer was \$300 from West Bloomfield attorney Bruce Keidan, a candidate for Circuit Court who was defeated in the August primary.

From the judicial branch, Schnelz raised \$635. Circuit Judge William Hampton equaled his contribution of \$100 to Judge Gage, while District Judges Robert Shipper of Rochester, Edward Lawrence of Madison Heights, Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington Hills and Martin Boyle of Walled Lake all financially aided Schnelz.

Other elected officials contributing to the successful Schnelz campaign were State Rep. Richard Fessler (R-West Bloomfield), County Commissioner Park Mayor David Shepherd.

Schnelz received no contributions from business organizations, but his report showed one labor contribution. That \$100 came from Local 25 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers (AFSCME).

BERNARD KAUFMAN, of West Bloomfield, successful in his second bid for a seat on the Oakland Circuit Court, was buoyed by generous contributions from organized labor.

The Oakland County UAW and the Teamsters Union each gave Kaufman \$500, with Local 876 of the Retail Clerks Union adding another \$300 and the Detroit AFL-CIO giving \$150.

The largest individual contributions to the Kaufman campaign, according to his report, were \$500 from Madison Heights osteopath Howard Dubin and \$400 from Sophie Salem, a Warren resident and bookkeeper at General Motors.

According to the report filed by the candidates committee, two well-known Oakland County businessmen were among the many contributors to the Kaufman campaign chest.

Southfield automobile dealer Jerome Glassman and New York Carpet World President Irving Nussbaum donated \$50 and \$100 respectively.

From the political arena, Kaufman received three contributions from Oakland County Democrats. They are county party Treasurer David Gubow, Oak Park Councilman Gerald Nafaty and former Prosecutor Thomas Plunkett.

JUDGE ANDERSON was his campaign's biggest single contributor. In promoting his unsuccessful candidacy, Anderson loaned his campaign committee \$17,893.

Unlike the other aspirants, Anderson received most of his money from the northwest area of Oakland County, where he serves as a district judge.

Anderson received no contributions from either business or labor, but he did receive contributions from fellow jurists.

Circuit Judge William Hampton gave Anderson \$100, as he did with Judges Gage and Schnelz. Anderson also received contributions from District Judges Edward Lawrence of Madison Heights and Kenneth Hempstead of Drayton Plains.

JUDITH DENNEHY DORAN, Birmingham attorney and one of two women in the six candidate race, received considerable financial support from women throughout the county. That source of funding, along with traditional support from fellow lawyers, made the Doran campaign less dependent on major contributions.

Her major contributions were loans totaling \$18,775 from William Doran, her husband and law partner. Other major contributions came from her family.

The largest single contribution was \$1,000 from the UAW of Oakland County.

From outside the Doran family, the largest donation came from Bloomfield Hills businessman H.L. Van Arnen, who gave \$500.

Two female jurists added \$100 each to the Doran campaign chest. Federal District Judge Patricia Boyle was joined by Detroit Recorder's Judge Sharon Finch in aiding the unsuccessful bid of Mrs. Doran.

THE CAMPAIGN which raised and spent the least, according to the reports, was that of Oak Park attorney Albert Kramer.

Kramer spent only \$8,139.

Besides personal loans of \$2,200 from the candidate, the largest contributions were the \$1,000 given to Kramer by the Oakland County UAW. The teamsters Union donated \$200 to Kramer.

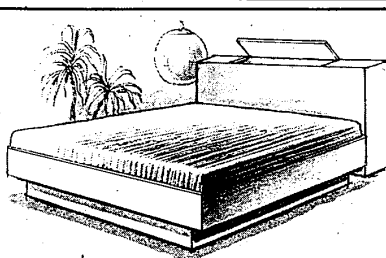
The only business organization to contribute to any candidate in the race, the National Bank of Detroit Good Citizenship Committee, gave Kramer \$50.

The largest individual contribution to Kramer was \$500 from Detroit insurance executive Ernest Solomon. It was one of many contributions he made in 1978, mostly to Democratic candidates.

A former colleague of Kramer during his tenure as a state representative, Matthew McNeilly (D-Detroit), chairman of the house insurance committee, gave the Kramer campaign kitty \$425, the report showed.

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## More solar power study is aim of congressmen

Nearly a year after the much-publicized "Sun Day," congressmen are pressing the White House to increase the budget for solar energy research.

U.S. Rep. James Blanchard (D-Breastant Ridge) is one of five House members who are leading the efforts urging President Jimmy Carter to "substantially increase" the solar energy research budget. Blanchard is a member of the House science and technology committee, which has, over the years, fought to increase funding for solar energy research.

Last week, 110 congressmen signed a letter expressing concern over what they consider the inadequacy of the \$597 million to be spent for solar energy research.

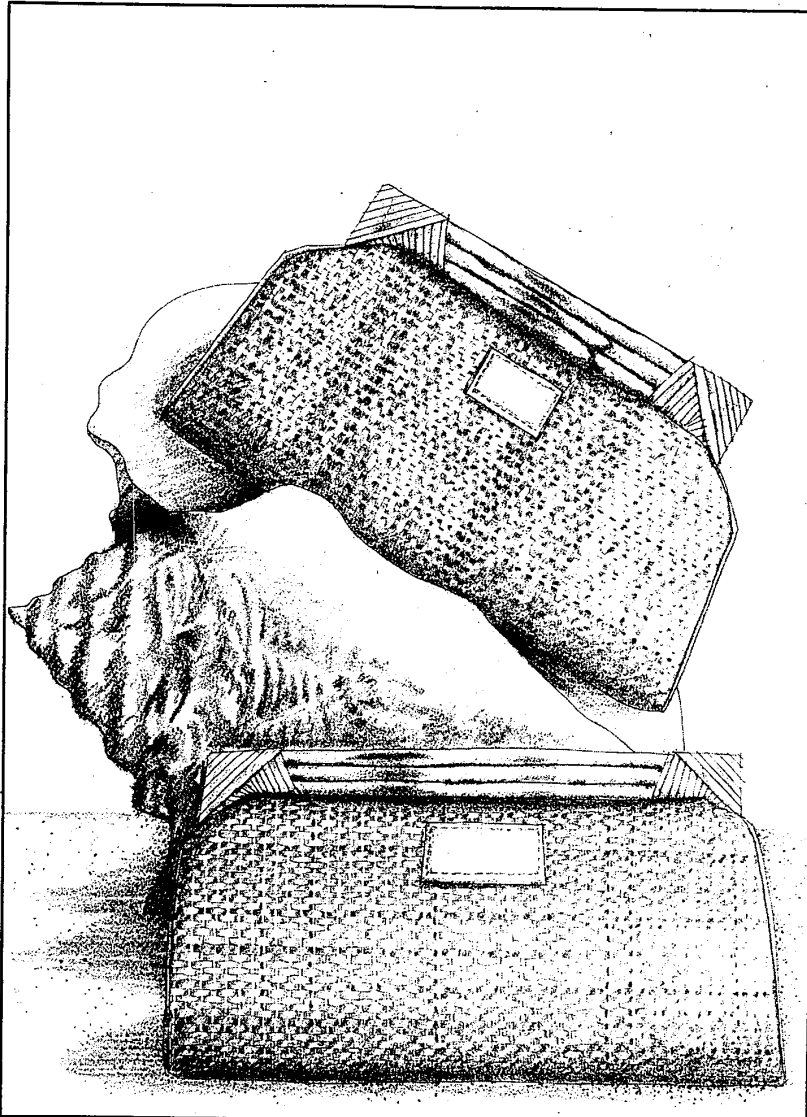
That total is a 13 per cent increase over 1979 spending, but some lawmakers believe much more is needed. In 1974, the first year solar energy research was subsidized by the government, only \$8 million was appropriated.

Blanchard did not say precisely how much additional money was needed. The only way in which impressive technological advances can be achieved is Carter to set a "high national goal for solar energy implementation," he said.

"In 1961," Blanchard wrote, "President (John) Kennedy committed the nation to a goal of placing a man on the moon by the end of the decade. That far-sighted goal was reached through an inspiring national cooperative effort."

"A similar visionary commitment to solar implementation could provide the nation with a focus for a national effort to utilize solar energy as our preferred energy source," the Oakland County Democrat continued.

Previous forecasts indicated that solar energy would not make a "significant" contribution to meeting national energy needs until at least the year 2020.



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