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Community Block Grant could help restore Graham Building

Former Lowell YMCA Director and now City Council member, Jim Hodges remembers what shape the second floor of the Graham Building is in.

"I remember it like a bad dream," Hodges said. "It needs substantial improvement."

The Council set a public hearing for Jan. 18 to help determine where the \$37,733 from the Community Development Block Grant program will be allocated in 1993.

If City Manager Dave Pasquale's recommendation is followed, Hodges' bad dream may be changed to a pleasant dream in just a few winks.

Pasquale has recommended that \$22,733 of the block grant program be allocated toward the restoration of the Graham Building second floor.

The Lowell Area Historical Association has received permission from the Council to utilize the second floor of the Graham Building for office and storage purposes.

In order to use the second floor, LAHA estimated that \$50,000 was needed for new drywall, plaster, paint, insulation, electrical service, heating and air-conditioning.

Currently Lowell Township has allocated \$4,500 toward the project. LAHA has estimated a \$5,000 contribution. With

the City's Block Grant, the Look Memorial Fund will be approached to provide the balance (roughly \$18,000).

The other \$15,000 from the City Block Grant Pasquale has recommended be allocated toward the updating of the Master Plan.

An allocation toward the project would save the City from using general fund dollars. The amount is what was requested by Mark Eidelson to perform the first year's work.

Pasquale said the drawbacks with this request are that the contract involving the planning consultant cannot be signed until July 1.

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Self portrait brings former foreign exchange student back to Lowell

The 30-piece Governor's Traveling Exhibit has reached Lowell after stops in Detroit and Brethren.

The 30 pieces of student high school art were selected

from a May '92 show at Western Michigan University. There were 110 pieces on display at the show. The work was chosen from 16 regions throughout the state.

"It's a great honor to be selected as part of the Governor's Traveling Exhibit," said Michigan Arts Festival Visual Arts chairperson, Karen Lambert. "It is also quite an honor to be one of the 110 selected for the show."

Lowell's 1991-92 German Foreign Exchange student Sebastian Schlunk's art work was one of the 30 pieces selected for the exhibit.

Schlunk's piece of art was a self portrait.

Lambert said since there is not enough room art FMB State Savings Bank, only 17 of the 30 pieces of art are being hung.

All students whose schools are members of the Michigan Art Education Association are eligible. Otherwise, students must pay a \$50 fee.

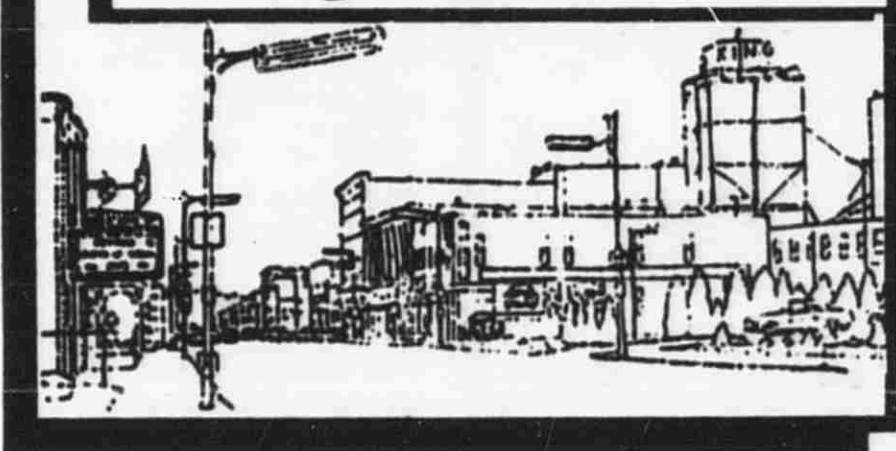
The art show exhibit now on display at FMB was hung by Lambert, David Davis and Gary Eldridge.

Students whose work was selected to the Governor's Travel Exhibit received a gift certificate and medal.



Sebastian Schlunk

Along Main Street



LMS PRESENTS "IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?"

The Lowell Middle School Eighth Grade Drama Class will present the comedy, "Is There A Doctor In The House?" on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafetorium. The public is invited and admission is free.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Lowell Area Historical Association's annual meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

Members, as well as the general public, are invited to attend.

CAREER VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL FAIR

There will be a career vocational/technical fair held at Lowell High School Monday, Jan 18 at 7 p.m. It will be sponsored by the Student Service Center and Academic Boosters Club.

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As Township waits, construction of water tower grows more difficult

Stuck between a rock and a hard place. That phrase sums up how Lowell Township Supervisor, John Timpson, and the Township Board are feeling when it comes to the construction of the sewer and water lines for Lowell's new high school.

Currently the Township is waiting for a check for \$500,000 from the Lowell School Board to help in the construction of the new water line.

"We've been told to wait for a letter from their lawyers," said Timpson. "But we still don't know when or if we are going to receive the check."

The check is a down payment for the construction of a water tower that would serve the new high school and residents who wish to tap into the line.

The cost of the new water line and tower is \$1,700,000 while the sewer will cost \$534,000. The school will pay for the entire sewer system but only pay \$500,000 for the water line.

According to Timpson the school is getting a very good deal for what they are paying.

"The board would have had to pay

for the water and sewer lines no matter what," says Timpson. "By paying only for a third of the cost of the water line the school is saving a lot of money."

Most of the confusion in receiving the check is the pay back involved in the lines. The school will be reimbursed on the sewer line when residents tap into the sewer. Residents will be required to pay for the use of the line and this money will go to the school.

According to Timpson the problem came when the school thought it would be paid back for its contribution to the water line.

"Under our initial agreement it was understood that the school would not get reimbursed for the water tower and line," said Timpson.

The school doesn't receive compensation because of variations made to the tower and line to meet the schools needs. The water tower must be an additional 100 ft. higher than normal. The water line itself must be up-sized from a 12 inch line to a 16 inch line to take care of an emergency at the school. Neither of these things would need to be done if the water line wasn't serving the school.

"The school is set to open in September of 1994," says Timpson. "But without the check, the Township can't get started on the water tower and if not completed, the school can't open."

According to Timpson the tank takes up to six months to be built. Then upon delivery it will take an additional two to three months to set up. After it is up, it will need to be painted, but it can only be painted during the summer months. That would put the finishing date during the summer of 1994 if the school had the money now. The longer it takes for the Township to receive the check the closer its finishing date will collide with the opening of the school.

"If they are worried how the money will be spent, we will let them look at the books," says Timpson. "We just don't want to be told how to use the money."

With time being of the essence Timpson is hoping to get the situation resolved as quickly as possible.

"Once the money is put into escrow we can begin to put the sequence of events into action," said Timpson. "The sooner the school gets the money to us the easier things will be for them."

OBITUARIES

FRYLING - Nellie Fryling, aged 94, of Caledonia, went to be with the Lord December 28, 1992. She was preceded in death by her husband Ira Fryling and daughter Marian Forward in 1972. Mrs. Fryling is survived by three grandchildren, Carolyn and Fred Ruehs of Alto, Robert and Faye Forward of Kentwood, Patty and John Neese of Wyoming; seven great-grandchildren, Traci and Chad Kious, Terri Sue Ruehs, Tina Ruehs, Jason, Jori, and Jenelle Forward, Tom Neese; and son-in-law, Tom and Nel Forward. Funeral Services were held

Thursday at Alaska Baptist Church, Caledonia, she was a member. Interment Garfield Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Alaska Baptist Church Building Fund.

HENDRICK - Jennifer M. Hendrick, aged 19, of Grand Rapids, daughter of Jack and Chris Hendrick, sister of Chad Hendrick, went to be with her Lord Friday, January 1, 1993. Also surviving are her grandparents, Marilyn Hendrick, Dick and Barb Majewski, Thome and Sue Brown; aunts, uncles, cousins, and many special friends. Funeral and Committal Services were held

Tuesday at the Van Strien-Creston Chapel. Interment in Lowell Cemetery. Tributes in her memory may be made to either the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

POTTER - John Potter, aged 78, of Lowell, died Tuesday,

December 29, 1992. He is survived by his wife Marge; children Jane Elizabeth and Charles Brown of Lowell, Donna Jean Potter of Dearborn, Michael W. and Roxanne Potter of Detroit; brothers Adrian J. Potter of Clarksville, Fred Potter of

Grand Rapids; grandchildren Anthony C. Brown and Nicole E. Brown. Mr. Potter worked for 42 years at Fisher Body, General Motors and was the owner of Potter's Pebble Palace. Funeral Services were Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell

with Rev. William J. Amundsen officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell or Alzheimer's Association.

LHS' January Students-of-the-Month

The first Students-of-the-Month for the new year at Lowell High School are seniors Alison Kelley and Chuck Mesler, junior Micah Skidmore, sophomore Chad DeRuischer, and freshman

Melissa Peterson. Kelley is the daughter of Joe and Rena Seitz of Lowell. In her senior year she is a third-year member of the Art Club and a second-year member of the Annual staff. In

past years, she has been a member of International Club, Forensics, and the Prom Committee.

Her teacher nominator describes Kelley as a "young woman who is full of energy,

enthusiastic when faced with a challenge, and one who helps others who are struggling." Kelley lists English and computer classes as her favorites. She plans to use her skills to pursue a career in architectural engineering, beginning in the fall at GRCC. She works as a hostess/cashier at Schelde's Restaurant.

Mesler is the son of Tom and Maria Mesler of Lowell. He is busy on the basketball court this season, a sport he has played for four years. He also played Junior Varsity football. Mesler's teacher nominator likes his positive attitude in and out of the classroom, writing that "he listens intently and actively participates" in classroom projects.

Mesler lists computer programming and basketball as his two favorite activities. He plans to attend GRCC in the fall. He is employed at Little Caesars.

Skidmore is a new student at Lowell High School this year. He is the son of Bruce and Linda Skidmore of Lowell. His teacher nominator is impressed with his hard work and ability, describing Skidmore as "a leader to whom other students look for insights."

His activities at Lowell High School this year will include International Club and National Honor Society. Outside of school he is a member of Explorer Post 27 and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. In his previous high school, Skidmore excelled at art and the cello and has won competitions in both skills. His favorite classes this semester are French, Novel and Advanced Chemistry.

DeRuischer is the son of Buck and Karen DeRuischer of Lowell. He has a variety of interests which include drawing, hunting and fishing. When not pursuing those activities, he finds time to work for Twin Lakes Nursery doing landscaping. His art teacher commends his hard work and creativity, noting that he "goes beyond requirements in terms of detail and technique."

Peterson is the daughter of Kay Peterson of Lowell and the late Robert Peterson. Although she has recently moved to Lowell, she has found time to become quite active, having competed on the Junior Varsity Debate Team, and been involved in Drama Club, Marching Band, and FFA.

Her teacher nominator commends Peterson for her hard work towards reaching her goals. She describes Peterson as the kind of student who sets an example in the classroom by her quiet



The January Students-of-the-Month at Lowell High School are, left to right: freshman, Melissa Peterson; sophomores, Chad DeRuischer; junior, Micah Skidmore; and seniors, Chuck Mesler and Alison Kelly.

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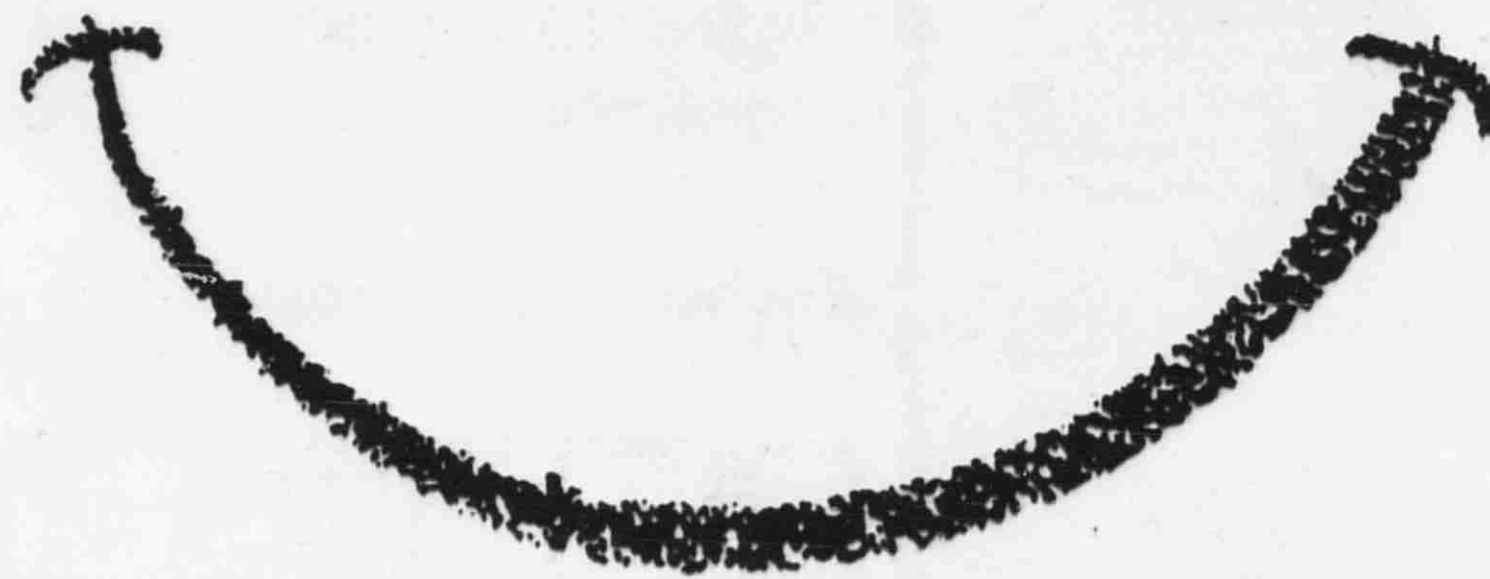
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Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

SECOND MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

2ND AND 4TH MONDAY NIGHTS: Men's Life Bible study group will meet at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the Narthex. All men in the community are welcome. Call 897-6215 or 897-7555 for more information.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office located in the Middle School, 12675 Foreman Road.

EVERY MONDAY EVENING: Euchre will be played at the V.F.W. Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes, Public welcome.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous New meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Call 361-5463. Come join us!

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Swingers meet 6 p.m. at Lowell Senior Center.

EVERY MON: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up, or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m., during the school year, in the Scout Cabin, at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-8829.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield E., Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American

Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell VFW Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING: Coffee break, a community Bible study for ladies at Calvary Church, 1125 W. Main St., Lowell at 9:30 a.m. Free nursery. Bible story hour for 3 to 6 year olds. A good way to meet your neighbors.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY - V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING: If you are looking for an enjoyable way to exercise, come join the Lowell Community Education line dance at The First United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. Bring comfortable shoes. \$1 donation.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES: Quaker Zik Sportsmen's Club - meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building at 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m. 55 and over.

2ND WEDNESDAY: Men's breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-5949 for reservations.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

EVERY THURS.: Co-dependents Anonymous (COCA) meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 101 W. Main, Lowell.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell VFW Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the VFW Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

2ND THURSDAY EACH MONTH: All Lowell area senior citizens are cordially invited to attend the Lowell Community Education lunch and learn at 12 p.m., at Lowell High School. The cost of lunch for 1992-93 school year is \$2.20. Call Marge at 897-8434 to make your reservation and learn about the program to be presented.

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1493 meets every Sat. at 9:00 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING: Royal Rangers for the boys. Missionettes for the girls for kids kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7 thru 12 grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more info, call Lowell Assembly of God at 897-7047.

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at, 18841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. at 1 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS

COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Monday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

LOWELL LIBRARY HOURS: Open Mon. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed., 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

SUN., JAN. 10: Auction at the VFW Hall, Saranac at 2 p.m. General merchandise & food. By J & J Variety, Lowell.

TUES., JAN. 12: The Lowell Middle School Eighth Grade Drama Class will present the comedy "Is There A Doctor In The House?" at 7:30 p.m., in the Middle School Cafeteria. The public is invited and admission is free.

WED., JAN. 13: Evening Club will meet at 8 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses are Bernadeen Norton and Betty Kropf. The program is travelogue on New Zealand by Everett Van Allsburg.

MON., JAN. 18: Career Vocational/Technical Fair at Lowell High School at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Student Service Center and Academic Boosters Club. There will also be an Academic Boosters Club business meeting at 7:30 p.m. the same evening.

WED., JAN. 27: The Lowell Area Historical Association's annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station. Members and public invited.

THURS., JAN. 28: Commodities will be distributed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Moose Recreation Building, 1320 E. Fulton.

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself ... (Matthew 16:24).

"Dramma, do you lub me?" my little nephew asked, crawling up on his grandmother's lap and slipping his arms around her neck.

"Of course, I love you, Timmy," Mom answered, hugging him tightly.

"Why don't you marry me den?" Timmy asked innocently.

Timmy had the same idea as the song that says love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage.

Love and marriage go together—of that there is no doubt. There are other things which go together, too. Salt and pepper. Bread and butter. Ham and eggs.

Love and denial go together also. God, our Heavenly Father, loved the lost world so much He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to be the propitiation for the sins of the world. And

Jesus, in turn, urged all who would come to Him to deny themselves.

One cannot live for self and be a follower of Jesus Christ. One must choose. Will it be self or God? Will it be "my will" or "His will?"

Only as we deny ourselves can we prove our love for Jesus. Love and denial cannot be separated. Like ham and eggs, salt and pepper, or a horse and carriage, "they go together."

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thou hast bidden me to take up my cross and deny myself if I would follow Thee. Here is my life; I give it to Thee without reserve, to be used by Thee in any way Thou chooseth. Amen.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

ISAAC WATTS

Middle School play scheduled for Jan. 12

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present the melo-

dramatic, comical farce "Is There A Doctor In The House?" Tuesday, Jan. 12 at

7:30 p.m.

The play revolves around the greedy Mayor Caesar Canary who stands between his daughter, Lucy, and her true love, Lester, and insists she marry the ancient, sickly

and very wealthy Otis.

Don't miss this hilariously entertaining an fast-moving comedy, directed by Cheryl Blodgett, presented in the Middle School cafeteria and totally free of charge.



The cast members of "Is There A Doctor In The House?" are, top row, left to right: George Rollins, Jill Dykstra, Diana Fick, Courtney Kissinger, Mike Minier; middle row: Missy Luyk, Eric Kozal, Hillary Tichelaar, Brian Knudstrup; front row: Hope Ayers, Nichole Fortin, Andy Smith, Josh Speerstra.



The cast members of "Is There A Doctor In The House?" are, top row, left to right: Mike Jahnke, Allison Belliel, Jenny Hall, Terresa Kenney, Rich Briseno; middle row: Carrie Hubbarth, Lainey Krieg, Amanda Eggerding, Emily Hardy; front row: Lisa VanStrien, Jenny Alderink, Rachel Thomas, Michelle Burton.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HARDEE'S/LEDGER
Birthday Club

If your name appears below in the Hardee's/Ledger Birthday Club column, stop in and pick up your birthday card at the Ledger office. The card entitles you to a FREE ice cream at Hardee's!

- Jan. 7: Brandon McCabe, Eric Claypool, Mary Jo Amy Alderink, Bonny Bishop, Bob Leyman, Beckie Seese, Grace Peters, Jean Nugent, Kim Griffioen, Elena Richmond, Lois Seese.
- Jan. 8: Omar Stahl, Ron Stanford, Helena Rose Guastavino.
- Jan. 9: Katie Alderink, Paul Blattner, Dan MacDonald, Al Groenke, Gerald Mullen, Forrest Bowden.
- Jan. 10: Cecil Gochenour, Jonathan Dombak.
- Jan. 11: Cindy Dumas, Renee Ellison, Laura Wiercz, Marion Guastavino.
- Jan. 12: Debbie Biggs, Judy Ellison, Stuart Sauber, Rick Stegehuis, Mike Kathan, Rick Castro, Michael Vezino, Marie Rickert.
- Jan. 13: Stephen Rutherford, Todd Burkett, Chris Wright, Doug Arnold, Debbie Kelley.

Students, continued

dedication to scholarship. Outside of school Peterson is treasurer of the youth group and a member of the Handbell Choir at Lowell First United Methodist Church and a member of the cast of the Arts Council Winter Play. She lists her favorite classes as geometry and health. She has attended U. S. Space Camp twice. Hobbies include jewelry making, cross-stitch and music.

The faculty and staff at Lowell High School are proud of the students chosen to be honored this month. They uphold the high ideals of L.H.S. The community is asked to join in commending the January Students-of-the-Month.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week of Jan. 11, 1993

MONDAY: Taco with meat, cheese and lettuce (or lasagna - MS & HS), cole slaw or steamed peas, Johnny cake with syrup, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Fruit juice, pizza with meat, cheese and pepperoni (or enchilada - MS & HS), carrot sticks and dip or salad, choice of fruit or pudding, milk.

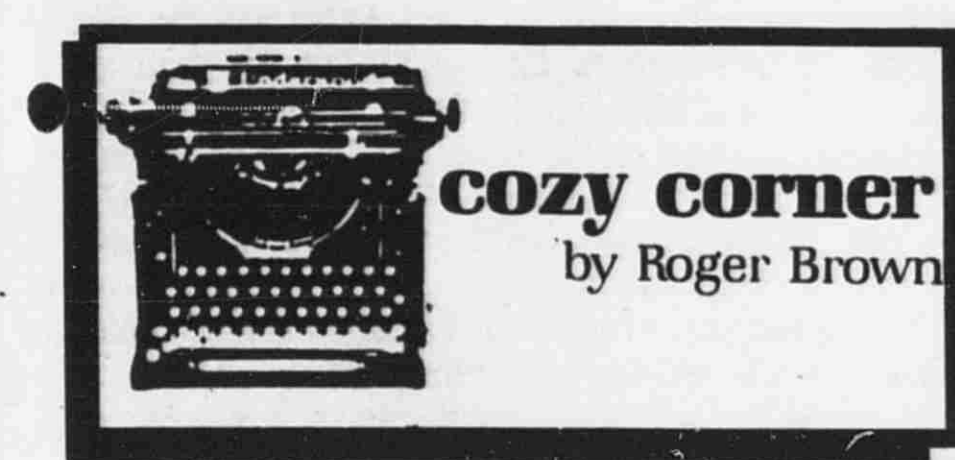
WEDNESDAY: Swiss steak (or chicken patty - MS & HS), mashed potatoes with gravy or sweet potatoes, steamed corn, dinner roll with butter, fruit selection or gelatin, milk.

THURSDAY: Half Day For Students - No Lunches

FRIDAY: Half Day For Students - No Lunches

There is also a 3rd choice everyday of a chef salad for students in the middle and high schools. Weekly prepaid lunches welcome.

Viewpoint . . .



Cozy Corner by Roger Brown

When I was a kid I read a lot of John Steinbeck's stuff. You know, *The Grapes of Wrath* guy. I remember reading *Of Mice and Men*, *Cannery Row*, *Sweet Thursday*, *The Red Pony*, *The Winter of Our Discontent* and others. Late in his life he wrote a book titled *Travels With Charlie*. From what I could gather from reviews at the time, the book was Steinbeck's account of touring the country in a motor home with his dog Charlie. I've always wanted to read that book, but somehow never got around to it. I guess Cliff's Notes never published their version of it. Just kidding.

The reason that book came to mind is because of a recent trip I made to the Florida Keys with my dog Thor. The trip is our annual family vacation that dates back to the days when my wife and I ran the Ledger as pretty much a mom and pop operation and we closed the place down over the holidays making it our only chance to "get out of Dodge" for any extended period of time. A lot of things have changed over the years, but we've kept this trip as family tradition. We've run the gamut of camping in a tent, pop-up camper, rented travel trailer and old used motor home I had for a few years, to renting a house for our two week stay. I tow my old fishing boat loaded with essentials such as fishing tackle, diving gear, cooking utensils and about 200 pounds of cosmetics.

I make the 1,650 mile drive straight through in an attempt to maximize our time on vacation. Sure, I'm a goon for about three days after I get there, but we keep doing it that way year after year. Like I said, it's a tradition.

This year worked out a little differently. My wife couldn't

go with me because she was recovering from some minor surgery and was a little short on vacation days. My daughter was finishing up her exams at college and my son couldn't afford to miss any classes because of reasons we won't go into here. That left me and my yellow Lab, Thor, to make the trip alone. This, of course, is the reason *Travels With Charlie* came to mind.

Thor is a sharp dog in a lot of respects, but there was no way I was going to trust him with any of the driving. I made him a little nest in the back, and we hit the road at about 4 on a Thursday afternoon. Thor was pretty good for the first few hours. He just slept in the back, probably thinking he was on his way to the cottage. They say dogs don't have any conception of time, but after six hours or so, I think it finally dawned on old Thor that it was taking a heckuva long time to get to the cottage. He became a little restless and decided to crawl forward and rest his head on my shoulder. I know that may sound tender and affectionate, but did you ever try driving in the middle of the night, tired and towing a boat with dog breath in your face? Take my advice, don't.

At gas stops and rest stops I'd let him out to do his thing. You've all seen a male dog's behavior when placed in a situation like this. Picture a completely foreign patch of grass where literally hundreds of other traveling dogs have been let out to do the same thing and your dog has to sniff the entire area looking for just the right spot to do his thing. This oft repeated scenario added several hours to my trip. Several times I was tempted to see if he could follow my scent and show up in the Keys a few days later. You know, like Lassie always did.

At some rest stops there would be other travelers with their dogs doing the same thing. This always called for some extra patience while the dogs got acquainted. I've always been glad people never adopted that particular method of greeting each other. At one rest stop Thor and I were headed back to the car when some people let their cat out of their motor home. I finally got Thor whistled back, but those poor cat lovers may still be at that rest stop trying to get their cat down from that tree.

It was what McPherson talked about Monday night. So for 1993, here's hoping Timpson continues after that charge and that McPherson doesn't let the comments he made Monday night grow silent.

On New Year's Day I elected to and paid to run in the 10th annual One, One Run in Kalamazoo with two close friends.

It was cool, thus the runners' attire included gloves and stocking caps. Believe it or not, roughly 1,200 people participated. The run was 2.2 miles. I finished the course in 22 minutes. It was the first time I've run in probably a year. If you couldn't tell by the time, We didn't run, we jogged.

Thad's Thoughts

Bill McPherson, a Grand Rapids Community College Board of Trustee, walked into the Lowell City Council meeting Monday night right on cue. The City fathers were preparing to vote on maintaining the current policy for collecting the district's summer property taxes for GRCC. It's no different than what the City does for Lowell Schools.

The City collects the Community College's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interests earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies to the Community College.

Following the completion of its agenda shortly thereafter, the Council then listened to any citizen's comments. McPherson used the opportunity to encourage the City Fathers to actively recruit business into Lowell. McPherson added that too often small cities like Lowell don't do a good job in promoting themselves as a viable location for business.

"I believe that on an annual basis the City of Lowell should display a positive, encouraging correspondence with Amway. Let Amway know, that in the future, if the need to build outside of Ada is necessary, that it is invited, wanted and needed in Lowell," McPherson said.

The Grand Rapids Community College Board of Trustee ended by encouraging Lowell to go after industry and business in an effort to bring an added tax base to the community.

While McPherson's comments are not things that haven't been discussed, I applaud his effort in reminding the City of a job, public relations, that small cities too often forget.

It's a lot like what a professor at Western Michigan University once told a class of mine, if you earn a degree and then don't share that knowledge with others once you leave Western, you've wasted your degree.

The correlation I'm making here is if a city has a lot to offer, but doesn't make an effort to let business and industry know what it has, than it too is wasting.

Years ago, Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson attempted to bring in an industrial base, his effort was foiled, but his charge was right on target.

At one point in the wee-wee hours while driving through Tennessee, I had to pull over for some sleep. I was afraid I'd finally run over one of those little fuzzy gnomes on the highway. This meant I'd have to crawl in the back with Thor, where there was just enough room for him, let alone a prostrate hulk like me. I woke up a couple of hours later with Thor practically on top of me, breathing heavily in my face. Again, this is another situation which I recommend you go through life without experiencing.

We rolled through Georgia and Florida without much incident. At about midnight on Friday I was in Home and stead, Florida and nearly out of gas. I knew it could be a long way down the Keys before I found an all night gas station, so I drove around Homestead looking for fuel. I finally found a place open, though it was hard to tell. The canopy over the pumps had been damaged by Hurricane Andrew, so there were no outside lights. The place was crowded with loitering people long on tattoos and short on teeth drinking from brown paper bags. I've been in some spooky situations, but this one ranked right up there with the spookiest. I let Thor out while I pumped my gas and went in to pay, hoping that if I was mugged he'd at least keep one of them occupied by licking him. He's about as ferocious as an old quilt.

The fuel stop went without incident, and a couple of hours later I pulled into a roadside park at the far end of the Seven Mile Bridge. I was only a few miles from my destination, but I wanted to wade in the ocean (at 2 a.m., is this guy weird or what?), stretch my legs and have a cup of coffee. I let Thor out, and he made a beeline for the biggest lake he'd ever seen. After quickly lapping up a bunch of salt water, he came choking and gagging out to me with a bewildered look on his face. I poured some fresh water in his dish. He kept begging for more until my two quart bottles were gone. Then he threw the whole works up and seemed to feel better. I was thankful he did it there instead of waiting 'til we were in the car, where he had now made it his habit to ride with his head on my shoulder.

At about 3 a.m. I barged in on the friends we were staying with, and the trip was over. I couldn't help but think about Steinbeck and wonder what the heck did he find so interesting about traveling with a dog that he felt he could write a book about it. All I can say is the old boy must have run really short of material in his latter years.

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Joyce deJong

MAMMOGRAMS

We feel that mammography is an important tool for early detection of breast cancer that is largely underutilized. Screening mammography is done to detect breast cancer before it can be felt by the patient or physician. The current recommendations for screening mammography are as follows:

- A baseline mammogram between the age of 35-40 (earlier if there is a strong family history of breast cancer at a young age).
- Mammograms every other year between the age of 40-50.
- Yearly mammograms after the age of 50.

A small amount of radiation is involved during this x-ray examination so mammography is not usually recommended in younger individuals unless a mass is found during physical examination. During the mammogram each breast is placed on a platform and compressed from top to bottom and then from side to side so that two views of each breast are obtained. Some women will experience pain when the breasts are being compressed but this only lasts a few seconds.

If your breasts are tender or swollen prior to your menstrual cycle it is usually best to schedule a mammogram after your menses.

Like most other diagnostic procedures, mammograms are not 100 percent foolproof and cancer can be missed even in a well performed exam; this is why self breast examination is also recommended. Even with these limitations we strongly feel that mammograms are the best tool available for early detection of breast cancer. Unfortunately about one in 11 women will develop breast cancer at one time during their life and this is why early detection is so important. Make it a New Year's resolution to schedule this important procedure.

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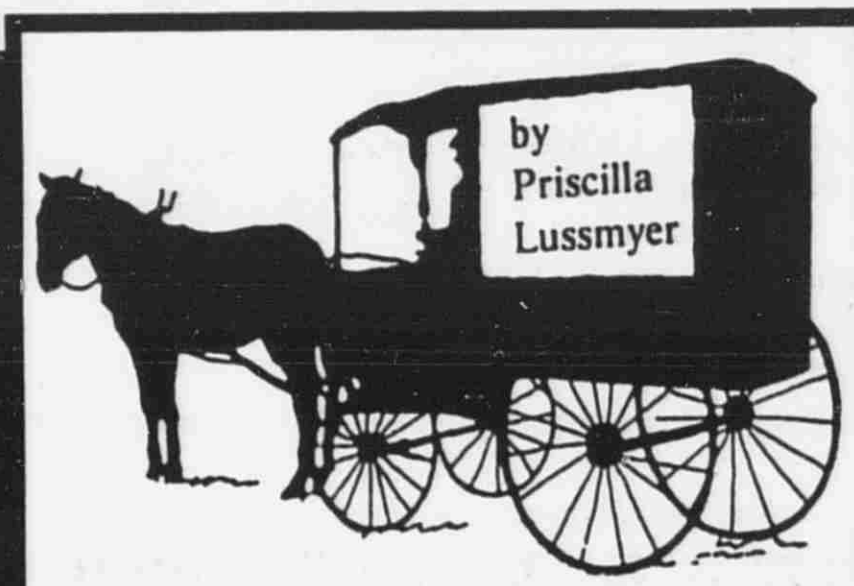
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Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - JAN. 4, 1893
Front page headline: "The Dark Side: Summary of Gloomy Events During the Last Year." With no major wars, the biggest killer was cholera, a pandemic with 563,341 deaths, followed by murders, suicides, railroad disasters, drowning and fires, all in the low thousands. Coal and oil have been found near the surface at Plainwell, and hopes are high.
Ad: "You will get fits in pants at Pullen's." Whoever didn't go visiting last week did this week, judging by the neighborhood columns. Lots of parties reported too.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 3, 1918
Nightwatch Edward Walker follows the snow tracks from an attempted break-in at a store to the home of one

of the juvenile culprits.
Caution: Don't try to dodge car-chasing dogs. If a wheel catches the beast while dodging, an overturned auto is often the result.
People have run out of coal, it's 20 below, and fuel czar Garfield has fumbled the fuel crisis.
Melvin Kingdom is the first Lowell boy to die in World War I, of pneumonia in a Texas army camp.
The government is conducting extensive food searches, looking for hoarded supplies; every county will have a food chief.
Starting Friday, January 25 at the opening of school, every Michigan pupil will say the new Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and hear patriotic quotations.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 7, 1943
Robert Hahn receives a Christmas card from former hobo Leonard Morton, who now lives in a Cleveland hotel suite, thanking him for past help.
Gordon Frost reports an unusually large group of five deer in his orchard.

W. W. Gumser, chairman of the Kent County Draft Board No. 1, writes a letter to the Ledger in reply to allegations of favoritism in the selectee process.
Michigan farmers enjoyed bumper crops and good prices in 1942; 1943 should be even better.
Landlords have been slow to register rental units, so are warned that the Office of Price Administration means business.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 4, 1968
Open house will be held for the new Bushnell School and additions to the Alto and high schools Sunday.
The YMCA is offering ice skating this year behind Rosie Drive In at Main and Pleasant. George Dey and the Lions have built up the base.
Yet another person is killed on "accident alley" M-21, the West Michigan road with the highest accident rate per thousand traffic count.
A page two article notes that Jackie Kennedy's skirts are longer now; will she still be the leader in style?



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that might do the job. Each group began discussing, predicting, and then experimenting with different items through which to filter the dirty water to make it as pure as possible. A teacher-made poster on the wall in the classroom read, "A winner is an ordinary person with extraordinary determination." Wasn't there a message for life-long learning here?

In another classroom, I found kids on the floor learning and practicing multiplication problems with large manipulative numbers. They too were working in small cooperative learning groups using problem solving techniques to get answers to decimal multiplication problems which were being flashed on the screen by the teacher. Points and awards were being given for correct answers. (Could that be something like merit pay and bonuses?) Of course, I was asked to join a group on the floor and to lend my adult expertise. I have to admit, I was quickly relegated to a secondary position in the group decision making process when it became evident that I had forgotten to move the decimal point. My feeble attempt to explain that the calculator on my desk did that automatically for me didn't seem to help the situation for my two partners who had just lost some points.

Anyone who criticizes education today by saying that kids aren't as smart as they used to be just haven't spent any time in a classroom lately. Yes, kids are taught differently today, but that's what is making them smarter. The nationally recognized average IQ was 99 in 1932. If your IQ was higher than 99 that meant you were smarter than the average person. In 1978 the national IQ average had raised to 115 and today, I am told, the national average IQ is 120. The reason for the change is that teachers across the country, as they did in Lowell, have been teaching kids abstract thinking processes. Problem solving and abstract thinking skills are here to stay and they create classroom learning situations that keep kids and teachers

excited about learning.

Remember your days in elementary school when kids just about fell out of their seats to be the one their teacher chose to take the daily attendance book to the office? That's not the case anymore! An early elementary teacher at Bushnell recently asked one of her students to take the attendance book to the

office. The child reluctantly agreed to do the job, but said to the teacher before leaving the classroom, "Please don't do anything important until I get back". That's excitement about learning and you can find it anywhere in Lowell Area School classrooms.

"Let It Snow"

A Kent County Library system offers book club for adults

Winter has arrived, with its longer, more introspective evenings and the tendency to spend more leisure time indoors. The Kent County Library System is again offering its "Let It Snow" reading club for adults, an effort to promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading as a leisure-time activity.

The "Let It Snow" book club encourages readers of high school age and older to explore new genres and discover new authors, as well as read to accomplish goals and earn incentives. Participants are provided with booklists suggesting outstanding titles that represent classic and contemporary American literature.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 21, 1992.
The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Fonger, Thompson and Mayor Maatman.
Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON that the minutes of the December 7, 1992 meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Fonger, Thompson and Mayor Maatman.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (12/21/92)

GENERAL FUND	\$116,643.04
MAJOR STREET FUND	42.63
LOCAL STREET FUND	10.75
SEWER FUND	37.47
WATER FUND	14,837.21
EQUIPMENT FUND	701.62
AIRPORT FUND	44,907.91
DATA PROCESSING FUND	500.00
CURRENT TAX FUND	12,494.10
LEE FUND	465.17

Item #1. CHADALEE FARMS, INC. (1400 FOREMAN) - APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) - PUBLIC HEARING. Mayor Maatman opened the public hearing for Chadalee Farms, Inc. to consider an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for twelve years in conjunction with two building additions totalling 19,115 square feet. City Manager Pasquale explained that since this project will exceed a million dollars, Chadalee Farms would reach the maximum in terms of the established point system and qualify for a twelve year, 50% abatement. It was noted that over a two year

period of time, Chadalee Farms expects to have ten additional jobs of which five have been filled. The project is estimated at \$2.5 million (\$700,000 in construction and \$1,800,000 in equipment) of value.
Councilmember Fonger felt twelve years was too long a period of time due to the current tax situation. Wendell Christoff, President of Chadalee Farms questioned if Councilmember Fonger agrees with the policy established by the City. Fonger felt abatements should be made applicable to different situations. Mayor Maatman added a point system was initiated whereby the number of years of abatement is based on additional jobs as well as the cost of the project.
Councilmember Thompson mentioned that the City of Lowell is limited in terms of industrial growth and should encourage business. He felt the creation of ten new jobs is important to the community.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to approve the application for a twelve year industrial facilities exemption certificate (P.A. 198) for Chadalee Farms, Inc. (1400 Foreman).
YEA: 4. (Green, Hodges, Thompson, and Maatman)
NAY: 1. (Fonger)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. A. RESOLUTION APPROVING RULES OF PROCEDURE OF DDA. The Downtown Development Authority had its initial meeting on December 10, 1992, and approved rules of procedures for the Board as prepared by City Attorney Richard Wendt. The rules outline such items as the composition of the Board, Board powers, officers, appointment and retention of other personnel, meetings, committees and advisory boards, contracts and financial reports.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by FONGER to adopt the resolution approving rules of procedure for the Downtown Development Authority.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES. The DDA has elected the following officers: James Reagan, Chairman; David Pasquale, Secretary; and Terry Conley, Treasurer. The Board recommended the following initial terms:

Terry Conley	1 yr.	(1/94)
Charlene Chapman	3 yrs.	(1/96)
Ray Quada	1 yr.	(1/94)
Dean Lonick	3 yrs.	(1/96)
Robert Pfaller	2 yrs.	(1/95)
Brian Doyle	4 yrs.	(1/97)

Karen Hale 2 yrs. (1/95)
James Reagan 4 yrs. (1/97)
City Manager Pasquale noted that Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock was selected as Assistant Secretary of the DDA and Finance Director/City Treasurer Judy Noonon was appointed Assistant Treasurer of the DDA. The minutes of the DDA's December 10 meeting summarized the activities which took place. The Board met on December 17 to consider development project priorities. It was noted that the engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber will provide cost estimates for these proposals. The Board will request a loan from the Council to cover these expenses. Tax increment revenues would then repay the loan.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to approve the organization of the Downtown Development Authority and the Board members' initial terms as presented.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. City Manager Pasquale explained the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, public services, public accommodations, and telecommunications. The law does place requirements on the City in terms of employment, availability of services and access to facilities. Over the next months, the City will seek compliance. The following was requested from the Council:
A. DESIGNATION OF ADA COORDINATOR. The law requires an ADA Coordinator who can answer questions and handle complaints on the ADA. City Manager Pasquale felt he would be in the best position to serve as ADA Coordinator.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to appoint City Manager Pasquale to the position of ADA Coordinator.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. JOB DESCRIPTIONS. Pasquale mentioned that since ADA has a focus on employment discrimination, the need to define essential functions within job descriptions are important. Essential functions are those activities which must be performed by a disabled applicant (with or without special accommodation). It was proposed that the Michigan Municipal League (Municipal Personnel Service) would revise and update

job descriptions to include essential functions. The study will review current positions to analyze any revisions of tasks.
The cost to perform these tasks from the Michigan Municipal League is \$2,310, (24 employees in 22 positions) allocated from the Contingency Fund. Light and Power's costs will be \$1,150 (12 employees in 9 positions).
Furthermore, proposals are being received to perform architectural barrier audits of the city's facilities. Recommendations will be forwarded shortly.
Mayor Maatman questioned the term "essential service" and the need to perform the job descriptions project outside City Hall. Pasquale responded essential services are those activities that must be performed by a disabled applicant. Also, the Municipal League has the expertise to complete the project expediently.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to approve the Michigan Municipal League to revise and update job descriptions including the identification essential functions involving the Americans with Disabilities Act in the amount of \$2,310.
YEA: 3. (Thompson, Hodges and Green)
NAY: 2. (Fonger and Maatman)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT - COLLECTION OF SUMMER TAXES FOR 1993. City Manager Pasquale explained as with the Lowell Area Schools, the Kent Intermediate School District had requested that the City collect the district's summer property taxes. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the KISD's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies to the KISD.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to approve the continuing resolution to collect the Kent Intermediate School District summer taxes for 1993.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. APPROVAL OF 1993 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES. The Council reviewed the proposed list of 1993 meeting dates. As established, the first and third Mondays have been scheduled each month for meetings. When holidays occur on Monday, the meeting would be established for Tuesday.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by FONGER to approve the 1993 City Council meeting

dates as presented.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. MONTHLY REPORTS. The following monthly reports were presented:

Police	Ambulance	Animal Control
Fire	Public Works	Building
	Budget	

Item #7. CITIZENS COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Fonger expressed his thanks for the report outlining the condition of the home located at 515 King as provided by Building Inspector Andy Sparks. He questioned what the course of action will be if the problems aren't corrected within the 90 days. City Manager Pasquale responded he will check with the building inspector and report back to the City Council.
Councilmember Green said his first year on the Council was a very busy one and expressed to everyone a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:
A. A letter of request was sent to Vergennes Township asking that the 27 acre parcel owned by the City at the end of Washington Street be deannexed. With the annexation of the Attwood property, this city land, occupied by the Boy Scout Cabin, sliding hill, Light and Power storage building, a rental house and a city well, would be contiguous to the corporation limits.
The township turned the request down. Thus, it is the intent of the City to apply to the State Boundary Commission for annexation.

B. At a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the City Council on December 14, the document "Plan for Planning" was presented by Mark Eidelson of the Planning and Zoning Center.
The proposal provided a Request for Proposal format to update a development management program by a consulting firm. Specifically, five documents will be composed over a three year period:

- a new comprehensive plan
- a new community recreation plan
- a new zoning ordinance
- an updated subdivision regulation ordinance
- an updated capital improvements program

Requests for proposals to firms will be mailed out by January 15. Upon review of proposals, work on the initial phase is expected by July 1.

C. The following events were noted making this year a busy one.

- Approval of water service agreement with Lowell Township
- Initiation of engineering for westside water improvements
- James Street water and street improvements
- Initiation of northeast high pressure water district construction of Grindle Drive main and engineering of booster pump station.
- Creation of Downtown Development Authority
- Approval of joint plan with the Lowell Area Schools on East Riverfront Plan, a development plan for the Runciman, Riverside and City Hall blocks.
- Placement of new lights at Recreation Park Ballfield.
- Donation of 1.7 acres of property by Attwood for cemetery expansion.
- Paving of Stoney Lakeside Park parking lot (expansion) and first phase of Creekside Park.
- New hangar construction and grading and graveling of east Airport road extension.
- Police Dispatching Agreement with Walker.

D. The new hangar has been completed. The Airport Board had recommended charging a monthly rent of \$110 for the four inner bays and \$120 for the two outer bays to cover loan repayments to the State, personal property taxes and insurance.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the monthly rent of \$110 for the four inner bays and \$120 for the two outer bays of the recently completed airport hangar.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

E. City offices and Public Works will be closed Thursday, December 24, Friday December 25 and Friday January 1.

Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. Margaret Hoats (Parks and Recreation Commission) and Kevin Smith (Planning Commission) have submitted resignations from their respective organizations.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, January 4, 1993

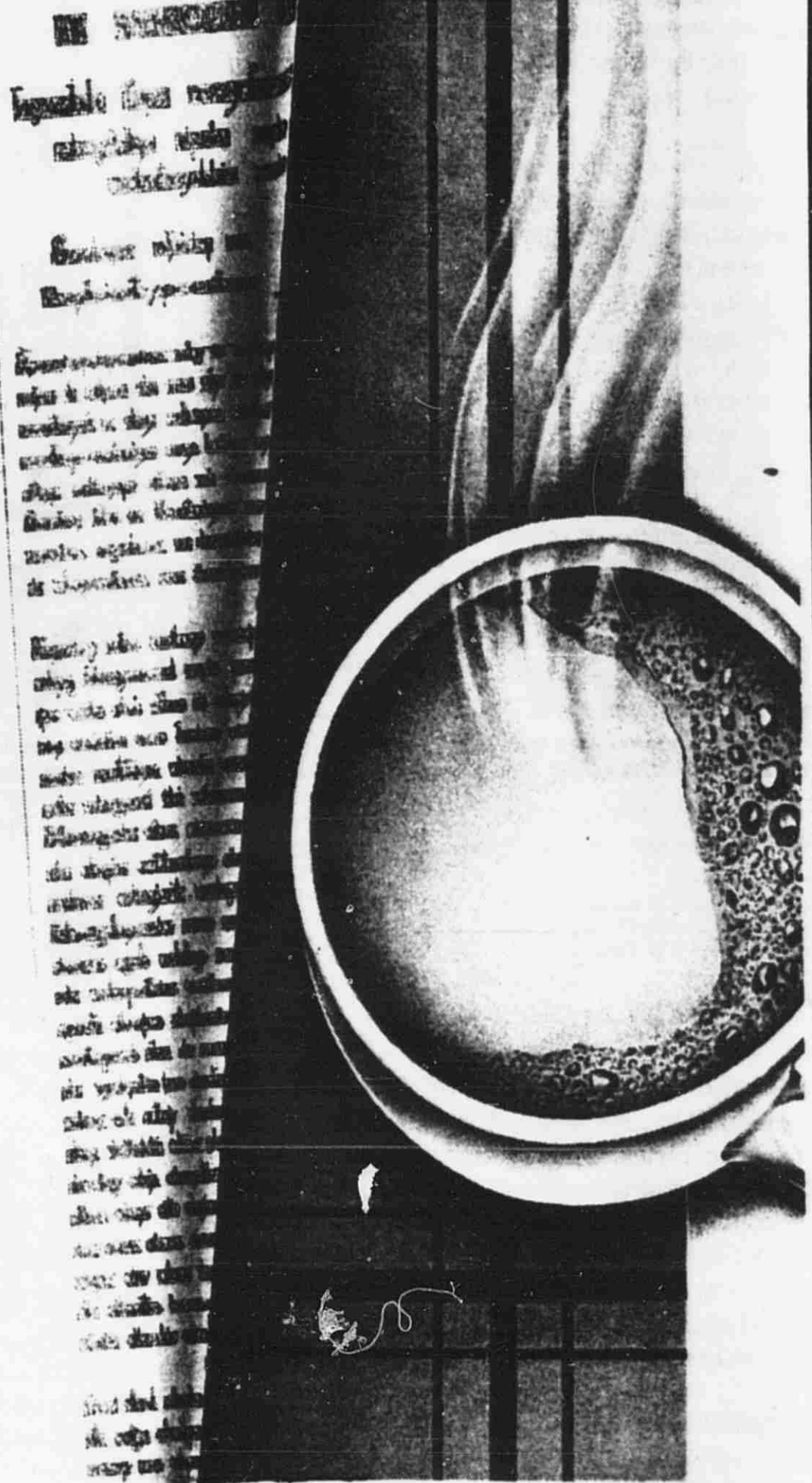
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LISTINGS FOR FRI., JAN. 8
THRU THURS., JAN. 14

CBS invites viewers down Memory Lane once more with Sunday's presentation of *The Carol Burnett Show: A Reunion*. Burnett is joined in the two-hour retrospective commemorating the 25th anniversary of her long-running variety show by series regulars Harvey Korman, Tim Conway, Vicki Lawrence and Lyle Waggoner.

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- 1991 GEO METRO - Convertible, auto., air, stereo, never titled

- 1990 BUICK CENTURY LIMITED - V6, full pwr., tilt, cruise, cassette
- 1990 FORD LTD CROWN VICTORIA - V8, full pwr., low miles
- 1989 BUICK PARK AVENUE - Sedan, full pwr., stereo cassette
- 1988 CHEVY CAPRICE CLASSIC - Sedan, V8, air, stereo, tilt, cruise
- 1987 BUICK ELECTRA - T-type, leather, full pwr., stereo cassette
- 1986 OLDS DELTA 88 - Sedan, full pwr, tilt, cruise, cassette, low mi.
- 1986 BUICK CENTURY - Custom sedan, air tilt, cruise, cassette
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Vergennes denies City's plan for annexation

Pasquale given permission to apply to State Boundary Commission

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale was given permission by the Lowell City Council to apply to the State Boundary Commission for annexation of property in Vergennes Township.

In a letter to Vergennes Township the City asked that the 27 acre parcel owned by the City at the end of Washington Street be annexed.

The Township turned down the request.

With the annexation of the Attwood property, this city land, which is occupied by the Boy Scout sliding hill, Light and Power storage building, a rental house and a city well, would be contiguous to the Attwood Corporation limits.

The reasons given by the City for annexation are:

1. It paid \$585 this year to the Township in taxes, with no Township services rendered.

The City Police respond to any incidents to the property.

2. The property is at the end of a dead end road bounded by Flat River. The only way to approach the property is through the City.

3. No plans for change in land usage are contemplated, but the City feels it should control the zoning.

Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook said in a letter to Pasquale that the Township was unable to identify any benefits that would be obtained if annexation were implemented. He added that obviously, the City of Lowell must have something in mind that deviates from the current Vergennes Township zoning now in effect or annexation would not be useful to the City.

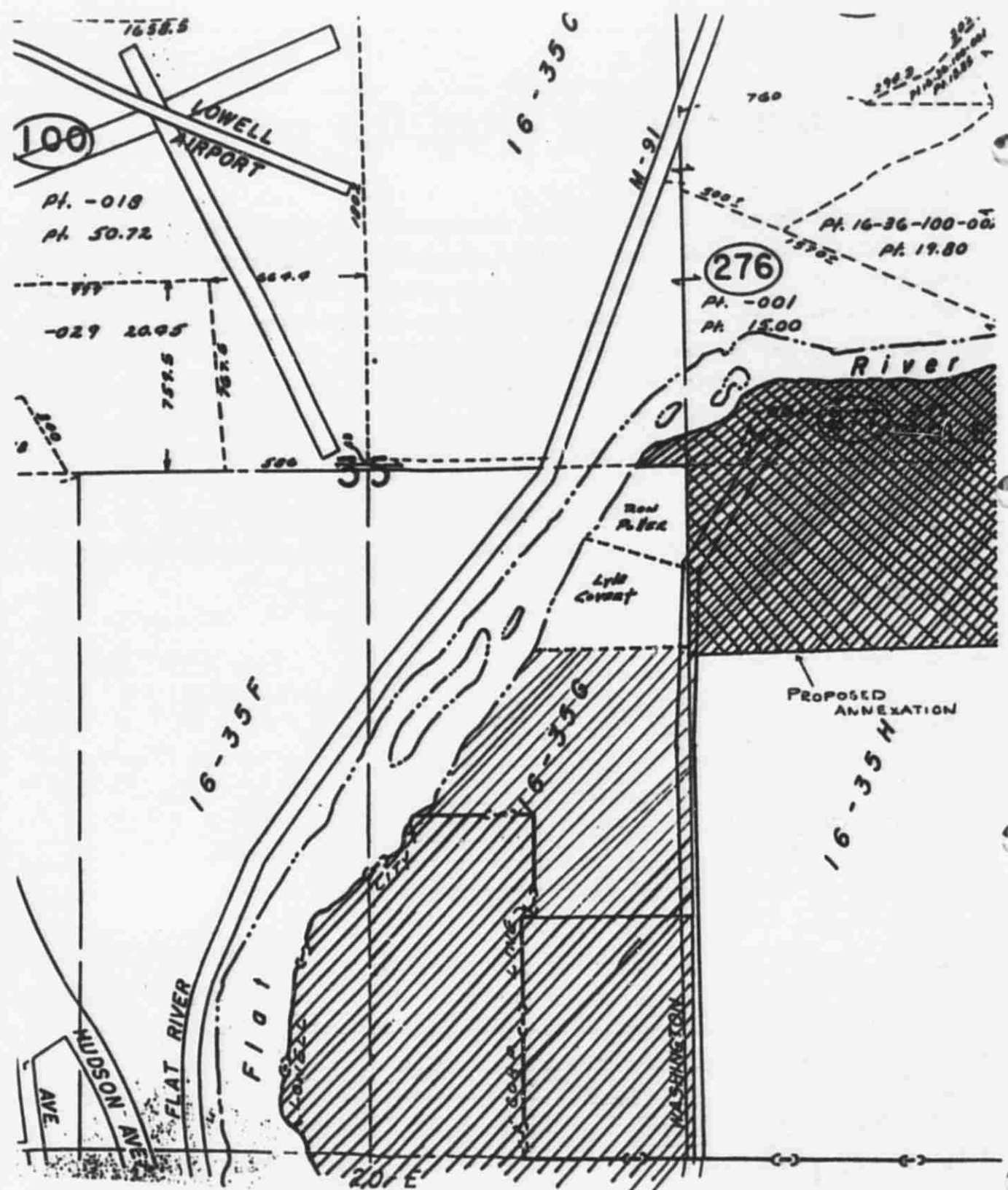
The letter also recognizes

that the City is the property owner. "While the Boy Scouts constructed a cabin upon the property pursuant to a free land lease with the City, and Lowell Light and Power has a storage building upon the property, the City has not made any additional improvements to the property," he said. "Vergennes Township is sincerely grateful for the non-PCB transformers that are currently stored on the property."

The City of Lowell made the annexation request in a letter written back on July 30.

At its August meeting the Vergennes Township tabled the item until it could attain more information and look into the zoning board.

On Sept. 3, Pasquale sent a letter and a copy of the survey outlining the proposed 27 acre parcels at the end of north Washington and a copy of the Public Facilities District intended for the property.



VERGENNES TWP - LOWELL

Red Arrow grapplers 2-2 at Grandville

Last year's defending Class A State Champion and one of this year's favorites to win the Class B State crown were in attendance at the Grandville Invitational eight-team field.

To hardly anyone's surprise both Grandville and Cedar Springs met in the finals.

The Bulldogs defeated the Red Hawks 34-18.

For the first time in three years Lowell did not make it to the finals. The Red Arrows finished the day at 2-2 with victories against St. Johns (30-28) and Big Rapids (37-30) and losses to St. Johns (30-32) and Cedar Springs (24-37).

"I was happy with how we did. The Grandville Invitational always has quality competition," Rivers said. "We were in all four matches."

Lowell got strapping performances from its three heavyweights, Rich Stouffer, 171; Chris Miedema, 189; and Chris Nauta heavyweight.

The they threesome posted a combined 12-0 mark in Lowell's matches.

"All three wrestlers went into the day with the attitude they weren't going to lose," Rivers said. "They wrestled well and weren't beat."

Stouffer, wrestling at 171, beat two state qualifiers from a year ago in earning a perfect 4-0 mark. Miedema also tagged a loss on a state qualifier from a year ago in posting a 4-0 mark.

"People judge how good a wrestler is by whether he qualifies for the state meet," Rivers explains. "It says something that they beat 1991-92 state qualifiers."

Miedema's strong performances continue to surprise the 33-year Lowell wrestling coach. "To look at Chris you don't expect what he delivers. He goes after people."

In contrast, Rivers said he did suspect that Nauta would wrestle as well as he has. "Wrestling is in him. It just has to come out. You don't expect heavyweights to hit their moves and to go after it, but Chris does," Rivers says. The coach adds that it's a family affair. "His father and his brothers all were good wrestlers too," Rivers adds.

The veteran coach was also very pleased by the fact that the Invitational allowed him to wrestle 18 people. "It gave our young people a chance to gain some experience. While their records may not have shown it, they wrestled well."

Rivers says.

A prime example was Dan Spicer, 112. He finished the day at 0-4. "Dan was in every match, he just didn't score enough points," Rivers said.

Lowell senior Jim Inman also had a good day wrestling at 140 pounds. He finished at 3-0. "Jim was his physical self," Lowell's coach said.

Other individual results include Scott Swanson, 103, 2-2; Mike Rotter, 119, 1-2; Matt Inman, 119, 0-1; Ron Osmolinski, 125, 0-3; Doug Weeks, 125, 2-1; Justin Anes, 130, 1-1; Chris Kamphuis, 135, 2-1; Chad Chertos, 135, 0-1; Todd Lyonais, 140, 0-1; Jason DesJarden, 145, 2-1; Corey Kirkbride, 145, 1-2; Noah Newhouse, 152, 0-2; and Brent Teft, 160, 0-4.

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Washington/San Fran.	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
Philadelphia/Dallas	Philadelphia	Dallas	Dallas
Last Week's Record	7-5	7-5	8-4
'92 Overall Record	95-83-2/.533	112-66-2/.628	110-68-2/.617

Michael J. Tummino, Jr., P-21618
311 East Main St.
Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-5931

Dec. 16, 1992
George S. Buth
Judge

Sharon Stevenson
Deputy County Clerk

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

There will be an Academic Boosters Club meeting the same evening at 7:30 p.m.

ELVIS ARRIVES IN LOWELL

Elvis Presley will be at the Lowell Post Office at noon on Friday, Jan. 8, 1993.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
17TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION/
POSTING AND
NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE NO. 92-77059-DM

HALL OF JUSTICE
333 MONROE, N.W.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI
49503
(616) 774-3679

Melissa K. Stevens
3607 Briggs
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
Plaintiff

vs.
Randy M. Stevens
Defendant

To: Randy M. Stevens
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between yourself and your wife.

You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before February 1, 1993. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief

demand in the complaint filled in this case. 2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. Michael J. Tummino, Jr. shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at the offices of the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI and at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI for three continuous weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to Randy M. Stevens at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

TOWN TALK

What do you like to do on a wet miserable afternoon?



Richard Cole
Dust the tops of my paint cans and read a book.

Terri Stuckey
Curl up in front of the fire and watch television.

Al Eckman
I try to find a good football or basketball game and relax. I also do work on the interior of the house.

Nancy Miller
I like to read wildlife books.



Barry Emmons
My wife and I like to go up to our cottage on Holland Lake.

Brian Anderson
I watch television and play around on my Ham Radio, which I've been enjoying as a hobby for 17 years.

Vicki VanDyk
Cross stitch or sit around and think about cleaning.

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Annual authorization of signatures gets City's approval

If the ball dropping down in Time Square wasn't enough to designate the beginning of a new year, Lowell's City Council made it official Monday night.

The City Fathers approved the annual authorization of signatures for City bank accounts and designation of depository banks and authorized signatures for the coming year.

The following authorized signatures were approved, Mayor James Maatman; Mayor Pro Tem Jack Fonger; City Manager Dave Pasquale; City Treasurer Judy Noonon and Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons.

Approved depository banks include Comerica Bank, Grand Rapids; FMB, Lowell; First America Bank, Grand Rapids; Old Kent Bank, Ada and Grand Rapids; Great Lakes Bancorp, Grand Rapids; Manufacturers National Bank of Grand Rapids; Michigan National Bank, Ada and Grand Rapids; NBD, Grand Rapids; Standard Federal, Grand Rapids.

Authorized Safety Deposit Box transactions, Charlene McNab and Betty Morlock.

Ann Bellah receives degree from CMU

Ann Marie Bellah a 1988 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1990 graduate of Grand Rapids Junior College received her diploma from Central Michigan University on Dec. 19.

She graduated with a 3.72 overall G.P.A. with a BSBA

in international business and hopes to find a job in the West Michigan area.

Bellah's husband is Jerry Bellah, of Lowell. Her father is Lee Hildenbrand, of Lowell and her mother is Rose Hildenbrand, of Rockford.

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NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

The Grattan Township Planning Commission, in accordance with the Grattan Township Subdivision Control Ordinance, will hold a public hearing for a preliminary plat review for parcel 41-12-21-100-019 located at 11300 7 Mile Road at 7:30 P.M. on January 6, 1993.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF KENT

REGINA CAGE, Plaintiff,
vs.
FLOYD CAGE, Defendant,

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN BY: Sara A. Tuffli (P-44064) Attorney for Plaintiff 430 Federal Square Building Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-0672

January 6, 1992, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against you, the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 905 Oakdale S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 29th day of January, 1993.

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Michigan on Nov. 18, 1992

PRESENT: The Honorable H. DAVID SOET, Circuit Court Judge. On the 5th day of No-

FAILURE to comply with the Order shall result in a Judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed against you.

David Soet
Circuit Court Judge

TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE

BOWNE TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 1993

Township Board Meetings - 3rd Monday of Each Month 7:30 P.M. - Historic Twp. Hall

Planning Commission Meetings - 2nd Thursday of Every other month 7:30 P.M. - Historic Twp. Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - Meet as needed.

There will be meetings on Martin Luther King & George Washington's Birthdays.

KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on February 8, 1993 to discuss a petition concerning the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of a portion of Beckwith Drive in Section 24, Vergennes Township, Kent County, Michigan.

LOCATION OF HEARING:
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner Avenue N.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

TIME OF HEARING:
7:00 O'clock P.M.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Beckwith Drive in Section 24, Town 7 North, Range 9 West, Vergennes Township, Kent County, Michigan described as commencing at a point on Beckwith Drive which is 6,500 feet East of the centerline of Lincoln Lake Avenue, (Sec. 23) thence Northerly along Beckwith Drive to a point which is 50.0 feet South of the centerline of Covered Bridge Road.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
For additional information, interested parties may contact Malcolm Balk, Real Estate Department Kent County Road Commission, 1500 Scribner Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 (616) 242-6966.

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Grattan Township Board will hold a public hearing on, Monday, January 11, 1993, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear citizens' comments regarding the proposed Grattan Township Recreation Plan. The Recreation Plan was prepared by the Grattan Township Community Recreation Committee and has identified the township's top recreation needs. Copies of the plan are available at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

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City agrees to collect GRCC summer taxes

The current policy for collecting the Grand Rapids Community College summer taxes was maintained by the City Council through the adoption of a resolution.

As with the Lowell Area Schools and the Kent Intermediate School District, the Grand Rapids Community College has requested that the City collect the district's summer property taxes.

As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the Community College's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interests earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies to the community college.

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Intersection improvements increase Fun St. cost

The Fun Street road improvement project has been completed according to Tom Boyle, Director of Maintenance and Local Construction of the Kent County Road Commission.

However, it did not come without added cost to the City of Lowell.

In order to provide Fun

Street/ Grindle intersection improvements to promote better driver vision an added cost of \$2,080.38 was tacked onto the City's share.

The estimate of \$41,802, furnished to the City by the Road Commission, included improvements to Fun Street but not to the intersection.

The Kent County Road

Commission expended \$7,565 on the intersection improvement. This included cutting the bank, construction of a bituminous valley gutter for drainage, top soiling, hydro mulching and erosion control blankets.

The total cost of the entire project was \$49,367. This raised the City's portion of the

construction project to \$13,575.93, rather than \$11,495.55 on the estimate. The City's share of the paving contract remains \$2,970

Grant, continued

Second, the County may not be able to allocate all the monies proposed for planning.

Federal rules limit administrative expenditures (which includes planning) to County

at 20 percent of the overall budget. Thus, some City funds may have to be used.

This recommendation will also be discussed at the Jan. 18 public hearing.

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The family of Lena Peckham.

THANK YOU - to all the people who made my retirement party such a success. Your thoughtfulness made the evening special.

George Dey

When a dog runs at you, whistle for him. —Henry David Thoreau

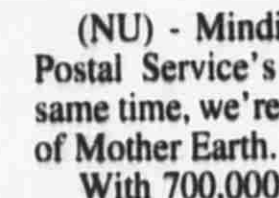


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By Ann McK. Robinson
Vice President & Consumer Advocate, U.S. Postal Service



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And businesses can print on both sides of paper, reuse packing materials, and reduce the amount of paper and plastics used.

They can decrease paper usage with targeted mailings, and update address lists frequently to reduce undeliverable mail.

General postal customers also can pitch in by using recycled paper and cards.

If your workplace doesn't have a recycling program, why not take the initiative and start one? To find out how to recycle paper waste, call the American Paper Institute at 1-800-878-8878 or write the API at 1250 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036-2601.

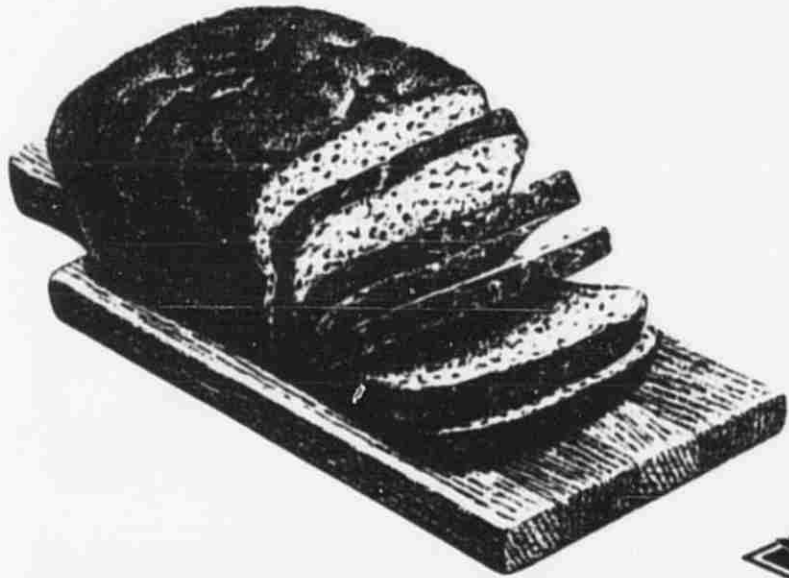
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(Ann McK. Robinson is Vice President & Consumer Advocate for the U.S. Postal Service.)

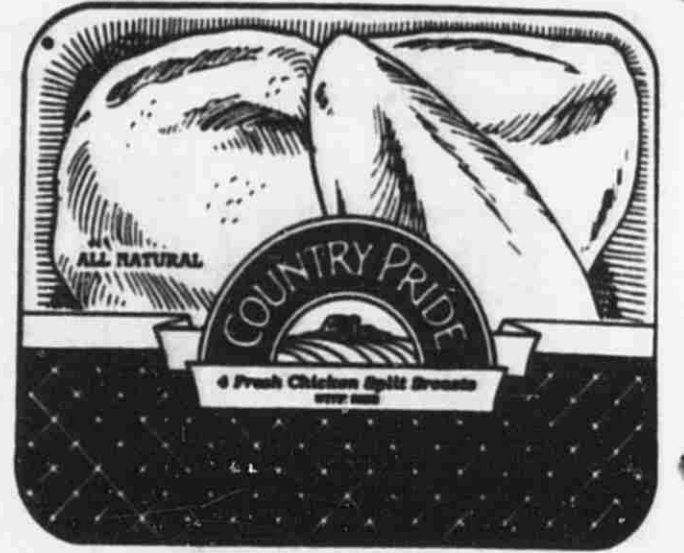
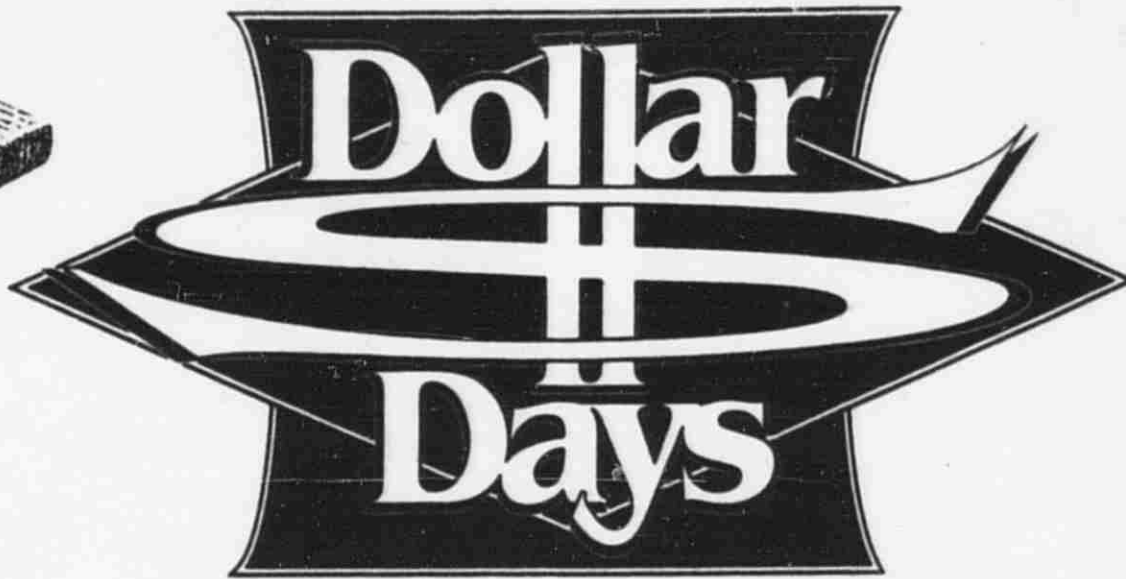
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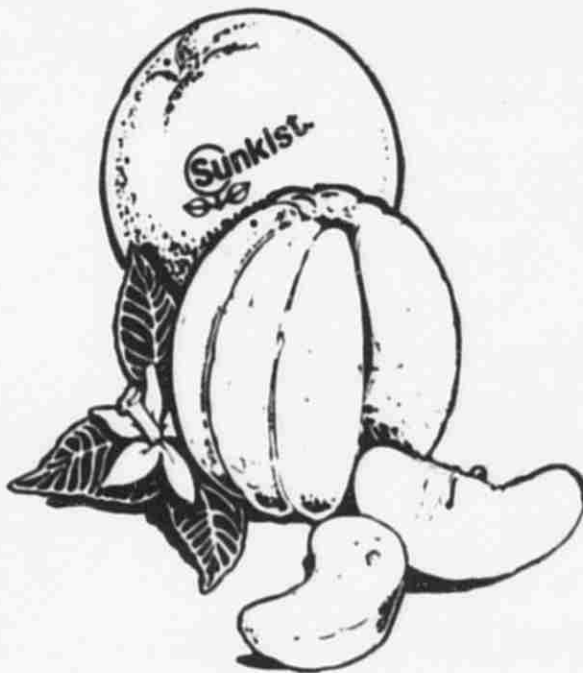


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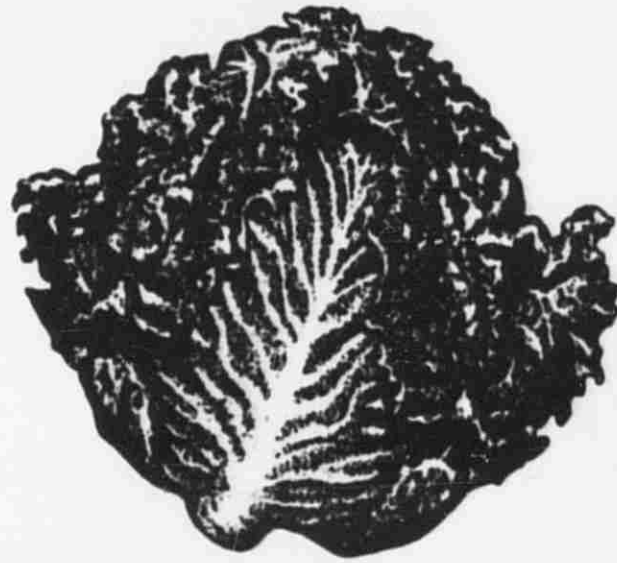
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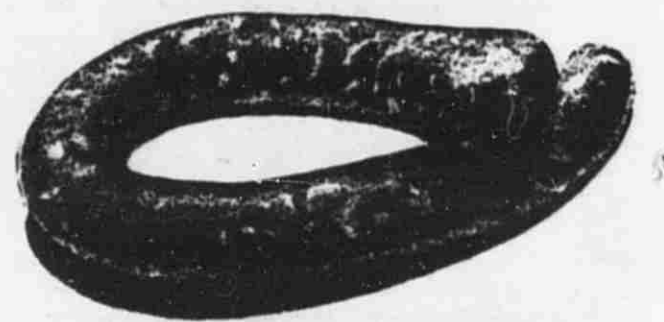
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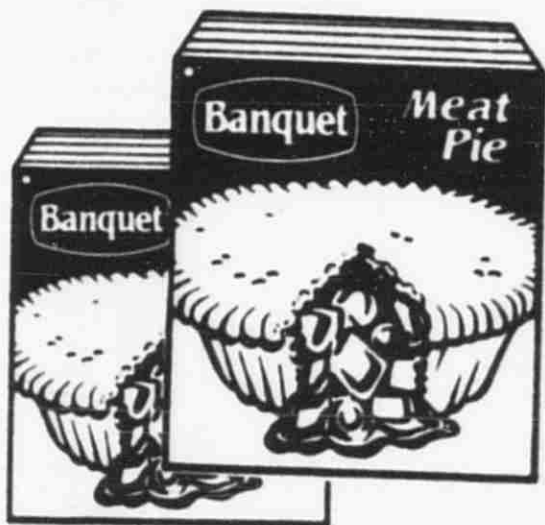
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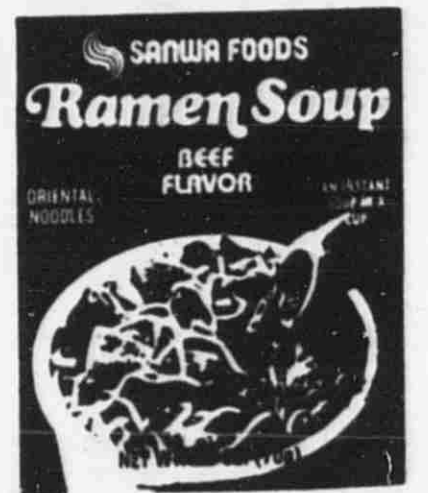
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