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## MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

The Butterworth Mobile Mammography Unit will be at Family Fare on April 10. Call 776-1372 for appointment. Walk-ins may be accepted if time allows.

## NO CHARGE TAX RETURNS FOR SENIORS

Tax returns for senior citizens are being prepared at no charge by A.A.R.P. trained counselors at the Senior Center on South Hudson Street. Appointments can be made by calling 897-5949.

## LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

The Lowell Little League Board meeting will be held April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell High School. All are welcome to attend.

## ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

A parents meeting, for the "Senior All-Night Party," will be held on April 14 in room A-1 at the High School at 7 p.m.

## LOWELL AREA JAYCEE SEMINAR

Come to a free one hour seminar, sponsored by your Lowell Area Jaycees. "Personal Goal Setting," focuses on physical, mental, financial, emotional, spiritual goals in your life.

Do you want to make changes? Learn more about yourself. Our guest speaker is Teresa Folino from Northville, a dynamic, interesting and fun speaker. Open to all ages, teens through 120.

The seminar will be held Wednesday, April 15, at the Look Memorial Fire Station on South Hudson at 7:30 p.m.

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## Engineers provide City and Township with a viable solution to water dilemma

Following an open meeting with the Lowell Township Board and the City of Lowell, Gary Voogt, Lowell Township engineer from Moore and Bruggink broke down the extension of water into the Township serving Eastgate Division as well as the new high school down to the basic.

"The only cost that makes a difference is the cost to the home owner. That's the only cost that counts," Voogt said.

Voogt and Tim McNamara of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber provided a presentation on the project discussing its scope and costs.

Lowell City Councilman Bill Thompson also had Lowell taxpayers in mind following the presentation.

"My concern is the price for the City. Are the Lowell taxpayers receiving any benefit for their past years of investment?" Thompson explained.

What was known going into the meeting? The new high school would be in Vergennes Township. The school needs public water and sewer. Lowell Township has an opportunity to reach a water agreement with the City, and with it, could

serve the school and parts of Vergennes.

Voogt, who met with McNamara on Friday to work out numbers and the hydraulics of the project, was looking for an agreement from the City in principal to the concept and numbers of the City/Township water system improvements.

The present city water customer is paying \$17.50 a month. With the new tanks, pump and water main, City customer costs would rise \$2.25 a month to \$19.75.

Township residents would be charged an initial hookup fee of \$500. Their monthly costs would be \$24. That figure is 22 percent above the City customer cost per month.

The estimate of cost for City improvements given by Voogt was \$1.24 million. That would include a 750,000 gallon tank, a pump to serve the Township and Gee Drive, watermain WTP to tank, and watermain - M-21.

The Township cost was estimated at \$1.74 million. Included in that cost would be watermain - city pump to school,

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## New lights to shine down on Recreation Park's field of dreams

If there is to be night light at Recreation Park it will have to come in under a \$23,000 cap set by the City Council Monday night.

The softball field lights used at Recreation Park are in unsuitable condition.

After review, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that the lights be replaced at Recreation Park.

Discussion was given to moving the new lights to Creekside Park, but keep-

ing the present site was selected over Creekside Park because of the better condition of the playing field and that the majority of the softball players favor Recreation Park.

It was estimated the total cost of the project would be \$30,000, however, after checking costs Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said the cost would be less than that.

Funding for the project would be a

joint venture. The LOOK Committee will allocate \$10,000 toward the project as will the Lee Fund. Lowell Township agreed to give \$2,500 toward the new lights and said it would give \$3,000 if its money block grant was approved.

Vergennes Township was also asked to consider providing funds toward the new lights, it declined.

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## Fire Department raises \$1,200

## Pancake breakfast serves 430 people

The Lowell Area Fire Department raised \$1,200 at its

third annual Pancake Breakfast.

Lowell Area Fire Department captain Bryan Kimble said 430 people were served from 7 a.m. til 11 a.m.

Proceeds from the break-

fast will go toward the purchase of equipment.

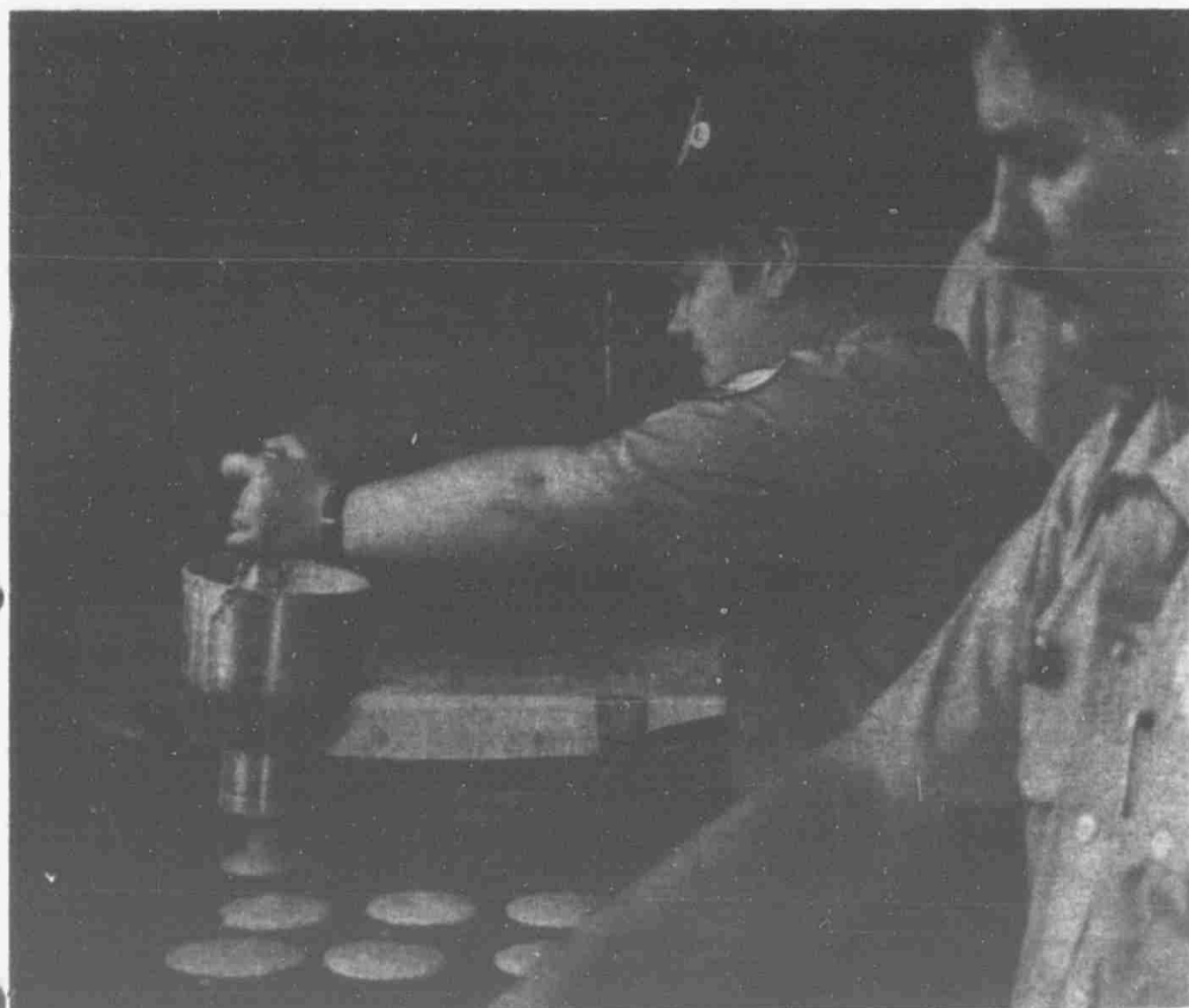
The Department served eggs, pancakes, sausage, milk and coffee.

"We were very pleased

with the turnout," Kimble said.

The breakfast was held at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

Adults were charged \$3.50 and children got in for \$1.50.



Polly McCaul made pancake after pancake after pancake at Saturday's Lowell Area Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast.



Breakfast-goers were treated to pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and milk.

## Obituaries

**MAHLICH** - Eldon L. Mahlich, aged 67, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 1992 at his residence. Surviving are his wife, Gloria; three sons, Eugene Mahlich of Rusk, TX, Robert and Kurt Mahlich of Mason; four stepchildren, Leanne Stuck of Carlton, Rozanne Adams of Ionia, Gerald and Douglas Leazenby of Clarksville; 11 grandchildren; two brothers, Loren of Luther and Gerald of Cedar Springs; two sisters, Irma Bristol of Gowen and Genevieve Barton of Georgia. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Clarksville Bible Church, Rev. Larry Pike officiating. Interment Forrest Home Cemetery, Greenville.

**WHITNEY** - Mrs. Lucille Whitney, aged 84, widow of Paul D., died Wednesday, March 25, 1992 at the Lowell Medical Care Center. Surviving are her son, Paul (Jeanne) Whitney of Soldotna, AK; daughter, Susan deVazquez of Novato, CA; five grandchildren; brother, John and Norman Mieras both of Grand Rapids; sister, Dorothy Jordan of Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra. Services were Saturday at the Metcalf and Jonkhoff Chapel. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery.

## Lowell scouts join fight against hunger

More than 12,000 West Michigan Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorers from the Southwest Michigan and West Michigan Shores Council are joining the fight against hunger by collecting food to help feed the hungry in the West Michigan area.

On Saturday, April 4, Lowell scouts went door to door to distribute collection bags to homes throughout the area.

"I hope families throughout Lowell and West Michigan will fill the Scouts' bags with canned and other non-perishable foods," said area scoutmaster, Craig Haybarker. "This is an important program. It helps needy families, and at the same time it helps show these young scouts that their individual actions can help make a change in our society."

The scouts will return on Saturday, April 11, to collect the filled bags.

If you wish to help in this service project please have your bag on your porch by 9 a.m. this Saturday and the scouts will stop and pick it up. If you did not get a bag left at your house and would like to help, you can drop off a bag marked "Scouts" at the Lowell Methodist Church, Saturday morning.

The Lowell Area Food

Pantry is housed in the Methodist Church and distributes food to those in need in our area. All food collected in Lowell, stays in Lowell.

The types of food most needed are nutritional, non-perishable items such as baby formula, peanut butter and canned foods including vegetables, meats and soups.

"All of the food collected will go to families in West Michigan," said Fritz Freund, scout executive for the Southwest Michigan Council. "The scouts of West Michigan are going all out to make Scouting for Food a success."

Karin Uhlich, director of the Food Banks of Michigan, said that the annual scout food drive is a major contributor to the food banks around the state. "Scouting for Food is one way we fill our pantries. We're pleased that these youths are contributing their time to help others."

Playing a major role in making the campaign a success is Meijer Inc., which donated the cost of printing the 885,000 bags used in the campaign statewide.

The West Michigan scouts hope to collect 450,000 pounds of non-perishable food, making it one of the biggest food drives in the region.



Ben Hodges, from Cub Scout Pack 3188, was one of many scouts handing out food bags.



Brian Haybarker from Scout Pack 3188.



Stinging requires a bee to use 22 different muscles.

## Driver hits and then runs in accident at Cumberland & Woodbushe



A two-car accident occurred at the intersection of Cumberland and Woodbushe on Wednesday, March 25 at approximately 5:45 p.m.



After his car came to a stop in the field, the driver of this car fled on foot. Information was not available prior to going to press.

## Water, continued...

watermain - Foreman, 500,000 gallon tank, watermain - Cumberland and watermain - M-21.

The school would be asked to pay for a watermain from City limits to school site (\$380,000), plus 25 percent of watermain from Township tank to Alden Nash (\$115,000) for a total of \$495,000.

With the tank in base financing of \$500,000, school contribution of \$495,000, SAD in M-21 of \$220,000 and hookup fees at \$500 per house (\$170,000), the revenue bond net for the Township would be \$1.385 million.

Voogt said that could be paid for over a 20-year bond at six percent.

While the joint project \$2-\$3 rate increase in City water service is substantially lower than the original \$4-\$6 increase projected, Pasquale warned that City customers will be asked to incur a water rate increase separate from what the project would bring.

"There has been a water rate increase in each of the years I've been her. That has come about in order to meet continued increased operational costs," the Lowell City Manager said.

With the City, the township, and the school working together it brings the project a strength in numbers of new

customers into the water system which can provide 1.75 million gallons of water a day and is currently selling just 600,000.

The Council said it needed to study the figures presented to it and needed to take into consideration the water rate increase the City customer will incur already.

"There are a number of concerns the City Council needs to discuss," Mayor Jim Maatman said. "But based on the facts presented to us tonight, it appears to be a viable solution."

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson saw things a little more clearly. "It's a gift to the City. It will help the City pay for its improvements for a couple of extra bucks a month as compared to \$6," Timpson explained.

Along with the school breathing down its neck, the City also has the health department on its back about the lack of water pressure on the west side.

"When the plant is down, the reservoirs carry us through the night. If the hydrants are opened up during this time it creates a negative pressure in the system," explains George Regan, water treatment plant superintendent. "Not only is it a pressure problem, but it is also a liability problem."

## Lowell youths net success in Knights' Contest

The Lowell Knights of Columbus, with the assistance of Craig Smith of the Lowell Community Schools, sponsored the Free Throw Contest at the Lowell Middle School on Jan. 8, where 31 boys and 19 girls from the Lowell area participated. The winners for the different age groups were: Shelby Williams (girls age 10), Susan Rozman (11), Jenny Borg (12), Tammy Stauffer (13), Krista Posthumus (14), Joshua Vrooman (boys age 10), Jacob Brown (11), Brad Schuster (12), Adam Scheid (13) and Scott Smith (14).

The Lowell winners participated in the next round of competition, which was held on Feb. 15 in Greenville.

Boys and girls from the Belding, Greenville, Lowell and Parnell area competed in the contest. All Lowell boys and Rozman, Borg and Posthumus won the competition for their age group. These individuals along with Molly Arntz (age 10) and Jessica Ingles (aged 13) from Greenville advanced to the Grand Rapids Diocese championship which was held in



Knights of Columbus free-throw shooting contest winners are left to right: Front row: Shelby Williams (10), Susan Rozman (10), Jenny Borg (12), Tammy Stauffer (13), Krista Posthumus (14); Back row: Joshua Vrooman (10), Jacob Brown (11), Brad Schuster (12), Adam Scheid (13), Scott Smith (14).

Pewamo on February 22. This time, only Borg won her age group competition. She participated in the State Championship which was held in Saginaw on March 14, where she placed third.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is held between January and March every year. The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14. Last year nearly 200,000 boys and girls from 2,990 cities throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Philippines participated in the contest.

## Local students work to appear in college literary magazine

Albion College junior Brenda Grile's literary talents are to be published soon in "The Albion Review," the school's annual literary/interdisciplinary magazine. "The Albion Review," is a student-run journal that pub-

lishes original poetry, short fiction, essays, and artwork by Albion College students and faculty.

Grile is an English major with a concentration in pre-law. A 1989 graduate of Catholic Central High School,

she is the daughter of Robert and Virginia Grile of Lowell. Albion College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

If an agreement is forthcoming the City/Township water project would increase the customer base, it would provide Eastgate with water and furthermore cease the need to run softeners. It would also bring area fire protection, which in turn would be a positive influence on their fire insurance. After a couple of weeks to study what was put before it, the Council will make a decision at the April 20 meeting.

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Freshmen competing in the Middle School Science Olympiad were, left to right: Loren Kaeb, Anastasia Luyk, Kris Nederhoed, Clay Covell and Larry Lewis, Freshman Science Coach.

## Freshman Science Olympiads

## Lowell Middle School does its homework on school hotline

Homework Hotline is a device designed to hone the communication line between schools and parents. It makes forgetting what the assignment was, that much more difficult for students. It makes not knowing when school activities are, less of a

problem for parents. Homework Hotline is a voice mail system that provides both students and parents with messages from teachers and principals 24 hours a day. "If it's nine o'clock and a student can't remember if he

or she was to do the even or odd number problems on page 91, they dial this number and access which teacher they want through their touch-tone phone," Lowell's Director of Instruction, Jim White said. The Homework Hotline program was developed by Fred Barr of WLHT radio. Presently there are 12 schools participating in the program. In the first semester of this year, the system processed approximately 175,000 calls.

"It's a tool for parents to communicate with school officials in regards to homework," Barr said.

The nicest perk of all, is the system doesn't cost the schools a cent.

"So far everything has worked fantastically," Barr says.

So well in fact, Lowell Middle School will try the system on a trial basis during its last marking period.

"Provided there are enough sponsors we'd like to expand to all three schools," White said.

The Lowell Director of Instruction said a barometer as to how to measure the system's success has not been set. "We'll wait to see how many

calls come in and we'll contact parents to get their response."

While White sees the system as an additional means of communication between the parents and the school, he also says it is using available technology for education. "The school will still provide schedules, papers, and newsletters."

Most of the reviews for the new system have been positive, however, it has had its detractors.

"Actually I think the voice mail box is a terrific idea. I think it is a great idea for middle school and high school levels. I'm not sure it is practical for K-4. At that age there is not much homework," says North Oakview Elementary

Principal Tim Purkey. "At our school, teachers send weekly notes to the parents. The homework hotline is just another routine for many of them, one which they are not comfortable with." The homework hotline is available to students and parents seven days a week and 24 hours a day.

## Happy Birthday

Kinsley, Dave Carpenter, Mark Hays, Fred Oesch Jr., Elton Sheffield.

APRIL 9: Travesse John Gage, Marcia McDonald, Stacy Lippert, Patti Huver, Olivia Ayres.

APRIL 10: Julie Webb, Betsey Thaler, Harold Lind, Mary VanPutten, Jack Runnels.

APRIL 11: Delores Gabrion, Greg Zimmerman, David Colwell, Art Jacobson, Rog Southland, Al Roe.

APRIL 12: Don Shaffer, Larry Brzezinski, Roger Depew, Jeff Depew.

APRIL 13: Addie Abel, Pete Baker, Marv DeVries.

APRIL 14: Phyllis Jones, Dennis Rasch, Joshua Anderson, Niki Gurney.

APRIL 15: Margaret Yoder,

Charles Behnke, Terry

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING

A Public Hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Rd., on:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place the following subject will be considered and any interested persons will be heard.

1) Donald R. Kaliniak requests a variance to construct an additional house on a parcel with a principal dwelling, Section 3.32. Parcel #41-12-21-100-019, 11300 7 Mile Rd.

Written comments concerning the request should be received by April 15, 1992 and addressed to Gerald W. Gurney, Secretary, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 11676 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809.

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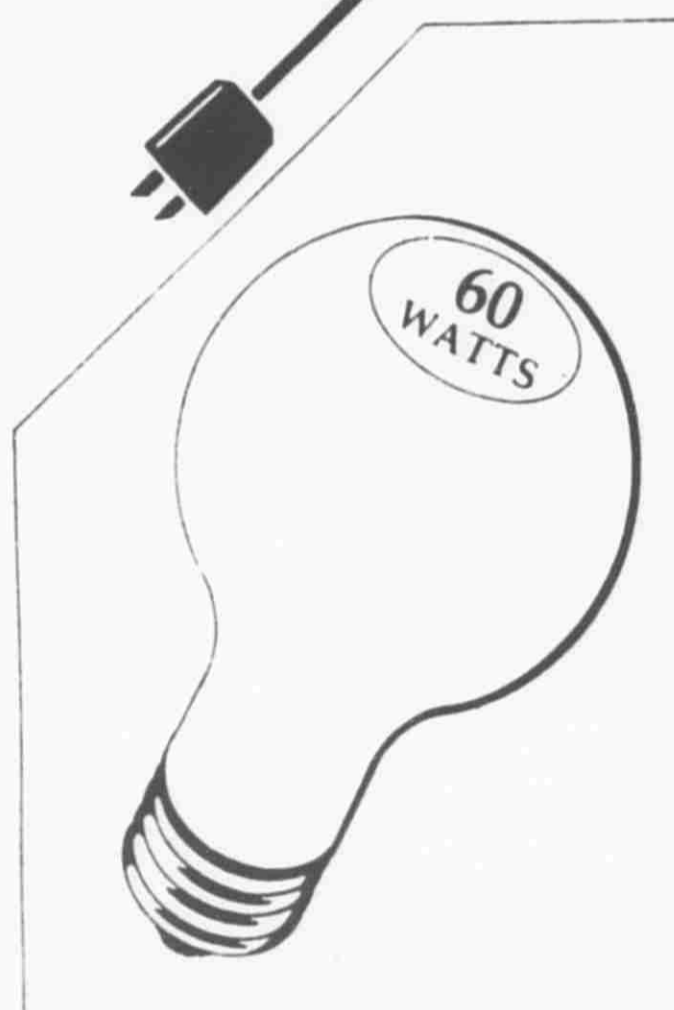
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## James Street residents in line for a water service upgrade

James Street residents got their wish Monday night as the Lowell City Council approved a motion to put in an eight-inch water main, replacing the existing two-inch main thus providing James Street residents with an improved water service.

Lowell City Manager provided the Council with cost estimates for paving James Street relating to the planned water main upgrading.

The two road improvement estimates that were provided were for a 12-foot wide asphalt repair, covering the water main installation area for \$8,000 or a 20-foot wide asphalt mat covering the width of the roadway.

The cost of asphalt will be split 50-50 on front footage cost, property owners would be charged \$3.20 per lineal foot for 20-foot asphalt.

The Council agreed that 12-feet would just serve as a patch covering the side of the road where the new eight inch water main will be put in. Department of Public Work

Supervisor said the existing fill would be put back.

The project is far less substantial than what some Council members wanted. The Council was looking to put in storm sewers, sanitary sewer and curb and gutter.

"I think the proper way is to do it all. In 10-15 years a sewer is going to have to be put in. The state will probably mandate it. I don't want people asking then why it wasn't done right the first time," Councilman Don Green asked. He added he understand the plight of the homeowners and thus motioned his support for the 20-foot cap with water main.

Pasquale said the City will proceed on bidding. "If the numbers are out of line, it will be reviewed again," he said. "A special assessment district will also be established."

The Lowell City Manager added that while the eight-inch mains will not provide the optimum water service, it will be much improved over what they currently have.

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12 (2)	WKAR	East Lansing
13 (1)	WZZM	Grand Rapids
15	HBO	Premium
17	TBS	Atlanta
19	MAX	Premium
21	DISN	Premium
23	USA	
25	FAM	Family
26	WGN	Chicago
27	ESPN	Sports
28	CNN	News
29	CNNHEAD	
30	NICK	
31	A&E	
32	PASS	Troy
33 (3)	WWMT	Kalamazoo
34 (1)	WUHQ	Battle Creek
35 (10)	WILX	Lansing
36 (4)	WLNS	Lansing
37	DISC	
38	TNT	Atlanta



## LISTINGS FOR FRI., APRIL 10 THRU THURS., APRIL 16

In 'Stompin' at the Savoy', premiering Sunday on CBS, Vanessa Bell Calloway, Lynn Whitfield, Vanessa Williams and Jasmine Guy (left to right) play four working girls in the late '30s who find romance and excitement at New York's celebrated Savoy Ballroom. The telefilm was directed by Emmy winner Debbie Allen.

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- 5:00 Music Videos
5:15 Cartoons
5:30 Midwest Outdoors Magazine
6:00 Christopher Closeup

- Day of Restoration With James Robinson
Best of American Muscle Magazine
News/Style With Elsa Kneach

- Day of Discovery
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- Sesame Street (CC)
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HBO MOVIE: Defending Your Life (Stereo) (CC)

- Winners Darrel Waltrip, (P1 of 2) (Stereo)
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6:30 Wall Street Journal Report
7:00 It Is Written With George Vandeman

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6:30 Wall Street Journal Report
7:00 It Is Written With George Vandeman

- Day of Restoration With James Robinson
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- Day of Discovery
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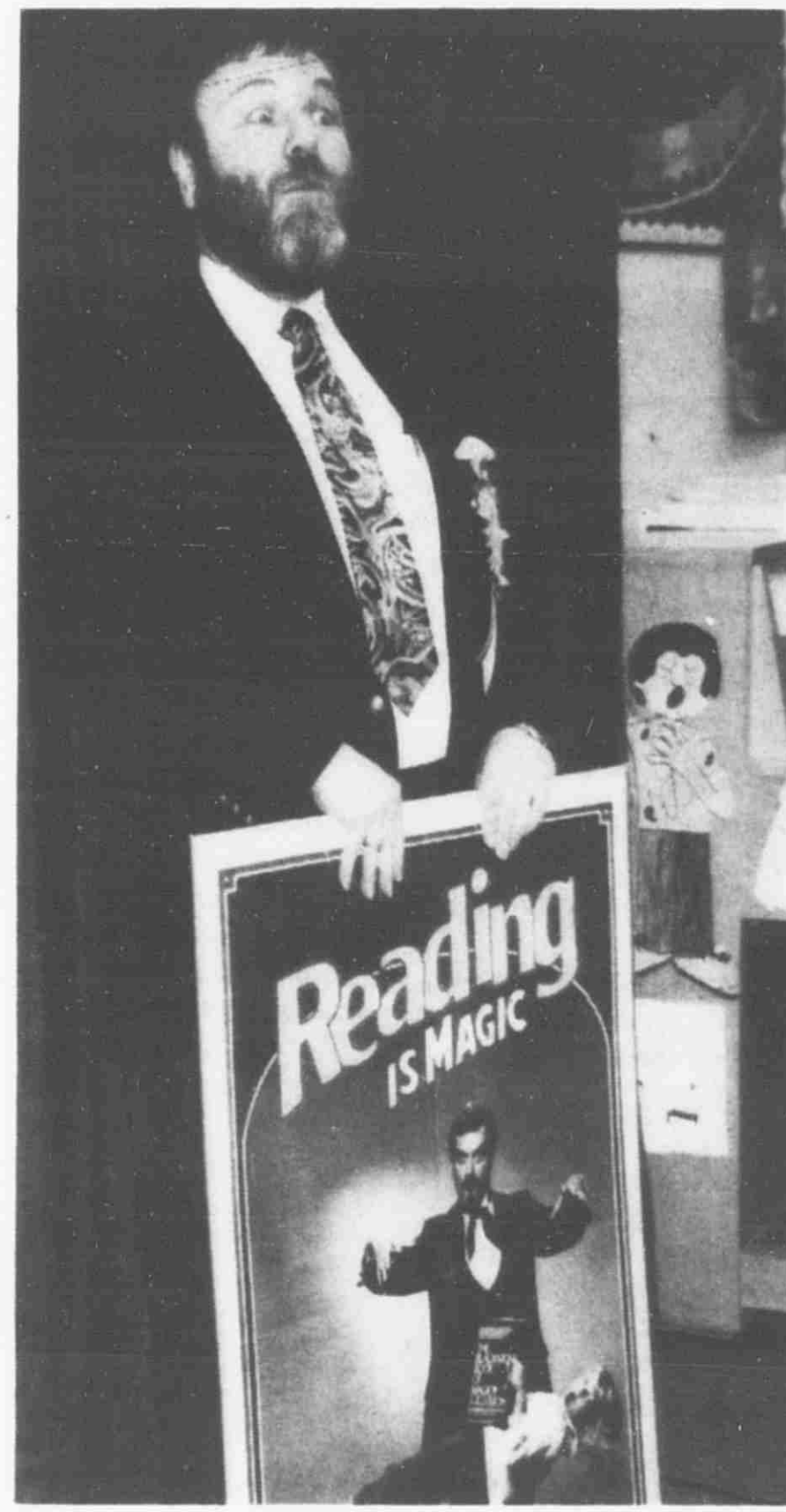












Magician, Paul Critelli performs for Alto Reading winners.

## Estate, cont'd...

friends and relatives. Usually, surviving spouses listen to the advice from the one whom they would hurt the most if they said "no" to that person.

All the above messes could probably be lived through over the short haul. The biggest mess, however, would be to force one's family into a lesser life style because of an inadequate income source. This happens because not enough capital is left for them to live on. And many times such a shortage is not intentional, but rather the result of little or no planning.

The movie "Men Don't Leave" shows the dire consequences of no life insurance.

Sometimes, the family's drop in their standard of living occurs later on, when inflation does its damage. That is why inflation has to be factored into the estate plan.

"Estate Planning" means covering all the contingencies caused by one's absence. Most people take years accumulating their estate but spend less time on planning to distribute that estate than they spend planning yearly vacations. Sitting down with one's spouse and someone skilled in the area of estate planning can provide much peace of mind, knowing that premature death will not produce a mess for one's family.

## Alto students read for March of Dimes reading contest

During the month of March the children at Alto School participated in numerous events to celebrate reading. Approximately 130 children read for the March of Dimes Reading Champions program. These children have found financial sponsors for each book they read. The money raised goes to help fight birth defects. The children will receive gold, silver or bronze metals in recognition of the number of books they have read.

During the first week of March there was a special daily event. On Monday the students and staff wore buttons to be read. On Tuesday,

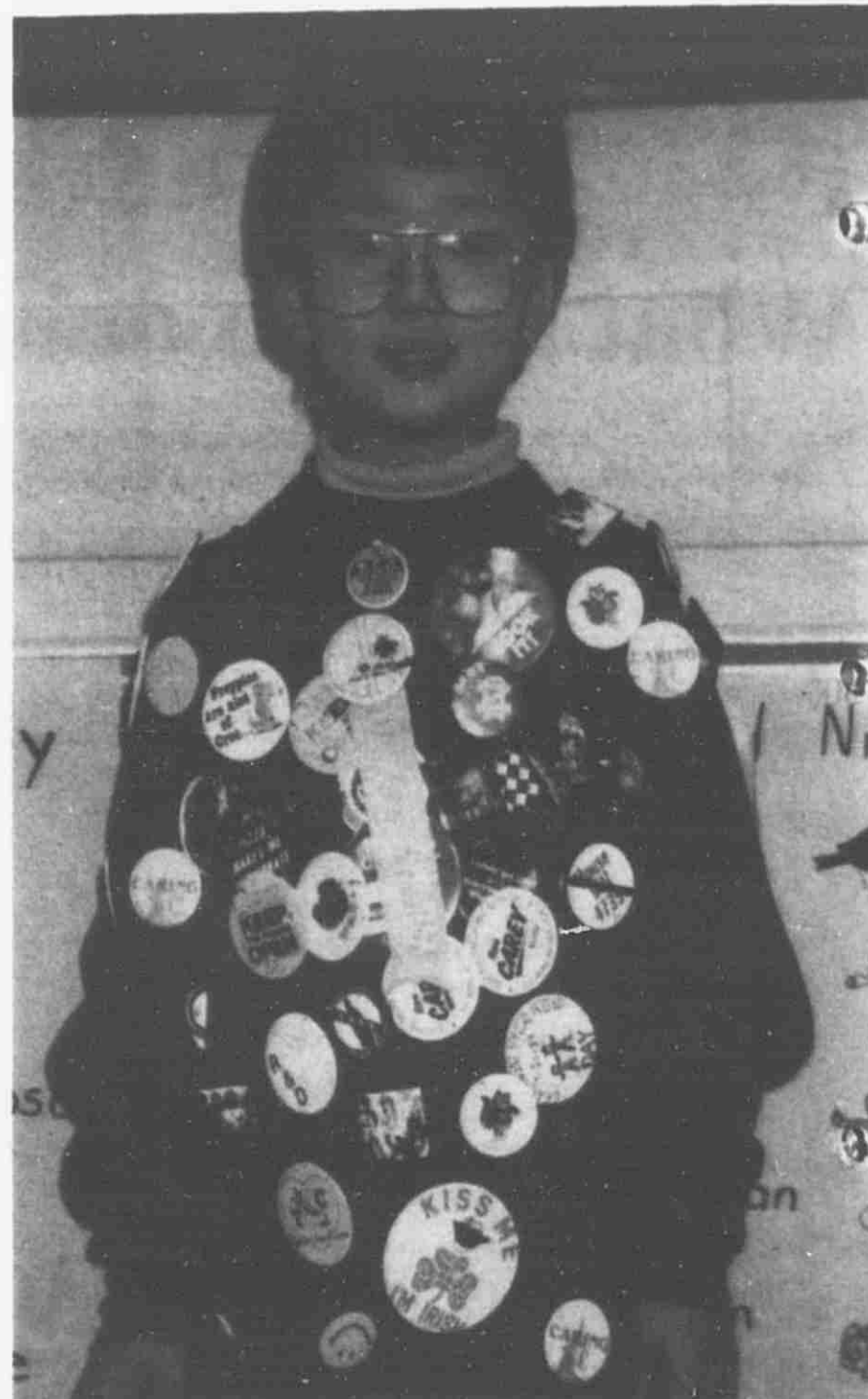
they celebrated SOCK IT TO READING DAY and wore crazy socks. On Wednesday everyone wore sweats so we could SWEAT IT OUT WITH A GOOD BOOK. On Thursday they wore mismatched clothes to GET MIXED UP WITH A GOOD BOOK. On Friday they SNUGGLED UP WITH A GOOD BOOK and brought pillows and slippers to school.

Many classrooms decorated their doors or boards with favorite book designs. The winning rooms were Barb Townsend's kindergarten, Norma Peterson's first grade,

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Chris Shortle



Scott Hovey



Ashley Claypool shows off her craft project.

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## FFA members return from state convention

On March 23-25th 23 Lowell FFA members attended the 64th Michigan FFA Association State Convention at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Representatives of the Lowell chapter competed in leadership contests with more than 100 other contestants from chapters across the state.

Winning state awards for

Lowell were: Danielle Scott, Heidi Kaeb, and Melanie Kaeb, State winner in Demonstration; Krista Posthumus, state winner in Greenhand Public Speaking; Renee Nugent, State winner in Extemporaneous Public Speaking; David Hildenbrand, Betsy Nugent, Jen Wieland, Matt Craig, Niki Gurney, and Toni Jones, 3rd place silver award in Agricultural Forum;

Randy Grieser, State Runner-up Gold Award in Job Interview and Hayley Murphy, Silver award.

Other awards earned by Lowell FFA members at the convention were: the State FFA Degree, Niki Gurney, Dave Hildenbrand, Melanie Kaeb and Renee Nugent; Scholarship Recognition, Dave Hildenbrand and Renee Nugent; State FFA Band,

Lesley Murphy, Heather Pelon, and Jennifer Oesch; and National Choir nomination, Randy Grieser. In addition, Renee Nugent was elected as Region 5 State vice President for 1992-93 and Melanie Kaeb received a \$2,000 "Distinguished Freshman" scholarship from the MSU College of Agriculture

and Natural Resources to attend the Michigan State University next fall. Also, the Lowell FFA was recognized as one of the 10 outstanding chapters in the state.

Lowell FFA delegates to the convention were: Steve Briggs, Tim Stencil, and Doug Weeks. Chaperones for the convention were: Linda

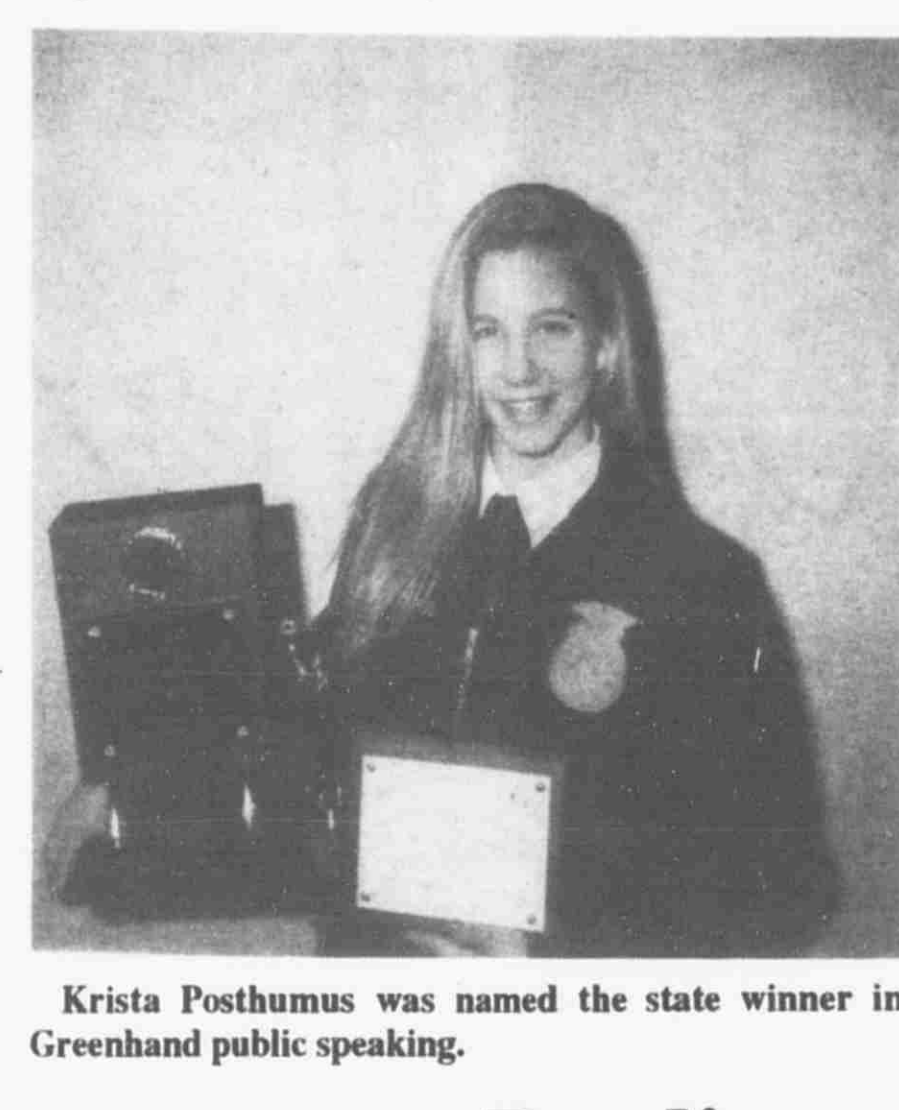
Scott, Donna Oesch, and Pete Siler, Lowell FFA advisor.

Barbara Pierce, Director of the Guidance Department at Lowell High School, was the special guest of the Lowell FFA at the convention.

The Convention was held at the Michigan State University Wharton Center and about 2,000 members and guests attended the three day conference.



Melanie Kaeb was recognized for the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, "Distinguished Freshman," scholarship, she received.



Krista Posthumus was named the state winner in Greenhand public speaking.



Danielle Scott, Heidi Kaeb and Melanie Kaeb won the state demonstration contest. They performed a demonstration entitled: "Food Safety - Dispelling the Myths."

## Reading, continued

Gary Goff's second grade, Dan Hanson's third grade, Sharon Vensas's fourth grade, Barb Schneider's fifth grade and Diane Hammerman's Reading Center.

On Friday, March 27, the students who read for a required amount of time in March were treated to an Olympic Celebration. Approximately 325 students attended a party in their honor from 3:30 until 6 p.m. During this time the students were entertained by a magician, heard stories, created a craft project and were treated to pizza and pop donated by Coke. Many wonderful parents helped during this exciting event.

## Area Births

Kelly and Michelle (Vredenburg) Jackson, of St. Clair, announce the birth of their first child, Kyle Donald Jackson.

Kyle was born March 16, 1992, and weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Proud grandparents are Clark and Leah Vredenburg of Lowell and Kaye and Barb Jackson of Houghton.

Great-grandparents are Helen Vredenburg of Grand Haven and Harold Langley of Lowell.

Ryan and Angie are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jacob Allen Gould on April 1, 1992. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Linda and Doug Daugherty of Alto, Thomas Hoffman of Walker and Barb and Randy Gould of Lowell.

Mike and Debbie Shepard of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Tiffany Kay, born March 17, 1992. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Ron and Pam Shaffer. Great-grandparents are Irene Lindenmulder and Ray and Leona Shaffer.

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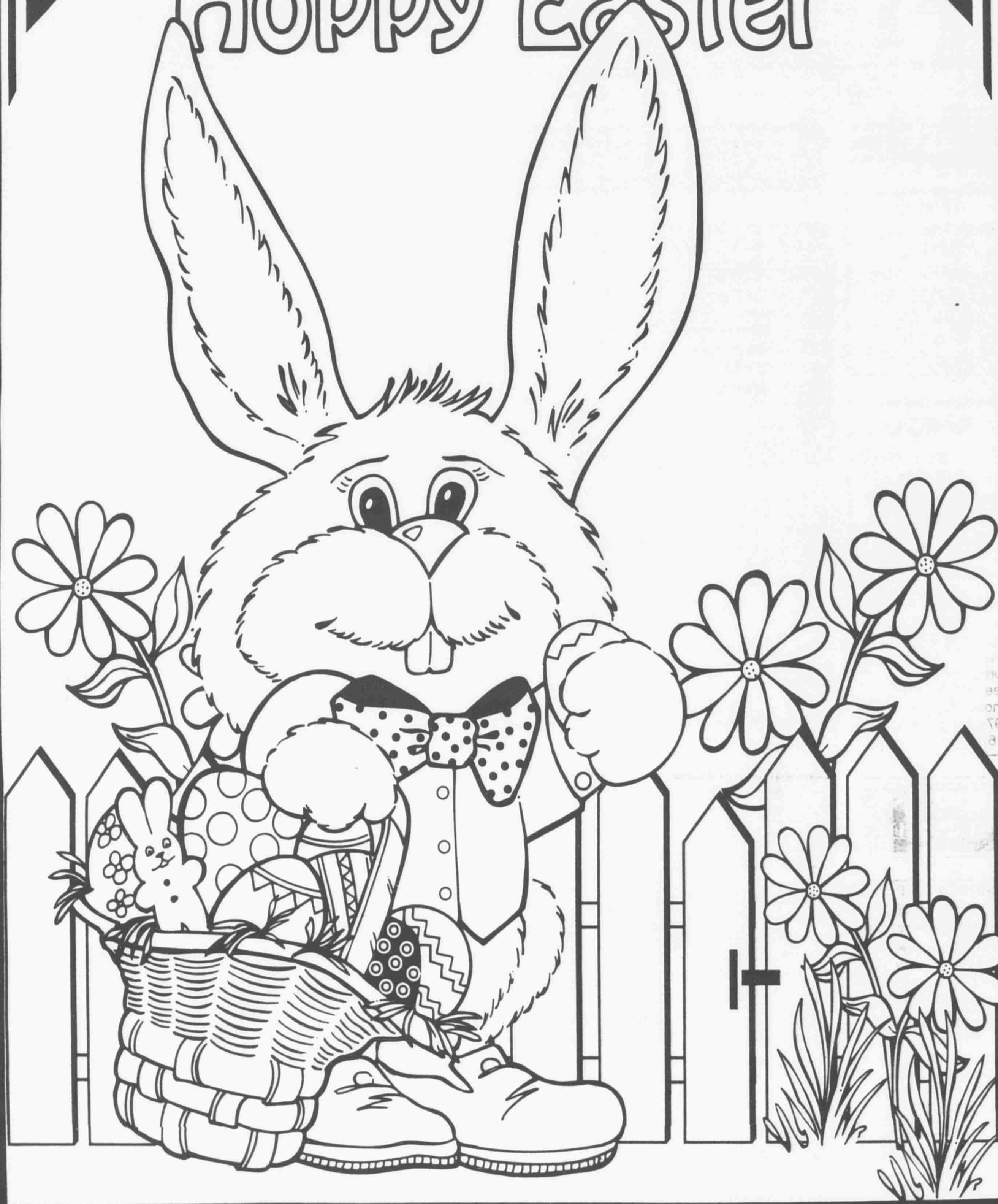
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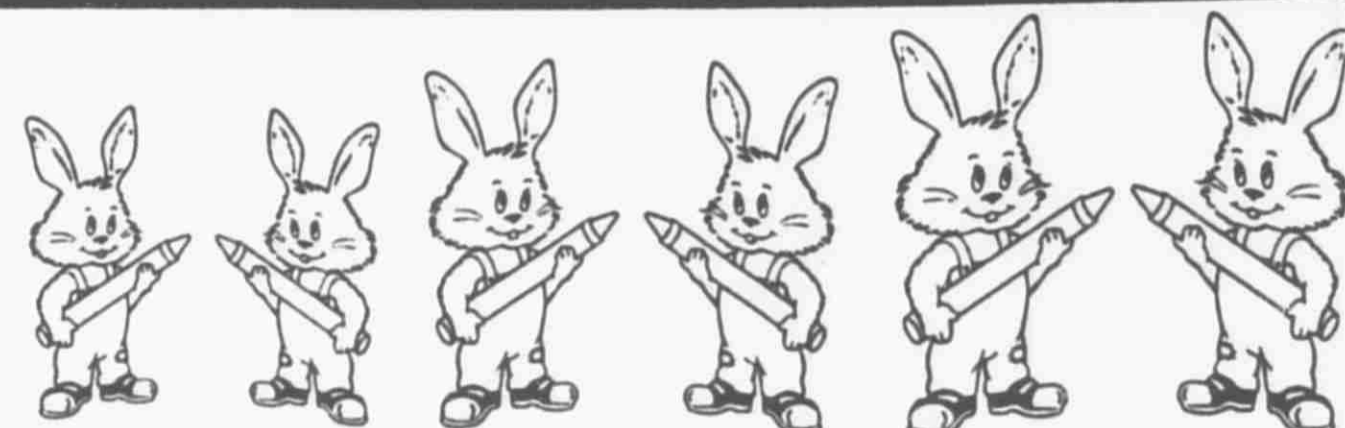
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Contest will be judged in three categories. Ages 3-5, 6-8 and 9-11. Pictures will be taken of the winners when they pick up their prizes and published in the April 22 Ledger Edition.



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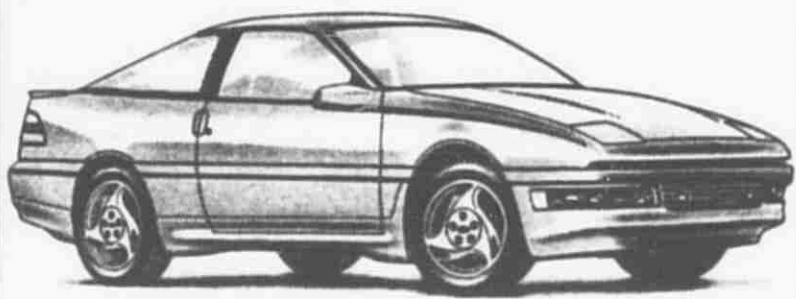
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