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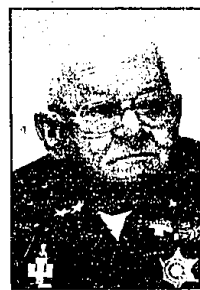
Hogan — Democrat winner



Carlin — GOP challenger, loses



Odette — GOP challenger loses



Nichols — Incumbent sheriff



Molin — GOP challenger loses

## Nichols, Hogan to face off in November's heated sheriff's race

BY PAT MURPHY  
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Having crushed his main antagonist by nearly a 2 to 1 margin, Sheriff John F. Nichols is preparing for a new opponent — Democrat Matt Hogan, whose credentials as a Michigan State Police commander make him a formidable foe.

Nichols was happy, but subdued late Tuesday as he thanked supporters for their help in vanquishing Gerard L. Carlin, and three other Republican challengers.

The sheriff was rather stoic, undersheriff Henry Buffa said about Nichols' victory celebration in Keego Harbor, "that's the way he is. He thanked his backers, but reminded them about having to go to work in the morning."

Buffa, a close campaign opera-

tive, said Nichols would likely take a week or two to assess Tuesday's results before deciding on a strategy for the Nov. 5 general election.

Hogan, however, had no doubts about his strategy. "I'm going to every forum and every candidate's night. I'm taking every opportunity to present myself to voters."

Hogan, 46, reiterated his respect for the 77-year-old Nichols, somebody he's known and worked with for years. But while he will not sling mud, the career state trooper said he will focus on important issues.

"I think the sheriff's department needs professional leadership," he said. "And I intend to present my qualifications to vot-

ers and let them decide."

Nichols and Hogan each had relatively subdued primary campaigns.

Nichols, seeking his fourth consecutive term, had four challengers on the Republican ticket. Foremost among them was Gerard Carlin, touted as Nichols' successor until a 1993 probe of the Rochester Hills substation, led to his suspension.

Carlin, who was also dogged by civil law suits from his ex-wife and business associates, beat Nichols in four communities — Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland and Addison townships, according to uncensored figures.

But the final vote had him losing 52,518 (53.3 percent for

Nichols) to 28,242 (28.6 percent).

The other GOP candidates, finishing third, fourth and fifth, respectively, were: Michael L. Odette of Clarkston with 8,190 (8.4 percent); William A. Good-fellow of Pontiac with 4,868 (4.9 percent); and Paul A. Molin of Farmington Hills with 4,771 (4.8 percent).

Carlin — who had confidently predicted victory, while admitting it would be a "political miracle" — seemed disappointed by the results, but not crushed. "I'll be back," he said.

The first step in that comeback, he said previously, is reinstatement to his job as a sheriff's deputy, something Carlin said he would pursue once he is cleared in the Michigan Court of

Appeals.

In the Democratic primary, Hogan of White Lake defeated Waterford Township police officer Scott Good of Auburn Hills 17,419 (54.6 percent) to 14,485 (45.4 percent).

Hogan defeated Good in Auburn Hills and Waterford. But Good was surprisingly strong in Bloomfield Township, 562 to 527, and West Bloomfield Township, 1,458 to 1,103, according to uncensored figures.

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**Matt Hogan**  
Democratic challenger

## Court backs no-hunting ordinance

BY TIM RICHARD  
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Milford Township's no-hunting ordinance has been upheld by Michigan's second highest court.

The Court of Appeals' 3-0 decision affirmed Oakland Circuit Judge Hilda Gage's rulings that (1) the 1989 ordinance was valid under state law and (2) there was no "taking" of property value.

Plaintiffs were 27 property owners. One, William Sopsich Sr., argued he had suffered a \$130,000 loss because of deer damage to his tree farm. The other 26 argued they (1) suffered a loss of enjoyment of their property, (2) lost income from leasing to other hunters and (3) had to spend more to lease hunting lands elsewhere.

"There are two distinct categories of regulatory action that require compensation . . .," the Appeals Court said. "The first category encompasses regulations that compel the property owner to suffer a physical invasion of the property. The second category is where the regulation denies the owner all economically beneficial or productive use of the land."

"Here, plaintiffs did not suffer a physical invasion of their property as a result of (township) Ordinance 151. Furthermore, we conclude that Ordinance 151 did not deny plaintiffs all economically beneficial or productive use of their land."

The appellate judges said Gage found Milford "presented undisputed evidence that Ordinance 151 did not cause any diminution in value to residential real estate values in the township."

"There was bipartisan political significance to the decision. The author, Judge William B. Murphy of Grand Rapids, is seeking the Democratic nomination to the state Supreme Court. Gage is seeking the Republican nomination. Their parties' state conventions will be held the first weekend in September."

Ordinance 151 was enacted after lively public hearings in 1989-90. It prohibits:

- Firearms hunting in portions of the township.
- Hunting in the Kensington Metropark property.
- Discharging a firearm within 150 yards of buildings without written consent of the owner or occupant.
- All hunting with centerfire or rimfire rifles.

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