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Three men killed after vehicle leaves Barry County roadway

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As working colleagues, family members and friends go -- they were top of the shelf.

That's how friends and family were remembering Robert Doran, Ralph "Pary" Horian Jr. and Thomas Koewers on Monday.

All three men were killed Saturday evening around 9:55 p.m. in Barry County after their vehicle, driven by Koewers, left the road and hit a guardrail. Once airborne, it flipped and rolled - throwing all five of the passengers from the vehicle.

Incurring injuries in the accident were Michael Ketchum, 28, of Ionia and Michael Horian, 25, of Lowell. Both men were listed in stable condition at Pennock Hospital in Hastings.

According to the Michigan State Police (Hastings Post), the vehicle was eastbound on West State Road, traveling at a high rate of speed when it went off the roadway and struck a guard-

rail.

The carload of men were returning from a night of bowling in Middleville.

"It hasn't been easy," said Lowell Lanes co-proprietor Jack Thomet. "Tom and I grew up together as school-boy friends."

Thomet graduated from Lowell High School in 1969. Koewers, 42, was a 1970 graduate. "We both worked for his mother (Helen) at the old American Legion Lanes," said Thomet.

The two friends always talked about someday owning a bowling alley. Those dreams became a reality in 1984 when Koewers and Thomet purchased Lowell Lanes from Mike Marks.

"Tom was very well liked. He loved his wife, kids and enjoyed bowling and golfing," Thomet said. "He was excited about the renovation we just completed. It's sad he won't be here to see the benefits."

Doran was the postmaster at Ada. He had been with the United States Post Office since 1970 and worked as the



Robert Doran

Lowell Post Office Supervisor from 1986 until 1990.

"Bob was the top of the shelf all the way through," said former Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle. "He was a very dedicated employee. He made my last two years prior to retirement very enjoyable. He also had a great report with customers."

Nancy Roth, who worked with Doran while he was at Lowell, talked of how great Bob was to work for. "He was the best boss ever. He treated everybody equal. Bob was sincere, honest, friendly and genuine," she said. "It's such a loss."



Thomas Koewers

Doran, 45, was also an avid sportsman. He was a member of Beaverton Grouse Dog Club, Lake States Field Trial Club, and Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club. "He had been raising and training bird dogs for 20 years," Doran's wife Linda said. "He really enjoyed it."

Ralph Horian Jr., 46, known to friends as "Pary," owned and ran a landscaping and snowplowing business from his home. His son Mike also worked with him.

Horian and Sue, his wife of 26 years, moved to the area from Detroit. "They fell in love with the country," said

Nancy Roth, a cousin to the family. "He and Sue were really active in the community through the Alto Lions Club and the Moose. Pary was an easygoing and fun-loving guy."

Sue said that Pary really loved music and that he enjoyed taking his guitar places and singing. "He loved his guitar. It was a big part of his life."

Peggy Idema, a close friend of Pary and Sue Horian, added, "Pary was a great friend and neighbor. He touched many lives in the community through his music. He had a great gift of

being able to sit down, listen to a few hums and play just about anything on the piano or guitar. He will be sadly missed."

The Horian family will hold a memorial gathering in a couple of weeks at the Moose for family and friends.

The Michigan State Police said none of the five men were wearing seatbelts. A preliminary report indicated that alcohol was a factor.

"It's so unfortunate something like this had to happen," Thomet said. "I hope this accident doesn't give the public a wrong perception of Tom."

Lowell's First United Methodist Church broken into; suspect apprehended

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A 22-year old male suspect was taken into custody and arrested for breaking and entering with malicious destruction at Lowell's First United Methodist Church

Sunday morning around 7 a.m.

Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine said the male suspect walked up to Rev. Gordon Barry, pastor at First United Methodist Church, as he was filing a report to the investigating officer.

The suspect, a Grand

Rapids resident who grew up in Lowell, was taken into custody and lodged at the Kent County Jail.

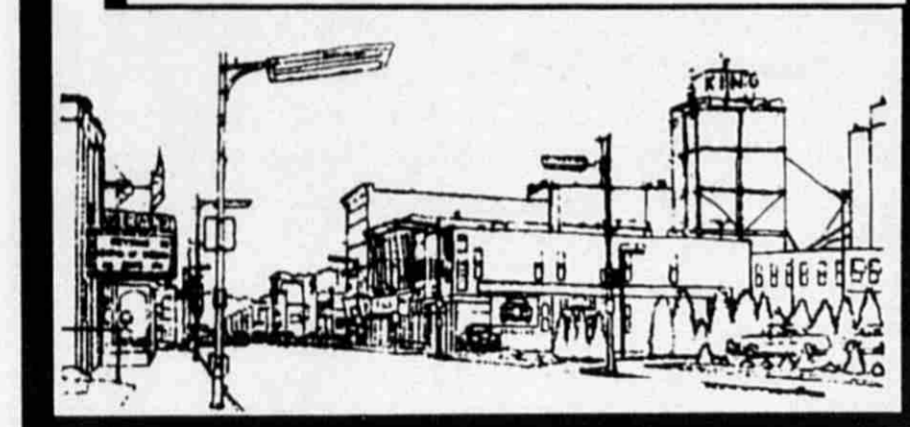
He was then moved to the Kent Oaks Mental Health Facility after it was learned that the family had requested a probate court pick-up order

to have the suspect evaluated.

The suspect rummaged through the church offices and kitchen causing considerable damage.

Valentine said no name would be released until charges were official.

Along Main Street



MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

There will be a Music Boosters meeting Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school band room.

The meeting will center around the election of officers and goals set for next year. All interested parents please plan to attend.

LMS EIGHTH-GRADE TO PRESENT "ALADDIN"

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present "Aladdin" on Wednesday, March 22 under the direction of Cheryl Blodgett.

Come and enjoy this free evening of entertainment in the new Lowell Middle School cafetorium at 750 Foreman. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

LOWELL AREA CROP WALK
RECRUITMENT RALLY KICKOFF

A recruitment rally kickoff for the Crop Walk will take place at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell on March 23 at 7 p.m.

For more information call the church at 897-5936.

HELP NEEDED TO LEARN MORE ON SHOWBOATS HISTORY

Persons interested in working on a committee to gather information about the Showboat's history in Lowell are asked to please contact Ray Quada, 897-8533.

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LHS DRAMA CLASS PRESENTS "RUMORS"

Lowell High School's drama class presents "Rumors" Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25. The curtain opens at 8 p.m. and the matinee on Saturday starts at 2 p.m.

The regular ticket price is \$4; students pay \$3. Special group rates are available. More information is available by writing Lowell High School, Drama, 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI 49331 or by calling 616-897-4125.

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Alto Branch Library moves up the street to larger facility

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell and Bowne Township residents will soon be able to enjoy a bigger and better Alto Library.

Plans are under way to move the library from its current building "two doors down" to a bigger facility.

"The new building used to be an old grocery store. We're going from 675 square feet to more than 3,500 square feet. I'm very excited about it," said Alto Branch Manager Sandy Graham.

The Alto Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has agreed to pay approximately \$150,000 for improvements to the old grocery store.

The improvements will include rewiring, replumbing, installing a new furnace and cooling units, and reinforcing the floor with steel beams.

Graham added that an elevator would be installed for future access to the second floor and handicap accessible ramps would be available.

When the project is completed, Graham will not only have more room for the library's 9,000-plus materials—it will also offer a separate room for studying and conducting meetings.

"We've been talking about expanding the library since November. The DDA thought of attracting a business to the old store, but felt we would be better because we're here to stay and we'll benefit the whole community," said Graham.

When the library is open, the main floor will be used for books and other materials. The second floor will not be used until the library outgrows the main floor.

Graham isn't sure how much the circulation has grown since the library was opened in 1951, but said today's circulation is around 20,000.

The new library is tentatively scheduled to open in November, but Graham said the DDA still needs to approve a floor plan, bid out the work and then re-construct the building.

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OBITUARIES

CONDON - John T. "Jack" Condon, aged 61, of Greenville, died Thursday, March 2, 1995. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Julie; daughter Jacki and Daniel Scholtens of Greenville; mother Florence E. Staal of Lowell; grandchildren, Cari and Matthew Scholtens; sister, Jeanne Shores of Lowell; brother-in-law, Dick and JoAnne Lundberg of Petosky, MI; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday with Pastor Vance M. Dimmick Jr., of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

COVEY - June Covey, aged 86, of Ada, went to Heaven February 28, 1995. Her beloved husband Eugene will join her later and they will never be apart again, as will her loving daughter Dolores June Collins (Rex) of Lowell. She also leaves a special stepson, Lt. Comm. Michael Covey of TX; his sister, Patricia Nordmark. There are many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, nieces

and nephews; two sisters-in-law, June and Faye of CA; a special spiritual daughter, Carolyn Moore of Wyoming and a host of friends and neighbors. June was a pianist with "Memory Lane Strings" for many years. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial Services were held Saturday at Smyrna Bible Church, pastors Darwyn Hassert and Irwin Tuinstra officiating. "Absent from the Body, Present with the Lord." Memorials may be made to the Smyrna Bible Church Building Fund, 4864 Whites Bridge Rd., Belding, MI 48809.

DORAN - Robert A. (Bob) Doran, aged 45, passed away unexpectedly Saturday evening, March 4, 1995. He

was the postmaster of Ada (having been with the United States Postal Service since 1970) and was a member of Rockford United Methodist Church, League of Postmasters and National Association of Postmaster. Bob was an avid sportsman and a member of Beaverton Grouse Dog Club, Lake States Field Trial Club, and Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club. He is survived by his wife Linda; their children, Deb Reath, Nicole Doran and special friend Jean (John) Dhenin; a granddaughter Myana; his parents Robert and Lenore Doran of Ada; his sisters Linda Ross and Howard Perlman of Franklin, MI, JoAnn and Mike Seagly of Ada, Jeanne Marie and Randy Rifkin of Haslett, MI, Janice and Chuck Melchiori of Holland; his mother-in-law Mrs. William (Evelyn) Pensyl of Rockford; his brothers and sisters-in-law William and Mary Pensyl of Moline, Gary Pensyl of San Francisco, nieces and nephews, Sharon, Justin, Shannon, Kim, Christopher, Whitney, Bryce, and Chad; and aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his nephew, Thomas. The funeral service will be on Wednesday (today) at 2 p.m. at Rockford United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. J. Melvin Bricker officiating. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Parnell. The family has suggested memorials to Ruffed Grouse Field Trial Club, 1675 E. Hull Rd., Hope, MI 48628.

HORIAN - Pary Horian, aged 46, of Lowell, passed away accidentally, Saturday, March 4, 1995. He is survived by Sue, his wife of 26 years; his children, Mike, Jenny and her special friend Mike Tatten; father Ralph Pary Horian of Tucson, AZ; father & mother-in-law Steve and Donna (Stormzand) Demovic of Novi. Memorial Services to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pary Horian Memorial Fund, c/o FMB Bank, 414 E. Main, Lowell.

FEUTZ - Ethel P. "Polly" Feutz, aged 71, of Lowell, died Thursday, March 2, 1995. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Feutz. She is survived by her daughter, Dawn and Michael Larson of Ionia; grandchildren, Michael and Shannon Larson and Karen Larson; brother, Frederick and Garnett Kline of Marne; sister, Leona Downes of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Monday with Rev. George Fekete officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

FRYE (Muskegon) - Mrs. Arbutus Frye, aged 76, passed away Friday, March 3, 1995 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was preceded in death by her husband Dr. Robert R. Frye on December 29, 1993. As was their bond, they will be "Together—only Forever." Mrs. Frye was retired from the Muskegon Governmental Employee Credit Union. She was a member of McGraft Memorial Congregational Church, where she was active in all church activities, donating her time and energy to many different projects. Mrs. Frye also helped Dr. Frye in the various churches he pastored. Her survivors include her two daughters and two sons-in-law Gayle and Glenn Hartley of Grandville, MI and Sharon and Michael Lesky of Lowell; nine grandchildren, Christopher and Kathy Lesky of Sparta, Sara, Melissa and Amanda Lesky of Lowell, Angela and Jim Hartley-TeMores, and Elizabeth and Jennifer Hartley of Grandville; a sister, Trula

Winkle of Sheffield, AL; and two sisters-in-law, Fern Frye of Traverse City, and Irene King of Clinton, TN. The Funeral Service was held Monday at McGraft Memorial Congregational Church with Rev. James Harwood officiating. Interment Sunrise Memorial Gardens. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association West Shore Chapter.

HALE - Mr. Homer D. Hale, aged 74, of Bitley, formerly of Kentwood, passed away February 28, 1995 at his residence. He is survived by his children, Jackie and Bob Rainer of Kentwood, Earl and Karen Hale of Wyoming, and Jack and Diane Hale of Wyoming; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Arthur Hale of Grand Rapids and Kenneth Hale of Lowell; sisters, Ethel Radaz of Kentwood, Donna and Gene Kissenger of FL, Betty and Paul Campbell of FL; and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Hale retired from the General Motors Diesel Equipment Plant in 1974 after 31 years of service. Funeral Services were held Saturday. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park. For those who wish, memorial contributions can be made to the charity of one's choice.

SHARPE - Gordon A. Sharpe, aged 70, of Lowell, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. Surviving are his children, Marcia (Werner) Meyer of Newaygo, Gordon (Linda) Sharpe of Saranac, Susan (Jeff) Wilson of Comstock Park, and Dennis (Melodie) Sharpe of Kentwood. Mr. Sharpe also leaves 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. A private service has been held at Graceland Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family would suggest contributions to the Boy Scouts of America (Troop 102 in Lowell) or the charity of one's choice.

THOMPSON - William N. Thompson, aged 53, of Lake Odessa, passed away February 28, 1995. Surviving are his wife Janet; one daughter Shelly Thompson of Lake Odessa; three sons Tim Thompson of Lowell, Ted Thompson of Lake Odessa and William Beebe of Ionia; his mother Ida Thompson of Lansing; one brother; five sisters; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Services were held Saturday with burial in Lakeside Cemetery.

WERNER - Louis F. Werner, aged 76, of Ionia, passed away March 1, 1995. Surviving are his wife Gertrude; seven daughters Kay Conner and Jane Bowerman both of Ionia, Alice Foreback of Portland, Rose Smejkal of Greenville, Marlene Chartrand of Pewamo, Mary Swick of Byron Center and Gail Wohlscheid of Ohio; five sons Gary Wohlscheid of Lowell, David and Steven Wohlscheid and Gerald Werner all of Ionia, Thomas Wohlscheid of Sheridan; 29 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; five sisters. Services were held Saturday with burial in Portland Cemetery.

JONKMAN - Mrs. Beatrice Jonkman, aged 84, of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday, February 26, 1995. Surviving are her children, Lois and Norris Brooks of Sparta, John and Carole Jonkman of Lowell, David and Shirley Jonkman of Brown City, MI; eight grandchildren, 10 great-

grandchildren; her brother Bud Waterloo of Grand Rapids; her sister and brother-in-law, Nell and Walter Bergman of Lamont; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Celia Kragt, Freda and Henry Rosendall, Arlene Jonkman and Gerrit Gritter all of Grand Rapids; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral and Committal Services were held Wednesday at the Van't Hof Chapel, with Rev. Morris G. Folkert of Seventh Reformed Church officiating. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Christian Rest Home Foundation.

MANSFIELD - Mildred L. Mansfield, aged 73, of Saranac, passed away Saturday of accidental injuries. She is survived by three sons, Robert (Barbara) Lucas of Lowell, Ronald (Sharyl) Walling of Lansing, Clifford (Frances) Walling of Lowell; one brother George (Evelyn) Eisenhart Jr., of Lansing; one sister Grace Burrows, of Saranac; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Thursday with Rev. Gregory Freed officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Memorials for Elmdale Church of the Nazarene Benevolence Fund.

Three LMS art students take work to state art show

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Artwork by three Lowell Middle School students was selected for the State Middle School Art Show.

Kim Drougal, Heather Halbeisen and Joe Zeeuw will have their artwork on display at the Capitol and state library in Lansing on March 26.

Drougal, a sixth-grader, turned her drawing of a shoe

into an alien ship. The mixed media piece which included crayons and markers was entitled "My Shoe is an Alien Ship." She is the daughter of Ed and Sandra Drougal, 257 Donna Dr.

Halbeisen, an eighth-grader, did a continuous print carved out of a linoleum block. When printed 15 times, it became a pattern. The print was placed on construction paper.

Halbeisen is the daughter of Allen and Linda Halbeisen,

1818 Parnell SE.

Zeeuw, an eighth-grader, produced a piece entitled "Russian Icon-LMS Style."

To make the icon, he drew a face of a friend on paper with a marker. He then drew a star and things the friend enjoyed in the background.

The piece of art was overlaid in watercolors, chalk and crayons.

Zeeuw's icon was selected best of show for Region 9 and will be included in the judgment. Art, cont'd. pg. 4



Heather Halbeisen, Joe Zeeuw and Kim Drougal are students (pictured left to right) at the Lowell Middle School whose artwork was selected for the State Middle School Art Show.

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Carl and Treva Fox celebrate golden anniversary



Carl and Treva Fox

The children of Carl and Treva (Seese) Fox will help the couple celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 12. Their children are Phillip and Gloria Fox, Phyllis and Ken Myers and Lois and Dale Byars. They have 10 grand children and six great-grandchildren.

Showboat Garden Club takes March meeting on the road

The March meeting of the Lowell Showboat will feature a presentation on the Frederik Meijer Gardens. Kendall Witherspoon of the Meijer Gardens speakers bureau will narrate a slide show on this magnificent botanical addition to the Grand Rapids scene.

The public is invited to join the Garden Club in this "sneak preview" of the Meijer Gardens. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 13, in the meeting room of the Look Memorial Fire Station in Lowell.

Chamber Officers



Members of the 1995 Chamber of Commerce Board sitting, from left to right, are: Bob Perkins, Chadalee Farms; Roger Bumgarner, Attwood; Charlene Chapman president, State Farm Insurance; Dave Pasquale, city manager; and Marea Borg, FMB State Savings; back row, left to right, are: Bonnie Grooters, Pippi's Playhouse; Liz Baker, Chamber of Commerce community relations; Bob Ford, Hahn Hardware; Dee Brown, Fantasy Graphics; and Richard Cole, Lowell Paint and Wallpaper. Missing from the picture are Laura McCollum and Mike Matlosz.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

... be not dismayed; for I am thy God... (Isaiah 41:10)

When we were first married, we lived with my husband's parents for a time. They raised chickens. This was an enjoyable vocation as long as everything went well.

However, sickness sometimes struck the flock and caused us much anxiety and distress. One chicken and then another would become ill and die until the proper medication was given and the disease brought under control. Severe loss was

often suffered. Contagious diseases can be very destructive.

Have you ever seen people who reminded you of sick chickens? I have. And I may as well confess I have felt condemned for going around with my own "head down" and my own "feathers drooping."

Shame on us, Christians, if we succumb to despondency. How grieved our Heavenly Father must be when His children fail to trust Him as we should. When human parents make promises to their

children, they feel hurt if their promises are disregarded. God has promised to strengthen and uphold us in times of need. He, too, is grieved when we fail to believe His promises implicitly.

When, on the other hand, we take God's promises for our very own and claim them without question, He is pleased. Turning to Him, we find the proper medication for "sick chickens."

Prayer: O God, my Heavenly Guide, when the day is dark, I shall trust in Thee and rest on Thy promises. Thy Word cannot fail. Thou wilt uphold me in the time of need. Amen.

He will gird thee by his power, In the weary, fainting hour; Lean, then, loving on his word; Cast thy burden on the Lord.

GEORGE RAWSON

Art, cont'd.... From Page 3

ing for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

Only six works will be selected for the festival while two will be chosen for the Governor's Traveling Show from Michigan middle schools.

Zeeuw is the son of Bryan and Nan Zeeuw.

To be eligible for competition, the students' art teacher must be a member of the MAEA and NAEA. Lowell Middle School's Karen Lambert submitted five student works from her classes for adjudication.

I would rather see one of my children's faces kindle at the sight of the quay at Calais than be offered the chance of exploring by myself the palaces of Peking.

—J.B. Priestley

Viewpoint . . .



Cozy corner by Roger Brown

I've always figured I could fantasize right up there with the best of 'em. Walter Middy hasn't got anything on me. Just ask my wife. She'll tell you I never hear anything she says because I'm off in another world somewhere. Though that's a gross exaggeration, it's a common complaint among married couples I know. And, if the truth be known, that might be a big part of why the marriages have worked.

I have a theory about this. Recent studies tell us that men only use one side of their brain while women have the whole noggin in operation. That leaves us guys with a couple pounds of gray matter and a few guzillion brain cells with nothing to do but dream about building a rocket ship and zooming off to a tropical planet where they just happen to be shooting the next Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition. If the wife doesn't somehow get through to me with a list of household chores, I might end up saving all the models from a fire-breathing, mutant iguana roaming the beach. I can't tell you what happens after that. I'm always taking out the garbage by the time I get to mixing it up with the iguana.

Seriously, I do dream about extended trips around the country in my old biplane. I've always wanted to wrangle a year or so off, and bum around Australia in a tail-dragger airplane capable of operating in and out of crude landing sites.

Or, maybe a floatplane trip up the Amazon. I have a whole head full (well, half a head full) of similar ideas... dreams... fantasies... whatever. They mostly involve airplanes, sailboats, travel and adventure that would cost far more in time and money than I'll ever have. But, dreams are cheap, so I'll just keep up the Walter Middy thing until it's time to wash the dog or something like that.

This fantasy business stems from a recent experience that keeps bothering me. There is a loose-knit group of characters from around the state who own old Stearman biplanes like mine. We have a few fly-in gatherings in the summer and a winter planning party in February. This year's party was held at a Stearman owner's home near Lansing, and I showed up a little late. The ladies were socializing upstairs, and I was told all the guys were in the basement watching a video. I grabbed a cup of coffee and headed downstairs.

I was prepared for a video shot at one of last year's fly-ins. Boy, was I in for a shock! No, it wasn't a documentary on the shooting of the swimsuit edition. When I came in, the guys were watching close-ups of the underside of an airplane wing, a barn full of spare parts and pieces of an airplane that I couldn't immediately identify. When I finally got a glimpse of the landing gear, I blurted out, "What the heck is this, a PBY?" The answers were all affirmative. I sat quietly and watched.

A PBY is a World War II vintage amphibian airplane nicknamed the Catalina. They were used extensively by the navy in all theaters for reconnaissance, rescue and all sorts of missions that required long distance travel over the ocean. PBYs became famous for their exploits in the Pacific where their 3,200 mile range and ability to land either in the sea or on the ground made them ideally suited for numerous roles. They are big, twin engine airplanes capable of carrying up to thirty passengers. PBYs are so ugly, they're cool.

She's been using this mode of travel for two years.

Village elections are next Monday. Frank Houghton was elected Lowell Township Supervisor in this week's republican caucus.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 26, 1970
The Bushnell Parents Club is organizing a Block Parents Association, to protect children on their way to and from school.

A brief history of Lowell's water system details events from 1887 to 1965, when the most recent well was drilled. Present use is about 220 gallons per person per day, or 200 million gallons a year.

Viewers are cautioned not to look at the sun during the eclipse two days from now.

City Council approved Rotary Club's suggestion that one building in Recreation Park be named after the late Ernest C. Foreman.



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - MARCH 6, 1895
Seal catch in Canada is the largest ever, 94,474 for 1894, in spite of new hunting regulations. Sealers hire Indians who can hunt skillfully with spears (firearms can't be used). A joint bicycling and sprinting club will soon organize for the summer.

Kopf Bros. just purchased an elegant new funeral car from the James Gould Co. of Albany, N.Y.

All voters must re-register under the new general charter law. Hurry, next Monday is the election.

The usual snide remarks about the democratic caucus are made, about having less than 20 citizens present, and "star chamber" sessions by the leaders.

"Congress died" Monday at noon after stopping the clock in order to get a bunch of necessary bills passed.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 4, 1920

A free tractor and gas engine school will be held two days next week at Tom Watson & Son's Warehouse in Lowell.

Stereopticon pictures were projected at the Methodist Church last Sunday to illustrate Mrs. M.N. Henry's beautiful solo of Ira Sankey's "The Ninety and Nine."

The students of Lowell High School will present the operetta (sic) "Polished Pebbles" next week at City Hall.

A bill in the Senate to educate the seven million illiterates in the country is getting stiff opposition on the grounds of cost.

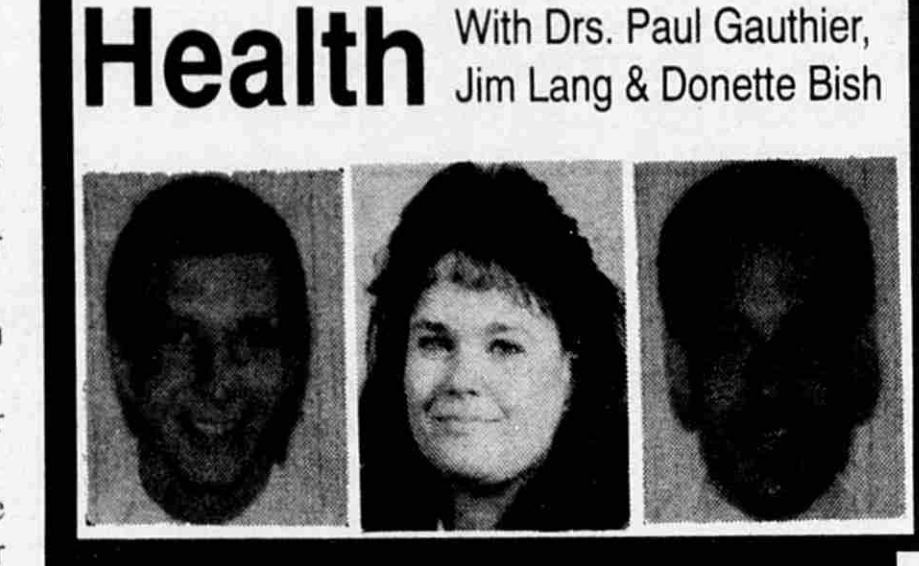
An "Air Flivver" that can be parked in the backyard, flies at 22-75 mph and sells for \$2,500 has had a successful tryout.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 8, 1945

Flight Officer Dick Lampkin reports on flying the hump (Himalayas) between India and China, and Bruce Walter, writing from Guam, finds Newell Door Closers on his LCT.

Lowell gets to the basketball finals by beating Ionia, but bows to Greenville in the last game.

Mrs. Clara Townsend of Clarksville drives her double buggy with a dapple-gray team to Lowell and draws a crowd.



Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish

HOW TO GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

It is estimated that nine percent of the American population have difficulty getting a good night's sleep. There are different types of insomnia and it is important that a physical or mental condition is not present.

In about 20 percent of the people, insomnia is a conditioned or learned behavior; in 10 percent, sleeplessness is due to alcohol or drug abuse; in five to 10 percent, sleep apnea and the restless leg syndrome keep people awake; and in 10 percent, circadian rhythm disturbance, such as caused by work shift or acute stress, underlie the inability to sleep. In another 10 percent of people, insomnia is secondary to a medical problem.

Some people have difficulty in falling asleep or wake up too early. Others may awaken frequently during the night, or wake up a few times but for relatively long periods.

More than 300 prescriptions and over-the-counter medications can cause insomnia, including diet aids and cold remedies. Avoid alcohol, caffeine, and nicotine; these can impair sleep. Go to bed and get up on a regular schedule and avoid daytime naps. Spend the time before retiring doing relaxing activities. Avoid exercise or vigorous mental activity right before bed. Keep your bedroom as dark and quiet as possible. Trying these few suggestions may help you towards a good night's sleep.

I should mention here that I have a seaplane rating and a part interest in a Cessna equipped with floats. There is nothing quite like landing and taking off from lakes and rivers. But, flying, not to mention owning, a PBY is far beyond even my healthy Walter Middy mind. I was awestruck as I watched the video prepared by the people selling this monstrosity. There were shots of it flying, landing in the water, cockpit stuff, etc. WOW!

There are a few PBYs still flying. Most are in use as water bombers for fighting forest fires. They are equipped with a 1,000 gallon tank. The pilot touches down on a lake while on plane, extends a probe and the tank fills in eight seconds. The water is then dropped on the fire and the pilot goes back to the lake for another load. The PBY in the video was so equipped and has been in use in Canada, near Montreal.

I could go on forever about the PBY, but I'm sure most of you are bored to tears if you've gotten this far. So, when the video was over, I got the skinny on what it was all about. It seems a fellow Stearman owner I've gotten to know over the past couple of years is thinking seriously of buying this thing. He plans to restore it to its WWII paint scheme on the outside, take out the water bombing system and convert the inside to something like a motor home. Can you imagine? A flying motor home that can land in the water or on the ground and go 3,000 miles on a load of fuel?!!

This guy, who like me is in his mid-forties, then plans to sell his apparently lucrative business, and depart for the South Pacific until he gets tired of it. Like I said up front, I thought I could fantasize with the best of 'em, but after this PBY thing, I've found I'm strictly minor league. I plan on keeping close tabs on this scheme. I hope I'm wrong, but my guess is, sooner or later, his wife is finally gonna get through to him about taking the garbage out, and that will be the end of it.



The great American Literature novel *Huckleberry Finn* written by Mark Twain is in jeopardy of being removed from the high school library shelves of some schools in this great nation. The schools claim that the students don't know enough American History to know the context in which the literary novel was written.

On ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley, regular, George Will called this a terrible indictment on the schools' history department.

Will, who serves only to irritate me 99 percent of the time, was right when he suggested that is why there is a teacher in the room - to explain to the students what context the novel was written.

If my memory isn't completely gone, it seems to me that in my American Literature class in great old Edwardsburg High, we read the great literature and then a classroom discussion was held about its meaning and context - with the teacher leading the discussion.

One of the excerpts from the Huck Finn novel that is under scrutiny is a conversation that takes place after an explosion on a steamship:

"We blow'd out a cylinder head."
"God no, anybody hurt?"
"No man, killed a nigger."
"Well, it's lucky, sometimes people get hurt."

The incredible satire in which this was written was done to depict the times and to give "students" an understanding of why and how the novel was written.

Will suggested any adult who does not understand the context in which the novel was written should go back to school.

Enough said!

Deputy District Attorney in the O.J. Simpson case, Marcia Clark, faces the possibility of losing custody of her children. Her former husband is taking her to court, stating the trial keeps her from giving the children the care they are in need of.

It's an ironic twist. Years ago men were losing custody of children because of their hours away from home due to their work load. They not only lost custody but gave up much of what they owned, let alone their paycheck.

However, everybody should have the right to do their job right without the threat of losing custody of their kids.

It was suggested that both of the Clarks should be stuck in a room and whoever could recite the first paragraph of "Cat in the Hat" should get custody - "The sun did not shine, it was too late to play...."

It took some homework to even come up with that much - I guess I'd lose custody.

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<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 LaiWare Pastor Eleanor Martin Director of Education Meghan Culver Music Director Barrier-Free Nursery Provided</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Praise 6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA 7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study 7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry 7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1995.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Thompson and Mayor Maatman.
Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the February 6, 1995 meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by THOMPSON that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Thompson and Mayor Maatman.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (2/21/95)

GENERAL FUND	\$63,852.26
MAJOR STREET FUND	604.37
LOCAL STREET FUND	903.35
D.D.A. FUND	4,632.38
AIRPORT FUND	207.37
WASTEWATER FUND	21,814.73
WATER FUND	17,104.31
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,124.06
DATA PROCESSING FUND	2,456.14
CURRENT TAX FUND	22,889.56
LEE FUND	465.17

Item #1. PRESENTATION OF FUNDING REQUEST FROM ROCKFORD LOWELL AMBULANCE - COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS. Roger Morgan, of Rockford Lowell Ambulance, was present to request funding to upgrade its communications system. As a matter of information, Morgan noted in 1994 there were 370 responses in the City of Lowell and 281 patients were transported. Also, there were 41 wheel chair requests.

Morgan stated that the current communication system, built in the mid-1970's, serves Rockford, Courtland and Lowell areas. He added that Rockford Ambulance is considering two different systems, including a 455 Mhz and an 800 Mhz digital trunking system. Morgan explained that \$80,000 is required for the Rockford and Lowell ambulances to furnish these vehicles with the proper equipment. Also, a consultant from the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division will assist them in the process. Morgan said that if the 455 Mhz system (currently utilized by other services and hospitals) is pursued, two repeaters will be needed because of the low area surrounding the Rogue, Flat and Grand Rivers. He noted in particular an area in the vicinity of 4 Mile - 6 Mile roads where it is difficult to receive transmissions.

Morgan requested \$4,000 from the City of Lowell over a two year period to assist in funding the project. City Manager Pasquale added that an option is to utilize 1996-97 Community Development Block Grant funds. Councilmember Hodges suggested setting aside \$2,000 from the current fiscal year and \$2,000 in next year's budget. He preferred utilizing General Fund dollars rather than Community Development funds. City Manager Pasquale added that the \$4,000 could be allocated over the next two budget years.

It was the consensus of the Council to allocate \$2,000 each from the 1995-96 and the 1996-97 budget years for funding to upgrade the communications system for Rockford Lowell Ambulance.

Item #2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GRABAGE UST REMEDIATION PROJECT - ASSIGNMENT OF NEW FIRM. The City has been utilizing TMI Environmental Services for underground fuel tank remediation work at the Department of Public Works. Pasquale noted that TMI is in the process of filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy

which inhibits their capacity to provide services. Ed Higuera, the present project manager, is now employed with Prein and Newhof. Pasquale stated that Higuera has worked on the City's site over the last two years and will provide continuity in completing the project. Councilmember Thompson questioned if Prein and Newhof requested higher prices for the remediation work. City Manager Pasquale responded that their prices for the various work assignments were the same or below of that charged by TMI.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to enter into contract with Prein and Newhof to oversee the UST remediation project at the DPW Garage.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. FINAL CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER AND PAYMENT - NATGUN CORPORATION - GROUND WATER STORAGE TANK. City Manager Pasquale explained the westside watermain project was divided into three segments. This involved the water main installation, construction of the booster pump station and the ground storage tank on Gee Drive. Pasquale stated that the tank, constructed by Natgun Corporation of Wakefield, Mass., has been completed. A final contract change order and payment needed to be considered. The first change order regarding the tank project was approved at the July 18 meeting to raise the grade of the access road. Pasquale explained that the second and final change order involves an overall decrease. There were anticipated testing services not needed that amounted to a savings of \$6,194. Also, a water service adjustment increased the contract by \$833.18. As a result, there was a net decrease change order of \$5,360.18 which was approved by the project engineer, Tim McNamara of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber. City Manager Pasquale stated that the final payment of \$15,613.64 will bring the final contract amount to \$739,856.18 for the tank project. Councilmember Hodges questioned the landscaping on the project. Pasquale responded the city will fill in the areas in and around that city owned property with trees and plantings.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the final contract change order to Natgun Corporation for the Ground Water Storage Tank in the amount of \$15,613.64.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL FOR THE OPERATION OF A CONCESSION STAND AT BURCH FIELD. David Biggs, of Lowell Youth Football, was present to request the use of the Burch Field concession stand during soccer and football games. Biggs wished to have LYF sign the same agreement as the one currently in effect at Creekside Park by the Lowell Area Jaycees. City Manager Pasquale stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission has unanimously recommended its approval at the February 11, 1995 meeting. He noted that the Lowell Youth Football is extremely interested in Burch Field. Furthermore, LYF would want further improvements and are willing to play an active role in development.

Biggs added that Andy Johnson, Director of the Lowell YMCA, has endorsed this proposal. Councilmember Hodges questioned the length of the concession agreement. Pasquale responded one year until January 1, 1996. At that time, it is renewable. Councilmember Thompson asked if Lowell Youth Football is required to provide liability insurance. City Manager Pasquale responded that LYF is required to have a liability insurance policy. Biggs noted that they have been in contact with an insurance agency.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to enter into an agreement with Lowell Youth Football to operate the Burch Field concession stand until January 1, 1996.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. STRIKING OF DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES. As presented in a memo from City

Treasurer Judy Noonon, two businesses' personal property taxes have been recommended to be stricken from the rolls because of being uncollectible. City Manager Pasquale stated that the city's share amounts to \$210.02. The other taxing jurisdictions would have to act accordingly. Councilmember Hodges wanted to have these businesses' names be entered into the minutes.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to strike Iceman's Outlet (209 W. Main) and Wholesale Specialties (423 W. Main) from the personal property tax roll as determined to be uncollectible.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. MONTHLY REPORTS. The following monthly reports were presented:
Police Fire Building
Budget Public Works

Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Jeff Anderson, Leader of Boy Scout Troop 102, stated that his troop attended the Council Meeting on behalf of the boys' citizenship requirements to attend a local government meeting.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Hodges reported that the annual disbursement of Lowell Cable TV franchise fees had been distributed. He said that the City had received \$16,009, Lowell Township \$9,015 and Vergennes Township \$2,252. He noted that the current number of cable subscribers is 2,030.

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. A recent report concerning Lowell Township street funds was clarified. The township does not have an extra \$76,000 in these funds. Rather, these monies have been obligated to pay for the Foreman Road construction project. Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson said that \$49,000 in street funds (includes \$9,000 in Build Michigan funds) is expected for the coming year. Pasquale explained that Timpson has applied for Community Development Block Grant funds to contribute toward the township share of the Bowes Rd. realignment project. He added that a letter of support of the application has been submitted.

B. The Planning Commission has completed its review of the new Master Plan. A joint meeting with the City Council has been proposed for Monday, March 13 to discuss the document draft.

C. An annual report of the Schneider Fund was presented to the City Council.

D. City Manager Pasquale mentioned that the City will submit the old sewer bucket machine for the Western Michigan Municipal Equipment auction in Hudsonville on March 18. He added that previous attempts to sell the machine have failed.

Art Gall, Director of Public Works, asked if the sidewalk plow (to be replaced by the Bobcat) could also be sold through the auction. The Council agreed.

Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman appointed Joseph Mark (225 Roberta Jayne) to the Airport Board to a three year term expiring January 1, 1997.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: March 6, 1995

James D. Maatman, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

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TOWN TALK

Do you think that Dr. Henry Foster Jr. should be rejected as the new surgeon general for performing legal abortions in the past?



Bill Covert
Yes, because he's lied about it.



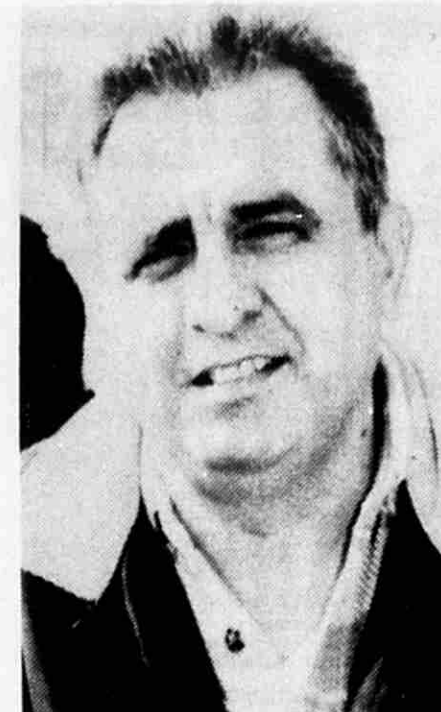
James Conarton
No. They should look at what he can do and what he is doing, not at what he's done, and if he can fill the job description.



Sjana Gordon
No, they were legal. Why should he be put down for it?



Allison Vanderberg (Bryce)
Yes. I am opposed to abortions.



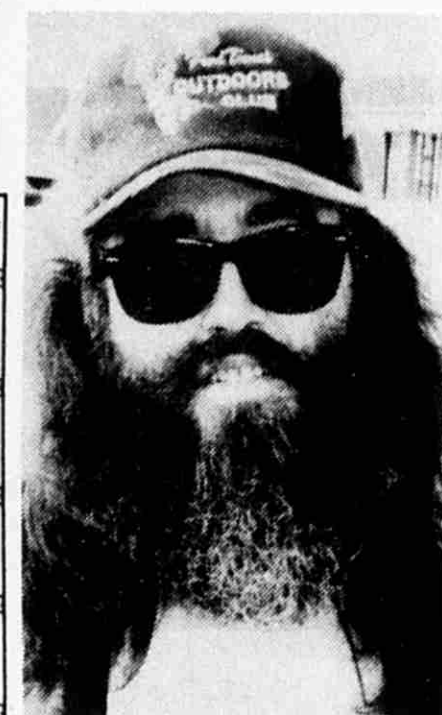
Thomas M. Contreras
Yes, I don't believe in abortion.



Vicky Schultz
No. I don't believe in abortions with the exception of rape and medical reasons.



Valarie Borgh
No. It was legal. He should not be discriminated against for doing something that was legal.



David Kornoelje
No. He was doing his job. It was within the law. It should not be held against him for doing something legal.

Let no one who loves be called altogether unhappy. Even love unreturned has its rainbow.
—James Barrie

The art of amorous conversations consists in making them not always amorous.
—Bernard de Fontenelle

Capital News Briefs

By Jerry Eisinger, Lansing

Unemployment Bill...

(CNB) Lansing - New legislation that narrowly made its way through the state Senate will significantly change Michigan's unemployment system if the state House also approves it.

The bill cuts the state's unemployment tax and changes the eligibility requirements to collect unemployment benefits. Democrats contend the bill would punish state residents without work through no fault of their own. Republicans, however, say the measure will bring between \$600 million and \$1 billion back in the Michigan economy. The sponsor of the bill, state Senator David Honigman (R-West Bloomfield) argues the unemployment insurance is counterproductive because it is a tax on job creation in the state.

Food Stamp Changes...

(CNB) Lansing - New proposed revisions in the food stamp program are designed to give incentive to welfare recipients to enroll in work programs. Social Services Director Gerald Miller said one revision will be the cash equivalent payment option. It allows the state to give cash rather than food stamps to recipients who earn at least \$350 a month for three months. Sharon Parks from the Michigan League for Human Services is a little worried that some children's nutrition will be neglected because low-income families have so many financial demands. But the governor's 1995-96 budget proposal commands the Department of Social Services to establish ways to ensure children are not placed at nutritional risk by using cash food stamp aid. The food stamp program paid \$834.7 million last year to approximately one million low-income persons.

Hertel Opposes Michigan Government Television...

(CNB) Lansing - Governor John Engler's plans to provide nearly \$1 million for Michigan's proposed Government Television is receiving strong opposition from House Minority Leader Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit). Michigan Government TV is compared to C-SPAN, but only on a state level.

Hertel argues that C-SPAN does not receive funding to cover events at the federal government. The Department of Management and Budget, however, includes \$938,100 allocation to the television project. House Democrats also object to the expected lack of representation in the process from people who paid the bills for its existence.

Department of Corrections...

(CNB) Lansing - Anyone convicted of a felony or facing felony charges would be ineligible to work for the Michigan Department of Corrections under new legislation sponsored by Republican state Representative Sandra Hill (R-Montrose).

The bill recently reported out of the House Judiciary and Civil rights Committee would not allow the department to hire anyone that has been incarcerated on felony convictions in the five years previous to applying. Hills says her measure emphasizes "intent to safeguard all citizens." The bill also safeguards the current 100 employees with previous convictions.

An Automotive Alliance...

(CNB) Detroit - Governor John Engler announced in Detroit the state of Michigan is joining forces with the automotive industry to form an alliance called the Michigan Automotive Partnership. The new group is expected to handle critical issues that will keep the state's automotive industry competitive. David Cole, the director of the University of Michigan office for the study of Automotive Transportation, says the critical issue currently facing the industry is a shortage of skilled workers. The alliance will first study the work force development needs in auto factories. Engler says "nothing is more important to Michigan's economy than the auto industry." Representatives from Ford, General Motors and Chrysler joined the governor to make the announcement.

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SIGN UP EARLY FOR ART WORKSHOPS

Sandy Bartlett returns to the Lowell Area Arts Center to present two children's after school workshops. The drawing workshops are geared for kids ages eight to 14. Beginners will meet at the Center on Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. and advanced meet on Thursdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

This is a six-week workshop and classes will begin March 15 and 16. The fee is \$50 for LAAC members and \$60 for nonmembers. Size is limited, sign up early. Phone 897-8545 to register.

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL ART COMPETITION

Entry forms are available now for the Lowell Area Arts Council's 9th Annual West Michigan Regional Competition. More than \$1,000 in prize money will be awarded.

Entries are \$7.50 each and artists may enter up to three works. Deadline for entries is March 10. Write to Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, P.O. Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331. For further information phone 897-8545.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR SOCCER

The deadline for indoor soccer is this Thursday, March 9, so don't miss out. Boys and girls, grades one through six, will learn the fundamentals with emphasis on having fun.

There will be scrimmages each week. Classes will be held at the Runciman gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the YMCA office at 897-8445 today.

BLUEBIRDS SPOTTED

Gib Snieder of E. Fulton spotted bluebirds in his yard on

Monday, March 6.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, March 30, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 210 E. Main.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Scott Johnson, 38, of Greenville, was arrested and later released after posting bond on a warrant out of 61st District Court Feb. 27.

Fernando Gonzalez, 34, of Lowell, was taken to the Kent County Jail for violation of a court order Feb. 22.

Todd Bruinekoel, 23, of Lowell, was arrested for driving while license suspended second offense and on a warrant issued out of 63rd District Court for failure to appear in court on Feb. 6.

James Phenix, 18, of Lowell, was cited into 63rd District Court on Feb. 9 for use of marijuana.

Two juveniles from Lowell - one 10 years old, the other 11 will be referred to probate court for retail fraud (shoplifting) which occurred at rookies Card Shop on West Main Feb. 20.

A 15-year-old juvenile from Lowell will be referred to probate court on charges of assault and batter which occurred Feb. 20.

Antonius Gheorghih, 19, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail for driving while license suspended second offense Feb. 18.

Todd Sluiter, 26, of Hudsonville, was arrested Feb. 17 on a warrant issued out of an Ionia County court for assault and battery.

Cheri Hendrick (Mazei), 21, of Grand Rapids, was taken to the Kent County Jail, Feb. 24, for driving while license suspended.

Scott Hall, 19, of Ada, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol Feb. 18.

Gerald Williamson, 34, of Grand Rapids, was arrested Feb. 22 for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while license suspended and open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Kevin Nelson, 31, of Rockford, was arrested Feb. 19 for driving under the influence of alcohol second offense.

Timothy Tolle, 30, of Lowell, lost control of the car he was driving on Feb. 25 on Riverside at Hunt Street and slid into a vehicle driven by Trent Buck 28, of Saranac. No one was injured.

Annette Shade, 28, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Feb. 25 at Valley Vista and West Street when her vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver.

Antonio Martinez, 23, of Ionia, was injured in an accident Feb. 10 when his vehicle struck the rear of a parked car on East Main near James Street Feb. 10 which was owned by Ada Denkema of Lowell.

No one was injured in an accident Feb. 20 when Nancy Frazer, 43, of Saranac, changed lanes and struck a car driven by Michael VanderWilp, 18, of Lowell, on West Main at Lincoln Lake.

Kevin Barrett, 29, of Lowell, was not injured in an accident Feb. 20 when he struck a deer on Alden Nash near Gee Drive.

Marlene Clouser, 19, of Lowell, lost control of the vehicle

she was driving and slid into the ditch on South Hudson and Bowes Road Feb. 10. She was not injured.

Kenneth Goff, 63, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Feb. 22 on Center Street near Main when he backed his vehicle out of a parking lot and struck a vehicle owned by the U.S. Postal Service.

No injuries were reported in an accident which occurred on Bowes Road at South Hudson Feb. 11. A car driven by Teresa Feterhoff, 24, of Lowell, struck a vehicle driven by a 16-year-old juvenile, also from Lowell, in the rear after sliding on ice.

Lowell officers investigated 11 accident complaints in the month of February. Only one involved injuries.

Gregory Stevens, 18, of Lowell, was ordered to appear on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court, Feb. 7, on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100.

Harley Buche, 17, of Alto, was arrested on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court Feb. 7 for possession of marijuana and home invasion, second degree.

Alice Blough, 42, of Lowell, was released after posting bond on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for larceny over \$100 Feb. 18.

Thomas Smith, 17, of Lowell, was taken to the Kent County Jail on two warrants Feb. 20 charging him with two counts of larceny from a building.

Gregory Stevens, 18, of Lowell, was arrested on Feb. 20 for receiving and concealing stolen property and taken to the Kent County Jail.

Clifford Vaillencourt, 43, of Lowell, was taken to the Kent County Jail on warrants issued out of Kent County and Lapeer County Feb. 27.

A 10 and 11-year-old juvenile from Lowell will be referred to probate court at a later date for retail fraud (shoplifting) from Family Fare Food Store on West Main Street Feb. 24.

A 15-year-old juvenile from Alto will be referred to probate court for possession of marijuana and home invasion, second degree, which occurred on Jan. 31.

John Young, 19, of Lowell, was arrested March 1 on two warrants out of Kentwood and city of Wyoming for assault and battery and open alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Joseph Barnella III, 18, of Lowell, pulled from a parking place on West Main Street near Broadway and collided with a car driven by Linda Bennett, 401, also of Lowell, on March 1. No one was injured.

Cherly Hayes-Docherty, 41, of Grand Rapids, reported to Lowell police that a flatbed truck forced her off the road, on Main at Valley Vista Drive, March 3, causing damage to her vehicle when she left the road. She was not injured.

Thomas Cladwell, 22, of Lake Odessa, was involved in a property damage accident March 3 when he failed to yield right-of-way at the stop intersection of Main and Jackson and struck a vehicle driven by Daren Kench, 18, of Ithaca. No injuries were reported.

A 15-year-old juvenile from Lowell, will be cited into probate court for use of marijuana in connection with an incident that occurred March 6.

Jeffrey Smith, 26, of Grand Rapids, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail March 4 on charges of fleeing and eluding, resisting and obstructing, driving while license suspended, second offense, and driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense.

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MONDAY EVENING MARCH 13, 1995. 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, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 13, 1995. 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, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 16, 1995										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)
4	WDTV	Highway Patrol	Extra (In Stereo)	Extreme (In Stereo)	Commiss (In Stereo)	Day One	News	News	Nightline	Spirit of the Wild
5	WGUV	MacNeill/Lehrer Newshour	Extra (In Stereo)	Extreme (In Stereo)	Commiss (In Stereo)	Day One	News	News	Nightline	Spirit of the Wild
17	WXII	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "All in the Family"	Kung Fu: The Legend Continues "Tournament"	Cheers	Murphy Brown	Murphy Brown
8	WOOD	Entertainment Tonight	Inside Edition	Mad About You	Hope & Gloria	Seinfeld "The Jimmy"	Friends (In Stereo)	ER "Another Perfect Day" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show
6	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round Game - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)
16	WLX	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Skin of Evil"	Mad About You	Hope & Gloria	Seinfeld "The Jimmy"	Friends (In Stereo)	ER "Another Perfect Day" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	Tonight Show
23	WKAR	MacNeill/Lehrer Newshour	Extra (In Stereo)	Extreme (In Stereo)	Commiss (In Stereo)	Day One	News	News	Nightline	Spirit of the Wild
13	WZWM	Cops (In Stereo)	Current Affairs	Extreme (In Stereo)	Commiss (In Stereo)	Day One	News	News	Nightline	Spirit of the Wild
7	WSYM	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "All in the Family"	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Jenny Jones	Jenny Jones
CABLE STATIONS										
7	TBS	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Charlotte Hornets. From the Charlotte Coliseum. (Live)	Movie: * "Poltergeist III" (1988, Horror) Tom Skerritt. Time Approximate.	Movie: * "Poltergeist III" (1988, Horror) Tom Skerritt. Time Approximate.	Movie: * "Poltergeist III" (1988, Horror) Tom Skerritt. Time Approximate.	Movie: * "Poltergeist III" (1988, Horror) Tom Skerritt. Time Approximate.	Movie: * "Poltergeist III" (1988, Horror) Tom Skerritt. Time Approximate.	Movie: * "Poltergeist III" (1988, Horror) Tom Skerritt. Time Approximate.
4	FAM	Waltons "The Illusion"	Evening Shade	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club
20	FX	Hart to Hart "The Hartbreak Kid"	Under Scrutiny	Home and Away	Dynasty "The Last Hurrah"	In Living Color	In Living Color	Sound FX Music videos	Sound FX Music videos	Sound FX Music videos
22	USA	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Murder, She Wrote "Broadway Melody"	Movie: *** "Coming to America" (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. An African prince arrives in New York to find a bride.	Beyond 2000	Beyond 2000	Mysterious Universe	Mysterious Universe	Mysterious Universe
2	DISC	Beyond 2000	Next Step (R)	Mystic Universe	Magical Worlds	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone (R)	Beyond 2000	Beyond 2000	Beyond 2000
2	WGN	Love Connection	Jeffersons	Wayans Bros.	Parent 'Hood	Unhappily Ever After	Muscle (In Stereo)	News	News	News
23	ESPN	Sportscenter	Up Close Special	Track and Field: IAAF World Indoor Championships. From Barcelona, Spain.	Figure Skating: Nations Cup on Ice. From Gelsenkirchen, Germany.	Figure Skating: Nations Cup on Ice. From Gelsenkirchen, Germany.	Figure Skating: Nations Cup on Ice. From Gelsenkirchen, Germany.	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter
23	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Primetime Live	Simpson Trial	Larry King Live	World News	Showbiz Today	Sports Tonight	Simpson Trial
13	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Looney Tunes	I Dream of Jeannie	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi "Tony's Lady"	Taxi "Jim and the Kid"	Bob Newhart
20	A&E	Rockford Files "Drought at Indianhead River"	Biography "Eleanor Roosevelt: A Restless Spirit"	Biography "Eleanor Roosevelt: A Restless Spirit"	Nunsense 2: The Sequel (R)	Nunsense 2: The Sequel (R)	Nunsense 2: The Sequel (R)	Law & Order "Consultation"	Law & Order "Consultation"	Law & Order "Consultation"
21	PASS	CCHA Digest	College Hockey U.S.A.	Swimming and Diving: Big Ten Women's Championship.	Cheerleading: NCA High School Championships	Cheerleading: NCA High School Championships	Cheerleading: NCA High School Championships	Snowmob	Swimming and Diving	Swimming and Diving
23	TNT	In the Heat of the Night "Perversions of Justice"	Movie: *** "Father Goose" (1965, Comedy) Cary Grant. A woman and seven girls invade a loner's WWII island lookout.	Movie: *** "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Drama) Shirley MacLaine.	Movie: *** "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Drama) Shirley MacLaine.	Movie: *** "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Drama) Shirley MacLaine.	Movie: *** "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Drama) Shirley MacLaine.	Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)
23	NASH	American Skyline	Country News	Waylon Jennings & Friends (In Stereo)	Music City Tonight Scheduled: Don Gibson. (In Stereo)	Music City Tonight Scheduled: Don Gibson. (In Stereo)	Music City Tonight Scheduled: Don Gibson. (In Stereo)	Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)
23	SCIFI	Twilight Zone	Tales-Darkside	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Probe "Plan 10A From Outer Space"	Friday the 13th: The Series "Shadow Boxer"	Friday the 13th: The Series "Shadow Boxer"	Twilight Zone	Tales-Darkside	Tales-Darkside
PREMIUM STATIONS										
10	DISN	Movie: "Wool" (1993, Fantasy) Edward Fido.	Nature by Design	Movie: *** "Ben-Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. (In Stereo) 'G'	Movie: *** "Ben-Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. (In Stereo) 'G'	Movie: *** "Ben-Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. (In Stereo) 'G'	Movie: *** "Ben-Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. (In Stereo) 'G'	Movie: *** "Ben-Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. (In Stereo) 'G'	Movie: *** "Ben-Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. (In Stereo) 'G'	Movie: *** "Ben-Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. (In Stereo) 'G'
10	HBO	Movie: * "Major League II" (1994, Drama) Kevin Costner. The Cleveland Indians return for another pennant race. 'PG'	Movie: "The Stranger" (1994, Drama) Kathy Long. (In Stereo) 'NR'	Def Comedy Jam (R)	Tommy Boy: First Look	Red Rock West (1993)	Movie: * "Major League II" (1994, Drama) Kevin Costner. The Cleveland Indians return for another pennant race. 'PG'	Movie: * "Major League II" (1994, Drama) Kevin Costner. The Cleveland Indians return for another pennant race. 'PG'	Movie: * "Major League II" (1994, Drama) Kevin Costner. The Cleveland Indians return for another pennant race. 'PG'	Movie: * "Major League II" (1994, Drama) Kevin Costner. The Cleveland Indians return for another pennant race. 'PG'
10	MAX	Movie: "The Abyss: Special Edition" (1989)	Movie: * "My Life" (1993) Michael Keaton. A cancer-stricken man confronts his past and illness.	Movie: "Killing Obsession" (1994, Suspense) John Savage. (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "Killing Obsession" (1994, Suspense) John Savage. (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "Killing Obsession" (1994, Suspense) John Savage. (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "Killing Obsession" (1994, Suspense) John Savage. (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "Killing Obsession" (1994, Suspense) John Savage. (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "Killing Obsession" (1994, Suspense) John Savage. (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "Killing Obsession" (1994, Suspense) John Savage. (In Stereo) 'R'

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BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT	College Basketball	News	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	Jerry Springer	Dennis Prager	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree
4	WDTV	Last Call (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air
5	WGUV	11:30) Ted Nugent's Spirit of the Wild	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air
17	WXII	Jon Stewart (R) (In Stereo)	Psychic Phone Line	News (In Stereo)	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air
8	WOOD	11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Leeza (In Stereo)	NBC News Nightside	NBC News Nightside	NBC News Nightside	NBC News Nightside
6	WLNS	College Basketball	News	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree
16	WLX	11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	News (R)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)
23	WKAR	11:30) Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman (R)	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air
13	WZWM	Rush Limbaugh	Married... With	In the Heat of the Night "An Eye for an Eye"	Mike & Maty	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)
7	WSYM	Extra (In Stereo)	News (In Stereo)	Hawthorne Media	Jon Stewart (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "The Couch Trip" (1967) An escaped mental patient becomes a hip radio psychologist.	Movie: ** "The Couch Trip" (1967) An escaped mental patient becomes a hip radio psychologist.	Movie: ** "The Couch Trip" (1967) An escaped mental patient becomes a hip radio psychologist.	Movie: ** "The Couch Trip" (1967) An escaped mental patient becomes a hip radio psychologist.	Movie: ** "The Couch Trip" (1967) An escaped mental patient becomes a hip radio psychologist.
CABLE STATIONS										
7	TBS	Movie: ** "One Dark Night" (1983) Meg Tilly. A reanimated corpse stalks three new sorority sisters.	Movie: *** "The Savage Bees" (1976, Suspense) Killer bees invade New Orleans during Mardi Gras.	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons
4	FAM	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "Mark of Gull"	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club
20	FX	Batman (Part 1 of 2)	Back Chat	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
22	USA	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Counterstrike "Contender"	American Gladiators	American Gladiators	American Gladiators	American Gladiators	American Gladiators	American Gladiators	American Gladiators
2	DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone (R)	Beyond 2000	Next Step (R)	Beyond 2000	Beyond 2000	Beyond 2000	Beyond 2000	Beyond 2000
2	WGN	11:30) Simon & Simon	Movie: "Red King, White Knight" (1989) A rogue KGB agent plots to assassinate the Soviet president.	Blues Goin' On (R)	Blues Goin' On (R)	Blues Goin' On (R)	Blues Goin' On (R)	Blues Goin' On (R)	Blues Goin' On (R)	Blues Goin' On (R)
23	ESPN	Running: Break Away	NCAA Special	Motorcycle Racing: AMA Supercross Series.	Racehorse Digest (R)	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter
23	CNN	Newsnight	Moneyline (R)	Calling All Sports	Sports Latenight	Larry King Live (R)	Sportscenter	Up Close (R)	Auto Racing: NASCAR Winston Cup - Purulator 500. (R)	Auto Racing: NASCAR Winston Cup - Purulator 500. (R)
13	NICK	Dragnet	Superman	Lucy Show	F Troop	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi "Tony's Lady"	Bob Newhart	Dick Van Dyke	Dick Van Dyke
20	A&E	Biography "Eleanor Roosevelt: A Restless Spirit"	Nunsense (R)	Nunsense (R)	Nunsense (R)	Nunsense (R)	Nunsense (R)	Law & Order "Consultation"	Law & Order "Consultation"	Law & Order "Consultation"
21	PASS	11:30) Swimming and Diving: Big Ten Men's Championship.	Page One	Page One	American Adventurer	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Closing session from Madison Square Garden in New York. (R)	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Closing session from Madison Square Garden in New York. (R)	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Closing session from Madison Square Garden in New York. (R)	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Closing session from Madison Square Garden in New York. (R)	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Closing session from Madison Square Garden in New York. (R)
23	TNT	10:35) Movie: *** "Terms of Endearment" (1983) Shirley MacLaine.	Movie: ** "Montana" (1990, Drama) An aging cowhand decides to sell a power company his ranch.	Movie: * "Keep the Change" (1992, Drama) William Petersen.	Movie: * "Keep the Change" (1992, Drama) William Petersen.	Movie: * "Keep the Change" (1992, Drama) William Petersen.	Movie: * "Keep the Change" (1992, Drama) William Petersen.	Movie: * "Keep the Change" (1992, Drama) William Petersen.	Movie: * "Keep the Change" (1992, Drama) William Petersen.	Movie: * "Keep the Change" (1992, Drama) William Petersen.
23	NASH	Waylon Jennings & Friends (R) (In Stereo)	Music City Tonight Scheduled: Don Gibson. (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)	Country News (R)
23	SCIFI	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Probe "Plan 10A From Outer Space"	Friday the 13th: The Series "Shadow Boxer"	Suspense Theatre "Nobody Will Ever Know"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
PREMIUM STATIONS										
10	DISN	9:00) Movie: "Ben-Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. (In Stereo) 'G'	Movie: *** "Run Wild, Run Free" (1969, Drama) John Mills. 'G'	Nature by Design	Movie: "The Rescuers"	Movie: "The Rescuers"	Movie: "The Rescuers"	Movie: "The Rescuers"	Movie: "The Rescuers"	Movie: "The Rescuers"
10	HBO	11:30) Movie: *** "Red Rock West" (1993) 'R'	Comedy Hour: Paul Rodriguez	Movie: * "Born American" (1986) Mike Norris. Three Americans cross the Soviet border while hunting.	Movie: * "Almost Pregnant" (1992, Comedy) 'R'	Movie: * "Almost Pregnant" (1992, Comedy) 'R'	Movie: * "Almost Pregnant" (1992, Comedy) 'R'	Movie: * "Almost Pregnant" (1992, Comedy) 'R'	Movie: * "Almost Pregnant" (1992, Comedy) 'R'	Movie: * "Almost Pregnant" (1992, Comedy) 'R'
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Caledonia spikers rally twice to derail Lowell's district hopes

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A terrific volleyball season ended in a not-so-terrific style Saturday in the Class B District tournament.

Seven days removed from an emotional conference tournament win over Forest Hills Central in the finals, Lowell's Red Arrows were unable to find their sync, rhythm or flow as they lost to Caledonia 17-15, 16-14.

"It never felt right and we never played right," Lowell volleyball coach Laurie Kuna said. "It's disappointing to end your season on a bad day."

What was a bad day for Lowell, was a great start to a day for the Fighting Scots.

Caledonia dug, dug and dug some more as its excellent defense forced Lowell into some hitting errors.

"You have to give Caledonia credit. They played excellent defense," Kuna said. "The Scots were digging up a lot of stuff and keeping the ball in play."

Lowell led 14-10 in both games, only to see Caledonia fight back and win.

"I thought we had them, but we just couldn't come up with play to put Caledonia away," Kuna said. "It was almost as if we were fated not to win."

The Red Arrows made good on 50-of-58 serves. Alison Kissingler led the team in digs and assists with 12 and 10

respectively. She also had four kills, two aces and seven service points (12-of-12 serving).

Kerry Nugent had six assists and was nine-of-nine serving with one ace and four service points.

Tara Harmon was eight-of-eight with three aces and six service points.

Cori Boersma led the team in kills with six. Kortney Gowen and Krista Posthumus tallied 10 and seven digs respectively.

Caledonia followed up its quarterfinal win over Lowell with a semifinal 15-11-15-6 win over Hastings.

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In the championship game the Vikings took out the Fighting Scots in two games 15-5, 15-0.

Lakewood will play South Christian in regional play at Whitehall.

Lowell 9-15-15
Northview 15-0-7

Lowell 15-15
Cedar Springs 10-8

Young Lowell gymnasts make their mark at Class B regional

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In no other high school sport do the little things separate the elite from the good as they do in gymnastics.

That point is highlighted each year at the regional gymnastics meet, which brings together some of the area's finest gymnastics' individuals and teams.

"It was a good, long day," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele Chamberlain said.

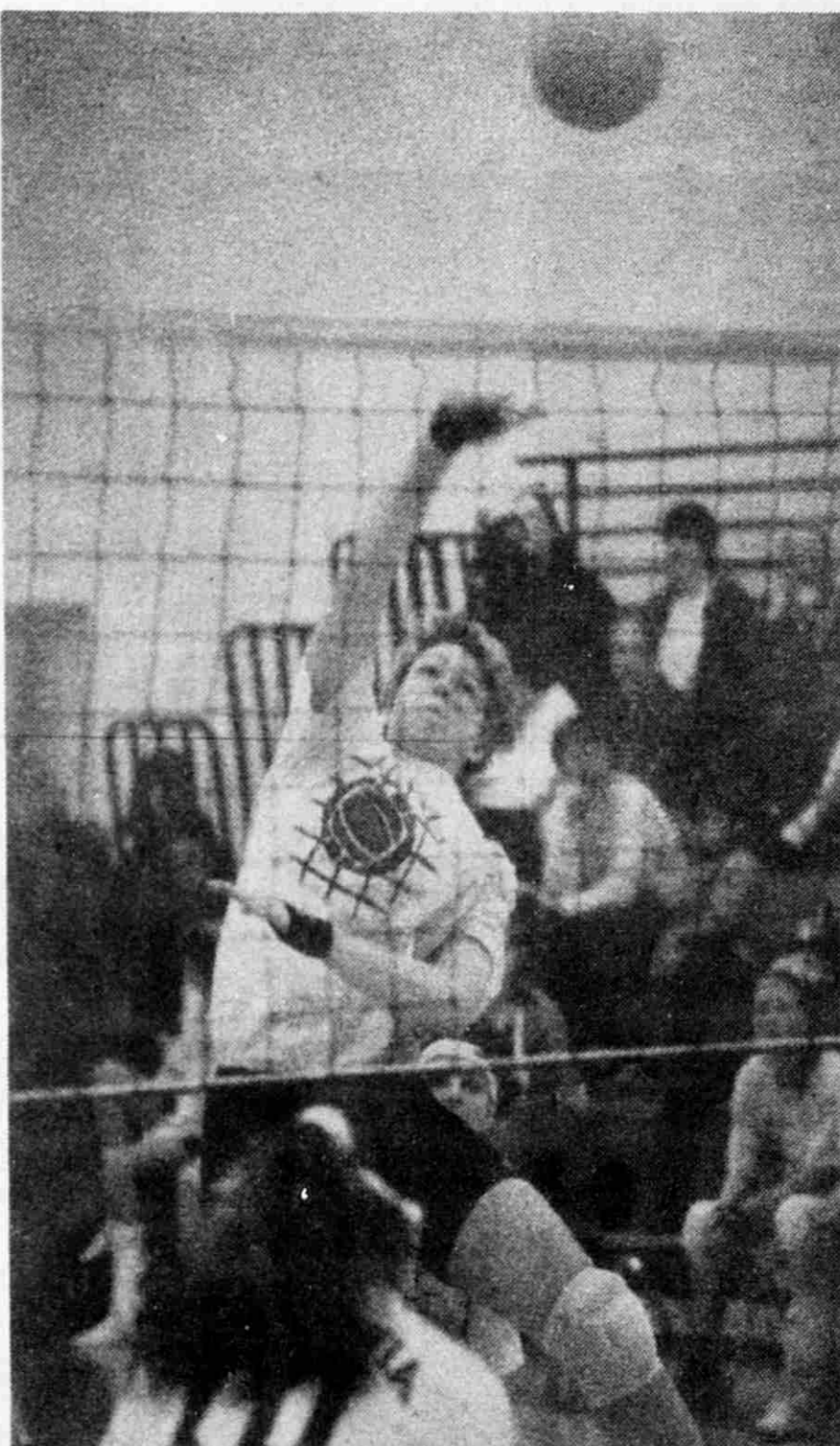
While the Red Arrows did not qualify as a team in 1995, they were represented by the individual performances of sophomore Shannon Laux and freshman Brenda Lacey.

Laux qualified for the regional in three events: the vault, balance beam and floor exercise.

The sophomore recorded her best score of the day in, not surprisingly, her strongest event - the vault.

Laux tallied an 8.15. "It wasn't Shannon's best score of the year on the vault, but we didn't practice Monday because of the weather and she was sick Tuesday and Wednesday," Chamberlain said. "I think missing three days of practice prior to the regional hurt her in all three events."

On the balance beam Laux recorded one of her best scores of the season, a 7.9.



Elena Richmond drives the volleyball back at the Fighting Scots in district volleyball action Saturday

Lowell warmed up for district play with wins over Northview and Cedar Springs.

The Red Arrows got off to a slow start against the Wildcats before recovering to win the last two games of the match.

Nugent led the club in service points with 16 and Gowen had 11.

Harmon recorded a team-high five kills. Posthumus led the Arrows in digs with nine and Nugent had 13 assists.

In its match against Cedar Springs, Lowell was 42-of-49 serving.

Gowen and Harmon each had five kills while Karen Dykstra and Nugent each recorded seven digs. Nugent also led the club

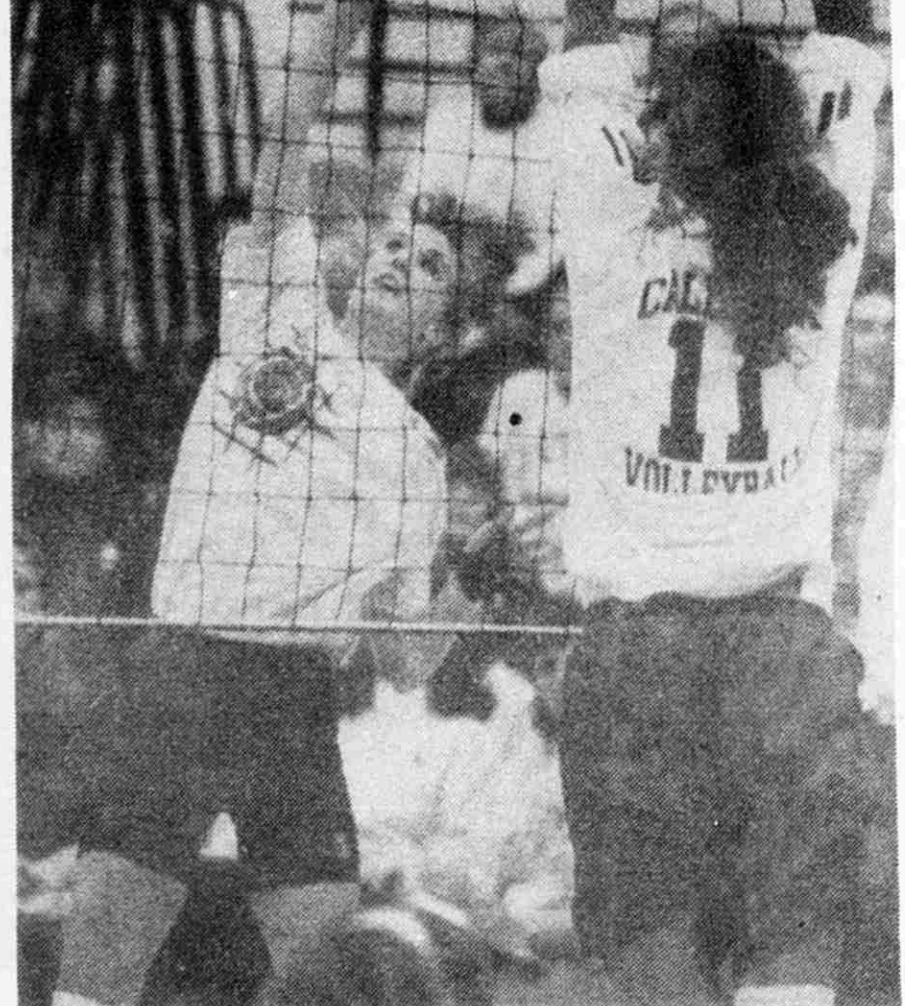
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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 29, 1995 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, to consider the following rezoning requests:

1) Six residents have a joint request to rezone approximately 53 acres in Sections 14 and 15 -

41-20-14-100-043	Ignatoski	5.79 acres
41-20-15-200-022	DenHouter	17.22 acres
41-20-15-200-031	Ennis	6.91 acres
41-20-15-200-034	DeWeerd	10.16 acres
41-20-15-200-039	Noskey	2.66 acres
41-20-15-400-015	Mauer	10.40 acres; and

2) The Lowell Township Planning Commission is also sponsoring a request to rezone approximately 134.53 acres in Sections 14 and 15, specifically those parcels in the Nyala and Emberwood Drive areas.

Both requests are to rezone Agricultural-2 land to Residential-1 land to allow for more splits to build dwellings.

The rezoning requests and the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance and maps are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Poor shooting and turnovers hurt Lowell, more so than its district opponent, in 53-49 loss to Lakewood

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Red Arrow boys' basketball team went the final eight minutes without a field goal in losing to Lakewood, 53-49 in the quarterfinals of the Class B District tournament at Portland High School Monday night.

"It's hard to win games

like this when you're not shooting well," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "We also had too many turnovers. We broke down in the fourth quarter."

Lowell's only points came from the foul line where it was nine-of-13. The Red Arrows were 0-12 from the floor in the final stanza.

The fourth-quarter break-

down was preceded by a third quarter which saw Lowell outscore Lakewood 21-16 to tie the game at 40-40 entering the fourth quarter.

With four minutes to play in the game, Lowell trailed 47-45. The Red Arrows could only muster four free throws by Brandon Eisentrager over the final four minutes of play. Lakewood didn't burn the nets down as it did not score from the floor either. The Vikings netted six-of-seven charity tosses.

"Over the last few games we haven't shot very well from the line," said Lakewood assistant coach Mark Farrell who was filling in for suspended head coach Mike Maciasz. "I thought we missed a lot of layups early on

that could have helped us build a lead."

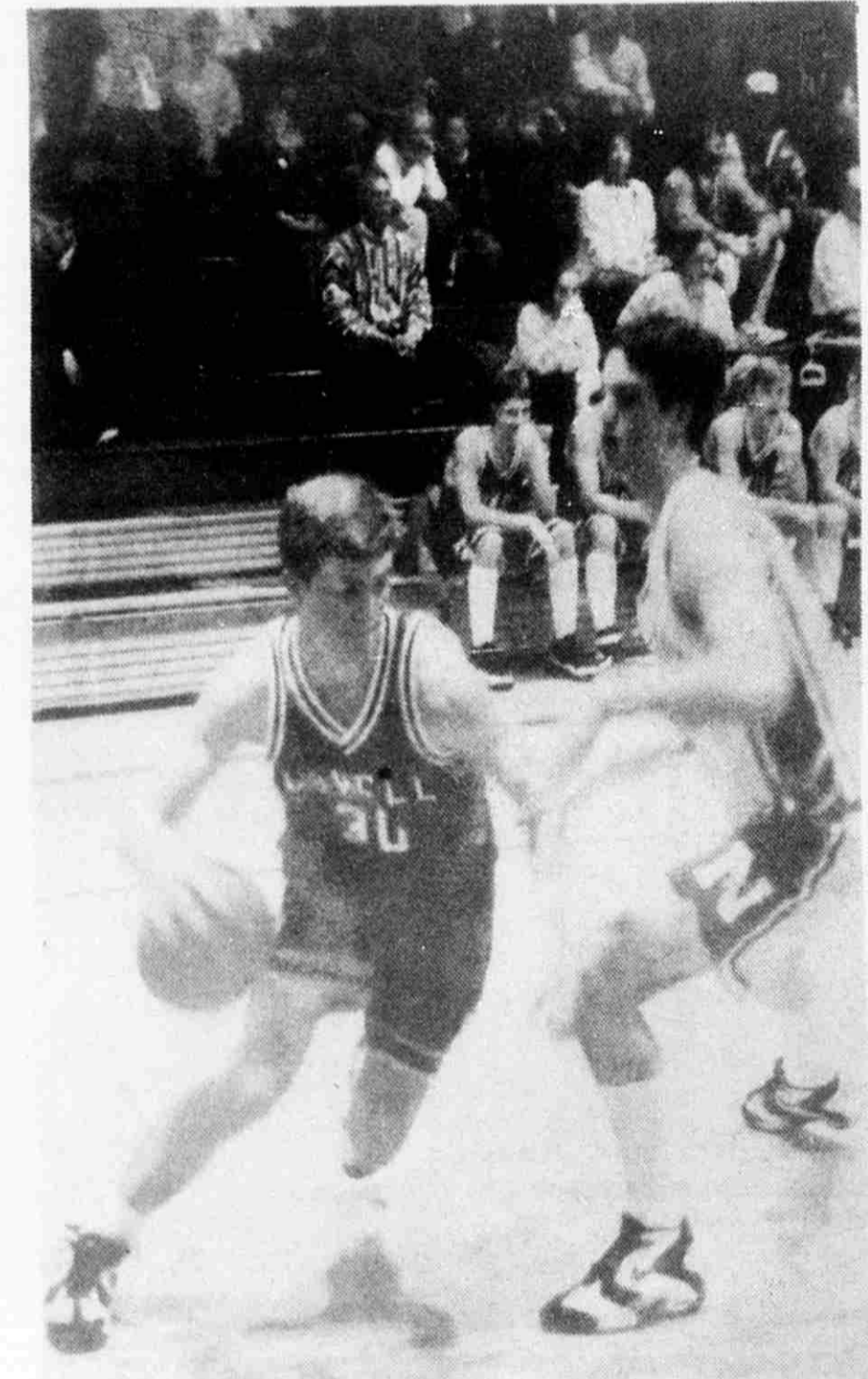
Lakewood was led in scoring by Matt Goodmoot with 15 points. Blake Elsie had 13 and Mark Cusack netted 11.

Dustin VanStee led Lowell with 15 and Eisentrager contributed with 11.

Lowell's leading scorer over the last six games of the regular season, B.J. Barber, was held to just three points. The Red Arrow's other outside threat, Scott Smith, tallied eight points, six of which came on two three-point buckets in the third quarter.

The losses ended Lowell's season at 3-18.

Lakewood (5-16) will play the winner of the Ionia/Portland game Wednesday night.



Dustin VanStee led all Red Arrows in scoring with 15 points in play against Lakewood.



B.J. Barber led all Red Arrows with a team-high 22 points in the regular-season finale against Northview.

Northview coach Bob Roelofs described his club's second-half play in an 80-59 win against Lowell as one his club could build on going into district play.

"We were struggling, but the kids played hard and played some good defense in the second half," Roelofs said after the Friday night game. "I think we can build on that."

Lowell led Northview 30-29 at halftime. However, a five-minute third-quarter scoreless stretch saw the Wildcats turn that one-point deficit into a 40-33 advantage.

The Red Arrows cut the Northview lead to four (40-36) on a three-point basket by B.J. Barber. Northview rallied over the last two minutes of the quarter to outscore Lowell 6-0 and take a 46-36 lead into the final quarter.

Lowell never got any closer as Northview outscored

the Red Arrows 34-23 over the final eight minutes.

"Northview stepped up its defense in the second half," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "We did not do a good job of screening or penetrating. Because of that we had no inside game."

Lowell led 12-10 after one quarter of play. Northview outscored Lowell 19-18 in the second quarter and 17-6 in the third quarter.

Barber led all scorers with 22 points. Six of the field goals were threes. "Barber did a nice job of working around screens for open shots," Roelofs said.

The only other Red Arrow to reach double figures was Brandon Eisentrager who netted 10 points.

Northview was led in scoring by Tim Lago with 14 points. Scott Williams added 13 while Scott Graves tallied 10.

Arnett and Posthumus earn honorable mention honors

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Another post-season basketball award was bestowed upon two players of the Lowell girls basketball team.

Courtney Arnett (forward) and Krista Posthumus (guard) were named to the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) honorable mention all-state team.

"It's a nice honor in that it is the only organization where strictly coaches pick the teams," Lowell girls' basketball coach Ken Akers said. "Both girls have been great to work with. They both possess tremendous attitudes."

Posthumus averaged 11.5 points per game in her senior year and a league-leading six steals per game.

The senior guard collected a school record 331 steals over her varsity career.

Arnett averaged a league-leading 16 points per game during her senior season. She scored 310 points in 1994-95 and 567 for her career. Arnett connected on 41 percent of her shots (127-of-307). She was 66 percent from the line netting 56-of-85 foul shots.

Posthumus will attend Calvin College in the fall and Arnett plans to take her basketball talents to Central Michigan University.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Grattan, on

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1995

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1995

between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation in person or by letter addressed to Grattan Township Assessor, 11676 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809. Appeal must be received by March 13, 1995.

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Scheduling problems nearly leave Lowell's D.A.R.E. program without instructors

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two weeks prior to its scheduled start, there wasn't a trained officer available to teach the 17-week D.A.R.E. program to Lowell fifth-graders.

"There were officers who volunteered but had not gone through the training program," Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine said. "Those who were trained were already signed up to teach."

Valentine's investigative work finally uncovered three officers outside the Lowell area who were willing to split the classroom time.

"We went right down to the wire," Valentine said.

Lake Odessa Police Chief Mike Struve instructs two classes at Alto Elementary. Sergeant Dale Nelson from the Ionia County Sheriff's Department handles four classes a week at Cherry Creek Elementary. Trooper Bruce Cojzen from the state police department in Rockford oversees three Cherry

Creek classes.

"We would have liked a local officer involved, but those who volunteered either had not been trained or those who had been trained had conflicts in their schedules," Valentine said.

Lowell's police chief served as the local program instructor for the past three years. "I thoroughly enjoyed it. But with trying to get established in my new position, I just didn't have the time," Valentine said.

One of the side benefits of the program is that students are put in nonthreatening environments with police officers. "It's a positive contact," Valentine said. "Many times students see officers only when they are in trouble - in negative connotation situations."

The D.A.R.E. program provides kids with information about how to say "no" to drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

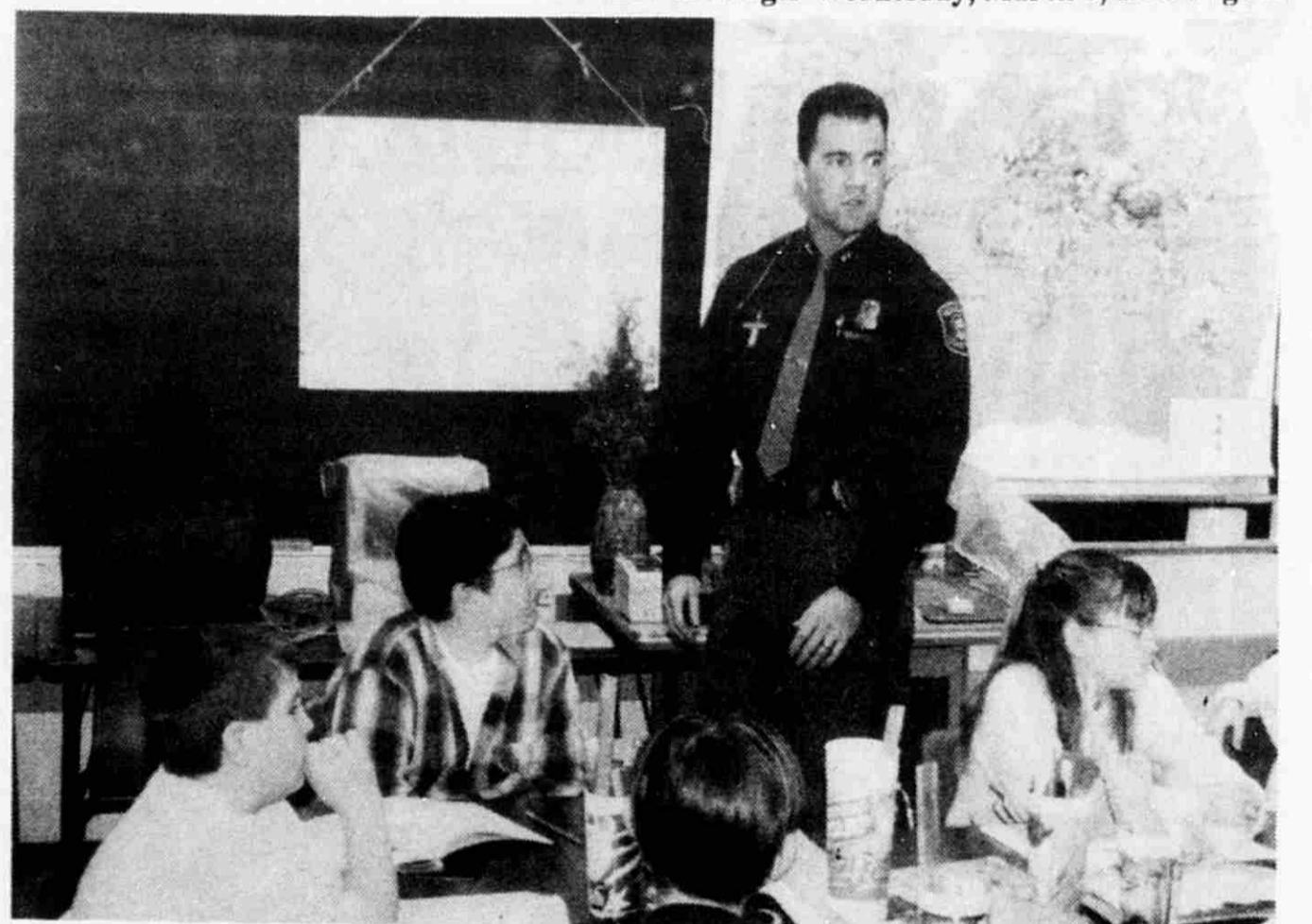
Valentine admits that D.A.R.E. isn't the answer to all, but it is designed to serve as an exit-level element to pre-

pare students for the heavy temptation and peer pressure that exists at the middle school and high school levels.

One of the frustrations outside of law enforcement and school is documenting those who progress through school without giving in to the pressure. "We can document those who do, but we don't always know those who don't. It's difficult to measure its benefits," Valentine said.

The Lowell police chief notes it is difficult for him to see a student years later because he/she has gotten into trouble as a result of drugs or alcohol. "There's a part of you that wants to pick the kid up and shake him/her. You want to ask them if they forgot something," Valentine said. "As an officer I think, 'Gee, I had that kid in school. He/she should know better than that.'"

The D.A.R.E. curriculum has changed over the years - not so much in content but in presentation. Some kids learn things faster through different teaching methods.



State Police trooper Bruce Cojzen instructs three D.A.R.E. classes at Cherry Creek Elementary.

"D.A.R.E. has set its program up so it can contact students through audio, video and kinesthetic," Valentine said.

Cojzen said his first year teaching the D.A.R.E. program at Lowell has been a real treat. "The kids are knowledgeable about the dangers and they ask pertinent questions," he said. "I enjoy coming to Lowell and would like to continue to in the future. Police Chief Valentine has provided a lot of support. The good part to my work week begins on Wednesday when I come to Lowell."

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Plans to improve Timpson Drive and Grand River Avenue bring mixed reviews

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

After years of discussion, the Kent County Road Commission has provided Lowell Charter Township with a proposed solution to traffic concerns at the intersection of Timpson Drive and Grand River Avenue.

However, the proposed plans have some area residents and township board members concerned.

According to the county's initial plans, a secondary road was to be built off Timpson and run west through approximately five properties before ending at a 90-degree angle on Grand River.

In conjunction with a new road, a cul-de-sac would be built on Timpson Drive, closing it to through traffic.

Currently the intersection presents traffic problems because of its "blind spots" and steepness.

"That intersection has

been the scene of several bad accidents. Because it doesn't come at a 90-degree angle, you can't see very well to your left or right," said township trustee Alyn Fletcher.

Besides running through the five properties, trustee Richard Huver is concerned about possible damage to the plentiful springs in the area.

"If the road commission goes through with their plans, it would open all those springs," said Huver. "Right now they are naturally held in, but if the road is built, how will they handle the problem?"

Huver would like the commission to revise its plan and adopt a new one which would run a new road off Timpson to the east rather than the west.

According to Huver, running the road to the east would involve less properties and not harm any natural springs.

"I agree the intersection

is dangerous and something should be done, but I can't see going through a swamp to do it," said Huver.

No cost figures have been provided to the township board and no reason has been given for initial plans.

"Before we can decide anything, we need to get a total cost figure and hear why they chose to construct a road through the springs," said township clerk Carol Wells.

Besides getting cost figures for the initial plan, trustee Herbert Vanderbilt would like

figures for closing off Timpson Drive, routing traffic to the east and any other plan that may have been considered.

"It's not an easy solution any way you look at it. Whether you close it off or build around it, something needs to be done at that intersection," said Vanderbilt.

Wells said several residents have inquired about the new plans and added that those plans are at the township hall and are open for the public to view.

Kickoff rally for "Crop Walk" March 23

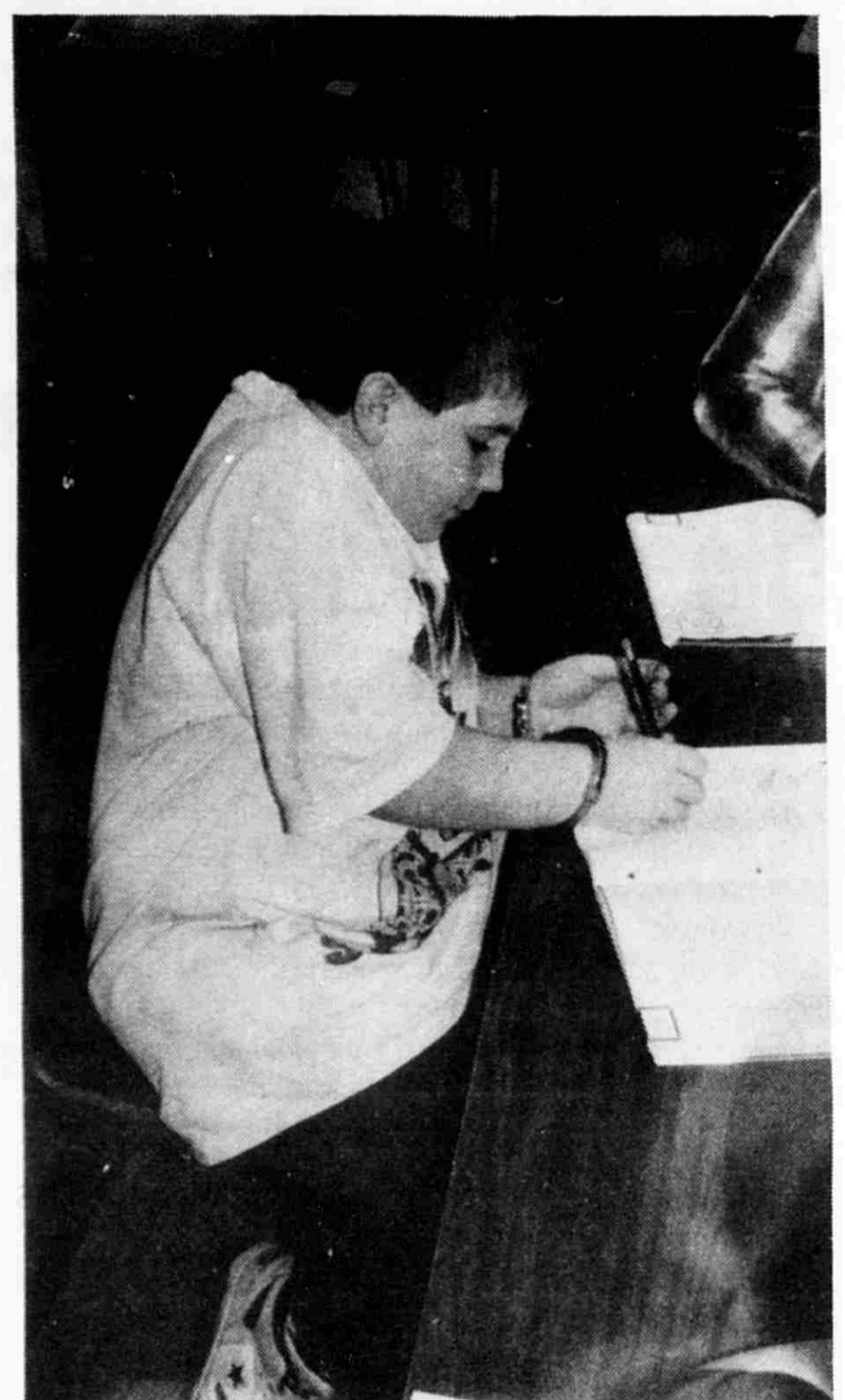
May 7 marks the day for the Lowell Area Crop Walk. The Crop Walk is a Church World Service event that is being sponsored locally by over ten Lowell area churches. This is to raise money for hunger programs both locally and worldwide.

Of the money collected, 75 percent of the proceeds will be passed on to Church World Service for worldwide programs and 25 percent will be given locally to ACCESS-6 food pantry and Lowell Senior Lunch Program.

People interested in walking or helping with the walk setup can take part in a Recruitment Rally Kickoff March 23 at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. If you would like more informa-

tion about the walk, the Crop Walk kickoff, or would like to sponsor a walker, please call First United Methodist Church at 897-5936.

In 1994, 3.3 million people were involved in crop walks around the country. We hope to increase this number, so please get involved. This year, Church World Service celebrates its 47th year as the cooperative agency of 32 Protestant and Orthodox communions. Church World Service was formed in the aftermath of World War II to meet human needs through social and economic development, disaster, as an emergency response, and service to refugees.



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Lowell Middle School students present "Aladdin" March 22



Members of the cast of "Aladdin" are, front row, left to right: Celena Risner, Frank Kirsch, Gerrid Uzarski, Ken Junglas, Justin Curtis; middle row, left to right: Adam Billingsley, Cory Dubridge, Liz Lonick; back row, left to right: Rachel Zalokar, Jessica Koopman, Kelly Capen, Casey Parker, Dara Anchors, Angie Johnson.



Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present "Aladdin" Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the LMS cafeteria. Members of the cast are, front row, left to right: Katrina Robinson, Jennifer Sytsma, Lynn Boersma, Tiffany Jordan; middle row, left to right: Josie Anstett, Andy Graham (as "Aladdin"), Sarah Bonmarito; back row, left to right: Shaun Precious, Molly Wisner, Dylan Cole, Aaron Plattner, Julia Ennis.

Wilks' rezoning request approved by city council

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bruce and Deborah Wilk found the consequences alarming at the thought of having their property at 727 Chatham zoned industrial.

The Wilks learned that as an industrial parcel, they could not improve the property due to nonconforming use. Also if their home was destroyed, they would not be able to rebuild.

Knowing this, the Wilks went to the Lowell Planning Commission asking that their property be considered for rezoning.

After a public hearing on Feb. 23, the planning commission unanimously recommended that the parcel be rezoned.

The commission's recommendation included rezoning several other parcels where single family homes are located as well as part of the Newell Manufacturing Company property.

Wilks requested that their property be changed from industrial to either residential - high density or residential - low density.

The property has a history of residential use. It is in a 100 year flood plain and is covered by the Michigan's Wetland's Act.

According to the FMB/State Savings Bank, MCA Mortgage, and Michigan National Bank, the Wilks are unable to mortgage or borrow against ownership of this property as long as it is zoned industrial.

Lowell's City Council approved the planning commission's ordinance recommendation with one change. The Council changed the line as to where to rezone the Newell property.

All neighboring properties that would be affected by the change were notified.

Mid-Michigan Railroad Incorporated was the only neighbor who opposed a change in zoning.

It stated that rezoning would deny it the opportunity to secure additional business. Mid-Michigan Railroad added that the change would plague it with right-of-way problems (trespassing, vandalism, dumping, etc.) stemming from the residential area west of the track.

Mid-Michigan Railroad officials do not believe increasing the right-of-way is safe or prudent.

Shaler and Son awarded water main project

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ken Shaler & Son, Saranac, was awarded the bid on the King and High streets water main project.

As part of a program to upgrade the water system eliminating winter freeze-up problems, the installation of an eight-inch main on King Street from Jackson to Washington will be carried out.

As an alternate, the work

includes extending the main into the Washington - King intersection.

In order to assist with the pressure problems, a six-inch main on High Street east of Division (372) has also been suggested.

Shaler's base bid was \$48,969 and its alternate came in at \$11,200.50 for a total bid of \$60,169.50.

This total is lower than a bid the council rejected in

October of last year. That bid was for \$71,627.50 - a difference of \$11,458.

The monies for the project would be allocated from the water fund.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 9: Marcia Ralys, Stephen Dickerson, Deborah Reed, Bob Vezino, Korky Kortjohn, Michelle Nugent, Richie Longway, Mark Richmond.

March 10: Marcia Ryder, Tom Kathan.

March 11: Brian Daugherty, Amy Cosgrove, Renee Nugent, Jerry Kehoe, Patrick Ball, Herbert Kinsey.

March 12: Julie Idema, Missy Hayward, Dave Baird, Lisa Potter.

March 13: Sophia D-

Agostino, Greg Noskey, Mathew Alberts, Dode Dey, David Davis, Mike Serne, Sandra Baker, Paul Seese, Billy Gill.

March 14: Heather Wright, Grace Stahl, Ben Peters, Sue Burkett, Suzie Horian, Mark Phillips, Vickie Comdure, Michael Stevens, Venita Wheeler, Daniel Baird, Eldon McIntyre, Amber Avery.

March 15: Kerry Cosgrove, Cindy Longway, Millie Snyder, Samantha Winglar.

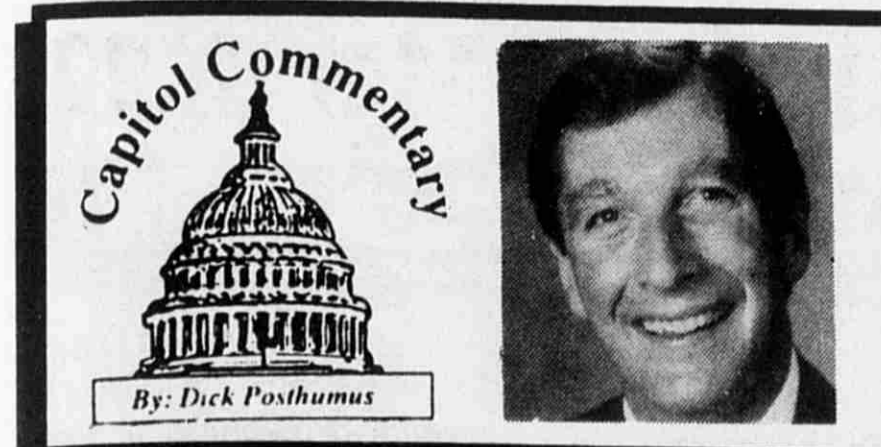
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To earn a state-endorsed diploma here in Michigan, we require all students to take and pass an assessment test that measures ability and knowledge on a host of subjects, ranging from reading skills to science to math. The purpose of this test is to ensure all graduating students, no matter where they attend school, are able to meet the standards established by the state Board of Education. By doing so, we not only assure our young people are well prepared for their futures, but we also provide the business community with an idea of what they should expect from a Michigan high school graduate.

But not all students take the same exam. While my daughter, Krista, and her peers at Lowell Public High School take the widely used Michigan Education Assessment Program

(MEAP) test, some districts have developed their own locally approved tests—which go above and beyond the state-established exam. Rockford Public Schools is one district that has developed its own test.

In the past, the state has allowed districts to develop alternative tests, but only if the state Board of Education approves them. However, Rockford Public Schools Superintendent Mike Shiber came to me recently and pointed out that current law requires all school districts to start using the new State Proficiency Exam—which will replace the MEAP—for students slated to graduate in 1997.

While I am sure the state's new proficiency exam will be a good measure of student ability, I and Mr. Shiber believe we should not force those districts choosing to hold their students to an even higher standard to abandon their tests. So I introduced legislation to address that concern.

Senate Bill 251, passed last week by the Senate, would allow any school district to use an alternative assessment exam for the purpose of awarding state-endorsed diplomas if the state Board of Education approves those exams. So, under my bill, if the Rockford Public School District wants to continue using its own test and the state says that test meets its standards, that district could do so.

But if my bill is not signed into law, the Rockford Public School District and the more than 20 other districts in the state that currently use their own tests would be forced to lower the standards they've set for their students.

Throughout my tenure of public service to the people of West Michigan, I have made it clear, both in my actions and in my words, that I believe individuals know better than the government what is good for themselves, their families and their communities. This bill underlines that philosophy by preserving the freedom schools need and deserve.

Without question, our local schools know what is best for their students. If they want to push their students a little harder, government shouldn't stand in the way. In today's competitive global marketplace, it is especially important to encourage every child to meet his or her highest expectations. As former President Roosevelt once said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

And by returning control to those who know best and establishing innovative educational ideas such as charter schools, we here in Michigan are building our youth for the future.

My bill now goes before the House of Representatives for consideration.

Citizen's group applies public hearing to rezone land near township hall

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

A citizen group headed by Leonard Den Houter has applied for a public hearing to discuss rezoning 50 acres of land for the purpose of building residential homes.

Den Houter is joined by Alan Mauer, Al Ignatoski, and three other property owners who own land on the north and south side of Alden Nash Road and west of the Lowell Charter Township Hall.

The public hearing is

scheduled for March 29 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.

Before the commission will proceed with the rezoning request, it would like to hear from the 19 immediate property owners who have not requested the rezoning.

Den Houter believes rezoning would put the land to better use.

"If the township rezoned it, there would be less waste of farm land," said Den Houter.

According to commissioner Carol Wieland, the de-

velopment would take place over a 15- to 20-year period and any changes to the first plan would have to be made before the planning commission.

Den Houter first approached the township's planning commission in December, but was advised not to pursue the matter any further because it would be considered "spot rezoning."

Although Den Houter got three additional property owners to agree to the plan, the commission still shares the

same sentiment.

Lowell Planning Commission Secretary David Simmonds advised the commission that the current zoning within the township does not have spot or isolated areas of zoning. He added that the commission strives to keep zoning contiguous and uniform and believes it should remain in that manner.

Commissioner Dick Bryan indicated that considering rezoning of only specific parcels in this area appears to be a form of "spot or

leap-frog zoning."

Currently the 50 acres is zoned Agriculture II. The property owners would like to have the land rezoned to Residential I.

Under Ag II, zoning homes would be allowed on four acres of land with a minimum of 200 feet for road frontage.

Changing the zoning to R I would allow homes on only two acres of land with a minimum of 165 feet for road frontage.

"We would need to get input from your neighbors before proceeding," said chairman Mel Beers. "Even if the land is master planned as RI in the future, the opinion of the surrounding neighbors will be very important to us before making our decision."

Assistance program on line to help students in need

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

When Lowell students are having difficulty in school, they call on the A-Team.

No, there is no Hannibal or Mr. T on this team.

This A-Team is made up of a counselor, a school psychologist, a regular and special education teacher, a social worker and the assistant principal.

It is a student assistance program that is in place to help students who are having difficulties in selected areas; these may include academics, attendance, discipline and substance abuse.

Lowell High School's student assistance program was coordinated and organized five years ago.

"The program allows the school to get a look at the student from a different perspective," Lowell High School counselor Barb Pierce explains. "We're able to use a pool of resources to put in place an action plan."

Once the action plan is in place, the core group follows up every two weeks to see how the student is progressing.

Two years ago the pro-

gram got on board with the Kent County Health Department. Through this association the school was able to get its core group trained and its staff in-serviced.

"Being in-serviced brings the staff up to date as to what services are available for students," Pierce said.

Student progress is often dependent on making parents aware of the situation.

"We have found that when

we can work with parents, a lot of good things happen for the students," Pierce said.

This kind of student assistance program is not just unique to Lowell High School - there is also one at the Lowell Middle School. It's called the I-Team. The "I" stands for intervention.

Pierce said she would like to see an increased access to alternative programs. "I would hope we can continue to de-

velop an increased awareness of agencies and services throughout Kent County for youths," she said.

One school program Pierce would like to see brought back is Operation Contact. It was a program started and coordinated by Donn Start during his short tenure as assistant high school principal.

Mary Meehan, the marketing coordinator for the Dakota Family program,

said Lowell's student assistance team has one of the most comprehensive understandings of substance abuse, and how to deal with it, of any schools in the area.

"Lowell has a pretty good program. It is aware, it recognizes and it knows where the resources are to deal with student difficulties," Meehan said.

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FRIDAY: BREAKFAST SERVED ONLY...HALF DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.

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WEDNESDAY: Roast beef in gravy or pork chgg patty or chef salad. Choose Two: Baked potato with sour cream or steamed rice, green beans, side salad, dinner roll with peanut butter, canned or fresh fruit, whole, 2% or chocolate milk.

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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 Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

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 7 p.m.

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

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson St. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 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.

LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Family story-time offered by Saranac Public Library at 7 p.m. Designed for the whole family, pre-school thru 6th grade, plus parents. For information call 642-9146.

FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: The Fallsburg Historical Society meetings will now be held at the Look Memorial Fire Hall on S. Hudson. The March 28 meeting will start with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring own table service and dish to pass.

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

WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

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 Lowell Burger King. New members are welcome. 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.

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.

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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.

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

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949 WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking.	ping assistance.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking.	THURS: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop; 9:30 a.m. Bingo; 1 p.m. Euchre.
WED.: 12:45 p.m. Showboat Network.	FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking.
SPECIAL EVENTS	
WED., MARCH 15: 9:30 a.m. Advisory council.	THURS., MARCH 23: 12:30 p.m. Shopping Daane's.
FRI., MARCH 17: 12:30 p.m. Reminisce.	SAT., MARCH 25: 1:15 p.m. All school play - Rumor.
FRI., MARCH 17: Saint Patrick's Day.	WED., MARCH 29: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast. Make noon meal reservations 3 working days in advance.
TUES., MARCH 21: 10:30 a.m. Wellness class.	

meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

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FRI., MARCH 10: The regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple. Vacation is over.

SAT., MARCH 11: Turkey dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Adults, \$6; 6-12, \$3.50 & 5 & under free. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of 84th & M-50.

MON., MARCH 20: Boston Saranac Historical Society monthly meeting at the Depot, 7 p.m. Doug and Sue Ferguson hosts.

WED., MARCH 22: The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present "Aladdin" under the direction of Cheryl Blodgett. Come and enjoy this free evening of entertainment in the new Lowell Middle School cafeteria at 750 Foreman. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

SAT., MARCH 25: Maple Syrup Run, 9 a.m. at the Sap House, Maple Hills Sugar Bush, 9306 Grand River Dr., Ada. Entry fee (run and walk) and registration information available

by calling 616-676-9568. All proceeds to Thornapple Valley Lion's Club.

SUN., MARCH 26: The Symphony Sidekicks, a choral group comprised of members of the Grand Rapids Symphonic Chorus, will present a concert at First Congregational Church of Lowell at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge; however, a free-will offering will be taken. Child care will be provided. The church is located at 404 N. Hudson St. in Lowell.

TUES., MARCH 28: 6:30 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, (note changes in day and place). Annual meeting of Fallsburg Historical Society. Potluck dinner; bring table service and a dish to pass; beverages will be provided. Election of trustees. Program: Reverend Vance Dimmick of the First United

APRIL 27, 28 & 29: Cyclamen Chapter is accepting sellable items for their second best sale. Items can be dropped off at the Masonic Hall on Wednesdays during March between 1:30 and 3 p.m. or call Sandy Caswell 868-7467.

APRIL 27 - MAY 3: Wisconsin/Iowa trip. Call Mary Condon at 897-7092.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

An amendment to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance to specify conditions that would permit a licensed amateur radio operator to erect a radio antenna higher than thirty-five (35) feet above ground level.

Ordinance No. 95-1 amends Sections 201.202A, 201.602A and C and Sections 201.304 through 201.306A of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance to accomplish the following purposes:

* Include a radio antenna erected by a licensed amateur radio operator as an accessory building (structure).

* Include such a radio antenna among those structures required to have a building permit prior to construction.

* Require that applicants for such an antenna provide a copy of a valid radio operators license, a copy of the manufacturer's installation instructions and the proposed height and location on the site of the antenna and any guy wires.

* The height of any such antenna could not exceed two hundred (200) feet in the R-A and R-1 Districts, and sixty-five (65) feet in the R-2 and R-3 Districts.

* Allow amateur radio antennas conforming to the terms of the ordinance as a permitted use in the above Zoning Districts.

This ordinance shall take effect upon public notice of its adoption by the township board.

I hereby certify that a true copy of the ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on February 20, 1995 can be reviewed in its entirety at the township hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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For The Week Of Mar. 12-Mar. 18

ARIES March 21-April 20
An impetuous decision in the recent past has repercussions this week: learn from your mistakes. What can seem like commitment may also be obsession. Moderation is your watchword this week. Listen to something quiet.

TAURUS April 21-May 21
An obstinate streak has you playing catch-up with the rest of the crowd. Sometimes you need to relax and follow another's lead. A friend gives you some good advice midweek; heed it. A relaxing weekend recharges your batteries for the busy weeks ahead.

GEMINI May 22-June 21
An incredibly busy week has you frantic—take a deep breath and focus on one thing at a time for best results. Look to a loved one for a relaxing neck rub and some understanding TLC. Financial planning begins to pay off. Treat yourself!

CANCER June 22-July 22
An intimate relationship deepens this week after a period you need to discard—revel in it. Exercise more restraint financially. This is a good time to pay off bills and tie up other loose ends.

LEO July 23-August 23
Spring fever makes it difficult to concentrate, but a change in scenery refreshes you. Take time to check out nature as the week draws to a close—a hike means quality time for you and a loved one.

VIRGO August 24-September 22
An unusual situation develops with an old friend. Do not allow a righteous streak to prevent you from being of help. Love is blossoming—it's a good weekend for something terribly romantic.

LIBRA September 23-October 23
Financial prudence is a watchword for the week. An unusual number of people will seek your advice. Try to be helpful, but your instinct for balance finds good use: don't rock the boat. Longer daylight has you feeling hale and hearty.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22
A series of humorous setbacks have you chuckling at the start of the work week. Curb your laughter, though—others may not be so amused. Your good mood continues, and means a good week at home as well. Check your credit cards at the door when you go out, though.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21
It's tough for you to focus your energy this week as you head to work. Multi-tasking may seem the way to go, but you need to set your mind to just one thing. Good news towards the end of the week has you excited for the weekend!

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20
A family gathering means conflict for Capricorn. Don't expect to change people's minds by arguing with them. Remember that blood is thicker than water, and your patience will save the day.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18
A calm beginning to the week belies the passion swirling beneath your surface. Restraint is a watchword for you, and you can also safely give your unpredictable streak freer rein. Surprise someone, and they may surprise you back!

PISCES February 19-March 20
This week has Pisces itching for something new. A trip to the library, book store or movies provides food for thought. A gathering of friends would be the perfect time to share that food—why not plan one?

Schools face a mixed bag of choices in deciding how best to serve the gifted and talented

By Thad Kraus
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Gifted and talented children in the 90's are still more likely to receive the larger part of their education in regular classroom settings.

There are at least three reasons for this:

1. A growing belief that there is something terribly wrong with any gifted and talented child being taught

separately.

2. A philosophy that still likens the mixed-ability approach.

3. A lack of funds for separate gifted programs.

Foundation for debate can be identified in each of these areas.

Advanced children can benefit from mentor programs, special study groups and classes outside their grade level. This is currently done

for the learning disabled.

Addressing all students' needs in a single classroom setting is an overwhelming task for teachers with 30 or more diverse students.

Dr. Dorothy Armstrong, an associate professor in the school of education and the coordinator of the master's program in the gifted and talented for teachers at Grand Valley State University, says she believes the lack of funds

is an excuse.

A matching fund program has seen gifted and talented funds from the state cut in half. Schools now must match whatever the state provides.

"Schools must look beyond this and choose to do what they can do for the gifted and talented with the funds available," Armstrong says. "There is not one school out there that is doing it all yet in the area of gifted and talented. Schools need to identify where they are at and then move forward."

In moving forward, educators soon come to the fork in the road where a decision must be made as to what strategies should be implemented to best serve the needs of the gifted and talented.

Instead of focusing their energies on which strategy/technique is better, Armstrong suggests that schools focus on providing children, who can master grade levels, with opportunities and experiences designed at an appropriate pace, with appropriate expectations and complexities. "These should be provided with a variety of administrative techniques," Armstrong said. "A technique used by one school may not be the best technique for another school. There is not one distinctive approach."

There is a mixed bag of approaches most commonly discussed by school districts when deciding how to best serve the needs of the gifted and talented. They include flexible grouping, tiered assignments, clustering, tracking, fixed grouping, mentorships, curriculum compacting, acceleration, and non-grading plans.

Flexible Grouping - This strategy has students remain in heterogeneous classes most of the day but regroups them for selected subjects. For example, if the area is reading, the gifted cluster of students may leave their class at reading time to go to a class at their level.

Tiered Assignments - This approach gives teachers a method whereby students'

lessons are differentiated based on a student's ability.

Clustering - This is done within a classroom of mixed ability students whereby the gifted are identified and provided with specialized types of experiences some or all of the time.

Tracking - It groups students of equal age and learning skills together as well as peers of like interests and working ability.

Its drawback is that it does not provide much flexibility. If a student is in, he/she stays in; if not in the grouping, a student doesn't get in. Students in the lower learning tracks can also benefit from the higher level usage.

Appropriate tracking can provide the best possible match between the learner and the instructional environment. Teachers can build a good instructional climate and motivate students toward attaining high-status knowledge.

Fixed Grouping - This technique keeps students with high level ability in specific educational areas together over a long period of time.

The problem with this is these high-level learners represent roughly five percent of their class. When they are put together, then 50 percent of these students are all of a sudden at the lower end of that specific grouping. "Some students have a difficult time with this," Armstrong said.

Mentorships - This allows gifted and talented students to follow any number of careers. They are able to learn from knowledgeable people within the community. "It's a wonderful opportunity for these students to learn from knowledgeable sources that even experts have to work hard to get where they are at," Armstrong said.

Curriculum Compacting - It's a program that identifies what a student has mastered (understands the concepts and skills) and then allows the student to move on to areas of interest.

Acceleration - This allows students to move at their

own rate rather than a predetermined rate.

Non-Grading Plans - This method is where grouping arrangements in formal grade levels are abolished in favor of flexible cross-age groupings for different subjects.

What results might occur in not providing grouping for gifted learners?

Karen Rogers is an assistant professor of gifted studies in the gifted and special education program, graduate school of education, social work and professional psychology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. she states in a manuscript entitled "Grouping the Gifted and Talented: Questions and Answers" that the removal of opportunities for these students to learn at the pace and level of complexity with others like themselves may conceivably result in substantial declines in achievement and attitude toward the subjects.

Rogers concurs with Armstrong that one size does not fit all, whether the solution involves mixed-ability classroom conformations or ability grouping in one of many forms.

While the gifted and talented students are able to engage the curriculum in complex and abstract ways and produce a higher quality product, Armstrong notes that we must not forget their age. "Many of these students love ideas, but don't have the discipline to carry through to their successful conclusions, to organize time and seek out independent resources," Armstrong explained.

"Our focus needs to be on teaching to promote talent development," Armstrong said. "We need to think on a broad basis ways to enhance their learning abilities and do this in a systematic and consistent fashion."

Armstrong concludes that gifted and talented children love to learn and that good teachers love to teach. "This should make for a good match."

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There are two four-year terms open on the Board of Education to be voted on at the annual election in June.

Persons interested in running for a board seat must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have attained the age of eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- Be a resident of the state of Michigan for at least 30 days.
- Be a resident of the Lowell School District for at least 30 days before the election.

Nominating petitions may be obtained by any candidate from the Board of Education office located at 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331. The petitions must contain at least 20 signatures of registered school electors of the district, and not less than one percent of the votes of the

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Petition circulators must be registered voters, individual petitions must be taken for each township and city in which signatures are obtained, and electors can sign as many petitions as there are persons to be elected.

In addition to filing nominating petitions, candidates are also required to file two identification affidavits. The affidavit of identity must contain:

- The candidate's name.
- The candidate's address.
- The candidate's precinct where he or she is registered as a voter.
- The number of years the candidate has resided in the state and county.
- Other information that may be required to identify the candidate.

The identification of affidavits are available at the Board of Education office also.

If you are interested in running, please note the following dates: April 10, 1995 at 4 p.m. is the last day for filing nominating petitions; April 13, 1995 at 4 p.m. is the last day for a candidate to withdraw his/her name; June 12, 1995 is the annual school election.

If you have any questions, please call Kay Jones at 897-8415.

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