

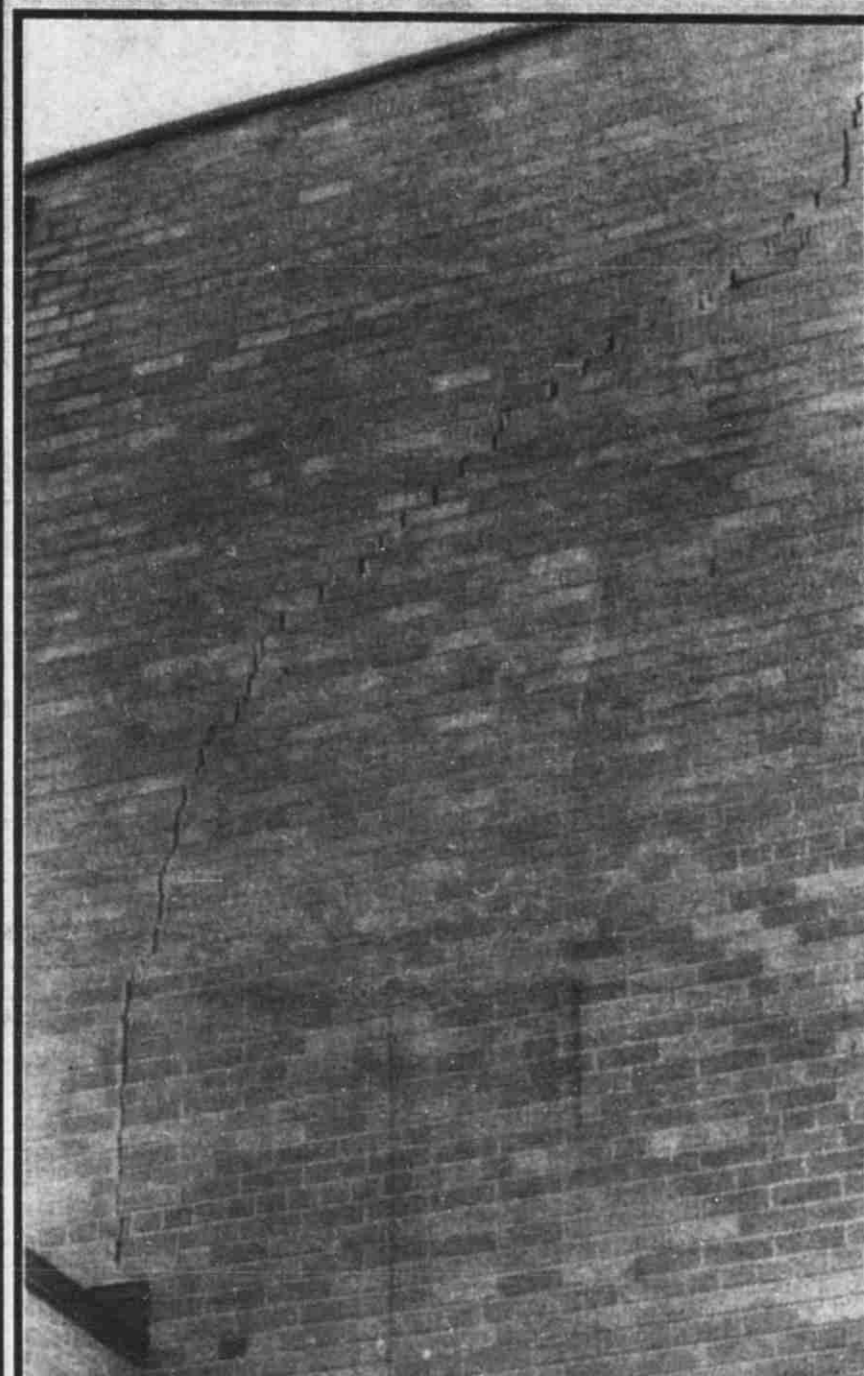
# The Lowell Ledger

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## Cracked cafeteria walls further strain school's financial picture



Due to the cracked walls in the Runciman gymnasium cafeteria, City officials blocked a portion of Monroe Street with snow fence.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

To say the Runciman Elementary School isn't what its cracked up to be, would be making light of a serious situation.

As if the financing cloud hanging over schools isn't enough, Lowell learned last week that the cracks in the north, south and west walls of the Runciman gymnasium will render the physical education and cafeteria facility useless for at least part, if not all, of the 1993-94 school year. Costs to rebuild the entire roof and reconstruct the north, south and east walls is estimated at \$350,000.

Furthermore, Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said because of the potential danger the crack on the west wall presents, the sidewalk area by the gym wall and a portion of Monroe Street was blocked off with snow fence. The snow fence extends 25-30 feet from the base of the gymnasium wall.

"Even with the snow fence extending out onto a portion of Monroe Street, there will still be enough room for two-way traffic," Pasquale said.

Originally it was thought that Monroe would be barricaded between Avery and High Street, but because it is not known when or what the school plans on doing, that plan was scrapped.

Cracks in the north and south walls were repaired over 11 years ago according to Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch.

"The crack reappeared this past spring. The repair broke further apart and widened this spring," he explained. "The problem appears to be excessive weight of the roof on the frame of the wall."

The excess weight has been created because the built up tar and stone on the roof leaks. Also, welds between the ceiling and walls have rusted out.

Ironically, the Runciman roof is the only one that hasn't been re-done under the existing energy and maintenance

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## A 59-year family tradition

### The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair opened Monday

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For 59 years it's been a family tradition. Grandparents, parents and children, who have spent the youthful years of their lives participating in 4-H, gathered for the tradition-rich opening ceremonies Monday night.

The head, heart, hands and health of the Kent County 4-H were all nourished by the early, successful work of the first annual 4-H Fund Raising Committee.

Rob Woodrick, Vice President of D&W and a member of the first annual 4-H Fund Raising Committee in Kent County, presented Ron Wenger, President of the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association with a check for \$8,000 Monday night during the opening ceremonies.

"The money will all be put back into the Fair so it can continue to grow and get better," Wenger said.

Sandy Smith, a 4-H Youth Agent, in charge of fund-raising activities, said the fund-raiser will be a year-long event. "To this point we've raised \$30,000, but our goal is \$154,000, so we have a long way to go," she said. "We wanted to distribute the money to help show people how far we've come."

The funds were distributed throughout the four areas of 4-

H. The 4-H Fair represented the hands, The 4-H Extension Learning Center represented the head, volunteers represented the heart, with funds going toward volunteer training and recognition, and help was represented by campaign expenses and program development.

"Need will determine where the funds are distributed to," Smith said.

The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair's opening ceremonies were highlighted by the coronation of its 1993 Youth Fair Queen and Court.

Renee Nugent was crowned the 1993 Fair Queen. Members of her court were Rebecca Oliver, Lori Van Otteren and Jennifer Brown.

A touching tribute to the late Congressman, Paul Henry, was presented by Kent County Extension Director Dr. Bill Harrison. "It was once said that a super man carries himself by lifting others to great heights," he explained. "Paul Henry did that."

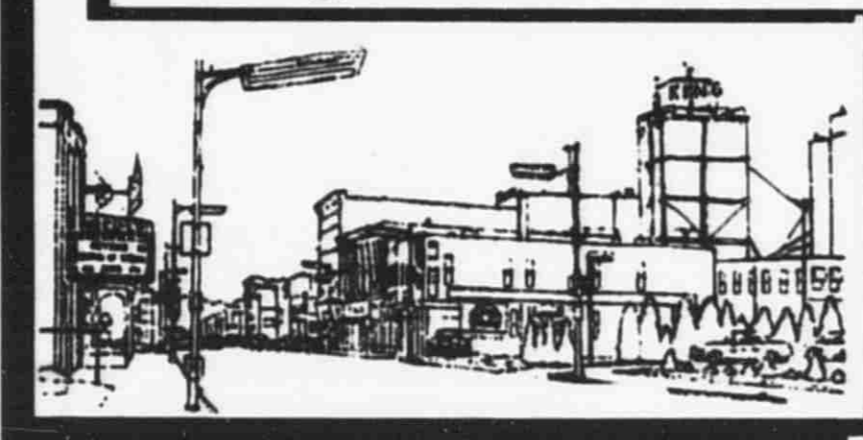
Herb Phelps, Vice President Michigan Fairs and Exhibits Association, also remembered the work and dedication of the late Jim Phillips, a familiar and helpful face with the 4-H Fair for a number of years.

## Hopping start to Fair

Approximately 300 area youths participated in Fox 17's "Field Days" on Monday at the Fair grounds. Emceeding the event was Miranda.



## Along Main Street



### NEIGHBORS WHO CARE WILL HOLD HEADLEE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

"Neighbors Who Care" are organizing a concerted effort to make the public aware of the important upcoming Headlee election on Tuesday, Aug. 24. It is the committee's desire to deliver as many community presentations as possible, between now and Aug. 24, to help the community understand the importance of this election and explain the financial needs of the district.

If you are a member of a community organization or a school district resident willing to organize a presentation for your group or in your home, please call Marsha Wilcox at 897-8949, Dick Korb, or Carol Briggs at 897-8415 as soon as possible.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOMINATIONS  
The deadline for nominations for The Chamber of Com-

merce Person-of-the-Year is August 31.  
Send nominations to: P.O. Box 224 Lowell, MI.

### SENIOR NEIGHBORS FUNDRAISER

The Lowell Senior Neighbors will hold a bake goods, crafts and Yard sale Thursday, Aug. 12 and Friday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale will be held on South Hudson Street across from the fairgrounds.

### LHS CLASS OF '83 REUNION

Lowell High School class of '83 invitations have been mailed. If you haven't received one or have the address for any of the classmates listed, please call Patty Reagan-Wade 897-6147.

Angie Dibble, Steve Barley, Steve Butts, Brenda Dieble, Lisa Erb, Linda Groen, Kathy Huver, Don Johnson, Brian McCready, Sally Morse, Rob Perrin, Tammy Phillips, Mike Snyder, Arnie Teerling, Allen Thompson, Sherri Welch and Tyler Wright.

### ALTO-LOWELL "KIDS ONLY" BASKETBALL 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT

A 3 on 3 basketball tournament is planned for the Alto Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 11, next to Kountry Korner's Store in Alto.

The tournament is open to boys and girls ages 9-13. Fee is \$44 per team. Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Each player receives a t-shirt. Deadline is Monday, Aug. 16.

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## OBITUARIES

**KOTZMANN** - Frank Kotzmann, aged 89, of Lowell, died August 7, 1993. He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine. He is survived by his daughters, Mrs. Charles (Linda) Ferguson of Harrisburg, IL, Mrs. Roy Dale (Rita) Orr of Eldorado, IL and Mrs. Bob (Dee) Evaritt of Ada; his grandchildren, Jim (Kim) Watson, Tim and Elaine Orr, Kris, Matt and Amy Evaritt; and great-granddaughter Jamie Lea Watson. Memorial Services were held Tuesday at Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, Rev. Steven Armfield officiating. There will be no funeral home visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Senior Neighbors.

**SPRAGUE** - Marguerite Sprague passed away Saturday, August 7, 1993. She is survived by her brother, Frederick Wayne Quiggle of Washington; an aunt, Emma Quiggle; several nieces, nephews, cousins. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Cascade Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

## Senate Republicans hit the road to gather input on education reform

Highlighting Michigan's historic opportunity to rebuild its education system, Senate Majority leader Dick Posthumus (R-Alto) announced the Senate Republican caucus will hold statewide hearings on education reform.

The purpose of these hearings will be to gather input from citizens across the state on what kind of educational system we need for the future and ways to best pay for it.

"I believe getting out and

hearing what the people have to say is the best way to get the ball rolling on education reform," Posthumus said. "This is by far the single most important debate the Legislature has faced in several years. We have a golden opportunity to build a first-class and innovative education system, and we want the public to play a role in shaping it.

"As we enter into a global economy, we must provide our children with a first-class education system to prepare

them for the challenges of the 21st century."

Posthumus appointed Senators Dan DeGrow (R-Port Huron), Jack Welborn (R-Kalamazoo), Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham), Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City) and Joanne Emmons (R-Big Rapids) to coordinate a series of public hearings to be held throughout Michigan by the Senate Republican Caucus.

Although no times and dates have yet been finalized, Posthumus said the caucus has

agreed thus far to hold hearings in the thumb area, northern Michigan, west Michigan and metro Detroit.

Public input will be sought and encouraged, Posthumus said. He also noted that further notice listing definite times and dates is forthcoming.



A primary concern of M.A.C. is keeping the landing approach clear.

## Capital improvements outlined in Lowell airport Master Plan

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Keeping landing approaches clear of obstructions, and funding for improvements proposed in the Lowell City Airport Master Plan, are primary concerns of the Michigan Aeronautics Bureau and the Lowell City Airport Board.

Following a presentation by the Michigan Aeronautics Bureau of the master plan, that has been three years in the making, the Lowell City Council gave its approval.

The plan outlined and evaluated the capability of existing airport facilities to

meet the forecasted demands for aviation services. It recommends capital improvements to meet future needs.

Improvements highlighted in the presentation included paving the main runway and lengthening it by approximately 300 feet. The cost would be roughly \$160,000 according to M.A.C. airport officials.

In its presentation to the Council, M.A.C. representatives also made note of the need for additional lighting to aid in night time approaches.

"I think all of this is great, but with the City experiencing problems with where funds are coming from, I question where the monies to make these improvements are going to come from," said Lowell Councilman Bill Thompson.

Lowell Airport Board member, Roger Brown confirmed that it would take some creativity, but reassured the Council that the Airport Board has heard the City's message and won't be coming before the Council with its hand out.

"Yes, it will take some creativity but the Airport Board has some ideas," Brown said.

The ideas included re-extending Grand Rapids Baptist College's free lease on two city airport buildings back 10 years in return for help with paving the main runway, a six percent interest loan from the state, anticipated staged rev-

enue from pay offs on hangars over the next number of years, and the possible sale of a five-acre parcel of land valued at \$20,000-\$25,000.

Expected to come with Grand Rapids Baptist College's take over of the aviation program, previously run by the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music, are extended hours and easier pilot access to the airport lobby and restrooms.

Brown said work is being done with the school so that everything but the lobby and restroom is blocked off. "We're working with the school on installing a lock on the door with an universal combination," he said.

Wendell Proudfoot, manager of the technical support system for the Bureau of Aeronautics, said a primary concern is keeping the landing approaches clear of obstructions. He noted that there are currently trees adjacent to airport property that obstruct approaches.

The Aeronautics Committee, in cases where it helps fund development at an airport, asks that an agreement on a threshold be made and then kept clear.

"A primary way to ensure this clearance is to form an easement which would allow for the removing of obstructions," Proudfoot said. "The alternative is to keep moving the threshold."

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The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.

—Winston Churchill

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## TOWN TALK

### Was justice served in the sentencing of the Los Angeles police officers involved in the beating of Rodney King?



**Patty Austin**  
They may not be able to survive any longer than 2-1/2 years in jail. I'm not sure justice was served. I think they overstepped their bounds as officers. The force was excessive. The sentence was not long enough for what they did.



**Chris Headworth**  
The sentence wasn't long enough. Seems there were some racial tones involved. The prejudice came in because it was cops who did it, thus the sentence wasn't as harsh.



**Catharine Bek**  
I don't think the sentence was long enough. It should have been 10 years. I think there was a compromise between the first trial and the second one.



**Ken Dawson**  
It was too one sided. There was too much politics involved. I think the whole thing favored King. Everybody forgets he was all doped up and speeding around in a car. He was endangering other people's lives. But, nothing happened to him. I think the verdict was a little excessive.



**Todd Hutchison**  
It wasn't enough. If they weren't policemen they would have gotten a longer sentence.



**Mike Bladzik**  
The policemen got what they deserved. What they did was wrong.



**Karen Smith**  
The sentence should have been five years, they over did it.

## Council balks at initial plan for tower location

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The construction of an 80-foot communications tower adjacent to the reservoir on 830 Shepard Blvd. has been delayed in order to further investigate an ideal location for the radio communication enhancement.

The City approved a lease agreement with RAM Communications contingent on identifying a location agreed upon by both sides.

Mark Douglas of RAM Communication said the construction will come at no cost to the City.

1. RAM will supply and install a new 80 foot self-sup-

porting tower complete with all necessary lighting and painting where required.

2. RAM will obtain all permits for construction as well as contact Dig Safe beforehand.

3. RAM will be responsible for all FCC/FAA license applications pertaining to the tower and the Lowell Police Department.

4. RAM will supply, at no charge to the Lowell Police Department, a new antenna and transmission line for police frequency. It will also provide installation of equipment on the new tower at no charge

5. RAM will also construct a metal fence surrounding the tower for security

6. RAM will have an electrical meter installed on its equipment for separate billing of its power consumption.

"Communication problems stem from the fact that many areas in Lowell are in a valley. Thus, even with our new pager system the department is not always able to communicate," Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons said.

It was Douglas' suggestion that the 80-foot tower be placed near the steps leading up to the booster pump station on reservoir hill. He said the location would provide maxi-

more comfortable if it was built behind the booster station, which would hide it from sight."

After further review, Emmons said he will propose to the Council at its Sept. 1 meeting that the communication tower be placed where near the wood line where currently there is an old flag pole. Emmons said the flag pole could be painted and used at one of the park.

"We will be talking to the neighbors in the area about the proposed tower and will also invite them to the meeting on Sept. 6," Emmons said.

The tower would then be located southwest of the booster tank and near the wooded line, thus helping to conceal its sight.

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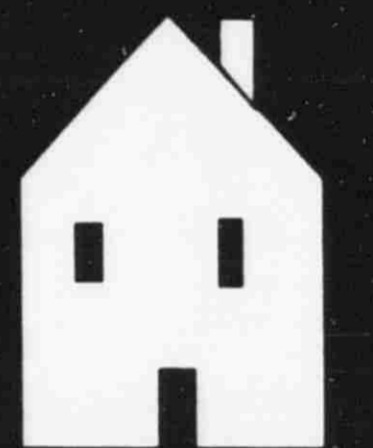
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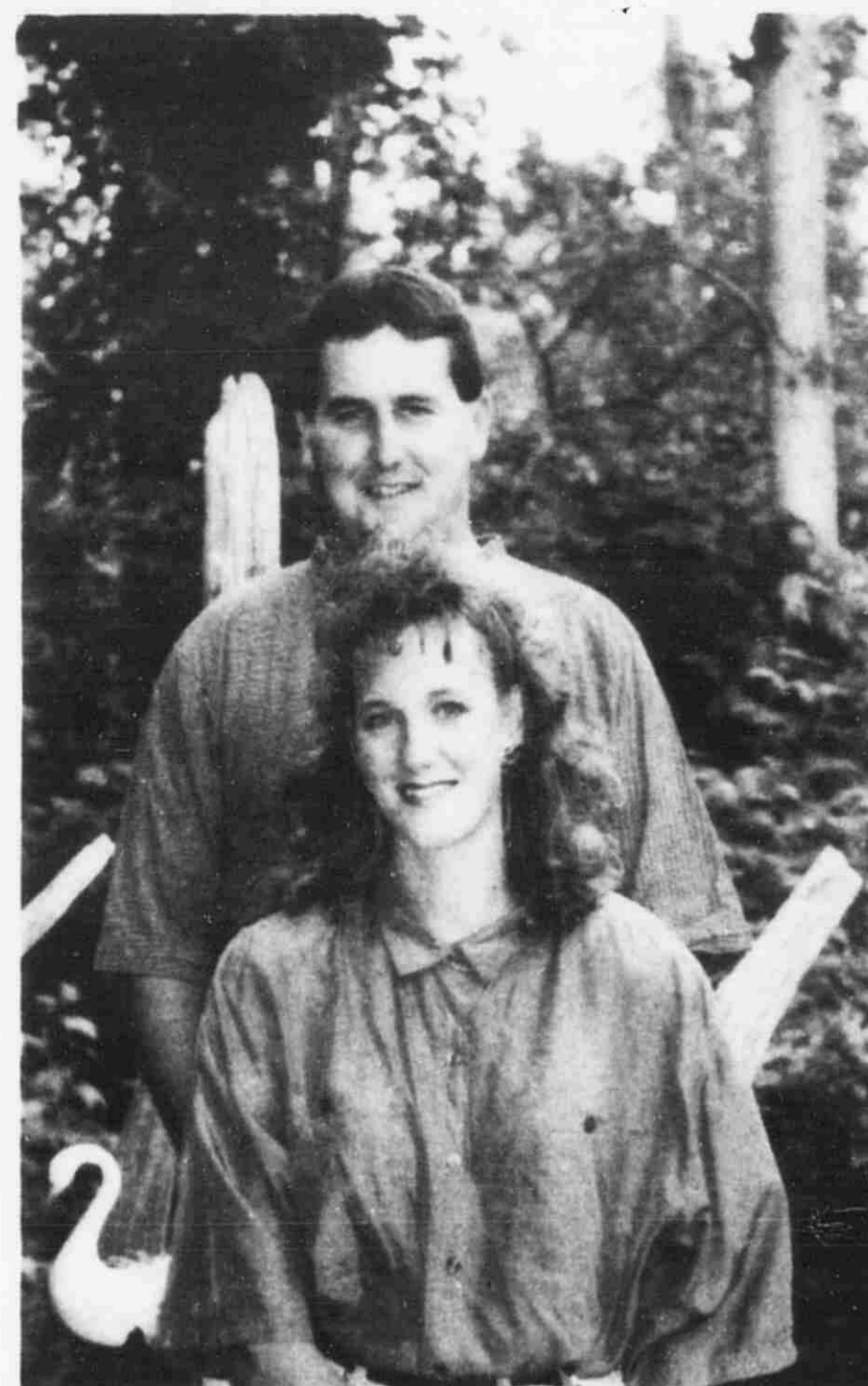
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Shellie Nead and Kurt Sage

## September wedding planned for Nead and Sage

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Nead of Saranac, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shellie Kay to Kurt Sage, son of Doug and Anita Sage of Saranac. The future bride is a 1987 graduate for Saranac High School and is employed at Amway.

The future groom is a 1988 graduate of Saranac High School and is employed at Highland Chrysler Plymouth.

A September 18, 1993 wedding is being planned.



## Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

... grow in grace... (II Peter 3:18).

"Well, Mother, I'm not a child anymore!" one of my teenagers said with exasperation.

"You'll have to do more than talk about it to make me believe it," I said, as I wiped across her bedroom dresser and watched the dust curl. A few minutes before I had ordered: "Now clean your room right." By that I meant: Put away the several pairs of shoes lying about; dust the furniture and floor; shake the rug. Later, when I inspected her room, I knew (by the dust curls) she had not followed my instructions.

There are certain criteria a mother uses in judging whether her child is growing up. Does she accept responsibility willingly—without forever being told what to do? When it is mealtime does she set the table without being reminded that it is her task? Does she make her bed in the morning? Care for her clothes? Do a thorough job of her assigned tasks? Or, does she give half-hearted service? Does she work cheerfully without constant complaining?

What about us, Christians? Are we making progress spiritually? How mature are we? Are our thoughts and words filled with complaints? Faultfindings? Ungratefulness? Or, do we serve God with glad and willing hearts? Are we going deeper with God? Are we climbing in the School of Wisdom? Are we "growing up?"

*Prayer:* Dear God, it is my desire to learn more about Thee and Thy way. Help me to "grow in grace" daily, to "grow up" into Thy likeness, to forsake all childish irresponsibility and accept my tasks cheerfully. Amen.

Deeper, deeper in the love of Jesus  
Daily let me go;  
Higher, higher in the school of wisdom.  
More of grace to know.

C. P. JONES

## VOWS SPOKEN



Patsy and Stephen Lawrence

Patsy Kay Deans and Stephen Wayne Lawrence were united in marriage on June 19, 1993 at the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

The bride is the daughter of David and Betty Deans of Lowell. The groom is the son of Mrs. Robert (Alice) Francisco of Dowling, MI and Mr. Michael Lawrence of Grand Rapids.

Melissa Deans, sister-in-law of the bride, served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Barb Hassevoort of Grand Rapids, Deanna Holck of Frankenmuth, Veronica Rauch of Grand Rapids and Jody Spears of Grand Rapids. Junior Bridesmaid was Jenny Mortensen of Ludington.

Michael Lawrence, brother of the groom, served as best man, groomsmen were Mark Deans, brother of the bride, Jeff Gaberdiel, Steve Gillis, and Dan Lawrence, brother of the groom.

A reception followed in the church's fellowship area. Their honeymoon was spent in Isle Margarita, Venezuela. Both the bride and groom are continuing their educational Grand Valley State University.

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## AREA BIRTHS

Joey and Carol Hunt, of Lowell, are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Tiffany Rose, born on July 28, 1993. She weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 18 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her brother Joey and sister Jessie.

Proud grandparents are Clinton and Dorothy Hunt and Harold Carigton of Lowell and Shirley Carigton of Saranac.

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# Viewpoint

**cozy corner**  
by Roger Brown

A couple weeks ago I told you about the fiasco involving my big yellow labrador, Thor, tipping over a five gallon can of gasoline in the back of my vehicle. The resulting chaos was bad enough, but as a friend pointed out, I'm lucky it didn't ignite somehow. No kidding! I not only had that five gallons on board, but two other five gallon cans and a nearly full fuel tank. If all that had blown at properly staged intervals, I'm sure there would have been sufficient force to launch Thor and I into some sort of orbit. My white sport utility vehicle with its black trim even looks a little like the space shuttle.

I can see the National Enquirer headlines now. "Man and dog orbiting earth in GMC Jimmy." Subheads might read, "FAA will revoke man's pilot license upon return." "NASA wants home-built space vehicle plans" or "ASPCA will charge upstart astronaut with animal cruelty, no food or water on board for dog." No problem. These groups would be the least

of my worries. I'm sure GMAC would have my hide for logging a couple hundred thousand miles over my lease terms. I guess I missed out on fame and fortune again.

After washing Thor, and making sure he was going to survive, I had to deal with the approximately four gallons of spilled gasoline. Fortunately, a dog cushion I keep in the back soaked up a good share of the spill. Maybe the people who manufacture these things should contact the EPA about buying a few million of them to toss out on the next oil tanker spill. Unfortunately, a gallon or two had soaked into the carpeted cargo area, which has no barrier between it and the people area. Thankfully, I'm blessed with the olfactory nerves of a turpin, and can tolerate the smell. With all the windows down, that is.

For two weeks now, I've been asking around for remedies. So far, I've dumped about eight boxes of baking soda, a big bag of kitty litter and a big bag of charcoal back there. I've also gone through several cans of room deodorant and who knows how many of those little pine tree car fresheners. Every once in awhile a faint whiff of pine boughs or country potpourri emerges from the predominant gas fumes. Other than that, it's still "Ode Petroleum," even to my all but non-existent sniffer.

Like I said, the smell is tolerable with all the windows down. Fortunately, the rainy days have been minimal and winter is still a ways off. I leave the windows down and the tailgate open while the car is in the garage at night. I'm not sure if this is helping much, but I don't seem to notice the garbage

smell in the garage like I used to on those last couple of days before weekly pick up. See, everything has some sort of a bright side to it.

The absolute worst is when I have to lock the car up for a period of time on a hot sunny day. When I return to the car I check the parking lot carefully for passing smokers before opening the door. I'm sure the escaping fumes have about the same flashpoint as warmed ether or Sen. Bob Dole's temper. I then take a deep breath of fresh air, enter the vehicle, run down the windows and get out fast. While it airs out I take a little walk around the parking lot, all the while hoping some moron will steal my bomb on wheels. Unfortunately, it is always there when I return. A word to the wise... don't invest in an expensive anti-theft device, just dump a couple gallons of gasoline in your car every so often.

After two weeks of this, I'm open to suggestions. Any and all suggestions, short of dumping several big cans of tomato juice back there like you'd treat a dog that had been sprayed by a skunk. One guy I talked to actually recommended that. I'd rather smell the gas fumes than tomato juice fermenting in the hot sun. Of course, I probably wouldn't be any goofier from inhaling that stuff. After reviewing this column, it's pretty obvious the gas fumes have already had some effect on my brain.

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

**PROSTATE ENLARGEMENT**

Enlargement of the prostate gland is something that occurs in all men as they grow older. This enlargement usually begins in most males in their late forties and early fifties. In most men, the gland never gets big enough to cause any problems. In others, however, it keeps growing until it causes symptoms. It is estimated that half of all men will have some symptoms of prostate enlargement by age sixty.

The urethra passes through the prostate gland and as the prostate enlarges it squeezes the urethra, resulting in difficulties with urination. Getting up to urinate frequently at night is one of the chief symptoms. Other symptoms include a weak flow of urine, difficulty in initiating the urine stream and having a sensation of inability to completely empty the bladder.

Prostate enlargement can be non-cancerous (benign) or cancerous (malignant). Your doctor will examine the prostate in the office with a digital rectal exam and may order blood work or even a prostate ultrasound. If the enlargement is considered to be benign, several avenues of therapy are available, including simple observation, medication or surgery. You and your doctor should make the decision together on which therapy is best for you. Items to consider are: cost, time away from work, surgical risk etc. Regardless of which means of therapy you choose, the good news is that treatment of the inevitability of prostate enlargement has become much more varied and successful in recent years.

**Thad's Thoughts**

Where oh where has the summer gone? We're in the middle of August already. I'd like to be able to say time flies when you're having fun, but with Showboat and the Centennial, work has entered into the summer equation. Not lost though

by Priscilla Lussmyer

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

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - AUG. 9, 1893**  
Ray McDonald of Flint is the new supt. and Wm. Bunker the principal of the West Ward School.

The Lowell Fair in October has a weekly column, and this time describes the race horses of the local stables, one by one.

Miss Ella Casner of Grattan, bitten on the foot by a non-poisonous snake while berrying, is so frightened she steps on a hornet's nest with the other foot.

Michigan state troops will train for two weeks, taught by army regulars, who have to march 40 miles to the camp at Island Lake.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUG. 8, 1918**  
The Treasury Department is converting the first issues of 3 1/2% and 4% Liberty Bonds to 4 1/4% bonds for all who bring them in to the banks.

A parade, concert and speeches by the Naval Train-

ing Band of Detroit results in 22 new recruits. The Government will take all the walnut wood it can for airplane propellers and gun stocks.

The Pratt Lake drain is planned to run into Tyler Creek, converting many acres of "decaying, reeking" swamp to farmland. Several other drains are discussed in the article.

Four cars are derailed on the Grand Trunk line near the Grove School; rails were warped by the intense summer heat.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUG. 12, 1943**  
David Miller gives first aid when Bill Christiansen falls and severely cuts his ankle at the ice cream plant; two arteries are severed.

a 10 percent increase in commercial sugar rations may forecast a later lifting of all sugar rationing.

Richmond's Cafe, long a 24 hour operation, must cut back to 19 hours, due to the labor shortage.

115 chickens were stolen last week in the Ada-Vergennes area.

Mail your Renewal Application Form R-543 and Tire Inspection Report immediately to the local Ration Board if you want to get your B or C card by Sept. 1, when the old one expires.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUG. 8, 1968**  
The school board severely trims the budget, asks for 3.3 mills to operate in the black and considers dropping athletics, nursing and elementary art and physical education.

Council is debating whether to remodel City Hall's lower floor or build new.

The first tornado threat of the season results in reports but no verification, and damages a property on Buttrick Ave.

Charles Lippert buys the Christiansen Drug Store. Ground is broken for the new highway connecting Lowell with I-96.

are some summer sizzlin' thoughts right from my home office in Lowell.

For my money Republican Bob Dole embodies everything that is wrong with the politicians in Washington D.C. It's politicians like him who give Ross Perot credibility.

Nothing angers me more than to hear a Larry King, a Bob Costas or a George Will use the stature of their position and their access to information to assume they know what the general public is thinking. Thank you, but I will speak for myself.

One nice thing about the way the vote on President Clinton's economic plan washed out, if it works, the Democrats, or least most of them, can take all the credit, and if it doesn't the Republicans can say "I told you so."

Since we're on politics, tell me in a way that is believable, that those fellows in Washington vote for what's best for the country and not what's best for themselves.

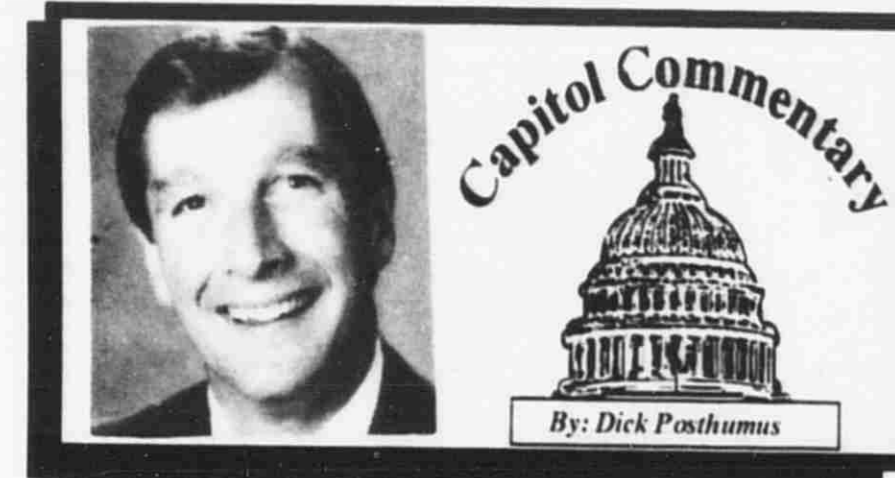
These jokers aren't stupid though, they've put together a retirement pension to the envy of all. Most of them will make as much money in retirement as they did while serving ----- themselves?

I went and saw my second movie in nearly three years over the weekend. I thoroughly enjoyed "Sleepless in Seattle," starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. It's funny and romantic. A line in the movie that will forever be embedded in my memory is "She's kissing him on the lips. She's a Ho." Go see the movie if you haven't already.

Eating an Italian sausage with onions and peppers at the fair never gets old.

The definition of a true optimist, one who believes Lansing will replace all \$7 billion lost by the schools to the property tax cut.

I can't wait for Aug. 30 and the return of David Letterman. Late night just isn't the same without him.



**Capitol Commentary**  
By: Dick Posthumus

**IN REMEMBRANCE:  
CONGRESSMAN PAUL HENRY**

On Saturday, July 31, Kent County, Michigan and our entire nation suffered a great loss with the passing of Con-

gressman Paul Henry. Seldom has the State of Michigan been graced with a public servant as principled and dedicated as Paul. To him, public service was more than an office, it was a high calling. For Paul, politics was about the pursuit of virtue, not power.

He infused every issue with reason, courage and tolerance. He defied any attempt to label him. This is because his sole standard for deciding questions of public policy was wisdom, not political expedience.

Paul Henry understood that political service, like teaching or the ministry is ultimately about helping others. His entire career was dedicated to the service of others. For example, while still in college, he served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia and Ethiopia.

More than anything else, he was an inspirational teacher. First, as a professor at Calvin College and even after entering politics as a state representative, state senator and congress-

man, Paul never stopped teaching. His fundamental lesson was how much more we can be.

I believe that when our Founding Fathers fashioned this representative democracy, it was their hope that this nation would be led by people with the stature, the learning, the integrity and the conscience of Paul Henry.

The end of this young life is a tragedy for his family and for all of us who care about the future. It is painful to contemplate how much more he could have contributed.

It is up to each of us to continue the legacy of public service Paul Henry left this state. His passion was education. As we all go through the process of remaking education for the next century, each of us should be guided by the example he lived.

For Paul Henry's commitment to principled public service need not fade, even though he has been so tragically taken from us. Let us be guided by his inspiration.

**TO THE EDITOR**

Taxpayers and homeowners should celebrate our recent victory in the state legislature. We accomplished a huge reduction in property taxes due to strong grass roots lobbying. Many of the proposals included within the VANDERMOLEN PLAN have been adopted. Our success could only be possible through your efforts and those who voted against Proposal A.

Another concept in my plan is to find a method to reduce the budgets in local school districts. Huge bureaucracies have been created, and our schools have become the source of a multitude of patronage jobs. This has driven

up the costs of operating our schools, taxes and millages have skyrocketed, and expenditures have escalated beyond control.

We need to cap the number of administrators in our school districts, improve accountability standards for administrators, reduce their salaries, limit the number of trips and junkets taken by administrators, and place a cap on the number of non-teaching employees. Write to your state representatives and urge them to adopt the above reforms by introducing legislation on the above proposals.

Larry D. VanderMolen, Ph.D.  
Political Science Professor

23 at 7 p.m. We will provide free child care for these forums.

Please learn about all the cuts that have been made and about the classes and instructional time that will be replaced with the Headlee override. Find out how much this will effect your actual tax bill and that it will just be for this winter's bill.

Be informed, think it through carefully and vote, Tuesday, Aug. 24!

The P.T.O. Officers

Dear Editor:  
Please don't take our music, gym and teachers away. Vote YES for us kids! Music and gym are lots of fun! VOTE YES!  
Anthony Pedley  
3rd grade, Bushnell

Dear Editor:  
I really like gym. Please vote YES so me and my friends can have gym and music.  
Dustin Pedley  
2nd grade, Bushnell

Dear Editor,  
The P.T.O. officers of Alto, Bushnell and Runci-man/Riverside, urge you to learn as much as possible about the Headlee override election on Tuesday, Aug. 24. Forums are scheduled at Alto Elementary School on Monday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. and Vergennes United Methodist Church Monday, Aug.

Dear Editor:  
I attended the June school board meeting as a concerned student who wanted to become informed as to the current situation involving our schools. Instead of getting up and talking that very night, I decided to first come home and put together my thoughts. I was amazed at the number of people who got up and voiced their concerns about extra-curricular activities. Although I sympathize with their points and agree with many of them, I am extremely bothered by the fact the main issue was basically overlooked--school is about ACADEMICS!

I am extremely worried about the fate of our schools. The jobs of fifty school employees, including over 20 teachers, are in jeopardy and so is school as we know it. You're probably wondering what a teenager knows anyhow, right? Well, this teenager knows that without academics there isn't a future. Everyone says that today's children are tomorrow's leaders. Wouldn't you like those leaders to be educated?

Meissa Peterson  
Class of 1996

Dear Editor:  
As a parent of a freshman this fall, I am naturally concerned about the status of the programs that will be offered at Lowell High School. My son is a huge music lover, and to him, the only good thing about middle school was band. (No offense to the Middle School staff, but they know what I'm saying).

He had been looking forward to expanding his knowledge and experience with the High School band, both marching and jazz and I was happy he was excited about school, period.

Academics do not come easily to some kids and extra-curricular activities help keep them interested enough to tough it out.

Band is one of the programs slated to be cut back should our community not override the Headlee Amend-

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Dear Editor,  
I have attended Lowell schools ever since kindergarten and have had the privilege of getting a good education because of many great teachers.

My past three years at LHS have been quite important to me. As a sophomore, I had the opportunity of taking Accounting I with Mrs. Beachler. In my junior year I had planned on taking Accounting II, but the class was full. The only way I could have gotten into the class was

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Notice is hereby given that a certain mortgage on the real property commonly known as 735 Cricklewood SW, Wyoming, MI 49509 and more fully described as follows:

County is held, there will be offered for public sale and sold to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage and legal costs and costs of sale, including attorney's fees as provided by law and in said Mortgage, the real property described above.

Lot 50, Baker Huison Plat, City of Wyoming, County of Kent, State of Michigan.

between BARBARA R. HAZLETT, as Mortgagor, and ROBERT WOOD, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FLAVOUS J. FLURRY ESTATE, ALLEGAN COUNTY PROBATE COURT, FILE NUMBER 88-44756-SE, as Mortgagee, made the 22nd day of March, 1989, and was recorded on March 23, 1989, in Liber 2608, on page 37, Kent County Records, Michigan, is in default and there is now due and owing Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-one and 41/100 Dollars (\$17,461.41) principal and interest as of the date of this notice.

According to Section 600.3240 of the Michigan Compiled Laws the above named Mortgagor has six (6) months to redeem said real property after it is sold by paying to the purchaser, his executors, administrators, or assigns or to the register of deeds in whose office the deed is deposited for the benefit of the purchaser, the sum which was bid for the property, with interest from the time of sale at nine percent (9%), if payment is made to the register of deeds the additional sum of \$3.00 for the care and custody of the redemption money, or to redeem otherwise as provided by Section 600.3240 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Dated June 25, 1993

Robert Wood, Personal Representative of the Flavous J. Flurry Estate, Allegan County Probate Court, File Number 88-44756-SE Mortgagee

Notice is hereby given that on August 26, 1993 at 10:00 A.M. at the Front Lobby of the Hall of Justice in Grand Rapids, that being the place in which the Circuit Court of Kent

Prepared by: Martin Reed Attorney for Mortgagee 138 Hubbard Street P. O. Box 117 Allegan, MI 49010 (616) 673-8954

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**LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS**  
**INFORMATION ON ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

If you are expected to be absent on Tuesday, August 24, 1993 for the special school election, you may obtain an application for an absent voter's ballot by calling Kay Jones at 897-8415 or Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools, 12685 Foreman Rd., Lowell, MI 49331.

You may also come in person to the above address (Board of Education Office) and vote during business hours (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.). The office will also be open on Saturday, August 21, 1993 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for absentee voters.

**COMING EVENTS**

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.

**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!

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

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

**EVERY TUES.:** Support One, 7:30 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

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

**EVERY WED.:** Royal Rangers for the boys at 7 p.m. Sunshine Adventure Team 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 Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E., 897-1100

**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 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

**BEGINNING AUG. 2:** The Alto Post Office will remain open during lunch hour. New window hours are Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**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.

**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.

**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 SAT. - Lowell Independent Amateur Radio Operators** sponsor an information net on Frequency 147.420 Simplex - Lowell Showboat Network.

Museum, 2-6 p.m. "Across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park."

**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 Drive, 1/2 mile north of M-21, presents "Follow the Leader," a five day vacation Bible school from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information call Pastor Gerig at 897-5894 or Pastor Marks at 897-9110.

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**THURS., AUG. 12:** The Western Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 234, will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton St. Brad Miller, representing Senator Don Riegle will speak on "Legislation affecting the Retiree." Meeting to follow. For information phone 531-2127.

**FRI., AUG. 13:** Regular monthly meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S., 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

**SAT., AUG. 14:** LHS Class of 1933 60 year reunion. Any graduates from the

'30's are welcome. Call or write Dora Jane Cook, 676-0777, 12160 Vergennes Road, Lowell, MI 49331 or Orison Weaver 676-2550, P.O. Box 134 Ada, MI 49301.

**SAT., AUG. 14:** Annual Clarksville Ox-Roast. 5:30 p.m. Firemen's Pancake Breakfast, 7 - 10 a.m. donations accepted, three on three basketball, parade and more.

**AUG. 16 - 21:** Vacation Bible School at Evergreen Church, 10501 Settlewood Drive, 1/2 mile north of M-21, presents "Follow the Leader," a five day vacation Bible school from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information call Pastor Gerig at 897-5894 or Pastor Marks at 897-9110.

**AUG. 20-22:** Clarksville Gas & Steam Association presents pig roast from 5 - 7 p.m., Saturday featuring Doug Newton. Swap meet, steam engines and more. (south of I-96; take Clarksville exit no. 59, follow signs. South village limits to Robbins Road then West 1 mile. For more information call 693-2121 or 693-2103.

**AUG. 28 - SEPT. 3:** 2nd Annual Senior Citizen's Spectacular Holiday 7 days/6 nights. Myrtle Beach, Carolina Opry, The Dixie Jubilee & Charleston. Tour cost, \$549. Deposit of \$25 due at registration. Call Mary Condon, 897-7092.

**AUG. 28 & 29:** Coin, Stamp, Sportscard Show at the North Kent Mall, Plainfield and 5 Mile Rd., Grand Rapids. Hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. Buy, sell, trade. No admission charge.

**SAT., SEPT. 11:** South High School Class of 1948 reunion at Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 5700 28th St. S.E., Grand Rapids. Contact person, Donna Veneklasen, 1661 Acacia

Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504, (616) 453-4642.

**SEPT. 18-24:** Senior Citizen Atlantic Seaboard trip. 7 days/6 nights. Tours, shows, and more. Cost is \$499. For more info call Mary Condon at 897-7092.

**OCT. 5, 6 & 7:** Mackinaw Island Senior Citizen Get-Together at the Grand Hotel. To make your reservations send your name, address and \$25 deposit to Mary Crawford Condon,

13297 3 Mile Rd, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-7092. Total package cost, \$325.

**SAT., OCT. 16:** Christmas "Under the Pines Bazaar" at Vergennes United Methodist Church, (corner of Bailey & Parnell), from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch, cookie walk and drawing for a hand knit afghan.

**AUCTION CANCELLED:** Auction at VFW Saranac. No auction in August or September.

**LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949 Weekly Activities**

**MON.:** 8 a.m. Walkers. **WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. (4 & 11)  
**MON.:** 12:45 p.m. Kitchen Band **THURS.:** 9:30 a.m. Bingo. 1 p.m. Euchre.  
**TUES.:** 8 a.m. Walkers. **FRI.:** 8 a.m. Walkers.

**Special Events**

**THURS. & FRI., AUG. 12 & 13:** 9 a.m. Yard sale. **TUES., AUG. 24 - 1** p.m. Shopping assistance.

**FRI., AUG. 13:** 10 a.m. Area picnic. No lunch at center. **WED., AUG. 25:** 7:45 a.m. Women's traveling breakfast.

**TUES., AUG. 17 - 1** p.m. Shopping assistance. **WED., AUG. 25 - 10:15** a.m. Kitchen Band going to Sparta.

**WED., AUG. 18 - 7:15** a.m. Binder Park Zoo. **THURS., AUG. 19:** 9:30 a.m. Advisory Council meeting. *Make noon meal reservations three working days in advance.*

*If you missed it last year, be sure to attend the outdoor historical pageant this year.*

**"The River of Time"**

**August 21 at 2 p.m. Banks of Flat River on Lowell Fairgrounds!**

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### PAGEANT TO BE PRESENTED AUG. 21

The Kent Nature Scouts 4-H Club will present an outdoor historical pageant entitled "The River of Time," on Sat., Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. The presentation will take place on the banks of the Flat River at the Fairgrounds.  
The free pageant, sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Association, features information about Indians, fur traders and early settlers.

### OPENINGS REMAIN FOR FALL SOFTBALL

There are still openings for the Lowell YMCA's Fall Adult Softball leagues. Monday night will be co-ed, Tuesday night Women's, six games, fees are \$185. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights are all men's leagues, 8 games, fees are \$255. All leagues fees include umpires and game balls. All leagues are starting soon! Call the YMCA for further information at 897-8445.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Kid's Clubhouse of Evergreen Missionary Church presents "Follow the Leader," a five day vacation Bible school beginning on Monday, Aug. 16 and continuing through Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. On Saturday, there will be a picnic followed by the awards ceremony and a children's fair. This exciting program is for boys and girls age four through grade six.

## Editor, continued...

ment on August 24. Other areas include the counseling services, business classes, industrial arts and foreign language classes. These are not considered "core classes," but for many students, they are what keeps them going while working on classes that might be difficult for them.

How many of us can say we loved our math or social studies class so much that it helped keep us interested in school? Not me. Art was my favorite, and although I was a pretty good student, school would not have been the enriching experience it was for me if my art classes were taken away.

The Headlee override is a one shot deal. Never again will the property owners be asked for increases to support the schools. Lansing will be coming up with the money from other places. This override will cost property owners, with assessments of \$25,000, \$1.21 a week and will be paid out in this year's winter tax payments only. Passage of this issue will mean happy, enriched and productive students. Please vote yes, one last time, on August 24.

Thank you,  
Mari Stone

Dear Editor:

The Lowell Schools need the support of fellow citizens to assure that our children will not be shortchanged for the 1993-94 school year.

The Headlee Waiver will appear on the ballot August 21, and a "yes" vote to restore the operating millage eliminated by the Headlee rollback is essential to avoid drastic cuts in programs for the coming year. The 2.5 mills on the ballot have previously been approved by the voters, but were automatically eliminated under Headlee. If the millage is not restored, the result will be incomplete school days for all students

and numerous staff reductions. Our kids and our community deserve better!

In dramatic fashion, the Michigan legislature recently abolished the local property tax to pay for school operations, but this will not go into effect until next year. In the meantime, the Lowell Schools need the previously approved operating millage. Without a "yes" vote on August 24, the schools will face a \$1.7 million deficit for 1993-94--and there is no other source of funding.

Next year, a new school finance program will be in place. But this year, the schools need our support one last time--for the final school millage election to be held under the old system.

If voters pass the Headlee override this August, operating millage will be restored on a one time only basis for the coming year.

Without the override, however, our schools will be faced with drastic cuts in programs and educational quality, and our kids and community will suffer. It would take several years to recover from this financial blow.

Even with the Headlee override, the Lowell schools will be short of funds this year, resulting in \$600,000 in cutbacks and layoffs. Out of concern for taxpayers, however, our school board decided not to request more millage that would have allowed the schools to operate at the same level as last year. The August 24 vote is not for a millage increase. It simply allows the schools to collect the full millage previously approved.

As chairperson of the Neighbors Who Care Committee, I urge a "yes" vote later this month. We are at the end of an era in school finance--local millage for school operations is about to become a relic of the past. But let's not allow the Lowell Schools to suffer a major set-

back this fall. Our kids and our community deserve more than dismissed education under a five hour day.

We live in a wonderful community that has supported our schools. We need to call on this spirit of good will and community values one more

time. Good education is important to all of us. As Thomas Jefferson said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free... it expects what never was and never will be."  
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## IN THE SERVICE

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan R. Pratt, son of Robert C. and Rita F. Pratt of Lowell, recently reported for duty at AEGIS Training Center, Dahlgren, VA. The 1990 graduate of Lowell High School joined the Navy in June, 1990.

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**OFF THE BLOTTER**  
Karl Armstrong, 29, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol August 3.

Angela Stoakes, 26, of Ionia, was involved in a property damage accident on West Main near West Street August 5. She failed to stop in time and struck the rear of a pickup driven by Charles Wolthuis, 25, also of Ionia.

No one was injured in an accident August 5 on East Main and Division Street when a vehicle driven by Ronald Carey, 56, of Lowell, failed to yield right-of-way and struck a car driven by Marcia Koster, 57, also of Lowell.

Stanley Lenneman Jr., 22, of Lowell, escaped injury July 31 when the car he was driving was struck by a semi-truck on West Main Street near Center Street, when the driver Dennis Geer, 24, of Greenville, changed lanes and struck Lenneman broadside.

Dennis Jackson, 17, of Lowell, was taken into custody August 6 on a warrant issued out of Ionia County for breaking and entering of coin boxes.

Alexander Kozlowski, 22, of Lowell, was arrested August 7 on two warrants, one out of City of Wyoming, the other out of The Friend of the Court in Kent County.

Donald Kerry, 43, of Lowell, was cited into 63rd District Court for littering on Aug. 8.

No one was injured in an accident, August 7, when a vehicle driven by Joan Wilson, 37, of Alto, collided with a car driven by a 16 year old also of Alto in the Shell Gas Station parking lot.

Grace Atkinson, 60, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident, August 7, when she backed from a parking space in the library parking lot and struck a parked vehicle owned by James Korrigan, of Ada.

## Cracked walls, continued

The cracked gymnasium walls present no danger to existing classrooms, according to Esch.

A more immediate problem is where Runciman students will eat lunch.

Food Service Director Carol Harper said a decision would come some time after she meets with Runciman/Riverside Principal Louie Dudeck. "We will be looking for whatever option best serves the students," Harper said.

Options given by Harper include flip-flopping the school in which children eat, from Runciman to Riverside; and placing hot and cold carts in the hallway and having the children eat in their classrooms.

Harper said there will be approximately 500 students a Runciman this year. Roughly 200-300 will eat hot lunches.

Esch said he knows of no source of funding to repair Runciman's gymnasium. "Yes, I guess operational money from the fund balance could be used, but I'm not sure that would be wise considering the financial situation of the school," he stated.

The Lowell Superintendent said all options would be looked at and discussed before a decision is made. He was unclear as to what the timetable for it would be.

"We'll have to look at the future plans of the building. As currently scheduled, this is the last year that elementary classes will be held in the school," Esch said.

Starting in 1994-95 the building will be used for the pre-primary impaired, adult education, Davenport and Grand Rapids Community College courses and New Dawn.

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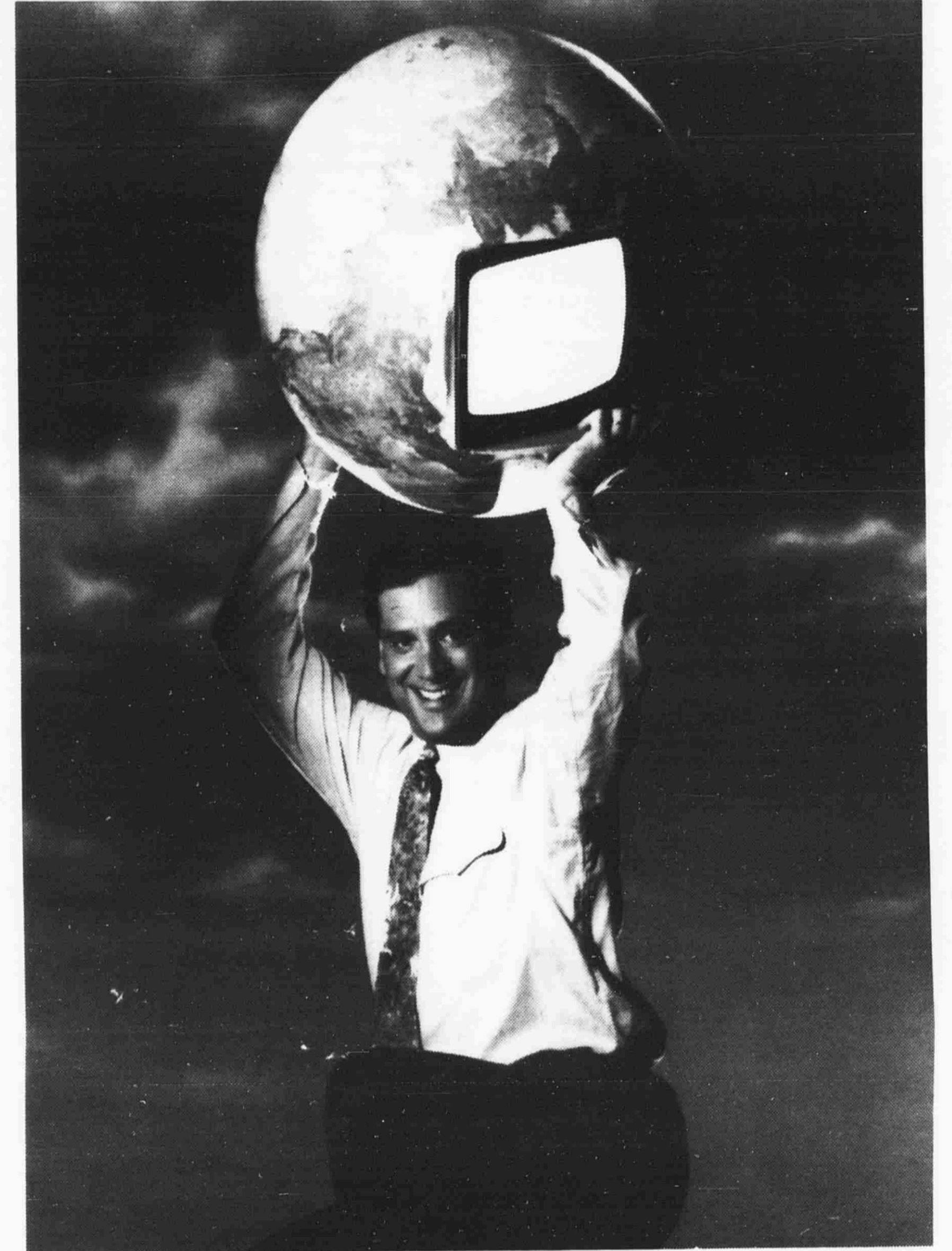
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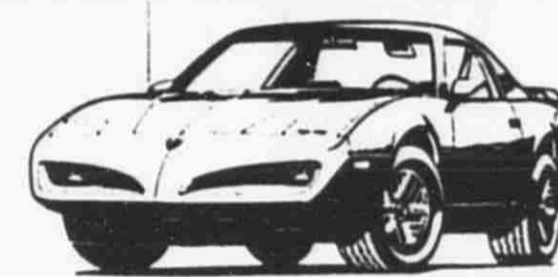
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## LISTINGS FOR FRI., AUGUST 13 THRU THURS., AUGUST 19

Fred Roggin presents hilarious and racy clips of television from around the world in "Top Secret Television," airing Wednesday, Aug. 17, on NBC. The international TV moments include scenes from hidden-camera shows, game shows and home-video programs.

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# Council okays what may be its last tax abatement

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Cities in the State of Michigan have used tax abatements to help offset the high property taxes and as a means to entice business into their towns.

Now that legislature has erased all property tax used to fund education, tax abatements are no longer needed.

Michigan's Governor John Engler, has been opposed to tax abatements, and it is believed that with the action by legislators, tax abatements will be discontinued.

So, the City Council's approval to provide Metric Manufacturing an application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate, may be the last one the city will see before it.

City Attorney, Dick Wendt shared that same thought with the Council. "The Governor is

opposed to tax abatements and I feel strongly that the council is looking at the last one it will get."

Metric Manufacturing, 1001 Foreman, is in the process of adding 10,000 square feet of space to its facility. It qualifies for five years of abatement under the point system adopted by the Council.

The cost of the building and land improvements would be \$149,000. The expansion means 65 current jobs are to be retained, with 30 new jobs expected to be created. The abatement is for five years at 50 percent of the value of the new addition.

The addition has already been put up, however, painting, electrical, and fire protection work still needs to be completed, according to Metric Manufacturing Vice President, Chuck Thomas.

# Vergennes joins list of defecting townships

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township has informed the Kent County Library Board of its intention to drop out of the library system, due to the rising cost of participating.

Vergennes is declaring its intent because its portion of the participation cost has gone from \$4,950 in '92 to \$9,415 in '93 and is expected to be \$14,743 in '94.

"The cost has risen too

fast for townships to keep up," said Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook. "We also found out the cost could keep rising if more townships drop out of the system."

Vergennes is just one of nine townships declaring their intention to drop out of the system and more townships could join the list soon.

"I'm sure there will be a couple of townships dropping out of the system and if they do, the cost will escalate to a point where more townships

will follow," said Cook. According to Cook, even though the township has declared its intention, they feel they could re-join the system if they so desired.

"Although it seems were out of the system, you're never really out, the library system would probably welcome us back, because we could help absorb the cost, but were not sure if we will look at that option," said Cook.

Cook also suggested the township will look into the

possibility of starting a district library system, but would wait until other townships make a decision on what to do about the rising cost.

"A district system may be the best way for us to go if we stay out of the Kent County system, but it's too early to tell," said Cook.

## COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 942 students at the University of Michigan College of Engineering were named to the dean's list for the Winter 1993 term.

To qualify, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average (out of a possible 4.0) for the term.

Students named to the dean's list included: Michael Galvin Vanderploeg and

Rachel Gwen Adams, both of Alto.

Ferris State University's summer quarter academic honors list includes 394 students, University officials have announced.

To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.50 grade point average in at least 12 quarter hours of work. The list includes 94 who earned 4.00 grade point averages, or all A grades.

Among the students honored are: Donald James Systsma of Ada and Rondal Adam Nash, of Saranac.

## FFA attends Breakfast Club

The Lowell FFA was represented last Thursday, August 5, by their 1993-94 officer team at the WCUZ Breakfast Club. The radio show stars Andy Rent and Dennis Sutton.

Members that attended were: Lauri VanOtteren, president; Kerry Nugent, vice-president; Krista Posthumus, secretary; Kevin Nugent, treasurer; Chris Goggins, reporter and one state officer, Dave Hildenbrand who is the president of the Michigan FFA.

The breakfast was entertaining and interesting to be a part of. Lowell's own Dave Hildenbrand read the WCUZ Frequent Listener Club card number over the radio. To cap the morning off each of the participants received a Breakfast Club coffee mug and got a picture taken with Rent and Sutton.

## FOR SALE REPOSSESSIONS

FMB State Savings Bank, 414 East Main is offering the following vehicle for sale by sealed bids that must contain your name, address, phone, bid amount and signature. This is effective immediately, and the bids will be accepted until noon, August 12, 1993.

Upon opening the sealed bids, FMB State Savings Bank will reserve the right to final bid to protect our interests: 1987 BLAZER 4x4, 8 cyl., p.s./p.b./auto., 83,000 miles. If and when this vehicle is sold, the conditions are as is, and without warranty, either expressed or implied. Contact person is Tom Kinney, 897-3225, between the hours of 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate FILE NO. 93-156.440 IE

Estate of DELMAR M. STUESSY, Deceased SSN: 389-16-3346

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 319 Pacer Court, Sanford, Florida 32773 died 04/01/93.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Dale V. Hiltz, 6315 N. Division Ave., Comstock Park, Michigan 49321, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

MICHAEL J. TUMMINO, JR. ATTORNEY-AT-LAW (P21618) 311 East Main Street Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5931

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

Estate of GUADALUPE GUILLEN, Deceased SSN: 364-50-8530

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 919 Griggs, S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49507 died December 24, 1987, intestate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever

barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Rose Guillen, Independent Personal Representative, 3809 Willow Drive, N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, 320 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

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CRAIG A. BRUGGINK ATTORNEY-AT-LAW (P29358) 1526 McKay Tower Grand Rapids, MI 49503

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

### NOTICE OF TESTING OPTEC COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE AUGUST 24, 1993 SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTEC Computer Program Testing for the August 24, 1993 Special Election will be conducted Tuesday, August 17, 1993 at 5:00 P.M. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI.



Lowell youths took a minute to have their faces painted.



Lowell's Showboat Choir led a sing-a-long at Sunday's Fun Festival.

# Family Fun Fest helps to promote Showboat awareness

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Family Fun Fest chairmen The Showboat awareness of roughly 150 Lowell residents was heightened at Sunday's Family Fun Fest.

The afternoon was filled with children's games, music,

food, face painting and a dunk tank.

"Considering our original first Family Fun Fest date was cancelled due to inclement weather and that this is our first one, I was happy with the turnout," Fun Fest co-chairman Sheila Dubbink said.

Both Dubbink and co-

chairman Louise Weeks said the charge of the Fun Fest wasn't to raise money. "It was really put together to increase community involvement and awareness of the Showboat," Weeks said. "We didn't really set any expectations going in."

The Family Fun Fest started at 1 p.m. and ran until 5 p.m.

Those in attendance got a sneak preview of the local rock group called Eruption. The group will be performing at the Showboat Band Jam on

Aug. 28 at the amphitheater.

"I think this is an event we would like to continue and expand upon," Dubbink said. The Fun Fest is just the beginning of a list of activities and events the Showboat will be involved with over the com-

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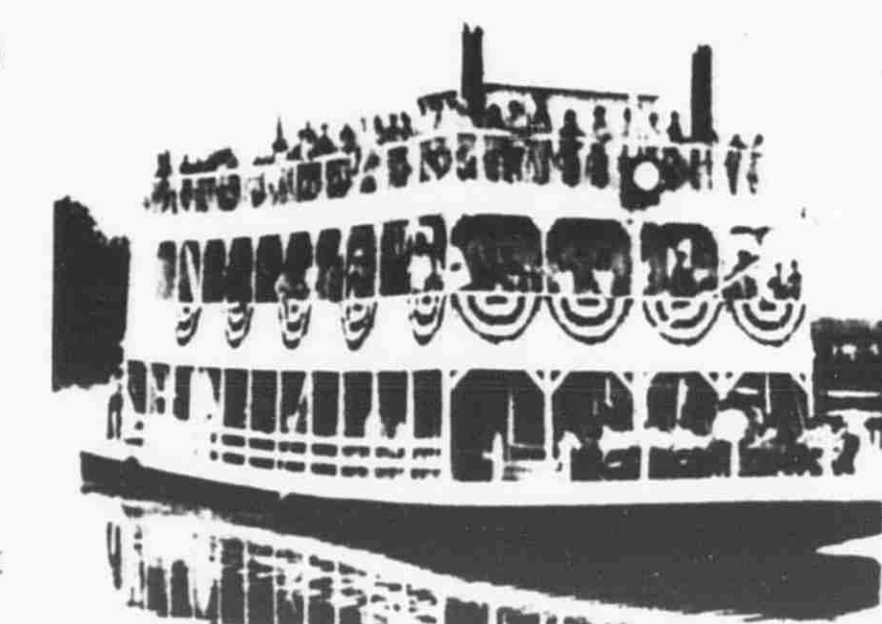
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General Account	\$30,000.00
Total Disbursements:	
Ending Balance:	\$133,547.37
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Downtown Design Plan-Progressive Engineering	\$2,094.09
Munger Store - Progressive	\$1,094.97
Total Disbursements:	\$
Ending Balance-General Account	\$11,584.28
Ending Balance - Hi Fi & General	\$145,131.65
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# SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD AUGUST 24, 1993

### TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that a special election of the electors of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district on Tuesday, August 24, 1993.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special election:

#### MILLAGE PROPOSITION

Shall Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, be permitted to levy 2.5175 mills (\$2.5175 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for the year 1993 in excess of the limitation set forth in Section 34d of the General Property Tax Act, the estimate of the revenue increase the school district will collect if the millage increase is approved and levied by the school district in the 1993 calendar year is \$739,000 from local property taxes?

#### THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- PRECINCT NO. 1**  
Voting Place: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.
- PRECINCT NO. 2**  
Voting Place: Old Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, Boston Township in Ionia County.
- PRECINCT NO. 3**  
Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan, and Vergennes in Kent County, and Keene Township in Ionia County.
- All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

#### STATEMENT OF KENT COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES

Unit	Voted Increases	Years Effective
By Kent County	84 Mill	1990 to 2009 Incl.
By Grattan Township	1.00 Mill	1990 to 1994 Incl.
By Ada Township	1.25 Mills	1992 to 1996 Incl.
By Vergennes Township	NONE	
By Cannon Township	1.00 Mill	1990 to 1995 Incl.
By Lowell Township	NONE	
By Bowne Township	1.50 Mill	1989 to 1998 Incl.
	50 Mill	1989 to 1998 Incl.
	1.00 Mill	1989 to 1998 Incl.
	1.4 Mills	1987 to 1993 Incl.
By The School District	26.1 Mills	1991 to 1995 Incl.
	1.4 Mills	1994 and 1995

John K. Boerema  
Kent County Treasurer

Dated July 12, 1993  
at Grand Rapids, Michigan

I, Margaret Beattie, Treasurer of Ionia County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of July 21, 1993, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, is as follows:

By Ionia County	3 mills	Special Education	Unlimited
	75 mills	911 Central Education	1991-1996
By Boston Township	None		
By Campbell Township	None		
By Keene Township	None		
By the School District	1.4 mills, 1993 only		
	26.1 mills, 1993, 1994 and 1995		
	1.4 mills, 1994 and 1995		

Margaret Beattie  
Treasurer, Ionia County

Norman Byrne  
Secretary, Board of Education

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan.

## O'Rourke to share crime fighting program with Lowell Township

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

Deputy John O'Rourke, Community Services Officer in Kent County, will address the Lowell Township Board Aug. 16 in regards to implementing a neighborhood watch program in the area.

O'Rourke is in charge of Crime Prevention Services for Kent County and has helped set up approximately 100 neighborhood watch programs throughout the county.

"I hope to discuss two types of program possibilities for this township," said O'Rourke. "Although Lowell doesn't have a big crime problem, implementing this program will help us if any problems occur."

The two program options he will discuss are a formal and informal program. The formal program organizes a boundary area and sets up a calling tree. The calling tree is a communication system where the police will inform a boundary chairman of problems in the area, the chairman will then inform citizens within the boundary area of the problem. They in turn will

watch for the problem and inform the police if anything occurs.

According to O'Rourke, the formal program is widely used and most effective. "The formal program will help us help you, it is a very effective way to prevent crime from the beginning," he said.

The informal program sets up a committee in the township, but there is no communication system set up. All O'Rourke will do is address the committee once or twice a year and discuss what is happening in the township.

O'Rourke stresses the only way either program would be effective is for citizens to volunteer their time and services.

"This is a non-profit organization, it is all based on citizens volunteering their time," said O'Rourke. "The only cost is the purchasing of signs that warn people the area is a neighborhood watch area."

Citizens wishing to get more information about the programs, or who would like to volunteer their services, may contact the Lowell Township Hall at 897-7600.

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## Mulder receives Fulbright Scholarship

Kenneth Mulder Ada, a student at the University of Oregon, is a recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship. Mulder will study mathematics in Hungary under the federally funded award program. Fulbright Scholarships are awarded to American students, teachers and scholars to promote study, teaching and research around the world. It is awarded to foreign nationals to engage in those activities in the United States. Mulder is a 1988 graduate of Lowell High School and received his Bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College in 1992 and his Masters from the University of Oregon this past May. He is the son of Allen and Ann Mulder of Ada.

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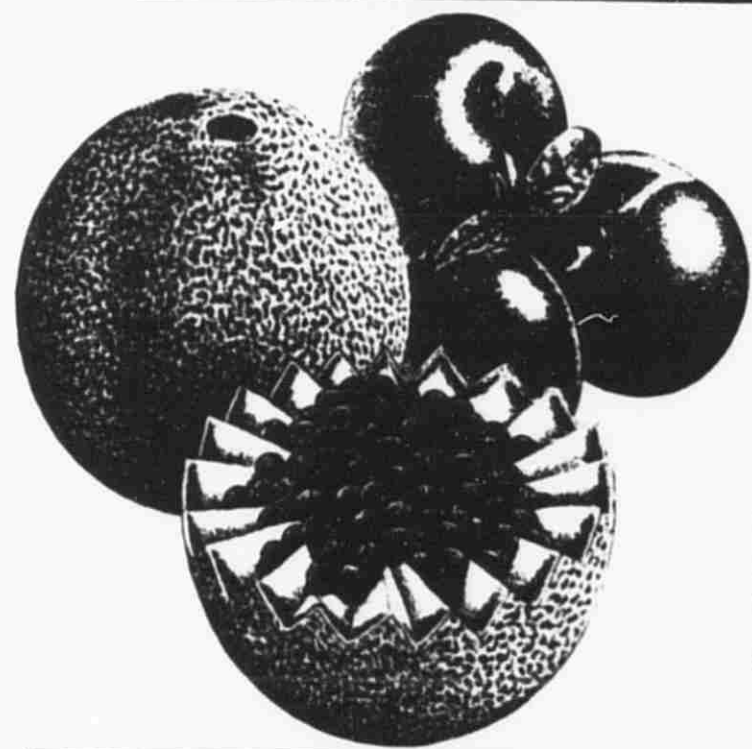
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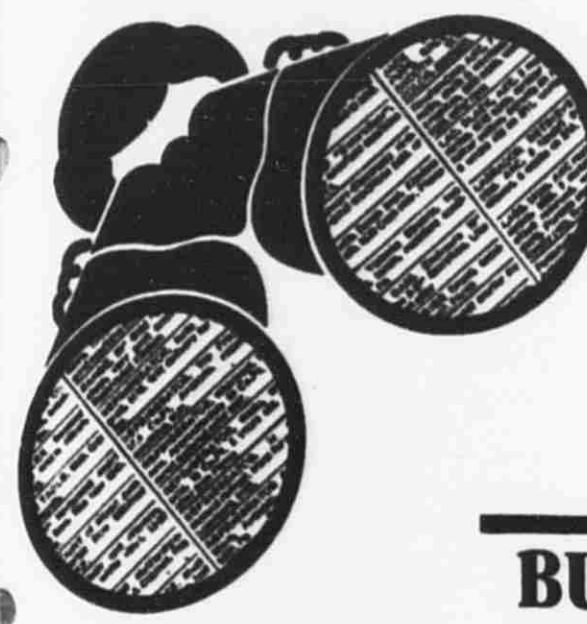


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# Lowell band to erupt onto the amphitheater stage Aug. 28



Members of Eruption are, from left to right: Matt Erickson, Brandon Triplett, Scott MacNaughton, Jason Myers and Steve Stiles.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For Scott MacNaughton, Steve Stiles, Matt Erickson, Jason Myers and Brandon Triplett it will be the ice breaker, for those in attendance at the Lowell Showboat Band Jam on Aug. 28, it will be an opportunity to hear the "Eruption" of a local upstart hard rock blues band.

The young group, heavily influenced by Eddie Van Halen and his rock group, Van Halen, used an Eddie Van Halen guitar solo off a 1978 album to formulate its group's name, Eruption.

Joining Eruption on the Showboat amphitheatre stage will be Fear Injection and the Lansing group, Criticized. Tickets for the band jam are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the

door. The start up time is 7:30 p.m.

Since forming, the group has been practicing four nights a week, working to achieve a polished sound, and with that, an opportunity to do a few gigs from which it can gain some public notice.

While admitting Eddie Van Halen, Zakk Wyld and Warren DeMartini have had an influence on their musical taste, Triplett points out that they are all energized by the sounds of classical music.

"My favorite classical piece is Beethoven's ninth symphony," Triplett says.

Erickson adds, "Classical music has melodic overtones."

All five members have lent their talents to writing music.

"It's all about being original and having your own sound, explains Myers.

This group of young wanna-be musicians write to-

gether. "Someone will be messing around, and the rest may think it sounds good, so we all start adding to it," Myers said.

Most of the band members don't read music, however, that is not looked upon as a problem.

"Being able to read music might make things easier, but I'm not sure it would make things better," Myers said. "Because we don't read music, I don't believe we're influenced as much by others."

Creativity, high energy and heart are three common threads shared by all members of the band called Eruption. That will be evident at its biggest and first performance on Aug. 28.

Its motto may have been summed up by Triplett, "We won't give up and we'll play from the heart," he says.

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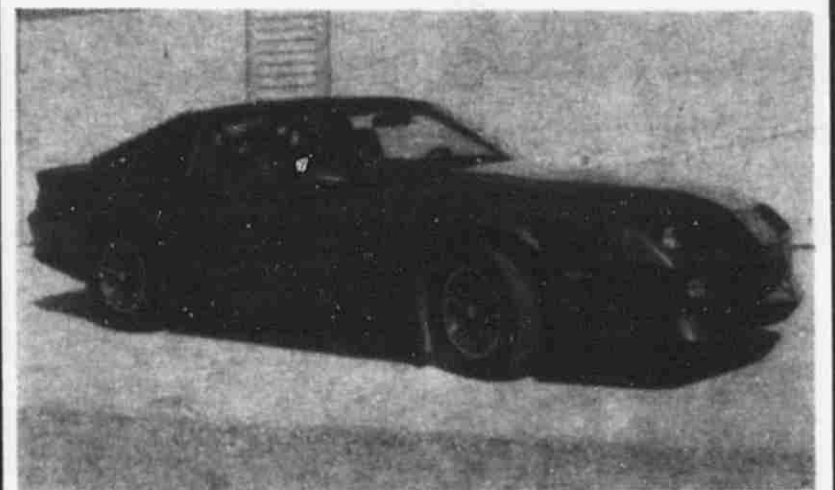
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