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BEQUESTS BEFALL LOWELL

.... Harold Englehardt's recent gift to Lowell served as a reminder to the community of its good fortune in receiving an unusual number of bequests from citizens who loved their hometown.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The amount (\$12 million) of the Harold Englehardt bequest surprised all.

History teaches us, though, that Lowell being named a recipient of a bequest is not all that unusual.

In fact, the first sizable grant intended for an area which later became known as the village of Lowell was made by the chief of the Ottawa Indians.

It was a treasure which, according to legend, was lost to posterity.

Fearing his tribe might misuse the treasure, one of the chiefs buried it. When he refused to distribute the treasure amongst the tribe or reveal its location, he was exiled and died shortly thereafter.

The square of land, known today as Richard's Park, was

granted to Lowell in 1855 by the town's first physician, Dr. Arba Richards, who platted the west side of the Flat River. Years later (1983), through the funds from the Lee Fund, it was renovated and developed into a popular park area.

In 1922, Ernest Graham through the urging of his cousin Audie E. Post extended the use of the west apartment of the Graham home to Lowell, rent free, for use as a library. It is currently being used by the Lowell YMCA for office space and the Lowell Area Historical Association.

Since the mid-1930's, Lowell has been named the recipient of five other bequests, which the area continues to benefit from even today.

They are the Schneider Fund (Phillip and Jennie), Lee Fund (Solomon S. Lee), King Fund (Florence Lee King), Look Memorial Fund (Helen Daley Look) and the Frank L. Carr Fund. The total cash investment of these five bequests

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Demographic task force findings allow board of education plenty of options

.... A five-month study provided data on the area's enrollment growth and a look at what may lie ahead for the district.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The numbers in the demographic task force report on district growth are conservative, but on an intuitive level, the numbers in the district growth report are huge.

The demographic task force's findings indicate that the Lowell Area School District is on the threshold of a major buildup.

"Our findings indicate that major changes are coming,"

said task force committee member/citizen Kate Dernocoeur. "It is the committee's hope that these findings will enable the district to jump ahead of the game and not be in a position whereby it's playing catchup."

The task force recommended the district study schools that have faced similar growth issues within the past decade, and evaluate their solutions.

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LONG, STRANGE JOURNEY

.... The 201 members of the graduating class of 1997 fondly recalled and reflected on their four years at Lowell High School and looked at what lies ahead.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Class of 1997's long, strange journey made its way to the end of the road Sunday at the 119th Lowell High School commencement.

"It seems like just yesterday I was a 5-foot-5, 103 pound freshman in Kurt Kaeb's class," said valedictorian John Wojciakowski. "It's been a fast four years."

Class president Ann-Marie Townsend reminisced with her fellow graduates about their time together.

"These four years have helped to develop our character and morals and what we are today," Townsend said.

She reflected on the opening of the new

high school their sophomore year. McDonald's burning down, the pipe bomb explosion, the tainted strawberries and their junior year prom being double-booked with Forest Hills Central.

In a bittersweet moment, Townsend remembered Mandy Tichelaar who died in a car accident two years ago.

"We will remember Mandy for her laugh, carefree personality and her softball talent," Townsend said. "She is special to all of us."

The Class of 1997 purchased a Tribute Tree bronze leaf in Mandy's name.

In the valedictorian's address, Wojciakowski gave each letter in the word

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Katarina Tunhammer, foreign exchange student from Sweden, thanks her host family (Donald and Sheila Dubbink) during Sunday's graduation ceremony at the Showboat Amphitheater. More graduation pictures on page 8.

Third annual Cherry Creek Classic Saturday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The gun will sound for the third annual Cherry Creek Classic on Saturday (June 14).

Coordinators of the event anticipate 300 runners and walkers will cover the 3.1 mile course.

The race will begin at the Lowell Middle School at 8 a.m. Runners will follow Foreman Road west to Aiden Nash; south on Aiden Nash to Gee Drive; and east on Gee Drive back to Foreman where they will finish the race at the middle school.

Runners and walkers who preregistered before June 10 can pick up their race packets on Friday, June 13, from 4 until 6 p.m.

Packets will also be available for pickup

on race morning from 7 until 7:45 a.m.

Participants can also register the day of the race. The cost will be \$15.

The top overall male and female runners will receive trophies. Medals will be given out to the top three runners/walkers in each age group.

Proceeds from this year's Cherry Creek Classic will go to the Lowell Area Education Foundation.

Last year, the race raised \$2,500 for the Harold Englehardt Library.

In its initial year, coordinators donated \$1,000 to the Lowell

Showboat.

Sponsoring this year's race are FMB State Savings Bank, Springrove Variety, King Milling, The Lowell Ledger, Kropf Orchards, Sneakers, Judd Carroll D.D.S., David G.

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Lack of activity causes township to pull plug on dream course

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Woodruff Palmer's dream golf course, Beechtree Golf Course, on Cascade Road may have died following the revocation of a special use permit by the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission.

The commission pulled Palmer's permit for lack of development on the 120-acre parcel of land. According to the township's zoning guidelines, a special use permit may be taken back if no activity has occurred for more than 12 months.

Palmer received permission to build a golf course in July 1995, but as of yet no construction activity has taken place.

Planning commission members said Palmer's problems involved the Department of Natural Resources.

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OBITUARIES

KOLE - Esta J. Kole, aged 94, of Clarksville, passed away Saturday, June 7, 1997. Surviving are four sons and one daughter. Hillis (Marjorie) Stuart of Portland, Lester L.D. (Norma) Stuart Jr. of Clarksville, Richard (Marion) Stuart of Lowell, Donald (Leahbelle) Stuart of Lowell and Lois (Donald) Willison of Saranac; two step children, Robert (RuthAnn) Kole of Fremont, Betty (Phillip) Shetterly of Lake Odessa; numerous grand, great-grand and great-great-

grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Clarksville Bible Church, Rev. Troy Rininger officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon Memorial Bibles.

MURPHY - Donald W. "Jim" Murphy, aged 74, of Lowell, passed away Friday, June 6, 1997 at Metropolitan Hospital after a short illness. Jim was born on November 23, 1922 in Grand Rapids, the son of Patrick J. and Marga-

ret Murphy. Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Betty Murphy; three children, Margaret "Peggy" Murphy, Mike and Cheryl Murphy, all of Lowell, Dan and Jill Murphy of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren, Jennifer, Michelle, Lisa, Kelly and Kevin. He was a veteran of WWII serving in Europe with the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Lowell Moose Lodge. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Interment in Merriman Cemetery. For those who wish, memorials may be made to Visiting Nurses of Hospice.

PITSCH - Freda L. Pitsch, aged 91, of Saranac, passed away at her residence June 4, 1997. She was born in Lowell Twp. to the parents of Ralph (Bertha M. Oberley) Story. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Saranac. She was married to Leander Pitsch who preceded her in death August 1966. She is survived by one son, Laradon (Barney) Pitsch of Saranac; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers. Cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service held. Any one wishing may make contributions to the Saranac Fire Dept. Iris Fund. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

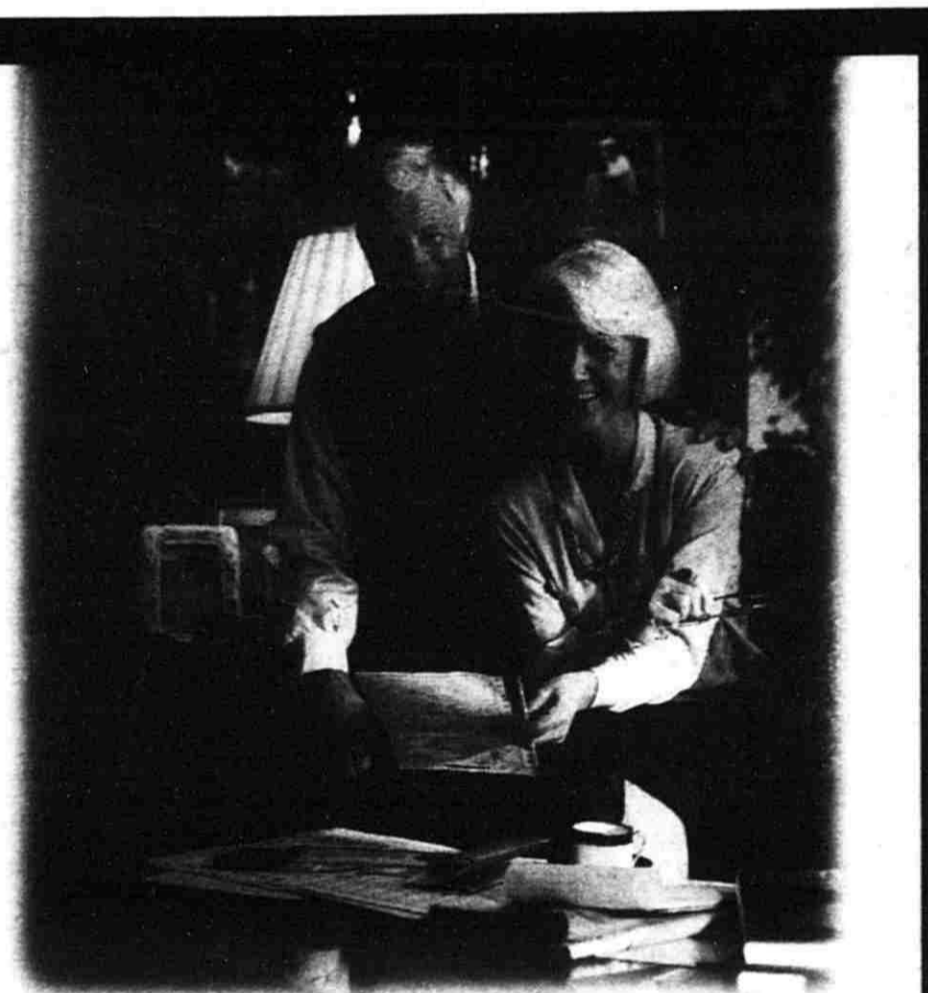
VANDERHORST - Betty J. Vanderhorst, aged 72, of Grand Rapids, died Friday, June 6, 1997 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel P. Vanderhorst in 1994. Surviving are her children, Paul Vanderhorst and Lee Bradley of Grand Rapids, Peter and Jennifer Vanderhorst of Lowell, Michael Vanderhorst and Pam Burdick of Grand Rapids, Karen and Kenny Debrri of Rockford, Kristine and Denny Burris of Rockford and Linda Vanderhorst; 14 grandchildren; one great grandchild; sister, Evelyn (Chuck) DeShane and several nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Lori Friend, Shirley Lamb and many close friends and neighbors for their care and support. At the request of her family, there will be no funeral service. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House or The Guiding Light Mission. Arrangements by Reyers North Valley Chapel.

VANDYKE - Fay VanDyke, aged 82, of Saranac, passed away June 8, 1997. She was born November 11, 1914 in Springfield, Missouri, to the parents of Jesse (Ella Colwell) Longwell. She is survived by four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son Carl E. Longwell in 1996; one brother Ralph and one sister Lola Veazy. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) 2 p.m. at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. James Frank officiating. Interment Balcom Cemetery in Ionia. Visitation will be held two hours prior to service time.

CORRECTION

The answer to last week's Whitecaps giveaway question was inadvertently left out. The answer was when you bite into a pork chop sandwich at Old Kent Park, you will consume 8oz. of the famous pork chop. Because Renee Grant was the only reader to send in an entry form telling us that the answer was left out, the Ledger has decided to award her with the four tickets.

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HSPT progression indicates Lowell headed in right direction

•••• Of Lowell's juniors this year, 41 percent of them received state endorsements in all three disciplines

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Do the organizational complaints levied against the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) outweigh the level it raises students' educational attainment?

For those who answer "yes," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke challenges them to provide an alternative method by which a student's educational attainment level can be raised.

"The test is not a basic skills test. It is a demanding test," Bleke explained. "Ideally, if schools do the right things, in five to 10 years it will become a basic skills test."

Organizational complaints have circulated as to whether the level to attain a proficient mark is too high or low; whether the test is given at the wrong time of year, whether the term "novice" should be used to identify a level; and whether the writing test is being scored fairly and correctly. With these the superintendent is not anxious.

"I am only concerned that the test raises the level of education attainment and whether or not it is good for education and business," Bleke said. "I think the answer to both is 'yes.'"

Bleke adds that Lowell's test scores indicate there is a slow progression. "We're on a slow march to what our final goal is - that all kids score proficiently on the tests. We must

be careful to differentiate that each year there is a different set of kids."

Lowell curriculum director James White added that while there is indication of improvement in all four areas (math, reading, science and writing), data should be looked at over a period of time.

The number of high school juniors in the Lowell School District attaining a proficient rating in math rose from 63.3 percent in 1995-96 to 72.2 percent in 1996-97.

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Bert Bleke
Lowell Schools Superintendent

In science, the number rose from 49.8 to 56.7; in reading, from 47.6 to 55.6; and in writing, from 36.9 to 48.0.

When adding the four scores together, Lowell had the fifth highest point total (232.5) of the 20 schools in the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD).

Placing ahead of Lowell were East Grand Rapids 308.7; Forest Hills 290.4; and Caledonia 243.7.

Lowell's percentage of proficiency scores in math was fourth highest in the KISD; fifth in reading and writing and

sixth highest in science.

"I think the numbers indicate we're heading in the right direction," Bleke said. "The advantage to the HSPT is that it is forcing a higher standard of educational excellence in Michigan."

Bleke and other Michigan schools' superintendents are pressuring the state to provide more data on the test results. "It would allow us to zero in on what specific area of the curriculum we need to improve."

White said the test result information schools obtain now is useless for instruction.

School officials said more information on the results from the writing portion of the test, an area where students struggled around the state, would be beneficial.

"The reason our scores are progressing is because of the dedicated work our high school staff has done," White said. "The staff has made a concerted effort to look for ways to help students do well."

Lowell was one of only three schools in the KISD whose 1997 scores were better than its '96 scores in all four test areas. The other two schools were Godfrey Lee and Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Of the Ottawa Intermediate School Districts, only Hudsonville and Holland showed progression in all four areas.

Bleke also pointed out that 41 percent of the Lowell juniors who took the proficiency test this year passed all three disciplines. In comparison, East Grand Rapids had 64 percent, Forest Hills 53 percent and Caledonia 33 percent.

Township cleans up ordinance with new definitions and terminology

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township has made reading its ordinances clearer and more updated with the revision of numerous key words, terms and definitions.

Items needing to be updated included defining mobile homes, building areas, light industrial development and accessory buildings as well as signage, building permits and private streets.

"There are a lot of things that are outdated because of changes in terminology, technology, and our own guidelines," said planning commission member Mel Beers.

The planning commission began sifting through its ordinances last year and conducted numerous meetings with attorneys and them-

selves to best deal with changes.

After determining weak spots or confusing terminology, the commission made necessary changes and presented the information to the township board for their approval.

The board made some minor changes, such as the placement of business signs, but kept most of the improvements intact.

Some of the more notable changes made by the planning commission are:

(1) Classifying satellite dishes as accessory buildings and restricted dishes over one meter across within 10 feet of the property line and only in the backyard.

(2) Stating all signs, political or otherwise, may be placed on private property,

and only with the permission of the property owner.

(3) Reducing the validity of building permits from one year to six months. The permit becomes invalid if the authorized work is not commenced within six months of issuance.

Changes made by the township board included allowing greenhouses in properly zoned agricultural districts and allowing businesses to have signs less than 25 feet from their property line.

"That would be a hassle legally and would not be worth enforcing because so many existing businesses would have to change the signs they already have up," said township supervisor John Timpson.

The changes will go into effect later this summer.

Lowell Area Schools H.S.P.T. 1996-97 RESULTS

Percent 11th Grade Students Endorsed

	MATH		SCIENCE		READING		WRITING	
	96-97	95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97	95-96
Proficient	73.2	67.7	57.7	52.7	55.9	49.5	49.2	38.8
Novice	22.4	28.2	32.3	42.3	37.7	46.3	42.4	57.1
Not Yet Novice	4.4	4.1	10.0	5	6.4	4.1	8.4	4.1

	MATH		SCIENCE		READING		WRITING	
	96-97	95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97	95-96
Proficient	28.6	5.9	0	0	0	15.4	0	7.1
Novice	57.1	23.5	37.5	38.5	100	30.8	37.5	78.6
Not Yet Novice	14.3	70.6	62.5	61.5	0	53.8	62.5	14.3

	MATH		SCIENCE		READING		WRITING	
	96-97	95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97	95-96
Proficient	72.2	63.3	56.7	49.8	55.6	47.6	48.0	36.9
Novice	23.1	27.8	31.6	42.1	38.4	45.5	41.2	58.4
Not Yet Novice	4.6	8.9	11.6	8.2	6.0	6.9	10.8	4.7

1997 RESULTS

By Point Total

DISTRICT	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	WRITING	POINTS
East Grand Rapids	89.9	80.6	61.5	76.7	308.7
Forest Hills	87.4	74.2	73.5	55.3	290.4
Caledonia	65.6	59.5	51.3	67.3	243.7
Lowell	72.2	55.6	56.7	48.0	232.5
Wyoming	70.4	53.2	60.4	45.4	229.4
Rockford	68.6	51.0	60.0	49.6	229.2
Northview	65.0	50.0	54.3	47.3	216.6
Byron Center	74.4	44.4	60.0	34.1	212.9
Kentwood	64.0	45.1	51.6	47.7	208.4
Grandville	70.8	48.7	47.7	33.2	200.4
Cedar Springs	60.9	56.1	54.3	28.8	200.1
Comstock Park	59.3	38.4	43.7	25.5	166.9
Kenowa Hills	51.3	44.2	35.3	33.1	163.9
Godfrey Lee	65.7	31.4	34.3	30.6	162.0
Sparta	42.1	43.3	35.8	33.9	155.1
Grand Rapids	48.0	39.4	29.7	33.2	150.3
Kent City	38.8	47.4	35.1	17.5	138.8
Kelloggsville	41.7	19.5	28.3	20.2	109.7
Godwin Heights	38.8	25.2	18.6	14.4	97.0

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people (Luke 2:30, 31).

I shall always love our state with its hills, valleys, lakes, streams, rolling countryside, wooded plots and flat lands.

Some states are made up largely of flat, treeless plains. Others are mountainous with rugged terrain. If you've ever tried using your imagination (as I have) while traveling about locally, you have found yourself in Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and many other states.

God loves variety. This is proven by the vegetation of the earth, by the colors He uses in decorating nature, by the diversity of flowers, ani-

vidual of every race, creed and social status. He will not despise the humblest. We need not fear, for He will not overlook any. He wants us all. "He loves variety."

Prayer: "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee." Thou lovest all mankind. Thou art the hope of every contrite heart. Thou art good to every one of us. Thou art mine. Amen.

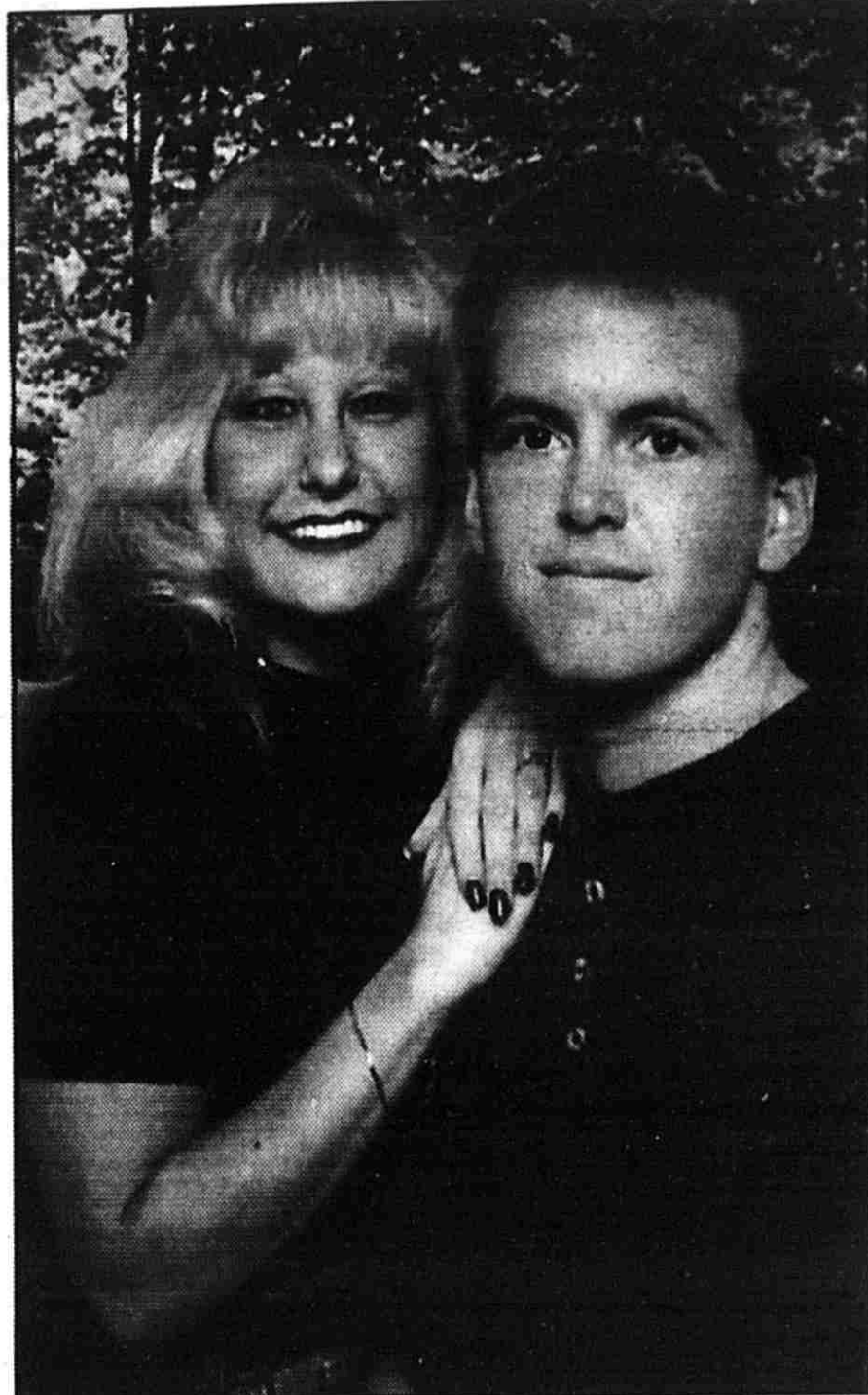
O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

Bernard of Clairvaux

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 12 - Benjamin Zoodsma, Jenny Engle.
JUNE 13 - Holly Gregersen, Vivian Hoskins.
JUNE 14 - Ruth Hoag, Kyle Manszewski.
JUNE 15 - Joey Hunt Jr.,

Courtney Baker, Rachel Heinicke, Caran Schalow, Katlin Manszewski.
JUNE 16 - Roger Raynor, Michael Pretzel, Orin Comdure.
JUNE 17 - Marjorie Potter, Cody Kastanek, Tricia Raab, Cyndi Dalga, Louise Ryder.
JUNE 18 - Marcia Baird, Jessica Vezino, Lindsay Anderson, Whitney Patnode, Nancy Jane Kunard.



Wendy Sue Bobo and Larry Lee Brocker Jr.

Bobo and Brocker set Aug. 16 wedding date

Wedding vows will be spoken between Wendy Sue Bobo, of Lowell, and Larry Lee Brocker Jr., of Grand Rapids, on Saturday, August 16, 1997.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Glen and Jackie Groeneweg, of Lowell, and Bruce and Diana Bobo, of Comstock Park.

The groom-elect is the son of Lila Brocker of Chase and Larry Brocker Sr. of Ludington.

The future bride is a graduate of Lowell High School and Davenport College of Business. She is currently employed in the legal division of Amway Corporation.

The future groom is a graduate of Mason County Central High School. He is currently employed at Laidlaw.

COLLEGE NEWS

Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes students from the Lowell area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages: Andrew Breimayer, Michelle L. Fousse, Jennifer L. Haan and Steven R. Kanoza, all of Lowell, and Bradley J. Fortuna and Emmarie P. Schut of Alto.

In all, 2,253 CMU students were named to the hon-

ors list and 321 earned straight A's. About 16,592 students attend CMU in Mount Pleasant.

For the spring semester, 375 freshmen, 451 sophomores, 572 juniors and 855 seniors were named to the honors list.

The spring semester ended in May.

Ferris State University's winter semester (January-

May) academic honors list includes 1,110 students. University officials have announced.

To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.50 grade point average in at least 12 semester hours of work. The list includes 162 students who earned 4.00 grade point averages, or all A grades.

Among the honored students were Jennifer S. Anderson of Lowell and Elizabeth C. Smith of Alto.

A total of 1,911 students are included on the dean's list for the winter semester of the 1996-97 academic year at Western Michigan University.

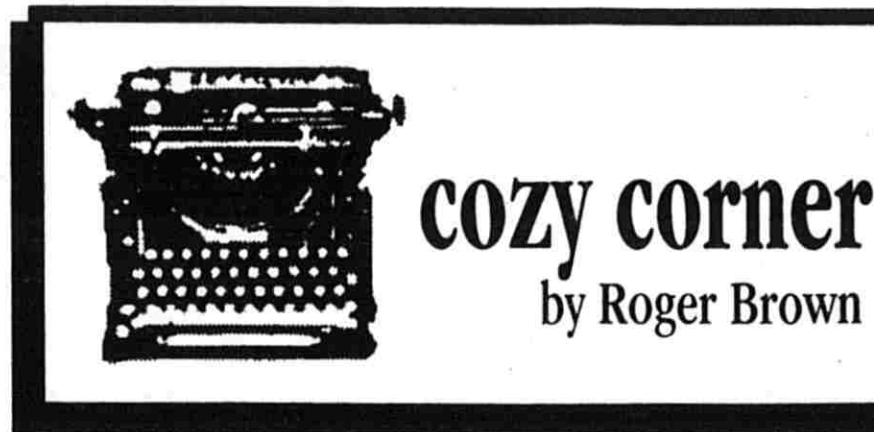
To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

Included on the list from Lowell are: Lauren Eve Basney, daughter of Lionel and Ruth Basney, majoring in music; Brenda K. Bittrick, daughter of B.K. Bittrick, majoring in English; Christopher R. Goggins, son of Ronald and Ann Marie Wittenbach and Pat and Peggy Goggins, majoring in general business and Elizabeth M. Zeeuw, daughter of Bryan and Nan Zeeuw, majoring in elementary group minors.

From Alto are: Tamara J. Faber, majoring in integrated supply management Asian studies and Wendy L. Faber, majoring in general business, daughters of Folkert and Marge Faber; Mandy Jacobs, daughter of Tom and Mona Jacobs, majoring in general business, and Kris Lynn Vanbelkum, daughter of John and Connie Vanbelkum, majoring in university curriculum.

Answer to this week's Whitecaps ticket giveaway question: 51,100 pounds of cardboard was recycled at the ballpark during the 1996 season.

Viewpoint



The last you heard from me was a recount of the poison fiasco with one of my dogs over the Memorial Day weekend. I'm happy to report that Thor is doing fine and there don't seem to be any repercussions from the incident. Another fiasco from that weekend concerns my antique motorcycle. I wish I could tender the same report for it.

My son was coming home for the weekend on a four-day pass from the army. He's an avid motorcyclist, so I wanted to have my 1965 Harley Davidson running and available for him to ride while he was here. I jumped through the hoops of getting insurance and license plates current. Mechanically, it seemed to be about as good as a 30-something motorcyclist gets, with the exception of the battery. Even though the battery was only two years old, it didn't want to hold a charge. I got a new one and installed it.

The first morning Casey was here, he took the bike on a little errand to town. I soon got a call to report that the bike was making a funny noise. I jumped in the car and arrived on the scene in a few minutes. Sure 'nuff, it was making a metallic, grinding noise down in the area of the gearcase. The noise it was making is hard to describe, but "funny" is not the word. "Serious" is more like it.

I instructed Casey to limp it home and I'd have a look at the old beast after work. That evening I went to wrenching. I figured the first step would be to remove the gearcase cover and see if there was anything obviously wrong in there. Unfortunately, the designers of the motorcycle had other plans. To remove the gearcase cover, you must first remove the

footboard, hydraulic brake mechanism and a few other parts. Then a person can remove the cover.

Once inside, nothing jumped right out at me. There weren't any broken gears, no pieces or parts lying around, no dead squirrels, etc. Hmmm... maybe this was going to be a job for a real mechanic.

I started the bike up. With the cover off, the noise was more distinct and easier to pinpoint. It seemed to be coming from the generator, which is driven from a gear in the myriad of those round, toothy things in the gearcase. Next step, remove the generator. Wrong! Next step, remove the kickstand, crash bar bracket, left side footboard, etc. Then, remove the generator. By the time I had the generator out, I had nuts, bolts, pieces and parts everywhere.

This part is really hard to believe, but on my second phone call I found a shop in Grand Rapids that had a rebuilt generator in stock for my old antique. Also, they were open until three o'clock on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. I jumped in the car.

Long story, short... by late afternoon I had the motorcycle back together and near as I could tell, generating electricity for the new battery that I probably didn't need in the first place.

Time for a test spin. I rode the old contraption around, and was heading back to the barn with it when the pedal for the rear brake went out. Back in the shop, brake fluid was leaking profusely from the rear hub. Even a non-mechanical mind such as mine could tell this was not a good sign.

Again, I went to wrenching. Removing the rear wheel on one of these old bikes is no simple task. Saddlebags, saddlebag brackets, chainguard, chain, axle, hub bolts, etc. are just a few of the pieces and parts I had piled up before I could get to the brake drum.

Once I finally had the drum removed, it was pretty obvious what the problem was. The lining on one of the brake shoes had completely disintegrated. This allowed the bare metal brake shoe to score the drum beyond repair. With this problem going on, the brakes wore to the point the shoes expanded so far the seal could come out of the brake hydraulic cylinder and the

shamed.

My daughter has chosen to participate in a small graduation ceremony at Cherry Creek, rather than feel disgraced on what should be one of the proudest days of her life. I cannot tell you how proud I am of you, Rachael. You are an excellent student, and a very loving mother, and a very honorable person. You are success-orientated, and driven by personal goals. I wish I could help the world to understand the respect you have earned and deserve at this very special point in your life.

I wish the graduating students of New Dawn and Unity High the very best! Congratulations on your accomplishments and success! Don't let anyone lessen the glory and pride you should be feeling at this very special time.

Christine Grove

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I wish that I and my children had been able to benefit from the knowing of the man Harold Englehardt. I, like many others, were greeted by him on our trips to the bank. He always stopped to talk to my children and often offered them a treat.

We will all benefit from the \$12 million gift he has entrusted to our community, but I would have liked my children to benefit from knowing a person that would leave such a legacy. A legacy left not for just a few family members, but to an entire community.

\$500,000 a year in interest alone! The amount is mind boggling. Please, let us use it well!

Lisa Henderson

Dear Editor:

I would like to voice my opinion regarding the upcoming graduation ceremony for the class of 1997 at the Showboat. My daughter was a student at Lowell High School. She became pregnant in her junior year. It was her decision to take responsibility for her actions, raise her child to the best of her ability, and continue her education. She then transferred to New Dawn school in Lowell, which is for pregnant and teenage mothers. We very much appreciated that she had this option. She excelled at New Dawn while raising her daughter. She graduated in January, and is now in her second semester of college to obtain her degree in law enforcement. She has accomplished her goals, with immense obstacles in her path. I am extremely proud of her.

The students of New Dawn and Unity High (the alternative school) were under the impression that they would be graduating at the Showboat on June 8 with the same level of honor as their peers at the high school. It seems that many high school students and parents opposed this, and did not feel that the graduating students of New Dawn and Unity should be able to walk with them. I do understand that two less credits were required to graduate from New Dawn or Unity. However, the two less credits were not for academic type classes, but for electives, such as music or gym. The decision was made to allow the New Dawn and Unity students to graduate at the Showboat, but to have them announced separately, as if they were to be less honored and respected. What message does this send to these graduating students? That even though they accomplished their goals and succeeded in completing their high school education that they are still to be shamed? To be considered less? I find it ironic that teenagers who choose to kill their unborn babies by abortion or forfeit their responsibility through adoption are not penalized as being less than their peers, but those who live up to their responsibilities fully and succeed in spite of the increased challenges are humiliated and

Mari Stone

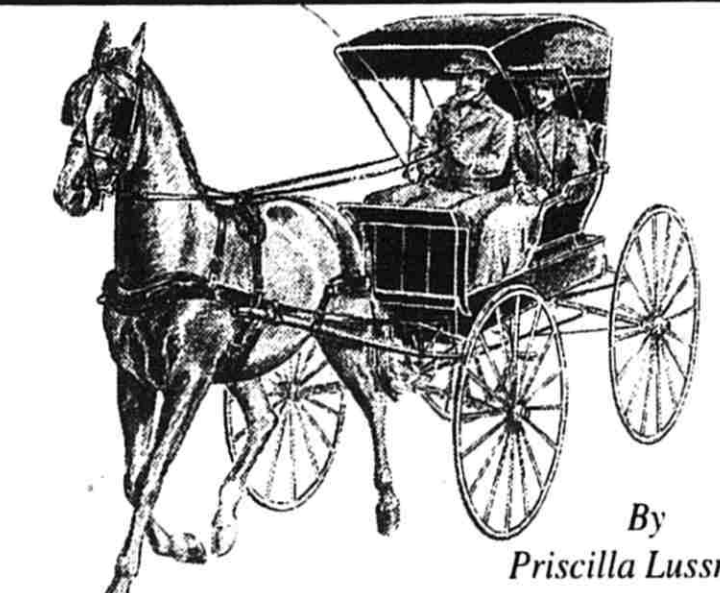
P.S. I agreed with much of Mr. Miller's letter last week. The bridge and M-21 are very complicated issues, and no one has all the answers right now. But I still think we need to pursue some solutions, because growth is here and shows no signs of stopping. Anyone who must use the Northland Drive bridge knows what growth can do to traffic. According to Plainfield Township officials, the Jupiter Avenue bridge currently under

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fluid gushed out. I know this is a lot of mumbo-jumbo that might not make sense, even to a mechanic. Bottom line is, the brake was trashed.

It was now Saturday evening of Memorial Day weekend and Casey was not going to be riding my motorcycle. He didn't seem to be nearly as disappointed as I was. Maybe this was for the best. With repairs hopeless, I had a chance to bond with my boy instead of my tool box.

I have since taken the brake assembly to a motorcycle shop. Parts are ordered, and the rebuilt system should be ready by the end of this week. If I get a chance to put it all back together this weekend, maybe I can take a little Father's Day cruise on Sunday. Watcha wanna bet therein lies material for yet another of these dreadful columns?



By Priscilla Lussmyer

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

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 12, 1872

With late rains, the logs are finally coming down the Flat River in quantity.

The upcoming horse races at Lowell will demand 25 cents admission the first day, 50 cents thereafter. One can also see dramas and comedies the same week at the new hall.

Former Lowell Union Schools principal C.L. Frazier is editor and proprietor of the new Clam Lake News.

Republicans renominate General Grant at the Philadelphia convention.

Lowell and the fairgrounds both need considerable cleaning up before the races, and it is suggested that the police should be especially active, night and day.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 8, 1922

R. H. Fletcher is running for governor on a tax-reduction, state-employee-reduction platform.

The list of Baby Show and Clinic prize-winners is long. Prizes were donated by merchants of Lowell area as far as South Bowne, where the fair was held.

The annual alumni reunion will be held at the high school gymnasium Friday evening, with many speeches, solos and toasts and the high school orchestra playing.

The largest class ever, 42 students, will graduate Thursday at City Hall. Paul Wittenbach is valedictorian, Alice Eastman is salutatorian.

The Grand Trunk and Pere Marquette railroads have installed wig-wag signals at the Hudson and Main Street crossings. The loss of lives at railroad crossings is estimated at thousands per year.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 12, 1947

Common Council orders Deputy Frank Stephens to crack down on traffic violators, no more warnings. He does: \$100 worth in three days.

Gaylord Saxton of Grand Rapids is fined for buzzing Lowell twice in his small airplane. He has already been fined for the same at home.

With the upcoming school election, remember that registration in city or township does not qualify one to vote in school matters.

The largest class in Lowell history, 87, will graduate Thursday. Elizabeth Hall is the valedictorian, Verna Potter and Eloise Hobbs are co-salutatorians.

The diamond ball league is being enlarged to include Foreman's Chicks and the Fallsburg Cubs.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL-SUBURBAN LIFE JUNE 8, 1972

Cheryl Hoyle is the second Miss Lowell Showboat.

Council takes the first step for a boat ramp and recreational development project south of the 4-H fairgrounds.

183 graduates will have Commencement Exercises at Recreation Park Sunday afternoon.

Walnut tree buyers have been buying from Lowell residents at low prices and leaving the brush behind for the owner to clean up.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>		<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>SUMMER SCHEDULE - JUNE 1 - SEPT 14 Morning Worship.....8:30 & 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Worship.....6:45 P.M.</p> <p>REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!)</p> <p>Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinckney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime</p> <p>Rev. Larry Pike</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • (616) 897-1100 Nursery for Every Service SUNDAYS: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Believer's Praise Service: 6:00 p.m. Kids Church WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (for All Ages) 7:00 p.m. We don't build a church with programs. We build people with a process</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695</p> <p>We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlement • P.O. #7-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>			
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7168</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 897-5648 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Director of Education Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

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construction in Plainfield Township has been on the drawing board for 20 years or more. At the very least, I would urge the community to support safety enhancements to M-21.

Dear Editor:

What a wonderful gift is the Englehardt endowment to our city! How exciting for the recipients of such a wonderful gift. Thank you, Englehardt family.

Our community received another gift last week that has even longer value and that was the baccalaureate service at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Not a mention of it was made in the Lowell Ledger or the Grand Rapids Press and the gifts of praise that were given there will last an eternity - long after the millions of dollars have been depleted.

There were more than 300 people gathered to honor God and encourage our students as they commence their lives in the "real" world.

Songs of praise, scripture readings, a wonderfully written and performed drama and an inspiring speaker all combined to lift our hearts in worship of our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks also to the churches of Lowell who donated refreshments and friends for the reception following the service.

Thank you, Mr. Bleke, Mr. Vashaw, Mr. Graham, the Lowell Ministerial Association, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, graduating seniors, LHS students, parents and friends

for meeting together and giving our community this wonderful baccalaureate service.

Linda A. Johnson
Parent of a
1997 LHS graduate.

Dear Editor:

There's a new source of revenue for the city. If you must walk your dog downtown there is no objection, providing you clean up their "messes." I nearly stepped into a two-day-old "mess" near our new downtown city clock.

We are not Brussels or Paris.

Thank you,
Phyllis Lessens

To the Editor:

Written from the place where Trudeau said, "reason before passion...and then became the most passionate Prime Minister of the second half of the 20th century.

This "letter from the east" is for the people of the township south of the Grand River; no insult to the others. It is a digest of comments before the township board.

A-There is nothing illegal. B- Our planning consultant is using recognized professional practices. That said, our master plan (1996) is a well-meaning work of fiction, in good part of having to frame such a thing in southern Kent County. Another

party is the need of our local government at least to pretend to order land use.

Look at the master plan, will you? There are lands zoned "residential" on the left bank of the Grand which are unfit for housing. Some high risk cropping, maybe. Live stock, probably. Open space, definitely. But R-1, give it a rest.

Then there is AG-2, the limbo catchall. Some of that run of country is in no sense farmable save maple syrup and perhaps a few chickens. That brings up a point. There is housing, even subdivisions in this agricultural classification whose homeowners would burn your barn (or each others') if anyone tried farming next door. The way those commuters tear down 36th twice a day, it would be worth your life to use it for farm machinery.

Oh yes, "industrial." Look at the peculiar borders of the "I" zoning at I-96 and Alden Nash surrounded by two kinds of "AG" land. You are bloody dreaming. How did this unique state of affairs arise? Call Supervisor Timpson at Township Hall M, T, Th, F and ask him what he knows about the configurations or propriety of spot zoning out in hell and gone where some unit of big, bad government will have to make a developer's dreams come true.

Maybe we should just be honest. Why not abolish zoning in Lowell Charter Township?

G. M. Ross
TW-75713
Wanna talk about it?

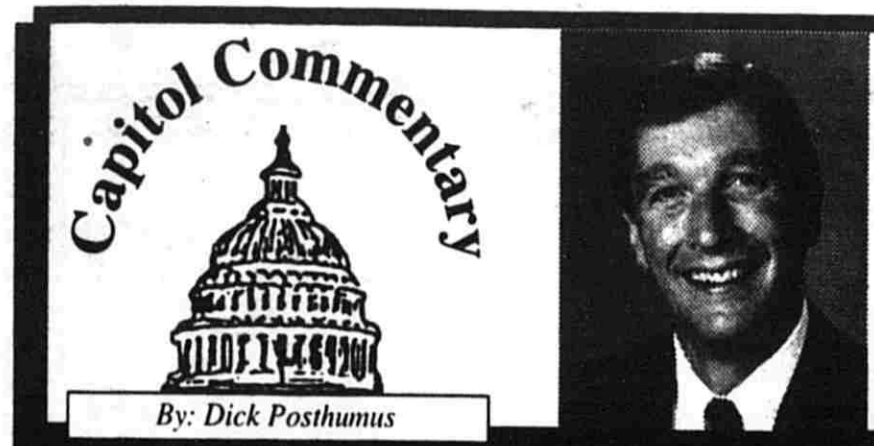
modern and rustic campgrounds to hiking and cross country ski trails to boat launch sites and fishing piers. According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan State Parks are enjoyed by more than 25 million visitors each year.

This week, the DNR announced that it will once again be offering their "Fishing in the Parks" program. For the third year in a row, they will join with Michigan State University, The American Sportfishing Association and Michigan United Con-

servation clubs in promoting this program. "Fishing in the Parks" is giving individuals and families the opportunity to get acquainted with sportfishing and enjoy Michigan's natural beauty.

Participants in this program can learn the fundamentals of the sport or fine-tune the skills they already possess. It is open to anyone interested in gaining basic skills and learn-

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DON'T LET THIS SUMMER GO BY WITHOUT ENJOYING OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE PARKS

One of the many things that sets our state apart from any other is our beautiful system of state parks. Whenever you are in Michigan, you are never more than an hour from a state park or recreation area. With 96 state parks to choose from, you will find the very best of Michigan preserved for all time: scenic inland waterways, falls, freshwater coastal sand dunes, old growth forests, wilderness peaks and Great Lakes shoreline.

Beginning with Interlochen in 1919, the Michigan State Park system was established to preserve the state's natural treasures for future generations to experience and enjoy. The Michigan State Park system also includes historic sites that preserve Michigan's rich cultural heritage. Relive the past as you walk through a reconstructed logging camp, tour an iron smelting town or engage a costumed interpreter in conversation at a historic fort.

In addition to natural features and historical sites, Michigan State Parks offer a variety of outdoor recreation facilities, from

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COLIC IN YOUR BABY

Up to one-third of all newborn babies will develop colic, a condition in which babies cry too much and too long and for no apparent reason. Colic usually lessens substantially by age

four months, but it may be longer in certain children.

When a baby has colic it appears to be in pain. The crying is often worse in the late afternoon, and it can last for hours. Sometimes the baby will lift his or her legs or head, become red in the face, or pass gas. The baby may refuse to eat, have trouble sleeping, and may appear impossible to console.

If your baby has the above symptoms, have your doctor examine him or her to establish colic as the diagnosis. If this does seem to be the case, here are some tips for helping the situation:

- Try changing formulas if your baby is bottle fed.
- Try over the counter simethicone drops (ie: mylicon drops). These may work well.
- Try giving the baby gentle belly massages.
- Infant swings may be very helpful in soothing the baby.
- If you are breast feeding, it may be something in your diet that is affecting the baby - milk products, cauliflower, chocolate, caffeinated beverages and eggs may all be responsible for changing your breast milk content and upsetting your baby's gastrointestinal system.

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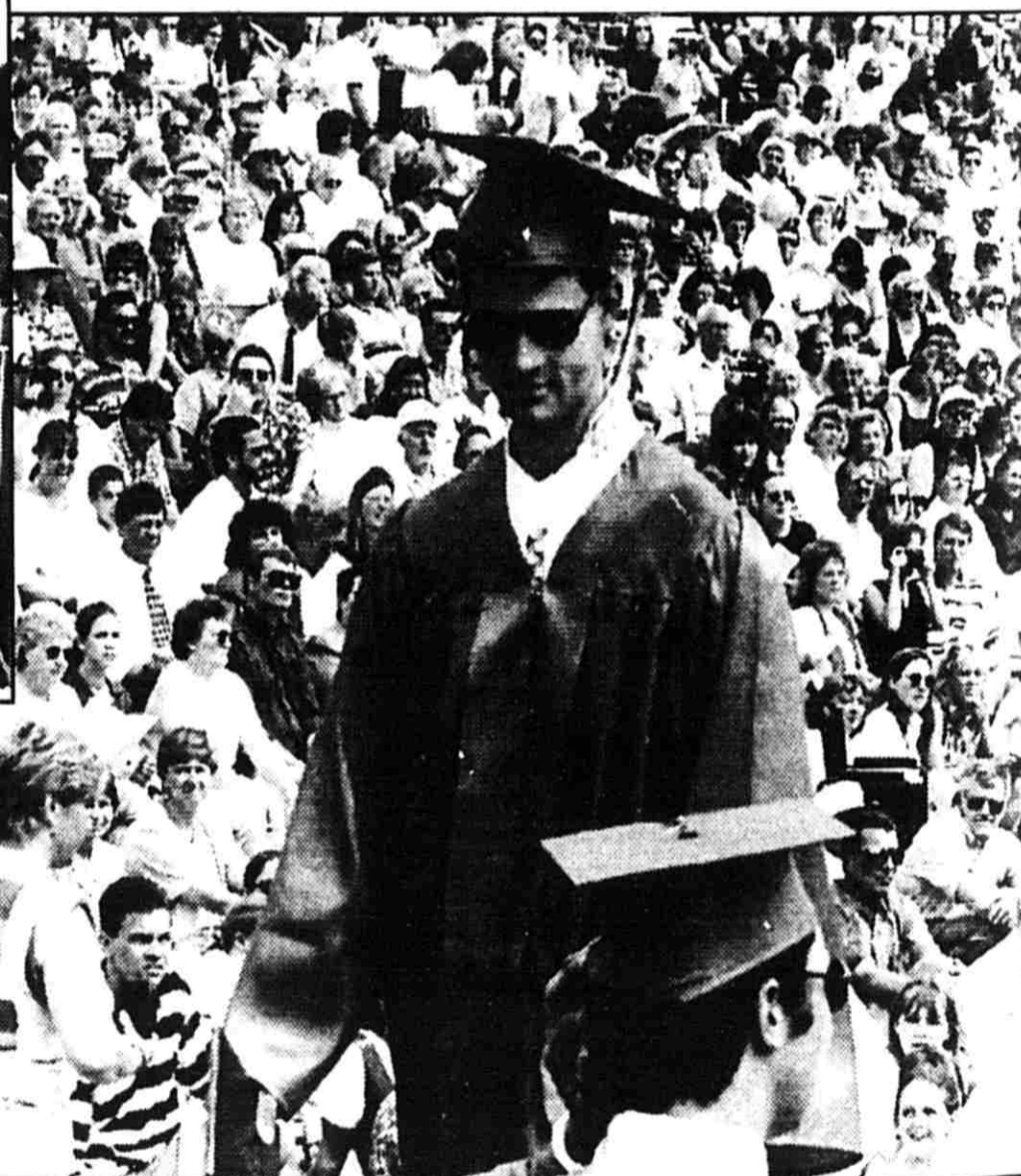
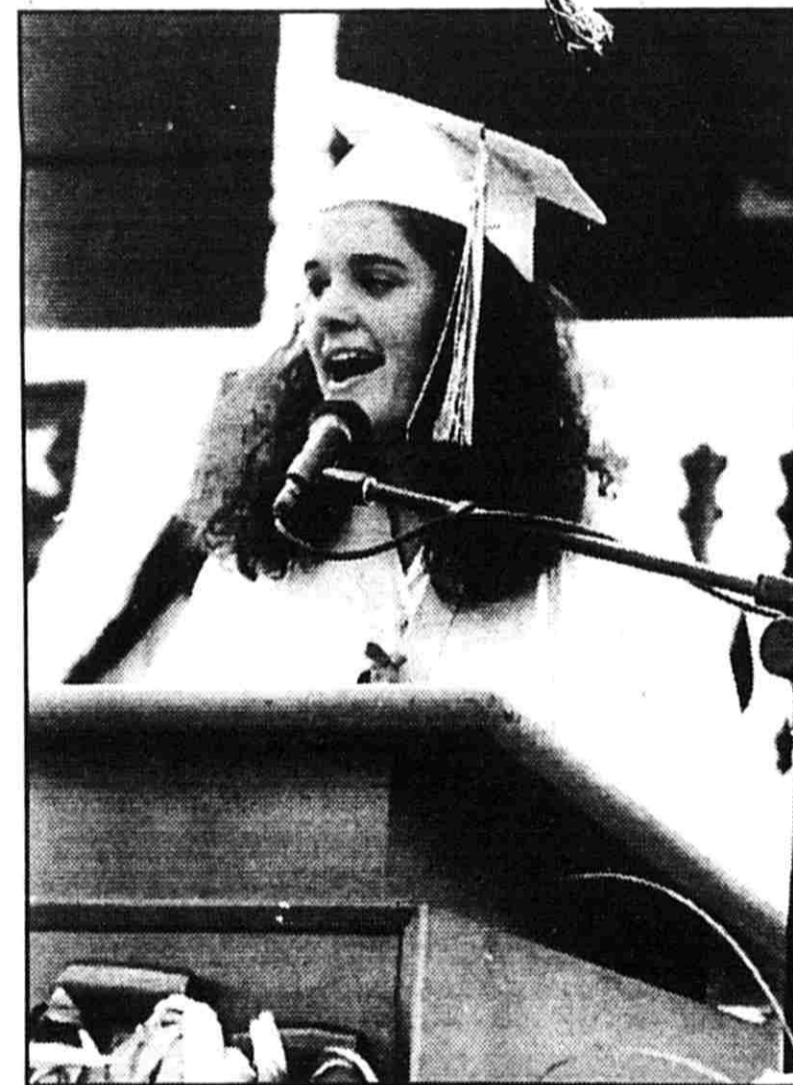
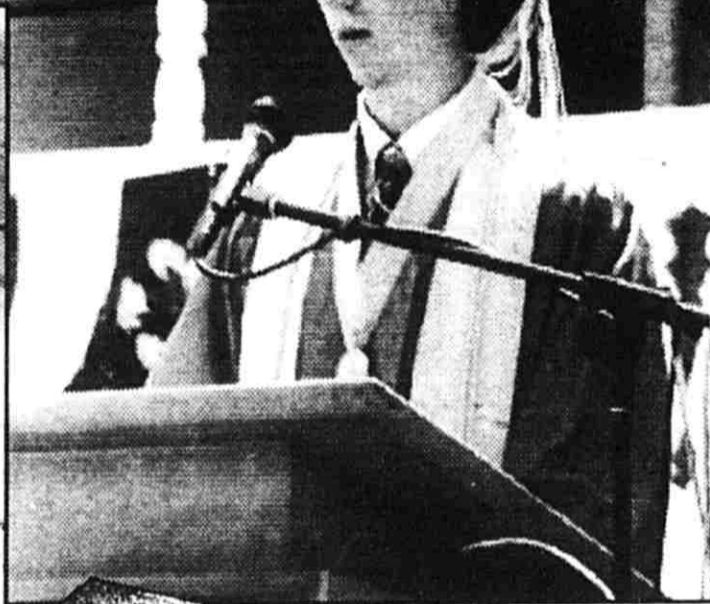
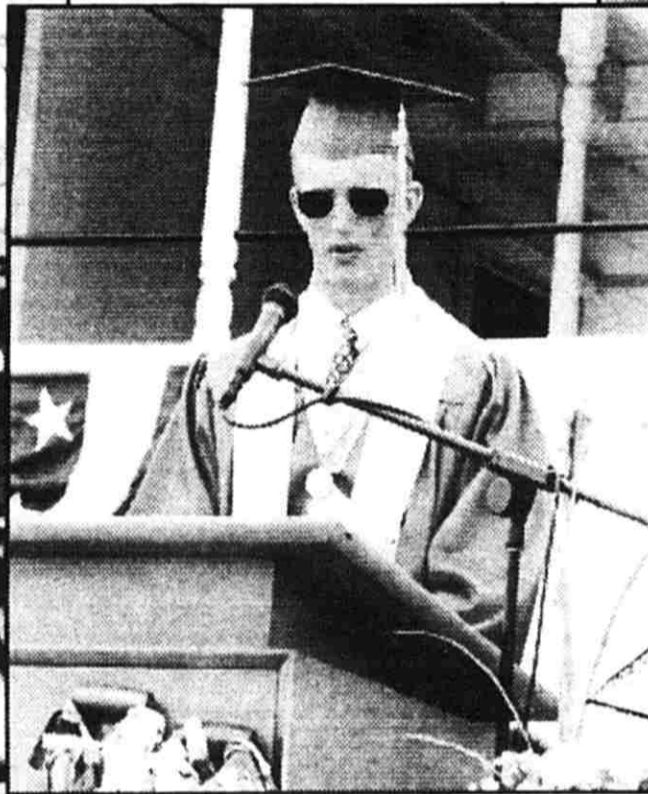
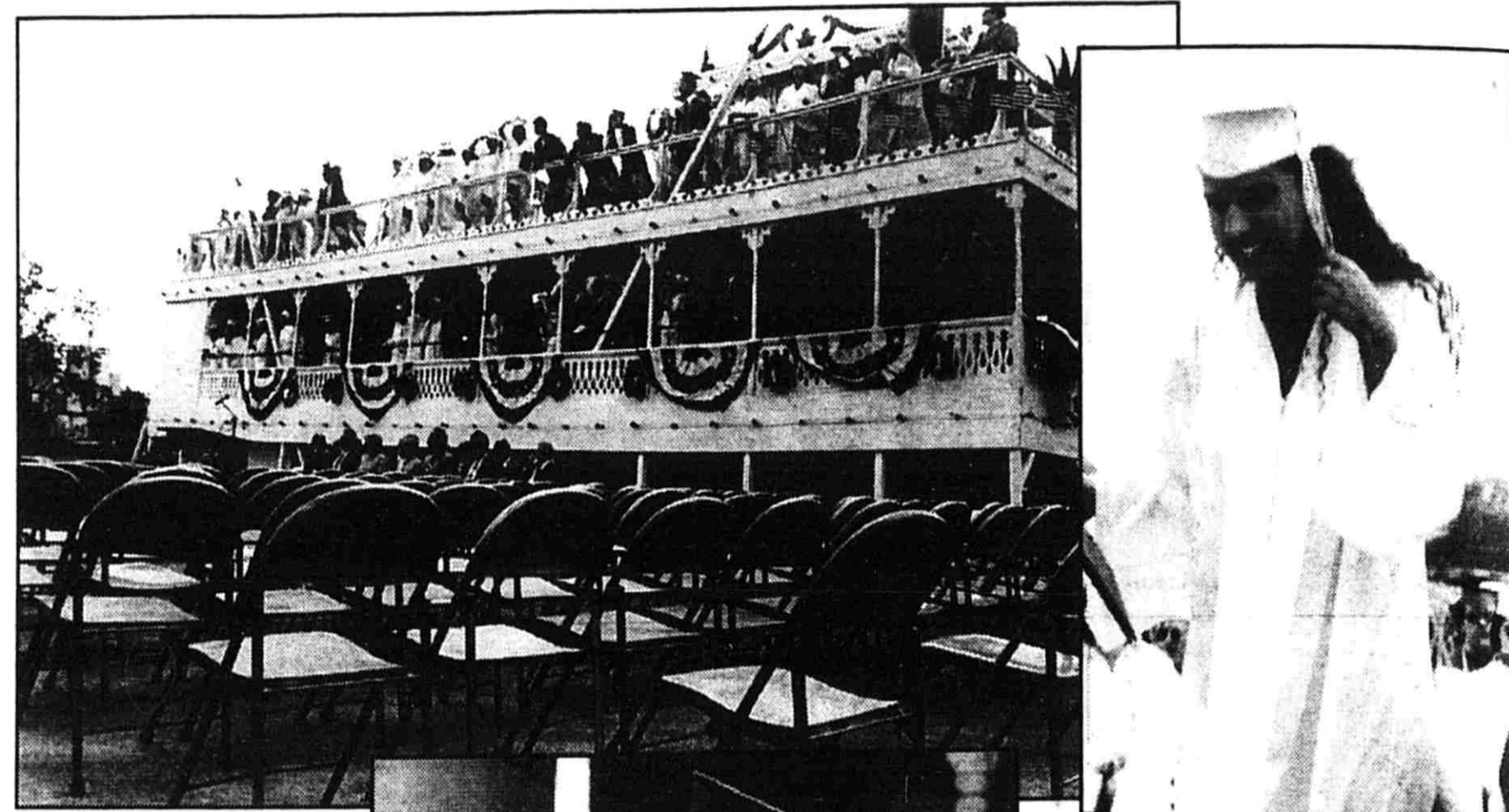
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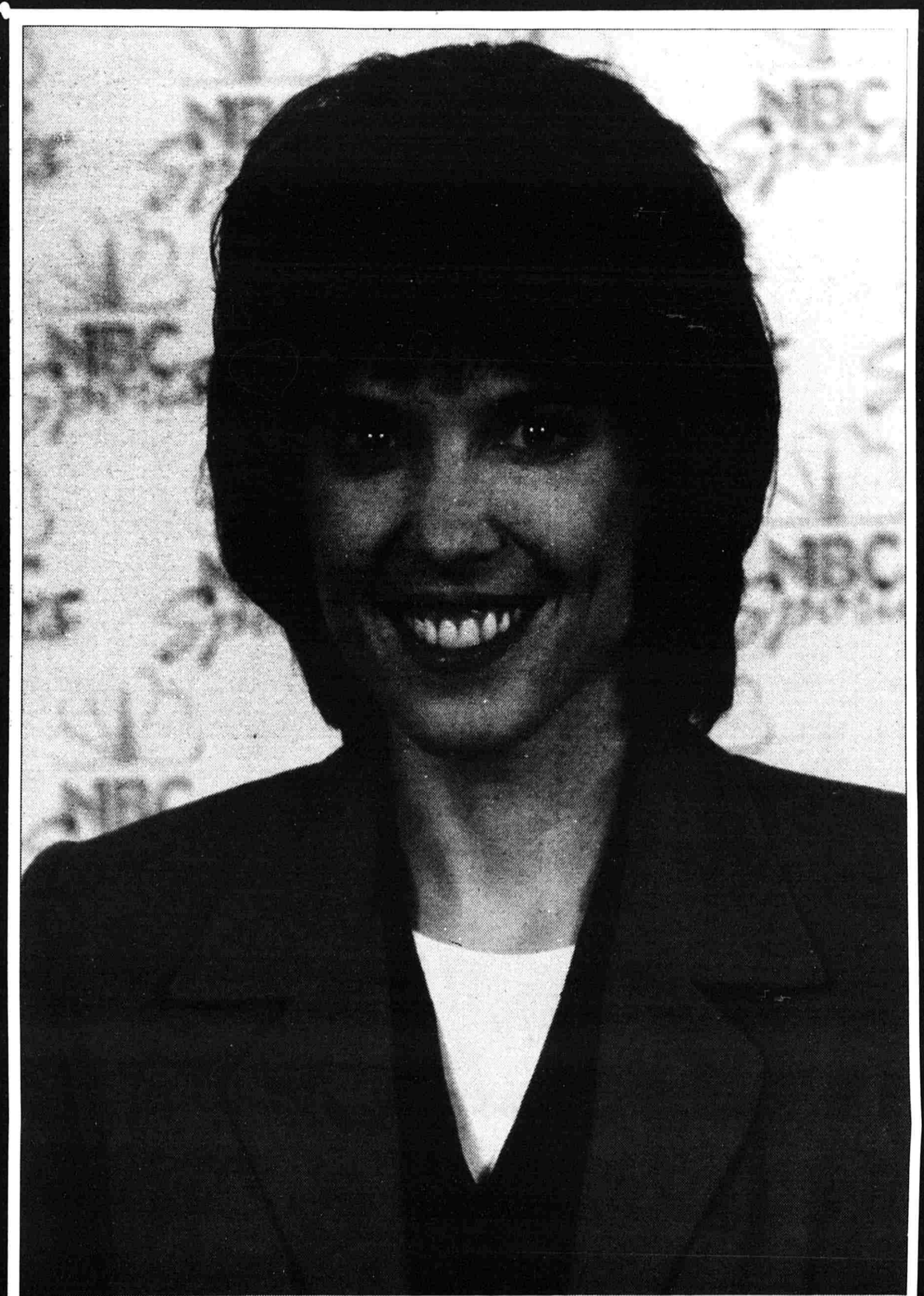
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FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13 THRU JUNE 19

Hannah Storm calls the action when the New York Liberty travel to Los Angeles to take on the Sparks in the premiere telecast of the WNBA Saturday on NBC. The broadcast marks the first time in television history that a network airs a game from a professional women's sports league.

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DAYTIME AFTERNOON

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MONDAY LATE NIGHT JUNE 16, 1997. Broadcast stations: WWTM, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN, A&E, NICK, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX. Shows include Late Show, Nightline, Charlie Rose, Deep Space 9, etc.

TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 17, 1997. Broadcast stations: WWTM, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN, A&E, NICK, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX. Shows include Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, Roseanne, Home Improvement, etc.

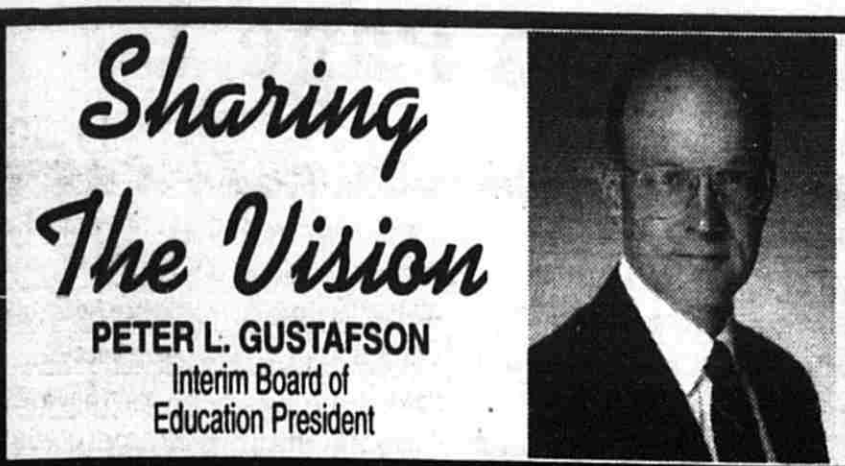
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THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 19, 1997. Broadcast stations: WWMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FOX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX. Includes program details and times.

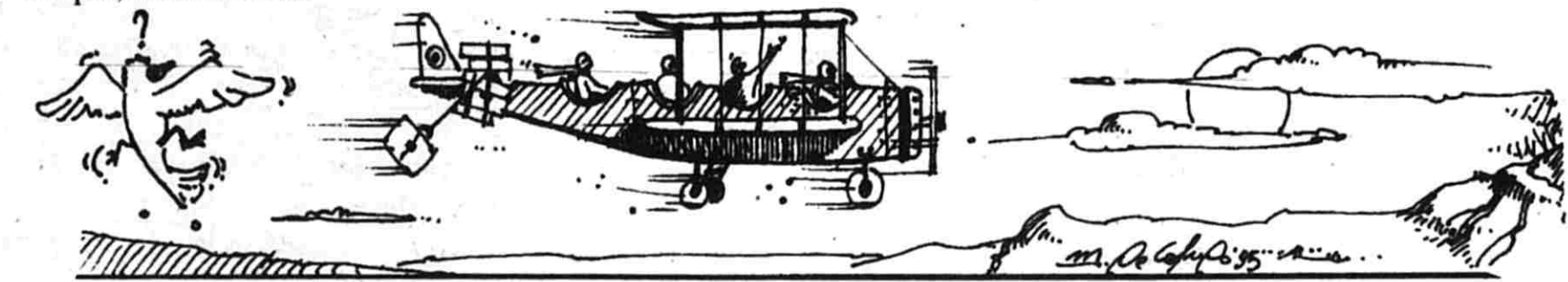
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Sharing The Vision. Integrity, the third value among the five selected by our community, is "an uncompromising adherence to a code of values; sincerity and candor; avoidance of deception or expedience."

Englehardt's extraordinary community gift. He was certainly a man of integrity throughout his exemplary life. A few weeks ago, my wife arrived for a meeting at Vennen Chrysler-Plymouth a bit worried, having purchased a used Jeep two months earlier.

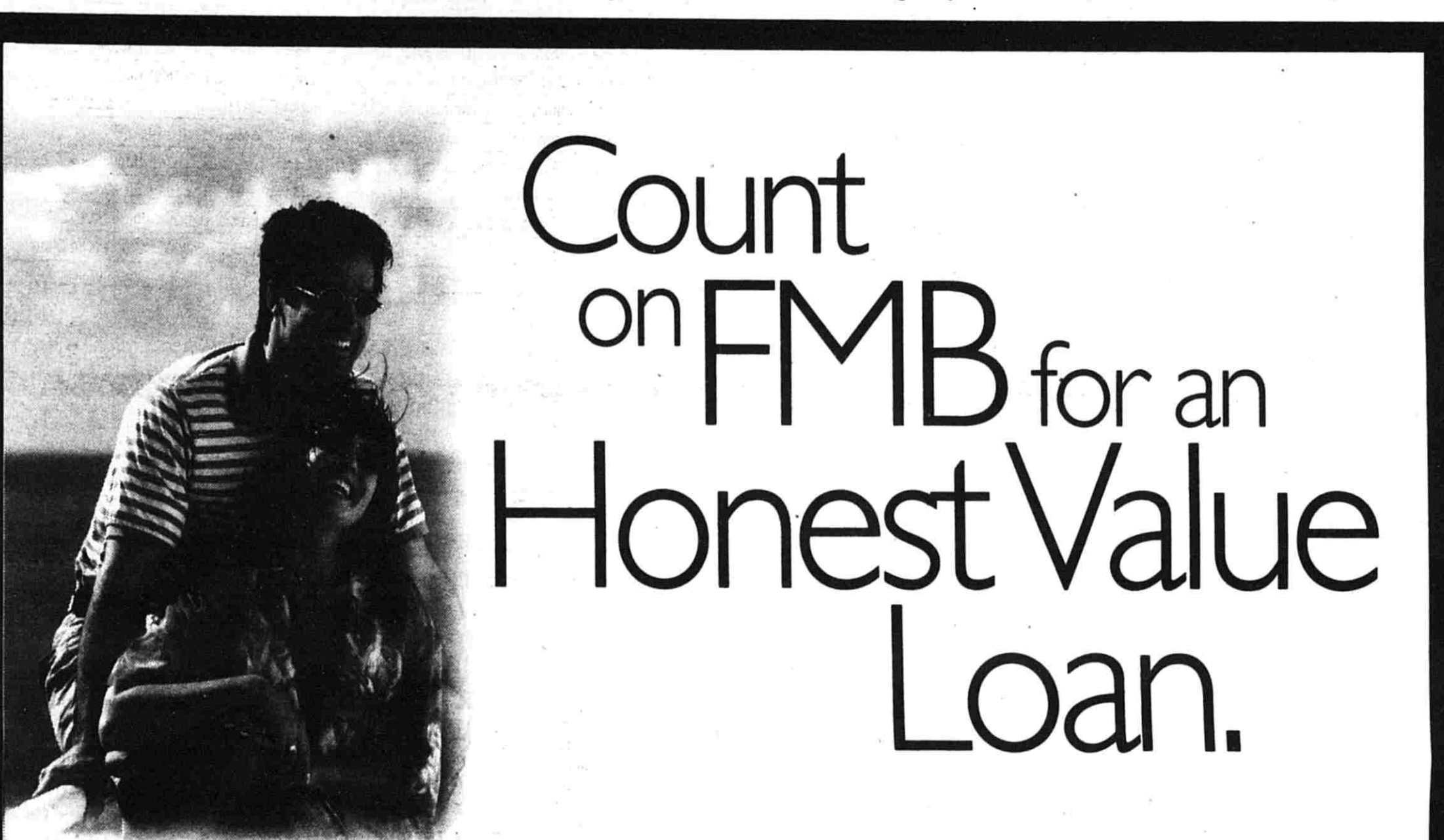
As Ginny walked into Daryl's office, she was nervous - she does not like negotiating and has limited business experience. But she had her file along and had marshalled her arguments. Before she could say a word, Daryl stood up, apologized for any suggestion that she should pay a share of the repair bill and said that Vennen would cover it.



The first airline to establish scheduled passenger service by aeroplane was the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line of St. Petersburg, Fla., which commenced flight operations on Jan. 1, 1914.

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ing about water resources. The programs can be found in 15 different state parks and take place every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. from June 17 through August 12. Some of the sites include Ionia Recreation Area in Ionia (616) 527-3750, Yankee Springs Recreation Area in Middleville (616) 795-9081, and Muskegon State Park in North Muskegon (616) 744-3480.



Supplies of fishing rods are limited and the DNR asks that individuals bring their own fishing equipment if possible. Reservations are not necessary, but large groups and organizations are encouraged to call ahead.

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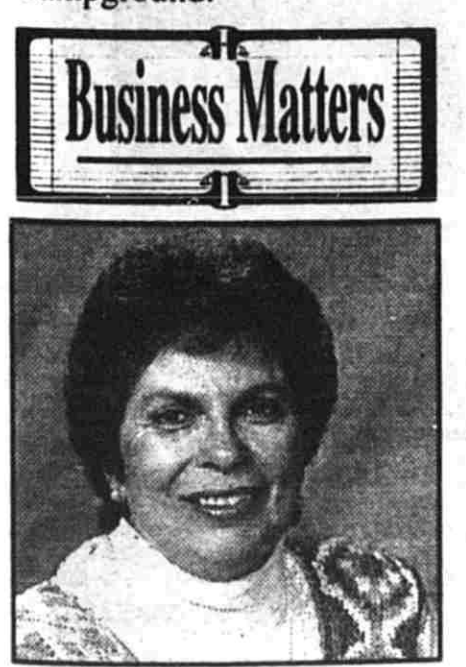
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Greenridge Realty announced that Joyce Thuston received Realtor of the Month in May. This award recognizes Thuston for her outstanding success and achievements.

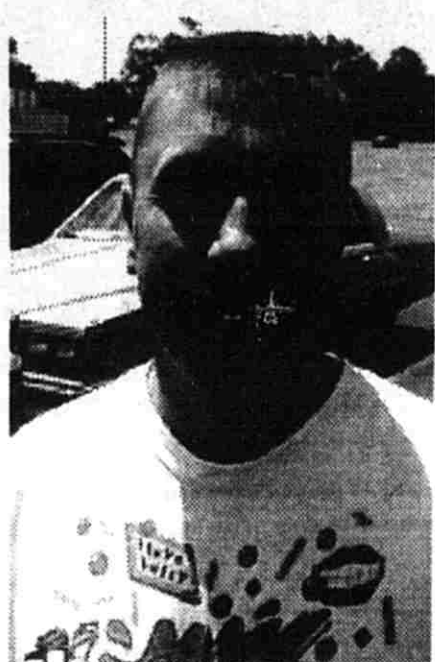
LOWELL CABLE TV DEPARTMENT advertisement. 127 N. Broadway, Lowell 897-8405. Features 'ray Harryhausen: magic in motion' and 'Inside Disney's Hercules' on Disney Channel.

TOWN TALK

The recent court ruling allows Paula Jones to sue the president while he's in office. Do you agree?



Rose Mitchell
I don't think it is right. Whatever the merits are of the case, I think it will affect his ability to make decisions and to carry out presidential duties.



Dennis Bailey
No. A president doesn't need distractions while he's in office. He can answer to the charges afterwards. I think Jones is only doing this for the notoriety and money.



Barb Antles
If he is wrong, then he should have to stand accountable even while in office. That shouldn't make a difference.



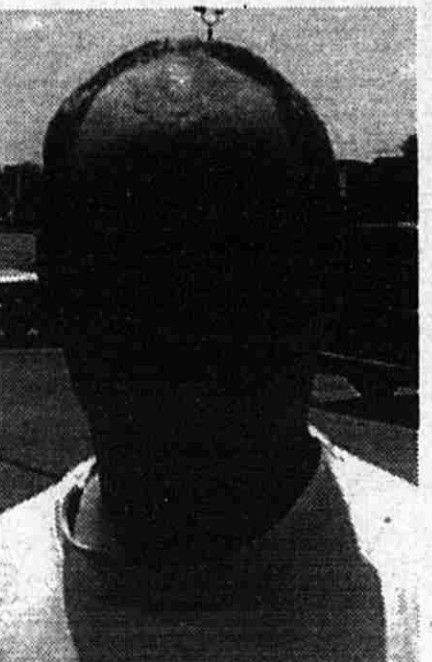
Gail Hays
It should have waited until he's out of office.



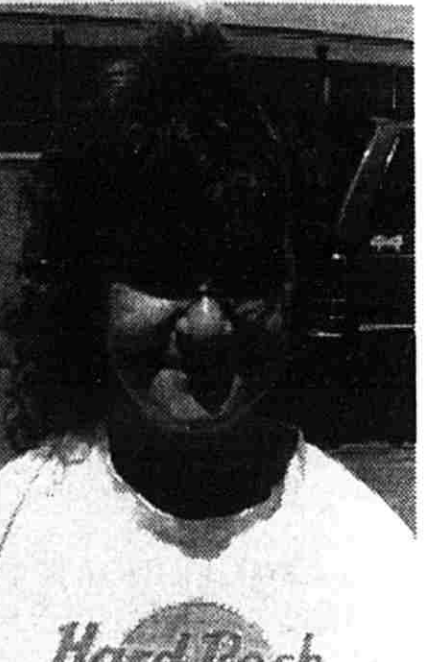
Pat Reinhardt
No. Leave him alone. Jones is only in it for the money.



Michelle Loveless
Yeah. He's just another citizen/person. He should have to answer to the charges.



Steve Simmons
It's ridiculous. The president has too many important things to do. There has already been a great deal of time since this alleged incident happened. The fact he's in office I think prevents this from being a speedy trial.



Jackie Malokofsky
It is a sad state that things like this are brushed over until a person is in the public eye. Then all this stuff comes up and a big deal is made of it. If it was such a big deal, why not when it actually happened?



The longest game in hockey history was two hours, 56 minutes and 30 seconds when the Detroit Red Wings beat the Montreal Maroons 1-0 in the sixth period of overtime at the Forum, Montreal at 2:25 a.m. in March of 1936.

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, on:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

at which time and place the following subject will be heard.

George and Karen Noble have made application for variance from Grattan Township Zoning Ordinances regulating rear and side yards in the Agricultural zoning district. (Article 6.03, Height and Area Regulations). The variance is to allow construction of an accessory building with a rear yard of 10' and a side yard of 28'. Parcel 41-12-36-300-002 located at 3790 Ashley Avenue.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Terry Kropf, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

WIN! WHITECAPS TICKETS!

From THE LEDGER

Once a week, through July '97, The Ledger will hold a drawing for 4 WHITECAPS' TICKETS! Just Find The Answer To This Week's Question In The Ledger and get it to the Ledger office to be entered in the drawing!

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:
How many pounds of cardboard were recycled during the 1996 season?

You can enter as many times as you like but you must have the answer cut out from the Ledger along with this ad to be eligible for the drawing.

No photocopies accepted

One Winner To Be Announced Each Week!

This Week's Winner Is **RENEE GRANT**

DEADLINE FOR THIS WEEK'S ENTRY IS 5pm Monday, June 16, 1997

Tickets are redeemable for any regular season game during the 1997 season! Tickets are undated, reserved seats and should be redeemed at the stadium box office. All exchanges are made based upon availability!

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
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Bring this ad, along with the answer, or mail to:
The Lowell Ledger
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IN THE SERVICE

Marine Lance Cpl. Richard T. Stouffer, son of David E. and Bonnie L. Stouffer of Lowell, recently returned to Camp Lejeune, NC, after completing a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea while serving with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Stouffer is one of nearly 3,500 Marines and Sailors aboard the ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group, which included the amphibious transport dock USS Nashville and the dock landing ship USS Pensacola led by the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau.

Early during the deployment, Stouffer helped in the evacuation of civilians from Albania. Helicopters from Stouffer's unit transported evacuees from more than 15 nations after the U.S. State Department decided that the civil unrest situation in the Eastern European country had worsened.

A few weeks later, elements from the 26th MEU aboard the USS Nassau arrived at Simba Station prepared for possible non-combatant evacuation operations off the coast of Zaire. Stouffer's unit also secured the U.S. embassy compound in the country.

Stouffer's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment, providing a fast combat buildup against positions ashore or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

The 1994 graduate of Lowell High School joined the Marine Corps in July 1994.

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FOR SALE FOR SALE HELP WANTED HELP WANTED FOR RENT BUSINESS SERVICES

ROLLING MEADOWS PLAT - Saranac Schools: For Sale - 10 ac. parcel, very wooded w/pond. Suitable for walkout. M-21, E of Lowell to Pinckney Rd., N. 1 mile to Centerline Rd., E. 1 mile to plat, S. side. Restrictions available in box at plat. Can be bought on land contract. For further information call Phil Bishop 616-367-4900.

1987 FORD TAURUS FOR SALE - \$1,500. Please call 897-8029.

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CARS FOR \$100! - Trucks, boats, 4-wheelers, motorhomes, furniture, electronics, computers etc. by FBI, IRS, DEA. Available in your area now. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. S-1520.

ROLLING MEADOWS PLAT - For Sale - 1 acre wooded lot. Beautiful building site. Land contract available. M-21 E of Lowell to Pinckney Rd., N. 1 mile to plat, S. side. Restrictions available in box at plat. For further information call Phil Bishop 616-367-4900.

1989 CELEBRITY - New tires, very dependable, \$800. Call 642-0482 up to 5:30 leave message.

HELP WANTED

COUNTER PERSON NEEDED - Part-time afternoons & Saturdays. Apply in person at Cooper Dry Cleaners, 591 Ada Dr. or 6555 28th St. SE.

HAIRSTYLISTS - Beautiful new hair & tanning salon in Cascade is looking for excited, energetic, licensed professionals. Guaranteed \$7/hr. up to \$16.50/hr. We offer free advanced education, free tanning & benefits too! 616-977-5600 ask for Jodi.

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MANAGER/LIGHT MAINTENANCE - Are you looking for a job along with affordable housing? We are seeking an individual or team to be on site caretakers of a 40 unit apartment complex. If interested please call 616-642-0960 or fax resume to 616-642-0970.

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EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY - in an exciting, fast paced work environment. Two immediate part-time openings for out-patient registration/switchboard. Day or evening shifts. Must work every other weekend. Data entry and multi-line phone experience required. Medical terminology helpful. Doctor's office experience a plus. Great opportunity for health care students. Health insurance and other benefits available. Apply to Kimberly Navidi, Ionia County Memorial Hospital, 479 Lafayette St., Ionia or fax resume to (616) 527-5731 EOE.

HELP WANTED - Part-time positions open to friendly outgoing persons. Good pay plus extras. Must be 18 yrs. or older. Apply at TCBY Treats/Blimpie Subs, 2005 W. Main St., Lowell.

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.

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GIVE AWAY TO A GOOD HOME - black & white male kitten, approx. 6 mos. old. He was dropped off at my house. 676-5536.

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Ice Cream Potato

GET READY...
• Ice cream
• Powdered cocoa
• Whipped topping
• Flaked coconut
• Green food coloring
• Tools: ice cream scoop, spoon

GET SET...
For "chives," use a small amount of food coloring to dye coconut green.

GO!
Make the potato. Press and form two scoops of ice cream together into a potato shape. Roll potato in cocoa. Use spoon to scoop out a small area in top of potato. For "sour cream," fill scooped area with whipped topping. Sprinkle coconut "chives" on top.

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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COW	HORSE	SHEEP
FARMER	PIG	TRACTOR

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Gall, Lowell's public works director, resigns to take post in Oak Lawn, Ill.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's public works director Art Gall announced last week that he will leave his post at the end of the month to take a position with the village of Oak Lawn, Ill.

Gall, who began working for the city on Aug. 16, 1993, said his decision to move is based on professional advancement.

"The spirit of cooperation and the interaction between governmental agencies here in Lowell have been refreshing," Gall said. "However, the position has been a little less demanding than what I was accustomed to."

In Oak Lawn, he moves to a Chicago suburb of about 58,000. "It is obviously a bigger city. I was impressed by its

organization," Gall said.

Prior to moving to Lowell in 1993, Gall lived in Virginia for 20 years.

At Oak Lawn, he will serve as its public works superintendent.

How the city will fill Gall's position has not been decided.

Reagan, unopposed, earns four-year term on board

Jim Reagan dryly asked that his board peers help him pick up signs after learning that he had been voted to a four-year school board term.

In Monday's annual school election, Reagan ran unopposed.

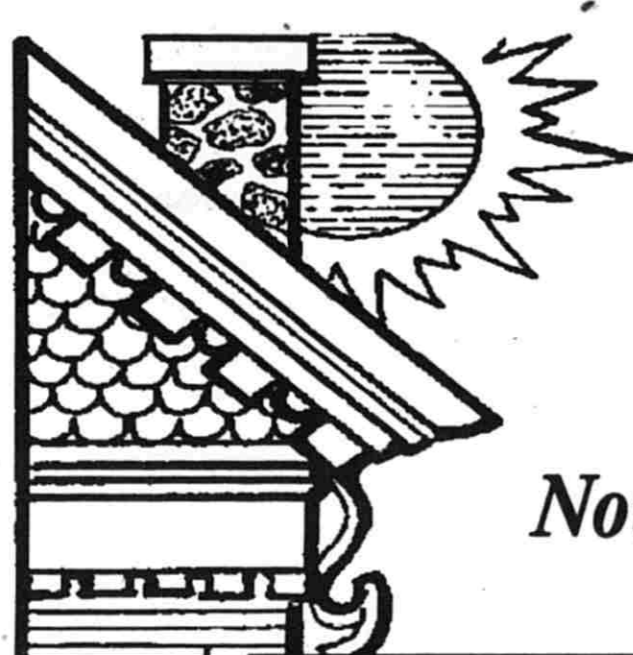
The Lowell dentist was appointed in March to fill the seat vacated by Marsha Wilcox when she resigned as board president.

There were 172 registered voters who went to the polls. Of those, 164 cast their votes for Reagan.

The newly elected board member said he was happy to be serving on the school board.

In the Lowell precinct, 76 votes were tallied, 72 for Reagan; in Vergennes, 71 votes were tallied, 69 for Reagan; and in Bowne Township, 25 votes were cast with 23 for Reagan. There were a total of eight write-in votes.

In the Grand Rapids Community College board election, Ellen M. James (85 votes), Gary P. Schenk (81 votes) and David A. Rodriguez (62 votes) each earned six-year terms.



IT'S GARAGE SALE TIME!



Now that the weather is nice - take a drive & stop by some of these great sales

GARAGE SALE
Thurs., June 12 to Sat., June 14, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
4711 Honey Creek, South of Cannonsburg.
Clothing, linens, furniture, etc.

MOVING SALE
Sat., June 14, 8-2 p.m.
Tables & chairs, lamps, storm door, picnic table, clothes, many household items. 1700 Sibley, Lowell.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., June 13, 9-6 p.m.
935 Sargent. Toys, Little Tykes, Fisher Price, clothes, boys & maternity, skis, archery, golf clubs, light fixtures & HP printer.

YARD SALE
Thurs., June 19, 9-5 p.m. Key Heights, 1760 Veronica, lot 150. Boys clothes, toys, misc.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
One day only Sat., June 14, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1234 Laurie Gail, Lowell. Super single waterbed, boys, mens & ladies clothes, Steelcase desk, file cabinet, wheelborrow, books, housewares & many other items too numerous to list.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., June 14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Women's clothes, girls clothes, baby items, lots of misc. 11429 Bluewater Hwy. East of Lowell between Montcalm & Whites Bridge Rd.

GARAGE SALE
June 13 & 14, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 3225 Alden Nash SE (2 miles North of I-96). Fishing tackle, variety of household items, adult clothes, pedestal sink, canning jars.

GARAGE SALE
Household items, clothing, jewelry, etc. June 13 & 14, 9-6 p.m. 604 Lincoln Lake, corner of Lincoln Lake & Elizabeth.

DAYCARE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE
Sat., June 14 only, 9-5 p.m. 11845 Sayles Road.

YARD SALE
9501 Vergennes St. June 12 & 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Collectibles, stamps, coins, books, guns, shells, clothes, milk glass, many misc. items. If rain, cancelled.

IT'S HERE AGAIN!
As always our super great fantastic garage sale June 12 & 13, 8-? 9825 84th St. SE, Alto.

SPRING CLEANING SALE
Antique cabinet, toys, window air conditioner, waterbed sheets, upright freezer, exercise bike, lots of knick knacks, car bed, car stereos, boys clothes, misc. things too much to mention. Fri. & Sat., June 13 & 14, from 9:30 to 5 p.m. 11321 Dorothy, Lot 81.

ESTATE/YARD SALE
Everything to furnish a home & lots of clothes & toys. Fri., June 13, 9-2 p.m. & Sat., June 14, 9-1 p.m. 909 Bowes Rd., Lowell.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., June 13, 9-6 p.m. SE corner of Vergennes & Cumberland at 450 Cumberland SE, Lowell. Gas stove, refrigerator, freezer, table saw, clothes & many other items.

4-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Thurs., Fri., 12th & 13th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 530 Carol Lynne (green house next to walk-in entrance to Creekside Park.) Roll-away bed, Schwinn Collegiate 3-speed girl's bike, 2 old boy's bikes, Kenmore sewing machine, old typewriter with stand, plants; lots of misc. items.

MOVING SALE
Fri. & Sat., 6/13 & 6/14. 724 N. Hudson, Lowell. Something for everyone. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

YARD SALE
6 families, Thurs., June 12, 9 a.m. - ? & Fri., June 13, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 6535 Buttrick (between 60th & 68th) Dishes, children's clothes, toys, bike, adult clothing, collectibles, new & used Tupperware, books & lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE
June 12 & 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 3230 Segwun, 1/2 mile off Alden Nash across from Timpson Orchards. Books, toys, household, clothes etc.

GARAGE SALE
12068 36th St. Clothes, girls to size 3T, women's size 18-22, some men's & boys, women's suits, like new, sz. 20-24, books, toys, lots of misc. Fri., June 13, 9-5 & Sat., June 14, 9-3.

GARAGE SALE
5 Antique ice cream parlor bar stools, table & chairs, lots of household items, Bear bow, in case. June 13 & 14, 9-6 p.m. 604 Lincoln Lake, corner of Lincoln Lake & Elizabeth

YARD SALE
June 13 & 14, 9-? p.m. 901 Grindle off M-21, take James St. to Grindle.

GARAGE SALE
June 12 & 13, 9-5 p.m. 303 Roberta Jayne. Framed pictures, antique ironing board, Mary Kay, toys, twin bed, oak coffee table & much more.

GARAGE SALE
3 Parsonage St., Saranac. Home interior pictures, kid's Lions Starter jacket, women's & kids' clothing, many household items & more. Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Cancelled if rain.

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