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Sports card gambling operation shutdown

...A federal and state task force investigation uncovered that Lowell's Tony Stormzand was operating a parlay card and direct sports betting operation.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two men were arraigned in the 63rd Judicial Court on charges of conspiracy to violate state gambling laws.

Both Anthony (Tony) Stormzand, Lowell, and Gary Dyer, Grandville, were charged on Feb. 21 with one count of knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully conspiring together with others to violate the state gambling laws.

Dyer who pleaded guilty to being a runner for Stormzand's parlay card operation was arraigned on the charge before Judge Sara Smolenski. He will be sentenced before Kent Circuit Judge Dennis Kolenda.

Stormzand, owner of ZZano's Pizza, pleaded not guilty and waived his right to a preliminary hearing. He awaits a pretrial conference before Judge Kolenda.

A sentencing date for Dyer was not set nor was Stormzand's pretrial conference. Both men were released on \$5,000 bonds.

An investigation revealed that Stormzand was operating a parlay card and direct sports betting operation in Lowell. Investigators noted that two subjects offered detailed information regarding Stormzand's parlay card operation during the investigation.

Through the investigation it was also learned that Dyer served as a runner in the parlay card operation, obtaining the cards from a bookie, distributing the cards, collecting wages and bringing the money to a bookie.

State attorney Chris DeWitt said the attorney general's office, the FBI, the Michigan attorney general and the state police began working together in December of 1994 on a federal and state task force investigating organized gambling activities from various locations in the Grand Rapids area.

"That does not necessarily coordinate with when they began investigating the two defendants," DeWitt said.

On Jan. 2, the Michigan State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed search warrants. At the locations searched, sufficient evidence was gathered and seized to support charges of conspiracy to violate state gambling laws.

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Darrell DeRuiter proudly hangs his 41 3/4" by 139" redwood sign with the Lowell Township's logo.

Heritage comes alive with new township hall sign

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Visitors to Lowell Charter Township's new hall can expect to be greeted by a part of the township's heritage.

The township recently erected a new sign on the hall which depicts not only the township's name, but also the likeness of a Native American.

"The Native American is a symbolism of our area," said Township Supervisor John Timpson. "The early settlers used the Flat and Grand River's for trading fur and eventually lumber. That is why we chose it as our logo."

The new sign is designed to capture the township's heritage, while also capturing the interest of passing motorists on Alden Nash.

"We wanted it big enough so passersby could see it without causing any problems," said Timpson. "We hope this is the first of many items to display our history."

Timpson hopes the heritage of Native Americans can be researched even more and eventually he would like to see artifacts on display in the hall.

"There is a lot of history out there. We just need somebody to find out exactly what it is," he said. "If anybody has photographs from that period we would certainly be interested in seeing them."

Producing a sign that captures so much fell on the shoulders of one time artist and current wood-carver Darrell DeRuiter, owner of DeRuiter Woodcrafts.

Using "clear heart vertical grain redwood" DeRuiter fabricated the sign with the help of a chisel and hammer.

"He used some machines, but a lot of hard work with a chisel and hammer was needed to get all the details," said Timpson.

DeRuiter estimates he spent between 40 and 50 hours working on the 41 3/4 inch x 139 inch sign.

"I started out as an artist working with wood, but I eventually made it a business," said the Grand Rapids native. "I make these signs for anyone who wants the look and feel of a wood sign. They find it more warmer and more human."

The basics for DeRuiter's work was provided by the township's newsletter, which uses the Native American logo, but it was his imagination which gave it life.

"The newsletter just has a silhouette. I needed to make it more real so I did all the face work myself," he said. "I interpreted what they had with what I thought they wanted. I also matched the colors of the sign to the building to make it stand out."

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Senate majority leader puts aside personal aspirations in delivering speech to clubs

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It had the aura of a political figure stomping along the campaign trail.

Except it wasn't the Dakotas, the next stop along the GOP presidential nomination trail. Nor was it Lowell Rotary/GFWC Lowell Women's Club's scheduled speaker Michigan governor, John Engler, who is also a much talked about possibility as the vice presidential running mate for Bob Dole if the Kansas senator is elected by the party as its GOP nominee.

Instead, it was Michigan



Dick Posthumus

Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus. While not in the running for any national political office, Posthumus is the first name mentioned as the next Republican nominee for governor of Michigan after Engler is through.

Posthumus remains politically astute when fielding questions about his governorship aspirations.

"My personal aspiration at this time is to do the best job I can as Senate Majority Leader," Posthumus said.

Other topics Posthumus discussed included: welfare administration, unemploy-

ment/economic growth, a Renaissance zone, gas tax and term limits.

The Alto senator spoke in place of Engler who was called on to speak at a congressional committee hearing in Washington about returning welfare administration to the states.

"The Governor believes by having the states administer it, a better program will be created," Posthumus said. "Creating such a program would save Michigan \$200 million."

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OBITUARIES

COOK - Mr. John P. Cook, aged 94, of Grandville, went home to be with his Lord and reunited with his family Sunday, February 18, 1996. He was a long-time member of Grace and Garfield Reformed Churches. He was preceded in death by his wife Wilma Offringa in 1964; twin infant sons, an infant grandson, son-in-law David Karsten; four brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his son Dr. John R. and Elizabeth Cook DDS; his daughter Alice J. Karsten; his grandchildren, Lauren and Fred Burgess, Sandy and Tim Higgins, Cindy and Jim Winokur, Jennifer and Don Garvin, Bobby Cook, Kitty Cook, Thomas and Kathy Karsten, Anne and Vic VanHeest, Rev. James and Andrea Karsten; seven great-grandsons Quinn and Grant Garvin, Max Cook, Thomas Karsten, Kyle, Peter and Andrew VanHeest; his sister, Violet Hattie; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Robert and Imogene Offringa, Reno and Mary Offringa, Evelyn and Harold Streeter, Alice Jane and Gene Bouwkamp. Funeral Service was held Thursday with Rev. James Karsten and Dr. Jim Cook officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Memorial contributions to the Music Fund of Grace Reformed Church or Visiting

Nurse Services. Arrangements by Cook Grandville Chapel.

DOTTS - Ellen Marie Dotts, aged 69, of Flint, formerly of Grand Rapids, died Saturday, February 24, 1996, at Flint Osteopathic Hospital. She was born June 7, 1926, in Elwell, MI, the daughter of Chester and Pearl (Alexander) Welch. She was retired from General Motors in Grand Rapids after many years of service. She is survived by two sons Robert Dotts and his wife Carla of Apache Junction, AZ, and Vern Dotts and his wife Linda of Flint; a stepson Forest Lynn Dotts of California; 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; four brothers Merl Welch and wife Mary of Vestaburg, Vern Welch of Riverdale, Merlyn (Skeet) Welch of Alto, and Marie Welch of Vestaburg; one sister Mae Herald and husband Clare of Stanton. She was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, Frank Corder; stepson Ronald Dotts; two sisters, Laura Rodgers and Alma Welch; and two brothers Glen and Leo Welch. Funeral Services will be held today (Wednesday) February 28 at 1 p.m. from the Lux and Schnepf Funeral Home in Riverdale. Interment will be

in Richland Township Cemetery.

GRAHAM - Elmer S. Graham, aged 81, of Lowell, went to be with the Lord, February 24, 1996. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis. He is survived by his children, Donald (Barbara) Graham of Lennox, Michigan, Steven (Sue) Graham of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Alan (Sandra) Graham of London, Kentucky, Sandra Graham of Lowell, Cheryl (Akiko) Machida from Saporeo of Japan; brother, Walter (Dorothy) Graham of Grand Rapids; sister-in-law Ruth Graham of Lowell; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Service was held Tuesday at the Alto Baptist Church, Rev. Bruce Sabados officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or The Salvation Army.

KLOOSTRA - Cora Kloostra, aged 92, of Cedar Springs, passed away Monday, February 19, 1996 at the St. Mary's Living Center. Surviving are her daughter, Gerry Fortuna of Comstock Park; sons-in-law Charles Haynes Sr. of Cedar Springs and John Doll of Grand Rapids; sisters Dorothy Folkema of Grand Rapids, Norma Brown of Marne; brother John Vos of Lowell; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; several cousins, nieces, nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank; daughters Della Doll and Jean Haynes; son-in-law, Ed Fortuna Sr.; and three grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Thursday, Rev. Garry Cruce officiating. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to the Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

SOBIE - Mrs. Sally Joan

Sobie, aged 58, of Grand Rapids, passed away Monday, February 19, 1996. Surviving are her husband, Roman J. Sr.; eight children Roman Jr. (Carol) Sobie, Carol Olson, David (Jennifer) Sobie, Steven (Candy) Sobie, Christine (David) Jones, Michael (Peni) Sobie, Robert (Jill) Sobie,

Mark (fiancee Molly) Sobie; three special children David Campbell, Lisa Mohre, Harry Cotter; 19 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her father Eugene A. Smith; one brother Danny (Georgia) Smith; three sisters Marilyn (Dave) Woempner, Gail

Fonger, Diane (John) Kalanta; nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday at St. James Church, Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Memorial contributions to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids will be appreciated.

Teens from Christian Life Center commit to abstinence before marriage

A group of six youth from Christian Life Center in Lowell have made a commitment to wait until marriage for sex. On Sunday, February 18, they were honored by their congregation for taking this stand for purity. During the ceremony their parents presented them with a ring as a visible symbol of their commitment. Following the services was a reception for the youth.

Recognizing the rising threat of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, the youth have decided to participate in the international campaign called "True Love Waits." The abstinence-based campaign was originally conceived by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and has flourished to become an

international, nondenominational program.

"Youth must be challenged to understand the facts about premarital sex and armed with the truth to make wise sexual decisions," said Mike and Marti Kelly, Youth Directors at Christian Life Center. "We spent many weeks teaching, discussing, and praying about this decision with the youth in our church. We wanted to reinforce the teaching parents are giving their teens by participating in this campaign."

Based on the biblical mandate of marriage before sex, the "True Love Waits" program encourages youth to sign commitment cards promising to remain "sexually pure" from that moment on. "Sexually pure" means practicing

abstinence from that moment forward, offering those who have already been sexually active a second chance.

The commitment cards were sent to Atlanta where the "True Love Waits" youth rally was held February 10 and 11. They were stacked to the roof of the huge Georgia Dome, all 350,000 of them. Young people from all over the world are realizing they can and need to stay pure until they are married. This campaign is showing them that they are not standing alone in this decision.

The youth from Christian Life Center who sent in their cards were Rose Bichler, Chris Wansten, Erin Davenport, J.R. Cramer, Jessy Boggs, and Marti Scharaswak.

N.A.R.F.E. celebrates its 75th anniversary

One of America's oldest national associations is celebrating its 75th anniversary this month, amid plenty of reminders that it's still badly needed.

"The recent budget squabbles here in Washington, and the way they triggered a new wave of bashing seniors and denigrating the federal worker, show us what a vital role we have to play," said National Association of Retired Federal Employees President Charles R. Jackson.

"Today, just as in 1921, there is an ongoing need to educate politicians, press and public on the true nature of federal workers and their retirement annuities," Jackson added. "Federal employees have earned those benefits over a lifetime of public service. Those benefits are de-

ferred, promised compensation, not cushy gifts, and federal retirees need and are owed them in their sunset years."

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees was organized on February 19, 1921, with the mission of protecting the earned benefits of America's retired federal workers and their families. During the ensuing 75 years the group has grown from 14 founding members to nearly half a million, with more than 1,740 chapters in every state and overseas as well.

NARFE is the only national organization specifi-

cally dedicated to protecting the interests of federal retirees and their dependents. Over its three-quarters of a century, the association has a remarkable record of success in its continuing mission. Most recently, NARFE was instrumental in making sure civil service annuitants were not unfairly targeted for cuts not required of others during budget-balancing negotiations.

Charles R. Doyle, Lowell's retired postmaster, is currently serving as president of Grand Rapids NARFE Chapter 234. Presently the Grand Rapids chapter is composed of 465 members.

Correction

In the Feb. 14 edition of the Lowell Ledger the story headlined "Enthusiasm and hard work fuel academic achievement at Cherry Creek" highlighted how a team of 22 fifth-grade students from Cherry Creek Elementary School scored 623 points from a possible 1,000, placing them third in the state out of 20 schools.

Cherry Creek Elementary

was ranked 63rd out of 407 fifth-grades nationally. Its score of 87 correct was higher than the average sixth-grade score of 83.

The Ledger inadvertently left out the names of a few team members. They were Katie Hettinga, Michael Hoogewind, Natalie Kent and Jared Huffman.

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Fascination leads to a piece of art; Nash constructs detailed replica of Fallasburg Bridge

••• Dwight Nash spent approximately 1,000 hours constructing the 125th scale replica. It will be displayed in Fallasburg's Historical District.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dwight Nash used white cedar trim boards from an 89-year-old home and oak plank flooring from the renovated Fallasburg Bridge (1945) to build a 125th scale replica of the historic covered bridge.

While the replica is 52 inches in length, nine inches in width and 13 inches in height, it clearly is a full-scale measurement of Nash's fascination and love for wooden covered bridges.

"All my life I have been fascinated with wooden covered bridges," Nash said.

He came to Lowell in September of 1994 from northern Indiana. "Indiana has a number of covered bridges. When I moved to Lowell and saw the Fallasburg Bridge, I decided right then I was going to make a replica," Nash said.

With a pad of paper, pen and tape measure in hand, Nash made his way down to

the bridge. While there, a member of the bridge's renovation construction crew suggested it might be easier if Nash got a copy of a blueprint from Wayne Harrall, assistant director of engineering for the Kent County Road and Park Commission.

Nash began the construction of his bridge replica in the spring of '95. Approximately 1,000 hours later (Feb. 15), Nash completed his work with the exception of the abutments and approaches.

"I made a living as a builder for 20 years," Nash said. "It helped me a lot in building the replica."

After Nash came up with the measurements for all the wooden pieces, his son-in-law Karl Schwab cut them out. Schwab also manufactured the little screws and nuts that were needed.

Nash and the Fallasburg Historical Society are working on using the bridge as a fundraiser for FHS. No, it

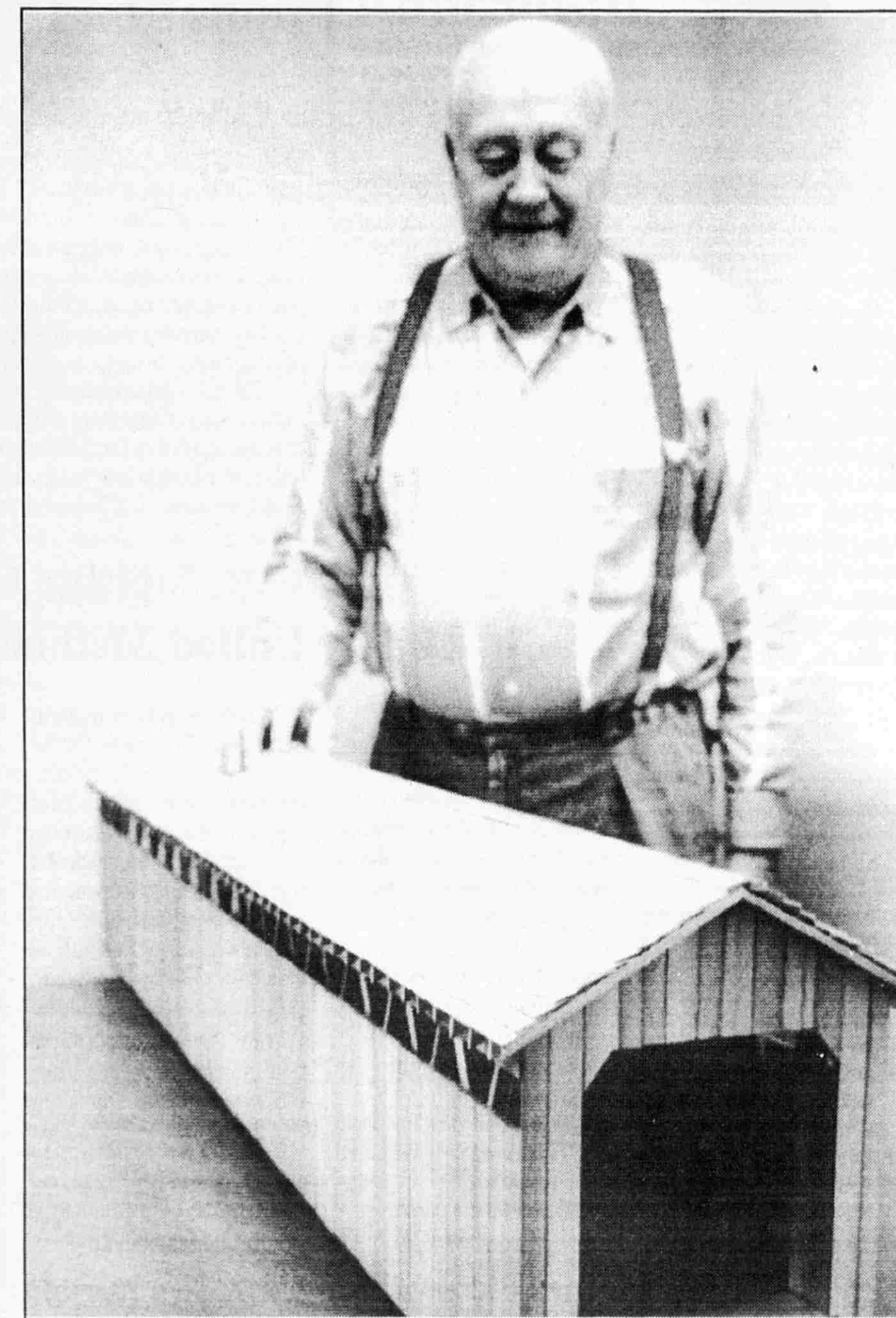
won't raffle the bridge off. "I'm loaning the bridge to the historical society. I'm reserving ownership rights," Nash said.

It will be a 50-50 fundraiser in which participants will be asked to guess how many pieces there are to the bridge.

"Just the shingles alone would make for a pretty good contest," Nash said.

As to where the Fallasburg Historical Society will exhibit the bridge is not clear. FHS president Priscilla Lussmyer said the society is in the process of using HUD monies to fix up the interior of the Fallasburg schoolhouse.

"Right now the school serves as a museum. After the renovation work is completed, we want it to serve only as a schoolhouse," Lussmyer said. "The museum will then have to be relocated some place else. That has not been determined yet."



Work on this bridge replica began in the spring of '95.

To The Public OR...WHY DOES THE TRUTH MATTER?

We have tried to be quiet and make light of the situation, really, but recent events force us again to notify the public of the true story, at least from our point of view.

As you may have seen last week, in her normal review of the January bills Ellen McClain discovered accidentally that a grievance had been filed November 3, 1995, naming Mr. Bleke, Joe Barnella, Art Warning, Wendy Southwell, John Clore, Gary Robertson, Mrs. Alexander and Winnie Eshragh. None of these people or even the rest of the Board of Education was informed that such a grievance had been filed, much less settled, by the President and Vice President of the Board and Mr. Bleke, the new Superintendent. This grievance goes on to say that verbal reprimands were given without just cause, and done publicly, which is against the teachers' contract. The grievance was settled (without others' knowledge) by agreeing that the matter would not be placed in the teacher's file, and "complaints against the employee...be received in closed or executive session."

It goes on to say that this was all over one phone call made to a private investigator by a teacher as a "personal matter" and did not involve the school. If you recall, our side of the matter now...

Shawn was informed by a third person that an investigator had called him/her to inquire about "this Shawn Eshragh," not knowing that Shawn was his/her friend. He/she had been asked to take the case and was doing preliminary work on the investigation of the Eshragh family. The investigator was instructed to find as much dirt on the Eshraghs as possible both from a personal and professional point of view. He was also told that "money was no object." The understanding was that a single person had done the contracting, but with probable backing from some organization. The person doing the hiring is a teacher, who also happens to be the current president of the LEA. (Lowell Education Association, the local arm of the state teachers' union).

The Superintendent was notified immediately, and he verified through the third party that this was indeed true. However, the Superintendent did not have any witnesses present at his questioning of the teacher, and did not inform the Board about this until after his investigation. At the time the matter was presented to the Board it was made to sound as if this was an accusation, and he did not tell them that this had been confirmed by a third person until pressed to do so by Ellen McClain. There was now no way to investigate if other persons or organizations were involved since the teacher had already been questioned once.

The Board wrote a letter on Oct. 20, 1995, to Shawn expressing their disappointment of her action and they further wrote "While we were advised that her actions were not illegal, we believe that those actions were improper and unethical, particularly because of her role as a teacher and the president of the LEA." We understood this letter was to be read at the public forum in October. Instead a watered-down version was read. Even though the teacher admitted calling a private investigator "to get to know Shawn better" (!!!) she was referred to as a victim. It was also made clear that since her actions were not illegal there could be no sanctions taken against her, according to the current teachers' contract negotiated by the LEA.

Shawn voiced his objections to her being referred to as a victim, and Mr. Bleke convinced the Board to read their letter of Oct. 20, 1995 to Shawn, at the November Board meeting. He consulted Marsha Wilcox and Jack Lane, officers of the Board, and together they overturned the decision to read the letter publicly. The rest of the Board was not informed that this decision had been changed, and were quite confused when it was omitted, since it had been Mr. Bleke's suggestion. Now, in February, Ellen McClain discovers a fee for legal advice and finds out that a grievance had been filed, settled, and paid for without her knowledge as a member of the Board, or other Board members than those consulted.

We find it very convenient that Mr. Bleke and the Board started out this new year as a new start with an emphasis on improving the communication and trust of the community with the school administration. Once again it becomes very evident that rhetoric and action don't always agree. Why was it so hard to come out and say that a grievance had been filed and the letter couldn't be read, or to tell the rest of the Board what had happened?? Once again business was conducted in secret with those whose opinions were already known. Once again it becomes obvious that parents have no protection or power when it comes down to the final finish. Once again strong arm tactics can get their way. We spent time at least every month talking with Mr. Bleke when he started, to try and make the transition smooth for all sides. It looks to us that doing things in secret has been the practice for so long that administrators have forgotten how to be above board and accountable.

I ask, who really was the victim? The people being investigated for voicing opinions about their children's education, or the system? Do parents have rights under the current LEA contract? Does the Board or Administration have the courage to protect those parental rights? Who looks after the rights of the children - how many have been intimidated in the recent months? Some of the true victims are the teachers themselves, who are predominantly excellent, but don't have a voice other than the LEA, and have to pay for this kind of expense. **DEMOCRACY FAILS WHEN GOOD PEOPLE DO NOTHING.** The administration of Lowell Schools hasn't changed at all, the players have just been rearranged a bit. The future of our children can ultimately be controlled by the people of the district, but the people have to make themselves heard first. **Please get involved** with the schools and know what is happening. Your heirs will thank you.

Shawn and Winnie Eshragh

Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty (Isaiah 33:17).

Have you ever taken children window shopping? The boys see electric trains, bats, balls and erector sets. The girls' eyes dance with delight at the sight of dolls, dishes, and party clothes.

When shopping for a house, we ladies are prone to look for the conveniences the house affords—cupboards, closet space, plots in the yard for flowers, and livability in general. Our husbands are most interested in the construction of the building. They look at the wiring, whether or not the roof is straight, and check

to see if the chimney is in good repair.

That which interests us gets our attention. This is as true in the spiritual as in the material realm. The person whose chief concern is being comfortable in this life sees only gadgets, appliances, fine automobiles, ways of making more money, and luxurious living. The surrendered Christians see beyond today and the temporal things this world offers. His affection is set on things above. He envisions heaven in the distance. There he will behold the King of Kings some glad tomorrow.

Are you seeing "beyond today?"

Prayer: O King of Kings, Thou art coming back one of these days to claim Thy waiting Bride. Keep my affections centered on things above, and keep me watching moment by moment for Thy reappearing. Amen.

Lord, help us by Thy mighty grace

To keep in view the prize Till Thou dost come to take us home

To that blest paradise. Author Unknown.

Spray's new book off the press

The first printing of *The Valley of Decision*, by Lowell Ledger columnist, Pauline E. Spray, is off the press.

This is the author's first book of historical fiction. It is based on the early life of her father who was born 100 years ago. Already well received, readers are asking for the sequel.

For a limited time, *The Valley of Decision* may be ordered from Pauline E. Spray, 1145 Adams, Lapeer, MI 48446 for \$9 postpaid.

Lowell Education Foundation receives \$5,000 donation from Congregational Church

The trustees of the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation announced that the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Lowell has included the Foundation in its mission program for 1996.

A \$5,000 donation from the Endowment Funds of the Church will assist the Foundation in awarding initial grants to Lowell Area Schools for enhanced education. These grants will be announced the middle of March. This donation continues a long history of church support for education in the Lowell community.

The Education Foundation was formed in July of 1995 as a tax exempt charitable organization. A group of school district citizens, headed by President of the Board Maureen McPherson, has worked diligently to organize the Foundation around its stated mission of "Enriching the education of Lowell Area

School students by providing funding and resources for enhanced programs and innovative learning." Committees have been formed for fundraising, publicity, and grant evaluation. Board Treasurer William Roth reports that in addition to the Congregational Church, donations have been received from the Lowell Area Schools Education Association, FMB State Savings Bank, and several individuals. Grant applications have been sent to all Lowell school teachers and grant proposals are now being evaluated.

In the coming months, the Foundation hopes to initiate a community-wide fund drive as well as organize other special events designed to familiarize the public with the Foundation and its mission. The trustees are excited over the progress made and the plans for the educational future of Lowell students.

G.R. soprano to perform at United Methodist Church

The Lowell United Methodist Church's Series for the Performing Arts will be presenting a concert March 10 at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The evening's guest artist will be Suzanne Hewitt, soprano, of Grand Rapids.

Hewitt's program will be music for children, including "Old Mother Hubbard" in the style of Handel, the story of Abe Lincoln's mother, "Nancy Hanks," and many others.

Hewitt has performed in many cities in Michigan and Australia. She is a graduate of Olivet College with graduate



Suzanne Hewitt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 1 - Barak Brown, Patrick N. Johnson.
MARCH 2 - Mary Vezino, Roger MacNaughton, Goldie Clark, Casey Sokolowski, Bea Richardson.
MARCH 3 - Sarah Newell, MARCH 4 - Pat Fonger, MARCH 5 - Don Silvis, MARCH 6 - Pat Covell, Scott Vashaw, Bryce Tulppo, Darlene McClure.

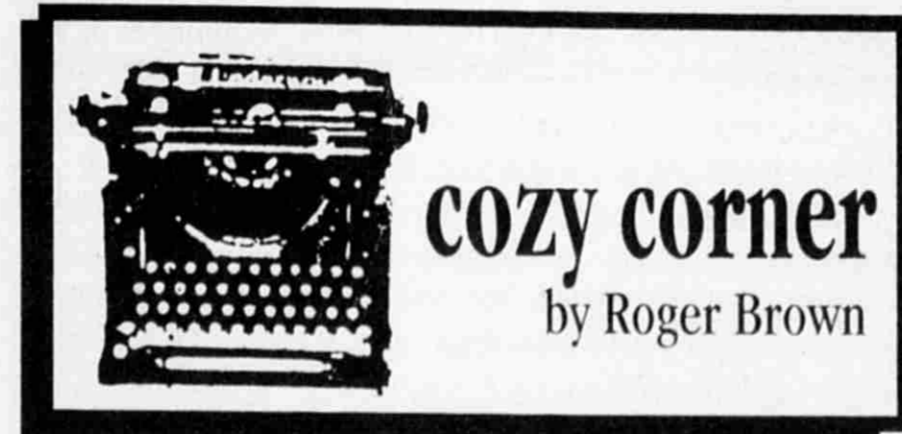
COLLEGE NEWS

The University of Michigan announces that of 4,000 graduates for the fall term, Anne M. Arnold, a 1992 Lowell High School graduate, completed her BA in English and graduated from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor on December 17, 1995. She is the daughter of William and Sandra Arnold of Ada.



A kangaroo cannot jump if its tail is lifted off the ground. It needs its tail for pushing off.

Viewpoint



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I just finished a John Steinbeck book I'd wanted to read for years and years. I loved Steinbeck's stuff when I was a kid, and read most of his works when I was in high school. This book, *Travels With Charley*, was published in 1961 and was quite contemporary at a time when I was in to reading his classics. I guess I had to let it go.

Travels With Charley is very different from Steinbeck's other works. It is a nonfictional, loose account of a trip he undertook with his standard poodle, Charley. At age 60, Steinbeck bought a pickup with a camper on it, provisioned the thing, loaded Charley, and toured around the U.S. for three months. It had all the makings for a wonderful story, but I was disappointed in it.

What I thought of the book is neither here nor there. After twenty years of writing this column, I know what my readers want. You want garbage, not a review on some dusty old Steinbeck novel.

The only reason I brought up the book is to bring out a point Steinbeck made. While provisioning his camper for the trip, he made the mistake of packing way too much of everything. This especially included writing materials, reference

books and other tools of his trade. He did virtually zero writing while on the road. He theorized that unlike a workaday journalist who must capture events as they unfold, he preferred to fully experience an event, savor it for awhile, then put it into words. I guess that's what made Steinbeck a Nobel Prize winning author and not a workaday journalist. Procrastination.

Steinbeck's theory came to mind this morning as I tried to decide what to write this week's column about. I rummaged through my file of possibilities. This system is comprised of sticky notes pasted to my computer. It is also made up of letters, newspaper clippings, etc. They are piled on, stuffed under and stacked around the computer. There are sometimes scraps of paper scrawled with a little reminder to myself folded up and tucked away in my wallet. Sometimes an idea for a column will come to me while I'm driving and I'll stick a note to myself in the sun visor of my car. It's a system that you'd probably expect from the guy you've come to know in this column each week. Not too bright.

Some of these notes date back to things that happened months ago. Here's where my mind differs from the mind of a great author like Steinbeck. Most of these notes mean absolutely nothing to me. Rather than savor the events, I've simply forgotten about them. Even the notes that I can tie to a memory are usually worthless because I've lost most of the details to my poor recall. Like someone once said, "Of all the things I miss from my youth, I think I miss my mind the most."

Consequently, as you read this column from week to week, you'll notice I typically write about things that have happened very recently. No matter how trivial a subject might be, I'll jump on something fresh in my memory rather than try to recall something from a few weeks or months hence.

Because of this flaw in my capabilities, you may never read about a truly memorable cross country trip in my antique biplane that dates back to last September. Instead you are forced to suffer through a root canal I had done a day or two prior to writing a weekly column.

This week was about to become a classic example. I rummaged through my notes, rejecting each idea because of this early senility. I finally decided to write about my most recent experience that had even a flicker of merit as column material.

Last night I was determined to compose a long overdue letter to a friend of mine serving with the Peace Corps in Nicaragua. I had two or three months of catching up to do, and really dreaded trying to get all that down on paper. I came up with the idea of dictating an audio tape to him.

I dug out an old boom box with a cassette tape player/recorder and built-in microphones. I cleaned the heads, put in a new 90 minute tape and proceeded to fill it up. Have you ever tried talking to someone in a one-way conversation for an hour and a half? All suspicions that I may have had about my sanity were confirmed by the time I was halfway through that ordeal.

As you can see, I'm nearing the end of the usual length of this weekly offering. I'll add a sticky note to the side of my computer saying something like "Tape to Mike." You may someday read about the making of last night's audio cassette to my friend in Nicaragua, but I wouldn't hold my breath if I were you. Chances are, I'll look at that note three months from now and wonder what in the world it means. So much for savoring memories, and so much for me ever becoming a great author.

Majority Leader Dick Posthumus' speech at the Lowell Rotary meeting. After giving a 15-20 minute presentation, Posthumus took questions from the Rotarians.

One of the questions was who did he support in the GOP race and why. I wasn't surprised by his answer of Bob Dole. What did surprise me was the reason he gave. I'm paraphrasing - he said it scared him to death to have President Clinton in the White House with one of his daughter's being draft age and another approaching the draft age.

If Clinton scares him to death, his heart should have skipped many beats for all the moms and dads who had young men and women at draft age when Ronald Reagan and George Bush were in office. They had the young men and women of this country flying off in more directions than the flags at Wrigley Field.

Republicans have often accused the Democratic party as being the party of fear, despair.

While I don't share all of his political views I have always thought of Dick Posthumus as being genuinely sincere and caring. I respect him because of that. However, I think he probably has better reasons as to why he supports Bob Dole than what he shared with Lowell's Rotarians.

Politics of fear and despair is a label Republicans have hung on the Democrats over the years. Posthumus, if he is to be true to his party, should steer clear of this, unless of course, this was his "coming out of the closet" party?

Sticking with politics, I was perusing through the Presque Isle County Advance, the weekly paper in Rogers City and the former home of Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush.

I like to scan through other weekly newspapers to see what they are doing.

As I was perusing, I came across a column written by Harry Whiteley. Ironically enough it was on the paper's "Viewpoints" page.

In his column he talks about a number of things - the last of which is welfare reform. He goes on to share with the readers some welfare memos he had collected and tucked away. The memos are purported to have been received by the welfare department. They made me chuckle more than once. Here are a select few of the ones he shared in his column.

- I am writing the welfare department to say that my baby was born two years ago. When do I get my money?
- I am glad to report that my husband who was missing is dead.
- This is my eighth child what are you going to do about it?
- I am forwarding my marriage certificate and three children, one of which is a mistake as you can see.
- You have changed my little boy to a girl. Will this make any difference?
- I have no children yet as my husband is a truck driver and works day and night.
- Mrs. Jones has not had any clothes for a year and has been visited by the clergy regularly.
- My husband got his project cut off two weeks ago and I haven't had any relief since.
- Thank you, Harry Whiteley for the humor - the cure to all ills.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Taco with meat, cheese and lettuce, California blend vegetables, blueberry muffin square, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Lowell Red Arrow sub sandwich, lettuce salad, homemade chili soup, crackers, fruit or fruit crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, or chef salad, green beans, homemade dinner rolls & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza with meat, cheese and pepperoni or carrot sticks, lettuce salad, frozen juice treat or canned fruit, milk.
FRIDAY: BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH
3 French toast sticks with syrup or scrambled eggs or later triangle, warmed apples or fruit selection, milk.
HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Taco with meat and cheese & lettuce, chicken fajita or chef salad. Choose Two: California blend, side salad or Spanish rice, Johnny cake with margarine and syrup, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Sub sandwich, ham & Swiss, chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Soup, side salad or 1/2 deli dill pickle, crackers, fruit or fruit crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or roast beef or chef salad. Choose Two: Mashed potato & gravy, green beans, side salad, homemade dinner roll & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza with meat, cheese and pepperoni, lasagna or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Carrot sticks, side salad or fruit juice, frozen juice bar or canned fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH
2 pancakes with eggs, 2 French toast with eggs, chicken patty on a bun or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Tater triangles, side salad or orange juice, fruit selection or warm baked apples, milk.

Had's thoughts

Politics... if nothing else it can be entertaining. This being an election year, it's probably even more entertaining.

I don't espouse to much, if anything, that Pat Buchanan stands for. However, can you imagine how dull the GOP race for a presidential nominee would be without him? So dull in fact it might even miss the evening news.

Have you noticed most reports on the GOP race now center around what Buchanan is doing or saying. I believe this is because whether you think there is any credence to what he says or not - you listen, and then either laugh or flick to another channel in disgust.

Imagine a debate between Bob Dole, Steve Forbes and Lamar Alexander. The only thing that possibly could come from it would be a cure for insomnia.

This is a political/presidential year which means there should be controversy, shakeup within political parties, and it should provide for entertainment and drama. If nothing else, Buchanan should get a vote for doing all of the above.

Last Wednesday I went and covered Michigan's Senate



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 28, 1896
Ionia County Board of Supervisors grants permission for Lowell to build a dam across Flat River in northern Keene Township.

Meanwhile the Lowell Water & Light Company has run four lines into Grand Rapids and lit up the Ste. Cecelia building with a seventy-light star. The company will have its offices in the Trust Building.

Young men Fred Fallas and Frank Clark are taking over the Reuben Quick Hardware Store.

A township spelling contest was held at the Keene Grange Hall Saturday, in preparation for the county contest. The New Cigar Store is offering a pipe and tobacco for free when you come in.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 24, 1921
Dexter Look discusses the commission form of village government at this year's caucus (M.N. Henry elected president; other appointments by acclamation). The rival People's Caucus nominates H.J. Coons for president and hints at present government's lack of strict law enforcement. This will be Lowell's first contested election in years.

Lowell girls defeated Rockford's in a fast, interesting game, 14-9. The boys' game was not interesting because of Rockford's lack of speed: 28-7.

At the annual dinner of the county Anti-tuberculosis society, Lowell's Julia Spight wins first prize (\$5) for selling 2700 TB stamps and Vergennes District #3 school, first prize (silver loving cup) for selling the most stamps per pupil.
Jack Bannan applies for a Lowell spot in the proposed Western Michigan semi-pro baseball league.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 28, 1946
The Lowell Airport site is approved by the state. Twenty people have already learned to fly there, and it is hoped to enlarge the field from 30 to 50 acres.

A manufacturer promises car phones, each with individual phone number. Operating on FM, one places calls by contacting the "mobile service operator."

The newly-formed Lowell Community Council survey

says so far that 67 new homes are needed, and that people will not want the new pre-fabs, which are poorly constructed.

Eastern Star serves the annual banquet to 150 for the fortieth Board of Trade election of officers. Byrne McMahon succeeds Claude Thorne as president.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 25, 1971
Lowell Boy Scout Troop #102 is one of eight troops invited to be the governor's Honor Guard at Mackinac Island in July. The post office will remain open on Saturdays, due to the great number of requests; Ada and Alto will also remain open. They had planned to have only lobbies open.

IRS warns citizens that unscrupulous commercial tax-preparers are misrepresenting the 1970 Form 1040 as extremely complicated.

Lowell merchants crack down, and three juvenile and one adult shoplifters are arrested in one week.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE WORK FORCE

Anyone who has ever applied for a job knows just how important experience is in today's job market. In most cases, a recruiter or interviewer will hire a candidate who can bring a certain amount of experience to the position. The perfect compliment to a top-notch education is this kind of work-related experience.

Last week, Senator Mike Rogers from Brighton introduced a bill that will help bridge the gap between high school and the work force for many Michigan students. Our young people not only need to learn the importance of being self-sufficient, but they should also have every opportunity to learn first-hand the benefits of a job well done.

This bill, Senate Bill 872, will encourage employers to provide apprenticeships for high school students so that they can gain "real world" experience. Participating employers will be eligible for tax cuts under the provisions of the new bill.

Businesses that operate apprenticeship programs would be

eligible to claim a credit of up to 50 percent of the salary, fringe benefits and other payroll expenses paid to apprentices, up to \$2,000 per year. Those eligible to serve apprenticeships must be 19 years of age or younger and not yet a high school graduate. The program is registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

This is an excellent way to supplement the education of young people. They will be getting hands-on experience that is unavailable through conventional classroom studies. By doing this it will help them build their work ethic, self-esteem and the necessary skills to use in later employment.

This bill is an important step in paving the way for many cooperative efforts between businesses and the community. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved. By giving future members of Michigan's job force this kind of opportunity businesses will benefit because they will be training potential employees besides reaping the benefits of the tax cut that this legislation provides. The students participating in this program will benefit because they will be given excellent on-the-job training and experience to make them more marketable in today's competitive job market.

The education of Michigan's youth is important to the future of our state. We need to give our children every opportunity we can to help them succeed. Their futures hold great promise and potential. With advances in technology leading to a closer, more competitive global society, it's essential that we help train our future work force. On the other hand, it's just as important that our workers are prepared with

the qualifications and skills to fill the employment needs of our business community. This important bill will fill the needs in both areas.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

As a community we long for a troubling situation to be put behind us.

Since the school board meetings are broadcast on Lowell Cable, I make it a point to watch them.

Superintendent Bleke is doing a marvelous job even though every decision he makes seems to be questioned and scrutinized by members of the community. We hired a very competent man to lead our school system and we need to give him the freedom to do his job.

Also, if anyone doubts the professionalism or dedication of Marsha Wilcox and Jack Lane, our school board president and vice president, they need to watch the board meetings. Marsha is doing an excellent job of representing the entire Lowell community and keeping the meetings focused. Both these board members need to be praised for their commitment and service to our school system.

June 10 is the next school board election. As a community, we need to watch a few of the school board meetings on Lowell Cable 2 before deciding who should get the vote.

Ina Dunn



BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools
Superintendent

The first week of February, when it was so very cold, was not a particularly good week for me. For our schools, the bad weather brought frozen pipes and well problems at Alto Elementary School and a massive roof leak at Cherry Creek Elementary. It also created very demanding transportation problems as the extreme wind chills and icy roads made the transportation of our children difficult. I recall these rather unpleasant memories not because I particularly enjoy misery, but because of the important lessons that I learned during that hectic week.

My first lesson was driven home when several parents came to visit me the day of our decision to run our buses only on paved roads. The parents were not happy. Frankly, they felt that the decision we had made that morning had endangered their children. They questioned our decision as well as our process and rightfully so. We did make a decision regarding gravel roads but, in retrospect, perhaps somewhat late. The parents did indeed have a right to be upset. After discussing our options and our reasoning with the parents, I believe that they were satisfied that we attempt to make every decision involving the transportation of our children based on the first consideration of student safety. While it is impossible to satisfy everybody with decisions that involve the busing of our students, it is critical, as these parents so clearly reminded me on that cold morning, that their major concern as well as ours has to be the safety of our children.

A second lesson occurred from the same meeting. The parent suggested that we could improve our process and make it safer for children by involving parents in a phone calling tree when we run only on gravel roads. Here was a suggestion that made a great deal of sense and in which we are now attempting to incorporate into our transportation procedures. This was another gentle reminder that we do not have all the answers and

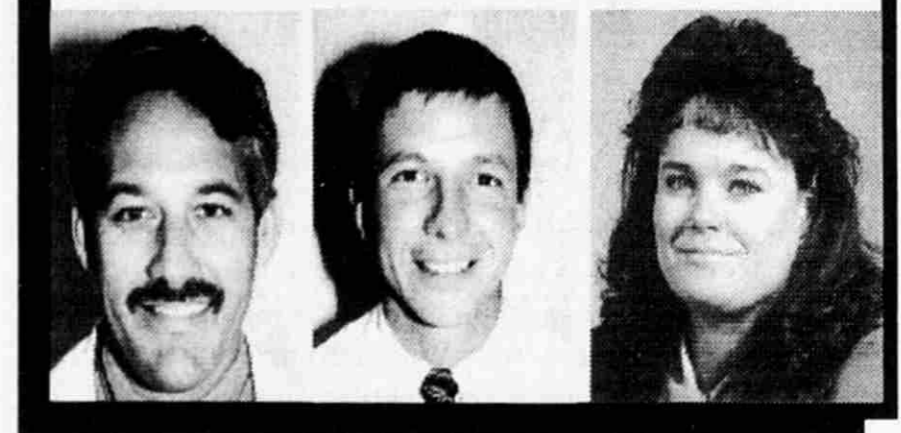
that if we listen to our parents we certainly will improve our schools.

My third lesson was another reminder on how just important the attitude of people really is. While it was a difficult week, the can-do attitude of our parents to make a special effort to get their children on the buses bundled up and, in many cases, at different locations was tremendous. The custodial and maintenance staff worked long and hard hours in our schools as they battled to stem the floods at Cherry Creek and, ironically, to produce water at Alto. Our teachers and parents at Alto Elementary were absolutely cooperative and did everything possible to help us get our schools going as soon as possible. Most organizations do well during times of calm and

success. Good organizations do well in times of upheaval and concerns. I would like to thank all of you who have helped us not only in weathering a difficult week but also to improve our ability to serve our kids and community better.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.

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



IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME

Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) is a condition with symptoms such as abdominal cramps or pain, bloating, diarrhea or constipation.

You may have heard it called "spastic colon," "colitis" or "nervous bowel." It is inconvenient, but it is not contagious, inherited, cancerous or life threatening. Having IBS doesn't increase your chances of getting bowel cancer or other serious diseases. It may be a lifelong problem that requires changes in lifestyle and diet to control.

Women are twice as likely than men to be affected. It usually begins in early adult life and affects about 20 percent of the population. No one knows the exact cause. IBS is believed to result from abnormal intestinal motility (amount of travel time of

stool through to colon), heightened awareness of pain and bowel function.

Stress, overexertion in some athletes, improper diet, smoking, and excessive alcohol exacerbate symptoms. Symptoms may also be triggered by eating, though no specific food has been identified as being responsible.

Avoid foods or drinks that aggravate symptoms. Avoid gas-producing and spicy foods such as beans, cabbage, cauliflower. Avoid sorbitol (a sweetener) in diet foods, drinks, chewing gum and candy. Limit amount of coffee, milk and alcohol. Increase fiber in the diet to promote good bowel function. Add fiber to your diet slowly to give the body time to adjust and drink plenty of water. Quit smoking. Try to reduce the amount of stress in your life. Medications such as antispasmodics to relieve severe abdominal cramps may be of benefit. Constipating agents and anti-gas medicines may help with symptoms. Good physical fitness improves bowel function and helps reduce stress.

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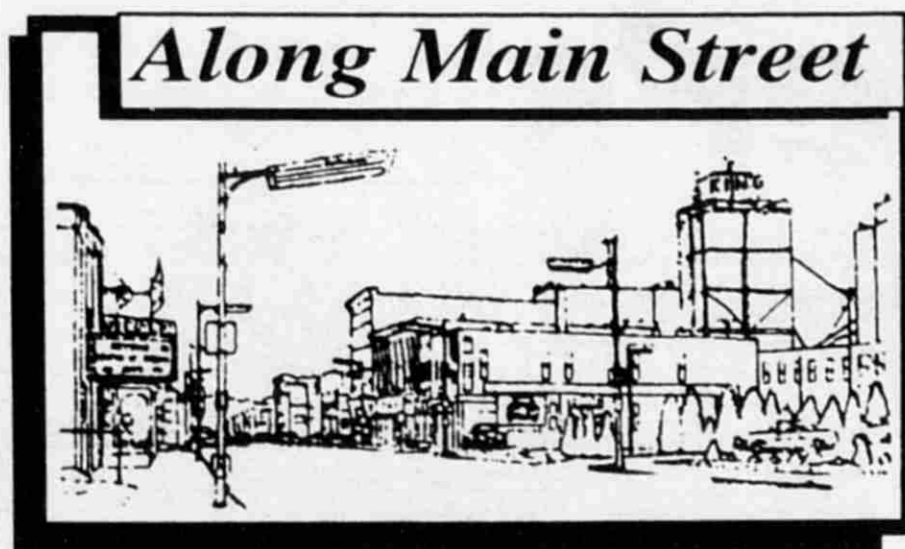
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ATTENTION PARENTS OF LOWELL SENIORS
A senior video is being put together for the class of '96. If you have any videos of the class, past or present, please call Sam or Bonnie at 897-5370. Videos will be returned to you.

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE AIRED
The City Council meeting of February 20 will be shown on Cable Channel 2 thru March 3 at 6 p.m.

ADHD PANEL DISCUSSION
Lowell Area Schools' special education department is sponsoring a parents' support group meeting Thursday, Feb. 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room at 300 High Street. Featured will be a panel of five adults offering different perspectives on meeting the needs of students with ADHD.

The format will be question and answer, with the following persons on the panel: Ed and Marcia Szumowski, parents; Dr. Paul Gauthier, Lowell physician; Dr. Robert Schafer, Grand Rapids psychologist; and Richard Douglass, Lowell school psychologist. Please call Carol Briggs at 897-8415 by Feb. 25 to reserve a spot. Child care available.

LHS PRESENTS "THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER"
The Lowell High School Drama Dept. is putting on its annual all-school play. This year's selection is "The Man who Came To Dinner" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman.

The performance dates are Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2. The curtain will rise at 7 p.m. for each performance. The cost of tickets is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and \$4.50 at the door. For further ticket information call 897-4449 (days); 897-4922 or 897-9352 (evenings).

FUND-RAISING SPAGHETTI DINNER
A fund-raising spaghetti dinner will be held at Keiser's Kitchen on Sunday, March 10 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Proceeds will help Nicole Deters become a student ambassador to China.

Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. The cost is \$8 for adults; 10 and under, \$4.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION
There will be no commodities given out until further notice.

ON VIEW AT FMB GALLERIA
Local artist and Lowell Area Arts Council member Don Holstine exhibits his watercolors in the FMB Galleria through March 6. Holstine's work reflects many views of Lowell and the surrounding area.

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES WITH A DRAWING WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Arts Center presents an after-school workshop for children ages 8 to 12. Instructor Sandy Bartlett will conduct a drawing workshop for beginners meeting on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for six weeks. Workshops start Wednesday, March 6. Fee is \$60 for LAAC members and \$75 for non-members and all materials are furnished.

A second class for intermediate students will begin on Thursday, March 7, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and will run for six weeks. Fee is \$60 for LAAC members and \$75 for non-members. Call the Center to register at 897-8545. Mastercard/Visa welcome.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION SEEKING APPLICANTS
The Vergennes Township Historical Commission is seeking applicants for the 1996-98 term of office. Appointments

will be made at the March 25 meeting of the Township Board. Candidates should be residents of the township, and interested in serving the community.

Contact Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, phone 897-5671.

OFF THE BLOTTER
A 14-year-old juvenile from Lowell will be referred into juvenile court for trespassing on railroad property when he was caught on train cars on Feb. 20.

Brian Peterson, 32, of Alto, was involved in a property damage accident Nov. 20 when he pulled from a private drive onto West Main near Valley Vista Dr. into the path of a vehicle driven by Joseph Baker, 36, of Lowell.

Martin Stevens, 18, of Lowell, was arrested Feb. 20 on a warrant for domestic violence issued out of 63rd District Court.

Brandy Clements, 21, of Rockford, was arrested Nov. 22 on a warrant issued out of a city of Grand Rapids court for driving on a suspended license.

Dean Faber, 35, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for failure to appear in court Feb. 22.

Travis DenBoer, 19, of Lowell, was released after posting bond on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court Feb. 25.

Ricky Gard, 36, of Alto, was involved in a property damage accident Feb. 25 at Main and Hudson Streets when a 16-year-old juvenile driver from Lowell failed to stop at the traffic light and struck Gard's vehicle.

Gregory Bowers, 33, of Lowell, reported minor property damage done to his vehicle while parked at the Admiral Gas Station on West Main Feb. 22 when it was struck by a 16-year-old juvenile driver from Lowell.

Cited into 63rd District Court Nov. 23 for minor consuming alcohol was Stuart Lester, 19, of Lowell, as was Ryan Krieg, also 19, of Lowell. Krieg was also cited for attempting to purchase alcohol under the age of 21.

David Comp, 52, of Saranac, was involved in a property damage accident Feb. 23 at Main and Hudson when the vehicle he was driving was struck from behind by a pick-up truck driven by Cris Johnston, 36, of Lowell.

Gambling, cont'd... From Page 1

DeWitt would not state what evidence was seized, but when asked if the evidence included betting cards and money he said "it was a good possibility."

"This was not just a small friendly office pool," DeWitt said. "Other charges in Grand Rapids and Muskegon will also be made. There is a connection between all the cases. This is a West Michigan matter as opposed to a Lowell matter."

Assistant attorney general Eric Eggan said it was a \$50,000 to \$100,000 operation. "Stormzand and Dyer are just 'one branch of a tree, just small players' in the overall investigation. There are a lot of people who've been involved in this who would be paying attention. They'll be paid a visit soon," Eggan said.

Parlay cards are a form of illegal sports betting. Each card contains a list of football games and the point spread for each game.

A bettor selects the games and point spreads on which he will wager and pays a bookie a set amount for each game. If the team picked by the bettor wins or beats the spread, the bettor wins the wager and collects from the bookie.

If the team ties, loses or does not beat the spread, the bettor loses and the bookie keeps the wagered money. Direct sports betting is a direct wager to a bookie on an individual contest.

The maximum penalty for conspiracy to violate state gambling laws is five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

DeWitt said he was not aware of the defendants having any other prior problems.

"Typically the maximum penalty is not handed down," DeWitt said. "The judge may decide that probation is the way to go."

DeWitt would not discuss if any plea bargaining has taken place. "Any information that the defendants provide to investigators would be taken into consideration when determining the sentence," he said.

DeWitt was not aware of a time frame as to how long the defendants have been carrying on organized gambling activities.

Heritage, cont'd... From Page 1

Like any outdoor product the sign will need some maintenance to keep its good looks, but DeRuiter said the sign will age gracefully.

"To make something like this last, you have to start with quality materials and not fudge it," he said. "Redwood is very stable and durable and the paints are all exterior paints so they should last a long time."

Timpson decided to use DeRuiter's professional service after seeing similar signs throughout the township.

"He did the signs for Ron Blain's development on Burroughs," Timpson said. "When I saw how good they looked I knew that was what we wanted. I have similar signs at my house that aren't as nice and cost even more to make, so I was very happy with his work."

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 4, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

Gerald Persha, owner of Optec, Inc., 199 Smith Street, has requested two variances to construct a 1300 square foot building addition to house a machine shop. First, a 30 foot variance is needed from the required 50 foot setback to Chatham Street and second, a variance to expand an existing use on a nonconforming lot. The lot contains 17,424 square feet, where 20,000 square feet is required for industrial use.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto on

MONDAY, MARCH 11

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. by appointment.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

1. By letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 8.
2. Appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets.

The tentative Real Property assessment and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are:

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Christian Wenger, Supervisor
Bowne Township

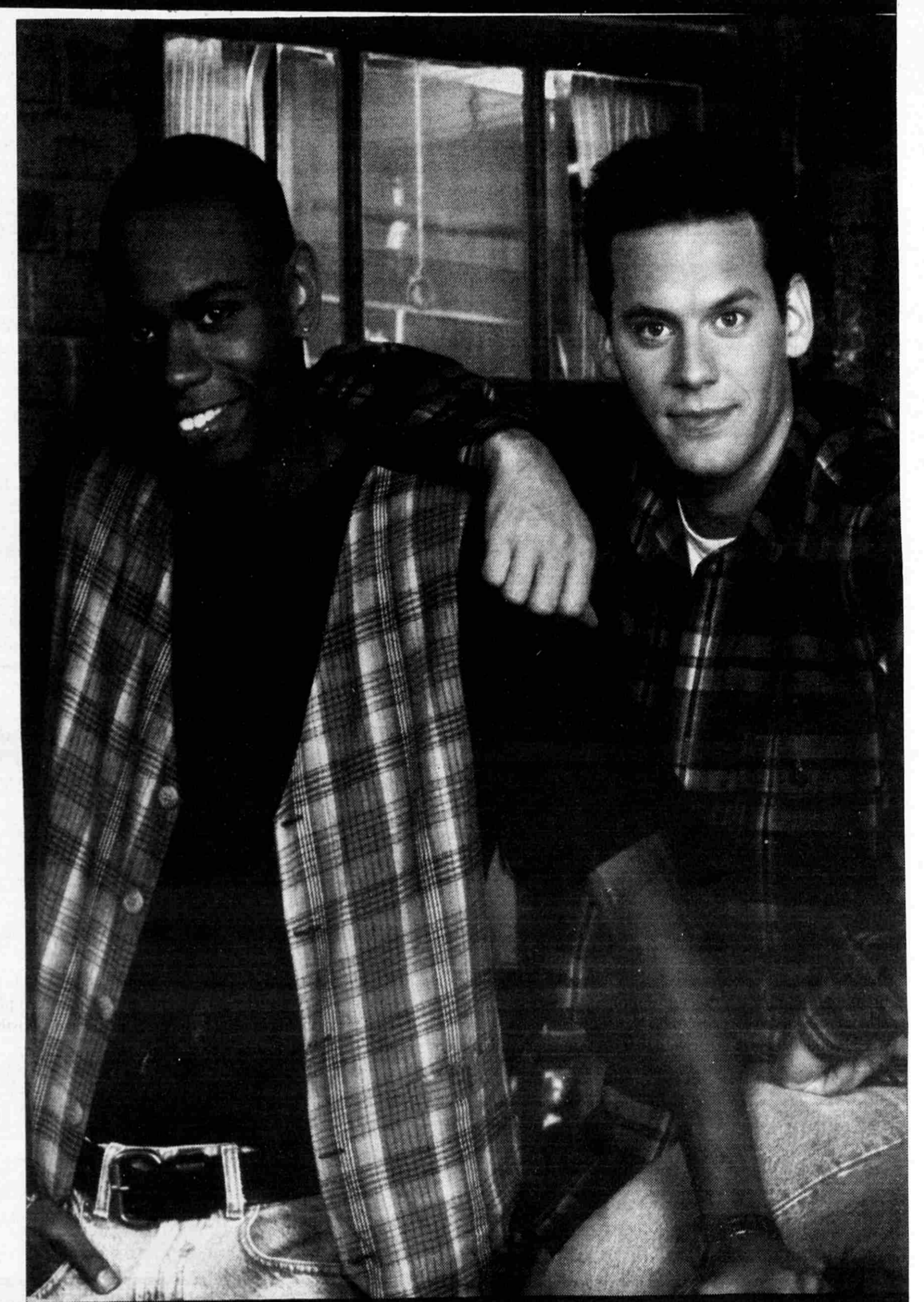
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Dave Chappelle (left) and Christopher Gartin star in the new comedy series *Buddies*, premiering Tuesday on ABC. They play best friends who run a video business together in Detroit. *Buddies* is one of several new shows joining the networks' lineups for midseason tryouts this week.

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SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 2, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

SATURDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 2, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 3, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 3, 1996. 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, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

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MONDAY EVENING MARCH 4, 1996. 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 4, 1996. 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.

TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 5, 1996. 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.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 5, 1996. 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 6, 1996. 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.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 6, 1996. 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.

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 7, 1996										
	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	Jeopardy!	Murder, She Wrote "The Secret of Gila Junction"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
4	WOTV	Highway Patrol	LAPD (In Stereo)	World Videos	Before Stars!	Movie: "Forgotten Sins" (1996) William Devane, Bess Armstrong, Premiere. (In Stereo)	News	Nightline		
5	WGVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Practical Sports	This Old House	Mystery! "Inspector Morse VI" "Promised Land"	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)		
7	WXTM	Home Improvement	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Living Single	Martin "Cabin Show"	New York Undercover "UNIS" (In Stereo)	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (In Stereo)	
8	WOOD	Extra (In Stereo)	Inside Edition	Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Pool Guy" "Caroline in the City"	ER "Sleepless in Chicago" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
9	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Murder, She Wrote "The Secret of Gila Junction"	Billy Graham Crusade (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Pool Guy" "Caroline in the City"	ER "Sleepless in Chicago" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)	
19	WLK	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Darmok"	Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Pool Guy" "Caroline in the City"	ER "Sleepless in Chicago" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show		
23	WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman	Ghosts and Guardians II-Gitchee Gumea	Birds of the Backyard	Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman (R)	News	Nightline	
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Billy Graham Crusade (In Stereo)	Movie: "Forgotten Sins" (1996) William Devane, Bess Armstrong, Premiere. (In Stereo)			News	Nightline	
17	WSYM	Home Improvement	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Living Single	Martin "Cabin Show"	New York Undercover "UNIS" (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Jenny Jones	
CABLE STATIONS										
17	TBS	Funnies Home Videos	Funnies Home Videos	Movie: ** "Point Break" (1991, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Keanu Reeves. An FBI agent infiltrates California's surfing subculture.	Movie: ** "Predator 2" (1990) Danny Glover, Ruben Blades.					
4	FAM	Waltons "The Long Night"		Highway to Heaven "Help Wanted: Angel"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	Three Stooges			
20	FX	Fall Guy		Hart to Hart	Trapper John, M.D.	In Living Color	In Living Color	Vega\$		
21	USA	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Figure Skating: Champions on Ice. From Asheville, N.C.		Highlander: The Series "Courage" (In Stereo)	Silk Stalkings "Jasmine" (R) (In Stereo)			
22	DISC	Invention (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Wild Discovery "The Savage Pack" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone	Movie Magic (R)	Invention (R)		
23	WGN	Family Matters	Newhart	Bulls Eye (In Stereo)	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls. From United Center. (In Stereo Live)		News (In Stereo)	Simon & Simon		
23	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	College Basketball: Atlantic Coast Conference First Round - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)		College Basketball: Big East Tournament Quarterfinal - Teams to Be Announced. (Live)			Sportscenter		
23	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline	
23	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Tiny Toon Adventures	Monsters	I Dream of Jeannie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Welcome Back, Kotter	Dick Van Dyke	
23	A&E	Equalizer "Shadowplay"		Biography "Joseph Stalin: Red Terror"	Ancient Mysteries "China's Wall of Doom"	Voyages "On Disaster's Path"	Law & Order "By Hooker, by Crook"			
23	PASS	Red Wings Hotline	National Athletic Awards		Powder Express	CCHA Digest	College Hockey U.S.A.	Press Box	College Basketball: Stanford at Arizona. (Live)	
23	TNT	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)		Movie: ** 1/2 "Cahill, U.S. Marshal" (1973) John Wayne, Gary Grimes.		Movie: *** 1/2 "The Sons of Katie Elder" (1965) John Wayne, Martha Hyer.				
23	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard		Life and Times of Bill Monroe (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country Highway 101. (In Stereo)		Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)		Country News	
23	SCIFI	Twilight Zone	Monsters	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "Creature From the Black Lagoon" (1954) Richard Carlson, Richard Denning.	Twilight Zone		Monsters	
PREMIUM STATIONS										
4	DISN	Eerie Indiana	MMC (In Stereo)	Movie: "White Wolves" (1993), Mark-Paul Gosselaar (In Stereo) "PG" ✓	Lillehammer '94: 16 Days of Glory (In Stereo)				"The Anderson Tapes"	
4	HBO	(6:30) Movie: ** 1/2 "Nadine" (1987) "PG" ✓		Movie: *** "Trading Places" (1983), Dan Aykroyd (R) (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	Movie: "Wild Side" (1995), Joan Chen, Anne Heche (In Stereo) "NR" ✓				Comedy Jam	
4	MAX	(6:00) Movie: ** "The Scout" (1994) "PG-13" ✓		Movie: "Reflections in the Dark" (1995), Billy Zane, John Terry (In Stereo) (R)	Movie: "The Dangerous" (1994), Michael Pare (In Stereo) "NR" ✓				Movie: "Under Lock and Key" (1995) (R)	

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 7, 1996										
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree (Left in Progress)				
4	WOTV	Top Cops (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
5	WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)							
7	WXTM	Richard Bey	Psychic Phone Line	Murphy Brown	Gabrielle (R)	(Off Air)		Golden Girls (In Stereo)	Dragon Ball	
8	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Carnie (In Stereo)		NBC News Nightside		
9	WLNS	(11:35) Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)	Cosby Show	Home Shopping Spree (Joined in Progress)	Home Shopping Spree (Left in Progress)				
19	WLK	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	News (R)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)			Headline News	
23	WKAR	Practical Sports	(Off Air)							
13	WZZM	Current Affairs	Most Wanted	Cops (In Stereo)	Gordon Elliott	Mike & Maty		ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)		
17	WSYM	Gabrielle (R)		LAPD (In Stereo)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Small Business	(Off Air)			
CABLE STATIONS										
17	TBS	(10:35) Movie: ** "Predator 2" (1990)	Movie: *** "Jacob's Ladder" (1990) Tim Robbins, Danny Aiello.		Movie: ** "Hi List" (1989) Jan-Michael Vincent, Lance Henriksen.					
4	FAM	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20	FX	Rawhide	In Living Color (R)	In Living Color (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
21	USA	Highlander: The Series "The Lamb" (In Stereo)	Forever Knight "Blind Faith" (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: ** 1/2 "A Nightmare on Elm Street 2: Freddy's Revenge" (1985) Mark Patton, Kim Myers.		American Gladiators				
22	DISC	Wild Discovery "The Savage Pack" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone (R)	Battle of the Alamo (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
23	WGN	(11:30) Simon & Simon	Honeymooners	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: *** "Ironweed" (1987) Jack Nicholson, Carroll Baker.			
23	ESPN	(11:30) Sportscenter	Boxing: USA Team Western Qualifier. From Casper, Wyo.		Sportscenter	Up Close (R)	College Basketball: Atlantic Coast Conference First Round - Teams TBA			
23	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	Inside Politics (R)	Sports Latentight (R)	Larry King Live (R)	Overnight	Sports Latentight (R)	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom
23	NICK	Bob Newhart	Lucy Show	Monsters	Mary Tyler Moore	I Love Lucy	Taxi "Jim the Psychic"	Welcome Back, Kotter	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart
23	A&E	Biography "Joseph Stalin: Red Terror" (R)	Ancient Mysteries "China's Wall of Doom" (R)	Voyages "On Disaster's Path" (R)		Law & Order "By Hooker, by Crook"	Police Story "Firebird"			
23	PASS	College Basketball	Mountain Biking	Press Box	Paid Program	Planet X (R)	Prime Cuts (R)	College Basketball: Conference USA Quarterfinal - Teams to Be Announced. (R)		
23	TNT	(10:15) Movie: "The Sons of Katie Elder" (1965)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Cahill, U.S. Marshal" (1973) John Wayne, Gary Grimes.		Movie: *** 1/2 "Blood Alley" (1955) John Wayne, Anita Ekberg.					
23	NASH	Life and Times of Bill Monroe (R) (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country Highway 101. (R) (In Stereo)		Country News (R)	(Off Air)				
23	SCIFI	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "Creature From the Black Lagoon" (1954) Richard Carlson, Richard Denning.		Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "The Prediction"	Paid Program	Paid Program		
PREMIUM STATIONS										
4	DISN	(11:30) Movie: "The Anderson Tapes" (1971) "PG" ✓	Movie: ** 1/2 "McHale's Navy Joins the Air Force" (1965), Joe Flynn, Gary Vinson		Movie: "White Wolves" (1993), Mark-Paul Gosselaar (In Stereo) "PG" ✓				"Rover Dangerfield" (G)	
4	HBO	Kids in the Hall	Movie: *** "Higher Learning" (1995) (In Stereo) (R) (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	Movie: ** "Indecent Behavior" (1993) (In Stereo) (R) (Adult language, adult situations, nudity, violence)	Movie: "Murder 9 to 5" (R)					
4	MAX	(11:05) Movie: "Sunset" (1988), James Garner (In Stereo) (R) (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Galaxis" (1995) (In Stereo) (R) (Adult language, violence)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Private Obsession" (1995) "NR" ✓						

Lowell Schools boast of the accomplishments of Mike Dumas - a quiet, unassuming professional

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Mike Dumas returned to Lowell High School - a place that provided the 26 year old four of his life's best years. "I remember every aspect of it. It was four of my best years - that and college," Dumas said.

The 1987 Lowell graduate returned Feb. 23 to the place where he excelled in football, basketball, track and in academics. He was honored at halftime of the Lowell/Northview basketball game.

During the day on Friday, Dumas spent time talking to Lowell students. He made stops at Alto, Cherry Creek, Lowell Middle School and the high school.

"I've spoken to students down in Houston and Jacksonville, but this is the first time I've been scheduled to speak in Lowell," Dumas explained.

The free safety completed his first year with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 1995-96, after spending a year with Buffalo and three years with Houston (the team that drafted him in 1991).

"In Jacksonville I've found a franchise that likes my abilities and the way I play. That makes playing more enjoyable," Dumas said. "I'm Jacksonville's starting free safety and signal caller on defense. It's more of a challenge and responsibility."

Off the field Dumas has also taken on more responsibility. He has a three-and-a-half-month little boy. Dumas and his fiancée Lacreia Moore will marry on May 25th.

"A relationship requires a lot of responsibility," Dumas explains. "It's great to have someone there with you to share things."

In dedication to his achievements in the classroom and on the playing field along with his willingness to give back, Dumas' Red Arrow jersey number 21 is the first number to be retired.

His jersey will be placed in Lowell High School's athletic showcase as a reminder to students of the type of athlete and person who has gone before and as an inspiration for what they can become.



Mike Dumas

Red Arrows unable to overcome second quarter dry spell; fall to 'Cats 55-39

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush wishes his club's 1-12 record in the O-K White could be attributed to lack of intensity, poor defensive efforts, and not taking good shots.

"We're playing with intensity and we're getting good shots," Bush explained. "We have just been unable to put the ball in the basket. That has made the season frustrating."

Lowell's 55-39 loss to Northview Friday night displayed Bush's frustration. The Red Arrows came out and played Northview, winners of nine of its last 11 games, evenly over the first eight minutes. The two teams were tied at 15-15 to start the second quarter.

Kevin Brown's bucket at 5:51 of the second quarter pulled Lowell to within one at 18-17. The Red Arrows went the next five minutes without a bucket as Northview outscored Lowell 9-0 to build a 26-17 advantage.

Buckets by Chris Wilcox and Brown over the last 50 seconds sent Lowell to half-time trailing the Wildcats 28-21.

"We had a bad stretch at the offensive end there in the second quarter," Bush said. "We weren't getting anything done."

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Beginning classes starting March 4 & 6
6:30 p.m. at Roll Away in Lowell.

For more information call Jeff Meyers at 642-0408 evenings or see you on the 4th or 6th

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL MEET ON

MARCH 5, 1996
7:30 p.m.

Vergennes Township Hall
10381 Bailey Drive

Janice Morris is requesting a variance to build a home on a lot that does not meet the requirements for frontage. Property is located at 14100 Four Mile Road NE, Lowell.

Mark Scooby of 11950 Vergennes is requesting a variance to build an accessory building closer to the lot line than zoning allows.

Bob Wilczewski of Bob's Body Shop, 689 Lincoln Lake Road, is requesting to place a sign for his business that does not meet sign ordinance requirements.

Jim Cook
Supervisor

LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Lowell Township will meet at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE on

Monday, March 11th

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; also on

Tuesday, March 12th

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Small in numbers, gymnastics team posts big results

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By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Taking your team's top four scores is made easy when there are only four gymnasts.

It also makes an already mentally and physically demanding sport that much tougher.

"There's a lot more pressure when your score always counts," said Shannon Laux, Red Arrow junior gymnast. "We wish there would have been more people, but it's been fun and everybody has had their moments. We've been one little group."

It has been one little group that has pulled together and made the most out of a tough situation.

"The season has had its ups and downs," Lowell gymnastic coach Michele DeHaan said. "We've had some rough practices, but then at the meet the girls were able to pull things together. As a coach, that made me feel good - like I'm doing something right."

The coach's efforts were noticed.

The balance beam has been a difficult event for Lowell girls over the years. This year there has been a noticeable change.

"Coach DeHaan has spent a lot of time on the beam in practice," Skye Fisher said.

Laux adds the mental concentration has helped de-

crease the number of miscues. "We've really cut down on our falls."

When the girls have fallen, they've had the mental toughness to block it out and continue their routine.

"It's hard to brush off, but you've got to get back on the beam and do your best on the rest of the routine to make up for the fall," Trisha Schmidt said.

Lowell fell short of qualifying as a team for the regional. That doesn't mean, however, the Red Arrows won't be represented at the regional.

Contrary, three quarters of the team qualified in at least two events for the individual regional.

Sophomore Brenda Lacey qualified in all four events.

"I've been involved in gymnastics through clubs since the age of five. From five to the age of 12, I practiced four nights a week," Lacey said. "I've always enjoyed it. I love to compete."

Her strongest events this year have been the balance beam and floor exercise.

"I was kind of pleased with how I progressed on the uneven bars," she said. Lacey plans on taking private lessons in the off-season.

Laux qualified for the individual regional in the floor exercise, the vault, and on the balance beam.

"My best event is the vault. I think that's because as a

gymnastics youth, I did the trampoline thing. I think that transfers over to the vault," Laux said. "That, and not much grace is required to do the vault."

Fisher qualified for the regional on the balance beam and floor exercise.

The junior took qualifying on the beam down to the wire - her final two meets. Fisher recorded her fourth qualifying score of 7.3 or higher at the conference meet.

"I either had to get the qualifying score then or at a meet in Rockford," Fisher said.

Away from practice and meets, the Red Arrow team has had to deal with rumors about the discontinuation of gymnastics due to such low participation.

Lowell athletic director Barry Hobrla said that's all that it is.

"I will be meeting with Superintendent Bleke to talk about Lowell's athletic vision and what we want for the future," Hobrla said. "Obviously we wouldn't judge any program on wins or losses. If there is a concern we'd look at the numbers and what things look like in the short term."

Hobrla noted that there is a groundswell of interest at the lower levels for gymnastics.

"I've definitely enjoyed the season," said DeHaan. "It's been a close knit group. The team unity has been better than the last couple of years."



Future Lowell Gymnasts

Young Lowell gymnast hopefuls who participated in YMCA gymnastic classes were front row, left to right: Heather McQueen, nine years old; Jordan Pitsch, six years old; Kim Hoogewind, 11 years old; middle row: Leannah Seese, seven years old; Jenna Dickerman, eight years old; back row: Jillian Pitsch, 11 years old; Renee Brower, 14 years old; Kristy Hughes, 14 years old; Melissa Precious, 12 years old; and Lindsey Mitchell, 11 years old.

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The Red Arrows closed Northview's lead to five points (44-39) with 3:45 to play. Following a time out, the Wildcats outscored Lowell 11-0 to close out the game.

"We had a little let down. I told them we needed to play smarter," Roelofs said.

Rich Burchett and Mike Hopping led Northview scorers with nine points each.

Brown led all scorers with 12. Scott, Smith, Aaron Brander, Wilcox and Steve Bossard all contributed with five points.

Northview outrebounded Lowell 29-26. Wilcox had a team-high eight rebounds.

"Lowell surprised us with a man-to-man defense at the start of the game. I think it surprised our boys. Lowell played hard and we started out a little lethargic," Roelofs said.

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Lethargic may be a good way to describe the play of the Huskies and Red Arrows.

Both clubs seemed to play a step slow.

However, the Huskies opened up a third-quarter lead of 23-22 with a 25-11 fourth period advantage to win the non-league contest going away.

Lowell received a club-leading nine points from Chris Wilcox. Kevin Brown added eight.

Northern's Chris Bishop led all scorers with 13.

Lowell was outrebounded 35-30. Wilcox led the Red Arrows on the boards with 10 caroms.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

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

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Red Arrows' wrestling season ends in regional final loss to Cedar Springs, 40-21

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Tradition played a big part in both Cedar Springs and Lowell reaching the finals of the team dual wrestling regional at Forest Hills Central.

"I think having the tradition of being there before and feeling as if we belonged got us over the hump," Cedar Springs coach Lonnie Armstrong said.

That was evident in its narrow 34-29 win over Forest Hills Central. "We just tried to remain calm as coaches and portray a possibility against Forest Hills Central, and then the kids wrestled well," Armstrong said.

Tradition may also have had a hand in a young Lowell club defeating Northview 32-29 to reach the finals.

"Lowell has tradition also. Coach Rivers' teams steadily improve throughout the year," Armstrong said. "I have a lot of respect for him and that program. Heck, he started most of the programs in this area."

On tradition alone, the two teams may have battled to a dead heat, but the edge went to the defending state champs, Cedar Springs, on strength and balance.

The Red Hawks ended Lowell's run with a 40-21 decision in the regional final.

"When I saw Cedar Springs at the Goodrich Invitational earlier in the year, I thought they had begun to come around," Rivers said. "They are balanced and I think have as good a shot as anybody to win the state title."

The Red Hawks opened the regional final with wins at 103, 112 and 125, taking an 11-3 lead.

Lowell's only win came at 119 where Dan Spicer defeated David Skelone 6-3.

Lowell's Nick West (103) lost a technical fall to Cory Pike 18-3.

Casey Harper (112) lost an 8-2 decision to Ian Carlson while Brett Plattner (125) was defeated 10-4 by Mitch Hoskins.

Brad Lyons earned an impressive 16-0 technical fall against Cedar Springs' Kevin Welch to pull Lowell to within three at 11-8.

Lowell's David Luyk lost a 17-2 major decision to Greg DeFrece.

Red Arrow Matt Inman answered with a 12-0 decision over Mike Ermatinger, cutting the Red Hawks' advantage to 16-12.

However, a pin over Lowell's Carl Roth and a 19-17 overtime decision against Red Arrow Scott Hays pushed the lead to 25-12.

Lowell never got closer than seven points the rest of the way.

Posting wins for the Red Arrows were Steve VanLaan, a freshman, who recorded a 12-3 decision over Brendon MacDonald and Mike Minier (189) who major decisioned Greg Koomen 18-3.

In its opening match against Northview, Lowell turned around the outcome of three matches.

"We lost by a pin at 103 and 130, and by a decision at 140 in our regular season dual meet," Rivers said. "We won two of those weights tonight and lost a decision in the other."

West (103) lost an 8-6 decision. Harper won a major decision at 112 and Spicer recorded a pin at 119.

Lyons who was pinned in the regular season dual meet edged out an 8-5 decision at 130 pounds.

Inman (140) who lost a decision early in the year came back and won a 6-5 decision.

Lowell won five of the first seven weights, building a 20-6 lead.

The Red Arrows led 26-14 after VanLaan lost a 9-6 decision at 160 pounds.

Northview cut the deficit to nine at 26-17 with a 5-2 decision over Joel Uzarski at 171 pounds.

Mike Minier ended the suspense with a pin, giving Lowell an insurmountable 32-17 lead with two matches to wrestle.

"This is a win I'm very proud of," Rivers said. "The young kids really came out and wrestled well. I'm just as proud of these kids as punch. We were 17-13 this year, so we'd been beaten a lot. I'm just glad the young kids could be here."

Lowell wrestlers Matt Inman and Dan Spicer placed second at the Division II Regional in Ionia on Saturday, advancing them to the individual state tournament on March

8th and 9th.

Inman lost to Kenowa Hills' Davey Thayer 10-3 in the championship match.

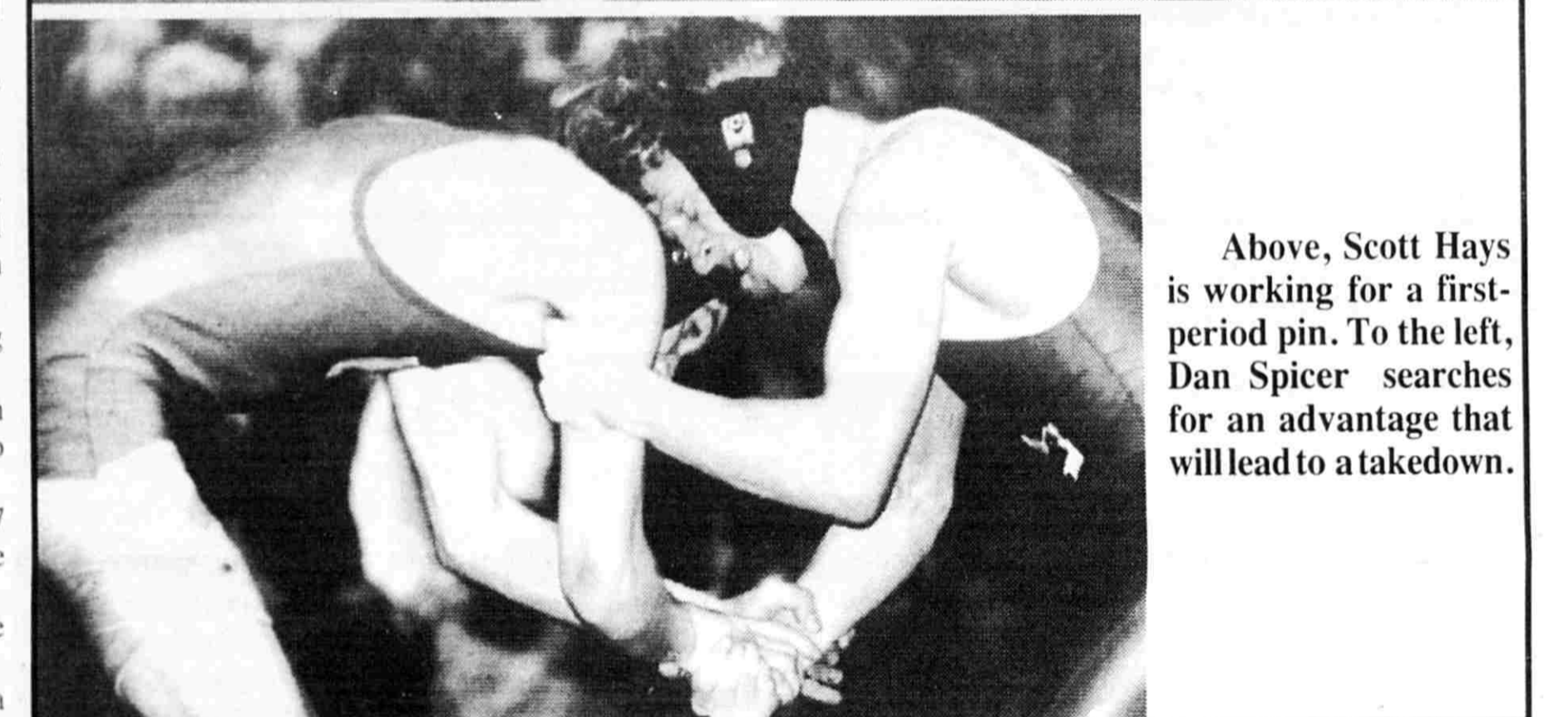
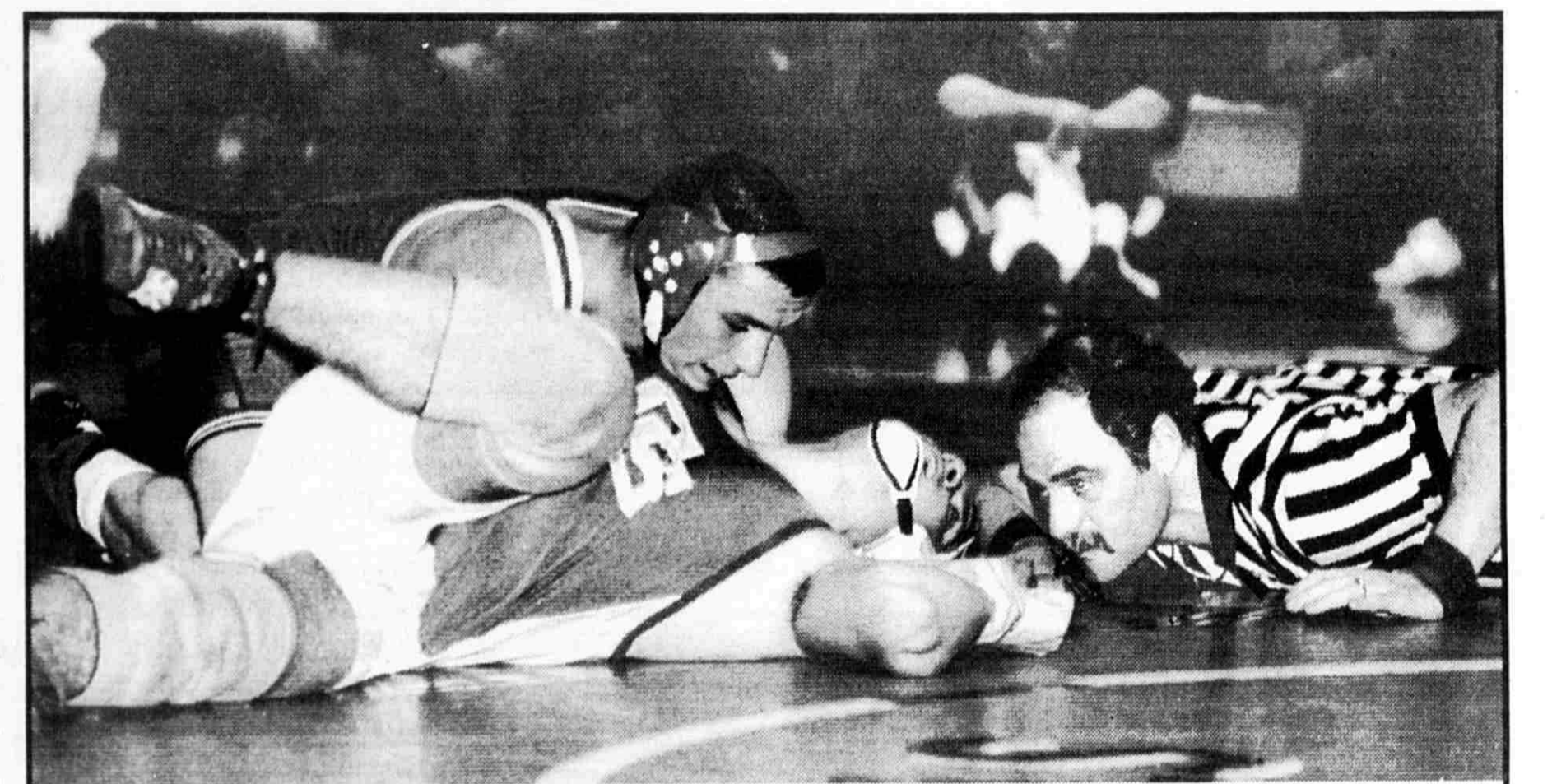
"Matt wrestled well. Thayer was just too strong. Matt couldn't combat him," Rivers said. "Matt's season began turning around when he started winning the close decisions."

Spicer lost in overtime to his nemesis from Ionia, Josh

McGraw. The Bulldog won a 5-3 decision.

"They are pretty evenly matched," Rivers said. "I thought Dan had him in regulation, but McGraw got out-of-bounds. Dan missed one shot at him in overtime and then made a mistake and McGraw got around him."

Lowell's Casey Harper finished 1-2 and missed qualifying for the state tournament.



Above, Scott Hays is working for a first-period pin. To the left, Dan Spicer searches for an advantage that will lead to a takedown.

Lowell spikers rally for a momentous win in conference tourney

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Down a game and trailing in game two 14-6, Lowell's volleyball team was a point away from losing its match to Hastings and from being eliminated from the O-K White conference tournament when coach Jacki Malokofsky called time out.

"I told the girls if they move their feet and become aggressive it's not over," Malokofsky said. "I told them they had nothing to lose and that they should go for everything."

Some consistent serving and a few hard-hitting kills

and suddenly a Red Arrow volleyball team that looked like it was waiting to catch a bus began talking, began moving its feet and began showing some excitement.

Soon 14-6 was a memory and the Red Arrows crept to 14-9 1-12 and then tied the score at 14-14 before eventually winning the game 17-15.

Lowell carried its momentum over into the third game as it battled back from a 10-6 deficit before winning 15-11 and advancing on.

"That's as good as the girls have played all season," Malokofsky said, wiping tears from her eyes. "Had the girls

been positive and communicated with one another, they could have played like that for two thirds of the season."

Lowell committed five service errors in losing game one 15-5. It committed seven

in the first half of game two. The Red Arrows committed two errors the rest of the way.

To further demonstrate the miraculous turnaround,

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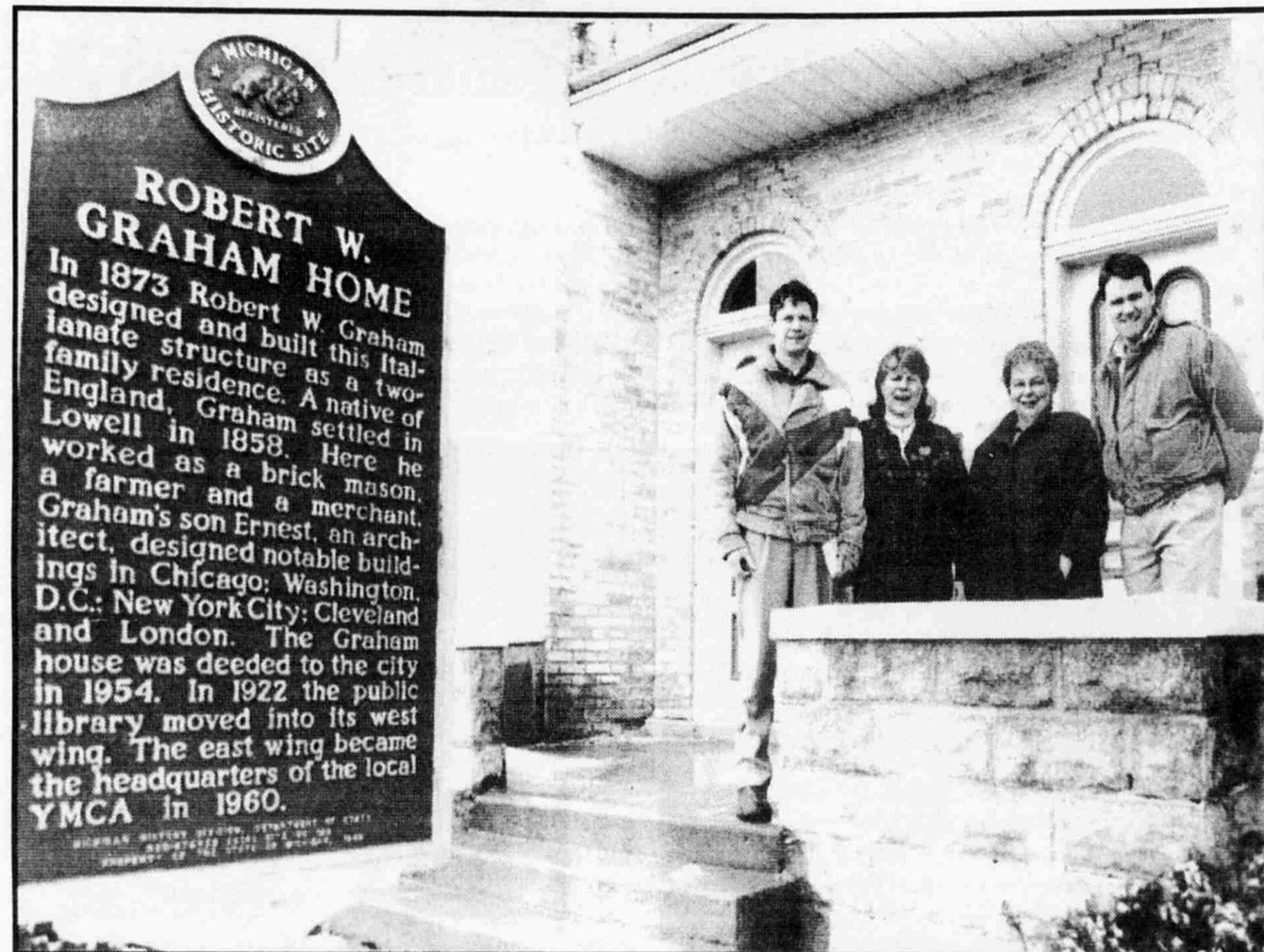
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New Slate of Officers

The Lowell Area Historical Society installed its new officers. Pictured above are, left to right: Jim Reagan, president; Judy Straub, vice president; Marj Harding, treasurer; Steve Doyle, past president. Missing from the picture is Sara Clemence, secretary. Serving as LAHS board members are Deb Canfield, Luann Kaeb, Dan Brubaker and Jim Doyle.

Lowell's Murphy - runner up at MAC indoor track and field championship



Lesley Murphy, middle, was runnerup at the MAC indoor championships.

Lesley Murphy, a freshman at Central Michigan University, tied for second in the high jump at the Mid-American Conference Indoor Championships at Eastern Michigan University.

Murphy has been jumping 5-4 all season, just missing the mark of 5-6. Saturday she cleared 5-5 3/4, tying her for second place.

By placing in the MAC, Murphy will receive a CMU varsity jacket and letter.

The champion of the event, jumping the same height but with fewer misses, was April Widner, a teammate of Murphy's.

Gustafson earns high point trophy at "Y" swimming championships

The Rapids Area Y Swimmers (RAYS), affiliated with the Southeast YMCA, hosted the 1996 YMCA State Age Group Swimming Championships Feb. 24-25 at the Forest Hills Community Pool.

Several hundred swimmers from across the state competed in various age groups after posting qualifying times during the regular season.

Swimming for the RAYS, Michael Gustafson of 12213 Bailey Dr., a Lowell Middle School seventh-grader, was the co-winner of the 11-12 boys' individual high point trophy for the meet.

Gustafson was Y state champion in two individual events, the 100-yard individual medley and the 50-yard butterfly. He also swam on the RAYS winning freestyle relay.

The team championship was won by the BBD swim club from Birmingham, MI.

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Lowell had three assists in game one, eight in game two and 10 in game three.

Lowell's underclassmen opened the conference tournament against league-leading Zeeland. The Red Arrows were defeated 15-4, 15-4.

"The girls fought hard and worked well as a team," Malokofsky said. "I think with the underclassmen and the influx from the junior varsity, Lowell should be a good volleyball team in the future."

Northview eliminated Lowell from the tournament with a 15-4, 15-4 win over the Red Arrows.

"Northview is very quick. We would hang in rallies with them but they wore us down," Malokofsky said.

Zeeland, who won the regular season dual meet conference, won the tournament Saturday by defeating Wyoming Park 15-7, 15-6 in the finals.

Park made its way into the finals by defeating Northview in the quarterfinals 15-8, 15-8 and then defeated East Grand Rapids in the semifinals of the loser's bracket 15-10, 15-12.

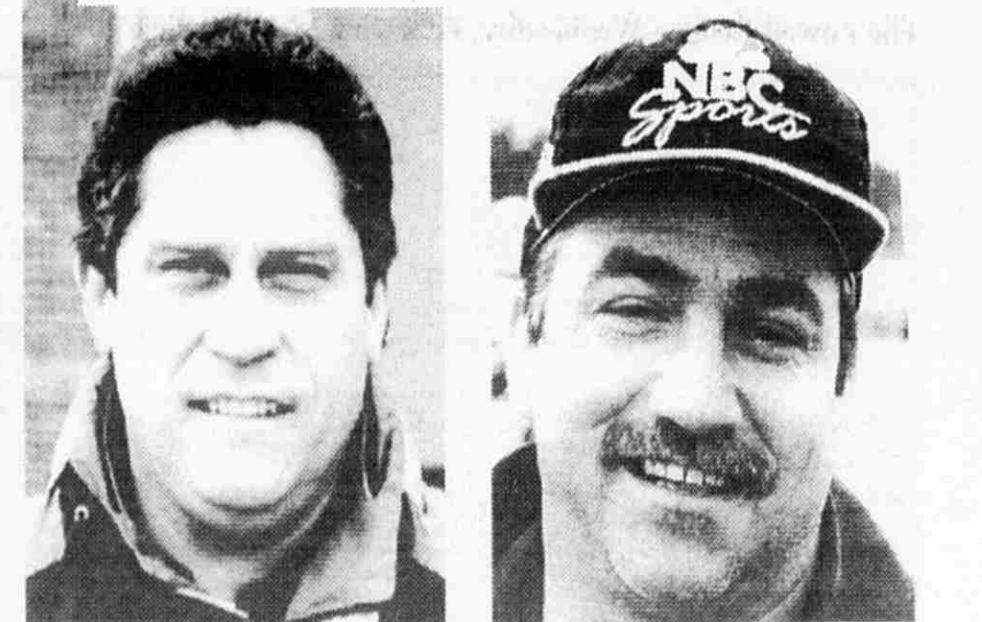
Zeeland defeated EGR in the semifinals of the winners bracket 15-13, 15-10.

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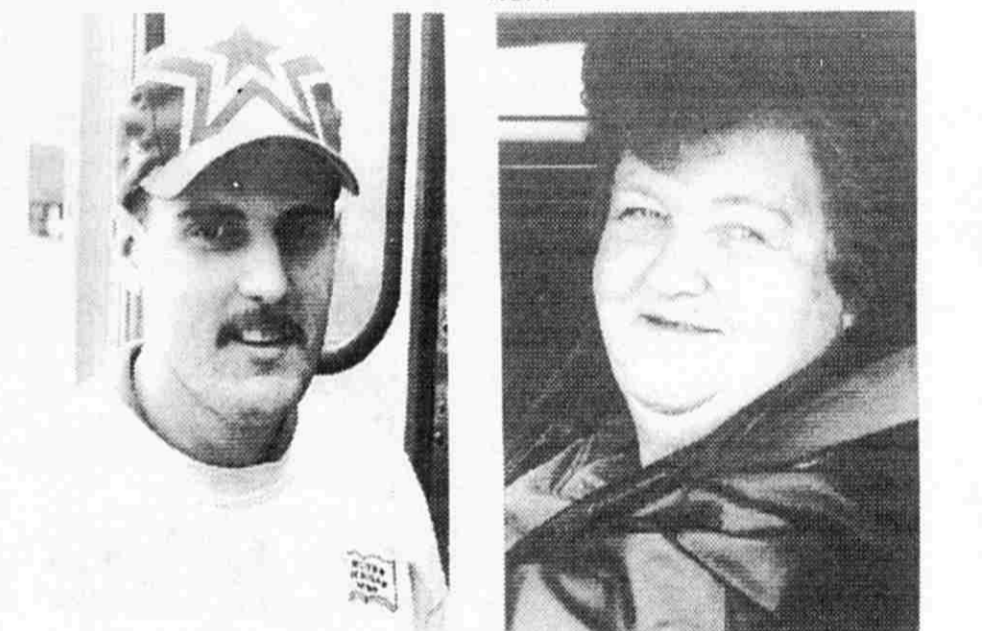
Minnesota Viking quarterback Warren Moon's wife was forced to testify against her husband in a domestic violence case in Texas. Moon's wife levied the charges and then days later dropped them. Prosecutors decided to go forward with the charges, thus forcing Moon's wife to testify against her husband. Should she have had to testify against him?



Tami Tortellet Yes, if he's beating her, he should go to jail.
Susan Doyle (Morgan) If she had reason to file the charge, then I guess she should have to testify.
Cathy Williams Yes. If it was bad enough that she reported it in the first place, then she should. She needs to get some help.
Sally Beaudoin No. She should have the right to choose. We live in a free country.



Steve VanHouden If she decided not to bring forth the charges, then she shouldn't have to testify.
Rick Thomson Absolutely not. She said she provoked the situation. I think special interest groups blew the story out of proportion. If she provoked it, then the decision should be up to her.



Fred Sheldon No, she shouldn't have to if she doesn't want to. It's her right.
Judie Eddy I don't think she should have had to. If she was so weak she didn't go through with it, then she shouldn't have to testify.

Lowell Wesleyan expands "Good News Clubs" for children

Lowell Wesleyan Church will offer two new after-school activities each week for children, ages 5-12, beginning Tuesday, March 5, called "The Good News Club."

The Good News Club already meets on Thursdays in the Key Heights Community Center, 11335 E. Fulton, in Lowell. Beginning next week, the club will also meet on Tuesdays at 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd., next to the Wesleyan Church. Phyllis Bender, a Good News Club director says, "Each weekly event will feature an hour of music, Bible stories, games, Scripture memorization, snacks and lots of fun."

The Good News Clubs are the latest of several family-oriented ministries initiated this year by Lowell Wesleyan Church. It joins "DivorceCare" and the Sunday morning series, "Family Helps." It is part of the church's vision to minister to needs of the Lowell community.

Good News Clubs are affiliated with Child Evangelism Fellowship™ Inc., an organization that is Bible-centered and international in scope. Its outreach extends into all 50 states, Canada and over 100 foreign countries. Dedicated Christians who are trained and certified direct the clubs.

Lowell Wesleyan pastor, Rev. Bill Price explains, "Good News Clubs help Lowell area families by providing wholesome after school activities for their school-age children. It's great to know that they are having fun and learning sound values and morals. Our vision is to offer Good News Clubs

wherever we're invited."

G.N. Clubs are not held in a church, but in "host" homes or centers in neighborhoods. Parents interested in having a Good News Club in their neighborhood should contact Phyllis Bender at 897-7571.

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SECTION 7. **RATES.** Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefore being made by either said Township, acting by its Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 2. **CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 8. **REVOCACTION.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 3. **CONDITIONS.** No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes.

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SECTION 4. **HOLD HARMLESS.** Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 10. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be on no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Township and said Grantee.

SECTION 5. **EXTENSIONS.** Said Grantee shall con-

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 19th day of February, 1996.

Christian Wenger, Township Supervisor
 Attest: Sandra Kowalczyk, Township Clerk

AREA BIRTHS

Bob and Sara (Stevens) Wilson of Manistee are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Tabitha Jo, born February 22, 1996. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are Bob and

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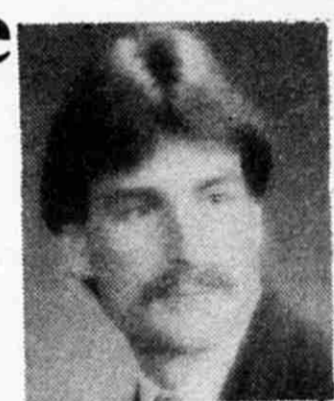
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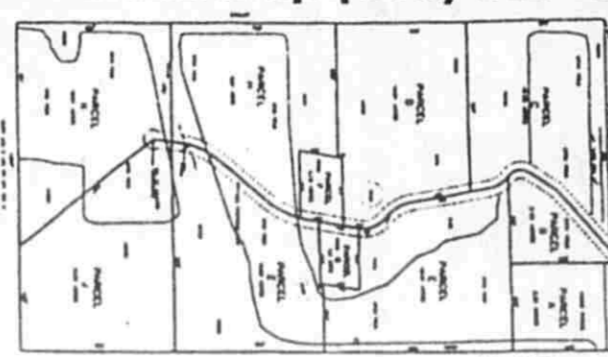
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COMING EVENTS

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

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in 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 451-8953. 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.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield, 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 MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

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 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights trailer park pavilion. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Kezik 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.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at Sunshine Ministries between 3 & 4 Mile Road at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just s. of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

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.

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

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

EVERY WED.: Clubhouse Ministries for children (ages 2 thru 6th-grade). Lowell Wesleyan Church at 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. 7 to 8 p.m. Complete program of activities to help kids grow physically, emotionally and spiritually. For more information please call (616) 897-6890.

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNES-

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation! For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

EVERY THURSDAY: Good News Club for children, ages 5-12 meets after school in the Community Center at Key Heights. This activity for kids is one hour of music, Bible stories, snacks and lots of fun! For more information, please call Phyllis Bender, 897-6890.

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 Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club 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 held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

Special Events

WED., MARCH 6; 8 a.m., Men's breakfast
WED., MARCH 6; 9:30-11:30 a.m., Blood pressure.
WED., MARCH 6; 12:30 p.m., Telemarketing and other fraud to senior citizens.
THURS., MARCH 7; 12:30 p.m., Shopping in Grand Rapids.
FRI., MARCH 8; 12:30 p.m., Dutton General Store.
TUES., MARCH 12; 12:30 p.m., Michigan Pro Medicare Inc.
WED., MARCH 13; 6 a.m., Bingo at Meijers.

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

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

THRU MAR. 3, 1996: Hawaii Cruise. Contact Mary Condon at 897-7092 for more information.

SAT., MARCH 2: Fish fry at the Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake. Serving 5-7 p.m. Public Welcome. Adults, \$6.50; Children, 6-10, \$4; under 6 free.

SUN., MARCH 3: Lowell Lakeland Florida group. Change of meeting place to Huntington Hills Golf Course. For information call 897-9542.

THURS., MARCH 7: Vergennes Co-operative Club first meeting at Schneider Manor for a Vergennes Indian surloin curry luncheon at 1 p.m. Reservations must be given to callers. Answer roll call with a current event. Dues must be paid to get the new year book. Bring canned, boxed or personal item for ACCESS-6, our on-going community project.

FRI., MARCH 8: There will be a baby shower for Cara Bouma following the regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. at 7:30

p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

SAT., MARCH 9: St. Robert's second-best sale to raise funds for summer workcamp mission trip. In Newminster Hall, 6477 Ada Dr. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SAT., MARCH 9: All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Flat River Snowmobile Club, 11841 Potters Rd. Serving 7 to 11 a.m. Adults, \$3.50; kids, 5 to 12, \$1.75 & under 5, free. Public welcome.

SUN., MARCH 10: Fund-raising for Nicole Deters to become a student ambassador to China from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen, 700 East Main St. Adults, \$8; kids 10 & under, \$4. Purchase tickets in advance or at the door.

THURS., MARCH 14: National Assoc. of Retired Fed. Employees catered lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton at noon \$5 per person, reservations required. Call Eleanor Keim, 363-0409 or Mary Tryc, 235-4063. Meeting to follow.

SAT., MARCH 16: Ken-O-Sha annual silent auction and dance from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at Knights of Columbus Hall, 5830 Clyde Park S.W. Admission \$6 in advance or \$9 at the door. Tickets are available from members of the South Kent Ambucs Club or The Ken-O-Sha programs, 1353 VanAuken, S.E., Grand Rapids 49508. For information call Bill at 771-2685.

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to receive and review the various Assessment Rolls for 1996 at City Hall on:

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1996
at 9:00 a.m.**

A second meeting, for the purpose of hearing appeals, and a continuation thereof, will be held at City Hall on:

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1996
FROM
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.
AND
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 8, 1996. A personal appearance is not required.

The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property assessments:

Commercial Property	50%	1.0000
Industrial Property	50%	1.0000
Residential Property	50%	1.0000
Personal Property	50%	1.0000

William Thompson, Mayor
James Marfia, Assessor

THE CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR RENT - Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse, has kitchen facilities & seats approx. 75. Call 897-7398.

CENTER COURT APARTMENTS - Lowell. 1 & 2 bedroom apartments with heat, carports, garages, short-term leases, small pet, air & more. 897-0099 day or night.

STORAGE UNITS - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household access, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

HELP WANTED

QUALITY TECHNICIAN - Airport area finishing company seeks to hire a full-time, experienced quality technician for 1st shift position. Applicants should be experienced in the automotive industry with the ability to keep logs and enter data. \$7.50 per hour to start with room for advancement. Call (616) 942-2850 to apply.

96 EXPANSION Attention Students/others: 22 part/full-time openings: days, evenings, weekends. \$10.25 to start. No experience necessary. 245-3882.

AUTOMOTIVE ASSEMBLY - \$7.25-\$7.40 per hour! Large Kentwood area automotive supplier seeks to hire several full-time assembly and plastic machine operators for expanding operations. All shifts available, emphasis on 2nd shift. Applicants must be over 18 with a stable work history. Company offers a 60-day conversion to regular hire with full benefits. Call (616) 942-2850 to apply.

ATTENTION - RN's, LPN's & CNA's Laurel Health Care Company of Lowell formerly Lowell Medical Care Center, is a highly competitive health care company new to the Grand Rapids area. We offer a generous benefit package to our associates. If you are interested in working for a company committed to quality care of the elderly, please inquire at 350 N. Center, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-8473.

EARN MONEY - Reading books! \$30,000/yr. income potential. Details. 1 (800) 513-4343 Ext. Y-1520.

DESIGN ENGINEER - Leading supplier of automotive component parts in Grand Rapids seeks a qualified Design Engineer for expanding operations. Candidates must have a minimum 2 years experience, a BSME, mold flow utilizing IDEAS Master Series experience, and a working knowledge of plastic injection molding. Good communication skills are essential. Company offers a competitive salary and company paid fringe benefit package. Mail resume to: Kristi Surine, 2930 Shaffer Dr. SE, Kentwood, MI 49512.

COUNTER PERSON NEEDED - part-time, afternoons & Saturdays. Apply in person at Cooper's Drycleaners, 591 Ada Dr., or 6555 - 28th St.

HELP WANTED - Now hiring for fun part-time positions w/flexible hours at \$4.50 p.h. plus free tanning, video rentals & family discounts on Blimpie subs. Apply at Showboat Video & Sun-Suites Tanning Center, 2001 W. Main St., Lowell. Must be 18 yrs. or older.

HELP WANTED - Fun part-time positions with flexible hours open at \$4.75 p.h. plus free food, tanning, video rentals & family discounts on subs. Apply in person at Blimpie's 2005 W. Main St., Lowell. Must be 18 yrs. or older.

PREP COOK/DIETARY AIDE - part-time and full-time dietary positions available for 1st and 2nd shift. Apply at Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center, Lowell, or call 616-897-8473.

CHILD CARE NEEDED - my Eastgate home preferred. 2 school-age children. Must be reliable & have references. Perfect job for retiree or at-home mom. PT now, FT summer. Call Kelly at 897-5108.

HELP WANTED - Now hiring for fun part-time positions with flexible hours, free tanning & video rentals and Blimpie discounts. Apply at Showboat Video & Sun-Suites Tanning Center, 2001 W. Main St., Lowell.

BABYSITTER NEEDED - Before, after, school breaks, 10 years & 7 years old. Sandy 897-5584.

SEMI DRIVER - Local company is seeking an experienced semi driver. This hourly position requires a minimum of 4 years CDL experience, schedule flexibility & good team skills. If interested, please send resume with salary requirements to Team Resource, P.O. Box 287, Lowell, MI 49331.

WANTED

SEEKS WHO? - WDM 65, 175, blue/br., Polish. 3 kids. Outdoors/repairs. 6M50510. 0-517-777-7613.

FOR SALE - '89 Schultz Citation mobile, 14x80, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, appliances, dishwasher, c. air. \$18,000 o.b.o. 897-0174. Call after 5:30 p.m.

FOR SALE - 1984 GMC Vandura conversion, auto., AM/FM cassette, air, cruise, 4 captain's chairs & fold-down bench; new brakes & muffler, 40,000 miles on engine. \$1,800. Call 897-6430.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE - \$45 face cord, split & delivered. (517) 676-2885 ask for Ken.

FOR SALE - Packard Bell computer. Features: 480 MB hard drive, 8 MB RAM, 486 DX, 50MHz color monitor, Sound Blaster package, CD ROM with 3.5 floppy drive, large software package, printer included. Over \$1,800 invested, 1 year old, sell for \$1,000. Call Bryan 897-6592.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT - Gravity riders, treadmills, weight benches. Great low prices! J&J's Outlet, 423 W. Main, Lowell 897-5411.

SADDLE - Dakota Rider, 15 in. seat, Hi-tech synthetic, weighs less than 13 lbs., extra heavy riggings, leather cover horn, cantle, brown suede seat, tan & black, great shape, used about 20 times, \$250 o.b.o. Call 868-6834.

KING-SIZE WATERBED - 4-drawer pedestal, 6 in. fiberfill mattress, headboard with mirror. \$250 o.b.o. Call 897-0174 after 5:30 p.m.

QUEEN SIZE BED - with orthopedic firm mattress set & beautiful ornate brass headboard. Still in plastic. Cost \$800 new, sacrifice, \$200. 616-774-3959.

1985 DODGE CARGO VAN - Average mileage, some body rust, needs some work, used for work van ready to go. \$1,500 o.b.o. Call 868-6834.

FOR SALE - 430 Case tractor, power steering, 3 pt. hitch, hyd. & PTO, fresh paint & decals. \$4,500 o.b.o. 616-693-2287.

EVENTS

KAUON - Sunday, March 3, 3 p.m. Saranac VFW Hall. Public welcome. New merchandise, food & "scratch & dent." Put on by J&J's Outlet, Lowell.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST - Alto American Legion, Sun., March 3, 1996. Serving 8-11:30 a.m. Public welcome. Linfield Avenue, Alto. Sponsored by the Auxiliary.

ANTIQUE SHOW - Barry County Expo Center. March 9 & 10. Located just 20 miles S. of Grand Rapids. Take M-37 S. from 28th Street & Woodland Mall past Middleville. Sat. 10-7 p.m.; Sun. 10-5 p.m. \$2 adm.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my husband, father and grandfather, Lynn Gardner, who passed away 11 years ago, March 1, 1985.

Always loved & remembered, Margaret L. Gardner & family

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DONE RITE CONSTRUCTION - Total home repair, interior/exterior painting & roofing, etc. 761-2060.

KARATE - Classes starting March 4 & 6 at Roll-Away in Lowell. Call Jeff Meyers at 642-0408 evenings for information.

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The Family of DeVeré (Dick) Pfisner would like to give their heartfelt thanks to all of the special people who gave of themselves with time, cards, flowers, contributions, food, prayers and caring words during our time of sadness. They all helped so much and will always be remembered. God Bless you all.
Lila (Pat) Pfisner;
Charles & Debra (Pfisner) Saganek & family;
William & Denise (Pfisner) Pennington & family.

Water rate credits on the horizon for Lowell Charter Township residents

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township residents angered by an unexpected increase in water usage fees can expect to see a credit on their next bills.

The credit comes as a result of an agreement between the township and city of Lowell officials to lower the water use rates.

The two sides have been working on a compromise which would reduce the water rate for residents, while still providing funds to cover expenses incurred by the city.

The agreement will reduce the rate from a proposed \$2.89 per thousand gallons to \$2.56 per thousand gallons.

"Residents will have credits on the next bill for the past three billing periods," said township clerk Carol Wells. "We were charging \$3.50 per thousand gallons (which includes the township's cost plus the city's \$2.56 figure); now we will charge \$3.05 and credit the rest."

The controversy surrounding the water rates started last summer when residents found out their bills were nearly 90 cents more per thousand gallons than expected.

Township officials expected the cost to be \$2.10 per thousand gallons, but because the city needed \$79,000 in revenues to cover their expenses, the water rates were higher.

To cover those expenses the township has agreed to cover any shortfall, but township supervisor John Timpson believes that will not be necessary.

"We projected our current seven-month usage over a year and we believe we will meet the 30 million gallon limit," he said. "If not, we guaranteed the city we could cover the shortage."

Users of the system include the new high school and residents of Eastgate Village.

Residents could receive even more help in defraying the cost if a proposed apartment complex is approved by the planning commission.

Curt Cowles' "Stoneridge" development would be located on M-21 and is currently being reviewed by the planning commission.

The complex, which is required to hook into the public water system, would add 96 units (or families) to the district.

Retirement plan enough to keep township officials happy in lieu of raises

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township's budget has been approved and for the third year in a row, officials decided against giving themselves a raise.

For many people, that could be a sore point, but officials are happy with a new retirement plan and "don't want to push it."

"We started a retirement plan last year and nobody seemed to mind not getting a raise this year," said township clerk Carol Wells. "It took us a long time to get a

plan, so we didn't want to push it."

Status quo seemed to be the prevailing theme to this year's budget as Wells said nothing has changed significantly from last year's budget.

"Except for the paying for the township hall project, everything has pretty much stayed the same," she said.

To help cover the cost of the hall expansion project township officials transferred \$65,000 from the fund balance account into the project expenditures.

The township projects

revenues of \$391,900, while expenditures are expected to be approximately \$478,000.

Part of the township's shortfall was made up by the decreased cost of funding the Lowell and Alto libraries.

The township's library expenditures dropped from \$24,500 to \$1,200, but Wells said much of that will go into maintaining the hall.

"We have twice as much space so it takes more to maintain it," she said.

Despite the shortfall in revenues to cover expenditures, the township still expects a healthy fund equity balance of \$549,023.

"We're far from being rich, but we're also not poor. We're just maintaining ourselves," Wells said.



Don't Fail Me Now!

A Lowell man avoided serious injury after his brakes gave out. In an effort to avoid the new cars in Harold Zeigler Ford's parking lot, the driver used the ramp to slow his vehicle down. It worked, but not before a window was shattered.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

County of Kent, Michigan
ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN:

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the Township of Grattan on March 19, 1996, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the same day as the presidential preference primary election, for the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

PROPOSAL FOR REFERENDUM ON GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 94-09P

Township of Grattan Ordinance No. 94-09P is an ordinance which amends the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance to: (1) include noncommercial private club buildings within the definition of institutional or public uses; (2) require that the Planning Commission determine whether a special land use for an institutional or public use is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Grattan Township land use plan; (3) enable the Planning Commission to limit the use of noncommercial private club buildings to club members or other users; (4) require that a special land use comply with the minimum dimension requirements of the zoning district in which it is located; and (5) provide that the Board of Zoning Appeals shall not have jurisdiction over special land uses or planned unit developments.

Shall Ordinance No. 94-09P be approved?

PROPOSAL FOR REFERENDUM ON GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 95-35Z

Shall Township of Grattan Ordinance No. 95-35Z, being an ordinance to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance so as to provide civil infraction penalties for the violation of the Zoning Ordinance, be approved?

List of polling place locations:
Grattan Township Hall
11676 Old Belding Road, NE

Peggy Gurney, Clerk
Township of Grattan

Grief can take care of itself but to get the full value of joy you must have somebody to divide it with.
—Mark Twain

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

County of Kent, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on March 6, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grattan Township Historical Museum Building, 11677 Old Belding Road, within the Township, to consider a proposed amendment in the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment would amend Section 3.03 of the Zoning Ordinance so as to indicate that lands located within certain easements or rights-of-way shall not be included in calculating minimum lot area and minimum lot dimension requirements; would amend Section 3.13 of the Zoning Ordinance so as to add regulations on the maximum height of accessory buildings and to provide for a special land use covering an accessory building with a height not exceeding 18 feet, if certain conditions are satisfied; and would amend Section 2.18 of the Zoning Ordinance so as to indicate that instruction in crafts or fine arts by an occupant of a single-family dwelling, within the confines of the dwelling, shall be deemed a home occupation.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment. Written comments regarding the proposed amendment may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, within the Township, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: February 9, 1996

Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL, 10381 BAILEY DRIVE, ON

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1996

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.; also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1) By letter addressed to the Vergennes Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 8, 1996; or
- 2) By phoning the Township Hall (897-5671) for an appointment to appear in person.

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk