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The Lotto jackpot was worth at least \$8 million. The Michigan lottery numbers for Wednesday, Nov. 1, are:

- DAILY 3: 576
- DAILY 4: 3347
- CASH 5: 1, 21, 24, 30, 35
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Sowerby big campaign spender



BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

If fund raising is important then Farmington Hills mayoral candidate Paul Sowerby is well up on the competition, and anyone else.

Sowerby, an attorney running against Hills councilman Aldo Vag-

nozzi for mayor, had reported contributions of \$42,211.58 by the Oct. 27 filing deadline with the Oakland County Elections Commission. Vagnozzi had contributions of \$9,787.50, only 23 percent of Sowerby's war chest.

In fact, Sowerby pulled together more in in-kind contributions (\$12,980.04) than all of his opponent's contributions.

Sowerby, who had planned to raise up to \$50,000 for his campaign, pulled in \$16,143 in four fund-raisers, two at Ginopolis, one at the Radisson Hotel and one at Roosevelt's.

John Ginopolis provided food and beverage at his popular restaurant for the fund-raisers amounting to \$1,470. But Sowerby was his own best friend with contributions and in-kind services of \$4,475.54.

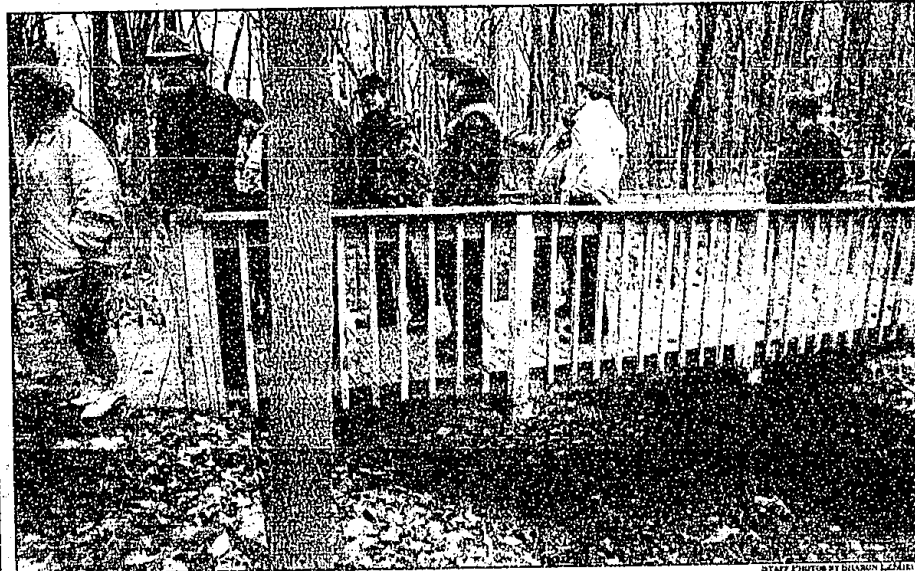
Sowerby's good friend Kurt Schnetz contributed \$1,040. Sowerby also had several contributions ranging from \$25 to \$100, including many well-known jurists such as Circuit Court Judge Gene Schnetz and Barry Howland and even Detroit Lion offensive tackle Lonnie Brown of Rochester.

Vagnozzi's main contributors were his wife Lois (\$2,150), himself (\$531.56) and attorney Michael Shipice (\$500).

Vagnozzi split proceeds of a fundraiser at the Botaford Inn with city.

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Nature's trail



STAFF PHOTOS BY SILVANO LIZIARI

Parking it: People tour Woodland Hills during the natural park's official opening Saturday. The Farmington Hills park, which is south of I-696, opened after six years of planning.

Woodland Hills Park's opening keeps natural wonder for future

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

It took longer than expected, but Woodland Hills Park opened Saturday, preserving another natural tract of land for the future.

"I always say that when people look back in 50 years, they are going to marvel at what we did," Farmington Hills City Manager Bill Costick said. "This has turned out to be a beautiful park."

The park, on about 74 acres south of the I-696 expressway on the west side of Farmington Road across from Oakland Community College, had been the subject of ad hoc com-

mittees, study sessions and many Hills city council meetings.

"The property," which included about 40 acres bought from the Michigan Department of Transportation and the rest bought from a private owner, includes a gravel parking lot and five different trails totaling 1.7 miles.

"Five years ago, I would not have thought this would happen," said city Naturalist Joe Derek, who had long advocated preserving Woodland Hills and Heritage as natural parks.

And, the response, despite the cool, cloudy and sometimes rainy

weather, has been encouraging, Derek said.

"This is just like northern Michigan," said Dalia Gilydyis of Franklin, who along with a sister and two other friends from Farmington Hills, tried the park Monday morning. "We like to walk in places like this. I hope they never change this."

Derek said about one-quarter of the trails are chipped and that more of the trails will be, but some areas will be dirt. There are no bikes or pets allowed in the "rustic" park.

"It is a realization that even peo-

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Heard: Masha Silver listens to speeches at Saturday's park opening.



Cathy Webb

Citizen of year serves with a smile

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

She's on the boards for Farmington Public Schools, PTA, Farmington Philharmonic and a few other organizations. Suffice to say Cathy Webb never gets bored with volunteerism.

Which is the main reason Webb has been selected as 1995 Farmington/Farmington Hills Citizen of the Year. Her exuberance, in addition to the multiple activities she's involved in, is one of the main reasons she's been selected.

Webb will be honored at the Farm-

ington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce annual dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at The Relish Grill in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$50 a person.

"She has the unique ability of drawing the best out of people," said Farmington school board president Joe Svoke in a letter to the nominating committee. "She creates an excitement and enthusiasm in people that encourages them to follow her example. . . ."

Added Hills City Manager Bill

Costick: "Cathy Webb is a dynamic and positive individual and she has always accepted any task with vigor and dedication."

This year, Webb concluded an unprecedented two years as Farmington School Board president. She is currently board treasurer.

If monitoring a school district budget wasn't enough, Webb is a founding member of the Commission on Children, Youth and Families. She's also involved with Farmington

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Philharmonic pops

Farmington Area Philharmonic continue its 50th anniversary season with "Hot Buttered Pop" 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Historic Radford Theatre, 17960 Lasher Road, one block north of Grand River, Detroit. The concert will include a wide variety of film music, ranging from epic like "Gone With the Wind" and "The Shogun" to scores from contemporary works "Jaws" and "Indiana Jones" and "Solander's List." Botaford Hospital is sponsoring the program.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

Tickets are priced at \$20, \$15 and \$10 and are on sale at Mezzbank locations. Student tickets are 50 percent off and children under 5 are admitted free. Tickets for senior residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills will be discounted \$2, which is being offset by a gift from the Farmington Area Arts Commission (limited to two tickets a

person). For information, call 478-2075.

Brush job

Farmington Historical Museum has a brighter look due to a wash and paint job, according to Historical Commission member Dick Carwell. The Warner Mauson — onsite home to governor Fred Warner — had a power washing for removal of moss and chipped paint.

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