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## YOUR BLOOD

A culinary delight for the blood-thirsty West Michigan mosquito

Michael Lovell  
Lowell Ledger Intern

The scene has become a familiar one this summer. You are trying to become a little bit more acquainted with the outdoors, enjoying the annual family reunion, eating a char-grilled burger, when suddenly, you feel a slight pinch.

Brushing it away thoughtlessly, you continue to munch on that delicious repast, mindless of the creature that just feasted on you, mother natures very own vampire, the mosquito.

Mosquitos seem to be everywhere this summer. They lay in wait just outside the door of every home in Michigan, hoping for a little bit of your blood to propagate their existence. No

thanks.

What has caused this sudden infestation of the blood-thirsty little insects?

Rain. Plain and simple. A

lot of rain.

According to Michigan State Entomologist Dr. Ned Walker, rain is the primary cause of the booming mosquito population this summer. "In Michigan, we have two to three primary groups of pest mosquitos. First are what I like to call the spring mosquitos, which emerge as adults in May in woodland pools and die during the dryer weeks in mid-June. Second are the summer floodwater mosquitos, which grow out of low-lying grass, open areas, and poorly tended roadside ditches. It's the summer floodwater mosquitos that we're seeing right now," said Walker.

Mosquitos require about one-half inch of rain before they can begin to develop out of their egg stage. However, the eggs can survive for years

if that rain is not immediately forthcoming—sort of built-in safety for drought times. Once the rain hits, as it has done several times this summer, a mosquito will reach adulthood within 7-14 days, although their growth rate is dependent upon temperature as well. Dr. Howard Russell, of the Michigan State Department of Entomology, said that "temperature has a definite effect on mosquito growth rate. That growth rate can vary from 10-30 days until a mosquito reaches adulthood."

Dr. Walker said, "Female mosquitos are the blood feeders. The females will then lay eggs after a feed." A typical female will lay 100-150 eggs at a time, and could reproduce up to 12 times in one season. That's a lot of mosquitos.

Apparently, Michiganders are quietly putting up with the flood, going about their business. **Mosquito, cont'd., pg. 8**

## Timpson uncomfortable with lack of movement on M-21/Bowes Rd. intersection

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

At last week's Lowell Planning Commission meeting, Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson walked away feeling very uncomfortable.

What made Timpson so uncomfortable was discussion over the M-21/Bowes Rd. intersection.

For the past several months the planning commis-

sions from the city of Lowell, Lowell Township, and Vergennes Township have discussed ways the intersection can be made safer for the upcoming school year.

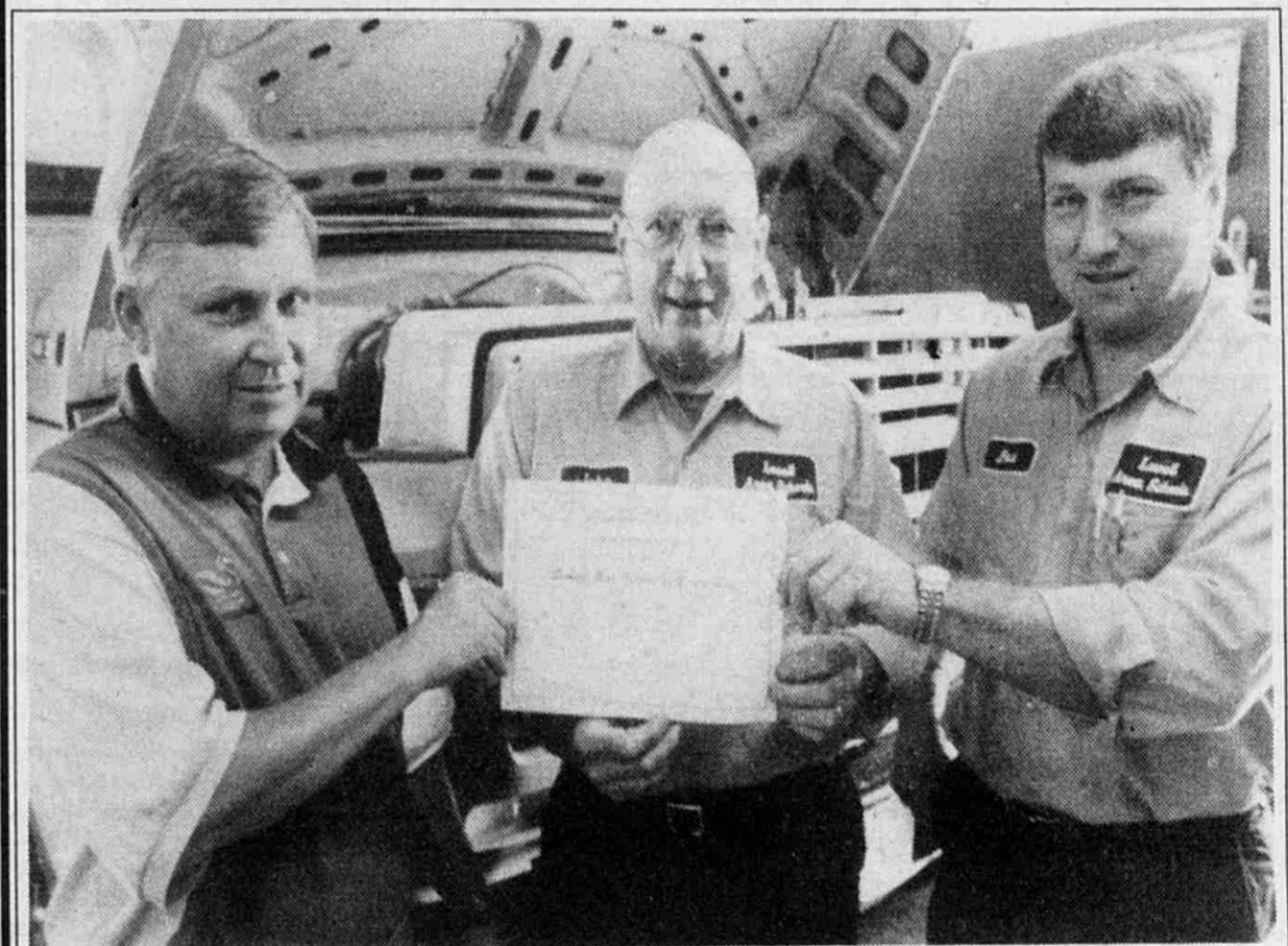
The planning commissions would like to see a light installed there so buses and children can cross safely. The Kent County Road Commission balked at the plan because the intersection does not meet a 90 degree angle.

The commission then did a study to determine what can be done to get the light. Much to the dismay of Timpson, the study indicated closing the road to traffic.

Timpson presented an alternative plan which would leave the road open to traffic traveling west, but close it to traffic going east.

At the meeting that idea was not well accepted by the **Intersection, cont'd., pg. 20**

## Doing things the correct way merits high praise for Lowell bus mechanics



Larry Mikulski, Lowell schools transportation director, left, John Schneider, middle, and Bud Provonche, right, hold a certificate of excellence in honor of their bus maintenance.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Maintaining the safety of a fleet of buses is no easy task.

Few schools receive an excellent rating when their fleet is inspected each year as there are a plethora of problems which can be uncovered during the inspection.

"There are hundreds of possible problems that can be found each year when the Michigan State Police inspect the buses," Lowell School's transportation director Larry Mikulski said.

The Lowell bus garage mechanics over-

see the maintenance and upkeep of 44 buses — a substantially larger task than the three East Grand Rapids cares for.

"With so many variances, it is rare that a school receives an excellent rating," gleams Mikulski. "However, for our 1993-94 inspection, Lowell received an excellent rating. Of the hundreds of possible problems, the inspection uncovered only three problems within the fleet of 44 buses."

The transportation director said that there are some schools in the state of Michigan that nearly had to shut down because they couldn't

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## More traffic needed for light; new study pending

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"I once heard that a committee was a group of people that got together and decided that nothing could be done,"

said Gil Wise sagely at a meeting that was organized Tuesday, July 26 to discuss the M-21/Bowes Road intersection.

Seated around a group of tables at the Look Memorial Fire Station, representatives from various concerned areas hash out the different options, trying to find that ever elusive Holy Grail. But, alas, the Grail was not to be found, and all that was left of the search was a tired group of negotiators, seated patiently around a business table.

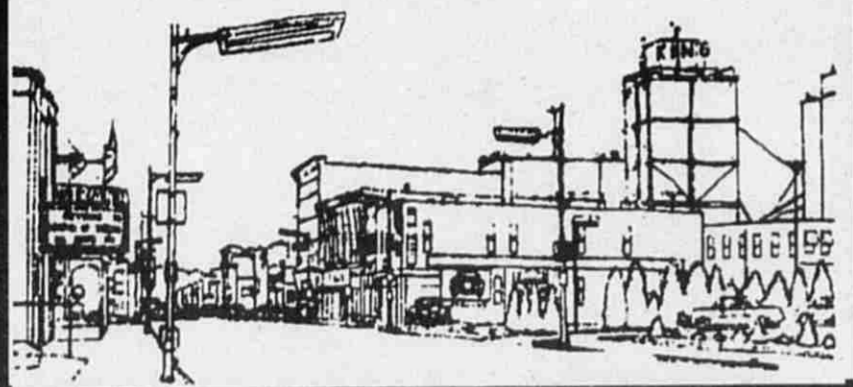
The negotiators repre-

sented the city of Lowell, Lowell Township, Lowell Area Schools, Vergennes Township, the Kent County Road Commission, and Bryan Harrison of Senator Dick Posthumus' office.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale began the meeting. "The purpose of this meeting is to serve as a sort of work session to get an exchange of ideas. There has been discussion on this intersection for almost two years, and concern over traffic and

**Light, cont'd., pg. 8**

### Along Main Street



#### RADNEY FOSTER & "1964" TO PERFORM AT THE SHOWBOAT

Radney Foster will be performing Friday, Aug. 12 with special guest Andy Childs. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Beatle nostalgic group "1964" The Tribute will be performing at the Lowell Showboat Saturday, Aug. 13, at 8 p.m.

#### PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the public to submit nominations for the Lowell Area Person of the Year. There are many persons who go unnoticed that have contributed to our community in many ways.

Please submit names and accomplishments to the Lowell Chamber, P.O. Box 224 by August 9.

#### 9th ANNUAL PERSON OF THE YEAR BANQUET

The public is cordially invited to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year banquet September 15 at Dari's in Alto. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Please RSVP to the Chamber, P.O. Box 224 or call 897-Main St., cont'd., pg. 8

### INSIDE THE LEDGER

Here comes the Governor!

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An eye on misbehaving, pg. 25









## COLLEGE NEWS

Levi Harper of Lowell recently received a National Merit Scholarship to attend Michigan Technological University. College-sponsored Merit Scholarships provide between \$250 to \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study.

Harper is the son of Mr.

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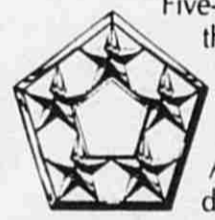
and provide information about interest, activities and goals. Approximately 6,700 high school graduates nation-wide received Merit Scholarships this year.

Mrs. Thomas Harper of Lowell. He is a 1994 graduate of Lowell Senior High School. Harper will major in computer sciences at Michigan Technological University starting in the fall.

More than 1.1 million students entered the 1994 Merit Program by taking the 1992 PSAT/NMSQT test. Top students then advanced to semi-final competition where they had to meet high academic standards, take another test,

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Estate of  
**LORNA M. JAGGE,**  
 Deceased  
 SS# 365-22-6682

TO ALL INTERESTED  
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 in the estate may be  
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 following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 206 Richards, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 died September 8, 1992. An instrument dated April 4, 1983 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, John E. Drowne, c/o John D. Mitus, 410 Bridge Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504, 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.

**JOHN D. MITUS**  
 (P31244)  
 410 Bridge Street, N.W.  
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Jerome Allen Winsor is among the prospective freshmen who have been selected to receive a share of \$1 million in academic scholarships from Western Michigan University this fall.

Winsor, the son of Larry and Sieglinde Winsor of Alto, received the University Excellence Award.

The awards are part of WMU's Medallion Scholarship Program. The recipients were among nearly 1,000 leading high school seniors from 11 states who competed for the scholarships during events this past winter on campus. The competition included written testing and oral problem solving activities for students and information sessions for parents.

To be eligible, participants had to be admitted to WMU by Jan. 10 with at least a 3.7 grade point average in high school, or at least a 3.5 GPA and an American College Test score of at least 30.

The top students were awarded Medallion Scholarships. Valued at \$25,000 over four years, those scholarships are among the largest merit-based awards in American public higher education. Several other top participants won board of trustees scholarships of \$16,000 over four years.

The rest of the students won one of three types of

awards: University Scholarships of \$12,000 over four years; University Excellence Awards of \$8,000 over four years; or Academic Scholarships of \$4,800 over four years.

Michigan State University lists 1,950 degree candidates for summer 1994. The list includes: Jamie Beth Frain, BS Agriculture and Natural Resources Com-

### Den Houter selected finalist in pre-teen pageant

Jennifer V. Den Houter, daughter of Mr. and Dr. Leonard H. Den Houter of Lowell, has been selected as a finalist in the 1994 Pre-Teen Michigan Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held August 5-7 at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel in Flint.

Pre-Teen Michigan is a by-invitation only Scholarship and Recognition event involving young ladies seven to 12 years of age ranking in the top 10 percent of the state academically. Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, leadership abilities or creative talents.

State Finalists will be judged on academic achievement; volunteer service to church and community;

communications and Dave Scott Organek, BA Finance, both of Lowell; Phillip M. Bowman, BS Agricultural Engineering and Cheri L. Bruinsma, BA Pol. Theory & Constitutional Dem. (Honors), both of Alto; Elizabeth A. Claus, MS Criminal Justice, Jessica L. Ray, BA in Marketing and James Joseph Rosloniec BA Advertising all of Ada.

school honors and activities; development of personal skills and abilities; comprehensive creativity; communicative ability and on stage review and acknowledgment of accomplishments.

Pre-Teen Michigan will award over \$5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards.

Den Houter is very grateful to the following sponsors who have enabled her to attend this very prestigious state event: Speerstra Agency, Pippi's Playhouse, and Charlevoix Club.

The National Headquarters for the Pre-Teen America Scholarship and Recognition Program is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Patricia Daniel is the Founder and National Director.



Representing Australia, Lowell YMCA participants placed in four events.

### VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

The Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Vergennes Zoning Board of Appeals will meet:

**August 10, 1994**  
**7 p.m.**  
 Vergennes Township Hall  
 10381 Bailey Drive

Bruce Fritsma is requesting a variance to build a home on 2.97 acres with a minimum lot width of less than 300 feet.

ALSO

Wes Devon is requesting a variance for a setback of two (2) feet with a required setback of thirty-five (35) feet.

Jim Cook  
 Supervisor

### Lowell YMCA participates in Games

Lowell YMCA participated in the YMCA International Games July 15 at Forest Hills Athletic Field.

Representing Australia they took the following team awards, first place, for team spirit, first place, basketball, third place, softball throw; and third place, long jump.

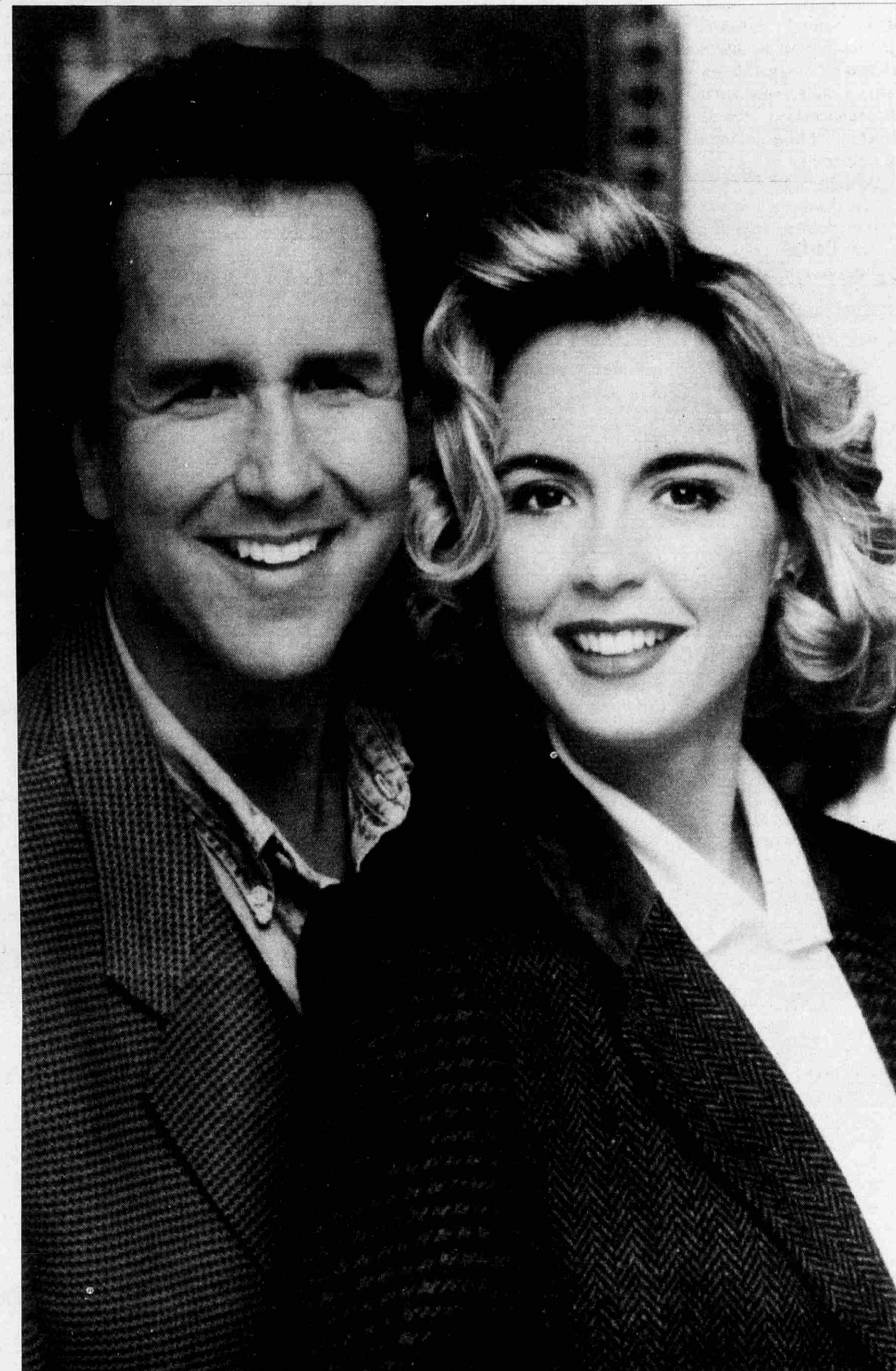
Seven countries were represented by seven YMCA's with a total of 400 participants.

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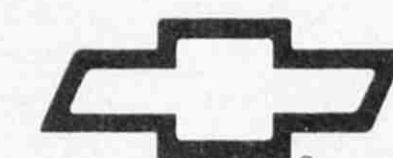
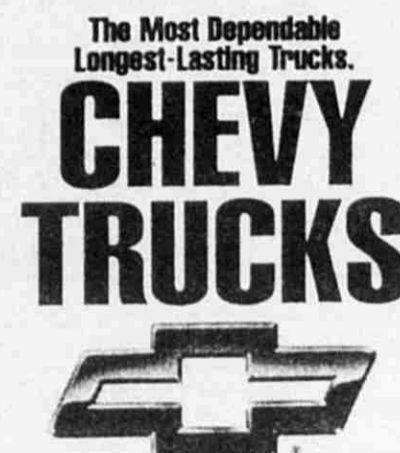
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School board approves employment for six teachers

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Not only will the buildings change for the 1994-95 school year, but so will a number of faces.

At its special board meeting on July 25, the Lowell Board of Education approved motions to employ six new teachers at the elementary level.

Nancy DeLoof was employed as a first-grade teacher at Bushnell Elementary School at a salary of \$27,820.

The 1980 graduate from Lowell High School holds teaching certificates for kindergarten thru eighth-grade (all subjects) and ninth-grade language arts.

DeLoof earned her associates degree from Grand Rapids Community College, her bachelor of science degree in education from Central Michigan University, and did her graduate work at Western Michigan University.

Maria Gregory was employed as a first-grade teacher at Bushnell Elementary School at a salary of \$27,820.

She is a graduate of Forest Hills Central High School, and earned her bachelor of arts in education from Michigan State University. Gregory received her endorsements in

emotionally impaired and learning disabled from Grand Valley State University.

Gregory stated she felt it was critical that children perceive the classroom as a safe, comfortable and secure place, where differences are cherished and individual ideas are met with respect, if not enthusiasm.

Julie Dick was approved for hire as the vocal music teacher for Bushnell Elementary in the salary amount of \$27,820.

Dick is a Northern Michigan Christian School graduate. She received her bachelor of arts degree and a minor in music from Calvin College.

"I believe music makes us a better people. Without music education and appreciation, we are not whole people. Music helps us express ourselves, be creative and aesthetically appreciate the world around us," Dick said.

Matt Quada was employed as a third-grade teacher at Alto Elementary School in the salary amount of \$27,820.

The 1988 Lowell High School graduate earned his bachelor of arts degree from Western Michigan University.

Quada said it is the responsibility of all students, and teachers alike, to maintain a learning atmosphere, project

the rights of others and to put forth maximum effort to achieve set goals.

James Kovach was employed as a fourth-grade teacher at Alto Elementary School and his contract was in the amount of \$27,820.

He has a Michigan Elementary Provisional certificate in K-5 (all subjects) and in 6th thru 8th-grade English.

Kim VanBelois was hired as a teacher of the emotionally impaired at Cherry Creek Elementary School in the salary amount of \$27,820.

She is an East Kentwood High School graduate and earned her bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in special education (emotionally impaired).

VanBelois said every student has a potential to learn and achieve. As teachers, we must create an atmosphere which maximizes student success, and promotes social and emotional growth.

In other personnel moves, Pam Thomas was granted a leave request due to maternity on or about Sept. 6 with the leave being converted to a child care leave six weeks after delivery and with the leave terminating on Jan. 3, 1995.

A contractual adjustment to the salary of Mike Matlosz, interim director of personnel

and community services, was made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the school year due to increased length of contract and added responsibilities.

Jim Harden was named

interim Lowell Middle School principal for the 1994-95 school year with an adjustment in his salary not to exceed \$2,100 and to allow the administration to post the position of interim assistant

middle school principal. Sharon Goodyke was employed as secretary for the assistant principal of Cherry Creek Elementary at a salary amount of \$9.92 per hour.

Here comes the Showboat

The Robert E. Lee, also known as the Lowell Showboat, is set to make its annual voyage up the Flat River and dock at the Showboat Amphitheatre stage to present its yearly show.

The tradition has been going on in Lowell for over 50 years. Organizers say they hope that this years move to August 12 and 13 will take away some of the possible rain problems that have plagued them in the past few years.

Friday night, country western stars Andy Childs and Radney Foster will be on the outdoorstage. They will bring a mix of up tempo country

music and gospel influences to their appearances. Both are noted as future stars in the business. Tickets for the concert are \$13.50.

On Saturday night, it'll be a night of nostalgia as the group "1964...the Tribute" will take the stage and perform music from the Beatles. Complete with authentic costumes, hair styles, and accents that highlighted the "Fab Four," it promises to be a very memorable night of music.

Tickets for the '1964' concert are \$10. Cash and check ticket orders will be handled by the Showboat Ticket office at 897-8280. There will be some

tickets available at the door, although organizers urge you to get them ahead of time, so you aren't disappointed!

All of the local pageantry of the Showboat will be there both nights...the local chorus, end men, and talent search winners to round out an entertainment tradition in West Michigan for over 50 years.

Organizers have teamed up with the Kent County Youth 4-H fair so that people can come to town to go to the fair and also attend Showboat. The fair runs August 8-13.

Mechanic, continued...

pass the inspection with a fair rating let alone an excellent.

Mikulski doesn't hesitate to point out where the credits lie within Lowell Schools.

"Orbus mechanics, John Schneider and Bud Provonche, maintain buses the way you're suppose to," Mikulski said. "There are no Monday or Friday jobs when it comes to maintaining Lowell School District buses. All the jobs are completed like it is Wednesday."

Schneider has had a preventative maintenance program in place for the past seven years. Every 4,000 miles, each bus is given a checkup.

"If a tire looks worn, we don't wait for a flat tire before it's replaced," Mikulski said. Lowell bus drivers are asked under Schneider's program to report any noises or other possible problems they might encounter while out on a bus route.

"There is no doubt in my mind John's program has saved the school money," Mikulski said. "By keeping up with things I think we spend less money. Thus we're able to get superior equipment.

Both Schneider and Provonche are very knowledgeable of what they are doing."

Their knowledge has brought the school excellence in maintenance and safety.

Capital News Briefs

By Dave Conklin, Lansing

Michigan seeks welfare waiver from Clinton Administration...State also honored for welfare training program.

(CNB) LANSING - Michigan's Department of social Services is seeking permission from the federal government to use public assistance money to train welfare recipients for jobs. Under the request the state would divert Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) payments to companies hiring AFDC recipients. The payments would cover half of the individual's wages for a period of several months.

This week the state was also honored by Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University for its welfare training programs. The state's program allows welfare mothers to become foster parents for developmentally disabled persons living in state institutions. The individual then may exchange their welfare grant for a salary.

(CNB) Lansing - Governor Engler earlier this month vetoed a \$1.2 million plan to expand the state's voter registration system to meet a new federal mandate. Engler says the state already has one of the most progressive registration networks in the country. However, officials with Common Cause - Michigan says without the funding the state could face a federal lawsuit. The new federal mandate requires states to allow residents to register for presidential and congressional elections via post cards and at state agencies. Critics contend this could increase youth, homeless and minority voters...groups that tend to vote Democratic or Independent.

The legislative reapportionment plan adopted by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1992 is not racially discriminatory and should not be rewritten, a federal court panel ruled earlier this month. According to the three-member panel of the U.S. District Court in Detroit, African-Americans have achieved and are likely to maintain fair representation in Wayne and Oakland Counties. The suit was filed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Federal Court rules State must pay for more Medicaid abortions.

(CNB) LANSING - Recently the federal court ruled Michigan is required to pay for abortions for poor women who are pregnant as the result of rape or incest. The State of Michigan is expected to appeal the ruling, but while they are waiting they will still have to comply with the court's ruling or lose \$2.6 billion in federal funds. Howard Simon with the American civil Liberties Union told CNB that he expects the state will create a new form for rape and incest victims to request payment. He adds the new process might also require a police report to be made. Some pro-life activists contend the process is unfair to women experiencing a traumatic crisis due to rape or incest.

"Believe it or not"

(CNB) Lansing - Occasionally CNB will report on what the state or federal government is doing that is particularly creative or interesting.

This week: Life jacket - Give away: The Department of Natural Resources is beginning a special promotion to encourage children under 12 to wear life jackets. Starting this week, state conservation officers on patrol will give children post cards to enter a drawing to win a free life jacket. Over 60 jackets were donated to the state by AAA of Michigan, Stearns Manufacturing and Mustang Survival.

Voter registration funding cut...Feds reject challenge to State reapportionment plan.

LOWELL CABLE TV DEPARTMENT advertisement. Includes logo, address (127 N. Broadway, Lowell 897-8405), and promotional text for 'Poetic Justice' and 'The Man Without a Face' on HBO.

Advertisement for HBO movies featuring Mel Gibson in 'The Man Without a Face'. Includes the HBO logo and promotional text: 'One had nothing but dreams. The other had nothing but time. Together, they had a friendship no one would ever forget...'

BOARD OF EDUCATION BRIEFS FROM JULY 25 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING. Lists various items including Michigan Association School Boards Superintendent Search, Communications, Computer Bids, Change Order, Personnel, and Payment of Bills.





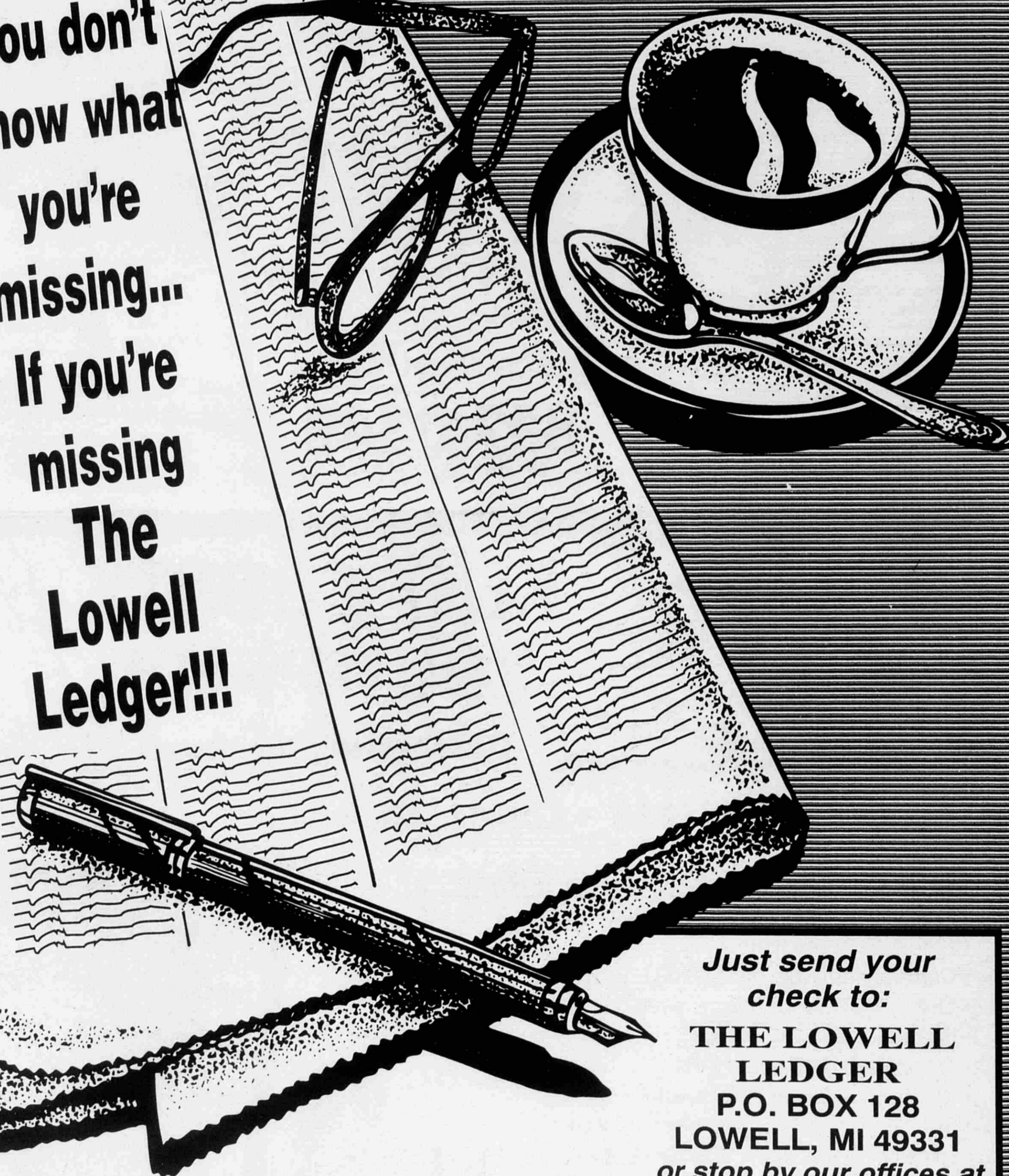
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## Buses to have a "special eye" on student behavior

By Thad Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

As a driver makes his/her way through the S-curve on the U-S 131 expressway, the message on the digital read-out board reads "Are you watching your speed? We are!"

Although there will be no digital readout for Lowell students to read before getting onto school buses during the 1994-95 school year, they will soon learn (if there was) it would read "Are you watching your behavior? We are!" Lowell Schools will become the latest of many school districts in Michigan to use a video cam on its buses to record what's taking place on the bus routes to and from school.

"The cameras will not change the procedure. If there is a problem on the bus, the drivers will take care of it then. The cameras are there in case discipline for a violation is questioned," Mikulski said. "We will bring the student,

parents, bus driver and administration together and view the tape."

Lowell's school district will be putting more buses (28) on the road than ever before in 1994-95 school. It will also be picking up more students. Mikulski believes the cameras will add more safety.

"The bus drivers' number one function is to focus on the road and to ensure the kids' safety," Mikulski said.

Last year Lowell bus drivers wrote up 250 violations. Lowell's transportation director believes that is minor considering the drivers transport 2,500 students.

"Only 10 of the 250 were considered serious violations," Mikulski said.

He believes the cameras will do for Lowell what they are doing for other districts - "turning devils into angels."

During the last conference Mikulski attended, a quarter of the transportation supervisors had already installed cameras on their buses.

Saranac Schools have had the cameras for over a year and have noticed a big difference in student behavior. Zeeland and Northview also have the cameras. Rockford and Forest Hills hope to be getting theirs.

"I think once the cameras become standard practice, you will see student attitudes change," Mikulski said. Besides recording activities on the bus, the cameras can also be used as a learning tool. Bus garage mechanic Bud Provonche said they can be used to film and study evacuation procedures.

The cameras have been available for four years. However, the price kept many schools from purchasing the equipment. "Economically

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Larry Mikulski displays one of 28 camera boxes installed in Lowell School buses.

## Bridge, cont'd...

crease that much and it will be nice to have the road open again."

In Portland the Burroughs bridge will be used for their Rails-to-Trails bike path near the Looking Glass River. Harrell said the bridges lose some historical value, but both serve a good purpose.

"Vergennes needed a two-lane bridge and Portland needed a bridge that would fit their trail requirements so it was a good fit," said Harrell. "I understand this will be their third historical bridge and I think it will fit in nicely."

The Belleville bridge is expected to make its way to

Vergennes next spring when construction is completed on a new four-lane bridge. Harrell said when the new bridge is open, then the Belleville bridge will be dismantled and sent to Vergennes.

The idea of having only one entrance onto the island is a concern of Weber's, but he feels in the long run the area will be better off with the two-lane bridge.

"Adding another historic bridge to the area will be great and the fact that it will allow traffic on the road is not a big concern with us," said Weber.

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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
 CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER FILE NO. 9038  
 Hon. Lee Russell

KARLA SUE CONLEY,  
 Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD SCOTT CONLEY,  
 Defendant.

PRO-SE  
 Karla Sue Conley  
 825 Park Ave.  
 Lewisburg, TN 37091

At a session of said Chancery Court for Marshall County, August 5, 1994

PRESENT:  
 The Honorable Lee Russell, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 5th day of August,

1994, an action for custody and divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against you, the above named Defendant, in the Chancery Court of the Marshall County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 12214 McPherson, Lowell, MI 49331 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 12th day of August, 1994.

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

LEE RUSSELL  
 Circuit Court Judge

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# Have a "Bowl"

## Lowell Lanes grand re-opening Saturday, Aug. 6

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The three-months worth of renovation work has been completed at Lowell Lanes, and Jack Thomet and Tom Koewers are ready to show off their new look at 11550 E. Fulton.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, an open house will be held from noon until 10 p.m.

Guests will be able to enjoy an ox roast, sweet corn, and salads (potato and maca-

roni) along with specials on bowling.

"The plans for the renovation work began in earnest in January/February of this year," Koewers said. "We took a survey of the customers and found out what they would like. The response was real good and positive."

The renovated Lowell Lanes includes automatic scoring, new carpet, a hard surface tile in the bowling area, new tables and chairs, a new masking unit, renovated bath-

rooms, and three televisions dispersed throughout the course.

Koewers said later in August, sessions will be held for captains of the league teams.

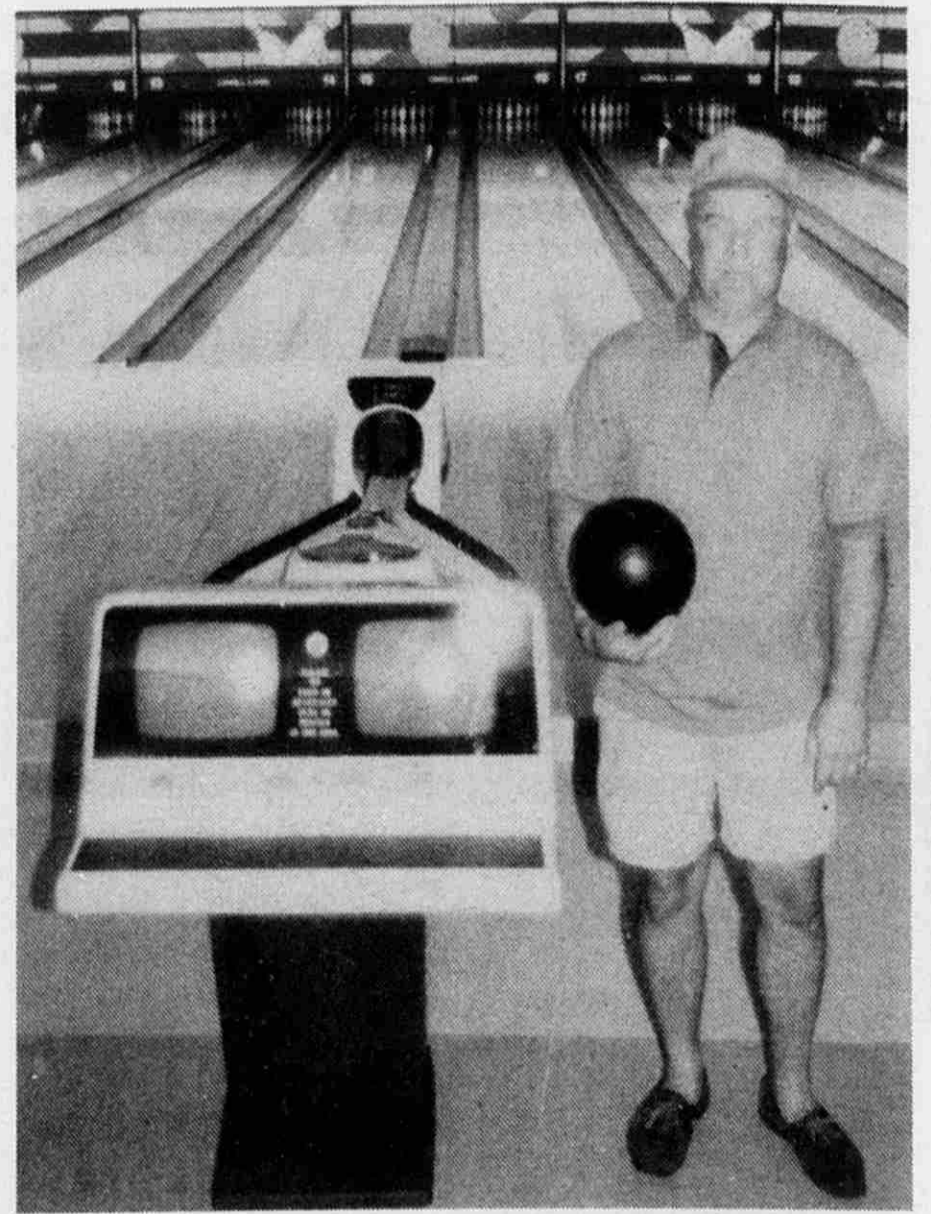
"Automatic scoring has been around for 20 years, but the technology during that time has not been that good up until recently," Koewers said.

Lowell Lanes will play host to approximately 30

leagues, or 240 teams or 1,200 bowlers.

"We hope with all the improvements that have been made that those numbers will increase over the years," Koewers said.

Open bowling is from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on weekdays. Open bowling in the evening does not start until after 9 p.m.; on Saturday it is from noon until 5 p.m.



## YMCA recipient of Knight's fund-raiser

Larry Mikulski, right, President of the Knights of Columbus, presents Andy Johnson, left, Lowell YMCA Director, with a check for \$1,500. The money was raised through this year's Knights of Columbus Three-on-Three basketball tournament. The money will be used to fund YMCA youth programs.



## Camera, cont'd...

they were just out of reach for many schools," Mikulski said.

Mikulski indicated that the cameras and equipment are being purchased without the use of school allocated transportation funds.

The money being used comes from revenues raised from transporting private organizations such as Amway, the Franciscan Sisters, Cumberland Manor, Lowell Medical Care Center and Schneider Manor.

The cameras cost \$800 apiece and the boxes in which they are held cost \$20-\$25. To put a camera in each bus

would cost \$4-\$5,000.

Mikulski does not believe that will be necessary. Prior to the start of each route, bus drivers will flick on a switch located on the side of the box. This will turn on a red light which will indicate to students that the camera is running. For now, not every box will have a camera although students will not be able to determine which ones do.

The transportation director believes this will have the same effect as having a camera in every box.

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