

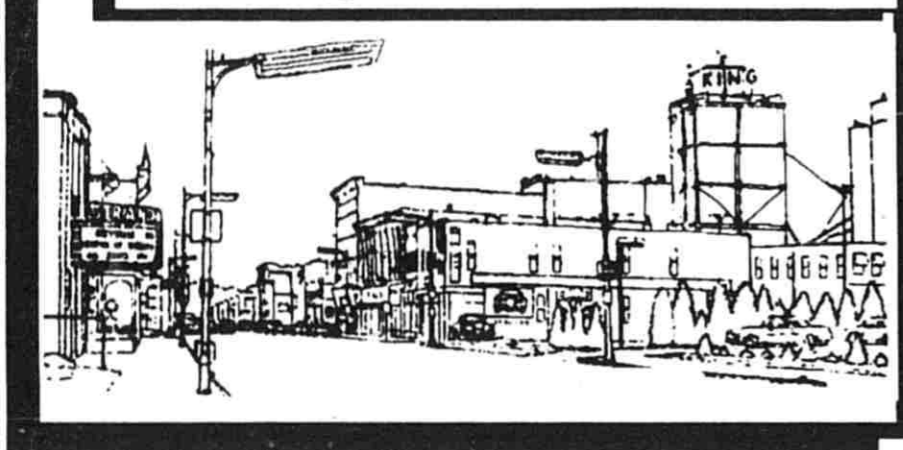
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Along Main Street



SHOVEL OUT THOSE FIRE HYDRANTS

Large snow storms have a way of covering up fire hydrants which play an important part in fighting house fires. Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin asks that Lowell residents shovel out any hydrants that are covered by snow.

PROGRAM ON PARENT'S ROLE IN CHILDREN'S HOMEWORK

The Parent's Role with Their Child's Homework will be presented Thursday, Jan. 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lowell Area Schools' Administration Building, 300 High Street. Dr. William McInnis, a psychologist from the Grand Rapids Psychological Consultants Group, will speak with parents.

Learn how to help your child organize homework, develop a good "homework routine," homework tips, school and home communication. Find out just how involved a parent should be in their child's nightly homework. This is a free workshop with childcare provided. Call either Jantina at 897-1214 or Carol at 897-1216 by January 12. Sponsored by Lowell's Educational Support Services Dept.

PICTURES NEEDED FOR SENIOR VIDEO

Parents, for the senior video to be a success, we need pictures of your seniors. Please bring group or individual pics, baby, preschool, junior high or current shots to the high school office or the media center by Fri., Jan. 15. Put your name on them and they will be saved for you. This video will be available at the senior all-night party May, 1999.

LAAC IS SEARCHING FOR A PRODUCER

Lowell Area Arts Council is searching for a producer or co-producers! The play *Blithe Spirit*, a ghostly farce, calls for a cast of seven...five women and two men. Rehearsals are on their way soon. For further information call director Jim Marron at 897-7880 or the Arts Center at 897-8545.

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State awards matching funds to Lowell Charter Township for park

... A state grant from the DNR in the amount of \$142,000 was awarded to the township toward the development of a park.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Engineers estimate that it will take \$500,000 for Lowell Charter Township to develop a park along the Grand River.

Its supervisor, John Timpson, hopes the 76-acre park site can be developed for considerably less than that.

Either way, Lowell Township is beginning to develop some capital for the Grand River Riverfront Park.

In June of last year, the township was granted \$50,000 from the Lowell Area Community Fund toward the park project.

Timpson recently received verbal confirmation from

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Clearing a Path

Dan Allchin, floor security for Flat River Antique Mall, spent a few hours clearing off the sidewalks from Saturday's blizzard which dumped 10-16 inches on West Michigan. The winter-like weather which was missing all of December made a memorable new year appearance. The storm was labeled as the worst snowstorm in nearly 30 years in West Michigan.

Fire sirens ring in new year for Lowell family

... A New Year's Day fire gutted the home (313 N. Washington) of Lowell's Renee DeBold and her three children.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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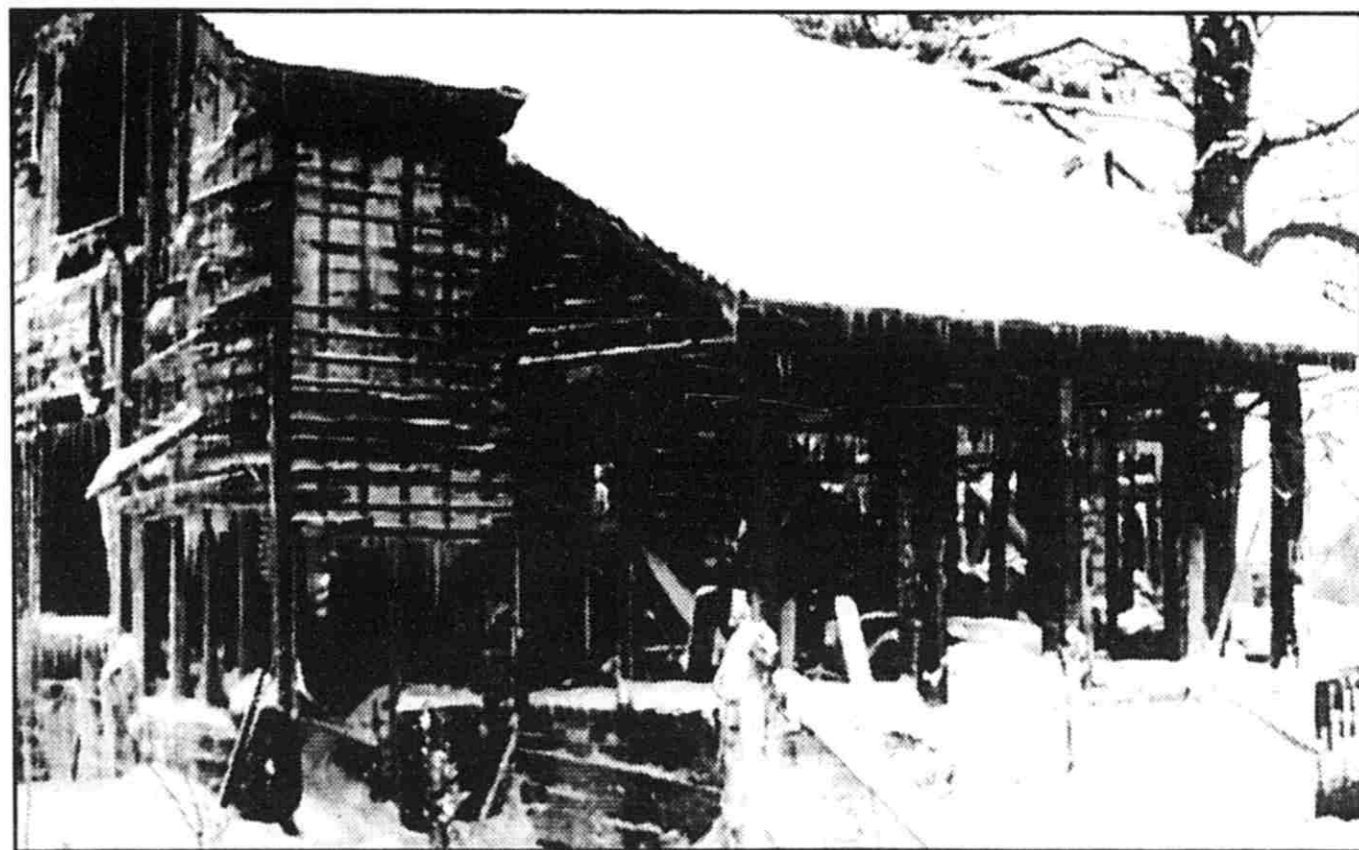
Chris, Tory and Kim barely had time to play with their new toys or model their new clothes before they were gone.

A New Year's Day fire left Renee DeBold and her three children with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

"The kids are doing better but are still pretty bummed. They are still in shock," said DeBold.

Chris and Kim returned to school Tuesday, but Tory remained home. "I left returning to school up to the kids," DeBold explained. "They were going to wear their new clothes they got for Christmas."

DeBold was next door using her neighbor's phone and her two boys were out shoveling on Friday when her daughter Kim came running out the front door yelling the house was on fire and filled with smoke.



Damage to the house at 313 N. Washington was estimated at \$70,000.

Police chief Frank Martin said it appears an electric space heater in the living room near the front of the house may have been the cause of the fire.

"Kim crawled out of the house on her knees like she was taught in school," DeBold said.

Lowell firefighters were

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OBITUARIES

ALLEN - Gregory S. Allen, aged 36, of Lowell, passed away Friday, January 1, 1999 at his residence. He was born January 27, 1962, in Greenville to Roger L. and Anna VanVlerah Allen. He was employed at Newell Manufacturing in Quality Control. He is survived by his parents Roger Allen and Anna Sisson of Stanton; his grandmother Helen Allen of Belding; his fiancée Pam Coleman of Lowell and their children Julie, Jeannie and Stephen Coleman all of Duran. He is also survived by

one granddaughter Makayla Dann; one sister Christie and John Christiansen of Stanton; one brother Rocky and Stacey Allen of San Jose, CA; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Johnson Funeral Home in Belding with Pastor Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment in River Ridge Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

BEAK - Mr. Lloyd Beak, aged 85, of Grandville,

passed away Friday, January 1, 1999. He was a founding member of St. Pius X Church and retired from General Motors. He was preceded in death by his grandsons Jason and Damon Beak. Surviving are his wife Evelyn; his children Judie (Thane) Hess of Big Rapids, Gary (Anne) Beak of Jenison; his grandchildren Melissa (Jon) Snead, Leslie Beak, Aaron Beak, Brett (Pat) Fockler, Shane Fockler; three step granddaughters Yvette, Valerie and Kristy Stanley; two great grandsons Jacob and Anthony Snead; his mother Erma Beak of Lowell; his brother Bruce Beak of Wyoming; his sister Betty Lou (Dave) Clark of Lowell. The Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Pius X Church with Fr. George Darling celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions to St. Pius X Church.

ERICKSON - Paul W. Erickson, aged 68, of Ionia, died Friday, January 1, 1999. He is survived by his children Paula (Jeff) Rittersdorf of Saranac, Denise (Dennis) Hoskin of Smyrna, Karla Erickson of Walker, Dale (Heather) Erickson of Saranac, Jason Erickson of Grandville; brothers Arthur (Betty) Erickson of Lake Odessa, John (Lucille) Erickson of Lowell, Norman (Merlena) Erickson of Barryton, Harry (Pat) Erickson of Alto, Alvin (Dorothy) Erickson of Greenville; sisters Helen McCaul of Lowell, Esther Erickson and special friend, Bernie Gray both of Lansing; two grandchildren Natasha and Breana; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

KOLLI - Lenni Kolli, aged 85, of Saranac, formerly of Stonington and Rapid River Area in the Upper Peninsula, passed away January 4, 1999, at his home. He was born July 30, 1913, in Finland, the son of John and Hilda (Eskola) Kolli. He went on to marry Evelyn M. Lorensen September 24, 1938 in Escanaba. She survives him in Saranac. He worked for the Rapid River Forest Service until he retired in 1976 after 20 years of service. He was a member of the Saranac Community Church. He is survived by one daughter Shirley and Ronald Weeks of Saranac, one sister Hilia Jacks of Florida; granddaughters Tanya and Joe Smith and Jana Weeks and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister Elsie Tyrvaainen. There will be private visitation and funeral service at a later date. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Ionia Area Hospice or Lake-wood Cemetery Fund in care of Trinity Lutheran Church. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

Henry C. Van Wyk officiating. Interment Georgetown Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holland Home Hospice.

STANLEY - Roger Scott Stanley, aged 41, of Alto, went to be with his Lord, Tuesday, December 29, 1998. He was preceded in death by his daughter Sarah-Jane, father James, and father-in-law Walter Benedict. Mr. Stanley is survived by his wife of 20 years Joyce; daughters Elizabeth and Melissa; mother Betty Stanley of Grand Rapids; sisters and brothers Jackie (Ralph) Everest of Grand Rapids, Larry (Barbara) Stanley of Memphis, Mickey (Ellen) Stanley of Brighton, Sandy (Jim) Hoom of Northville, MI; mother-in-law Marjorie Benedict of Alto; brothers-in-law Jack (Nancy) Benedict of Plymouth, MN, Tom (Brenda) Benedict of Caledonia; sister-in-law Rose (Ron) DeJonge of Cascade; many nieces and nephews. Roger was currently the varsity coach of the Swordsman's basketball team. A graduate of Forest Hills Central High School, he attained his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Michigan University. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel with Pastor George Coon and Pastor Steven Harduck officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elizabeth and Melissa Educational Trust Fund c/o Old Kent Bank. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell.

KOL - Albert Kol, aged 72, of Jenison, passed away Saturday, January 2, 1999. He was preceded in death by his wife Pearl Kol on April 3, 1987. He is survived by his children Henrietta and Frank Feenstra of Alto, Pearl and Ron Ras of Jenison, Lin and Mike Rose of Jamestown; his very special close friend and caregiver Grace Hekman of Jenison; 11 grandchildren; one great grandchild; his sister Martje (Kol) Koopman; two sisters-in-law Anneke Kol and Aaltje Kol; his in-laws Howard and Irene Atsma, Hank and Grace Vegter, Ken Neerken; many nieces and nephews. Funeral and committal services were held Tuesday at the 12th Avenue Christian Reformed Church in Jenison with Rev. Laryn Zoerhof and Rev.

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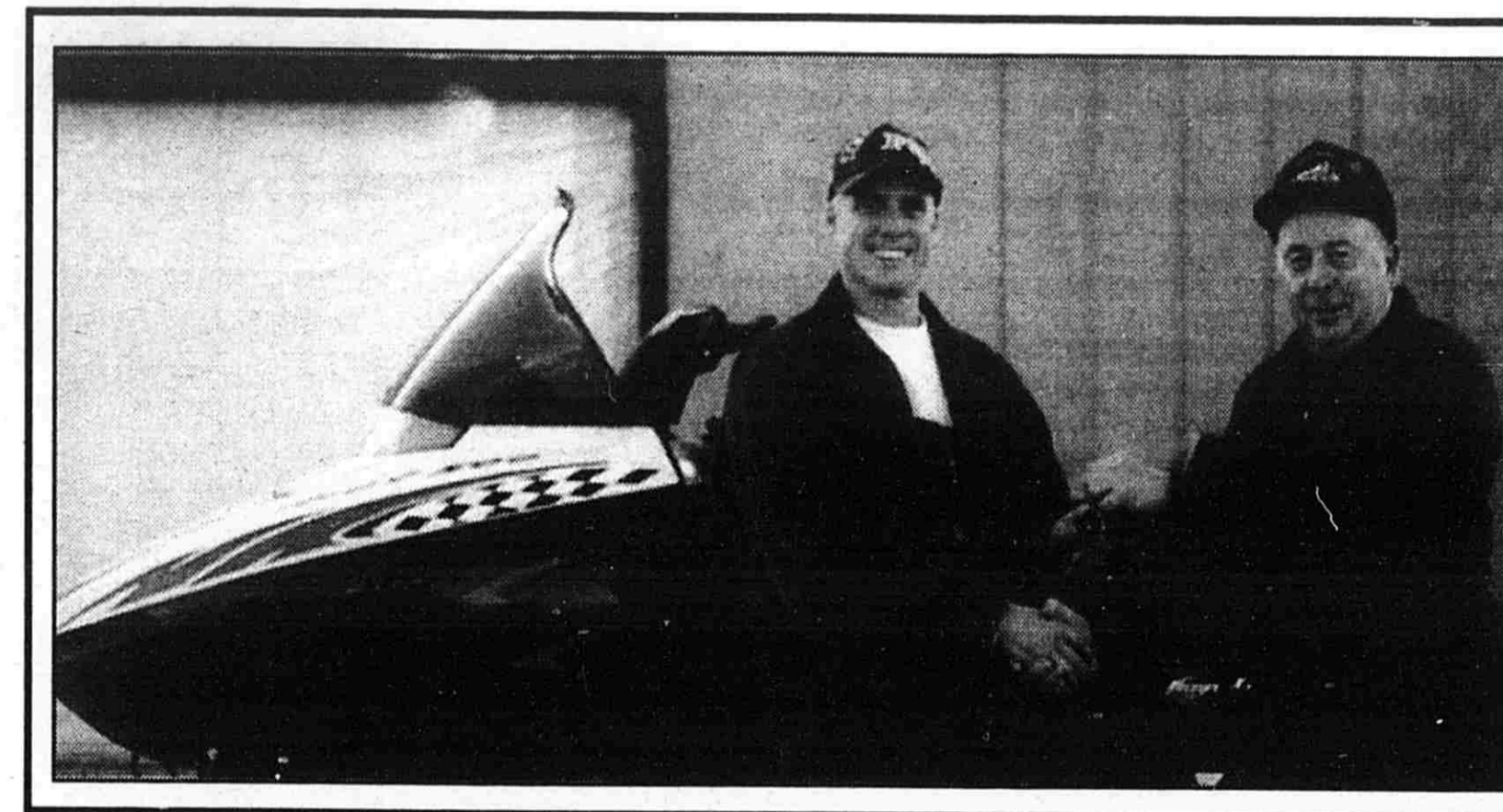
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Jenison Man Wins Snowmobile Raffle

Flat River Snowmobile Club held its first annual raffle drawing. Mayor Bill Thompson drew the three winning tickets.

Pictured: Brad Potter (right) gives first prize winner Todd Vanderlaan, of Jenison, the keys to a 1999 Polaris Indy 500 along with Triton trailer.

Second prize, \$300, was won by John Will of Stanwood (formerly of Lowell); third prize, \$200, went to Charles Vogel of Lowell.

Following the rules ensures safety on the trail for all

Whether you're a veteran or a rookie snowmobiler, follow the rules of the trail to safely enjoy the seasonal sport whose rebound in popularity has been nothing short of remarkable, advises AAA Michigan.

"Snowmobiling is a great way to enjoy Michigan in winter, but it can also be dangerous," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Without the protection of obstacle-free areas to enjoy the sport and a cushion of safety like that provided in autos, a snowmobile mishap easily leads to serious injury."

The alarming accident and death totals for last season - despite many trails being snowless - are why law enforcement and AAA safety officials caution riders to hone their safety procedures.

"Even though only the Upper Peninsula had adequate trail conditions much of last winter and the season was short, 39 persons were killed while riding in 1997-98. This is five less than the previous season of more normal snowfall, when 44 died," Basch said.

State figures show nine of the fatal accidents occurred on one of Michigan's more than 5,900 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Nearly half occurred on roadways or shoulders when snowmobilers struck obstructions or vehicles. Nine were the result of riders trying to cross unsafe ice.

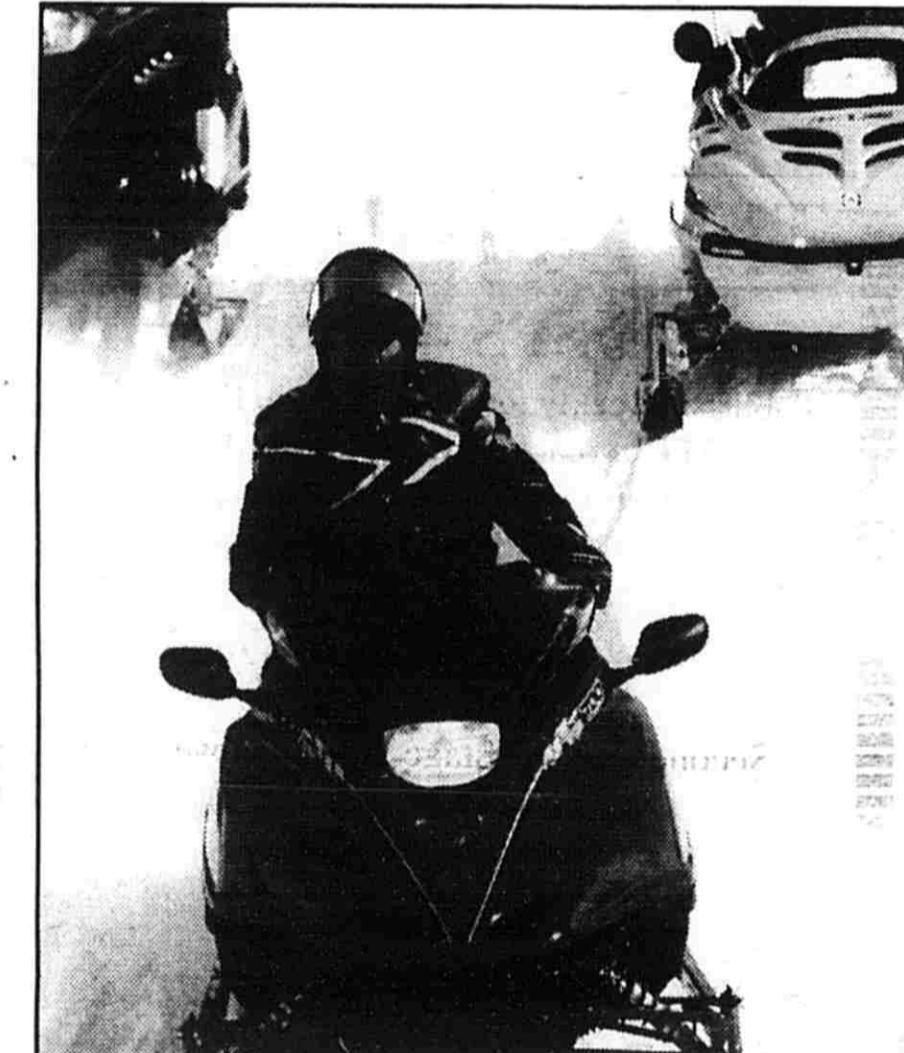
"This season, state officials are concerned that tolls could go higher as riders who couldn't use their equipment last winter look forward to predictions of good snow conditions," Basch said.

According to the Secretary of State, a veritable army of snowmobilers awaits the first major snow to blanket Michigan's countryside. As of November 3, there were 284,542 registered sleds in Michigan. That figure will likely grow as snowmobilers are re-registered.

The Michigan Snowmobile Association estimates that, except for last winter, ridership has grown by more than 20,000 each year since the 1991-92 season, pushing total registrations up 42 percent in that time. Because of the prospects for mishaps, law enforcement in Grand Traverse, Wexford and Kalkaska counties will place specially marked snowmobile patrols on heavily traveled trails.

To safeguard their fun, snowmobilers should follow these

- safety tips:
- Always wear a helmet. It's the law. Full-face helmets protect against frostbite.
 - Dress properly. Wear a snowmobile suit, boots and mittens and bring a face mask to protect against frostbite.
 - Don't snowmobile alone, especially in frigid weather, unknown areas and night. Tell someone your route and when you plan to return.
 - Carry a first-aid kit, compass, maps, GPS (Global Positioning System) and/or cell phone, matches, survival blanket, tools, rope and extra ignition key, plus some high-energy foods.
 - Stay on marked trails, or where allowed, on the right shoulder of the road. Be alert for fences, stumps and wire easily concealed by snow.
 - Stay away from river mouths and points of land where currents can leave ice dangerously thin. Do not snowmobile on ice that is not at least a solid six inches thick. Don't cross ice single file. Always check conditions locally.
 - Keep your machine in top running condition.
 - Snowmobiles are easily stolen. Take the keys when parked and chain your machine when unattended. Never leave unattended while running.



Nearly 290,000 snowmobile enthusiasts will take to Michigan's more than 5,900 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in Michigan - among the highest numbers of any state. Last winter, 39 persons were killed despite a season shortened by a lack of snow. AAA Michigan urges snowmobilers to ride safely.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ON THE RED TRASH BAG PROGRAM
Starting the week of January 4th, the red trash bags will cost \$6.00 for a roll of ten bags. These bags can be purchased at the following locations:
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Reflections

Of Faith

By: Bryan Schneider-Thomas
Alto & Bowne Center United
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Isaiah 60: 1-6
Light! It attracts more than moths. Light has the power to attract humans too. It wakes us up in the morning. It helps us with our work (and our play). It even helps keep us healthy. Is it any wonder why in the dark days of winter people head for places that are more sunny? It's not just the warmth; it's the light. It calls us to bask in its rays.

I have an adventurous friend who, with her son, has

always chased after the light. In this case it is search lights. Whenever or wherever they happen to be, if a search light is spotted, they go on the hunt to find out what is so special. For that brief moment it does not matter what needs to be done or how much work is waiting for them when they get home. They have promised each other that they will always have the time to enjoy following after the light. Just before Christmas this year, they spotted a light in the sky and off they went. They circled Grand Rapids following the light. It wasn't a direct path they took. They wandered one way and then the next following the elusive light. Many, myself included, would have given up and headed back home but they persisted. The light did not fail, but brought the curious travelers to their destination.

In a back neighborhood of Grand Rapids, the light led them to Bethlehem. Or at least as close to Bethlehem as we will find in western Michigan: a church presenting the Christmas story, complete with a search light for the star. I don't know if the church had planned it or if my friend realized it, but they were modern day magi who followed the light to the manger. This time their search had yielded much more than they could have ever imagined.

Here and now the an-

nouncement comes that there is a light that shines forth in the darkness. A light that beckons us to rise and follow as contemporary "magi" who travel, following the light to see the glory God has placed in our midst. Isaiah announces for all to hear: "Arise, shine; for your light has come." Take heart, for God has come in to our midst shattering the darkness that surrounds us and replaced it with light. This is not about the hope of an early spring and longer, warmer days, this is the hope of a light far more profound. The light that is Jesus Christ. We celebrate that God has shattered the darkness with the "Sun of Righteousness." God's son. A light far more intriguing than any spotlight we might chase, a light that calls us to follow our whole life long. A light that does not fade with the passing seasons or changing days, but shines forth before us forever more. In our search that light yields much more than we could have ever imagined for ourselves: grace love, and forgiveness. May we each have an adventurous spirit that will make us turn from our daily activities and distractions and follow the light.

AREA BIRTHS

Tom and Tammie Blackport are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Nolan Christopher Blackport. He was born Saturday, December 19, 1998, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 20 3/4 inches long. He was welcomed home by brother Thomas.

Grandparents are Ron and Donna Blackport of Grandville and Gary and Marlene Knottnerus of Lowell.

KDL Cook-A-Book combines a good read with good food

Good literature and good food can be quite a satisfying combination. That is why the Kent District Library has cooked up a program to satisfy the literary taste buds of those ages seven and up. It's called Cook-A-Book, where book-related recipes will be made and sprinkled with a pinch of delicious tales. Registration is required for this food and book program that will run at various KDL

branches throughout the month of January.

Great stories, "pizza" poems and songs about food will be featured at Cook-A-Book. Recipes will also be shared for tasty treats that may include snowbound hot chocolate, moose muffins, ants on a log, or rainbow fish Jell-O. Those who attend will make their very own chef hat to take home and wear when preparing their own gourmet feasts.

The Englehardt Branch at 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, will offer this program on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 4 p.m.

The Alto Branch at 6071 Linfield has scheduled its program for Thursday, Jan. 21 at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact either the Englehardt Library at 897-9596, the Alto Library at 868-6038 or the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

John Ball Zoo searching for volunteers

John Ball Zoo is recruiting adult volunteers (18 years or older) to serve as tour guides and exhibit interpreters, assist with special events and present animal demonstrations. Volunteering is fun and flexible. They offer weekday, weekend and evening service opportunities throughout the year to accommodate most schedules.

An informative orientation for prospective volunteers is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The session will be held in the basement of the

Circle Theatre Building, located south of the zoo entrance gate in John Ball Park.

For registration and more

information, please contact Heather Koster, volunteer manager at John Ball Zoo, 336-4310.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 7 - Lois Seese, Helga Wester, Bob Leyman, Karen Cummings.
JANUARY 9 - Jordan Potter.
JANUARY 10 - Mary Jo Vezino, Alvin Brenk I, Jared Felling.
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School Mems

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WED: Chicken nuggets, cheese potatoes, homemade dinner roll w/peanut butter, fruit selection, milk.

THUR: Pizza pocket, tater tots, assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Breakfast for Lunch: 3 French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, orange juice, warm cinnamon apple slices or fresh fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Taco w/meat & cheese, taco salad, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt, turkey wrap sandwich; choose 2: Spanish rice, corn or side salad; Johnny cake/syrup, fruit selection, milk.

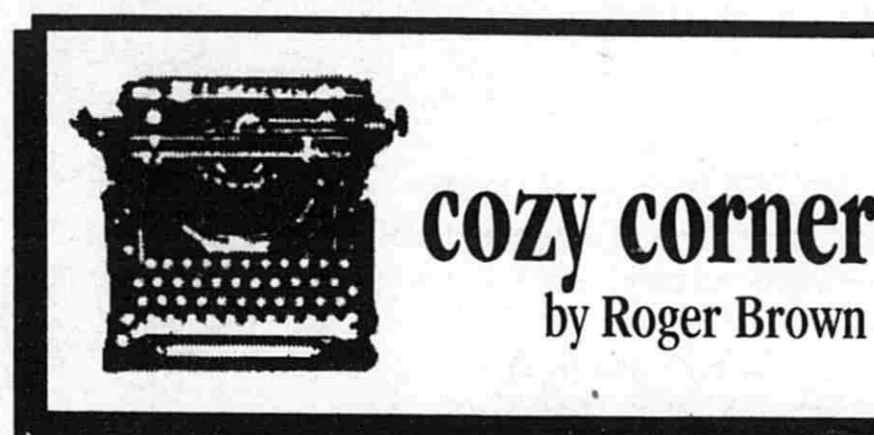
TUES: Lowell Red Arrow sub, chix patty sandwich, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; Choose 2: Veg. soup w/crackers, baked beans or side salad; oranges or canned fruit, milk.

WED: Chicken fries, BBQ pork strips, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: cheese potatoes, peas or side salad; dinner roll, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURS: Pizza pocket, turkey croissant, chef salad, cheeseburger, yogurt; choose 2: oven fries, side salad or baby carrots; assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: 1/2 day for secondary only, 6th grade through 12th grade. No lunch.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

We, meaning Terese and I, recently had a unique phone conversation with our daughter's family. They live in Arizona, and we're in Florida.

"Duh, Alexander Graham Bell," you say, "That technology has been around awhile."

Well, we made the call over the Internet. "So what do yah think, you're Bill Gates all of a sudden?" you computer geeks ask. "People have been talkin' on the Internet for years now," you might add.

Okay, top this. We made the call using our new Intel Create and Share camera pack, which allows us to make live video phone calls. My son-in-law works for Intel, and the device was our Christmas gift. Granted, it took us semi-computer-illiterate old fogeys a couple of calls to tech support to get the thing up and running. And, since tech support was closed on Christmas, we didn't get to see live coverage of Maddie, our 20-month-old granddaughter opening her gifts. That was a little disappointing. I'll also grant you that what we're generating isn't a Spielberg movie. It's not even the nightly news. However, we're pretty geeked about the whole thing.

I know. I know. In this age of technological marvels, a mere video phone call is not going to impress most of you. When we habitually see live TV coverage from anywhere, including outer space, the fact that some old grandparents are able to make faces at their granddaughter 2,000 miles away is no big deal. I don't know about you, but I'm old enough to remember telephones with no dials. You had to pick up the receiver, wait for an operator and ask for your party's three digit extension. What I'm talkin' about here was strictly science fiction.

Okay, so you're still not impressed with the uniqueness of this whole video phone thing? Then, how about this? The star of the show was not Maddie. It wasn't my daughter, son-in-law, my wife, one of the dogs, or even old grandpa. The star of our second video phone call was Zachary Ambrose "Boog" Briggs.

"Who the hell is that?" you ask. "That" is my brand new baby grandson. According to the doctors, he wasn't due until January 22nd. However, early in the morning December 30th, Angie called from the hospital and said she was in labor. About two o'clock that afternoon, Boog was a tax deduction.

Even though he was almost four weeks early by the doctor's calculations, he weighed in at a very healthy eight pounds and fifteen ounces. He was only 19 inches long, so he came into the world with plenty of meat on his bones. As my wife said, "I don't care if he did come early, I think he's soup."

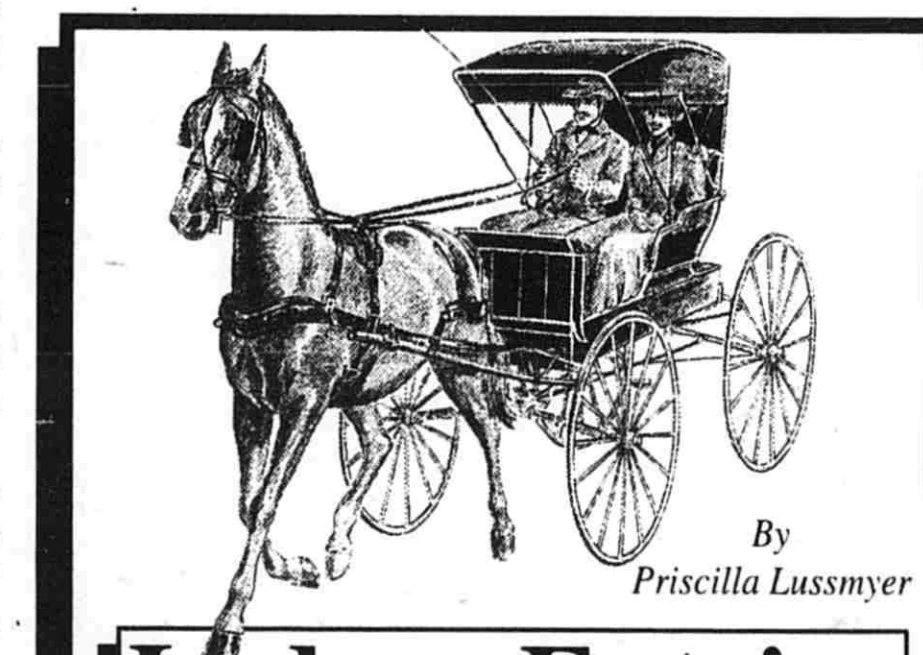
Two days later, Boog was home from the hospital and the star of our New Year's Day video phone conversation. He looks like a miniature pulling guard, sumo wrestler or fireplug. Take your pick. They zoomed in on his hereditary Brown-sized earlobes and ski-jump nose. Grandpa couldn't stop laughing. We could see him yawn and stretch and peek around at his world. We could hear him coo and burp. This video phone is pretty cool.

I suppose I should explain "Boog." An ultrasound (more science fiction) determined some months ago that the baby was a boy. Names began to be bantered about and Zachary, long for Zach, floated to the top. The Ambrose thing is the paternal grandfather's middle name. Word has it that he was never very fond of it, and isn't particularly happy about Zach being stuck with it. However, I'm sure he's secretly very proud. So, with a handle like Zachary Ambrose Briggs, this kid was in desperate need of a nickname. I took it upon myself to come up with one.

Boog Powell, the famous first baseman for the Baltimore Orioles in the 60's and 70's has always been one of my sports heroes. He was a big and rumpled kind of guy. For obvious reasons I'm into big and rumpled. Boog used to live just down the street from my home in the Florida Keys. He owned a

marina a few miles down the road. He called it "Boog Powell Marina" (real original name). Powell is my wife's maiden name. Boog was her dad's favorite ball player. "Boog" stuck. It was just a bonus that he came into the world lookin' like a Boog.

So, you may not think talkin' on the Internet is any big deal. You may not be impressed with our new video phone technology. But, you have to admit, you're just a tad bit green with envy about anyone who'd be starting off the year with a brand new baby grandson named "Boog."



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS AGO IN THE
LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - JANUARY 7, 1874
This issue is missing.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JANUARY 5, 1899
Mrs. Earl Faulkner, walking on the Lowell & Hastings track, does not hear the train whistle and is struck and breaks several bones plus other bruises and wounds. In addition she nearly drowns in a pool of water, but is rescued and expected to recover.

Six Ionia prisoners escape from the hospital where they were convalescing, by cutting through to the knit shop next door, taking a ladder and scaling the wall in the teeth of a blizzard which drowned their noise and covered their footprints. Three are captured by an Okemos farmer with a gun.

The 35th Michigan Regiment at Augusta, Georgia, trades in their Springfield rifles for the newest Krag-Jorgensens. They expect to go to Cuba soon.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - JANUARY 3, 1924

Former clerk Wm. Hartman becomes a partner with W.S. Winegar in the drug store where he has worked for 16 years.

The Troubadour Male Quartette will be the third program in the Lyceum Lecture Course. They sing and play instruments. A \$40,000 damage suit against Kent County is planned by Ionia lawyers; four high school students were killed in November when their automobile plunged through the guard rail of a bridge over Flat River and killed three. The guard rail should have been strong enough to hold the car.

Equal parts of honey and water have been found to make an efficient and cheap anti-freeze.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JANUARY 6, 1949

Hundreds of visitors from all over view the Nativity Scene at Richards Park, including about 400 who leave their cars and sign the visitor register.

Potato growers must send in their plans for 1949 by January 20 if they wish to qualify for price supports.

All postal rates go up with the new year, except first-class and penny post cards.

Keats Vining's last "Up and Down Kent County Roads" column appears. He's retired.

Several accidents are blamed on ice, including a car-transformer pole mixup that knocks out electricity in a section of Lowell for several hours.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - JANUARY 3, 1974

This issue, a small one, covered both Dec. 27, 1973, and Jan. 3, 1974. We'll see what else can be gleaned.

The Saranac page includes traffic fines and marriage licenses.

Elton R. Smith of Caledonia is re-elected president of the Michigan Farm Bureau for the eighth time.

The new water-sewer ordinance to go with the new system occupies two pages.

The "Long Year in Short Review" is: it takes up all of a column.

TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

The freedoms we enjoy as Americans were won in a revolution, tested in a civil war and defended time after time in foreign wars against aggressors who threatened our shores and our way of life.

The refrain "Land of the free and home of the brave," makes the point that freedom and bravery go hand-in-hand. But who stood fast when bravery was called for? Who held the line when courage was the determining factor between victory and defeat? And who paid with their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today? The men and women of our armed forces.

From those who faced the British musket ball to those who faced the threat of nuclear devastation, America has been fortunate in always having men and women who step forward in war and in peace to defend our country, its citizens and its institutions. Their bravery has allowed us to live in the land of the free.

But who speaks for them when they return from battle in wartime or the ramparts in peacetime? Who stands up and speaks for them in the halls of Congress, the White House and the Department of Veterans Affairs? And who speaks for their widows and orphans? For 100 years it has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Founded in 1899 by veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is dedicated to serving the needs and interests of America's 26 million veterans. Through a variety of programs and projects, the organization's 2 million members also serve their communities and our nation.

In this their centennial year, let us wish the VFW a happy 100th anniversary and best wishes for many more.

Gordon Marshall

To The Editor:

A long time ago, someone told me that the roughest job in any operation is that of front line supervisor. I agree. Collectively, the Lowell Township Planning Commission is a front line supervisor with an often trying job especially if one is concerned with the long-term implications of community planning. While that body is not without failure in the 1990s, and I can think of a big one, by and large some applause is in order. Such opinion is from actually observing and not being satisfied with newspaper accounts.

That the Planning Commission must be doing something right is the presentation on the 21st to the full board. Mr. Duane McIntyre came a considerable distance on a foul night (obviously without time to change) to give an award by the local Home Builders' Association for the township's interest in "affordable housing," a euphemism for "small," but Americans shrink from the word. I live in, and was raised in, a house

clearly below the pretentious standards of the last third of a century. Imagine only a one-car garage.

But, Mr. McIntyre went a bit off the rails. In order to play the conservative, he mentioned in passing - twice - the attitude of "government officials," presumably telling people how much land they must have and how many minimum square feet they must build. What tint are your rose colored glasses? In truth, "government officials," which Richard Headlee enjoys calling "the regulators," do it because the people in the community like it that way. Or at least the more influential constituency, translation: moneeyed.

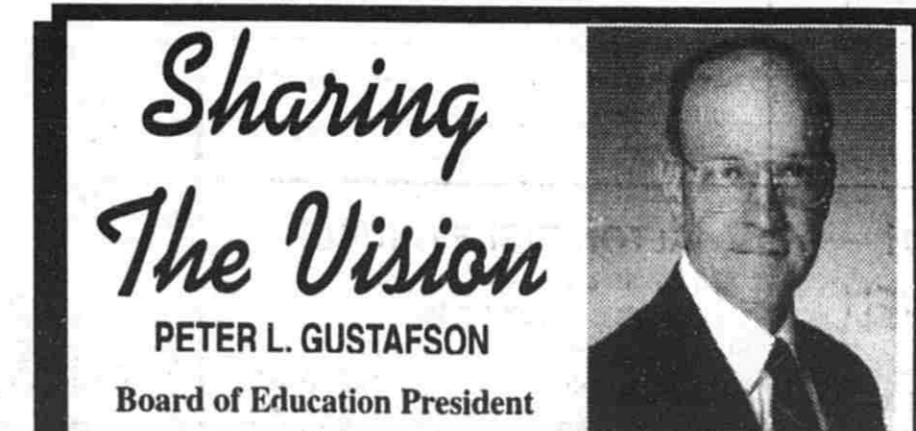
Southern Burlington County NAACP v. Township of Mt. Laurel, Supreme Court of New Jersey (1975), hit "exclusionary zoning" head on. Attacking the zoning on civil rights grounds, the plaintiffs were able to show that the local government was trying to keep a whole class of people out...in their place. Mt. Laurel lost no time in petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court (talk about sore losers), which denied certiorari and dismissed.

A similar situation popped up over in Ottawa County fifteen years ago before the Michigan Supreme Court, in Robinson Township v. Knoll, which also received national attention in the American Law Reports. At issue was the endlessly trying matter of mobile homes. The court said so sorry to the township's putting the screws to that class of cheap housing.

Now then, were the schemes which went down the judicial tubes the work of "the regulators" operating in naked contempt of the public need? Yes and no. Which "public" are we talking about? The one that votes for them or the outsiders who cannot? In any case, it appears that our local "government officials" have turned their backs on any temptation.

Hot civics flash. Congratulations to Vergennes Supervisor Wittenbach who discovered too late that there are actual duties with the post, not simply a resume decoration. One also notes the fulsome endorsement of (now) Commissioner Horton, who did not adequately check out his man's willingness to work at the job, but then right is right.

G.M. Ross

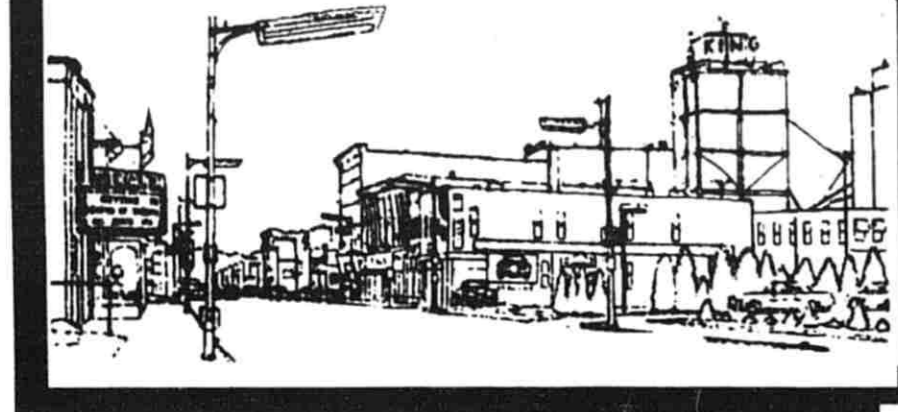


Sharing
The Vision
PETER L. GUSTAFSON
Board of Education President

As we embark on a new year, with all of the challenges and opportunities it will bring, this is an appropriate time to reflect back on the major events that have shaped the first half of the

Sharing The Vision, cont'd., pg. 15

Along Main Street



FINANCIAL AID MEETING

On Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m., Jill Nutt, director of financial aid at GRCC, will speak at the Lowell Performing Arts Center to students and parents about the process of applying for financial aid to help with college expenses.

All seniors, juniors and their parents are invited to attend this very important meeting. Parents of seniors will be submitting an application for federal Student Aid in February. Parents of juniors can get an early look at the process for the next year.

1999 JUNIOR VARSITY HOCKEY

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 7, in the Cherry Creek cafeteria for any 13-16 year olds interested in playing on the Lowell junior varsity hockey team next year.

Parents and anyone else interested in learning more about the Lowell club hockey program are also invited to attend.

EIGHTH GRADE DRAMA PLAY
The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present the play *Family Album* on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the LMS cafeteria at 750 Foreman Rd. Admission is free.

CLASS OF 1989 REUNION
A planning meeting for the Lowell High School class of 1989 reunion will be held Sunday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. at Barb

Park, cont'd.... From Page 1

the state that the township was awarded a \$142,000 state grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources toward the park's development.

Timpson hopes that an access road can be put in as soon as possible so that the six soccer fields which have already been seeded can be used this summer.

"That's the plan. We also need to put in an irrigation system and put up fences so that people can distinguish fields from drives," Timpson explained. "The access road would also provide an area for roller bladders."

Other items the initial monies will pay for include a picnic

shelter, nature trail, environmental signs, eight picnic tables, main park signs, some landscaping and gravel for the parking lot.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING RESCHEDULED

The athletic boosters meeting, which was canceled due to inclement weather, has been changed to Monday, January 11, at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

The park project includes a \$193,684 second phase and an estimated \$205,260 for a third phase.

Work which would be included in the second phase calls for another soccer field, more picnic tables, cross country skiing/running trails, and an observation or fishing deck.

Phase three would include softball fields, picnic tables, and additional parking.

House Fire, cont'd.... From Page 1

on the scene for five hours New Year's Day. They were assisted by Ada, Alto and Saranac fire departments.

DeBold and her children had lived at 313 N. Washington since 1989 and have house insurance.

They are currently staying with her boyfriend at Pebble Beach Apartments.

"We're camping out on the floor, but we need to find

another place," DeBold said.

The family dogs (Bear and Cody) both made it out of the house safely.

Community residents interested in making a contribution to the family may call Lowell First United Methodist Church pastor Gordie Barry (897-5936) for family clothing and furniture needs.

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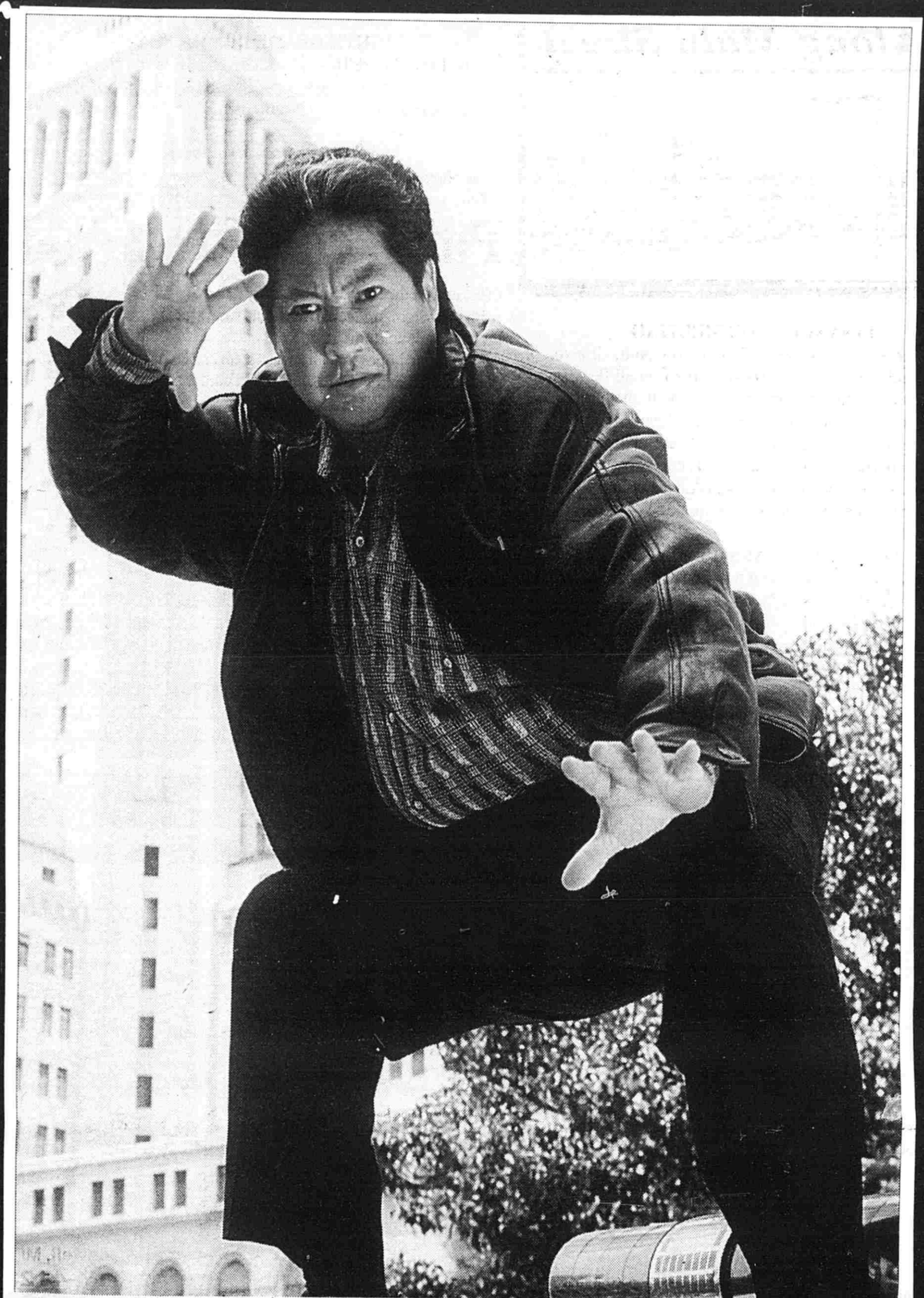
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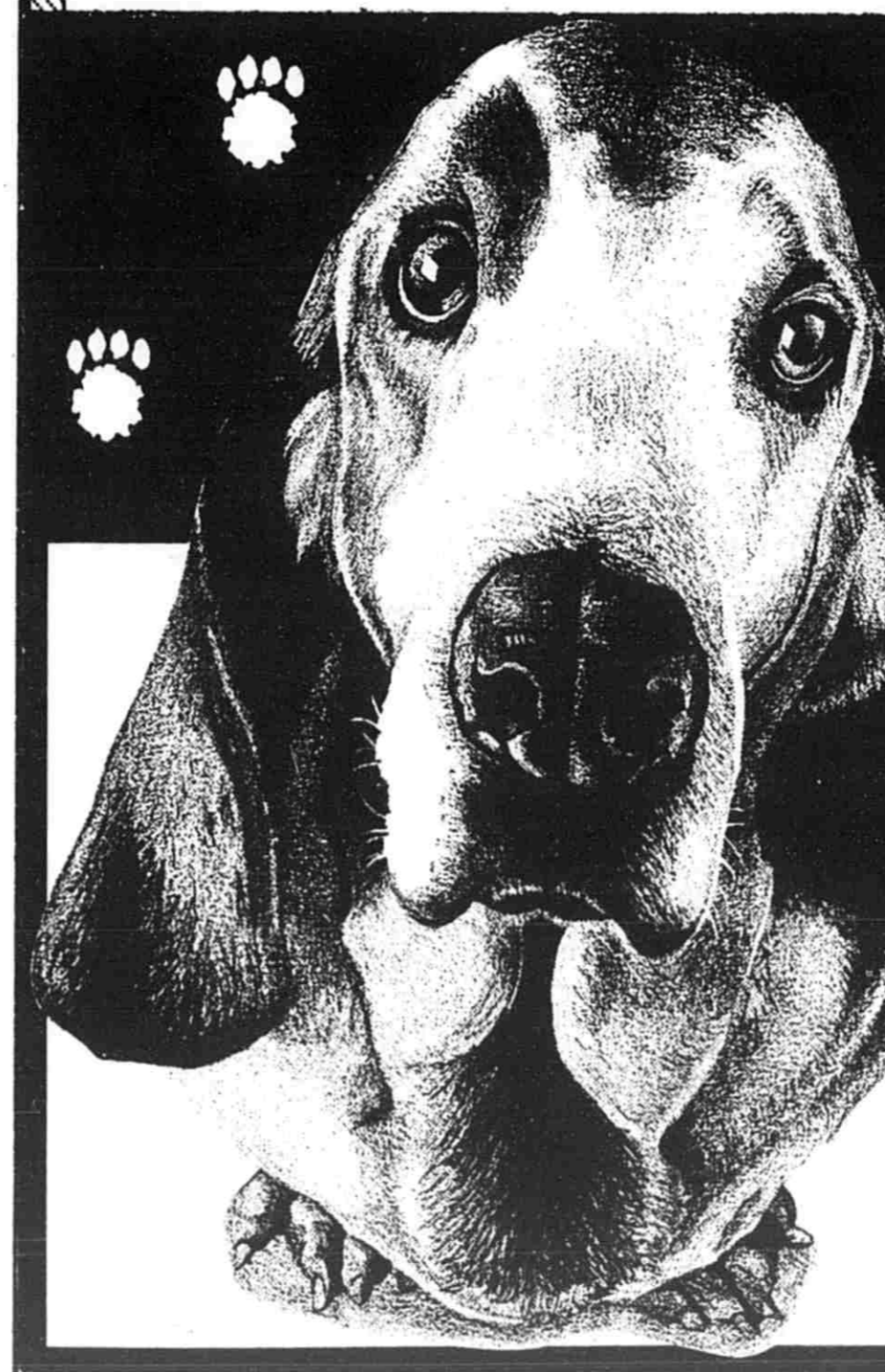
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FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8 THRU JANUARY 14

Hong Kong superstar Sammo Hung plays cop-across-the-water Sammo Law in *Martial Law*, airing Saturdays on CBS. Law is a martial-arts expert on loan to the Los Angeles police department to aid in fighting international crime. The series also stars Arsenio Hall, Louis Mandylor, Kelly Hu and Tom Wright.



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3 WWMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "Wounded Hearts" (In Stereo)	Promised Land "All in the Family" (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
4 WOVU	Extra (In Stereo)	Real TV (In Stereo)	Vengeance Unlimited (In Stereo)	Cupid "Grand Delusions" (In Stereo)	Thursday Night "Manson Girls" (In Stereo)	News	News	Nightline		
5 WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Fly Fishing	Mystery! "Cadfael" "The Pilgrim of Hale" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 3)	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)		
7 WXMI	Frasier "Han Radio"	Seinfeld "The Dog"	World's Wildest Police Videos (In Stereo) (PA)	Fox Files (In Stereo)			News	Party of Five "Rings of Saturn" (In Stereo)	Frasier "The Unnatural"	
8 WOOD	Inside Edition	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Jesse (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	Lateline (In Stereo)	ER (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
13 WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Vengeance Unlimited (In Stereo)	Cupid "Grand Delusions" (In Stereo)			Thursday Night "Manson Girls" (In Stereo)	News	Nightline	
5 FX	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "The Price"	X-Files "Young at Heart" (In Stereo)	NYPD Blue "Black Men Can Jump" (In Stereo)	M*A*S*H	Instant Comedy	X-Files "Lazarus" (In Stereo)			
DISN	Movie: ** "Pippi Longstocking" (1997), Gordon Pinsent 'G' (R)		Movie: ***½ "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (1996), Demi Moore 'G' (R)				Growing Pains	Growing Pains	Movie: "The Wacky Zoo of Morgan City" (1970) (R)	
17 TBS	Roseanne "Lobocop"	Roseanne "No Talking"	WCW Thunder		WCW Thunder		Movie: *** "Bad Boys" (1982) Sean Penn, Esai Morales.			
FAM	Show Me the Funny	New Addams Family	Life, Camera, Action	Life, Camera, Action	Movie: ***½ "American Dreamer" (1984) JoBeth Williams, Giancarlo Giannini, (In Stereo)		700 Club			
USA	Xena: Warrior Princess	The King of Assassins	Walker, Texas Ranger	"A Shadow in the Night" (R)	Movie: **** "The Godfather" (1972) (Part 1 of 2)	Marlon Brando, James Caan, (In Stereo)	New York Undercover	Outrage" (In Stereo)		
DISC	Wild Discoveries "Gorilla" (R)		Fireworks! (R)		Raging Planet "Lightning" (R)		Into the Unknown "Giant Serpents" (R)	Fireworks! (R)		
WGN	Family Matters	Family Matters	Wayans Bros.	Janie	Steve Harvey		News (In Stereo)	MacGyver "Brainwashed" (In Stereo)		
ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	PGA Golf: Sony Open - First Round, From Honolulu, (Live)					College Basketball: Cincinnati at North Carolina-Charlotte, (Live)		Sportscenter	
CNN	Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)	
NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter (R)	Brady Bunch	Wonder Years	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
A&E	Law & Order "Baby It's You" (R)		Biography "Emie Kovacs, Please Stand By" (R)	Unexplained "Buried Alive"			Polart "The Tragedy at Marsdon Manor"	Law & Order "Kids" (R)		
FSD	Detroit Red Wings	NHL Hockey: Nashville Predators at Detroit Red Wings, Joe Louis Sports Arena, (Live)					College Basketball: California at UCLA, (Live)			
TNT	ER "Day One" (In Stereo)		Movie: ***½ "A River Runs Through It" (1992), Drama) Craig Sheffer, A portrait of the relationship between a preacher's sons.				Movie: *** "The River" (1984) Mel Gibson, Scott Glenn.			
NASH	Waltons "The Fastidious Wife" (In Stereo)		Life and Times of the Judds (R) (In Stereo)		Prime Time Country (In Stereo)		Intimate Evening With Anne Murray (In Stereo)	Dallas "Olio" (In Stereo)		
TLC	Inside the Hate Conspiracy (R)		Medical Detectives	Without Warning	In Pursuit of the Holy Grail (R)		Language of the Body: Nonverbal	Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning (R)	
SCIFI	Amazing Stories	Star Trek "The Menagerie" (Part 2 of 2)			Highlander: The Series "Mountain Men" (R)		Friday the 13th: The Series "Dr. Jack" (In Stereo)	Star Trek (Part 2 of 2)		
COM	Daily Show (R)	Win Ben Stein's Money	Robin Williams: Off the Wall (R)		Movie: ***½ "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983)	Chevy Chase, Anthony Michael Hall.	Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money		
HST	20th Century "Uprising at Attica" (R)		Pyramids of Giza (R)		Arms in Action: "Mail and Plate Armor" (R)		Modern Marvels "Deep Sea Exploration" (R)	Trains Unlimited "Railroad Police" (R)		
AMC	(6:30) Movie: **** "Zorba the Greek" (1964) Drama		Movie: *** "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962), Laurence Harvey PG-13 (Violence)				Movie: *** "Big Jim McLain" (1962), Nancy Olson, James Arness			
H&G	This Old House	New Yankee Workshop	Homewatch	How's That Made?	Room for Change (R)	Designing-Sexs	21st Century Home (R)	Dream Builders (R)	Homewatch	How's That Made? (R)
LIFE	Party of Five "Much Ado" (In Stereo)		Chicago Hope "Absent Without Leave" (R)		Movie: *** "Hit and Run" (1999) Margaret Colin, Sherry Hursey.		New Attitudes (R)	Golden Girls (In Stereo)		
HBO	(6:15) Movie: ***½ "Home Alone 3" (1997) PG		Out at Work (R) (In Stereo)		Movie: ***½ "Silver" (1993) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, nudity, violence)			Inside the NFL (In Stereo)		
MAX	(6:15) Movie: ***½ "Vegas Vacation" (1997) PG		Movie: ***½ "Sudden Impact" (1983), Sondra Locke, Pat Hingle (In Stereo) R				Movie: "Wounded" (1997) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence)			"Forbidden Games II"

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JANUARY 14, 1999										
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3 WWMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Gambit" (R)							
4 WOVU	Politically Incorrect	Love Connection	Change of Heart	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
5 WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
7 WXMI	Newsradio "Shrink"	Newlywed Game	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Murphy Brown	(Off Air)			
8 WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)								
13 WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	Mad About You	News (R)	Judge Joe Brown	Married... With	Coach "Cabin Fever" (R)	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	LAPD: Life on the Beat	This Morning's
5 FX	NYPD Blue "Sorry, Wong Suspect" (In Stereo)		Bobcat's Big Show	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
DISN	Zorro (In Stereo)	Mickey Mouse Club	Movie: ***½ "Charlie, The Lonesome Cougar" (1967), Brian Russell 'NR' (R)		Movie: *** "The Great Locomotive Chase" (1956), Harry Carey Jr. (R)		Prowlers-Evr.		Mousetrap Theatre	
TBS	WCW Thunder (R)		WCW Thunder (R)		Movie: ***½ "Billy Jack" (1971, Drama) Tom Laughlin, A Green Beret champions the cause of a school for runaways.				Interstitial Fill	
FAM	Show Me the Funny (R)	Show Me the Funny (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
USA	Silk Stalkings "Pink Elephants" (R) (In Stereo)		Renegade "Partners" (In Stereo)		Movie: * "Suburban Commando" (1991) Hulk Hogan, Shelley Duvall, (In Stereo)		Sirens "The Witness" (In Stereo)			
DISC	Raging Planet "Lightning" (R)		Into the Unknown "Giant Serpents" (R)		Justice Files "Against Her Will" (R)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Even Nice People" (R)		Matlock "The Informer" (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2)		Paid Program		Movie: ** "Snow Kill" (1990) Patti D'Arbanville, Clayton Rohner, (In Stereo)			
ESPN	College Basketball: Long Beach State at New Mexico State, (Live)				Sportscenter		Up Close (R)	Racehorse Digest (R)	Billiards: WPBA Natl. Championships Semifinal	
CNN	Larry King Live (R)		Newsstand: Entertainment Weekly (R)		Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)	Showbiz Today (R)	Crossfire (R)	CNN International	Newsroom
NICK	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Newhart "Goonstruck"	Dick Van Dyke	Brady Bunch	Wonder Years	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	I Love Lucy	Bewitched
A&E	Biography "Emie Kovacs: Please Stand By" (R)		Unexplained "Buried Alive" (R)		Polart "The Tragedy at Marsdon Manor"		Law & Order "Kids" (R)		Movie: *** "Go for Broke!" (1951), Lane Nakano	
FSD	College Basketball	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		Last Word (R)		Ultimate Fan League		Movie: *** "Go for Broke!" (1951), Lane Nakano	
TNT	(10:45) Movie: *** "The River" (1984) Mel Gibson, Scott Glenn.		Movie: *** "Cold Sassy Tree" (1989) Faye Dunaway, Neil Patrick Harris.				Movie: ***½ "Oklahoma Crude" (1973) George C. Scott, John Mills.			
NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Hughie Hoggs Strikes Again"		Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)		Intimate Evening With Anne Murray (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
TLC	In Pursuit of the Holy Grail (R)		Language of the Body: Nonverbal		Inside the Hate Conspiracy (R)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
SCIFI	(11:30) Star Trek "The Menagerie" (Part 2 of 2)		Highlander: The Series "Mountain Men" (R)		Friday the 13th: The Series "Dr. Jack" (In Stereo)		Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "La Strega"		Paid Program	Paid Program
COM	Saturday Night Live		Margaret Cho (R)	Daily Show (R)	Movie: ** "Fraternity Vacation" (1985) Stephen Geofreys, Cameron Dye.		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
HST	Pyramids of Giza (R)		Arms in Action: "Mail and Plate Armor" (R)		Modern Marvels "Deep Sea Exploration" (R)		Trains Unlimited "Railroad Police" (R)		Pyramids of Giza (R)	
AMC	Movie: **** "Zorba the Greek" (1964), Drama) Anthony Quinn, A Greek laborer takes the heir to a mine under his wing.		Movie: *** "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962), Laurence Harvey PG-13 (Violence)				Movie: "Big Jim McLain"			
H&G	Room for Change (R)	Dream Builders (R)	This Old House (R)	New Yankee Workshop	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
LIFE	Golden Girls (In Stereo)	Unsolved Mysteries (In Stereo)	Comish "Who Do You Trust?" (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
FSD	Sopranos "The Sopranos" (R) (In Stereo)		Movie: ***½ "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" (1997) A journalist investigates a murder case in Savannah, Ga. R		Movie: *** "Dressed to Kill" (1980), Michael Caine, Nancy Allen R					
MAX	(11:35) Movie: "Forbidden Games II" (1997) NR		Movie: ***½ "Crimetime" (1996) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, violence)				Movie: ***½ "Ryan's Daughter" (1970) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, brief nudity)			

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"Find the most comfortable position; seated, stretched out, curled up, or lying flat...stretch your legs, go ahead and put your feet on a cushion, on two cushions, on the arms of the sofa, on the wings of the chair, on the coffee table, on the desk, on the piano, on the globe. Take your shoes off first...adjust the light so you won't strain your eyes. Do it now, because once you're absorbed in reading, there will be no budging you."

That is the most accurate statement I have ever found about getting ready to read. And I found just the perfect example of that kind of "no budging" book. It came as a gift to me with a big smile and the words of introduction - "This is a Joanie book if I ever saw one. Happy reading, friend."

A *Passion for Books* by Terry W. Gaspey is not a very large book but it seems like it possesses volumes of memories of books read in the past. The quotations are richly inserted in just the right places. The Victorian etchings and photographs are another means of bonding the reader to this little volume of recollections. Another quote from Calvino gives a hint of what it's all about when he says, "A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say."

So many times as I was reading I heard myself musing aloud over a paragraph, a page, or a whole section. It was a delightful joy. Often its discoveries made me think of people of like passion who would be thrilled with such a gift. The sections of the book trumpet excitement making one wonder what treasures are in each one, just waiting to be discovered. The first one - *A Love Affair with Books* and then in sequence: *A Place to Read, Our Childhood Companions, No Place Like a Bookstore, The Lure of Libraries, Happiness Is a Bound Book, Friends for Life* and lastly, *Books as Spiritual Companions*.

Every end table or desk or countertop somewhere in my home seems to have been covered with books of some kind the last two months, but it is this little volume I choose to write about. Valentine's Day is just around the corner (can you believe it?) and a gift like this book to one who has a like passion for books would be ideal. Check into Kregels, Bakers, Schulers or Barnes and Nobles book stores. Some have them on the shelf, others will order it.

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Sharing The Vision, continued...From Page 5

1998-99 school year. We began last summer with significant personnel changes in the district. Departing were elementary principals Lou Dudek and Bill Markovich. Stepping into their shoes were Maureen Dorough as principal at Cherry Creek and Karen Burd as principal at Bushnell.

Both Maureen and Karen have been outstanding ne leaders in our district and have invigorated their school buildings. At the senior administrative level, we lost our longtime assistant superintendent Dick Korb, who left to head up a district in Massachusetts, but we gained the expanded services of Connie Gillette, who was promoted to assistant superintendent for finance and personnel. Connie's excellent work is reflected in the smooth and efficient operation of our business office, the successful audit completed by the outside auditors. The attention of Connie and her staff to the district's budget has enabled us to improve our fund balance during a time of uncertainty concerning funding of public education in Michigan.

At the board level, newly elected Pat Nugent joined the board as the school year began, and has proved to be a bright, energetic, capable and creative member-befitting his achievement as a former class valedictorian of Lowell High School.

And our other "newer" board member, Jim Reagan, was blessed with the arrival of his new son, Jacob. On a very sad note, our community lost a great leader with the passing of Gary Rivers.

As the year moved forward, the work of the demographics and community pool committees progressed, and the district undertook a forward-looking character and diversity program for staff members and administrators. The board took action on a number of important issues, including the adoption of weighted grading at the high school, declaration of a smoke free environment for all school facilities, and approval of the soft drink marketing programs as a participant with other KISD schools.

In short, it has already been an eventful year, and we are only halfway through. No one can predict the future, but you can be sure that our district will be back to business, refreshed and reinvigorated by the welcome holiday break, and ready to tackle new challenges in the last 12 months of this century (as soon as we can plow out from mother nature's January surprise).

From all of us to each of you, have a happy and prosperous 1999!

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Begin any exercise program by starting slowly and gradually increasing the duration and intensity. Pick an aerobic exercise that you enjoy and can stick with. Walking, running, biking, aerobic dance and others use large muscles and will increase your aerobic capacity.

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Target heart rate - (220-age) x 70%

Therefore a 40 year old would try to reach a target rate of (220-40) x 70% or 125 beats per minute.

If you are just starting an exercise program, remember to start slowly. Begin with 10 minutes of exercise at a pace that you feel comfortable with. Gradually increase the duration of the exercise by a minute or two each week until you're exercising for 30-50 minutes three to five times per week. It will take six to eight weeks for fitness to improve. You'll be surprised not only in the improvement in your weight, but by how good you'll feel.

Anyone with a chronic cardiovascular disorder should probably see their physician before beginning a strenuous aerobic exercise program, but almost everyone, even after heart bypass surgery, will benefit from some form of exercise.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1998.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Blough, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy Clerk Betty Morlock, Planning Commissioner James Hall, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden and Police Chief James Valentine.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BLOUGH that the minutes of the regular and closed sessions meeting of December 21, 1998 be approved as written. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (01/04/98)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 102,365.90
MAJOR STREET FUND	6,201.79
LOCAL STREET FUND	1,529.16
DDA FUND	10,980.23
AIRPORT FUND	2,119.03
WASTEWATER FUND	28,960.14
WATER FUND	1,319.69
EQUIPMENT FUND	528.67
CURRENT TAX	1,942.49
LEE FUND	1,627.35

Item #1. KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT - COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 1999. As recently carried out for the Lowell Area Schools, the Kent Intermediate School District had requested the City collect summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the KISD's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposits before distributing these monies.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to approve the continuing resolution to collect 1999 summer property taxes for Kent Intermediate School District. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 741 GRINDLE - MARK OSBURN - DIVISION OF LOT VARIANCE - PUBLIC HEARING. As Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Shores stated Mark Osburn petitioned to divide a lot located at 741 Grindle so that a residence in back can be built. The applicant proposed a 33 foot wide easement for access. The lot is 326.5 feet in width. With Suburban Residential zoning, 165 feet of width is required for each lot. Thus, a variance had been requested.

Mr. Osburn stated the present topography of the lot plus the current structures did not lend toward splitting the property another way.

At its November 23, 1998 meeting, the Planning Commission voted 3 to 3 on the variance (FOR: Brubaker, Barry and Harding. AGAINST: Hall, Pipe and Jahnke.) The reasons for and against the variance were provided to the ZBA.

City Manager Pasquale stated Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Brubaker was unable to attend the meeting. Brubaker provided a memo explaining reasons for granting the variance based on the six criteria provided in the Zoning Ordinance. Planning Commissioner James Hall submitted a memo outlining the reasons

against the variance request. A letter of support was received from Tracy Mullins of 901 Grindle.

During the public hearing, Osburn stated a driveway could not be placed on the south side due to runoff of water.

Boardmember Blough believed the ditch provided exceptional or extraordinary circumstances of conditions to the property. Hall believed the ditch could be filled in. Blough responded the ditch on the property is part of a major drain which comes from Grindle. He noted filling the ditch would cause problems with drainage on the parcel.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by GREEN to approve the variance request at 741 Grindle allowing division of the lot with a 33 foot wide easement for access based on the meeting of the six criteria as provided by Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Brubaker.

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

Item #3. VACATION OF OLD DIAGONAL SECTION OF BOWES ROAD - PUBLIC HEARING. City Manager Pasquale stated the old diagonal section of Bowes Road has been proposed for vacation. The roadway would be split between Grand Rapids Gravel (on the south) and Lowell Motor Inn, Sam's Service Center and William Sanborn, owner of residence at 2401 Bowes Road (on the north). The City would retain a utility easement as well as a portion of right of way for the new west side entrance sign.

Councilmember Shores asked what would happen to the old section of Bowes Road. City Manager Pasquale stated Bowes Road would be considered a private drive. Once the street is vacated, the road would not be maintained by the City.

Councilmember Myers believed every time the City vacates property, it is given away. But, when acquiring property, the City must pay for it. Mayor Thompson stated the road is being vacated due to property taxes. He added the property would not be buildable. Thompson did not want this property developed as park land.

Councilmember Myers asked if the property taxes would increase after the vacation. Thompson responded the value of the property would be discussed.

Councilmember Green requested a memo be provided on each property owner stating whether the property taxes have increased.

Planning Commissioner Hall suggested the City not vacate the parcel. He thought this could be a natural connection between the sidewalks on Main Street and Bowes Road. Mayor Thompson questioned if the City would have to maintain this area, if it was not vacated. City Manager Pasquale responded yes.

Councilmember Green requested City Attorney Richard Wendt review the property acquisition agreement made with Grand Rapids Gravel. Green stated Wendt should also review whether or not the City has to maintain this as an existing road.

Councilmember Green said the taxable value of the property should be discussed at the next City Council meeting.

This matter was tabled until the January 4, 1999 meeting.

Item #4. REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN REMOVING TREE AT 519 E. MAIN BY FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES. Roger LaWarre, representing Flat River Outreach Ministries, stated there have been many improvements to the appearance of 519 E. Main, using funds received from the community. The structure, which originally housed First Baptist Church, will be used to service the community with a Thrift Shop and Emergency Food Pantry.

LaWarre stated a tree located on the property needs to be removed. He asked if the City could pay for half of the removal cost. LaWarre believed the City would also benefit from this.

Mayor Thompson asked if part of the tree was on City property. City Manager Pasquale stated no, but the tree roots are pushing the sidewalk up.

Councilmember Myers questioned the quote of \$ 1,750. LaWarre stated this was received from Poortenga Tree Service, the only estimate received. Thompson suggested the organization seek three quotes.

Councilmember Myers believed this should be a community activity.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to participate with Flat River Outreach Ministries to remove the tree located at 519 E. Main St. The City would contribute 50% of the lowest of three bids. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. REQUEST TO INCREASE TRASH COLLECTION RATE BY DENNY'S DISPOSAL. City Manager Pasquale met with Dennis and Brent Goodsell of Denny's Disposal regarding an unanticipated increase in landfill cost of 25% effective January 1, 1999. They have requested an increase in the per bag cost. Currently the cost for picking up red bags is 80¢ with the resident paying 50¢ and the City paying 30¢. A bundle of bags cost \$5.00. The Goodsells have requested a 10¢ per bag increase to 90¢.

City Manager Pasquale recommended to the Council the 10¢ per bag increase be given to the residents costing 60¢ per bag or \$6.00 per bundle of ten. He noted there has not been an increase in bags since the "red bag" program was initiated in February, 1994. Pasquale said the recycling and composting programs would not be affected.

Councilmember Myers asked when the contract was approved with Denny's Disposal. Pasquale believed the new contract was approved in September being effective October 15, 1998. Myers believed this should have been discussed at the time of the contract renewal. He stated he was not in favor of the increase.

Councilmember Green read a letter from Pitsch Landfill stating this was notification of a rate increase effective January 1, 1999. Green felt Denny's Disposal was not responsible for the 25% increase.

Councilmember Blough believed Denny's Disposal should have questioned Pitsch Landfill regarding a rate increase. Blough was opposed to a rate increase being given to the residents.

Blough questioned the number of bags picked up in the City each year. Pasquale was unsure but stated an estimated amount is added to the budget each year.

Councilmember Shores felt the contract with Denny's Disposal was reasonable and did not believe this would be a problem.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the per refuse bag of 10¢ to 90¢ with Denny's Disposal, having the residents pay 60¢ and the City 30¢. YEA: 3. (Councilmembers Green, Shores and Mayor Thompson) NAY: 2. (Councilmembers Blough and Myers) ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO PROVIDE ICE SKATING FACILITY. Councilmember Green stated the Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended to the City Council to provide an ice skating facility at Richards Park. Green stated Bruce Walter of 606 Riverside has asked for help from City employees to establish and maintain the area for ice skating.

Councilmember Green stated the cost of the facility is still being determined.

Councilmember Myers asked if the City would need to provide materials for the rink. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden responded the DPW would provide most of the hand tools needed. He noted a small shed is needed for equipment storage. The shed would cost \$500-\$1000.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the location of Richards Park for the outdoor ice skating facility. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

OK White wrestling gladiators expect another classic confrontation

Lowell and Forest Hills Central wrestling teams meet again on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills. A crowd of over 700 spectators is expected.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills has won the last three dual wrestling matches against Lowell.

The Red Arrows won the OK White Conference wrestling tournament last year.

Both schools, arguably, sport stronger teams this year than in each of the last three years.

This makes for a spirited reunion between these two rivalries when they meet Thursday night (7:30 p.m.) at Forest Hills Central.

"It makes for good wrestling when two quality teams go at it. The Lowell wrestling program has a great tradition and

we respect that," said Ranger wrestling coach Dave Mills. "I just hope the weather holds up."

The two teams have one common opponent in Grandville. Both the Rangers (49-21) and Red Arrows (40-30) defeated the Bulldogs.

Both coaches agree little can be determined by the scores. "I really don't think there is any carry over based on how both clubs did against Grandville," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc said. "It comes down to how well a club matches up with another team."

Mills concurred. "The matchups are different. I also know Lowell did not have one of its wrestlers (Oesch) in its lineup against Grandville," he explained.

The two coaches differ on one thing. Mills says Lowell's win at the conference tournament last year gives it some momentum.

Strejc says Central's three consecutive dual match wins are not reason for concern but reason for motivation for his team.

"Any time two quality teams battle, those things don't matter. In a rivalry like this, throw all of that out the window. We will put our best lineup out there and see what the score is at the end of the match," Strejc says.

Last year over 700 spectators watched Central win a 34-33 decision at Lowell.

"Both of these schools have a great following. This is a fun rivalry which epitomizes the spirit of the sport," Strejc said.

Mills does not believe any one or two matches will be more important than the others. "They are all important," he said.

Strejc adds that there are swing-matches. "The match will come down to who wins those matches and which club gets more pins," he explains. "There is also an uncontrollable factor that cannot be factored in. One of the two teams will benefit from that."

Both coaches are also outstanding wrestlers.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Thompson believed there would be less damage done to the rink, if more people from the community were involved. He felt it was unfair to ask the DPW employees to volunteer their time. DesJarden thought it would be difficult for City employees to volunteer when they are snow plowing.

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

Chief of Police James Valentine believed the program would work better with volunteers. He thought people cared more about it when involved.

Councilmember Shores stated the youths of the community could also work on this project.

Mayor Thompson questioned what equipment was needed. DesJarden responded a frost freeze hydrant is required, costing \$300 - \$400. A shed is an additional \$500-\$1,000. Councilmember Green noted the shed could be moved from the park during the summer months

Item #9. MONTHLY REPORTS. Councilmember Green asked when the Council would receive a report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. City Manager Pasquale stated a report would be issued at the January 11, 1999 meeting. No further comments were received on the monthly reports.

Item #10. CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.

Item #11. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores stated it has been an interesting year and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Councilmember Blough wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a good new year.

Councilmember Green stated his congratulations to Councilmember Blough as he has completed his first year as a Councilmember. Green wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Thompson stated he spoke with Rite-Aid concerning their neglected building at 413 E. Main. Rite-Aid responded that removal of the deteriorating canopy would begin immediately.

Mayor Thompson felt 1998 was a great year. He thanked all the boardmembers, volunteers, city employees, management and the taxpayers. Thompson stated there is much to be grateful for and Lowell is a great place to live.

Mayor Thompson had concerns regarding Litehouse/Chadalee Farms having wastewater problems, which were recently published. Pasquale stated this would be discussed at the January 11, 1999 work session. He stated a memo would be provided regarding the situation, as requested by Mayor Thompson.

At this time, Bruce Walter arrived at the meeting. Mayor Thompson explained to Mr. Walter what had been discussed on the ice rink. Walter did not care of the proposal of volunteers caring for the rink.

Valentine stated the football players from the Lowell Area Schools may be able to be involved with the upkeep of the rink.

Councilmember Blough stated Mark Russell of the Parks and Recreation Commission, who is also an assistant football coach, may be able to coordinate volunteers.

Walter stated Electrical Inspector Lyle Lester, has been contacted regarding having an electric heater installed in the shed. Mayor Thompson stated port-a-jons are also needed. No further action was taken.

Item #12. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale stated the following:

- 1998 was a very productive year. The following is a listing of major accomplishments undertaken by the City:
 - completion of Creekside Pedestrian Path to Foreman Road,
 - completion of M-21 improvements in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Kent County Road Commission,
 - filling of old millrace across M-21 by the Flat River,

- widening of the M-21 Hudson intersection,
- milling and repaving of M-21 from the East County line to Valley Vista,
- streetscape improvements along both sides of M-21 from Broadway to Lincoln Lake,
- installation of West Main sidewalks from West Street to the City Limits,
- initiation of grant program (through the Lowell Area Community Fund) by the Downtown Historic District Commission to repair and restore buildings,
- vacation of Water Street to King Milling and selling a portion of Recreation Park to Michigan Wire which promoted vehicular safety to the park and provided better access for the industries,
- renovations completed to 113 Lafayette (old NAPA building),
- three pavilions at Creekside and Stoney Lakeside Parks constructed,
- completion and approval of City Hall-Police Station Design Study - Council decision to proceed,
- approval of new three year contract with Lowell Police Officers Association,
- purchase of new accounting software and equipment,
- scheduling of a Goal Setting Session in January for the City Council and Department Heads.

- The following meeting minutes were provided:
 - Chamber of Commerce meeting of November 11
 - Grand Valley Metro Council - Transportation meeting of November 18
 - Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of November 18
 - Downtown Development Authority meeting of November 19
 - Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of November 14
 - Cable TV Board meeting of December 1
- The Kent County Community Development Department has projected that the City will have \$41,989.60 in CDBG funds for the next fiscal year. Pasquale proposed this be allocated toward the completion of West Main Street sidewalk project.

- Pasquale noted Jim Marfia's current salary was incorrectly given at the last meeting. His City wages are \$25,600, not \$24,600. Thus the proposed increases for 1999 (\$26,625) and 2000 (\$27,690) calculate to 4% as authorized by the Council.
- Rite Aid was contacted concerning the canopy which must be removed at the old store site on East Main. Their response for the removal "fell through the gaps." But, immediately Rite Aid made plans to carry this out. The canopy is in process of removal, as noted by Mayor Thompson. Thus, the City does not have to contract for this work.

Note also that Mayor Thompson and Pasquale have talked to Rite Aid officials about the lack of care and attention regarding the East Main store.

6. Pasquale wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Item #13. APPOINTMENTS. A vacancy on the Airport Board (replacing Joe Mark) was noted.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, January 4, 1999

William F. Thompson, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

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.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

FIRST MONDAY: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

EVERY THIRD MONDAY: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting from 9:45 a.m. - noon at Saranac Community Church. Pre-register. Childcare provided. 642-6322. Begins in Sept.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

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 Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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 1030, for boys 11 & 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 MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUESDAYS: Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

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

EVERY FOURTH TUES.: Showboat Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Flat River Antique Mall.

TUES. & THURS: Flat River Running Club, 7 p.m. at Fallasburg Park-main parking lot, during summer months starting June 23. For more information call Mike Wojciakowski, 691-7455.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Freenursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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 St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline), 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 south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

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

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimer's Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

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.

THURSDAYS: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Lowell Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before and after meetings. New members are invited to join at anytime. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

FIRST THURSDAY: 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For

more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 10 a.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Lowell. Call Janet 897-6845 or Rebecca 897-6734 for more information.

THURS., JAN. 7: There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. in the Cherry Creek cafeteria for any 13-16 year olds interested in playing on the Lowell junior varsity hockey team next year. Parents and anyone else interested in learning more about the Lowell club hockey program are also invited to attend.

DEADLINE FRI., JAN. 15: Parents, we need pictures of your seniors for the senior video - they can be anything from individual to group shots, baby pics to current. Please turn them into the school office or the media center. The video will be available at the senior all-night party in May.

WED., JAN. 6: 7 p.m., financial aid meeting at the Lowell Performing Arts Center about the process of applying for financial aid to help with college expenses. All seniors, juniors and their parents are invited to attend this very important meeting. Parents of seniors will be submitting an application for federal Student Aid in February. Parents of juniors can get an early look at the process for the next year.

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.

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

ENGLERHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH: West Mich. Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, 7 p.m., Discovery Rm. Contact Danni Smith, 897-2544.

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FULL-TIME INTERIOR DESIGN/DECORATOR POSITIONS - available in a retail home furnishings setting. We're looking for mature, self-motivated, career minded, aggressive individuals who have experience or would like to experience working in an exciting retail environment & are TEAM players. If qualified in the above & interested, please send resume to Fuller's Furniture, 334 W. Main Street, Ionia, MI 48846. Attn: Joe or stop by with resume in hand.

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LAB PUPPIES - AKC chocolate, yellow, parents on premises, shots, ready Feb. 1, \$400. Call 897-0647.

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FOR SALE - 1985 Cadillac DeVille, 2 door, runs good, body in good shape, \$1,400 o.b.o. Call 897-0463.

FOR SALE - CD/stereo/cassette & turn table, 3' speakers, glass door/storage, excellent condition, \$125; Sega Genesis with 14 games, Aura interactors, game genie, 2 controllers, all hook-ups, \$100; also small countertop CD/stereo/cassette player, all excellent condition, \$45. Phone 616-642-9926.

FOR SALE - House/cottage near Campau Lake. 1 bedroom, new windows, roof, siding & water heater, appliances included. Caledonia Schools. Asking \$68,000. Please call 616-868-6153.

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1800 BALES OF NICE 3RD CUTTING ALFALFA - no rain, not kicker bales. Eves, 363-9738.

FOR SALE - Firewood, hardwood, split & covered. \$75 a cord. Call 897-8487.

FOR SALE - 1992 Grand Voyager, excellent condition, new trans., brakes. \$5,600. Call 676-9010.

STRAW FOR SALE - \$2.50 a bale. Call 868-2037.

FOR SALE - 1988 Corsica, \$800 o.b.o. Call 897-1733.

FIREWOOD - Oak & cherry, \$100 a cord, cut, split & delivered. 897-4858.

FOR SALE - Race car, circle track. Call for details. 642-9189.

14 FT. ALUMINUM FISHING BOAT WITH TRAILER - 7.5 Mercury motor, folding seats, fish finder and battery, \$900 o.b.o. Call 691-7376.

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ROOM FOR RENT - Own bath & kitchen, S. of Saranac. \$280/month with utilities. One person; no pets/smoking. 616-642-6240.

LOST

LOST ON 12-29 - Rottweiler/German Shepherd-mix, 5 month old pup. Black w/some brown, wearing fluorescent yellow collar. Answers to Missy. Area of Burroughs & M-91. Call 642-0133.

FOUND

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FOUND DOG - Brown & black, large hound, near Murray Lake area. Call 785-9338 or pager 680-4637.

FOUND SMALL DOG - at carpool by 196 in Lowell. Call 897-8619 and identify.

EVENTS

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ROOMMATES WANTED - 3 bedroom nice trailer in Lowell to share with roommate or mates. Call 897-5028.

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ROOM FOR RENT - Own bath & kitchen, S. of Saranac. \$280/month with utilities. One person; no pets/smoking. 616-642-6240.

Hahn leaves generous gifts in his estate for area organizations

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bob Hahn, who died in March of '98, left a fond farewell gift to four organizations he enjoyed and respected.

The former Lowell grocer left gifts of \$10,000 each in his estate for the Lowell Rotary, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Lowell Masonic Lodge #90 and the Kent County Humane Society.

"It was an idea my grandfather developed late in the game," said Hahn's grandson Bob Hahn from his home in San Francisco. "This way, each organization might use the money as seed money for something it wanted but couldn't afford."

Lowell Rotary president Scott Carpenter said the or-

ganization, of which Hahn was a charter member, had not yet decided how it would use the money. Serious thought is being given toward an Invest-In-Youth scholarship in his name.

Lowell Rotary was founded in 1935. Hahn was the last surviving charter member.

Roger LaWarre, pastor of the Lowell First Congregational Church, felt the church would use the gift as seed money toward a youth ministry.

Lowell Masonic Lodge's worshipful master, John Cromartie, said the organization will spend a percentage on improving the facility.

Over the last 5-7 years, Hahn's grandson said his grandfather had adopted a lot of stray cats.

"Because of this, he elected to leave money to the Kent County Humane Society," Hahn explained.

The money will be used

for the daily nuts and bolts operation of feeding, supplies and medical expenses.

"In reading a letter from his grandson, I felt this is

where Mr. Hahn would have wanted the money spent," said Rich Meyer, Kent County Humane Society executive director.

Hahn, 98, died in March at the Home of Hope Hospice in Grand Rapids from complications of congestive heart failure.

Public hearing set for allocation of CDBG

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Walk this way!
Lowell residents will be able to walk west on Main Street all the way to the Bowes Road following the completion of sidewalk on the south side of West Main St.

The sidewalk work which is completed on the north side is expected to be completed on the south side this summer.

Lowell City Council set a public hearing for Jan. 19 at

which time they will allocate Community Development Block Grant funds toward the use of the project.

There is \$41,989.60 available in federal Community Development Block Grant funds for various community projects beginning July 1.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale will recommend that \$39,989.60 of the funds be distributed toward completion of the West Main sidewalk improvement project and that North Kent Transit for senior

citizens and the handicapped riders receive \$2,000.

The completion of the sidewalk project is expected to cost between \$45-\$50,000.

The balance of the funds

will come from the Downtown Development Authority and the Improvement Fund.

Wrestling, cont'd....

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"When you're wrestling your concern is with one weight. As a coach I must be concerned with all 14 weight classes," said Mills, now in his 11th season at Central. "It is more nerve-racking being a coach."

Strejc views it a little differently. "I was competitive and extremely nervous as a wrestler. As a coach it is more adrenaline and intensity," he says.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

12050 OLD BELDING ROAD
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This is a notice of public hearing on the Grattan Township proposed use of Kent County's 1999-2000 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The Grattan Township Board will conduct a public hearing on Monday, January 11, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road, Grattan Center.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally and in writing, regarding the Township's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

- North Kent Transit Service.....\$7,000
- Historical Museum Rehabilitation...\$12,000

Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: Benefiting low and moderate income persons; senior programs; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particular urgent community development need.

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