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## New businesses, renovation and paint perk up Main St.

A lot of changes are in the works along Lowell's Main Street. Keiser's Kitchen has recently opened their new addition. Straw Basket Collections opened for businesses on Monday. Several businesses are gearing up for fresh paint and new canvas awnings. Reedy Real Estate has moved to their new location on West Main between Crystal Flash and Thomet Chevrolet and Buick. These changes, along with the placement of many more potted trees and the continual work on the Riverside parking mall combine to have a considerable impact on the west end of the central business district.

Keiser's Kitchen, a family operation since 1945 has grown from its original seating capacity of 24, to its present 160. Doc, Darlene, Roger, Blair and Chris are all very proud of their newly expanded restaurant with its new seating for 56 more customers, sparkling new restrooms equipped for the handicapped, and expanded kitchen area. Also featured is a no smoking section, and the additional seating allows the management to offer banquet facilities. Doc and Darlene along with their 35 employees invite you to stop by and enjoy the newly remodeled and expanded Keiser's Kitchen.

Straw Basket Collections is

Lowell's newest business. This unique little gift shop is located at 215 W. Main, formerly occupied by That Special Place. The proprietor, Hazel Smith, has been wholesaling her dried arrangements to such companies as Amway and Jacobsens for some time. She has opened Straw Basket Collections as a Retail outlet for her creations, as well as other unique gifts. Hazel's wares include grapevine wreaths and baskets crafted by local artists and imported items such as copper kitchen utensils. Stop by to shop, or just browse. Their hours are: 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. Monday thru Saturday, and until 10:00 P.M. on Wednesdays.

Just across the street, another building has been vacated, at least temporarily. Century 21, Reedy Realty, Inc. has moved out of their offices at 210 W. Main Street, to their new location at 1160 W. Main Street. Don Reedy, president of the corporation says the 210 W. Main location is for rent or lease, and possibly for sale.

Several businesses that have applied for Federal Block Grant revenues for storefront improvement will soon be getting bricks cleaned, paint applied and awnings similar to those on Cousins' Cards and Gifts. The block grant money amounts to half the cost of storefront improvements, up to a total grant of \$2,500 grant per business. The businesses slated for new awnings and paint are: The Lowell Nature Pantry, Great Lakes Savings and Loan, Straw Basket Collections, Village Party Shoppe, Dr. Reagan's Office, Lambert Variety and the Law Offices of Tummino and Tummino.

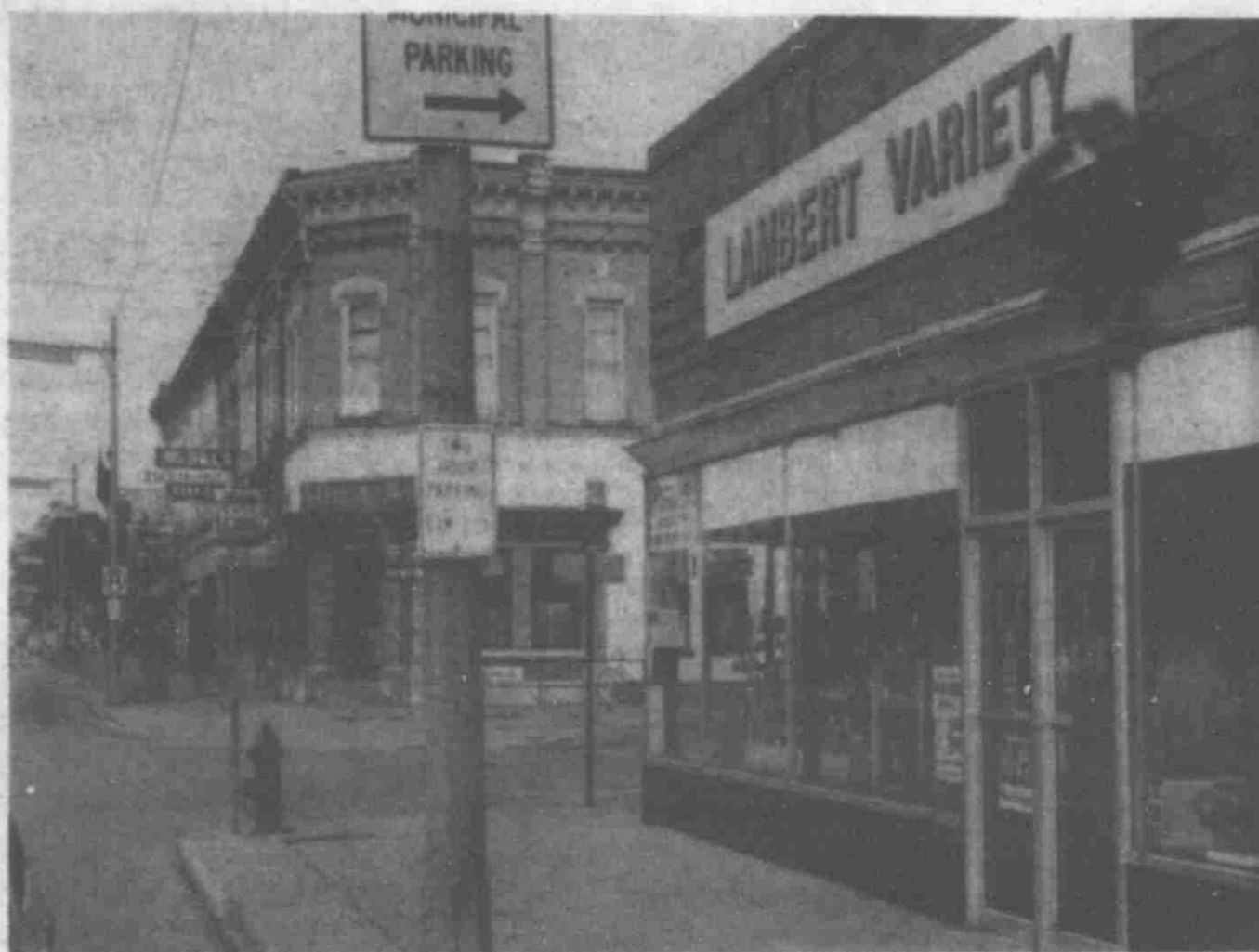
Some landscaping is being done to the premises of the Lowell Shell gas station and Larkin's Saloon has recently completed their outdoor seating area.

All in all, Lowell's central business district seems to be on the upswing. Only a few vacant buildings remain to cast a shadow on the steady progress toward a revitalized downtown shopping district.

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**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Don't forget your pies for the Fallasburg Fall Festival, September 28th and 29th.**



Most of these buildings along the north side on the west 200 block of Lowell's Main Street will be cleaned, painted and dressed up with brightly colored canvas awnings. The work is all part of a Federal Block Grant that matches business owner's storefront renovations up to \$2,500.



The new addition to Keiser's Kitchen is bright and airy, offering a view to Main Street through large windows. The totally remodeled restaurant with its present seating capacity of 160 is a far cry from the 8 stools and four tables in the original 24' x 24' structure that first opened in 1945.

## Council eyes Development District

The Lowell City Council heard a presentation from Walter Sowles of Square Realty that could lead to the formation of a Downtown Development Authority for Lowell's Central Business District. The effects of such a move could be far-ranging.

Sowles, who is a past head of the Lansing Economic Development Authority, has consulted

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 cities such as Greenville, Belding and Hudsonville as they formed D.D.A.'s in their communities. In effect, a D.D.A. freezes the assessed property values for all businesses in a district defined by a nine member board comprised of citizens, businessmen and councilmembers. When the assessments in the district rise because of new businesses, inflationary trends, VFW STEAK DINNER - September 21 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. with dance following to 12 midnight.

or improvements, the resulting tax revenue is plowed back into the D.D.A., rather than being dispersed the taxing bodies such as the city, county and school district. The D.D.A. committee then uses the money to make improvements in the district. Anything that would benefit the district such as parking lots, lighting, landscaping, etc. would be eligible expenditures. Also, D.D.A.'s are authorized to borrow against future revenues, allowing major improvements to

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### PUMPKINS - PUMPKINS - PUMPKINS

Fallasburg Fall Festival organizers can still use pumpkins for young children to decorate in their free children's area. To donate an armful or a truck load for the September 28 and 29 festival, please call the Lowell Area Arts Center, afternoons, at 897-8545.

### PLEASE CALL AGAIN!!!

We goofed! Because the power to my answering machine was inadvertently hooked up to my light switch, no one was able to leave messages for Lowell Community Ed. after 3:00. It's fixed now, so if you tried to call after working hours, and got no answer, please try again!!

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

..... if you replace all the single-pane windows at the Alto Elementary School you could save \$3,700 per year in heating costs? Did you know buckets are placed in many different spots throughout the Middle School to catch water every time it rains? Did you know that the Middle School roof leaks so badly that nearly all the insulation is soaked and totally ineffective? Attempts to repair the roof damage over the past several years have been only "band aid" approaches and very costly. Did you know that adding 6 inches of insulation above the roof at the High School could save Lowell Schools \$10,400 per year in heating costs?

### OFF THE BLOTTER

..... Timothy Hufstader, 34, was involved in a minor property damage accident on Main near Center Street, Sunday, September 8. Hufstader was unable to stop in time to avoid a rear-end collision with a car driven by Thelma Colby, 76, of Lowell.

..... Reported to Lowell officers on Monday, September 9, was the breaking into & theft of football equipment from, the Y.M.C.A. locker room over the previous week-end. Some \$300 of equipment was taken.

..... Warrants for breaking & entering an auto and uttering & publishing were issued through 63rd District Court this past week on Royce Story, 17, and Brian Adams, 17, both of Lowell. Both were arraigned in court in connection with the theft of personal checks from a car in Valley Vista Trailer Park and cashing 3 of them at businesses in Lowell.

..... A Lowell Juvenile will be referred to Probate court at a later date on charges of assault & battery to another Juvenile. Lowell Police conducted the investigation over the past week.

..... Cited into 63rd District Court on charges of indecent exposure (urinating in a public place) was Randall Tulecki, 18, of Lowell. Lowell Officers made the arrest over the weekend.

..... William Ogan, 27, of Wyoming, Michigan did extensive damage to his car Sunday evening, September 15, when he struck a deer on M-21 near the Valley Vista Trailer Park. No one in the car was injured as both front seat passengers were wearing seat belts.

..... Officers took a hit and run accident report in Eberhard's Parking lot Wednesday evening, September 11, involving a car owned by Joseph & Carol Clack of Ionia.

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**Ribbon cutting ceremony at Lowell Area Arts Council Center**



Mayor James Maatman was one of the many speakers on hand for Sunday's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Lowell Area Arts Council Center on South Hudson. The affair was driven inside by the rain, and a tornado warning was issued just as the ceremony was drawing to a close. Despite the inclement weather a good sized crowd turned out. The paintings in the background are some of the Jan Johnson watercolors now on display at the center.

**How the tax reform plan will affect the average American**

If you don't know the first thing about income taxes but are wondering why everyone is talking about the President's tax reform plan, here's some help: A checklist of the most significant proposed rules that will affect individuals, from the Michigan Association of CPAs. Keep in mind, however, that the President's 461-page tax reform plan will change hundreds of rules in the current tax system if it is adopted by Congress and signed into law -- so this is just the tip of the tax reform iceberg.

**--TAX RATES:** Single persons with a taxable income between \$2,900 and \$18,000 would be taxed at the 15 percent rate, and married persons who file jointly would pay at the 15

percent rate on taxable income between \$4,000 and \$29,000. Singles would pay at the 25 percent rate on taxable income between \$18,000 and \$42,000, while joint filers would pay at the 25 percent rate on taxable income between \$29,000 and \$70,000. Singles would pay at the top rate of 35 percent on taxable income of \$42,000 or more. Those filing jointly would pay at the 35 percent rate on taxable income of \$70,000 or more.

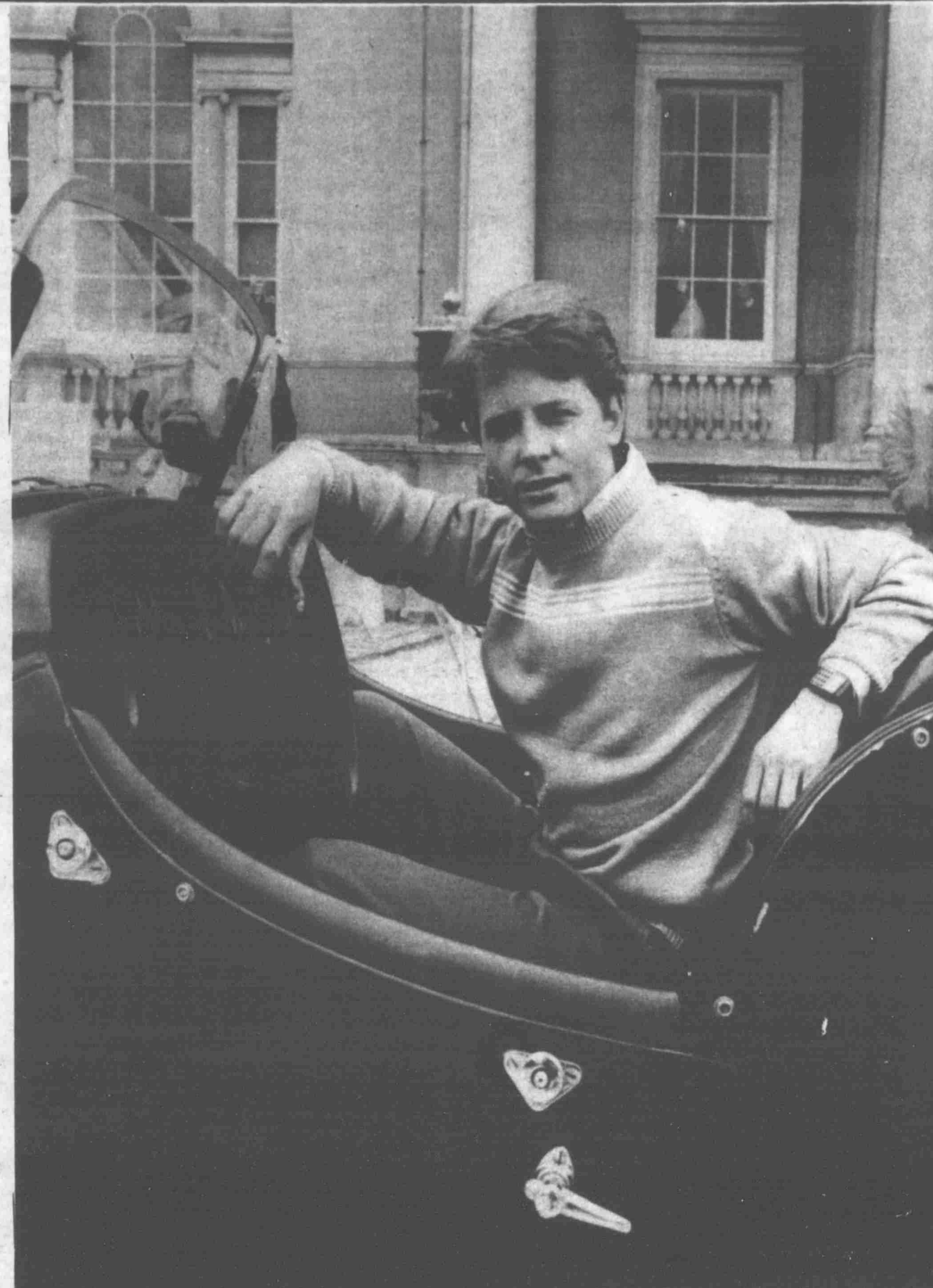
**--EXEMPTIONS:** An exemption would reduce your taxable income by \$2,000, nearly doubling the current exemption of \$1,040. You would generally claim one for yourself, your spouse and for each qualified dependent. Those 65 and older and blind persons would no longer be

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Alex Keaton (Michael J. Fox) may not be able to escape to the future, but he does take a spin in an expensive sports car in "Family Ties Vacation," airing Monday, Sept. 23 on NBC. The made-for-TV movie is based on the popular NBC series.

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WUHQ	Barrie Creek, MI	3 (41)
WXMI	Grand Rapids, MI	3 (17)
WLNS	Lansing, MI	3 (6)
WFSL	Lansing, MI	2 (47)
WOTV	Grand Rapids, MI	3 (8)
WILX	Jackson, MI	10 (10)
WGVC	Allendale, MI	11 (35)
WKAR	E Lansing, MI	12 (23)
WZZM	Grand Rapids, MI	13 (13)
HBO	Home Box Office	13 (HBO)
WTBS	Atlanta, GA	13 (WTBS)
CINEMAX	Cinemax	13 (MAX)
USA	USA Network	13 (USA)
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given an extra exemption, but may instead receive a tax credit if they qualify.

**--ZERO BRACKET AMOUNT:** Sometimes referred to as the "standard deduction," the zero bracket amount is a deduction everyone receives. It is built into the tax table and that part of your income -- along with your exemptions -- is not taxed. The zero bracket amount would increase to \$2,900 for single persons, \$3,600 for heads of households and \$4,000 for married couples filing jointly.

**--ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS:** These are expenses that can be subtracted from your adjusted gross income. It pays to itemize deductions and file a Form 1040 (long form) only when itemized deductions are greater than the zero bracket amount to which you are entitled. The major itemized deductions allowed under the President's reform proposal included: charitable contributions, mortgage interest on your principal residence, medical expenses that exceed five percent of your adjusted gross income and interest on personal loans up to \$5,000 plus investment income.

**--LOST DEDUCTIONS:** Several important deductions would be discontinued under the President's reforms. Itemizers would no longer be permitted to deduct state and local taxes on their federal tax return. Virtually all business deductions for entertainment would be eliminated. Only half the cost of a business meal over \$25 (per person) would be deductible, but you can still deduct the first \$25. Another big change in deductions: So-called "miscellaneous deductions," for investment advisory fees, tax preparation fees, safe deposit box rentals, professional organization dues, union dues, etc. would be lumped together with employee business expenses not reimbursed by your employer. These items would become adjustments to income. Only those miscellaneous deductions and employee business expenses greater than one percent of adjusted gross income would reduce your tax bill. However, you would no longer be required to itemize to claim these deductions.

**--IRAS:** These are Individual Retirement Accounts that give you a tax break for investing and building a retirement fund. Contributions reduce your taxable income and are not taxed until you withdraw the money. By that time, you'll presumably be in a lower tax bracket. The President's reforms would raise the amount that a married couple with one working spouse can contribute to an IRA from \$2,250 to \$4,000.

**--TWO EARNER DEDUCTIONS:** This currently takes some of the sting out of so-called "marriage penalty" but would be discontinued under the President's reform package. Working married persons have been allowed to deduct 10 percent of the lower-earning spouse's wages -- up to \$3,000 -- from adjustable gross income. This tax break would be eliminated.

**--CHILD CARE EXPENSES:** A tax credit that currently defrays the cost of caring for a child while parents are at work would be replaced by a tax deduction. If you meet the eligibility requirements, child care expenses of up to \$2,400 for one child and \$4,800 for two children would be deductible.

All of these rules are only proposals and they may be changed by Congress over the coming weeks. Keep in mind that this summary is meant only to provide a guide to understanding the tax reform debate, and you may want to ask a CPA to help you with any specific questions about your personal situation.

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6:30AM (MAX) - 'Rare Breed'
8:00AM (HBO) - 'Space Raiders'
10:00AM (HBO) - 'Kiddo'

12:00 (HBO) MOVIE 'Lies My Father Told Me'
MOVIE 'Golden Girl'
7:00 Sportscenter
8:00 (HBO) MOVIE 'Space Raiders'

7:00 (HBO) MOVIE 'The Best of Walt Disney's True-Life Adventures'
11:30PM (HBO) - 'Sunburn'
11:45PM (MAX) - 'Young Lady Chatterley'

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(6) Sports
(7) ESPN's Speedweek
(8) Style With Elia Klensch
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TV Circles

By Gayle Discoe

Words in the list below appear across, up, down, backwards and diagonally in the diagram. Find each word and circle it. Some circled letters answer in more than one word. Letters that form answer are left over. Arrange them in order to arrive at answer.

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SIRAIHUUELT MURE
SIDHHOTHTAALN
PCPORATOETRNLEI
TOHOWYNGRTRCISM
SNMOWSEAEBOAEHI
DUEHOLETLNDTANE
HEIDLNLLECAATED
LTTENATKYMCHFI
EATINEOEYMDVFK
LSIGRPPSARSOEAY
EOICSIUEUCREEUE
PGCTOOPSDCHRFSR
EQUOHSBSENBOEIO
NOITCARETNIRLL

(SOLUTION: 14 letters, 3 words)
(1) ABC News (CC)
(2) MOVIE: 'To Be Announced'
(3) Red Patrol
(4) John Osteen
(5) Style With Elia Klensch
(6) Women in Jazz
(7) Leno Ronger
(8) ABC News (CC)
(9) Jimmy Swaggart
(10) Conversation w/Fred Lewis
(11) Tales from the Darkside
(12) News Update
(13) I Am the Blues
(14) News
(15) Health Week
(16) With/Bing
(17) MOVIE: 'Trapped' When a man is trapped other hours in a department store patrolled by vicious guard dogs, he devises an ingenious plan to make his way to



The Suhuaro cactus is actually a tree.

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MONDAY

MONDAY 9/23/85

MORNING
5:00 (HBO) Movie: 'Tubby the Tuba'
6:00 (HBO) Movie: 'Yankee Doodle Dandy'

MONDAY'S MOVIES

6:00AM (HBO) - 'Tubby the Tuba'
6:30AM (MAX) - 'Yankee Doodle Dandy'
8:30AM (MAX) - 'My Favorite Wife'
10:00AM (MAX) - 'The Beauty (CC) Boogie'

10:00 MOVIE: 'Death Is Not Proud'
10:30 (HBO) Movie: 'The Beauty Boogie'

AFTERNOON

12:00 (HBO) Movie: 'Six Weeks'
12:30 (HBO) Movie: 'I Take This Woman'
1:00 (HBO) Movie: 'Private Eyes'

11:30 (ABC) News (CC)
12:00 (HBO) Movie: 'Mussolini: The Decline and Fall of Il Duce'

WEDNESDAY'S MOVIES

7:00AM (MAX) - 'Andriod'
8:00AM (HBO) - 'Mussolini: The Decline and Fall of Il Duce'
9:00AM (HBO) - 'Convicted'

TUESDAY 9/24/85

MORNING
6:00 (MAX) Movie: 'Mother Were Tights'
6:30 (HBO) Movie: 'Dot and the Kangaroo'

TUESDAY'S MOVIES

6:00AM (MAX) - 'Mother Were Tights'
6:30AM (HBO) - 'Dot and the Kangaroo'
8:00AM (HBO) - 'Kiddo'

10:00 (HBO) Movie: 'Kiddo'
10:30 (MAX) - 'If You Could See What I Hear'

AFTERNOON

12:00 (HBO) Movie: 'Fanny Lady'
12:30 (HBO) Movie: 'Skylark'
1:00 (HBO) Movie: 'The Eagle and the Hawk'

11:45 (HBO) Movie: 'Roadhouse'
12:00 (HBO) Movie: 'The Decline and Fall of Il Duce'

THURSDAY'S MOVIES

5:00AM (MAX) - 'Kentucky Fried Movie'
5:45AM (HBO) - 'Bonanza 66'

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 9/25/85

MORNING
5:00 (HBO) Movie: 'Mussolini: The Decline and Fall of Il Duce'

WEDNESDAY'S MOVIES

7:00AM (MAX) - 'Andriod'
8:00AM (HBO) - 'Mussolini: The Decline and Fall of Il Duce'
9:00AM (HBO) - 'Convicted'

THURSDAY

THURSDAY 9/26/85

MORNING
5:00 (MAX) Movie: 'Kentucky Fried Movie'

THURSDAY'S MOVIES

5:00AM (MAX) - 'Kentucky Fried Movie'
5:45AM (HBO) - 'Bonanza 66'

12:30 (ABC) News
1:00 (HBO) Movie: 'The Beauty Boogie'

THURSDAY'S MOVIES

6:30 (ABC) News
7:00 (HBO) Movie: 'The Beauty Boogie'





## Two Alto 4-Her's

### excel at Animal Science Week

Sheryl Scheid and Kris Gokey, both from Alto, participated in the 1985 4-H Animal Science Week at Michigan State University. Sheryl competed first in the State 4-H Rabbit Expo, August 15 and 16. Because Sheryl was the only participant from Kent County, she couldn't compete in team contests. However, she more than made up for that by doing very well in individual competition. She placed second in the Senior Division Meat judging Contest, fourth in the Senior Division Breed Identification and Rabbit Quiz, and tenth in the Senior Division Fitting and Showing.

Kris Gokey entered an individual exhibit at the Veterinary Science Fair, August 21 and 22. It was entitled "A Puncture Wound that Almost Kills" which described and discussed proper treatment and prevention of a sub-solar abscess - a hoof wound that occurs in cattle. Kris received a third place for her outstanding effort.

Congratulations Kris and Sheryl!

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## AWANA Club celebrates Kick-Off-Night

AWANA clubs have been a regular ministry of Alton Bible Church for many years, working with children and young people from preschool ages through the eighth grade. In each age level, the program is designed to build character through athletic team competition, to develop handicraft skills, and to cultivate a child's spiritual life through application of God's Word, the bible.

The club meets every Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30 at the church on the corner of Lincoln Lake Road and Three Mile Road. To find out more about the benefits of AWANA for your children please call the church at 897-5648. You do not need to attend Alton Bible Church to enroll your child.



You had to be there! The AWANA "Super Celebration" kick-off night at Alton Bible Church on Wednesday, September 11th was literally out of sight. AWANA club members from three years old to thirteen launched dozens of brightly colored helium-filled balloons into the clear evening sky and watched them drift away until they were out of sight. Each balloon had a note attached asking the finder to mail the note back to the church, telling where the balloon was found. Last year's balloons traveled as far as Ontario, Canada and central Massachusetts.

# Council Proceedings

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS of the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting of Monday, August 19, 1985.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Maatman. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmembers Collins, Fonger, Schneider, Thompson and Maatman.  
Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that the Minutes of the July 15 Meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Thompson that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Collins.

Yes: Councilmen Collins, Fonger, Schneider, Thompson and Maatman.  
No: None.  
Absent: None.

#### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$104,411.83
Major Street Fund	184.35
Local Street Fund	307.51
Sewer Fund	2,806.96
Water Fund	5,936.41
Equipment Fund	6,366.42
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	2,158.48
Community Development Fund	2,572.20
Building and Site Fund	28.73
Current Tax Fund	597,484.57
Lee Fund	7,870.02
Storm Sewer Fund	96.28

The first item discussed was the request by the Lowell Cable Television Board for a rate increase of \$1.00 on the basic service.

Manager Quada stated that at the beginning of the year, Council had granted only half of the rate increase requested, and had directed the Board to return at a later date if the additional increase was definitely needed. He stated also that a resolution was necessary to allow for the repayment of the loan from the City to the Cable Board to install the original system. He suggested a variable rate of interest, adjustable yearly.

Mr. Herb Haines, Superintendent of Lowell Light and Power Co. was present and explained that all the various cable channels are going up. CNN the first of each year for the next three years will go up 7 cents, HBO only needs 30 to 60 days to notify of a raise before it becomes effective. He would like to be able to automatically raise rates on a notification basis, to meet the increases, and use some of the monies for storm damage cleanup. After there are enough subscribers, the cost

will even cut, and the basic rate could be dropped back to \$9.75.

Councilman Thompson asked how our basic rate compares to other communities in the area.

Mr. Haines replied that there are 18 channels in our basic package, the surrounding areas all have 7 to 8 channels for the same price, or higher.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Schneider that the \$1.00 rate increase proposed by the Lowell Cable TV Board beginning August 1, 1985 be approved, supported by Councilman Thompson.

Carried.

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Councilman Schneider, supported by Councilman Collins.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL LOAN BETWEEN THE LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT AND THE CABLE TELEVISION DEPARTMENT AND THE REPAYMENT THEREOF**

WHEREAS, The City of Lowell, after receiving proposals from private community antenna television ("CATV") system operators and the advice of consultants, determined to construct and operate its own CATV system to service the area within the corporate limits of the City and certain areas adjacent to the City in Lowell and Vergennes Township; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted Ordinance No. 85 on June 1, 1981 authorizing CATV operation within the City and Ordinance NO. 88 on May 17, 1982 establishing a Cable Television Department and providing for the installation and operation of a cable television system; and

WHEREAS, the City determined that there were sufficient unrestricted funds available in the funds and accounts of the Light and Power Department to advance to the Cable Television Department for construction of the CATV system, including certain necessary start-up costs; and

WHEREAS, a total principal amount of \$776,201 has been provided from the funds and accounts of the Light and Power Department for construction and related start-up costs for the CATV systems; and

WHEREAS, interest on said principal amount accruing at the rate of 8% per annum totals \$137,912 through December 31, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the total principal and accrued interest at the rate of 8% through December 31, 1984 due the Light and Power Department is \$914,113; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby determines to set forth the terms and conditions of repayment of the inter-departmental loan by the Cable Television Department to the Light and Power Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lowell as follows that:

1. The inter-departmental loan of \$776,201 from the Light and Power Department to the Cable Television Department is hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

2. An interest rate at 8% per annum on the unpaid principal amount of the inter-departmental loan is hereby approved and determined to be a market rate of interest.

3. The total amount of principal and accrued unpaid interest due the Light and Power Department from the Cable Television Department as of December 31, 1984 is \$914,113.

4. Repayment of \$914,113 shall be made over fifty (50) years in six hundred (600) equal monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$6,209.30 commencing January 1, 1985 and payable on the first day of each month thereafter until all principal and accrued interest is paid in full, provided, however, all or a portion of the outstanding principal balance of the inter-departmental loan may, at the discretion of the City, be at any time repaid without prepayment penalty or premium. Upon such prepayment, the outstanding principal balance of the inter-departmental loan shall be reamortized over the remaining term of the loan.

5. All resolutions or parts of resolutions to the extent that they are in conflict herewith be, and are hereby repealed.

Yes: Councilmembers Collins, Fonger, Schneider, Thompson and Maatman.  
No: None.  
Absent: None.

Manager Quada then introduced Mr. Kurt Kempainen from the Kent County Department of Public Works, who presented the proposed county-wide Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. Kempainen stated that it is intended to pin down a solid waste disposal plan for the next five years, and to prepare a solution to waste disposal over the next twenty years. The County Board must submit the plan to all 35 municipalities within Kent County for approval, with a 2/3 majority of those municipalities approving it, it must then be submitted to the State. He continued that landfills will continue to be used for the next five years, and also the possibility of installing an incinerator in downtown Grand Rapids has been talked about. The heat generated from this type of operation could be sold to the various buildings downtown.

Councilman Schneider asked if there would be transfer stations built around the county for storage of trash before it is hauled to the incinerator for processing.

Mr. Kempainen replied that a study indicated perhaps the placement of one such transfer station in the northern part of the County, however, it would not be of much benefit to the City of Lowell.

Manager Quada explained that under the rules of Public Act 641, the City cannot afford to use out landfill, because of the restrictions on the types of waste that can be dumped there. Special liners would have to be installed, test wells would have to be drilled to keep a constant check on pollutants that might seep out through the ground water. Also, insurance companies are not covering those risks. The City currently is al-

# Health Department offers tips on how to detect head lice

The Kent County Health Department recently sent us the following information regarding head lice, a common problem that is often more widespread during the school months. The question and answer format should answer most questions parents might have about head lice, but if you need further information, contact your physician or the Kent County Health Department at 774-3030.

**What are head lice? They are small (1/10 to 1/8 inch in length), wingless, six-legged, blood-sucking, insect parasites of humans. They are different from body and public (crab) lice which also parasitize humans.**

**Where do head lice live? Only on the scalp and hair of humans, usually on the back of the head and areas behind the ears.**

**What is a head louse infestation called? This communicable condition is called pediculosis. The reason it spreads is because people don't notice the infestation and get early treatment. Ordinary grooming of hair (combing and shampooing) usually will not eliminate head lice.**

**How do we get them? Usually by close personal contact with an infested person or by wearing**

that person's clothing or by sharing belongings such as combs, brushes, bedding, etc. Since head lice respond to changes in temperature and moisture, they can move away from the scalp into headgear, clothing, and the backs of chairs, or be transferred from one person's clothing or hair to another's.

**Can head lice hop, jump, or fly? No. These insects can only crawl and cling to hair shafts.**

**How do head lice develop? The adult female head louse lays eggs (called nits) which she solidly glues near the base of the hair shaft. Nits are very small in size, and they hatch in about a week. The young crawling forms mature into adult reproductives in 7 to 10 days.**

**How long do head lice live? Approximately one month. Dur-**

ing this time, a female can lay approximately 90 eggs. Under the best of conditions, lice can only survive 2 to 3 days off the head but usually they live only a few hours. The best temperature for head lice is about 87°F., and cooler temperatures shorten their survival time.

**What are the symptoms of a head louse infestation? A persistent itch of the scalp that often results in rash-like, infected scratch marks.**

**How do we inspect for head lice? by close inspection of hairs and flashlight will help to see the small grayish white eggs (nits) attached to the hair. The crawling forms are often hard to see and locate. They are usually on the scalp, and sometimes few in number. Remember to inspect**

the entire family when a head louse infestation occurs.

**What medications are available? There are a variety of medications to kill head lice available for purchase over-the-counter or by prescription from your doctor. To be effective, all medication must be used in the manner stated on the products label (directions). Do not apply any medication more often than directed.**

**How are nits removed? The tale that vinegar rinses will loosen nits for easy removal is NOT true. Nit removal requires the use of a special comb such as the Derbac comb. This type of metal comb has closely spaced teeth that the nits cannot pass through. Nits more than one quarter inch from the scalp have probably already hatched and are**

of little concern. Some points to remember:

--It is not a disgrace to have head lice. Anyone can get them.

--The entire family should be inspected and all infested members treated.

--All clothing and bedding should be changed at the time of treatment.

--Head lice and nits on clothing and bedding can be killed by:

1. Normal hot water washing and machine drying.
  2. Dry cleaning.
  3. Sealing in plastic bags for 7 to 10 days.
  4. Exposing to freezing (outdoor winter) temperatures for about 12 hours.
- Most home hot water heaters supply water at 140° to 165°F. These temperatures will kill lice and nits on brushes and combs if soaked for 10 to 15 minutes.

lowed to haul sludge from our sewage treatment facility to farms in the area where it is spread on fields. If that practice is discontinued by the State, we would then have to haul it to a disposal site near Lansing. He recommended approval of the County's proposal, stating that it really does not have much impact on the City at present, and there is no financial commitment, and it will not negate the chance for changes at a later date if so necessary.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Thompson that the City of Lowell approve the Solid Waste Management Plan as offered by Kent County, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

Manager Quada then stated that the Annual Michigan Municipal League Meeting will be held in Flint on September 11, 12 and 13. He has usually served as the Delegate, with Councilman Fonger as the Alternate. He suggested that the same arrangement be made again this year, unless the Council wished to send others instead. Council concurred.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Schneider that Manager Quada be appointed as Delegate and Councilman Jack Fonger be appointed as Alternate Delegate to the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting to be held in Flint on September 11, 12 and 13, supported by Councilman Collins.

Carried.

Along the same line, Manager Quada stated that the Municipal Employees Retirement System will hold their Annual Meeting on September 26 at Cedar, Michigan. He also usually serves as Employer Delegate, and suggested that Tony Siciliano be appointed as Employer Alternate. Mr. Siciliano would attend only if the Manager is unable to.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Schneider that Manager Quada be appointed as Employer Delegate and Tony Siciliano as Employer Alternate, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Also, to attend that same meeting, the employees, at an annual election, elected Sgt. Allen Eckman as their delegate, and Debra Carstens as the Alternate. If in the event that Mr. Eckman is unable to attend, Mrs. Carstens would then attend. Council needs only to confirm those appointments.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that Sgt. Allen Eckman be appointed as the Employee Delegate, and Debra Carstens as the Employee Alternate to the M.E.R.S. Annual Meeting to be held September 26, 1985, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

Council then discussed the request for transfer of a Class C liquor license from Mr. Mel Bulk to Granco, Inc., new owners of Mel's Bar.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Fonger, supported by Councilman Schneider that the transfer be approved.

Carried.

Manager Quada stated that the Planning Commission is considering a sign ordinance revision to allow Main Street Merchants in the C-2 Commercial Zone to place an additional sign attached to their main sign, which would allow changeable letters used to announce sales, weekly specials, etc. They would be based on a percentage of the size of the existing sign on each premises, new signs would be allowed 1/4 of the total size for the changeable letter sign. This will allow more control over the signs, and eliminate the need for variances. No temporary signs would be allowed.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Schneider that the Planning Commission be authorized to adopt an ordinance revision to control changeable letter signs in the C-2 Commercial Zone, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Carried.

Mayor Maatman then turned the meeting over to Councilman Thompson, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, to consider a request by Mr. Jerry Schuivens for a height variance in an R-2 Single Family Residential Zone, to allow the construction of a garage, the roof line to be 14 feet 8 inches high, rather than the allowed 12 feet. Mr. Schuivens needs the additional height to be able to park a large truck off the street.

Manager Quada stated that no complaints or comments have been received from any of the neighbors in the area, and Mr. Schuivens meets all of the other requirements of the R-2 Zone.

Mr. Ivan Blough, a neighbor in the area stated that it would not look out of place, because all the homes in the area are two-story, and it is far enough from the street line.

Chairman Thompson closed the hearing at 9:17 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED by Mayor Maatman that the variance be granted, supported by Councilman Collins.

Carried.

Under Remarks from the Audience, Dr. Robert Reagan was present and stated that he had placed a letter in the Grand Valley Ledger, and wished to state to the Council his compliment on the change in the parking area on his business corner at Main and Riverside. He feels that it is the best thing done. It has alleviated both a need for additional parking as well as the traffic problem at that intersection. He stated that the biggest problem is parking for employees, and suggested that every-one in business on Main Street should ride a bicycle to work, however, that suggestion has been met with adverse opinions!

Manager Quada stated that he has been in contact with Michigan Bell Telephone Co. on the possibility of making the vacant property on the corner of N. Hudson and Chatham Street into a parking lot for postal employees and Light and Power employees, and a discussion followed on the vacant property next to the Shell Station being purchased for development of a parking lot. Manager Quada replied that the owners are still asking \$30,000 for that parcel.

Dr. Reagan asked if possibly one space on either side of the

new parking lot at his corner could be designated as handicapped parking.

Manager Quada stated that yes, some spaces would be designated for handicapped, he had received a call and the Mayor had received a call also on the subject.

Councilman Collins asked if there had been some changes from the original layout of the area.

Manager Quada replied yes, the berms as now placed will make a good workable system.

Under Councilman Comments, Councilman Collins stated that there are a pair of goats being kept in the City on N. Jefferson Street, which violates the City Ordinance on livestock in the City. Manager Quada to check and enforce the ordinance.

Councilman Collins also asked if the City owns the South Hudson Street Bridge, or if it belongs to the County, the road bed is in bad need of repair.

Manager Quada stated that the City does own it, and that it will be patched soon, with a check on major repairs in the Spring.

Councilman Collins then asked about the trees on Main Street not being three to four inches in diameter as specified, and if they were all to be a type of Maple, or a variety of species.

Manager Quada stated that the trees are about as close to the three-inch minimum as possible, and that he had checked and Norway Maple was specified as the best kind for placement.

Councilman Collins then asked about several flea markets having been held on the property now owned by the 7-11 Corp. and a vegetable stand on the corner of Hudson and Main.

Manager Quada stated that permits are only required for door-to-door sales, or sales conducted on City owned property. Nothing is required for sales on private property, as long as permission has been obtained from the owners, and as long as the property is in a Commercial Zone.

Councilman Fonger complimented the new homerun fence at the softball field at Recreation Park and how well it was done.

Under the Manager's Report, Manager Quada stated that Mr. Walt Solance would be attending the next meeting. Mr. Solance was the Economic Director for the City of East Grand Rapids, and is now with Square Realty. He will be present to explain "tax increment financing."

Manager Quada then requested an executive session at the close of the meeting, to discuss a personnel problem.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins that the meeting be adjourned into executive session at 9:32 p.m.

Approved: September 16, 1985.

James D. Maatman  
Mayor

Ray E. Quada  
City Clerk

# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS ANNUAL AUDIT

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August 1, 1985

Board of Education  
Lowell Area Schools  
Lowell, Michigan

We have examined the general purpose financial statements of the Lowell Area Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 1985, as listed in the table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

A substantial portion of the revenues of the School Services Funds consists of charges to users. It was not practicable to extend the examination beyond the Lowell Area Schools accounting for amounts recorded as received.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, and disclosures as might have been required had we been able to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter with respect to the item mentioned in the second paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the various fund types and account groups of the Lowell Area Schools at June 30, 1985, and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

*Helmholdt & Co.*  
Certified Public Accountants

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
JUNE 30, 1985

ASSETS:	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type		Account Groups	
	General	School Services	Debt Retirement	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	
Cash	\$ 60						
Money Market Deposits	845,996	\$29,899	\$309,972	\$55,798			
Accounts receivable	94,424	13,833		2,468			
Interest receivable	4,190	152	1,214	262			
Inventories	38,141	17,827					
Land, buildings and sites					\$12,342,207		
Equipment					2,285,263		
Vehicles					829,290		
Amount available in Debt Retirement Funds						\$ 290,686	
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt						4,059,960	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$282,811</b>	<b>\$61,711</b>	<b>\$311,186</b>	<b>\$58,528</b>	<b>\$15,447,760</b>	<b>\$6,350,646</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:</b>							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ 4,537						
Current portion of installment purchase	2,768						
Salaries payable	468,052	\$ 2,153					
Retirement payable	23,403	108					
Interest payable			\$ 20,500				
Bonds payable						\$4,280,000	
Payable for compensated absences						40,550	
Long-term portion (net of current portion) of installment purchase						30,096	
Due to student organizations				\$58,528			
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>503,760</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>\$58,528</b>		<b>4,350,646</b>	
Fund Equity:							
Investment in general fixed assets					\$15,447,760		
Fund balances:							
Designated for debt retirement			290,686				
Reserve for Community Education Consortium	85,794						
Undesignated and unreserved	393,257	59,450					
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>479,051</b>	<b>59,450</b>	<b>290,686</b>		<b>15,447,760</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$282,811</b>	<b>\$61,711</b>	<b>\$311,186</b>	<b>\$58,528</b>	<b>\$15,447,760</b>	<b>\$6,350,646</b>	

See notes to general purpose financial statements.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1985

REVENUES:	Governmental Fund Types			Total	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	General	School Services	Debt Retirement		
Taxes	\$4,727,544		\$516,582	\$5,244,126	\$ 9,901
Intergovernmental revenues	2,752,921	\$ 88,658		2,841,579	(55,088)
Cafeteria and athletic charges to users		233,937		233,937	(5,142)
Interest on investments	84,858	3,430	35,811	124,109	(1,806)
Miscellaneous	107,494	3,353		110,847	97,267
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7,672,817</b>	<b>329,378</b>	<b>552,393</b>	<b>8,554,588</b>	<b>97,267</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Instruction	4,796,409			4,796,409	4,202
Support services	1,201,930			1,201,930	75,889
Other - salaries		146,401		146,401	17,572
Operation and maintenance	715,645			715,645	(1,985)
Transportation	639,843			639,843	1,589
Supplies		172,335		172,335	97,267
Other		13,292		13,292	
Capital outlay	221,097			221,097	
Debt Service:					
Principal retirement			270,000	270,000	
Interest and fiscal charges			247,948	247,948	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>7,574,924</b>	<b>332,028</b>	<b>517,948</b>	<b>8,424,900</b>	<b>\$ 65,132</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>97,893</b>	<b>(2,650)</b>	<b>34,445</b>	<b>30,688</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCES - July 1, 1984</b>	<b>381,158</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>256,241</b>	<b>699,500</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCES - June 30, 1985</b>	<b>\$ 479,051</b>	<b>\$ 59,450</b>	<b>\$290,686</b>	<b>\$ 829,187</b>	

See notes to general purpose financial statements.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1985

REVENUES:	Budget		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes	\$4,717,643	\$4,727,544	\$9,901	\$ 9,901
Intergovernmental revenues	2,808,009	2,752,921	(55,088)	(55,088)
Interest on investments	90,000	84,858	(5,142)	(5,142)
Other	109,300	107,494	(1,806)	(1,806)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7,724,952</b>	<b>7,672,817</b>	<b>(52,135)</b>	<b>(52,135)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Instruction	4,804,611	4,796,409	4,202	4,202
Support services	1,277,819	1,201,930	75,889	75,889
Operation and maintenance	733,217	715,645	17,572	17,572
Transportation	637,858	639,843	(1,985)	(1,985)
Capital outlay	222,686	221,097	1,589	1,589
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>7,677,191</b>	<b>7,574,924</b>	<b>97,267</b>	<b>97,267</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>52,761</b>	<b>97,893</b>	<b>45,132</b>	<b>45,132</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE - July 1, 1984</b>	<b>381,158</b>	<b>381,158</b>		
<b>FUND BALANCE - June 30, 1985</b>	<b>\$ 433,910</b>	<b>\$ 479,051</b>	<b>\$ 45,132</b>	<b>\$ 45,132</b>

See notes to general purpose financial statements.

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## REMINDER



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# Downtown Development District; from page one

be made in advance of collecting all the necessary funds.

Sowles' responsibility in the formation of a D.D.A. would be to coordinate all the efforts of the D.D.A. Committee City Council, City Manager, City Planner and City Attorney. Lowell City Manager, Ray Quada said that Sowles would also be available for consultation after the D.D.A.

is put in place.

Lowell, like many other communities, has experienced downtown revitalization projects falling flat because the increased assessments generated by improvements stifled the business owners' willingness to participate. An example here was the effort in the early 70's to establish a New Orleans look in the

downtown with the extensive use of wrought iron. When store owners went along with the project, they found their property assessment rising dramatically. Others that might have participated then balked. With a D.D.A. in place, the store owners making improvements would still have to pay additional taxes as their assessments are raised

when improvements are made. The big difference is that all the money raised by increased assessments within the D.D.A., is totally re-invested in the D.D.A. "When merchants see their tax dollars coming directly back to them in the form of downtown improvements, they are more apt to participate in revitalization projects," said Quada.

The Council members seemed to be very interested in forming a D.D.A. here, and asked Sowles

to put together some cost estimates.

In other City Council business, two variances were approved for renovations at the First Congregational Church of Lowell. One variance allows for the placement of a bay window at the east end of the church, the other allows for the installation of a chair lift for the handicapped.

The Council appointed Mayor James Maatman, City Manager

Ray Quada and Councilman Dean Collins to a committee seeking a new, larger location for Lowell Senior Neighbors, Inc.

The Council approved a request for the S.D.D. Resort License for the the Village Party Shoppe. If finally approved by the State Liquor Control Commission, the license would allow The Village Party Shoppe to sell liquor by the bottle.

## Used Car Sale!

- 1984 Dodge Aries - silver, 4 door, automatic, air, stereo, cloth, 33,000 miles, was \$7495 SALE \$6795
  - 1984 Mercury Capri - white, 2 door, V8, 5 speed, t-top, cassette, 26M, was \$8495 SALE \$7695
  - 1984 Dodge Omni - brown, 4 door, 4 cyl., 5 speed, AM/FM, rear defog, was \$5695 SALE \$5295
  - 1983 Ford Escort - red, station wagon, 4 cyl., automatic, rear defrost, was \$4995 SALE \$4295
  - 1983 Chevy Citation - maroon, 4 cyl., PS/PB, AM/FM, 39,000 miles, was \$5295 SALE \$4795
  - 1983 Plymouth Reliant - red & white, 4 cyl, automatic, air, stereo, cruise, 61,000 miles, SALE \$4395
  - 1983 Chrysler E Class - charcoal, 4 door, 4 cyl., automatic, air, PS/PB, 35,000 miles, SALE \$7495
  - 1983 Dodge Diplomat SE - 4 door, 6 cyl., automatic, air, stereo, silver, 37,000 miles, SALE \$6595
  - 1982 Dodge Omni - 4 door, cream & beige, 4 cyl., 4 sp., 40,000 miles, SALE \$3995
  - 1982 Plymouth Reliant - navy blue, 4 door, automatic, air, PS/PB, AM/FM, was \$5495 SALE \$4695
  - 1982 Chrysler 5th Avenue - 4 door, dark blue, luxury package, 318 automatic, 50,000 miles, was \$10,995 SALE \$10,295
  - 1982 Dodge Omni 024 - yellow, 2 door, 4 cyl., automatic, air, cruise, AM/FM, SALE \$4495
  - 1982 Plymouth Reliant - 4 door, cream, automatic, air, cruise, buckets, 57,000 miles SALE \$3995
  - 1981 Olds 98 Regency - 2 door, white, loaded w/power, 63,000 miles SALE \$7995
  - 1981 Dodge Aries - station wagon, light blue, 4 cyl., 4 speed was \$4195 SALE \$3895
  - 1981 Datsun 310 GX - 4 door, 4 cyl., 5 speed, AM/FM 16,000 low miles, black SALE \$4895
  - 1981 Dodge Aries - 4 door, automatic, PS, air, maroon, SALE \$4295
  - 1980 Olds 98 Regency - 4 door, burgundy, V8, automatic, loaded, 50,000 miles, SALE \$6595
  - 1980 Buick Skylark - 2 door, automatic, air, stereo, cloth int., low 51,000 miles SALE \$4195
  - 1980 Ford Thunderbird - 2 door, silver, automatic, 8 cyl, AM/FM, 16,000 miles SALE \$3995
  - 1980 Olds Omega - 2 door, blue, automatic, PS, air, 53,000 miles SALE \$3295
  - 1980 Chrysler New Yorker - 4 door, silver/red, air, cruise, loaded, SALE \$4595
  - 1979 Ford Mustang - 2 door, white, automatic, AM/FM tape, 52,000 miles SALE \$3295
  - 1978 Ford Fairmont - 2 door, white, 4 speed, SALE \$2295
- TRUCKS & VANS**
- 1984 Dodge Ramcharger - tu-tone blue, automatic, 318, running boards, SALE \$11,595
  - 1984 Dodge D100 - blue, 6 cyl., automatic, PS/PB, stereo, topper, was \$7895 SALE \$7295
  - 1983 Dodge B250 Conversion Van - beige & brown, 318, automatic, air, loaded, SALE \$14,595
  - 1983 Chevy C10 - V8, 4 speed, brown, AM/FM, topper, 43,000 miles SALE \$6995
  - 1982 Chevy C10 - 6 cyl., 3 speed, PS, box cover, brown, 77,000 miles SALE \$4795

## "Wheels For Life" is Saturday



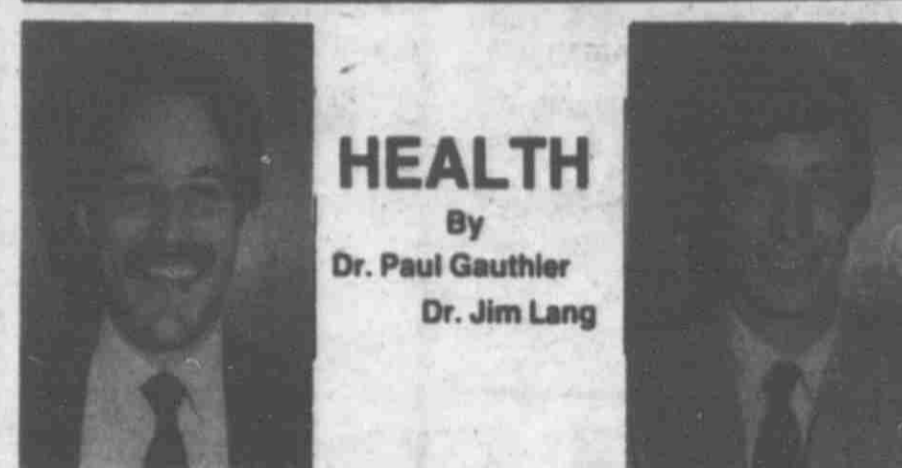
The "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital is still on target for Saturday, September 21. Event Chairperson, Patti Elzinga urges riders or those wishing to sponsor a rider to contact Nancy Anderson at 897-6539 for further details. Money is raised by bike riders who get sponsors to donate a certain amount for each mile they ride. As incentives, prizes are offered to riders. Those raising \$25.00 get a St. Jude's T-Shirt, those raising \$75.00 get a St. Jude's barrel bag and the top boy and girl money raiser will get the new Schwinn bicycles pictured above. Addie Abel (above) chaired a drive to collect donations from local businesses to purchase the two bicycles. Addie and the rest of the committee wish to thank those who donated to this worthwhile cause. Riders can pick up sponsor forms at all schools or at Century 21 Reedy Realty. The event starts from the Bushnell School at noon.

## Cumberland participates in Health Expo

With a booth titled, "Cumberland Is Its Folks", several staff members of Lowell's Cumberland Retirement Village will participate in Health Expo, all this week at Eastbrook Mall. Dixie Anderson, a spokesperson for Cumberland, said, "We're very concerned about the health of our residents, and that's why we wanted to participate in Health Expo."

Cumberland residents participate regularly in exercise classes designed specifically for elderly people, called "Fitness With Fran". The program is taught by Fran Mendez, who is with Lowell Community Education. Fran will be demonstrating her fitness program at 3:30 on Friday at Eastbrook mall near the stage area. Anderson and the staff at Cumberland Retirement Village urge anyone interested in non-strenuous, limbering exercise for the elderly to attend the presentation. Several Cumberland seniors will be participating, and free literature will be made available.

One of the world's most nutritious root crops is perhaps this country's best kept secret. National Wildlife magazine says groundnuts, about the size of golf balls, are as tasty as potatoes and have four times the protein. They were not always unwanted and forgotten, however. The Pilgrims may not have survived their first winter without these nutritious nuts. And now, after some 300 years, scientists are trying to make this wild vine vegetable a household word, that may one day compete with potatoes.



## HEALTH

By  
Dr. Paul Gauthier  
Dr. Jim Lang

### WAYS PARENTS CAN TELL IF A CHILD IS USING DRUGS

One of the questions asked increasingly by parents is "How can I tell if my child is using drugs?" This is a most difficult question when signs and symptoms associated with behavior are used as a basis for judgment. It is difficult to separate typical adolescent behavior from drug induced behavior, but parents should consider the following behavior in their children to be suspicious:

1. Does the child seem to be changing? Is the child becoming: more irritable, secretive, unpredictable, hostile, depressed, uncooperative?
2. Is the child becoming less responsible? Is the child: not doing chores, late coming home, tardy at school, not completing homework?
3. Is the child changing friends, dress code, or interests? Has the child: adopted new friends, their language, and hair style; switched clothing styles; become reluctant to talk about new friends; demanded permission to stay out later than usual?
4. Is the child more difficult to communicate with? Does the child refuse to talk about details of friendship group activities, refuse to discuss "drug issues", become defensive when negative effects of drug use are discussed, strongly defend occasional or experimental use of drugs by peers?
5. Is the child beginning to show physical and/or mental deterioration? Does the child show: disordered thinking or ideas and thought patterns that seem out of order; increased appetite from marijuana smoking (known as munchies); weight loss?
6. Is the child's behavior becoming more intolerable to the parent? Does the child: demand his right to drink alcohol, refuse to spend additional time on studies even though grades are down, insist that teachers are unfair, refuse to do chores, use bad language out of character?
7. Is the child actually becoming drug dependent? Does the child: take money from his parents, brothers, or sisters; steal objects from home that are converted easily to cash; lie chronically; drop out of school?

Is the child caught shoplifting, charged with burglary, charged with prostitution, arrested for drug use or a delinquent act? Does the child attempt suicide?

We realize that these questions are broad-based and inclusive, but we also feel that they may be excellent tools which parents may use in determining if their child is using drugs. If many of the answers to these questions are "yes" we suggest that you contact your family doctor for more information on how to either confirm or allay your suspicions of child drug use.



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