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Heart attack takes life of George Dey - community enriched by his involvement

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a value George E. Dey left his six children and time and time again practiced within the community of Lowell over the past 38 years.

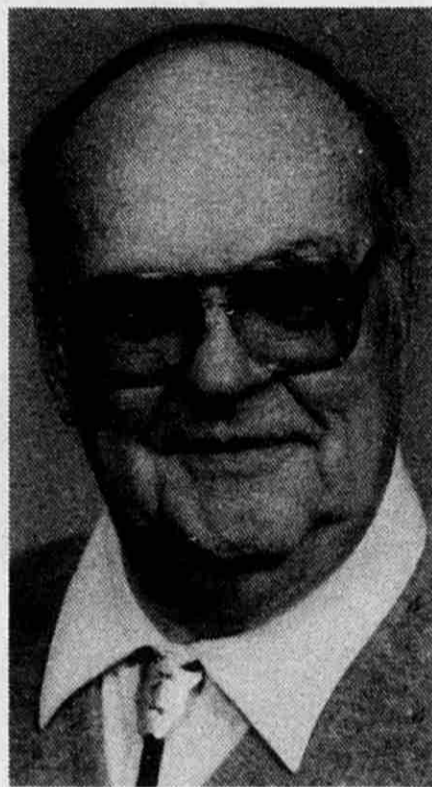
"Dad, and mom too (Dode Dey), instilled in us the value of becoming involved and doing for others," said Dey's daughter, Mary Wernet.

Dey, 63, died Sunday evening of a heart attack in St. Augustine, FL. while vacationing with his wife Delores (Dode) Dey of 44 years.

The Lowell community man was still recovering from a heart attack he suffered last fall. Dey's heart problems began in February of 1992 when he suffered a minor stroke while driving a school bus.

Dey drove a Lowell school bus for 28 years. Upon his retirement, he said driving a bus had given him a whole lot of memories and many friends.

"George loved being a part of a group especially when it benefited the community and/or kids," said friend and Lowell Area Arts Council comrade, Jill VanAntwerp. "He made people happy."



George E. Dey

Not only was he able to put smiles on kids' faces while driving a bus, but he also charmed and was charmed in the role as Santa Claus for the past 37 years in the Lowell Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade. As Dey stated, he got a big charge out of it. It was also the first activity he started back up while recovering from his first heart attack.

The 1948 graduate of Ottawa Hills High School was many things for many different people during his time spent in Lowell.

Dey was a charter member of the Lowell Area Arts Council. He worked with VanAntwerp and others to bring the Arts Train to Lowell for the first time in 1975-76. That led to the beginning of the LAAC - today one of the highly recognized art centers in West Michigan.

"George always said what he liked about the Lowell Area Arts Center was that it wasn't for the high falutin people that talk a certain way. Everybody was welcome to share the experience and to get involved," VanAntwerp said. "George was a big part of the fun the arts council has had over the years."

Dey's work on the council earned him an Arty Award. He was also involved with each of the LAAC's 17 winter plays. His favorite was "Strange Bedfellows."

He also served on the Lowell Lion's Club, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Showboat.

The Lowell community man served as the owner of Dey Machine and Tool for 26 years.

"He cared about the community. He got mad when he was around people who didn't," said Barbara Porter, one of his five

daughters.

Jane Blough first met George in pre-school and then re-met him years later as they were enrolling their own children in school.

"George was very much a community man. He'd always do something for someone. Whether he saw us often or not so often - it didn't matter he was always a good friend," Blough said.

Ivan Blough added, "He was one of our best friends. He will really be missed in the community."

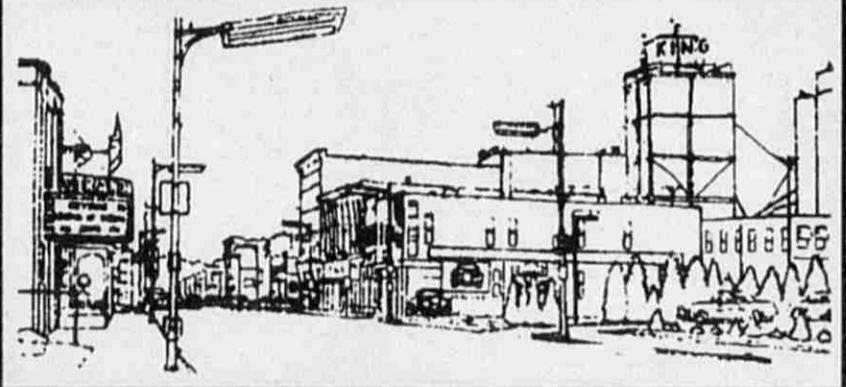
Dey is survived by his mother, Laura Dey; sister, Mary Alice Bancroft; wife Delores Dey; daughters, Susan (Mark) Averill-Ewing of Traverse City, Mary (Jim) Wernet, Barbara (Wayne) Porter, Laura (Frank) Leasure, Katherine (David) Biggs, all of Lowell; his son Michael, of Mt. Pleasant; his grandchildren Randy, Kristin, David, Beth Ann, Alan, Jamie, Donald, Richard, Teresa, Patti, Jimmy, Tony, Samantha; numerous nieces and nephews; aunts and uncles.

Visitation was held at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home on Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. and will also be held on Wednesday (March 30) from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A vigil service will be at 8:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday (March 31) at St. Mary's Church.

Memorial contributions are to be made to the Lowell Area Arts Council or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Along Main Street



STUDENT AMBASSADOR CAR WASH

The People-To-People Student Ambassadors from Lowell are having a car wash Saturday, April 2, in the Family Fare parking lot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come and help the girls reach their goal.

MOOSE LODGE EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Lowell Moose Lodge 809, Saturday, April 2, at Creekside Park on Gee Drive.

The times for the different age groups are: 12 to 12:30 p.m., infants to three-year-olds; 12:30 to 1 p.m., four-to six-year-olds; 1 to 1:30 p.m., seven-to 10-year-olds; 1:30 to 2 p.m., 11-to 13-year-olds.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR ALL NIGHT SENIOR PARTY

Plan to attend the organizational meeting for the "All Night Senior Party." The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in room A-1 in the high school.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 12.

YMCA YOUTH T - BALL, BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

Registration is open for four-to-six year-olds and first through sixth-grade youth ball programs. Pitching machines will be used for grades one through four.

Early registration ends April 13. The final deadline is April 18. For further information call the YMCA at 897-8445.

RUNCIMAN/RIVERSIDE FAREWELL REUNION

Riverside School (formerly the Intermediate School) opened in 1936 and Runciman in 1956. A farewell reunion is being planned for Friday, April 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. All former and current students and staff are invited to join the PTO for an ice cream social and reminisce with their friends and former

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It's like taking candy from a baby!

The Lowell Area Fire Department's Grand Valley Center Blood Drive drew 51 people. Of those signed in, 49 were able to give blood. There were four first-time blood donors. Donors, pictured left to right, are Lowell's very own Robert Reagan and Bob Pfaller.

Paved bike route would provide township bikers the safety a retired resident has sought for 10 years

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

After complaining to township and county officials for the past ten years, Val Walker may see his dream of a paved bike path along Grand River Ave. come true.

Walker, 2261 Segwun Ave. S.E., is one of many citizens who travel along the designated bike path on Grand River Ave. to Division Ave. Although there has yet to be an accident involving a motorist and a biker, Walker feels it is just a matter of time.

"I haven't heard of an accident occurring, but people who travel the route know they must be careful of cars who speed along the road,"

said Walker. "Adults know to be cautious on the road, but some kids don't take the care the adults do and that could lead to trouble."

Walker began using the bike path when he retired in 1984 and since then has been pushing officials to do something about the lack of safety on the route.

"I've been complaining ever since I began using the route. I just hope I'm still alive when they finally get it right," he said.

Though nothing has been done to the path yet, his complaints and wishes have not gone unheard. Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpon has talked with Steve Warren, Planning Di-

rector of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), on several occasions, and now a solution may be forthcoming.

Warren informed the township board last week that the MDOT will apply for a grant that will complete the project over a three-year period. The grant is part of the Transportation Enhancement Program which was established in 1991 to improve the

quality of Michigan roads.

Warren says the grant will pay for half of the first phase of the project, which is projected to cost \$350,000. He says the other half will be funded by the road commission and the township will absorb no cost.

Because of the total cost of the project, estimated at \$1 million, Warren feels doing it in three stages will be the most beneficial.

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Watch for our contest winners in next week's Lowell Ledger

OBITUARIES

DEY - George E. Dey, Jr., aged 63, of Lowell, died unexpectedly in Florida on Sunday, March 27, 1994. He is survived by his wife Delores; children, Susan (Mark) Ewing of Traverse City, Mary (Jim) Wernet, Barbara (Wayne) Porter, Laura (Frank) Leasure, Katherine (David) Biggs, all of Lowell; Michael of Mt. Pleasant; mother, Laura Dey

of Lowell; sister, Mary Alice Bancroft of Alto; 13 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was the founder and former owner of Dey Machine & Tool, active in the Lowell Lions Club, Lowell Showboat, Lowell Area Arts Council, a Lowell Area School bus driver and was the Lowell area Santa for 36 years. Funeral Services will be 11

a.m., Thursday, at St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity, Lowell. Msgr. James P. Moran officiating. Vigil service will be 8:30 p.m. Wednesday (today). Visitation Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Lowell Area Arts Council or St. Mary's Church Lowell.

LHS band attends festival

The Lowell High School Symphonic Band performed at the District 10 band festival at South Christian High School.

The band did a very good performance as they received

a second division rating in the sight reading portion of the festival. Lowell played the "Vietnam Veterans March," "Anthem For Winds and Percussion," and "Ocean Ridge Rhapsody" in the concert portion.

The 96-piece band was the largest group to perform at South Christian, and band director Bob Rice said they did a fine performance and he was very proud of them.



Pictured, left to right, are Rose Fonger, Virginia Fonger, Curt Fonger and Jack Fonger.

The Lowell vacationer group grows to 91

The Florida group from Lowell met at Stacy's Restaurant on North 98, Lakeland, for a get-together for dinner on March 6.

There were 91 present. They enjoyed a delicious buf-

fet-style meal. A fine time was had by all, visiting with old and new friends.

The Lowell Florida group held a short meeting and will meet again next year on March 5 at Stacy's.

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St. Patrick's third-grader wins MDA contest

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Responding to a coloring contest sponsored by the Michigan Dental Association and Procter and Gamble, Lisa Wojciakowski earned a first-place finish in the statewide contest.

Wojciakowski, a nine-year-old third-grader at St. Patrick's, was one of twenty children to bring home a first place finish. For her effort she won coloring books, stickers, a poster, and a 96-set box of



Lisa Wojciakowski

Crayola Crayons.

The contest had 1,500 entrants and was open to stu-

dents from the grades of Kindergarten to third grade. Prizes were given to one grand prize winner and five first place winners at each grade level.

Wojciakowski entered the contest after she heard a dental health speech given by Dr. James Reagan to her third-grade class, which is taught by Rose Hildenbrand.

"Dr. Reagan comes to my class every year and talks to the kids and shows them a Snoopy video. The kids always enjoy the program," said Hildenbrand.

When Wojciakowski learned of her first place finish, she "jumped up and down and was so excited."

She says the program and contest have taught the importance of keeping her teeth clean and in good condition.

"I had fun touching the false teeth and learning about my teeth; I loved being active in the program," said Wojciakowski.

The contest was the first time the MDA sponsored it, but according to Kristine Mames, a Public Relations As-

sociate at the MDA, it won't be the last. "The response we got from this contest was excellent and we hope to do it every year," she said.

Mames said the contest was copied from the Illinois State Dental Society and is designed to promote February as the National Children's Dental Health Month.

"We figured this would be a great way to get kids involved in the month and

from the response, we think it has done a great job," said Mames.

Judging was done by 15 members of the 30-member staff at the MDA, and according to Mames, the contest proved to be as much fun for them as the children.

"Everyone who judged the contest had a great time and we're looking forward to doing this next year," said Mames.

Stalsonburg crowned district Bee Champion; bows out in regional

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jolynn Stalsonburg, a fifth-grade student at Runciman/Riverside Elementary Schools, became the first student from Lowell Public Schools to reach the Spelling Bee regional.

Stalsonburg won the Runciman Spelling Bee by correctly spelling JEOPARDY.

From there she advanced to the district in Middleville.

Stalsonburg, after correctly spelling the word CARCINOGEN (a word the runner-up missed), spelled QUADRANGLE and was crowned district spelling bee champion.

"I was really nervous," said Stalsonburg. "I didn't have a lot of time to study. I was only up to the L's the day of the spelling bee. I studied up to the P's in the car on the way to the district."

For the regional at Creston, she studied the five-page spelling bee book for two days.

"The regional was quite hard. Many of the students were returning champions from last year," Stalsonburg said.

The Lowell student was 20th at the regional. For her effort she won an encyclopedia.

Stalsonburg competed against other fifth- through eighth-grade students.

The fifth-grader would like

to compete again next year.

After Stalsonburg won the district spelling bee, she called

her friends, but they didn't believe her at first. Next year that will change.



Jolynn Stalsonburg

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IN THE SERVICE

Timothy M. Weststrate, a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School and the son of Bonnie and Herman M. Weststrate of Lowell, enlisted in the United States Army for a three-year, 17-week tour of duty in the infantry. He is scheduled to report for active duty in July 1994.

Army Spec. Frank A. Migacz has been named soldier of the year.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

Migacz, an assistant property branch supervisor at Fort Rucker, Daleville, AL, is the son of James A. and Robbi A. Migacz of Elgin, IL.

His wife, Stacy, is the daughter of Floyd E. Domine of Saranac and Theresa A. Zych of Belding.

Migacz is a 1988 graduate of Larkin High School, Elgin. He earned an associate degree from Elgin Community College, Elgin, in 1990.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Matthew J. McCaul has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

McCaul is the son of Gordon and Joan McCaul of Clarksville.

His wife, Coreen, is the daughter of Corwin and Kay Tischer of Lake Odessa.

McCaul is a 1987 graduate of Lakewood High School, Lake Odessa. He earned an associate degree from Northwestern Business-Technical College, Lima, OH, in 1988.



Leonard and Orville Jackson.

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Meditate upon these things; give yourself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all (1 Timothy 4:15).

My sister-in-law can go into the kitchen dressed in her Sunday best and prepare dinner without damaging her apronless dress in the least. As for myself, I cannot work without an apron.

If the Christian's conversation is kept free from evil, pessimism, and faultfinding, it must be protected, also. The only successful way to protect one's speech is to guard one's thoughts with all diligence. What one thinks about,

one talks about.

And, if an individual constantly thinks of himself as a failure, he will become one. Someone has said, "Thoughts are the seeds of future deeds." One will become a negative person, full of doubts, indecisions, and excuses if he continually harbors thoughts of fear.

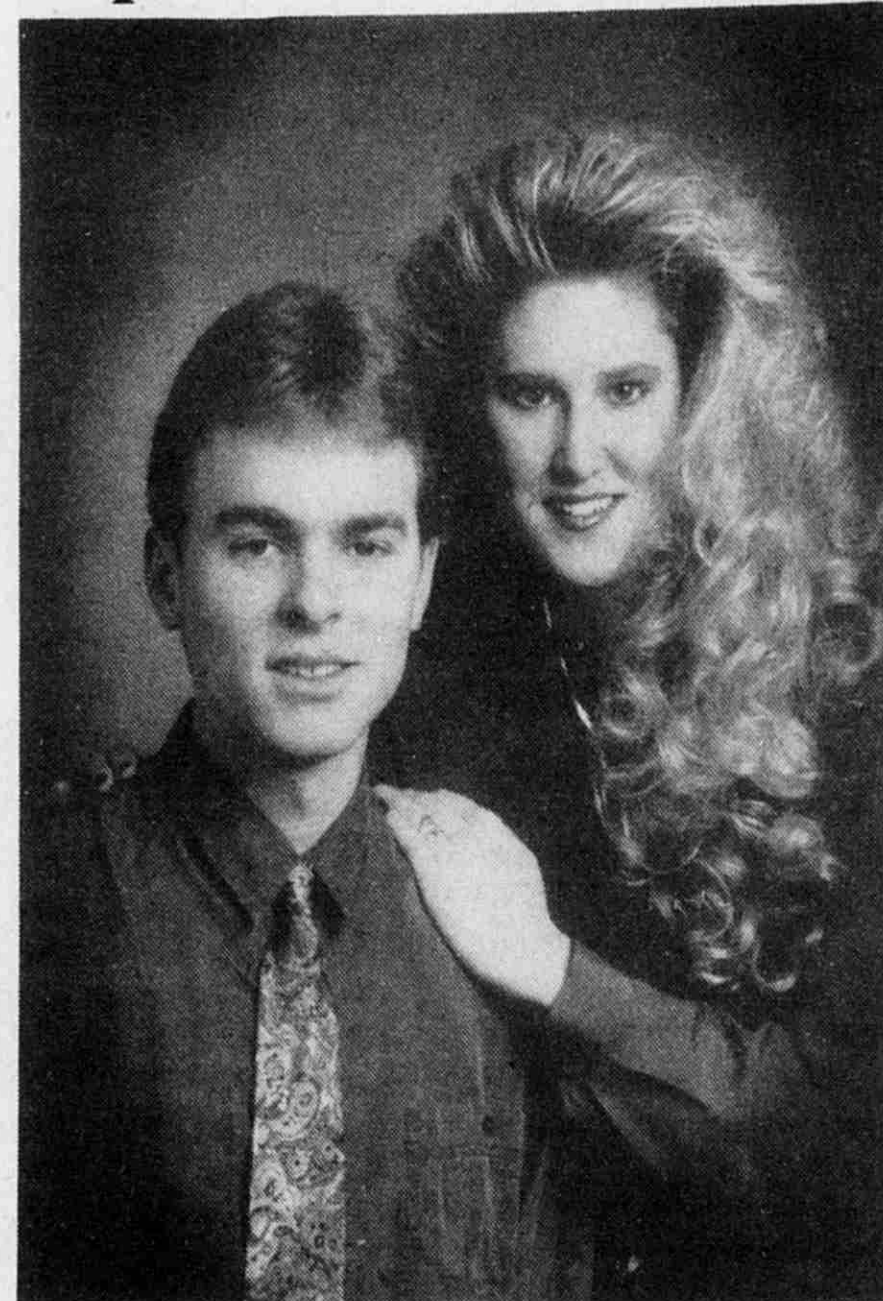
On the other hand, if the Christian protects his thinking by deliberately substituting positive, constructive assertions for negative suggestions, he will be a happier person. More will be accomplished for the Lord. His influence will be greater. When it

comes to one's thoughts, it pays to "wear an apron."
Prayer: O Lord, guard my thoughts throughout this day. Cast out all negatives and evil suggestions. Fill my mind with good things. Help me to meditate upon Thy Word so that my profiting may appear to all those about me. Amen.

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed
pow'rs:
All my tho'ts and words and
doings,
All my days and all my hours.

MARY D. JAMES

Nelson and Hefron plan September wedding



Scott Hefron and Melanie Nelson

Dan and Mary Kay Nelson of Lowell would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Melanie Lyn to Scott Beck Hefron of Portland.

The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Cheryl Hefron of Clarksville. He graduated from Saranac High

School and he is presently working at Dee Cramer, Inc., in Lansing.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School and a Michigan State University graduate.

A September 9, 1994, wedding is being planned.



John White & Anne Bryant

Bryant and White to wed in August

Wendy Anne Bryant and John Edward White, both of Grand Rapids, are pleased to announce their engagement.

The future bride is the daughter of Bill and Kathy Bryant of Lowell. She is a 1988 graduate of Lowell High School and also attended Daventon College.

The future groom is the son of Bud and Nancy Tipton of Grand Rapids and Clare White of Whitwell, TN. He is a 1988 graduate of Northview.

An August 13, 1994, wedding is being planned at St. Jude's in Grand Rapids, with a reception to follow at the Masonic Temple in Grand Rapids.

AREA BIRTHS

Brian and Becki Brown are pleased to announce the birth

of their son, Barak Robert. He was born March 1, 1994, at 10:15 a.m., weighing 7 lb. 15 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches.

Barak was welcomed home by his big brother Braydon Dean. Paternal grandmother is Barbara Brown of Lowell, and maternal grandparents are Branson and Joan Roberts of Rockland, MA.

Jacob Hendrick is proud to announce the arrival of his new brother, Benjamin Alan Hendrick. Benjamin arrived March 9, 1994 at 3:31 a.m.

He weighed 9 lbs. 15 oz. and is 21 1/2 inches long. The proud parents are Tim & Sue Hendrick of Saranac. Proud grandparents are Bud and Beverly DeWitt, Chuck and Lois Heckman and Bernice and Pat Hendrick.

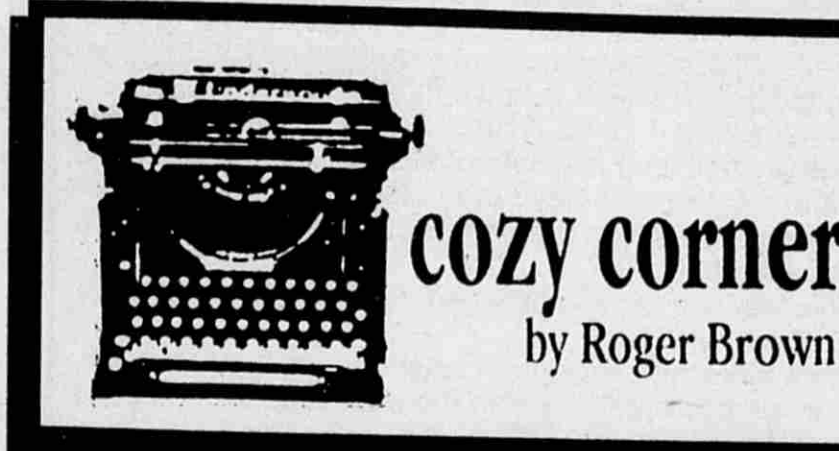
Correction

In the March 16 edition of the Lowell Ledger, it was reported that Vergennes Township will be operating in the black with its approval of the proposed 1994 budget.

That was incorrect. The budget that was passed showed that expenses exceeded revenues by \$37,777.

However, with the use of additional funds from Township's general fund savings account and investment fund, the township will make up the difference, allowing it to operate in black.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

I spent some quality time with my brother Eddie last Friday. That means he's fair game as material for this column. I'm coming to believe that a lot of my friends, acquaintances and even my relatives tend to shy away from me for just that reason.

Eddie is two and a half years my junior. Given that, he's had the luxury of a perfect mentor for his nearly 42 years. Leading a near perfect life would have been simple for him. All he had to do was watch me struggle along and do just the opposite. Eddie ain't that smart. We're both married, have kids, dogs, houses, etc. I tore up my knee playing football...Eddie tore up his knee playing football. I dropped out of college after a year...Eddie dropped out of college after a year. I ended up in the printing and publishing business, Eddie ended up in the printing and publishing business. And so on, and so on.

Get this. I bought a new sport utility vehicle a few months ago... Eddie recently bought one just like it. It's unbelievable. Like I said, the boy ain't that smart. If he were, he'd be single, no kids, no dog and no house. He'd have solid knees, a Ph.D., drive a Yugo and do something...anything for a living other than the printing and publishing business.

Don't get me wrong. I like Eddie, and I love hanging around with him. He's one of the very few guys I know who has been reasonably successful, relatively responsible and gets through

life with a smile on his face despite the fact he's capable of screwing things up on a par with me. In fact, if screwing things up were a sport, Eddie and I would be on the pro tour.

I mention all of this to give you some insight to our quality time together last Friday. Eddie owns a company that prints numbered tickets wholesale to the trade in all fifty states. Friday morning one of his best customers called to check on a rush order that was to be air freighted to Houghton, Michigan in time for a Whitetail Association party that night. Eddie traced the order and discovered his employees had missed the "rush" notation. It hadn't even been printed. My youngest brother, John, is not quite forty and is also in the printing and publishing business. We're all prematurely grey and people can't figure out why.

About 11:00 Eddie called me, told me his problem, said the tickets would be off the press about 1:00 and wondered if I'd fly him to Houghton. The club plane I have a share in was available, the weather was good and despite the fact we were just coming up on deadline with the Buyer's Guide, I knew my employees could finish things up. We had a mission!

I drew a quick line on a chart. Houghton is over three hundred miles from here by air! I had a headwind to deal with and the line cut across Lake Michigan at an angle that would put us above those frigid waters for nearly an hour. I charted a new course that took us on a dog leg over Beaver Island, drastically reducing our time over water. If you read this column regularly, you know I've had trouble with airplane engines before. I've always heard freezing to death is a peaceful way to go. I can't speak for Eddie, but I don't think I'm ready to go just yet.

We were airborne at 1:45. It was a beautiful flight. Cruising along at 8,500 feet and 125 knots, we had clear air and unlimited visibility. Northern Michigan, the frozen shores of the big lake and a freshly fallen, heavy snow in the Upper Peninsula made gorgeous scenery. It was very peaceful until

I asked Eddie where to find the airport directory.

We were somewhere over the U.P. and I wanted some information about the Houghton airport. Eddie had stowed the directory conveniently under the seat where it was nearly unreachable. As he flailed around for it, he caught his coat on the window latch and it popped open. The sudden boom and following roar of 125 knots of air rushing through the cabin nearly made me mess my drawers! We had things back under control in a moment and were soon laughing about it. That's what I like about Eddie; he's always good for a laugh.

We landed at Houghton around 4:30. A guy was there impatiently waiting for the tickets. The party started at 5:00 and these were door-prize tickets. Talk about on time production and delivery. The big manufacturers striving for this kind of efficiency could take a lesson from us if it weren't for one small detail. We were spending about twice as much on AvGas as the ticket order was worth. I think most accounting departments would soon catch on to that problem.

We had a cup of coffee, topped off the fuel tanks and headed back to Lowell. With a tailwind, we cruised at about 150 knots home and landed just as the sun was going down. It was another pretty flight and uneventful until we were descending into Lowell. It wouldn't be fair to Eddie if I didn't mention this.

Not being used to traveling that fast, I was late in starting my descent from 9,500 feet. I had the airplane coming down at a rate of 1,500 feet per minute and was leaning against the door on my side. We'd been in those seats for five hours and I had propped myself up on one cheek to redistribute the load on my butt. All of a sudden, my door popped open. Darned near messed my drawers again. As with the window problem, we soon had things under control and were laughing about it. Maybe that's why Eddie likes me; I'm also always good for a laugh.



Continuing Michigan's State Park Heritage

When I was a boy, summer meant camping. Every year, my family would pack up and head to one of Michigan's beautiful state parks and spend a week camping, swimming, basking in the sun and sitting beside a roaring fire. Since the parks were both accessible and affordable, these getaways were usually our family vacation. And, they were our break from my parents' jobs and the daily chores around the farm. The truth is-retreating to the affordable way many working-class families could vacation together. To this day, our state parks serve as a vacation spot for many families from all over the nation.

But in the past several years, our parks' former glory has faded due to poor funding and neglect. Some even talked about either shutting down the state parks or privatizing the whole

system. Though neither ever happened, hours of operation were reduced and drastic cuts in manpower resulted in park decay. The sad truth is, we boast nearly the largest state park system in the nation but we rank 41st in terms of funding.

It was time something changed. As a result, Senate and House leaders, along with committee chairs who work with our natural resources, developed a comprehensive plan to revitalize our parks. The Michigan Senate passed this landmark legislation last week. Called the Michigan State Parks Initiative, the bipartisan legislative package will provide stable and consistent funding for the 75-year-old state park system.

One bill in the package would provide the start-up dollars for the State Parks Endowment Fund. House Bill 5248 would redirect \$40 million from the sale of the state's Accident Fund into the State Parks Endowment Fund. The Accident Fund is an insurance company owned by the state of Michigan. In a wise decision, the Legislature voted to sell off this company. In my view, it makes more sense for the state to own and care for public parks than to own an insurance company.

A key resolution in the package would provide the constant stream of revenue needed to support the parks. Senate Joint Resolution E would end further raids of the Natural Resources Trust Fund, including the current \$20 million diverted to the Strategic Fund for economic development projects. The resolution would redirect dollars to the State Parks Endowment

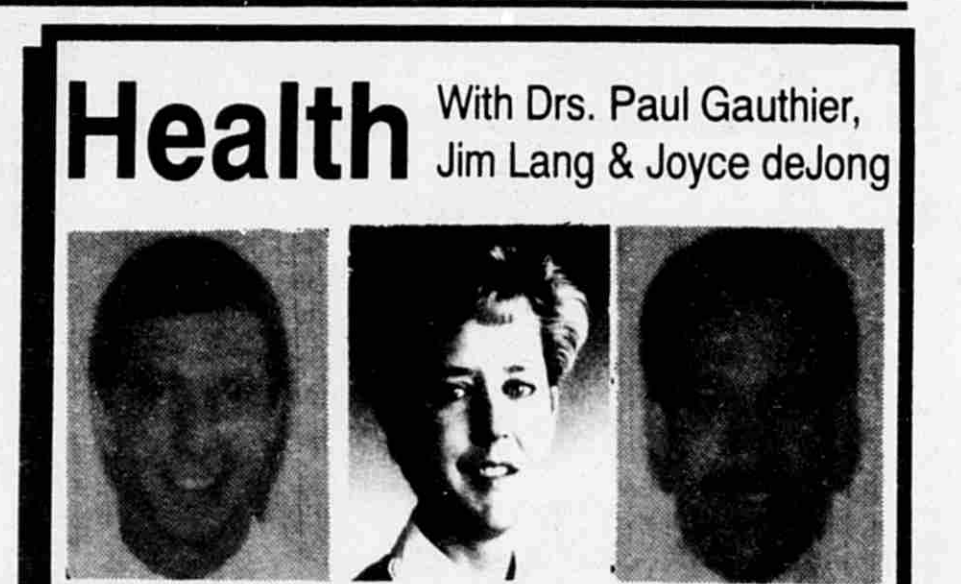
Fund to create a reliable source of funding for state park operations, maintenance and capital improvements. This proposal will have to be approved by voters on the November 1994 ballot, since it is a constitutional amendment.

The package also sets up a program that will give citizens an opportunity to make private contributions to the system.

Another bill would provide an Adopt-A-Park program—much like the Adopt-A-Highway program administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation—that would allow community groups to volunteer their services to maintain and repair the parks. The legislation also provides volunteer liability protection for those who participate in the program.

For some time, many conservation and citizen groups have been trying to find ways to better fund our state parks. One group wanted to raise the sales tax by one percent and earmark those revenues for the parks. The Michigan United Conservation Club and the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association consider passage of the State Parks Initiative crucial to the future of Michigan's park system. In fact, the Michigan Citizens Committee for State Parks endorsed this proposal as an ideal solution to the problems outlined in their vision 2020 plan.

The bottom line is: we love our state parks. We recognize the treasure we have here and want to preserve it for the future. This legislation will ensure that our parks endure for years to come.



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

IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME
Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) has been estimated to occur in up to 15 percent of Americans at one time or another. An older term synonymous with irritable bowel syndrome is spastic colitis. In our "hurry up" society, symptoms of IBS appear to be more frequent.

Abdominal pain, cramping and bloating are the most frequent symptoms of IBS. Indigestion and nausea also occur in this syndrome. Symptoms usually do not waken the affected individual from sleep and this is important because it can help physicians differentiate this disorder from more serious conditions. Discomfort often follows a meal and may be lessened after a bowel movement. Constipation and diarrhea may alternate in IBS. Some individuals with IBS have no abdominal pains, just frequent loose stools or chronic diarrhea.

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thomapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School..... 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	<p>FOREST HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7495 Cascade Rd. S.E. at 36th St. Services..... 10:00 A.M. 11:15 Church School Ministers: • Thomas D. Keizer • Allan J. Weenink W. Fred Graham 942-2751</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship And Children's Activities..... 10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Studies and Youth Groups "LISTENING AND HELPING" 897-0077</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN A New ELCA Church Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. • 868-6611 (off "7000" Cascade Rd. on Leyton) WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship..... 9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Church School..... 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service..... 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour..... 11:00 A.M. AWANA & JV, Wednesday..... 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday..... 6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School..... 10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre..... Pastor Eleanor Martin..... Director of Education Barrier-Free..... Nursery Provided</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass..... 5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses..... 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M. Worship Service..... 11:00 A.M. Evening Service..... 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible..... 9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. CARL J. REITSMA - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School..... 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening..... 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry..... 7:00 P.M. Robert L. Walls, Pastor Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - MAR 28, 1894
Coxey's Army, after weeks of preparation, finally gathers in Massillon, OH, and starts out from there in a snowstorm, headed for Washington. Large reductions in veterans' pensions have brought the "commonwealers" together.

Caucus time. The editor titles a generally uncomplimentary column about the democrats with "They Hold Their Caucus Saturday and Name the Victims."
Humor from the other side of the state: "After

hammering away nearly an hour at the sinners, a Fenton minister yelled out, "My beloved friends, permit me to remind you that I come here to preach and not to act as umpire in a sleeping match."

Alto boasts a record breaker at last; one "bright and promising young citizen succeeded in getting outside of nine geese eggs in thirty minutes."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAR 27, 1919

"If the numerous hog wallows in the roads leading to town do not prevent," there will be a Good Roads rally at City Hall Wednesday. Purpose: to boost the proposed Michigan constitutional amendment that would allow selling bonds to improve roads.

Meanwhile, more horses were driven to a meeting of several granges hosted by Keene than have been seen in years. The roads are awful this spring.

The Red Cross is collecting clothing for European refugees.

The latest swindle is trading worthless stock certificates for good Liberty bonds and War Savings stamps.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAR 31, 1944
Increases in production of some civilian goods is announced by the Office of War Information, from girdles to ice boxes to umbrellas and baby carriages. No more batteries though.

On the other hand, luxury taxes of 20 percent will go into effect tomorrow on admissions, luggage, jewelry, cosmetics, dues and 15 percent on transportation.

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Lowell Middle School students to stand up to drug pressures

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Elementary students have D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).

Lowell High School students have S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving).

Beginning in the fall, Lowell Middle School students will also have a forum to "S.T.A.N.D." in opposition to drug and alcohol abuse.

Students Taking a New Direction (STAND) is scheduled to kick-off at the Lowell Middle School in the fall.

S.T.A.N.D. is a grassroots middle school-based drug abuse prevention program committed to the idea that empowerment of youth is a key element in the creation of drug-free communities.

The student leadership group will assume major responsibility for their own leadership. Staff advisor Laurie Wagner and parents will serve only as a support system. "How active the student program is will depend entirely

on the students," Wagner said. "This makes it important that we have strong student leaders. I believe we have enough leaders, so that won't be a problem."

Currently, students are making presentations to parents and staff about the program, setting the foundation for its start-up in the fall.

The program will allow for students who choose other alternatives to drugs and alcohol to feel positive and okay about who they are.

"There is so much pressure on those who don't experiment with drugs, that sometimes those who do seem like the majority," Wagner explained.

The S.T.A.N.D. chapter will address five program components in a variety of ways. The methods are:

Skill Development - Designed to enhance social competencies which, in turn, will decrease acceptance of and involvement in drug use. Methods will include focused activities, role play, and rehearsal.

Community Service - The component of service to others has, at its roots, the fostering of satisfaction that comes with assuming responsibility and seeing it through. Students will experience the rewards of meaningful participation in commitment to others.

Parent Participation - It will empower parents to create a prevention climate in their homes. Goals will include helping parents understand the development level of their middle school child; how to appropriately respond to thoughts, feelings, and behaviors of their child; how to talk with their child about drugs; and how to reinforce/practice refusal skills at home.

Social Activities (chemical free) - Fun will be a key motivator in the program with assistance from parent-teacher advisor teams, students will plan activities that draw other students to the group and reward their efforts.

Seat Belt Safety - Students will be able to assess the need for awareness, execute the plan and evaluate outcomes following their safety belt use campaign efforts. Blanche Brown, an eighth-grader who is helping set the foundation for the program, said she believes that at least half of the eighth-grade stu-

FACTS ABOUT TEENAGERS & DRUG ABUSE

NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY ON DRUG ABUSE

- More than 4 million (20.1%) young people aged 12 to 17 have tried an illicit drug at least one time during their lives; almost 3 million (14.8%) have used within the past year; and almost 1.4 million (6.8%) have used within the past month.
- Approximately 2.2 million (21.2%) males aged 12 to 17 and almost 2 million (18.9%) females in this age group have used an illicit drug at least once during their lifetimes.
- Approximately 2.6 million (13%) 12 to 17-year-olds have tried marijuana at least once; approximately 2 million (10.1%) have used it within the past year; and almost 900,000 (4.3%) have used marijuana in the past month.
- By race/ethnicity, past-month marijuana use by youths aged 12 to 17 was 4.5% for Blacks, 4.6% for Hispanics, and 4.4% for Whites.
- More than 490,000 12 to 17-year-olds have tried cocaine at least once in their lifetimes. Of the 311,000 12 to 17-year-olds who used cocaine within the past year, 4.1 million used cocaine within the past month, and approximately 51,000 used cocaine once a week or more.
- More than 9.3 million 12 to 17-year-olds have tried alcohol at least once in their lifetimes. Of the 8.1 million youth who used alcohol within the past year, 4.1 million used alcohol within the past month, more than 1 million used alcohol once a week or more.

NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY ON DRUG ABUSE LIFETIME PREVALENCE OF DRUG USE AMONG 12-17 YEAR-OLDS

	1979	1982	1985	1988	1990	1991
ANY ILLICIT USE	34.3	27.6	29.5	24.7	22.7	20.1
MARIJUANA	30.9	26.7	23.6	17.4	14.8	13.0
COCAINE	5.4	6.5	4.9	3.4	2.6	2.4
ALCOHOL	70.3	65.2	55.5	50.2	48.2	46.4
CIGARETTES	54.1	49.9	45.2	42.3	40.2	37.9

dents have tried drugs.

"I think peer pressure has a lot to do with it," Brown said.

Wagner added that the need to be in with a group also plays a significant role.

"I've never felt the pressure to try drugs. I don't hang

out in a group that does. My

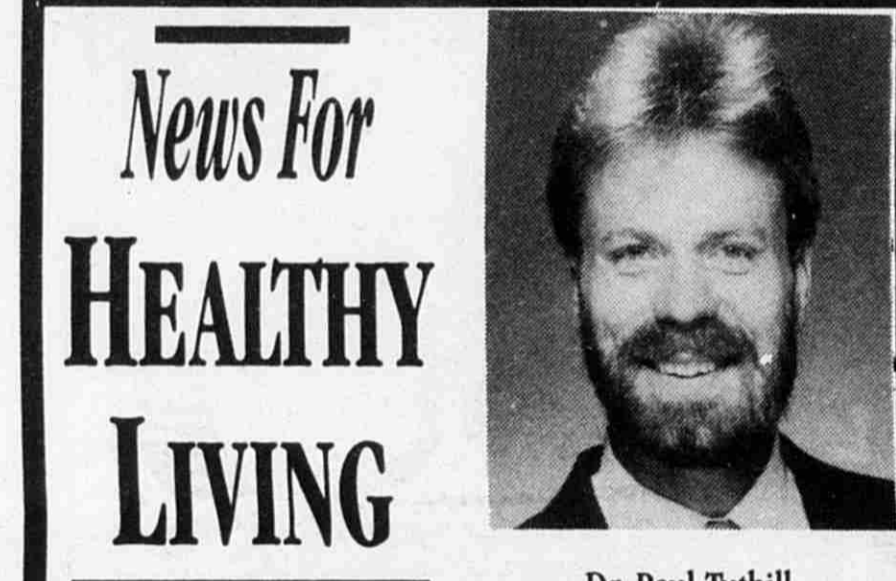
parents taught me that drugs are wrong," Brown said.

Program activities currently being planned include 3-on-3 basketball, field days, picnics and Christmas carol-

ing.

"Students need alternatives for when there are down times," Wagner said.

The S.T.A.N.D. program has elements that may be able to fill that void.



News For HEALTHY LIVING

Dr. Paul Tutthill

THE WORLD'S LARGEST STUDY OF LOW BACK PAIN

Canadian health economists evaluated all the world's scientific literature on low back pain (LBP). They focused on: effectiveness (does it work?) and cost effectiveness (what does it cost?) of chiropractic and medical management of LBP. Findings:

F1. "Spinal manipulation as applied by chiropractors is shown to be more effective than alternative treatments. Many (LBP) medical therapies are of questionable validity or are clearly inadequate."

F2. "Our reading of the literature suggests that chiropractic manipulation is safer than medical management of LBP."

F3. "There is also some evidence to suggest that spinal manipulations are less safe and less effective when performed by non-chiropractic professionals."

F4. "There is an OVERWHELMING body of evidence indicating that chiropractic management of LBP is more cost effective than medical management."

F5. "There would be a highly significant cost savings if more management of LBP was shifted from (medical/osteopathic) physicians to chiropractors."

F6. "...patients are very satisfied with chiropractic management of LBP and considerably less satisfied with physician management."

F7. "Chiropractors are now accepted as a legitimate healing profession by the public and an increasing number of (medical/osteopathic) physicians."

THE STUDY MAKES CORRECTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

R1. "There should be a shift in policy to encourage and PREFER chiropractic services for most patients with LBP."

R2. "Chiropractic services should be fully insured. This ONE step...can be expected to lead to a very significant savings in health care expenditures..."

R3. "Chiropractic services should be fully integrated into the health care system."

R5. "Hospital privileges should be extended to all chiropractors..."

R7. "A good case can be made for making chiropractors the gatekeepers for management of LBP in the Worker's Compensation System..."

Community Good Friday service slated for 1:30 p.m.

Open to everyone of any denomination, the community Good Friday Service will be held Friday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m. at The Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington, Lowell.

The message will be preached by Rev. Robert Walls with special music pro-

vided by Julie Walls, both from the host church. Other leadership in the service will include Rev. Mary Schipper, Snow/Vergennes United Methodist, Rev. Todd Thompson, Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist, Monsignor James Moran, St. Mary's Roman Catholic, Rev. Gordon

Barry, First United Methodist of Lowell, Rev. Glenn Marks, Missionary Church of Lowell, Rev. Dan Wansten, Christian Life Center, and Rev. Roger LaWarre, First Congregational U.C.C.

Throughout the service, there will be special opportunities for singing, prayer, and

group response to the Good Friday story of Christ's crucifixion. Each person present will be given a nail and moments to reflect on the meaning of the Good Friday drama as brought to us in scripture.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF KENT

AUDLEY DOUGLAS
MCINTOSH,
SSN: 318-68-3413
Plaintiff,
-vs-

GWENDOLYN
MCINTOSH
SSN: UNKNOWN
Defendant,
Case No: 94-0577-DO

At a session of said Court held in the Circuit Courtrooms in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan on this 18th day of March, 1994.

Present: HONORABLE
GEORGE S. BUTH
(P-11479)
Circuit Court Judge

In this cause an action was filed on the 10th day of March, 1994, by Audley Douglas McIntosh, Plaintiff against

Gwendolyn McIntosh, Defendant, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, Gwendolyn McIntosh, answer to take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 15th day of June, 1994. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a judgement against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

GEORGE S. BUTH
Circuit Court Judge

Examined,
Countersigned & Entered
RUTH THOMET
Deputy County Clerk

Township of Vergennes
Jean Hoffman, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Township of Vergennes Board will be held on April 11, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331 to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to regulate the speed of vessels operated on portions of the Flat River.

The Ordinance generally provides (1) that on the waters of the Flat River, in Section 24 (upstream limit is the "covered bridge"), Section 25 and 26 (downstream limit is the STS power dam), Town 7N Range 9W, Vergennes Township, Kent County, it is unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow, no-wake speed; and, (2) that a violation of the ordinance may result in penalties including imprisonment up to ninety (90) days in jail or a \$500 fine or both.

The proposed Ordinance is on file at the Vergennes Township Hall and may be reviewed during regular office hours. Written comments will be received until the close of public hearing and may be addressed to the Township Clerk at the Vergennes Township Hall at the address set forth above.

Happy Birthday

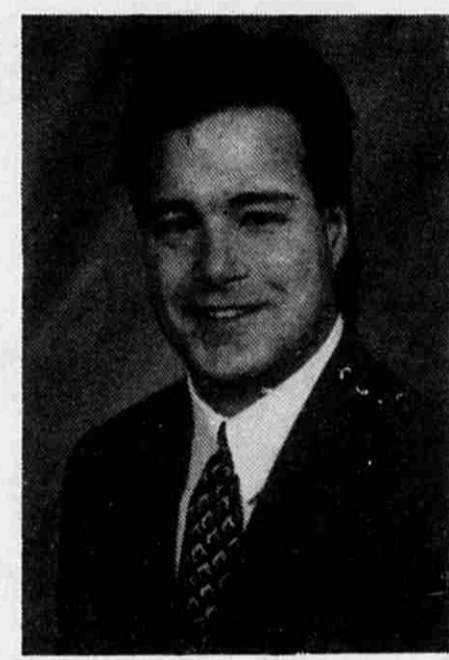
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Apr. 2: Penny English, Susanne Dombak, Dick Noskey, George Kortjohn, Jeff Tarak.

Apr. 3: Becky Dine, Thelma Bouck, Brian Kelley, Edith Mueller, Doris Underwood, Cora Spickler.
Apr. 4: John Heeringa, Craig Meisner, Troy Pethers, Lena Lee.
Apr. 5: Sue Meisner, Gertrude McGlamery, Jennifer Cosgrove, Stanley R. Stinson, Jamie Morlock, Olive Clark.

Business Matters



Pat Schaefer

Greenridge Realty announced that Pat Schaefer received Sales Associate of the Month in February.

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TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The report by Marc Popiolek regarding the Vergennes Township meeting of March 14, 1994 contains misinformation that should not be left to stand. The headline declares "Despite a budget that operates in the black, Vergennes officials defend approval of raises."

This is simply not a fact and was pointed out at the meeting by Dr. Gil Wise, so there was no excuse for assuming that a balanced bud-

get was presented. Anticipated expenditures exceed anticipated income by some \$37,775 or 18 percent of income. To make this a headline feature is further reason to be concerned about the facts.

The four percent raises were not, as stated in the article, the issue. There were only two. The concerns from the audience were about the six percent increase for the township clerk and added deputy officials' and clerical salaries. These items will

bring a \$7,548 or 15.2 percent increase in the cost in salaries to operate the township office for the coming year.

Roger Roberts

Dear Editor,

I wonder how many miss the grocery that quit here lately. We do need the second grocery for better competi-

tion and also a preference. Would the Chamber of Commerce look into funding another store? Or would anybody that is interested try for one? It is too bad that we don't seem to have a good location for one on the east side of town. It would help relieve the traffic on the west side. Think about it.

Thank you,
Harold Bozung



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HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Lowell Area Historical Association will be having an open meeting for members and the public on Wednesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Fire Station on Hudson St.

The program entitled "The History of Flour Milling in Lowell" will be presented by Jim Doyle.

NAZARENE CHURCH HOSTS COMMUNITY DAY

The Nazarene Church will be conducting a community day on April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.
The event is free and the public is welcome. There will be fingerprinting by the police department, free blood pressure checks, a visit by the fire department and the music boosters.

MEN'S BENEFIT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

There will be a men's softball tournament, class C - double elimination, held April 29 through May 1 to benefit "Create-A-Kingdom."

The cost is \$100 per team; \$90 for teams registered before April 5. For details call Dan Phillips, 897-0709.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Moose Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 2 at Creekside Park.

One- to three-year-olds will hunt from noon to 12:30; four- to six-year-olds from 12:30 to 1 p.m.; seven to 10-year-olds from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and 11- to 13-year-olds from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Dana Radle, 17, of Lowell, was arrested and lodged in the Kent County Jail on warrants for unlawfully driving away an automobile, uttering and publishing, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 and one warrant out of the city of Walker for failure to appear in court March 24.

Steven Reichert, 20, of Grand Rapids, was served the warrants while in the Kent County Jail for unlawfully driving away an automobile, uttering and publishing and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 on March 24.

Scott Grim, 29, of Lowell was arrested March 25 driving under the influence of alcohol.

Brett Nagy, 24, of Alto, and Debra Phillips, 34, of Lowell, collided in a business parking lot in the 1400 block of West Main Street March 25. No one was injured.

Michael MacGirr, 27, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident March 25 at Main and Hudson when the vehicle he was driving was struck in the rear by a car driven by Kevin Smith, 26, also of Lowell.

"Halcyon Days," according to sea tradition, is the two-week period of calm weather before and after the shortest day of the year, about December 21.

Bike path, continued

"A project of this magnitude must be taken at a safe pace to insure it is done properly," said Warren.

The first phase would have the commission constructing four-foot wide paved shoulders from Buttrick Ave. to Snow Ave. beginning in 1995. The second phase would start the next year and run from Snow Ave. to Bewell Ave. The final phase would then run from Bewell to Division Ave.

Warren says the project has drawn the attention of the

commission because of input from the township and the people who use the route. He contends that the route is one of the most used in the county and the demands of the bikers have constituted its improvement.

In completing the project, Warren says it will also complete this area's loop system bike path.

The loop system, when completed, will run from Lincoln Lake Ave. to Five Mile Rd., then over to Honeycreek Ave. and finally to Grand River Ave. and back to Lincoln Lake Ave.

Warren believes the route will benefit the community not only as a recreational route, but also as a way to commute from

Lowell to Ada or Cascade.

Warren expects to hear if the grant will be awarded in late June or early July. He says it takes a while to evaluate and judge the applications because there is a high demand for the funds.

"There are so many applications and the cost is so high that there is not enough money to accommodate everyone's request, so it takes a while to hear who is awarded the grant," said Warren.

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MONDAY LATE NIGHT APRIL 4, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 5, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT APRIL 5, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 6, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT APRIL 6, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

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PREMIUM STATIONS	DISN	HBO	MAX											

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT APRIL 7, 1994														
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30				
BROADCAST STATIONS	WMTV	WOTV	WGTV	WXXI	WOOD	WLNS	WILX	WKAR	WZZM	WSYM				
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symptoms. Emotions have a definite role in IBS. Chronic stress or depression may be the principal cause of IBS in some individuals.

If you suspect that you are suffering from IBS symptoms, you should probably see your physician to rule out other possible causes. Many persons with IBS worry that they may have cancer. After appropriate testing your doctor can help alleviate these fears.

Unfortunately, IBS symptoms can recur or persist indefinitely. Avoid foods that you know will aggravate your symptoms.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF HEARING (UNDER ACT 198, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1974)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes has been requested by Central States Precision Grinding, Inc. to consider an Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate filed pursuant to the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended. The Certificate is requested with respect to personal property described as a Grinder and relates to Industrial Development District No. 41-55-31-820-914.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671.

April 11, 1994, at or after 7:00 p.m.

to consider the application and conduct a public hearing on the application. Any owner of real property within the aforesaid Industrial Development District, or any resident or taxpayer of the Township of Vergennes may appear at this hearing and give testimony.

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Draft Board #1 is being investigated; local farmers are concerned that none of the board members is a farmer. Gloria Doyle is salutatorian and Barbara Thorne valedictorian of the senior class.

The senior class play will be tonight, a farce called "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works." Yours truly was in this play and heartily sorry to have to report she played one of the blackface parts.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAR 27, 1969
The Showboat Corporation awards five \$1,000 grants to the VFW, YMCA, school bands, Rotary and Lions in appreciation for their help in the last five years.

Tornado instructions make Page 1, since last year's twisters killed more people than all other weather disasters combined.

A public hearing on the proposed extension of McPherson Street from Biggs to Covered Bridge Road in Vergennes Township and construction of a bridge over the Flat River is held. Purpose is to create a primary road system from Grand Rapids to the Fallsburg area.

Bill McPherson, MSU sophomore, is serving as an aide to State Senator Robert VanderLaan.

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Buhler, Dance Unlimited use auction to raise funds for European tour

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

How would you like to own a piece of movie memorabilia? Or maybe you would like an autographed photograph of your favorite movie star, athlete, author, politician, or celebrity.

You may get that chance at an auction on April 16 at 2 p.m. in the Eastbrook Mall.

The auction is sponsored by Dance Unlimited in an effort to raise proceeds for an upcoming three-week, seven-country European Tour set to depart June 24.

Dance Unlimited is a year and a half old 20-member Grand Rapids-based performing arts troupe. Its members span the Kent County area and

include one Lowellite, Gena Buhler.

Buhler, 105 N. Whites Bridge Rd., has been dancing since the age of two and is a senior member of the dance group. Besides dancing with the group, she also performs an individual routine in tap dancing.

Buhler got her start in dancing at Pam Broman's dance studio in Saranac. Currently, the 13-year-old Lowell Middle School student practices her craft five days a week while competing in Show Stopper competitions in the tap category.

Besides tap dancing, she also dances jazz, ballet, lyrical, and point (toe dancing).

The ability to express herself is one of the aspects of

dance that Buhler loves.

"I love to dance Ballet because it allows me to express myself fully, and my parents really enjoy watching me express myself," said Buhler.

Buhler hopes someday to take her dance experience and attend a college where she will better develop her skills to become a teacher.

She landed a spot with Dance Unlimited at an open tryout. Girls were judged not only on the dance routine, but according to Dance Unlimited director Debbie Jupstrom-McGovern, on the girls' "academic merit and good citizenship."

Spreading goodwill is the main purpose of the trip says

Jupstrom-McGovern. She figures the dance troupe can be goodwill ambassadors for the United States.

To help fund the trip, an auction of celebrity items was scheduled. Over 130 items were donated from such actors and actresses as Roseanne Arnold, Kevin Costner, Whoopi Goldberg, Bob Hope, David Letterman, Eddie Murphy, Regis Philbin, Denzel Washington and Oprah Winfrey.

Among the professional athletes donating items were Michael Jordan, Isaiah Thomas, Wayne Gretzky and George Forman.

Some other celebrities donating items were author of "Texasville" Larry McMurty, former presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan, and

Garfield creator Jim Davis.

The European Tour will include stops in Paris, France; Rotterdam, Netherlands; Salzburg, Austria; Lucerne, Switzerland; and several other cities in Germany, Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands.

To both Jupstrom-McGovern and Buhler the trip will be educational in the sense of learning about other cultures as well as other dance techniques.

"I'm excited about the trip because I'll be able to observe other dancers and their cultures," said Buhler. "I'll also be able to travel to some countries not many people get a chance to visit."

The auction will start following the performance of the dance team in the center court of the mall, just outside of Steketee's.

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Postal Service Board approves proposed stamp rate increase

A proposal for the smallest percentage increase in postage rates in more than 25 years was approved by the Postal Service Board of Governors.

"The request asks for a three-cent increase on the first-class stamp, from 29 cents to 32 cents. New rates will not take effect before 1995," said Sylvia Taylor, Postmaster of Lowell. The unprecedented proposal calls for an across-the-board 10.3 percent increase in most other classes of mail.

Postmaster General and CEO Marvin Runyon commented that a four-year rate stability saved customers more than \$8 billion. The rate proposal marks another conscious step to reinvent the way the Postal Service works, and to deliver the businesslike and customer-driven approaches that the American people want.

The Postal Service is self-sustaining, operating on ratepayer, not taxpayer, funds and is required by law to break even over time. The new rates

as proposed include an average 10 percent increase for all first class, 10.3 percent for second-class regular rate, 10.2

percent for third-class bulk regular mail and 13.2 percent for fourth-class parcel post. The rate filing now goes

to the independent Postal Rate Commission (PRC). It has up to 10 months to make a recommended decision before

returning it to the governors for a final decision.

Saranac Community Church to hold service

People from several churches of Saranac will gather for Good Friday Services at 1:30 p.m. at the Saranac Community Church, 125 South Bridge Street. Participating in the service will be leaders from St. Anthony

Catholic, Easton United Methodist, West Berlin Wesleyan, and the Saranac Community Church.

The service will commemorate the day of Jesus' death on the cross, and include a dramatic reading of

the Passion from the Gospel of John, as well as a vocal solo.

Last year was the first year in memory when a community-wide observance was conducted. The service at Saint Anthony's attracted a

large crowd of people. People from all different churches will find a special fellowship in this unique occasion. The service is expected to last about one hour. For further information, contact 642-6322, or your own church.

Registration deadline for day camp, April 20

The Franciscan Child Development Center will host another seasonal day camp for seven- to 12-year-olds. The winter day camp was very fun and successful, with over forty children in attendance. The spring day camp will be offered on April 30 from

10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The deadline for registration is April 20 and the class size is limited to 30 students.

Anyone interested in registration forms or more information can call Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E., at the Center, 897-7842.

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.

FIRST 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 V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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

EVERY TUES: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

EVERY TUES: 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

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

EVERY WED: Royal Rangers for the boys at 7 p.m. Sonshine Adventure Team for the girls kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7th thru 12th grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more information, call Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E., 897-1100

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 FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in The Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY THURS - 10 a.m. at the home of Linda Johnson, 3550 Alden Nash S.E. Moms In Touch International. Mothers meeting to pray for their children and

schools. All Lowell School mothers are invited.

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 V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: New hours at the Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum, 2-6 p.m. "Across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg 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.

EVERY SUNDAY IN MARCH & APRIL: Old Homestead photos and stories from Section 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 of Cannon Township will be on display at the Cannonsburg Museum from 2 to 4 p.m. Other sections will be on display on future dates.

EVERY SUNDAY: The Grattan Museum, Old Belding Road in Grattan, is open from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

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

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.

WEEK OF APRIL 9: Bags will be dropped off for Pack #3188 to begin scouting for food. The bags will be picked up on Saturday, April 16.

SAT., APRIL 2: Annual Moose Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 2 at Creekside Park. 1-3-year-olds will hunt from noon to 12:30; 4-6-year-olds from 12:30 to 1 p.m.; 7-10 year-olds from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and 11-13 year-olds from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

SUN., APRIL 3: Nazarene Church Community Day from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and public is welcome. Fingerprinting by the police department and free blood pressure checks.

SAT., APRIL 2: Nazarene Church Adult Choir Cantata, "The Splendor of Easter," 11 a.m.

SAT., APRIL 2: Community breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m. at Hope Church of the Brethren. \$1 per person.

SUN., APRIL 3: Celebrate Easter with an "All-you-can-eat" family breakfast at St. Patrick Parnell School cafeteria, 5 Mile and Parnell Rd. Pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs, (as you like them), toast, orange juice, milk and hot coffee. Serving 8 a.m. to noon. Adults, \$3.50; children five to 11 years, \$2.50; and under five, free. Maximum cost per family \$12. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for the benefit of the Youth Program.

TUES., APRIL 5: Grattan Historical Society meeting at Grattan Museum, 16675 Old Belding Road, 7 p.m. Speaker, Doug Jenks of Belding, "Down Memory Lane in Grattan Township."

THURS., APRIL 7: Schneider Manor, 7 p.m., Vergennes Cooperative Club. Hostesses: Aileen McCabe, Dorothy Byrne, Elva Watson. Sponsor: Marie Rickert. Program: "Pioneer Society Journal" by Jesse VandenBerg.

FRI., APRIL 8: Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. will hold a Vesper Service during the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

WED., APRIL 13: Turkey and dressing family-style dinner. 5:15 p.m. at Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow S.E. Adults, \$6; 5-12 years, \$2.50; and under five, free.

THURS., APRIL 14: National Association of Retired Federal Employees meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton. Speaker: Tim Oberle; Financial consultant, Shearson Lehman Hutton. Subject: Investments for the retiree.

FRI., JUNE 3-12: 10-day trip to Ireland. Lowell Seniors (Travelers) For information, call Mary Condon, 897-7092.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING MARCH 21, 1994

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.; 5 board members present. Minutes of February 21 approved.

Amended the budget and approved bills totaling:

General Fund	\$19,534.08
Sewer Fund	\$4,996.29
Tax Fund	\$741,723.86
Trust & Agency Fund	\$1,412.50
Township/School Water Fund	\$153,580.99
Township/School Sewer Fund	\$166,945.49

Business Conducted: Heard a presentation by Carl Shook from the Kent County Library on the District Library concept; moved to pass a resolution in support of the District Library including the recommendation the millage requested be set at a maximum of .75 mills; moved to participate again in the Community Development Block Grant program and sign the agreement for the 94/95 fiscal year; moved to authorize Lowell Cable to make a single cable installation at the Township Hall without charge as per agreement; received the February Building Department report and the January Sheriff's Department report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township
897-7600

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MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

For a special meeting of the
Lowell City Council
Tuesday, March 29, 1994
5:30 p.m.

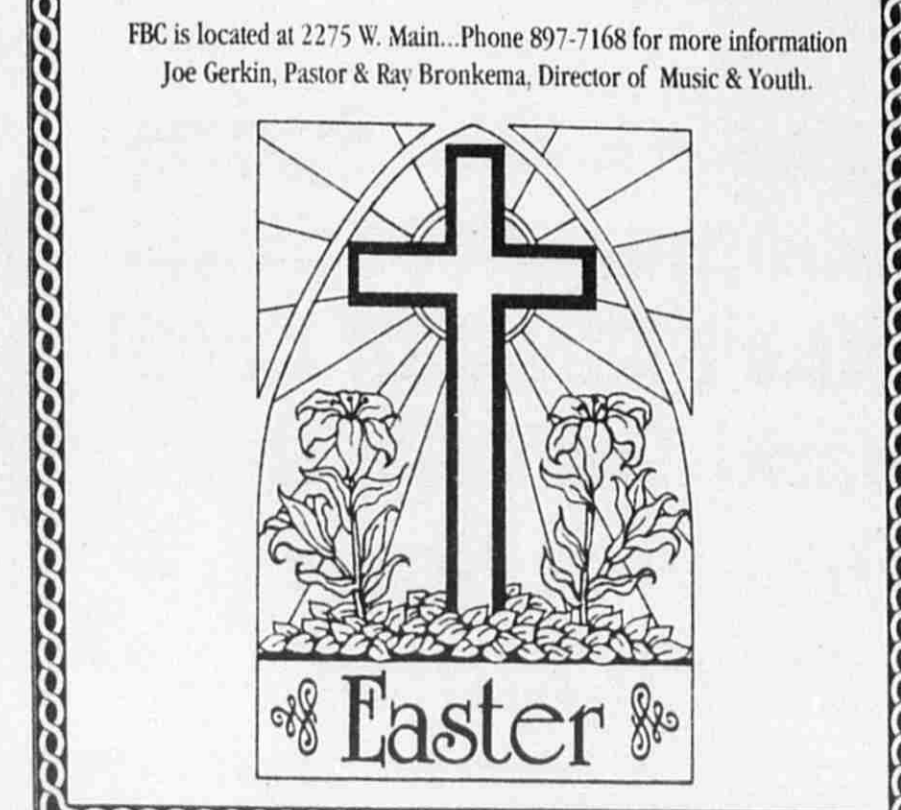
1. CALL TO ORDER
2. CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF BIDS - \$1,500,000 WATER REVENUE BOND AND \$150,000 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND FOR NORTHWEST WATER IMPROVEMENTS
3. OTHER BUSINESS
4. ADJOURNMENT

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"Sonrise Service"...April 3rd.....*7:30 am
Easter Cantata...April 3rd.....* 10:00 am
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Ivan K. Blough

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LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
897-5949

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON.: 8 a.m. Walkers.
TUES.: 8 a.m. Walkers.
WED.: 1 p.m. Shopping assistance.
THURS.: 9:30 a.m. Bingo.
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FRI.: 8 a.m. Walkers.


SPECIAL EVENTS

TUES., APRIL 5: 12:45 p.m., Shopping, Fruit Basket, Meijers.
WED., APRIL 6: 7:45 a.m., Men's travelling breakfast.
WED., APRIL 6: 9:30 a.m. Blood pressure.
FRI., APRIL 8: 12:45 p.m. Gem and mineral show at Eastbrook.
FRI., APRIL 15: 12:30 p.m. Curtain time play-ers.
WED., APRIL 20: 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

FRI., APRIL 22: 12:30 p.m., Tom Kennedy, FMB, "How to Avoid Fraud."
SAT., APRIL 23: 2:30 p.m., Fiddler's Jamboree, Northview.
MON., APRIL 25: 12:30 p.m., Reminisce II.
WED., APRIL 27: 7:45 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast.
FRI., APRIL 29: 4:30 p.m., Jimmy Dorsey, Kentwood.

Make noon meal reservations three working days in advance.

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The first covered wagons made the trek from the Missouri River to the Rocky Mountains in 1830.

Kimble carries YMCA values into business and family life

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As a boy growing up in Lowell, Mark Kimble, C.E.O. Gus Macker Enterprises, Inc./general manager Grand Rapids Hoops recalled those whose efforts and involvement in the Lowell YMCA helped make his childhood memorable and life better.

Lowell YMCA volunteers Dave Fosburg, Jack Forward, Gary Alsgaard and Jennifer Idema were honored with the Rose Award which recognized them for their volunteer work.

Fosburg has been involved with the YMCA soccer program for over two years; coached first- and second-grade basketball; and volunteered to supervise men's open basketball.

Forward has been involved in the Lowell YMCA for several years as a coach and with YMCA fund-raising.

Alsgaard has been a board member for the past several years; a volunteer coach; and campaign person for the YMCA Branch Invest In Youth Program.

Idema has been involved with the Lowell Leaders Club

for the past two years. She has served on the executive committee, has spoken to the Lowell Branch Board of Managers, and was asked to speak to the Grand Rapids Board of Directors about the experience in the Club and at the Leadership Training School.

Lowell host families needed for Russian students

World Heritage, a non-profit, public benefit organization, invites you to share your home and heritage with some very special exchange students from the former Soviet Union.

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"I carry values with me in all my activities - business, teaching my children and motivational teaching to staff the principals I learned from the YMCA," Kimble said.

The Gus Macker C.E.O. used team work as a prime example. "It's that same easy concept as members of a team

that we applied as children that we tend to forget as adults," Kimble said.

He talked of how the YMCA helps children learn and gain self-confidence. He called on people to seek and use a resource (God) more often. He said a great value can be reached through God.

"The YMCA has a motto we can all pattern our lives after," Kimble said. "It says we should put our Christian principals into practice through programs that build

healthy body, mind, and spirit for all."

Recognized with YMCA community service awards were Dave Bush, Mike Blough and Mary Roth.

Lowell freestyle wrestling results:

The Lowell freestyle wrestlers took medals at the following tournaments on Saturday.

Forest Hills Northern:
Group I: Trevor Foss, fourth place.

Group II: Sean Myers, second place; Nathan Clark, third place; Sean Gannon, fourth place.
Group IV: Caleb Grummet, third place.

Lakewood:
Group I: Alex Carpenter, first place; Joe Mendez, second place.

Group II: Michael Nearing and J. J. Wilder, first place; Brandon Sherman and Beau Wilder, third place; Jake Brower, second place.
Group III: John Mendez, second place; Matthew Oesch, third place.
Group IV: Bill Stouffer, first place.

Greenville:
Group II: Bobby Gingrich, third place.

Group III: Michael Forward, first place; Nick Lillie, first place; Mike Junewick, third place.
Group IV: T.J. Forward, second place.

Byron Center:
Group I: Joe Mendez, third place.

Coopersville:
Group II: Michael Shinaberry, first place; J.J. Wilder, second place.
Group IV: Curtis Cook, third place; Daniel Rottier, second place; Bill Stouffer, first place.

In addition, Michael Forward took first place at Eaton Rapids, Travis Lake took first and Christopher J. VanSpronsen took third at Lakeview.

Tree removal bid awarded

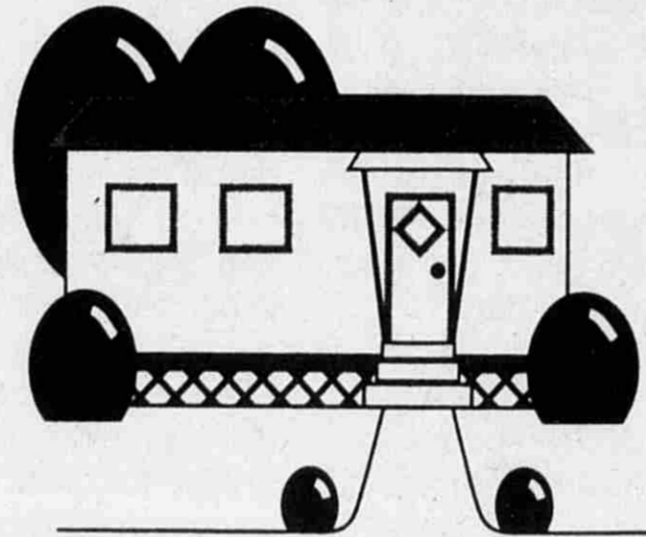
Poortenga Tree Service of Grand Rapids was awarded the bid for the removal of two city trees.

The city will pay Poortenga \$900 to remove a large damaged spruce located at the new section of the Oakwood

Cemetery. Also, a nearby spruce will be pruned for low limbs and much deadwood.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes will hold a public hearing on April 11, 1994 at or after 7:00 p.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671, to consider a request from Precise Engineering, Inc. that property located at 8683 Lincoln Lake Avenue, S. E., Lowell, Michigan 49331 in Vergennes Township, Michigan, be designated as an industrial development district under the provisions of Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, (Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Law of 1974, as amended). The facility is located within Industrial Facility No. 41-16-34-200-052 and is situated in the Township of Vergennes, County of Kent, State of Michigan:

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Any owner of said real estate, or any resident or any taxpayer in the township of Vergennes, the applicant, the Township Assessor or any representative of each taxing unit affected that levies ad valorem property taxes within the Township of Vergennes may appear at this hearing and give testimony.

Jean Hoffman
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Sincerely,
Ila Swanson

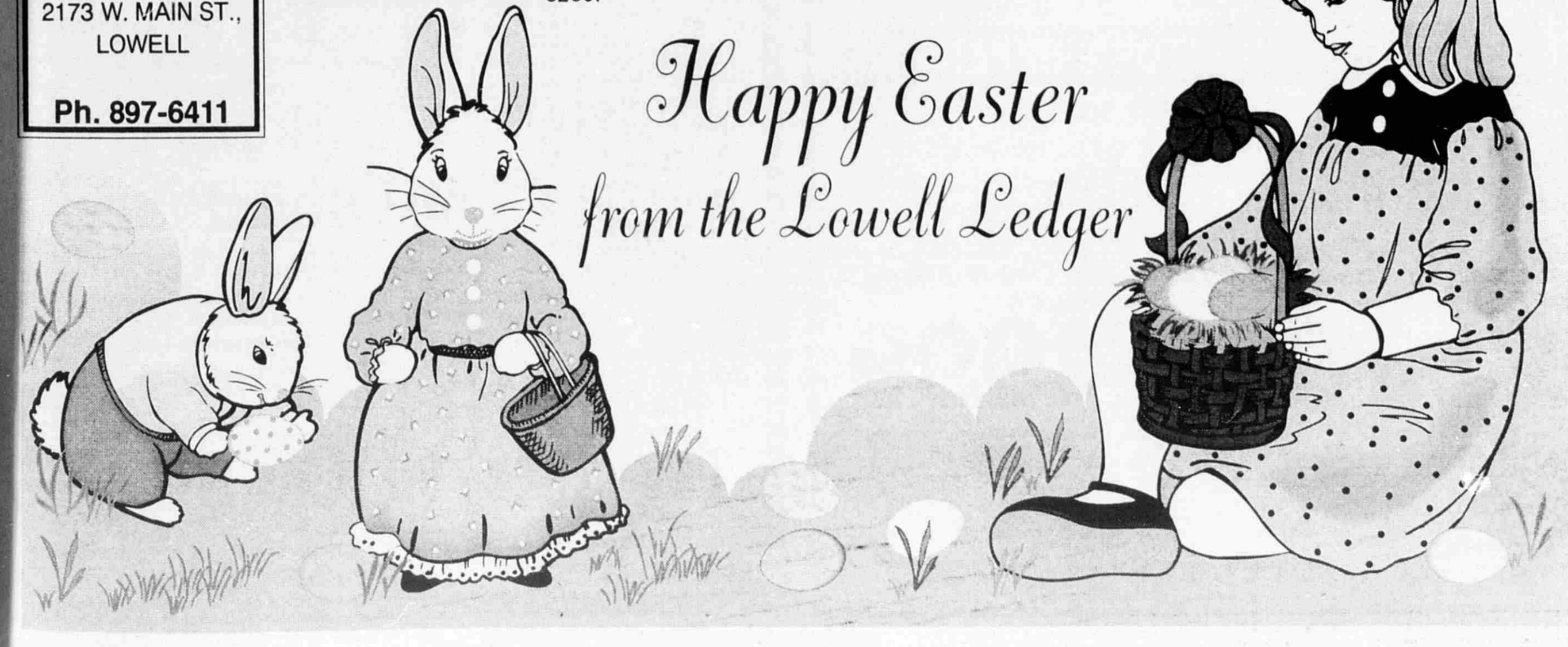
I WANT TO THANK my sister-in-law Ella Aspinall & my good friend Ella Mae Thompson for taking time off on Friday, Fortaking me to the hospital and staying one day & bringing me home. My bowling team, Gracie, Bea and Garnet bought me a nice card and planter, and for many phone calls, cards, and prayers by many.

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Special use permit granted to B.J. Roark & Co.

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Township's Planning Commission approved the application for a special use permit to operate a landscaping nursery business on two acres of land at 9741 E. Fulton St.

The request was submitted by Bruce Roark and June and Jack Matthews, on behalf of the B.J. Roark and Co. of Ada.

Roark has been operating a landscaping nursery in Ada for the past 12 years at 1370 Buttrick Ave., but is forced to relocate because the land he leases is under development.

The Roark Company sought to get a special use permit for 3.25 acres from both Lowell and Ada Townships because the land they need is situated on the Lowell/Ada border line.

Only two acres of the 3.25, is in Lowell Township. Ada already approved a request by

Roark to construct a building in order to operate the retail end of the business. All that remained for Roark was to receive approval from Lowell to house his nursery stock which will include trees, shrubs, mulch and topsoil.

Currently the land is zoned agricultural two, which does not allow for commercial use or the construction of any buildings, but does allow for a special use permit for a nursery. Originally Roark planned to construct a building on the Lowell side, but, because Lowell's ordinances are more restrictive than Ada's, he changed the plans and put the building on the Ada side.

The planning commission approved the request with several stipulations. Among those: The company can't operate any retail business on the Lowell side, it could not construct any buildings, all road specifications must meet all Kent County Road Commission standards and the op-

eration must adhere completely to the zoning ordinances in Lowell.

Planning Commission Chairman Rolie Lubbinge stated the application is "very restrictive and Mr. Roark has agreed to follow every stipu-

lation we set forth tonight."

Roark explained he needed a decision as soon as possible because "the nursery business is seasonal and I have to be able to plan ahead."

Although he has received the go ahead from both Low-

ell and Ada, he can't begin construction until he gets a road approval from the Kent County Road Commission. The road commission would not act on any request until Roark received the approval from Lowell and Ada.

Now that Roark has received the necessary permission he hopes to get approval from the road commission and start construction by the spring.

Lowell BK Restaurant one of 19 to go smoke-free

The state's largest Burger King franchise, with 27 restaurants in four West Michigan counties, will make 19 more of its stores, including the Lowell Burger King, "smoke free" beginning April 1.

Burger King was the first local fast food restaurant to open new stores under a smoke-free policy as much as 18 months ago.

In December, the franchise converted its busiest - and smokiest - restaurant, the Michigan Street Burger King, to a smoke-free environment.

"It just got to the point where we can't deny the effects of second-hand smoke on customers and crew," says Burger King District Manager Dave Reinhart. "Smoking is no longer simply a matter of personal choice when medical studies show that smoke negatively affects the health of non-smokers too," Reinhart notes.

Even though 60 percent of Burger King's customers

use the "drive-thru" service, adopting a no-smoking policy inside the restaurants takes its toll in sales. Sales fall a few points, at first, but smokers adapt by stepping outdoors to "light up" after a meal, says Reinhart.

And the policy attracts new business, too: non-smok-

ers who normally avoided eating inside a smoky restaurant now come for the clean air environment.

At least one special interest group has already commended Burger King for its action. In a letter to Burger King, SAFE (Smoke-free Air for Everyone), a local coal-

ition wrote: "Congratulations on your commitment to improve the health of our community. Your efforts to make smoke-free the norm and to provide your patrons with a clean indoor air environment are helping to make the communities of West Michigan healthier places to live."

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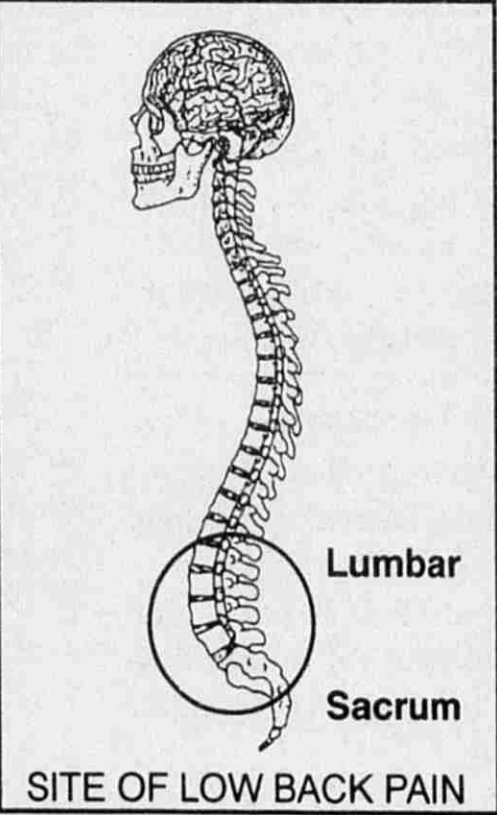
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