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Showboat Summer Concert Series commences May 31

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sounds of music will once again filter out from the Lowell Showboat deck this summer. Through the cooperative organizational efforts of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Area Arts Council, the venue synonymous with summertime entertainment will play host to a 10-week summer concert series beginning May 31.

Ivan Blough, who has a lifelong association with the Showboat, identified the concert series as bringing the Showboat back to its grassroots. "It's energetic people like Liz Baker (Chamber of Commerce) and Loraine Smalligan (Lowell Area Arts Council) that will make this go," Blough explained. "I'm very pleased to see this happening. This will be a great benefit to the community."

Riverwalk Plaza has been chosen as the location for the Thursday evening concerts, through Aug. 2. "We will feature a diversity of

musical groups. People will have an opportunity to come and check out a different style of music each week," Smalligan explained.

Summer concert series have had a positive impact in Grand Rapids. "This will provide some community enrichment for Lowell. It will get things happening in the downtown as well as bring Lowell people and outsiders into the downtown," Smalligan explained.

Admission is free as is parking. Senior and handicap parking will be available at the Englehardt Library. Other patrons will be able to use Unity High School, Huntington Bank and the old Rite Aid parking lots along with Main Street and the side streets.

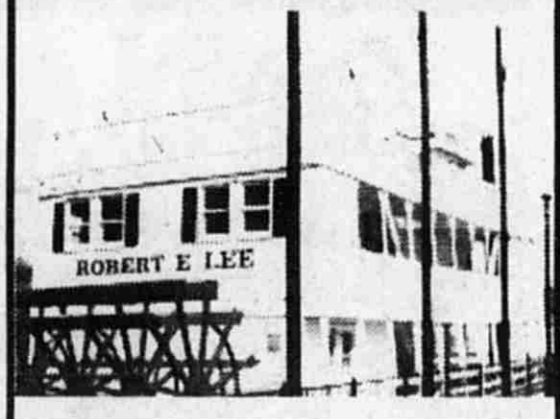
Lowell Police chief, James Valentine said the department will provide help to concertgoers in crossing from the south side of Main Street to the Riverwalk. "We will also assist traffic in making left turns onto Monroe, and at Jackson and Main streets.

"With the South Hudson detour and with traffic being at a peak during that time of day, we want to do everything we can to make the experience an enjoyable, non-stressful one," Valentine said.

The artists scheduled to appear over the 10 weeks are: Jimmy Stagger Band, May 31; River City Jazz Ensemble, June 7; Dixieland Praise Band, June 14; Hawks & Owls, June 21; Jason Conant/Beats Settin' Home, June 28; Rocking Reunion, July 5; The Kwils, July 12; Solid Ground, July 19; Edye Evans Hyde & Friends with special guest Roger MacNaughton, July 26; and Grand River Big Band, Aug. 2.

"The super points of this series are the various styles of music and that the artists are all known commodities in the West Michigan area," said Gordon Gould, who negotiated the contracts. "The Showboat has almost come full circle. This is the next chapter and I think it is a natural and legitimate next step."

LOWELL SHOWBOAT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



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Board denies Liversedge's final rezoning request

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Jacquelyn Liversedge's plead to Lowell Charter Township Board fell on deaf ears. The township board upheld the planning commission's recommendation to deny her request of changing 56 acres at 1408 Parnell Ave from R-1 (low density residential) to R-2 (medium density residential).

Liversedge noted that the 1995 master plan called for the area in question to be changed to R-2.

"The property in question is backdrop against R-2," Liversedge said. "With your denial I will have to sell off the east end (six acres) with the development (Agora) limited to 20 lots on a single road."

The planning commission noted that the terrain made the area unlikely that it will be served by public sewer, increasing the possibility of adverse effects on the well water of surrounding residences.

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WOMEN'S CLUB DONATIONS TOTAL \$2,450

Lowell Women's Club president, Betty Yeiter and treasurer, Marj Harding made check presentations to four area organizations. Lowell Area Historical Museum president, Jim Doyle was given a check for \$1,000; Will Welsh, YMCA executive director, received a check for \$1,250 to be used toward YMCA youth programming; Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine, representing D.A.R.E., accepted a check for \$100 (D.A.R.E. books); and Lowell fire chief, Frank Martin was given a check for \$100 for use by the fire department. Pictured, left to right, are: Doyle, Martin, Valentine, Yeiter (sitting), Welsh and Harding.

Lowell Area Historical Museum asks for increase in operational budget

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Judy Straub hoped she would get a positive response from Lowell City Council about increasing the Lowell Area Historical Museum's budget by about 400 percent. Councilmembers, however, could only look at her and honestly say they had no idea where they would get the money, but they would consider the request.

Straub, a founding and current boardmember for the museum, approached the council during its budget hearings about increasing the city's contribution to the museum's operating costs from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

"For the last four years the city has been very supportive in providing funds for the museum's general operating fund," Straub said. "The museum will open in September and the

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OBITUARIES

BUTTRICK - Wally C. Buttrick, aged 59, passed away after a long courageous fight with cancer May 14, 2001 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. Surviving are his wife Norma of Ada; children Brian Buttrick of Cascade, Aaron (Angela) Buttrick of Grand Rapids, Jeff Jackson of Leland and Jenna (Chris) Turner of Cascade; and brother Richard Buttrick.

four grandchildren Adam and Paul Buttrick and Leslie and Justin Turner; his mother Frances Buttrick of Ada and his brother David (Sara) Buttrick of Caledonia; several nieces and nephews and many loving friends. Wally was preceded in death by his son Todd Michael Buttrick, his father Harold Buttrick, and brother Richard Buttrick.

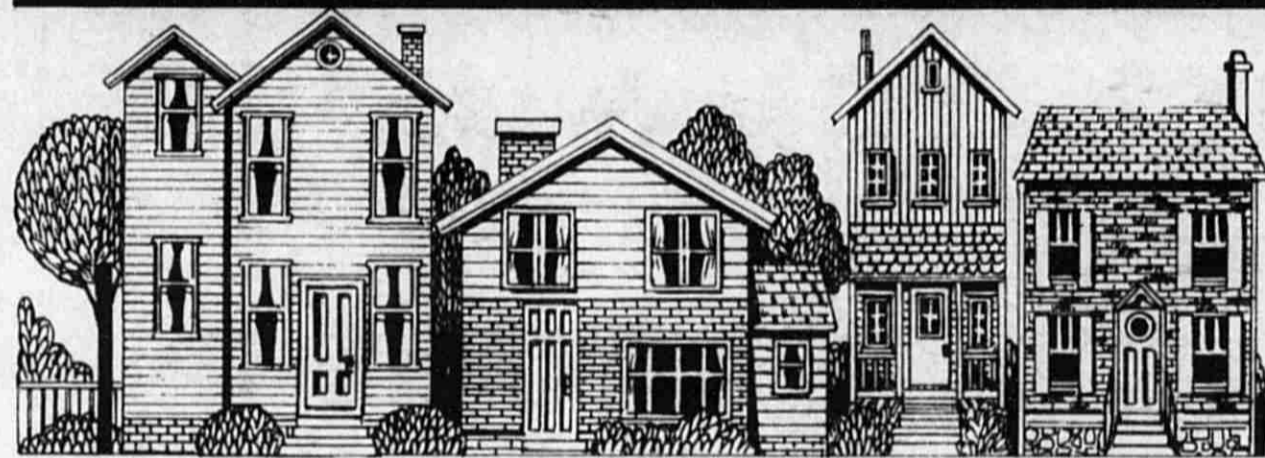
Memorial services were held Saturday at Kentwood Community Church. Interment in Cascade Cemetery.

GRAHAM - Ardis C. Graham Bowen, aged 81, of Belding, formerly of Lowell, passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2001, at Metron of Greenville Nursing Home. She was born on January 10, 1920 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Elmer and Char-

lotte Buffin Holiday. She attended Shiloh Community Church. Ardis was married December 25, 1936 in Grand Rapids to Walter Graham and he preceded her in death on May 1, 1969. She was also preceded by her parents, one sister Erma, one brother Floyd, four sons, Leonard, Keith, Richard and Ralph, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children: Marylou and Don Miller of Belding, Jacqueline and Everett Onan of Ionia, Cynthia and Ray Helsel of Hubbardston, Edward and Beth Graham of Greenville, Walter and Delores Graham of Orleans, Lawrence and Sandra Graham of Greenville.

As a rule, what is out of sight disturbs men's minds more seriously than what they see.
—Julius Caesar

GARAGE SALE PAGE



This Memorial Day Weekend - Go To A Garage Sale! Don't Forget This Page!

GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 26, 8-7
Housewares, clothing & trading cards. 7640 Fase St., Ada.

ANNUAL PARK WIDE SALES
Key Heights Village, Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m.

RUMMAGE SALE & ANTIQUES
Fri. & Sat., May 25 & 26, 9-5 p.m. Dolls, clowns, ice tongs, pig wringers, sauerkraut cutter, bait box, dinner bell, bicycle, adult clothes. Elmdale, MI, south of Jimmy's Grill.

YARD SALE
486 Hawley Hwy., Saranac (corner of Hawley & Potlers). Just moved in, lots to sell. May 25 & 26, 9 to 5 p.m.

WHAT: MEGA GARAGE SALE
WHEN: Fri. & Sat., May 25 & 26.
WHY: Something for everyone!
WHERE: 13265 Vergennes, 1/2 mile east off Lincoln Lake.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SALE AT PERRY'S
Lots of quality clothing, bikes, furniture, golf clubs, jewelry, household items, lawn mowers & much more. Fri. & Sat., May 25 & 26, 6939 Alden Nash Rd. 7 miles South of Lowell on M-50.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 26, 9-2 p.m., 2435 Gee Dr. Wooden bench loveseat, dresser, baby furniture & items, Little Tikes, toys, books many nice knick-knacks, & clothes, girls 4-10, women's 12-16, men's lg & xlg.

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8 families. Refrigerator, bikes, furniture, Little Tikes car bed, clothing (men's L to XXL, women's & children's all sizes), lots of jeans, children's books, toys, track lighting, Dirt Devil upright, lots of misc. 1124 McCabe, May 24 thru 28.

HUGE NEIGHBORHOOD SALES
May 24 & 25, 702, 805, 832, 829 Jefferson. Hall tree, wicker furniture, primitives, antique dresser, old shutters, kitchen/hswr, camping items, dehumidifier, couch/love-seat, Little Tikes, toys & 15 families = much more!

GARAGE SALE
Fri., 9-8 p.m. & Sat., 9-6 p.m. Quality Estate items, gals & guys don't miss this one! Complete gourmet kitchen works, convection oven, Ironstone, Lenox, Cobalt, antique child's cupboard, trunk, unusual collection of primitive artifacts, jewelry, linens, books & too much more. 618 Lafayette.

HUGE 3 FAMILY SALE
Tons of brand name clothes (baby-adult sizes), toys, Barbies, home decor, furniture, dressers, videos & DVD's. May 24 & 25, 9-7 93 Flat River Dr.

SALE
Mom of boy/girl twins has variety of items to sell. May 23, 24 & 25. 12942 Vergennes, 8 a.m. - ?

MOVING SALE
Fri., May 25 & Sat., May 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9120 3 Mile Rd. NE, Ada.

GARAGE SALE
Closed out antique booth - lots of glass, pottery, some primitives, some old furniture. Thurs. & Fri., May 24 & 25, 9-5 p.m. 3333 Segwun, Lowell.

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Horse Tack, women's right-hand golf clubs, bikes, clothes, books, Christmas decorations, silk flowers, baskets, speakers, furniture, fishing poles, reels, flies & many other household items, etc. Sat., May 26, 7-5 p.m. 6718 Alden Nash, Alto.

GARAGE SALE FOR MEN ONLY
Auto parts galore, hunting & fishing stuff & much more. May 25 & 26, 1015 Lincoln Lake Rd., Lowell.

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O ANGEL EYES (R)
12:00, 2:15, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
O A KNIGHT'S TALE (PG-13)
1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
CROCODILE DUNDEE IN LOS ANGELES (PG)
12:30, 2:30, 7:30
THE MUMMY RETURNS (PG-13) 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
DRIVEN (PG-13) 4:40, 9:30

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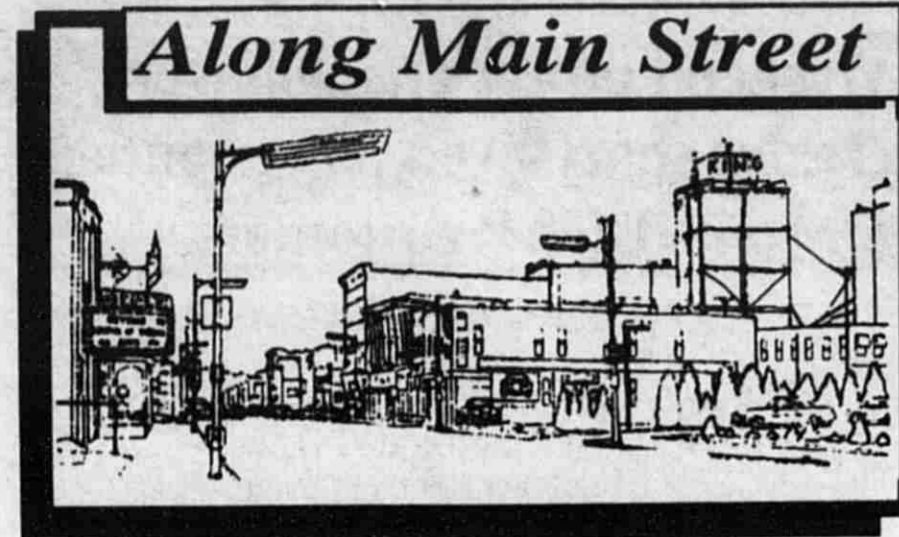
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Along Main Street

BACCALAUREATE AT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
The annual Lowell High School bacca-laureate will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

LOWELL AREA POSTAL CUSTOMERS
The window unit will be closed on Saturday, May 26. Box mail will be available at the normal posted time. Customers will be able to pick up packages and accountable mail.

PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE
The Lowell First United Methodist Church will be celebrating Pentecost in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School on Sunday, June 3 at 10 a.m. If you do not have a church of your own or are looking for an additional worship experience, you are invited to attend this uplifting worship and song.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS - CELEBRATE LOWELL EXHIBIT
The Lowell Area Arts Council is opening its doors to artists in the Lowell community. This exhibit (June 3-July 14)

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It also explained that increased residential density does not fit the general character of the area.

Township board member Alyn Fletcher added to the planning commission recommendation.

"This property is marketable as it is currently zoned (R-1) and current zoning does allow this property to be used for residential development," Fletcher said. "Denial of this request permits the less dense development of this property, which is compatible with the uses of adjacent land, the natural environment and the capabilities of the public services being provided."

is intended to celebrate the artworks of local artists (age 18+). Only one artwork may be submitted per artist.

An opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, June 3 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Contact the LAAC at 897-8545 for a submission form and guidelines or e-mail lowellarts council@ameritech.net.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
The Lowell Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting at the high school staff lounge on Monday, June 4 at 7 p.m.

In other rezoning issues: The township board approved the rezoning of John O'Neill's property located at 11799 Fulton from rural low density residential to general commercial.

Township supervisor, John Timpson said the commercial use is in accordance with the recommended use; the property is contiguous to their commercial property; and the commercial use fits the character of the area.

Timpson Orchards' request to rezone two parcels (11900 & 11988 Cascade Rd.) from AG-1 to Light Industrial was also approved.

The reasons used to support the request were that the area is designated for Light Industrial use in the township's long-range master plan; also the parcels of land are contiguous to land which is already zoned Light Industrial.

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 29th day of May, 2001, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Roger G. Laninga, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "BEAR SWAMP DRAIN," and the apportionments thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionments within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionments. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

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41-24-01-100-020	41-24-02-300-004	42-24-11-300-001
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41-24-01-300-010	41-24-02-400-004	41-24-12-100-003
41-24-01-300-011	41-24-02-400-005	41-24-12-100-004
41-24-01-300-012	41-24-02-400-006	41-24-12-100-005
41-24-01-300-013	41-24-11-100-001	41-24-12-200-003
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NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and nonresident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Mary Hollinrake, Clerk of Kent County, Peter Siler, Bowne Township Supervisor and Jon Rice, Managing Director, Kent County Road Commission, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Bear Swamp Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2001

Roger G. Laninga,
Kent County Drain Commissioner

IN THE SERVICE

Adam G. Gravelyn has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training program.

This program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. An enlistment in the Reserve gives many new soldiers the option

to learn a new skill, serve their country, and become eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education, \$20,000 for repayment of college loans, and a maximum \$5,000 cash bonus.

After completion of basic

military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus.

Gravelyn, a 2000 graduate of Caledonia High School, will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., for active duty on Aug. 15.

He is the son of Miava and Gary Gravelyn of Alto.

CHERRY CREEK 5k CLASSIC

7th Annual

JUNE 9, 2001 • STARTING TIME: 8:00 AM

REGISTRATION: All entries mailed to Cherry Creek Classic, P.O. Box 62, Lowell, MI 49331. Any questions, call Terry at (616) 897-5148 evenings or Thad (616) 897-6254 evenings.

ENTRY FEE: Now until June 4th, \$12; June 5th to race day, \$15. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic (Do not send cash).

GROUP RATE: A group of 20 or more participants receive a rate of \$10 per person up until June 4.

PACKET PICK-UP: June 8th, 2001 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

LOCATION FOR PICK-UP: Middle School - north entrance.

AWARDS: Top overall male and female runners' medals three deep in each age group. Male and female run and walk. Awards handed out around 10 a.m.

AGE	14 & under	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	60-65
GROUPS:	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	66 & over

ROUTE MAP

5K WALK/RUN

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vision is that the museum become very active and an integrated part of the community."

To do this, the museum board would like to increase its hours of operation and offer outside programming to area students and residents. But to make this vision a reality, the museum would need about \$60,000 for operational costs, of which it was seeking a third from the city, \$20,000.

Straub pointed out that more than 4,000 volunteer hours have been logged with the museum and 900 objects have been donated which requires a commitment of the museum to take care of those items "forever," she said.

"This makes good business sense," Straub said about the city contributing more funds to the museum. "In a recent research project, it showed that for every dollar of historic tourism a city puts out, it receives \$3 spent in the community."

And while it might make good business sense and give a feeling of pride for the museum, councilmembers were still uncertain as to where the money would come from.

"I would love to help out, but this is a tight budget," said councilmember Dan Brubaker. "If we increase revenue here, it means a decrease someplace else."

Councilmember Don Green said the museum may have to look seriously at other funding sources such as the Downtown Development Authority, which is what he looks to for improving the central business district, where the museum is located.

"I would like the city to strike a balance with all of its outside activities," said councilmember Chuck Myers, who referred to keeping the monies to such groups as the museum and the Senior Neighbors program even.

Currently the city contributes \$5,000 to the museum's operating fund, along with another \$6,275 for utilities, maintenance and insurance. Beginning the next fiscal year, the museum will pay back to the city \$1,200 for utilities.

Despite the tightness of the budget, the council was still

willing to consider the request at the urging of Mayor Mike Blough who felt the creation of such a destination spot would be another added bonus to the entire community. Straub said she would give city staff the museum's proposed \$60,000 budget for review.

Straub also said the museum board is working with townships and plans to present it at the next DDA meeting. Recently, the Lowell Area Schools gave the museum \$1,000 toward programming.

COLLEGE NEWS

Shannon Finnegan of Lowell was named a Currie Summer Scholar at Alma College's 2001 Honors Day Convocation, held on April 5.

The summer research program grants students \$2,500 plus waiver of room charges (if work is done on

campus) for the summer to support scholarly or creative projects in collaboration with a faculty member.

Finnegan will be producing a video documentary that includes an oral history of the Pine River's degradation. The work will feature extensive interviews with former

workers at the Velsicol Chemical Plant and current residents of the St. Louis community. She will be working with faculty sponsor, Dr. Michael Vickery, professor of communications.

The summer research program was funded by Eleanor H. Currie and honors her husband Gilbert, an Alma College trustee from 1970-1982 and then a trustee emeritus until his death in 1998. The gift continues a long tradition of generous giving by the Curries to Alma College.

University of Northwestern Ohio, located in Lima, acknowledges its dean's list for the March 2001 session for the College of Technologies.

Nick W. Bergy of Alto, a full-time student, received a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

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Fourth-grade math and reading MEAP scores reasons for smiling

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The results from the Lowell Area School District fourth-grade MEAP tests in reading and math appear to be pretty good.

There is, however, some hesitation in reacting to the scores before Kent Intermediate School District and state results are released and a comparative study can be done.

From the data presented, a 17 point spike in the information part of the reading test stands out. Last year, only 68 percent of the fourth-graders passed the information part of the reading test. This year that jumped to 85.1.

Jim White, assistant superintendent to curriculum and instruction, gave his annual warning about reading too much into one year's scores. Instead, White prefers measuring student performance over a three-to-five-year period.

White did note that Lowell's fourth-grade reading results were notably different in that nearly the same num-

	1998	1999	2000	2001
READING	72.6	71.8	64.0	78.3
Story	90.5	91.3	86.8	86
Information	75.2	73.8	68.0	85.1
MATH	92.6	86.9	86.0	90.2

The reading column indicates the percentage of fourth-grade students who passed both the story and information part of the MEAP reading test.

ber of students passed both the story (86.0) and information (85.1) portion of the reading test. "I don't think I've ever seen that," White said.

This came in a year where the information reading material was new (had not been used in a previous year). When new reading material is used, the percentage of students who pass usually drops.

The percentage of fourth-graders who passed both portions of the test was 78.3, up from the 64 percent figure of a year ago. It is a little better than the 1998 (72.6) and 1999 (71.8) results.

The strong performance trend in math continued. Of the fourth-grade students taking the MEAP math test, 90.2 percent passed, up from 86 percent a year ago.

Final night to spruce up Showboat, May 23

We still need volunteers to help clean up the Showboat, our city's pride and joy. Please help on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Call Liz at the Chamber office 897-9161 for further information.

Meijer's Lowell opening attracts over 5,600

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For Diane Denman, a 25-year Meijer veteran, it was her first grand opening.

"There's a charge and excitement with opening a new store," Denman explained.

That charge and excitement Denman felt before the doors opened at 7 a.m. on Sunday were magnified throughout the day as 5,643 patrons gave the new Meijer store its first glance from the inside.

"The numbers are better than the Meijer store which opened in Battle Creek at the same time," said Lowell store

manager, Scott Rogers.

While the numbers at Lowell were termed as excellent, Rogers said the anticipated drop in numbers at the Cascade and Knapp stores did not materialize. "What that means is the Lowell store pulled in additional guests that haven't been shopping at Meijers," he explained.

The Lowell store numbers enjoyed by Meijer on Sunday are expected to drop a little after the first month. "The real test is a year from now. Then we will know how many customers we have collected," Rogers said. "We're just glad to be open and very happy

with the excellent sales we enjoyed on Sunday."

The final few days leading up to the grand opening were filled with reorganizing backstock products, making sure pricing was accurate, all signs were up, and that everything was tested.

"The main thing is once we're open that we're able to provide excellent service and help and answer any questions that customers may have," explained Rogers, who has been with Meijer for 23 years.

Meijer began hiring and training its 450 employees five weeks ago. It brought in 50

employees from other Grand Rapids' area stores to help with the grand opening.

Soccer camp at Grand River Riverfront Park

Soccer SPOT/Great Lakes Soccer Academy will offer a week-long soccer day camp at the Lowell Township Park the week of July 30 - Aug. 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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"Many of the comments I heard on Sunday were about how open and spacious the

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store was, and customers seemed to like the colors," Rogers concluded.

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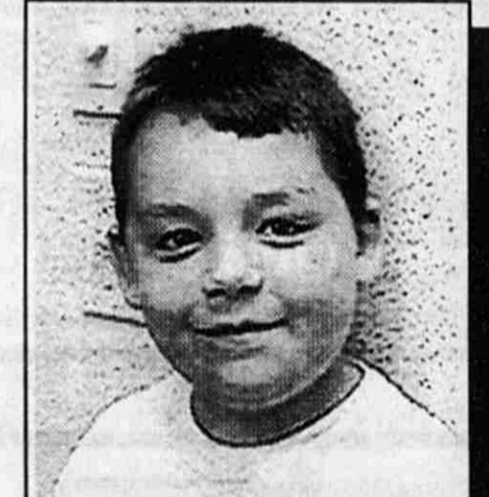
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City budget tight - calls for millage increase to help cover bond costs

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Finding any extra money in the Lowell City's 2001-2002 budget could be like finding a needle in a haystack.

The Lowell City Council, however, is determined to loosen the very tight budget that calls for a millage increase to help cover the \$132,000 yearly bond payments for the library and City Hall/Police Station project.

"Primarily from the city staff's point of view, the millage increase proposed is to cover the bond payments," said Lowell city manager David Pasquale, who added that the budget itself was very tight, not allowing for a lot of breathing room.

The millage rate increase being proposed is 1.75, taking the current levied millage of 13.85 to 15.60. This would generate about \$156,373.25 of which the Downtown Development Authority would capture \$21,016.17. This would leave about \$135,357.08 to cover the bond payments for the library and the City Hall/Police Station.

Currently, the city is in the sixth year of a 10-year bond for the library, Pasquale said. That amount is \$44,370. In 1999, the city budgeted for \$500,000 for acquisition costs related to the City Hall/Police Station, with payments at about \$84,870.

As the council went through it, they discovered just how tight the budget is, leaving little money for local road improvements and the possibility of fulfilling a request for more money to the museum an uncertainty.

"I would like to find some other areas in the budget where we could increase that," said Mayor Mike Blough, referring to the request of more money to help operate the museum, scheduled to open in September.

Where to get that money is a huge question. Blough wanted staff to review the current sidewalk contribution plan of 25 percent to residents who put in or improve the sidewalk in front of their home. The current sidewalk budget is about \$13,691.55. He also asked staff to do an accounting of recycling bins to find out how many are actually being put out. Blough noted the cost of emptying the recycling bins is about half the refuse budget. The refuse budget is about \$85,000 with a portion underwritten by residents with the purchase of bags.

The city pays for the entire recycling costs.

"I think by just taking a look at some existing areas and doing some accounting, we might find some areas that could be changed," Blough said.

Another area that desperately needs assistance is the local street fund, currently one of the lowest sums at \$8,600. Many of the streets were built 25 years ago and only have a life expectancy of 20 years, making it a reality that the city is going to need to do a lot of work on its streets soon, said councilmember Don Green.

Taking up the largest part of the city's budget is the police department, with about \$807,534 of the \$2.189 million budget. The reason being the police department is very labor-intensive, Pasquale explained.

Other department budgets include: \$25,470 for the council; \$86,554 for the manager's office; \$5,335 for elections; \$37,136 for the assessor's office; \$10,000 for the attorney; \$136,261 for the general office; \$173,231 for the treasurer's office; \$6,800 for the planning commission; \$156,150 for the fire department; \$3,000 for the ambulance service; \$31,000 for City Hall; \$81,186 for the cemetery. \$6,100 for building inspections; and \$160,975 for the Department of Public Works.

The Parks will receive about \$121,110. A new line item is for the showboat, which will get \$7,330 and the library receives about \$49,458. The historic commission receives \$2,800, while the Lowell Area Historical Museum receives \$11,275. Rounding out the budget is the Senior Neighbors program, \$1,500; Chamber of Commerce, \$3,000; building authority, \$47,000; and construction fund, \$85,000.

The city council will have a second hearing on the budget June 4. Because the millage rate is less than the rate of inflation, there will be no truth in taxation hearings. Blough said that even though the council has one more public hearing, it doesn't mean the council will approve the budget at its next meeting.

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Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

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 call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

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

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

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.

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EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park

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EVERY WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

EVERY THURS.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURS.: Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held at Lowell Middle School choir room. For information call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) 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 SECOND THURS.: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., Lowell.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of topics and discussion geared to parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Public Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club meets at the west end of Lowell High School. 9 AM social gathering; 10 AM meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

WED., MAY 23: The annual Lowell High School baccalaureate will be held at the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

WED., MAY 23: Do you have peripheral neuropathy? Support group meeting at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. NW. Call 897-9794.

THURS., MAY 24: Cyclamen Chapter #94 will visit Rockford Chapter - Sister Chapter. Contact Kathryn Hall 942-2639 for time.

SAT., MAY 26: Lowell post office window unit will be closed; box mail will be available at the normal posted time.

WED., MAY 30: Blood Drive at Ada Community Reformed Church from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call church office 676-1032 for directions, to schedule an apt., or just drop in.

SUN., JUNE 3: Lowell First United Methodist Church will be celebrating Pentecost in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this uplifting worship and song.

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WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., MAY 23: 11:30 p.m. Lunch at Timbers.

THURS., MAY 24: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Hobby Lobby.

FRI., MAY 25: 12:40 Bingo.

MON., MAY 28: Memorial Day - closed. Enjoy the holiday!

TUES., MAY 29: 12:40 p.m. Tour G.R. Calvary Church.

WED., MAY 30: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Whitecaps baseball game.

THURS., MAY 31: Noon Dance.

Great Strides taken in raising \$17,878 for CF

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's first-ever Great Strides walk in the fight against cystic fibrosis had a most auspicious start.

There were 28 participants who walked the 6.2 miles. More impressively they raised \$17,878.

"This is great. We've only had two other walks in Michigan do better than this," said Jennifer Anema, executive director of the Cystic Fibrosis Association.

The event, which was coordinated by Lowell's Pete Odland, started and finished at the Lowell Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

Left, Pete and Bobbie Odland begin their walk Saturday with sons, Jeffrey and Dillon.



Cherry Creek students visit a world of cats and dogs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The magical island world of orphaned dogs and cats imparted "life's little lessons" to Cherry Creek Elementary third-graders.

The mythical Paw Island was accessed through a mobile classroom, complete with 27 iMac computers in a child-oriented environment.

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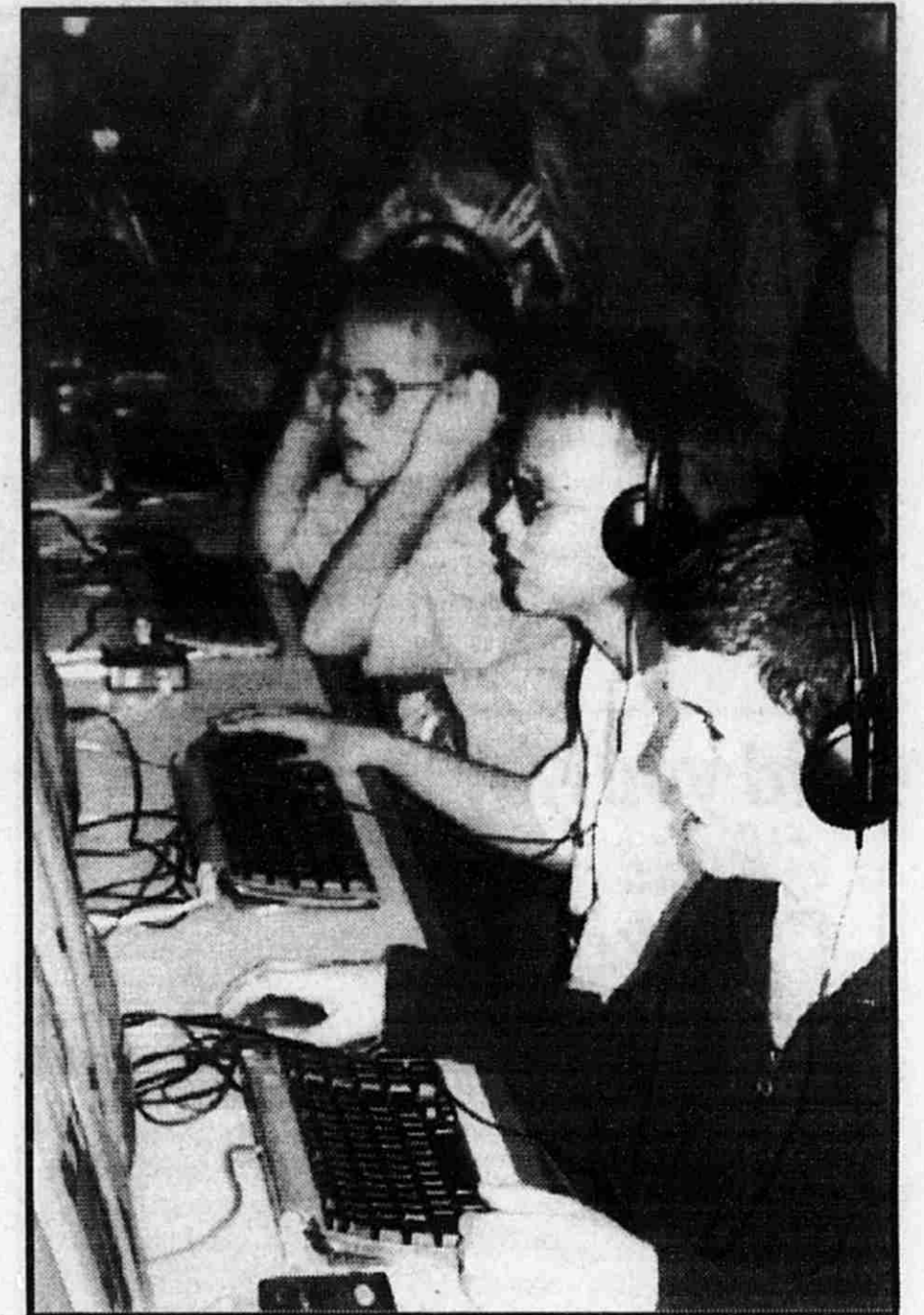
said Paw Island's Mike Maxwell. "Paw Island provides wholesome, educational entertainment."

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plaintiff in this court to Quiet Title to 60 Baylis S.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before June 30, 2001. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to MANUEL VALDEZ and MARIA de JESUS VALDEZ at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

April 6, 2001

Judge Donald A. Johnston

Thank You

The family of Chris Hendrick (Bottrall) would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent flowers and cards. And to the First Baptist Church for the wonderful fellowship; for our great friends and family during this very difficult time of sorrow. Also to Rothgerst Funeral Home, Forest Hills Foods and Five Star Brands.

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CORRECTION...

The average home in the Lowell School District sold for \$153,400 during the first quarter of 2001. That reflects a 3.5 percent increase over the average price (\$148,300) during all of 2000.

In the May 9 edition of the Ledger it incorrectly stated the average price of a home in the Lowell School District during the first quarter of April as \$137,161.

In April of 2001, 915 units were sold in the Grand Rapids Association of Realtors area as compared to 840 during the same time period last year.

BUSINESS MATTERS

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Financial Focus

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WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER INTEREST RATE CUTS

Throughout much of 1999 and 2000, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates in an effort to head off inflation. But in 2001, the Fed reversed its stance in response to a slowing economy and is now actively cutting rates. These cuts make big stories in the newspapers. But what do they mean for you? As a borrower, you might find that lower interest rates could help you significantly. For example, you may be able to

refinance your home at a lower rate. Or, if you have credit card balances or other types of consumer loans, you may be able to save money with lower interest payments and speed your progress toward eliminating these debts.

In short, it's pretty clear how lower interest rates can help you as a borrower or consumer. But how about as an investor? What will lower interest rates mean to you as you plan your investment strategy?

You've probably heard that, in general, falling interest rates are good for stocks. Why? Because lower interest rates make it easier for companies to borrow - and thus expand their operations. That's why the stock market typically rallies after interest rate cuts.

Of course, to say the market does well after the Fed cuts interest rates, is a broad generalization. Of the thousands of stocks out there, not all will benefit equally from interest rate reductions. It's impossible to predict which individual stocks will respond most favorably to interest rate cuts. (In fact, it's impossible to accurately predict any occurrence in the financial markets.) However, some market sectors have traditionally done better in an environment in which rates are declining. For example, 12 months after the Fed's initial interest rate


reductions in 1990, 1995 and 1998, financial services stocks were up 32 percent, health care stocks were up 31 percent, and consumer cyclical (such as auto companies) were up 25 percent, according to research by Credit Suisse First Boston.

Does this mean you should start loading up on stocks within the sectors that performed well following previous rate cuts? Not necessarily. When choosing stocks, you may want to factor in the possible effects of interest rate reductions, but you still have to look at a company's fundamentals. Is its management sound? Are its products competitive? Does it seem to have an established niche in the marketplace? Plus, you'll want to look at the stock's valuation. Does it have a reasonable price-to-earnings ratio? If the P/E is very high, you'll be paying a big premium for just the prospect of future earnings - and that could be risky.

Furthermore, you'll still have to make sure your portfolio is properly diversified, with a mix of stocks, bonds and government securities. And you'll still need to choose investments that fit your tolerance for risk and your time horizon. These basic tenets of long-term investing will always be important - no matter where interest rates are moving.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

Antibiotics are valuable weapons in the war against disease, but they are often overused and prescribed inappropriately. Antibiotics are very effective medications for bacterial illness like strep, throat, pneumonia, kidney infections and others. Antibiotics are useless against illness caused by viruses. Most colds and upper respiratory infections are caused by viruses.

you really don't need them can lead to resistant bacteria. As a result, some antibiotics are no longer useful against certain types of bacterial infections. Taking an unnecessary antibiotic increases the cost of medicine and the possibility of side effects.

Remember that your doctor should determine whether or not you need an antibiotic and which one is right for you. Don't insist on getting a prescription for an antibiotic

if you have a viral illness. Make sure you take the antibiotic as directed until completely gone. Many patients stop their antibiotic shortly after they start feeling better, often taking less than half of the original prescription. This certainly increases the incidence of resistance. If your illness is caused by a virus, over the counter medications can help improve your symptoms.

Antiviral medications have been prescribed for certain viral infections like Herpes, Shingles, Influenza, and others. These medications are effective and have been shown to shorten the duration of these specific viral illnesses.

Remember that antibiotics are not always the best answer when you are feeling sick.

When fleeing temptation, don't leave a forwarding address.
—R.E. Phillips

May is National Electrical Safety Month

And that's a good time to check your home for electrical hazards.

- Here's what to look for:
- Replace missing or broken wall plates. Cover outlets with child safety caps.
 - Check for punctured cords. Never nail or staple cords to walls or baseboards.
 - Unplug extension cords. They're meant for temporary use only.
 - If you've sawed off the third prong on an appliance's plug, have the plug replaced. The prong is a grounding pin.
 - Install a ground-fault circuit interrupter in every room with running water.
 - Plug home electronics and computers into surge protectors.

For more electrical safety tips, visit the National Electrical safety foundation Web site at www.ncsf.org



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Upcoming Visitors Nights will be held June 9th, June 30th, July 14th and July 28th. Call Starwatch at 897-7065 for additional information and directions to the observatory. Or visit the website at www.graa.org.

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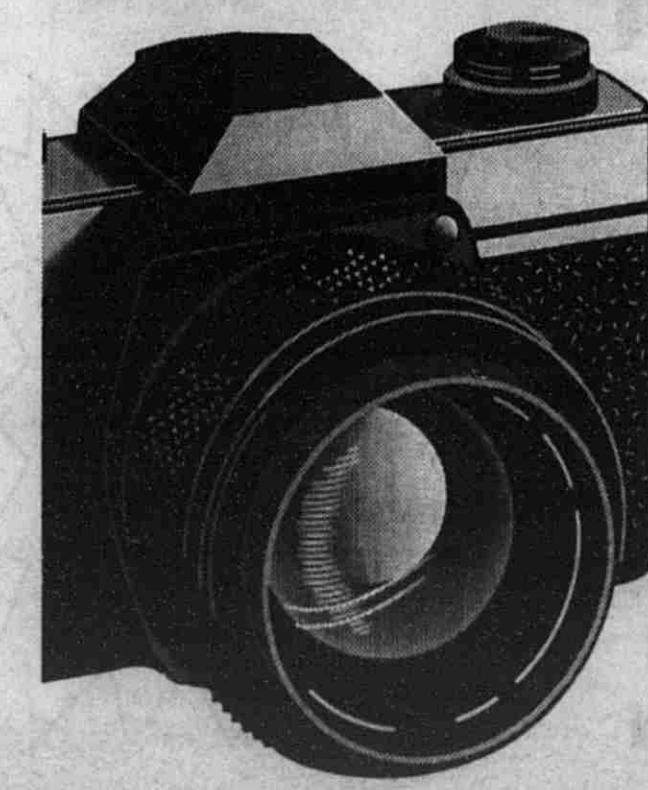
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**Observed Monday,
May 28, 2001**

LOWELL

Due to construction on S. Hudson, please note new parade route: Parade forms at 1st United Methodist Church. Parade route is W. on Avery to Monroe, N. on Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery. Master of Ceremonies at Oakwood Cemetery: Dave Clark, Jr. VFW Post 8303. Speaker Rev. Timothy DeShaw, Nazarene Church.

PARADE STARTS AT 9:30 A.M.

INVOCATION: Ed Rash, Chaplain.

PARADE MARSHAL: Gordon Marshall, Commander, V.F.W. Post 8303. Gordon Marshall at 897-8625.

FLOATS ARE WELCOME BUT NO CANDY TOSSING

PLEASE! Floral tributes by civic organizations and clubs are encouraged. All veterans, uniformed or not, are invited to participate. No River Salute this year.

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SARANAC

10:00 a.m. - Parade starts at the Village parking lot at the rear of business district and ends at the cemetery. All entries welcome. There will be a short program at the cemetery. The high school bands will perform and there will be several recitations. Speaker: Gary Newell, State Representative. **FREE BREAKFAST** for parade participants at the American Legion prior to parade.

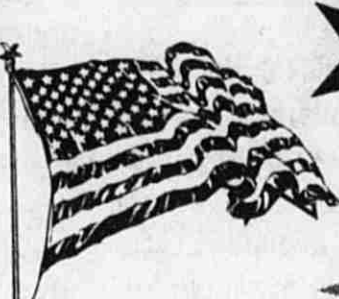
ALTO MERRIMAN CEMETERY

Sunday, May 27 @ 2 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Gary Dougherty, Faith Bible Church.

SOUTH BOSTON CEMETERY

104th Meeting, noon at South Boston Bible Church. Pottluck following service at Fellowship Hall. Speaker: Gary Newell

BOWNE CENTER



8:00 p.m. - Meet at the Bowne Cemetery. Service will be held followed by a 21-gun salute and taps.

GRATTAN

13th Annual Bridge Walk and Memorial Day Tribute.

7:00 - 10:00 a.m: Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

10:00 a.m: Chalk the Walk, Bike Decorating & Babbles the Clown

11:00 a.m: Memorial Day Tribute & Bridge Walk

PROGRAMS FOLLOWING: Bike parade, exhibits at the new museum, rescue unit & fire truck, carnival at Grattan Academy, lunch available. Performance by Grattan Academy students. Musical entertainment by "Helifex." Shuttle bus provided before & after Bridgewalk at the Township Hall.

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