# The Lowell Ledger 



First-place winner, Pat Allchin above with husband, George. Allchin's"Pat's Picasso Supreme" won the second annual Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off representing the Lowell Area Arts Council.

## Pat's Picasso reigns <br> Supreme in chili cook-off

By Dan Schneider

The smell of spices and omatoes and something cooking wafted at leasta block around Main and Broadway streets Saturday. People were cooking chili. People were cooking a lot of chili. Twentyfour pots of chili.

The pots were made of stainless steel, which shined in the sun. Jimmy Buffett was blaring on loudspeakers and, appropriately, so was "Ring of Fire" by the late Johnny Cash. It was the second annual Larkin's Chili Madness Chili Cook-off.
The judges found a chil called "Pat's Picasso Su preme" to be the best chili at the cook-off. Pat Allchin, rep resenting the Lowell Area Arts Council, cooked the chil painter.
It was Allchin's first time in the cook-off. She said she wasn't inspired by work of Picasso in crafting the recipe for her chili. She was more quality of the artist's name. "Itjust needed to start with 'P,"' Allchin said. "Not that don't like his work. It's jus that I wanted something that would go with the name.

## Little evidence of progress in teacher contract negotiations

By Dan Schneider

Monday night's Board of Education meeting showed little change in efforts to re solve contract disputes be tween the teacher's union and the board. However, board members, the public, and teachers all agreed on the importance of an expedient solution to the dispute.

Teachers in Lowell Area Schools have been without a new contract since the begin ning of the school year. Negotiations remain stalled primarily on issues related to health insurance costs.

Teachers and union support staff again picketed the board meeting.

Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance and
personnel, presented an up- to be split evenly between the date at the meeting which included a few changes. One change was to require employees to begin contributing to health insurance starting Jan. 1, 2004. The original board proposal called for teachers making retroactive payments to the insurance back to the beginning of this school year. The otherchange the proposal invelves cap on insurance costs to be paid by the district.

In the changed proposal, the district will continue to pay insurance costs at the 2003-2004 rate. The original proposal called for the teachers to pay entirely any deficit created by further rising of insurancecosts:The amended insurance costs. The amended
proposal calls for the deficit
district and the employees. The board did approve one-year contracts for non union employees. Under the contract, the school superinendent and assistant superintendents take a zero percen wage increase and a co-pay on insurance of $\$ 60$ per month for Shari Miller and $\$ 50$ per month for both Jim White and Gillette.Theirco-pay will egin Nov. 1.
Principals and directors get a two percent salary increase, pay a $\$ 50$ co-pay startng Nov. 1 and receive a one me off-schedule stipend. Non-union support staff get a percent salary increase, co-pay ranging from $\$ 30$ to 40 per month and a one-time off-schedule stipend.

The motionto approve the non-union contracts carried 7-0.
The union's proposal re mains the same. They stand firm on not participating in paying for health insurance. They propose a change to $\$ 5$ prescription cards and raising the deductible to $\$ 100$ for single person and $\$ 200$ for family. The union also proposes coverage to include enhanced benefits such as wellness, dental and life. Either group must accept or reject all parts of the package proposals.

In the public commen session of the meeting, teachers said the district had often justified the need for co-pays by pointing out that many Negotiations, cont'd., pg. 6

Allchin said her chili was cook-off saw 18 red chili en nothing particularly exotic or tries and six white. abstract.
"It's just your basic tomato sauce, tomato-based chili, just like your grandma your gran would make," she said. "My "No," Dave Abel said goal is to have a distinctive "We won it last year. flavor, but with an afterburn. Second place went to "Missing Jack's." Rocky Ashlock cooked the chili, which also won the People's Choice award. Scott Nagy, representing Phoenix Design and Build LLC, won third place with his "Hungarian Heartburn" chili
"Abel's Fabeled" chili won the white chili division. "White" chili is distinct from red" Thili in event raised \$1,100 red chill in that it uses for Flat River Outreach Min-


Chili cooks Dave and LeeAnn Abel won the white chili division of the cook-off with their "Abel's Fabeled" chili.


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Before heading south
snowbirds should renew licenses


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## Viewpoint

## +ine <br> cozy corner <br> by Roger Brown

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mine. She actually does osemeling proftate and contruct
ive. Me. .. I churn out this giberish. Besides. she outrank Unike computers, we have two TVS in the house. II's
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Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo" The Lowell Leager and Alto Solo
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## To The Editor

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membership lists. They re even now training ministers and

Lowell's first historic home tour filled with stories of another era
This weekend the Lowell Area Historical Museum presented its first Lowell Historic Home Tour. For those who missed it, the following is an account of
the interesting historical details of the eight homes featured on the walk.

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over it." The house had once been
the home of author Glendon Greg Canfield downplays the
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as the Mad Hatter, Amanda Rau a a Alice, Chelsea Karas and David Sefton.Not picture
is Frank Mulder who was on the football team.


COMING EVENTS

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St. Call Terry $868-6481$.

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Shane Stokes comes up empty on this shot on goal, but later would deliver a perfect
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