## Who gets organ transplants? Who decides?

### **Patients** demand too much medic

Americans are placing too many demands on their doctors because they expect the physicians to "keep me alive and keep me happy," says Dr. Marshall Goldberg, professor of medicine at Michigan State Univer-sity.

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Thirty years ago, the unwritten patient-doctor contract merely said, "Here's my money, keep me alive." Goldberg said. But the introduction of anti-anxiety and anti-depressand rugs has altered this professional relationship.
"It's a tough contract to fulfill." Goldberg said in a TV Gulde magaine article. The author of several medical novels, he is chief of endocrinology of Hurley Medical Center, Filint.

GOLDBERG SAID there have been major changes in health-ear institutions, and many hospitals are aggressive in their advertising.
"If the best way to lower the cost of a product or service is through competition, let there be competition. But because of the pressures hospital administrators are under to keep beds filled, there are few Mother Teresa types among them," he wrote.

Mother teresa types drawing mean-he wrote. Most physicians will admit, Gold-berg sald, that they spend less time with patients than before. But doc-tors point out that because of medi-cal advances, they can do sor much more for patients, and they bear a heavier responsibility.

#### New state road maps are ready

Michigan's new Official Transpor-tation Map is making its debut as part of the state's 150th birthday cel-

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The map is one of the Michigan Department of Transportation's projects for the state Sesquieenten-nial celebration, which began in June and will continue through 1987.

The Michigan Travel Bureau has begun distributing them as part of an effort to encourage travel in Michigan during the Sesquicentennial year.

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The map can be obtained free at numerous locations, including all MDOT district offices and welcome centers. Other distribution points in-clude state police posts, district of-fices of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, local chambers of commerce, municipal govern-ment offices and regional tourist as-sociations.

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The Department of Transportation will mail maps to individuals upon request. Requests should be made on a post card (not in a sealed envelope) providing the name, address and ZIP code of the requester). Post cards should be mailed to: MAPS, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, Mich. 48009.

#### Save energy

Most ovens do not need to be preheated as long as your recipe may indicate. The oven in your electric range can be turned off about ten minute: before the food is done; the residual heat will finish the job.

"CHARGES OF blas and discrimination on haunt medical centers, because a morphic problems of the relatively to physicians and other health-eare personal," said Arthur L. Caplan, an authority on ethical issues in organ transplantation,

In an address Thursday at the University of Michigan, Caplan said:

"Legislators, bureauerata, legal experts, public policy makers and, most importantly, the public itself should have a say in the complicated should have a say in the complicated should have a say in the decisions in organ transplantation.

"The public is concerned that serious unfairness exists in the distribution of organs," Caplan said.

Caplan is an associated director of the Hastings Center in Hastings-On-the Hastings-On-the Hastings Center in Hastings-On-the Hastings Center in Hastings-On-the Hastings-On-the Hastings-On-the Hastings-On-the Ha

THE PUBLIC relations problem facing organ transplantation was dramatized by the "Baby Jesse" case at Lorna Linda Medical Center in California. "Jesse" was at first denied a heart transplant, apparently because the transplant team believed there was little chance that the baby would receive proper support from parents, who were not married.

Lobbying by Baby Jesse's family and a Right-to-Life group and the use of the popular Phil Donahue tele-vision show as a forum persuaded the medical center to change its stand

It was later revealed that another

heart two weeks longer. Though a donor heart was eventually found for Baby Calvin, the entire incident raised questions about current meth-ods of donor organ allocation, Ca-plan said.

IN THE UNITED States today, people can make a glft of their organs after their death. "I think we should turn up the heat a little," Ca-

should turn up the heat a little," Ca-plan said.
France and some other European countries have made organ donation after death mandatory by law.
Caplan does not believe making organ donation mandatory will work, however, without the consent of family members as part of the process. He advocates required-re-quest legislation, which has been passed in 27 states, including a Mich-

igan law that will go into effect Oct.

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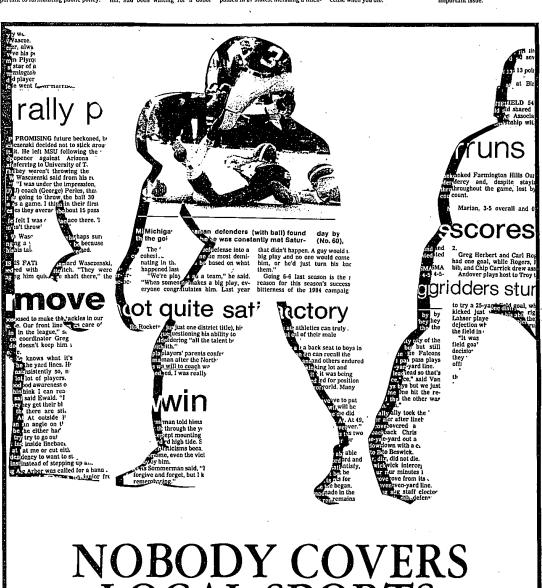
"Required request means that when someone dies, a professional with appropriate training must, approach family members with a formal request for organ donation." Cajan asald. "Currently, family members with a formal request for organ donation." Cajan asald. "Currently, family members are frequently not approached with such requests."

Since the law was passed in Orego, cornea donations there have increased 1,500 percent. In California, New York and Alabama, all of which have required-request laws, organ monations have increased substantially.

"As far as I'm concerned, that sticker on the back of the Michigan oftiver's lilensed does little good at all. No one looks for your driver's lilensed does little good at all. No one looks for your driver's lilensed when you die."

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