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Flat River Outreach Ministries thrift store director Marilyn Lambson arranges women's shorts between the crowded racks at the store.

F.R.O.M. - top to bottom more space is needed at ministry

By Dan Schneider

With the needs of the community pushing it past its present capacity, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. (F.R.O.M.) in Lowell will soon commence a feasibility study toward expansion.

Space is tight in the food pantry and thrift store, both located at 519 E. Main Street, according to F.R.O.M. board chairman Roger La Warre.

"At the present time, we can't even display all the clothing that we have that people can use," he said about the thrift store.

"We really feel bad because we can't keep a lot of things that people want to donate and we've had to turn down some furniture and things because we don't have room for it," said thrift store director Marilyn Lambson.

In an average month, about 50 volunteers will put in up to 500 hours sorting donations and getting the thrift store ready for shoppers every week. The crowded clothing racks fill up so much space, she said, there's scarcely room for customers.

"I think we could do so much better if we have more room," Lambson said. "We could put out a lot more and people wouldn't be on top of each other when they're shopping."

Shopping convenience is also a consideration at the food pantry. "If we can expand the food pantry, we can make it into more like a grocery store," La Warre said.

He also said more storage space would allow the food pantry to have more continuity in its inventory.

"Within a three-week period of time we can almost empty the food pantry," La Warre said.

The thrift store and food pantry currently occupy a building that was once Lowell's Baptist church. When the church moved to the west side of town, a gym set up shop in the building. The building sat unused for several years before F.R.O.M. bought it and spent most of 1998 and some of 1999 fixing it up. The food pantry and thrift store have been in operation there since June of 1999.

F.R.O.M. had considered buying the Masonic Lodge property at 119 Lincoln Lake. However, the property could not be re-zoned to accommodate renovations necessary to make the building meet F.R.O.M.'s needs, and the charity opted out of the purchase.

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City gets good news on next year's budget

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

There appears to be a silver lining in the city of Lowell's financial future as its revenue finally recovers from the loss of Newell Mfg. and Attwood Corp.

A few years ago, the two companies, major employers for the Lowell community, closed and reduced operations within the city which, in turn, had a major impact on the city's budget. However, when putting the preliminary numbers together for 2005-2006, city manager David Pasquale said he can see where the city is recovering from those losses with revenues expected to increase by 4.26 percent.

"Proposal A, when it was approved, limited tax growth by about two percent; however, we're seeing more than a four percent growth," Pasquale said after the city council meeting last week. "From my point of view, that's pretty good."

Next year's tax revenues are estimated at \$1,611,496.92, a good \$100,000 over this year's \$1,545,719. A mill for the city will generate about

\$101,124.82 with close to \$87,258.17 going to the city and \$13,866.65 going to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

"We are very fortunate that we are continuing to grow," Pasquale said, adding that some cities with little or no growth are facing worse scenarios than Lowell. He pointed to the city of Grand Rapids, whose leaders have looked at closing city parks because of financial woes.

While the city is in better shape than it was a few years ago, Pasquale said it still doesn't have what it had in the late 1990s. The city's current fund balance is only \$27,027.25, quite small for a city of Lowell's size. Increasing that is a goal for this year.

The most damaging factor, however, is state revenue sharing. While no cuts have been indicated for the upcoming fiscal year, Pasquale estimates that the city has lost about \$100,000 annually since 1996-1997 or about \$700,000 in cuts to state funding. Currently, the city receives approximately \$414,000 in state funding. In the 1996-1997 fiscal year, the city was getting around \$505,623.74.

"Of course, we would be

a lot better off with those additional state revenue funds," Pasquale said.

The preliminary budget is put together for review by the Lowell City Council. The council is then presented with the proposed budget in May with two public hearings, May 16 and June 6, after which the council can vote on approving the budget. The city is required to have its budget in place by July 1.

In a brief overview, Pasquale said the budget,

which is a work in progress, is based on several key factors. Besides not cutting state funding, it provides a one percent salary increase for city employees (no merit increases are planned) and allocation requests from the DDA (\$125,000), Look Memorial Fund (\$15,000), and the Lee Fund for parks maintenance (\$10,000).

In the major and local streets funds, work is proposed for Gee Drive, which will be part of a federal grant application, and

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Lowell man killed in Grattan car crash

A car accident early last Friday morning took the life of a Lowell man and a teenager from Grand Rapids Township.

Chad Kingsbury, 30, of Lowell, was driving north on Lincoln Lake Ave. at approximately 8 a.m. As his Kia Sephia crossed 5 Mile Road in Grattan Township, it was struck on the driver's side by an eastbound Lincoln Navigator that ran a stop sign.

Antonio Sawyer, 16,

a passenger in the SUV, was also killed in the accident after being thrown through the windshield. Authorities believe he was not wearing a seat belt.

Homero Saenz, 38, of Greenville, was the driver of the SUV. Accounts from Kent County sheriff's deputies indicate Saenz commented he may have fallen asleep at the wheel before running the stop sign.

The accident remains under investigation.

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Obituaries

BURROWS - Grace Burrows, aged 75, formerly of Lowell, passed away April 5, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Bunker. She is survived by her children Albert (Peggy) Burrows, Frances (Jim) Johnson, Nancy (John) Swanson; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Grace loved playing bingo. Upon her request cremation has taken place. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Graveside services were held April 9. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Memorials & Tributes Program, 208 S. LaSalle, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60604 or the American Lung Association of Michigan, 2815 Michigan St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

BURT - Lawrence "Larry" D. Burt, aged 69, of Marshall and formerly of Lowell, died March 31, 2005. Mr. Burt was born on July 22, 1935 in Ionia. On June 28, 2003, he married the former Sharon Street. He and his wife partnered in

the trucking industry. While living in Lowell, he owned and operated the Larry Burt Milk Transport Co. from 1976-1986. He is survived by his wife Sharon; daughter Kathy Eudy of Jennings, Fla.; three step-children from a previous marriage; granddaughter Megan Eudy; sisters Barb Curtis, Margaret Cranmer. Funeral services were held Thursday. Memorial contributions to the East Eckford Community Church.

CARLSON - Mr. Robert W. Carlson, aged 84, went home to be with his Lord and Saviour on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. He was the owner of Carlson Shoe Repair. As a young boy, Bob

asked for Christ to be in his life. He knew from the moment he met Pattymae Slater at a church-sponsored roller skating party that he would marry the love of his life. Bob was a member of Oakfield Baptist Church since 1972. He is survived by his wife Pattymae whom he married on March 26, 1946; children Pastor Steven R. and Linda Carlson of Mukwonago, WI, Paul J. Carlson of Tucson, AZ, Marilyn B. and Carl "Bud" McMullen of Kokomo, IN; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother Joe and Mary Carlson of Caledonia; sister Elin and Gordon McClure of Alto; step-brother Larry Link of Alto; step-sisters Shirley

Kessel. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Judy; daughter Amy (Patrick) Fultz, Lisa (Brent) Noskey; five grandchildren Amber and Tori Fultz, Zachary, Grant and Carter Noskey; sister Joan Lancaster; many relatives and friends. Tom worked for Keller Transfer for 42 years, was a member of First United Credit Union for 39 years, where he served on the board and held many positions. He was a Hospice of Michigan volunteer. Funeral services were held Monday at First Park Congregational Church with Dr. Maurice Fetty officiating. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Hospice of Michigan.

KINGSBURY - Chad Thomas Kingsbury, aged 30, of Lowell, passed away April 8, 2005. He is survived by his wife Jamie; daughter Alia; mother and stepfather Gordon and Colleen Curtis of Ionia; parents-in-law Al and Sandy Detwiler of Caledonia. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

GINTER - Robert L. Ginter Jr., aged 37, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly April 10, 2005. He is survived by his mother Penny (Ed) Armstrong of Lowell, father Robert L. (Arlene) Ginter Sr. of South Dakota; brothers Jim (Donna) Perdaris, Randy Bates; sister Brenda Winkler; step-sister and brothers Kim Cook, Karl Armstrong, Kyle Armstrong, Kelley Armstrong; good friend Barb Morris; many nieces and nephews; many friends at Sam's Club. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 14 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Bishop Jeff Lewis of the Grand Rapids Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Variety House, 489 Community Dr., Manhasset, NY 11030, Attn: Dennis O'Donald. Make checks payable to NSUHLJ Health System Foundation, memo Variety House.

MILLER - H. Patricia Miller (Hitchcock), aged 77, of Lowell, passed away April 5, 2005. Pat was born in Jackson and was a graduate of the Class of 1946 from Ottawa Hills High School. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, David; children James (Bonnie), Lloyd, Charles, Paul (Ann) Miller; sisters Barbara J. Wahmann, Joan Manhassett, NY 11030, Attn: Dennis O'Donald. Make checks payable to NSUHLJ Health System Foundation, memo Variety House.

KESSEL - Jon Thomas Kessel, aged 63, of Grand Rapids, passed away on Friday, April 8, 2005, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his mother Gladys Kessel and his father John

Special event focuses on Civil War education with hopes of raising funds for local monument

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

The official kick-off for the fundraiser of the Civil War monument at Oakwood Cemetery is this Saturday at the Wittenbach Agri-science Center.

Sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Society, the Civil War-era event will include a number of activities and programs offered by Bruce Butgereit & Co.

In presenting his Civil War restoration program to the Lowell City Council last month, Butgereit, of the Grand Rapids Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, John A. Logan Camp 1, was supported by the council. His two-prong approach includes raising the funds needed, (\$13,500) for the statute /re-creation of the cannon's carriage, and education. The event is targeted for eight to 13 year olds, and the idea behind the campaign "Together ... we CAN do it!" is to give students an opportunity to learn about the Civil War ... and build their character in helping others, Butgereit said.

Admission is only a canned goods item with a bill or any denomination wrapped around it. The canned goods will go to a local food bank, with the money put toward the restoration project.

"The program focuses on the life of the soldier and civilian in the war and brings to life the photographs often seen only in books," Butgereit explained.

"It's a wonderful idea," said mayor Jeanne Shores about the "Can Do" fundraising program. "I like that it is getting

the students involved."

Saturday's program, which is titled "Bedrolls & Bonnets" is divided into two parts. During the morning, one presentation focuses on women in the Civil War, what they wore, their roles, and interaction of people of that time. The second presentation takes a look at the Union soldier, what he wore, the equipment he carried, his weapon and personal items.

Continuing in the vein of authenticity, lunch has been designed to include items from that time period such as dried beef, pork and beans—Butgereit noted that Van Camps Pork and Beans was invented in 1861—cheese slices, dried apples and Snickerdoodle cookies.

After lunch there will be hands-on opportunities to play such games as Mancala, Jarabadesh, Pig in a Pen and Graces; classes will also teach signaling with Morse Code and flags, and experiencing camp life as a soldier.

Butgereit said anyone is welcome to bring donations to the event. On hand will be representatives from the Sons of the Union Veterans, the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861—1865, Eva Gray Tent No. 2 and the Women's Relief Corp Chaplain Corps 41, both from Grand Rapids.

The Wittenbach Center is located across the street from the high school and the event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



THEBES PLAYERS DINNER THEATRE
The play "Wedding of the Year" will be held at Larkin's Other Place, Friday and Saturday April 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30; dinner 6:30 p.m./play 7:30 p.m.; also matinee Sunday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m. Call 897-8545 for ticket information.

FUNDRAISER HELD AT WITTENBACH CENTER
A fundraiser to benefit the Civil War monument at Oakwood Cemetery will be held at the Wittenbach Center on Saturday, April 16 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Area Historical Society.

ORGAN RECITAL
As part of the First United Methodist Church's 150th anniversary, organist Bill Zinke will offer a concert on the recently refurbished pipe organ Sunday, April 17 from 3-4 p.m. 621 E. Main St.

SCREENING FOR PRESCHOOLERS
To find out if your 3 to 4 1/2 year old preschooler qualifies for free developmental screening, call Carol Briggs at 987-2516. Schedule your appointment by April 18 for the screening (April 21 and 22) at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth St.

BLOOD DRIVE
The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Michigan Community Blood Center on Wednesday, April 20 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

ROTARY CLUB RAFFLE TICKETS
Purchase one ticket for \$5 or 6 for \$25 and you may win an Orlando condo vacation, a \$3200 value. Auction held at Noto's Restaurant, April 22. Proceeds benefit Rotary Scholarship Fund. Tickets available at Ledger/Buyers Guide, J.B. Harrison, Lowell Chamber, State Farm, Regal Insurance and Bernard's Ace Hardware.

TRYOUTS FOR FAST PITCH SOFTBALL
Girls 12U fast pitch softball tryouts will be held Saturday, April 23 and 30, 1-4 p.m. at Lowell High School Softball Field. Registration: 12:30 - 1 p.m. Call Leann at 868-2065 or check website: www.lowell-softball.org.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on May 4, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on a proposed ordinance to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance.

The principal provisions of the proposed amending ordinances are the following:

1. Ordinance No. 1. This ordinance includes certain revisions in Section 3.25 of the Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to private roads and driveways and Article 17, pertaining to site plan review. A private road may be constructed, extended or upgraded only in accordance with a special land use granted by the Planning Commission after public notice and public hearing, in accordance with Article 13 of the zoning ordinance. Application requirements are specified; upon approval of a private road special land use, a private road construction permit must be obtained from the building inspector, upon submission of a site plan and other materials.

Minimum standards for the design and construction of private roads are specified. An indemnity agreement and private road maintenance agreement are required.

Standards for approval of a private road located in the A-1 or A-2 districts are set forth in the amending ordinance. Other matters in the ordinance include prohibition of the use of private roads for commercial or industrial purposes, except with respect to service drives or shared driveways; time limit on commencement of private road construction; and other matters. The amending ordinance and the public hearing covers only those provisions in Section 3.25 with respect to which a public hearing has not previously been held.

The proposed amending ordinance includes the following additional or revised provisions in Article 17 of the zoning ordinance, pertaining to site plan review: Site plan review by the Planning Commission is required for platted subdivisions; all residential developments containing three or more lots; all land divisions which result in three or more lots, including the remnant lot

or parcel; any expansion, alteration or changes in uses that require site plan review. In addition, site plan approval includes, where applicable, lands which are offered as part of a common promotional plan for sale or conveyance, in connection with lands that are otherwise subject to site plan review, including lands which are contiguous thereto, as the term is defined in the amending ordinance and within the time specified in the ordinance.

The amending ordinance and the public hearing includes only those amendments in said Article 17 with respect to which a public hearing has not previously been held.

2. Ordinance No. 2. This ordinance would add a new Article 14C to the Township Zoning Ordinance, covering planned unit developments (PUDs). The Amending ordinance includes provisions on the minimum qualifying conditions for PUDs; procedures for Planning Commission and Township Board review of applications for PUDs; the required contents and information to be included in development plans for proposed PUDs; standards under which development plans for PUDs would be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and Township Board; procedures for approval of changes in an approved PUD; provisions on the imposing of terms and conditions on PUD approval; time limitations for the commencement of construction of an approved PUD; performance guarantees and other provisions.

3. Ordinance No. 3. This ordinance would amend Article 19 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to administration and enforcement, in its entirety. The amending ordinance includes provisions on requirements for building permits and zoning compliance permits; requirements for certificates of occupancy and payment of applicable fees and reimbursement of Township expenses in zoning proceedings; the issuance of stop-work orders; requirements for performance guarantees; and penalties for violations of the Township Zoning Ordinance and other matters pertaining to enforcement of the ordinance.

Further, the amending ordinance amends Section 21.01 of the zoning ordinance, pertaining to the severability of provisions in the ordinance.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amending ordinance. Written comments concerning the ordinance may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing. Dated: April 8, 2005

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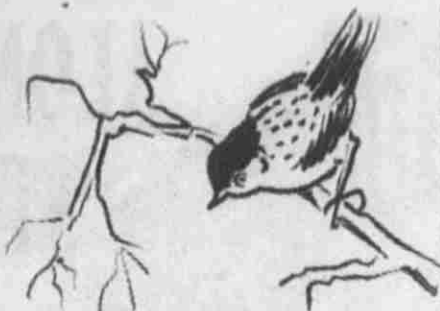
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Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



NEVER GIVE UP

Four years ago, 271,000 acres of outstanding northern Upper Peninsula real estate was auctioned off to the highest bidder. The timberland, of various size parcels, is located from Tahquamenon Falls in the east to the Porcupine Mountains in the west. The land was owned by Kamehameha School of Hawaii.

Despite the best effort of The Nature Conservancy, a one million member nonprofit organization whose mission

is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities by protecting the land and water they need to survive, in collaboration with the state of Michigan to come up with a winning bid, the land was bought by Forestland Group LLC. But it's not over until it's over.

The Nature Conservancy, with the help of then Gov. Engler and current Gov. Granholm, continued to work on a deal. After three years, the effort paid off with an agreement with the Forestland Group which met the original objectives.

The 58 million dollar deal protects 248,000 acres through a conservation easement which allows the public to use the privately owned land for a variety of recreational activities. The forests will be managed under sustainable forestry practices while being protected from random development. Timber production from the property will provide much needed employment and an economic boost for the Upper Peninsula. The 23,338 acres was purchased by The

Nature Conservancy and will be added to its preserve in the Two Hearted River watershed.

The funding will come from The Nature Conservancy, state and federal trusts, and a number of private foundations, one of which is the Wege Foundation. Included in the deal are 300 lakes and 500 miles of rivers and streams. The majority of the land is connected to the Porcupine Mountains State Park, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, or Tahquamenon Falls State Park and ties together 2.5 million acres of forestland.

This major expansion of protected woodlands will insure secure habitat for wolves, moose and bear. Some birds and plants that may be in danger of extinction will find a place to survive in the special environments that make up the vast landscape.

Due to the perseverance of The Nature Conservancy and Gov. Granholm, the deal is all but done. We can all be glad that these folks didn't give up.



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold

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BE PREPARED FOR ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

If you're like most people, you probably aren't that familiar with the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Even the name may trigger a lot of speculation. What, exactly, is this tax an "alternative" to? And what does the word "minimum" mean? Is it the smallest possible tax that can be assessed? If so, who has to pay it?

Here's a little background on the AMT. First, there has been some type of minimum tax ever since 1969. Because many well-off individuals used credits and tax breaks to cut their tax liability to little or nothing, Congress passed laws requiring taxpayers to calculate their tax liability first under the conventional method and then under the AMT method - and then pay whichever tax is higher.

Although the AMT rates of 26 and 28 percent are lower

than the top regular tax rates, the AMT rates are levied on a broader income base - one that excludes personal exemptions and many itemized expenses.

For many years, the AMT affected relatively few people. But that has begun to change. The number of people subject to the AMT will shoot up from 1.4 million in 2001 to almost 30 million in 2010, according to the Tax Policy Center of the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute. And if the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 are extended, this number will climb to almost 40 million by 2014.

Obviously, these are big jumps. What's behind them? Consider these two factors:

- No adjustment for inflation - Most taxpayers have been shielded from the AMT by its large exemption, which, for the past two years, has been \$58,000 for joint returns and \$40,250 for single filers and heads of household. But this exemption is not adjusted for inflation so, as wages and earnings rise each year, more and more people will be subject to the AMT. Furthermore, in 2005, these exemptions are scheduled to drop - to \$45,000 (joint returns) and \$33,750 (single filers).
- New tax brackets - The Tax Relief Act of 2003 lowered

tax brackets as follows: 38.6 percent to 35 percent; 35 percent to 33 percent; 30 percent to 28 percent; and 27 percent to 25 percent. These new, lower rates, combined with the available exemptions and deductions, mean that many middle- and upper-income taxpayers' regular taxes will now be lower than the AMT - which means they'll have to pay the AMT.

If you're subject to the AMT, you'll have to deal with more complicated tax returns. Plus, tax planning is more difficult, because you can't always predict when you'll face the AMT; consequently, you could lose valuable tax breaks. For example, if you have a home-equity loan of up to \$100,000, your interest is normally deductible under the regular tax calculations. But if you're forced to calculate your tax liability using the AMT formula, your home-equity loan may not be deductible, particularly if it's used for purposes other than home improvement.

See your tax adviser to determine if you're susceptible to the AMT, and, if so, what you can do about it. The AMT can be complicated - but if you've got a good understanding of how it works, then you won't be surprised when tax time rolls around.



In The Service

Army National Guard Benning, Columbus, Ga.
Pvt. Joshua R. Griffin During his eight weeks of training, he has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort received training in drill

and ceremonies, weapons, operations and tactics, and map reading, tactics, experiencing use of various military courtesy, military weapons and weapons justice, physical fitness, defenses available to the first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Griffin, a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Theresa Griffin of Lowell.

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F.R.O.M. PARTICIPATES IN "FEED THE HUNGRY" CAMPAIGN

For the fourth year, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. is participating in the "feed the hungry" campaign in order to share in the million dollar Feinstein Foundation Challenge.

Each year Alan Shawn Feinstein divides one million dollars among hunger fighting agencies, using it to help them raise funds. Agencies like F.R.O.M. track donations of foods and money donated during the months of March and April and report them to the Feinstein Foundation. The million dollars will then be divided proportionately among all agencies that participate.

If you would like to donate at this time, please bring nonperishable food items to the F.R.O.M. Food Pantry or to the Thrift Store. Monetary contributions should be made payable to F.R.O.M. and mailed to: Dr. Roger La Warre, 404 N. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331.

Please help feed the hungry in our community. The need is greater than ever!



College News

Graduation ceremonies will be held on June 18 for Jessica V. Den Houter of Lowell who graduated from Northwestern University with honors. Her honor's thesis is titled, "The Impact of Self-Esteem on Adolescent Decision Making." She has been accepted into Teach for America and will be teaching art in the Mississippi Delta for the next two years.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the first of two required meetings for the year on

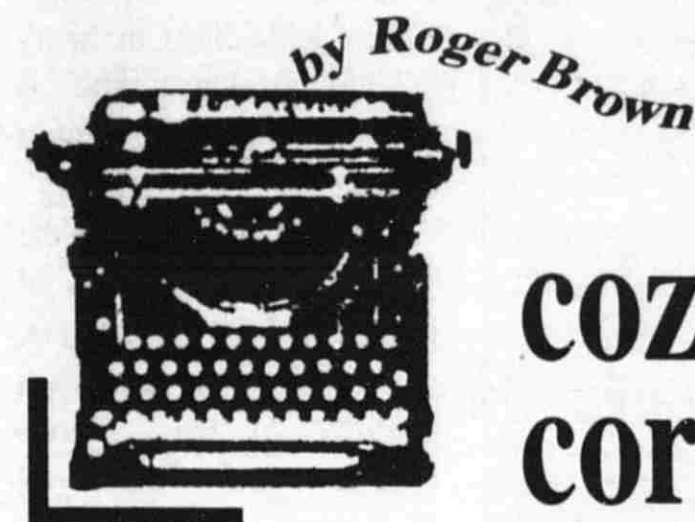
Wednesday, April 20, 2005

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

On the agenda is any and all business which may be brought before this Board according to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Viewpoint



by Roger Brown

cozy corner

I can't imagine a life without dogs. Ours are getting old, and it's tough to watch. If they could talk, or write, they'd probably say the same about me.

Tito, a ten-year-old chocolate Lab is suffering with arthritis. Max, our twelve-year-old super-sized Australian Shepherd, was hit by a car just before Christmas. His major injuries were a dislocated hip and a large tear in his groin. His recovery has been remarkable for a dog his age. Still, these injuries, added to other age related ailments, have slowed the old boy down. Neither dog is up to my long, brisk morning walk. It feels very foreign to leave them home when I go out the door ... not to mention depressing.

These injuries and age related ailments have stirred feelings of sympathy in us. And, is often the case in our society, sympathy manifests itself in the doling out of food. The dogs have picked up on this and are playing the sympathy card every chance they get. If I'm in the kitchen, there are always two big old dogs limping around looking for sympathy handouts. They get 'em too.

I mentioned that Max's accident happened just before Christmas. A generous portion of our Christmas ham ended up as little treats for the poor guy. Of course it is extremely difficult to treat only one dog, so Tito got his share as well. Between them, they ate most of the ham. It is no longer a Christmas ham at our house, it's a "sympathy ham."

Between the two dogs they get a vast array of medications ... morning and night. They have me trained. The sun comes up, and they are barking at me. The sun goes down, and they are barking at me.

You may have already guessed that the medications have become treats as well. Even though most of the tablets are chewable, they spit them out unless I dab a little butter on them. Some of the medications say they should be taken with food, so the dispensing of pills is followed by a big dog biscuit. They have my number.

The dinner table is no exception. Max is especially bad. Given his height, he can walk up and look on my plate. If he likes what he sees, and smells, he begins staring holes in me with his pale blue eyes. He stands there, not putting any

weight on his bad leg, looking so pathetic I just can't resist sneaking him a few select scraps. Tito then puts on a look of total dejection, so he gets his share as well.

All of this sympathy food is over my wife's objections, especially the dinner table stuff. Her complaints are mostly for show, as she is into this sympathy thing as well. At least that's what the dogs and I believe.

This brings us to dinner last Thursday evening. We had my wife's sister and her husband as guests. Dinner was steaks on the grill, baked potatoes and salad. The menu definitely got the dogs' attention. They were on full alert throughout the meal. I could feel their eyes burning holes in me, but I resisted giving them anything because of the guests. When everyone had finished eating, it was every man and dog for himself.

I gathered up the steak bones and scraps of meat from all the plates. As we sat around the table in conversation, I was busily cutting scraps and carving meat from bones. These delectable morsels were then shared equally between the dogs. This was serious sympathy food and the dogs were loving it!

All too soon the scraps were gone, but the dogs' interest level was still intent. I let Max chew on the end of a bone as I held onto the other end. Bones don't agree with our dogs' digestive systems, so I was just letting him try to get the meat I missed with a knife. I should have been paying closer attention.

Max chewed and tugged as I was engaged in table talk. The next thing you know, I was screaming bloody murder and coming up out of my chair like it was a fighter plane ejection seat.

Max had discreetly worked the bone around to his rear molars for a good old canine bone crushing chomp. Unfortunately, what he had instead of the bone was my left index finger between the second and third knuckle.

The really bad part of all this is something I have failed to mention. Much of this sympathy thing with Max is the fact that over the past year he has slowly gone stone deaf. He just kept on chonking down on my finger despite my blood curdling screams. Somewhere shy of biting my finger right on off, something registered in his little canine brain that told him to let go. It may have been the fact I was practically plastered to the ceiling.

The bite had left pretty good holes on either side of my finger. I wrapped it in my napkin until the bleeding stopped. I ignored my sister-in-law's suggestion to get some antiseptic on the wound. Now, five days later, the finger is red and swollen and I'm doctoring it for infection.

Apparently Max never heard the old adage, "Don't bite the hand that feeds you." Oh, that's right, Max is deaf.

I am encouraging everyone to be careful, and not to carry social security numbers in your wallets/purses. Not to order online unless you are dealing with a reputable company, and again, never give out your personal information if someone calls or emails you. Also, don't forget to sign the back of your credit cards (if it's not signed and you lose it, whoever finds it may go ahead and sign your name to the back of the card in their handwriting.). I would even go so far as to encourage you not to leave bills in the mailbox overnight. The thieves of today are very crafty, and if we give them the opportunity, they may be stealing our identities next!

Best regards,
Becky Sherman

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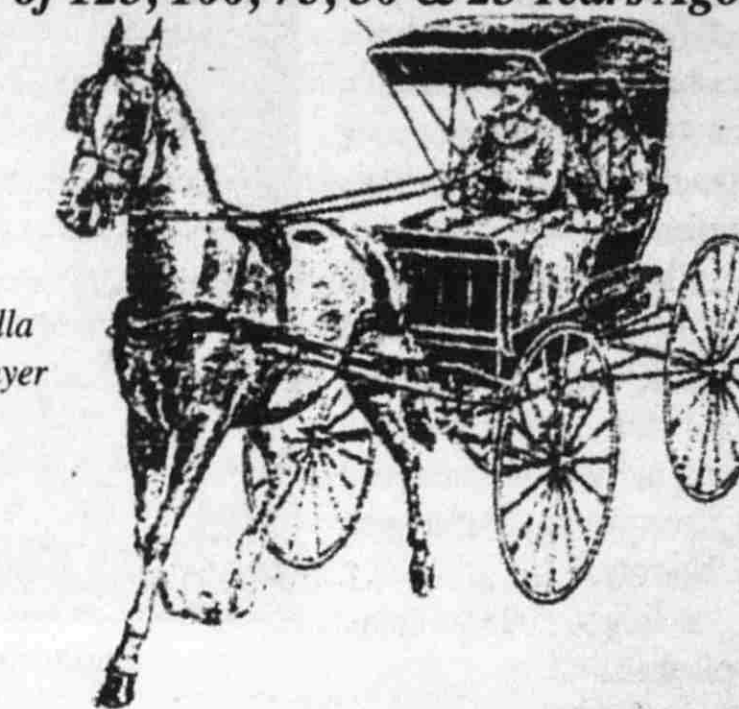
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Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL APRIL 14, 1880

Cattle are still in the streets. The marshal is after them. James Loep has Plymouth Rock eggs for hatching, 50 cents for 13.

Chicago has the telephone wire championship, 850 on a single pole.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 13, 1905

The Boylan Hardware and five adjoining two-story buildings are destroyed by fire Tuesday night, April 11. A fire at 6 p.m. in the Boylan oil room (constructed of wood) is followed by an explosion of dynamite or gasoline or both. Fire is brought under control at 8:30, but Boylan's, Sturgis Drugs, Nicholson Dry Goods, Marks Ruben Clothier, Harrison Sherman Bazaar and Bell Telephone Exchange are totally destroyed. Tom Donovan's Saloon, next to Sherman's, is gutted. Wisner Mill and the Cutter Factory catch on fire several times but are saved by employees and volunteers. Upstairs tenants barely escape with their lives. King Milling's large coopeage (barrel-making) building is destroyed and flames spread to the rear of Goodrich Kop's building, driving out Maynard Brothers. A.L. Weyrick's new steel-covered meat market and F. Spagnuolo go, but B.C. Smith's steel-covered tailor shop and the mill are only damaged. The Grand Rapids Fire Department finally arrives, having been delayed by a train at Ada which had the right-of-way, and together with Lowell Water and Light, which pumped "to beat the band" out of both Flat and Grand rivers, put out the fire. Losses are estimated at \$100,000 partially insured. The consensus is that new buildings will be of brick, and most merchants will reopen.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 10, 1930

A cooperative community organization effort plants the first 10,000 of a 30,000 tree project on the Lowell pumping station grounds.

The editor opposes raising Grand Rapids speed limits beyond 20 mph in business areas and 15 mph in residential.

The Postmaster-General proposes a first-class postage hike to 2 1/2 cents.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 14, 1955

Announcement of the special bonding election for the new elementary school is accompanied by an artist's conception of the building.

Dr. Thomas Hill M.D. proposes additions to the public health ordinance of 1893, chiefly control of fire hazards, rodents and insects.

The PTA announces transportation and babysitting services available for voters in the school election Monday.

Last year's test program proved good as well as safe, so all first and second graders will receive the polio vaccine.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 9, 1980

The city begins work on rebuilding the old Island Park so it may be used once again.

Be sure to register now so you can vote in the Presidential Primary on May 20.

The Strand Theatre's Bob DeNolf is excited about the number of blockbusters coming soon, like Grease, StarTrek, Love at First Bite and Meatballs.

Engagements

Huysler/Mauric

Jim and Karen Huysler of Lowell announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Rae Huysler to Jason Thomas Mauric, son of Paul and Pam Mauric of Rockford.

The future bride graduated from Lowell High School in 2003. She is now attending Grand Valley State University.

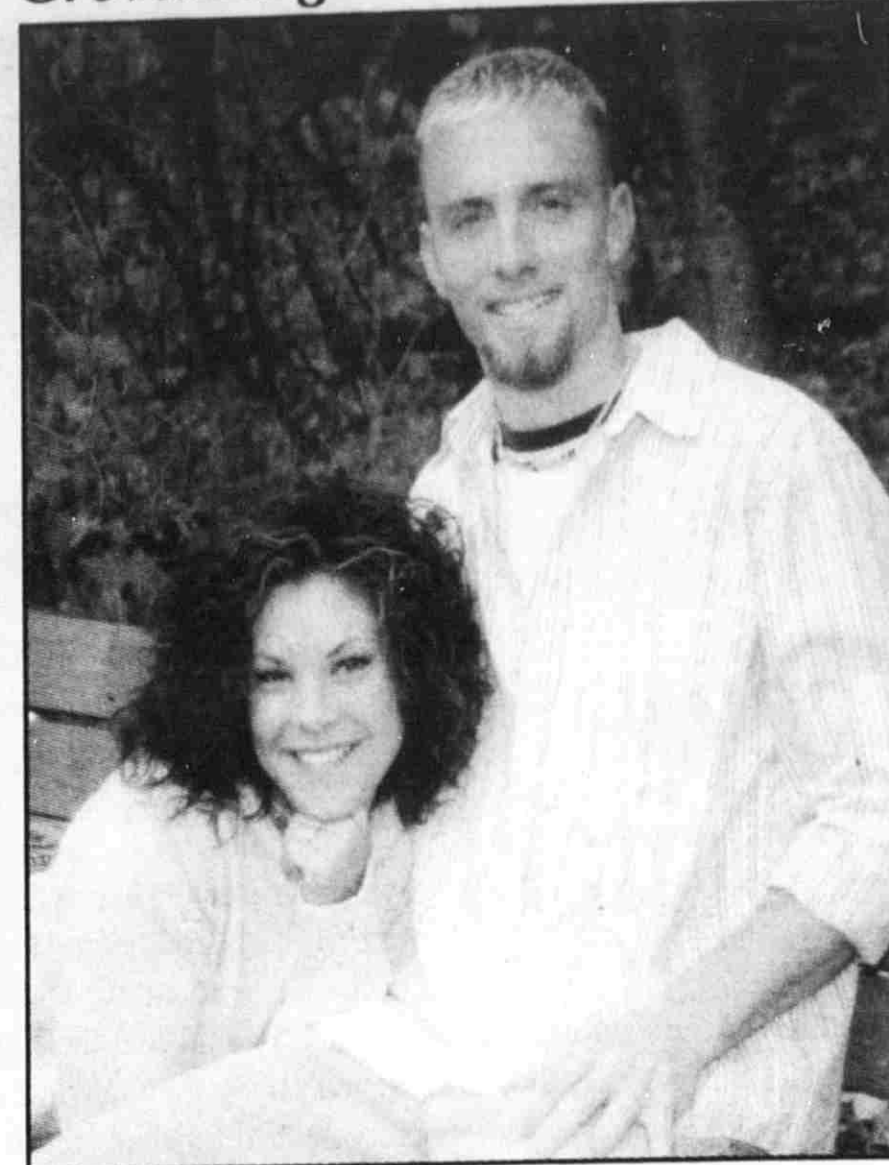
The future groom graduated from Rockford High School in 2002. He is currently serving in the Navy and will be assigned to a new destroyer stationed in Norfolk, Va.

A July 9, 2005 wedding is planned.



Kimberly Huysler and Jason Mauric

Grove/Burgess



Angela Grove and David Burgess Jr.

Arlen and Lori Grove of Lake Odessa are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie of Lowell to David James Burgess Jr., also of Lowell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lakewood High School and Chic University of Cosmetology. She is employed as an instructor at Chic.

The future groom is the son of Sandra Burgess of Lowell and David Burgess, also of Lowell. He is a graduate of Big Springs High P.A. and is employed at Airway Oxygen as a technician.

The couple are planning an August 20, 2005 wedding.

Reflections of faith

Rev. Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

I have been collecting ministry statements for only a few months now. I have already come up with so many in such a short period of time I am considering publishing a book titled The ABC's of Ministry Statements.

There must be millions more but consider these for starters. The five G's of Grace, Growth, Groups, Gifts and Good Stewardship are often referred to as the G-Force. Then there are the five C's of Center, Connect, Cultivate, Contribute and Communicate.

Some find vision in sets of four. The four P's of Purity, People, Priorities and Possessions look strikingly similar to the four R's which represent Righteousness, Relationships, Rest and Resources. Both the P's and the R's bear striking

resemblances to the four T's of Truth, Ties, Time and Treasure. I also found four Reaches corresponding to Reach Up, Reach In, Reach Out and Reach Across.

There are also clusters of threes but I have only run across two. The three W's for Word, World, Worship and the three C's and P's related to Christ's Presence, Christ's Power and Christ's Purpose.

Finally there are a smattering of letters bundled together. WFDME stands for Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism. TETGGG means Trust, Empathy, Teach, Guide and Grow with God. And last but not least, my favorite FROG for Fully, Rely, On, Grace.

Now do not get cynical about the use of letters in guiding memory. Consider the longest Psalm in the Bible, Psalm 119. In your Bible you will see each eight-verse section is named after a Hebrew letter. That is because every line of each eight-verse section starts with the corresponding letter. For example, there would be eight verses for A, eight verses for B, eight verses for C and so on. This was done so people could more easily remember the whole of Psalm 119's 176 verses. So, go ahead ... come up with a slogan. Give it a few letters. But remember, TETGGG is harder to recall than WWJD.

Happy Birthday

APRIL 14: Phyllis Jones, Teale, Dennis Ryder, Joe Merriman, Jill Harris, Lucille Erickson, Betty Erickson, Gary Pieroni.

APRIL 18: Rick Warner, Angela Vezino, Doug Ossewaarde, Stuart, Cole Wade, Stephanie.

APRIL 15: Craig Yeiter, Margaret Yoder, Charles Behnke, Fred Oesch Jr., Dave Carpenter, Terry Kinsley, Jim Schafer.

APRIL 16: Sam Roudabush, Kathleen Zywicki, Jack Ryder, Jacob Billingsley, Lori Gerard, Steve Kropf, Angie Farrell, Doug Clark, Rayce Darby, Kristin Lee.

APRIL 17: Elsie Franks, Heather Vezino, Roger

Friday exhibition a homecoming for leader of strongman group

By Dan Schneider

Mike Benson has been a strongman evangelist for a little more than a year now.

In that time, he's traveled all over the country with The Conquerors International Strength Team. As a member of The Conquerors, Benson uses classic feats of strength-tearing phone

books, bending horseshoes, breaking baseball bats, smashing cinder blocks--and his life story to teach youth about making good life choices and about Christianity.

For the past few weeks, the team has been bringing their motivational message--minus the Christianity part--to Lowell Area Schools.

"In the public schools, we can't share our faith openly, so what we do in the schools is share a positive motivational message," Benson said.

So far, they've been to every school building except the middle school, where the event had to be rescheduled. Benson said the middle

school age level is the most important one for his team's message.

"The decisions they make in that time can determine their future," he said. "That middle school age is where we really try to wake them up. I give a very raw version of my experiences."

It's especially significant to Benson to give his presentation here in Lowell, because here is where the "raw" parts of his story took place.

"This is where I went to school and got in trouble, so it's really personal and it's been a desire in my heart for a long time to give back to this community," he said.

Benson moved here in 1986, as a middle school student. He got into drinking and drugs. He started high school in Lowell, then transferred to Caledonia for alternative education.

In 1990, at the age of 16, he was convicted of robbing the Alto bank. He and a friend held up the bank with rifles, Benson said, to "continue our party lifestyles."

Police caught them boarding an airplane for Florida at the Gerald R. Ford airport. Benson spent 1991 to 1995 in the state penitentiary. He compared

the experience to being a lion in a cage at the zoo.

"If they take that lion out of the cage and put him back in the wild, it's going to go right back to eating gazelles," Benson said.

After five years of prison, there was "no change in myself whatsoever ... still had the same nature in myself on the inside."

Benson violated his parole and ended up in prison again until October of 2002. He met Christians in prison but their message was slow to take.

"I had that word preached to me and I rejected it," Benson said. "Basically, it was pride--that's for weak people, I don't need that."

But eventually, it did take hold, and jail was different for Benson. "I basically lifted weights and studied the word," he said.

Benson took correspondence courses in scripture studies. He met a girl named Stephanie, who is now his wife. She remained faithful to him for a year and a half while he finished his jail sentence. They are now expecting a daughter.

He was attending Life Church in Grandville regularly and studying in

the Christian Life School of Theology there when he met Greg Molchan. Molchan was the president of The Conquerors and recognized a potential member in Benson.

With his back-from-the-brink life story and prison-built physique, Benson was a perfect candidate to become a team member. In March, Benson became president of the group.

Molchan taught Benson how to tear phone books and crush full pop cans in his driveway. Benson learned other skills like bending a horseshoe.

"You kind of use your body as a vice, and then you just need strength," Benson said. "It takes a lot of strength to bend steel."

The feats of strength are secondary in importance. "We do fail often at a lot of the feats of strength we do," Benson said.

The important part is the message they're getting across, with or without the Christianity aspect.

The Conquerors will present their full gospel message this Friday at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. The community event, sponsored by Impact Church, is free.

Comptons celebrate golden anniversary

Harry Compton (native of Petoskey) and Shirley (Winks) Compton, (native of Lowell), will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on April 15, 2005.

The couple, who reside in Cedar Springs, have five children: Shannon Pixley, Michele Compton, Peggy Compton, Kelly Compton and James Compton; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild on the way.

Their anniversary will be celebrated with friends and family at a private party.



Shirley and Harry Compton

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- Englehardt, May 21, 11:30 a.m. 647-3920

- Alpine, May 25, 6:30 p.m. 647-3810
- Alto, May 26, 4 p.m. 647-3820
- Krause Memorial (Rockford), May 31, 6:30 p.m. 647-3940.

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F.R.O.M. seeks more space, continued...From Page 1

So the thrift store and food pantry are going to work with the Breton Group out of Grand Rapids on the study to help F.R.O.M. get an idea of where it stands in the community.

"One purpose is to assess the vitality of Flat

River Outreach Ministries in the minds of the community," La Warre said.

This will help F.R.O.M. determine whether it has sufficient community support to see it through its planned growth. The study will also give people in

Lowell an opportunity to make suggestions about the future direction of the thrift store and food pantry.

"Since it's really a community-based ministry we felt that we really needed to talk to the community to find out how they feel about our growing," La Warre said. "We want to keep the focus in a way that really lets the

community be part of what we're doing."

The centerpiece of the study is a survey of 45 to 55 people in the community. It will include people who work with F.R.O.M., use its services or are otherwise familiar with the organization. Another group in the study will be people from Lowell who are not

familiar with the ministry. La Warre said the responses to the survey will form a collective testimonial about F.R.O.M.

"Through these contacts we'll have ... we'll present a compelling case for what we're doing," he said. "If people are seeing us as a vital ministry to the community

and they're aware of what our needs are, then it will expand our donor base."

It is anticipated that the study, funded through a \$12,000 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund, will get underway by the end of this month. La Warre hopes it will be completed by July.

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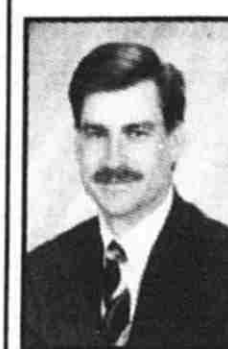
Grindle Drive, through a Michigan Transportation Fund Bond.

The wastewater fund has

allocated \$70,000 for sewer maintenance and \$10,000 for rebuilding manholes. A final payment of \$22,392

for the rotating drum is also planned. The water fund is budgeted for \$7,000 of floor improvements;

\$20,000 for plant exterior improvements; \$20,000 for well abandonment; and \$50,000 for the watermain on Grindle. Both funds could see a rate increase. The readiness to serve for wastewater is proposed to increase a dollar to \$13.50, and the debt serve for water fund is proposed to increase to \$20.75, also up a dollar.



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Dyslexia is a learning disability that affects language skills. There are varying degrees and different kinds of dyslexia. It affects reading, writing, spelling, auditory processing, and other language processes. What is surprising is that many very capable and even famous people have been diagnosed with it. Here is an early biographical description of someone well-known who had dyslexia. See if you can guess who Case 1 might be:

"Boy, age six, head large at birth. Thought to have had brain fever. Three siblings died before his birth. Mother does not agree with relatives and neighbors that the child is probably abnormal. Child sent to school - diagnosed as mentally ill by teacher. Mother is angry - withdraws child from school, says she will teach him herself."

The child is Thomas Edison, the famous inventor of the light bulb and many other things.

Here is another case:

Boy, senior year secondary school, has obtained certificate from stating that nervous breakdown makes it

necessary for him to leave school for six months. Boy not a good all-around student, he has no friends, teachers find him a problem; he spoke late, father is ashamed of son's lack of athletic ability, poor adjustment to school. Boy has odd mannerisms, makes up own religion, chants hymns to himself, parents regard him as "different." Case 2 is a description of Albert Einstein, the famous scientist.

These are just two examples of people who struggled with the school system because of a different dyslexic learning style.

Some other famous individuals who have been

diagnosed with dyslexia are Whoopi Goldberg, a famous actress and comedian; Tommy Hilfiger, the well-known clothing designer; Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States; John Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States; Charles Schwab, a great 19th century industrialist and financier; Jay Leno, a well-known comedian; and Rodin, a French sculptor. There are many more that have not been mentioned here.

Dyslexia is challenging, but if treated and managed, it will not be a hindrance to being a normal person.

HEALTH



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

ROTAVIRUS

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Transmission of the virus is fecal-oral, meaning contact with infected stool which is then transmitted to the mouth. This typically occurs when hands are not washed after contact with stool.

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Public hearing set for revised residential sign ordinance

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

With no mention of improper use of wall signs, the Lowell Planning Commission decided not to address the issue in its residential sign ordinance, finally clearing the last hurdle of the proposed ordinance.

The commission reviewed new language for its residential sign ordinance, which was sent back to them earlier this year when the city council raised questions about specifics. Having spent months reviewing the ordinance, the commission decided to set a public hearing for April 25 on the revised verbiage; this is almost a year after the initial issue of residential signs was brought before the commission.

The commission agreed that one wall sign is allowed

per parcel, and that the sign cannot be any greater than three feet nor any higher than three feet. The sign is allowed in the front yard, no closer than half of the required setback distance.

Exempt from the ordinance is an address, owner's or occupant's name sign up to three square feet and attached to a mailbox, light fixture or exterior wall.

Doug Hopkins, the building inspector, said if a sign is exempt, the city cannot limit them. Planning commission chair Clark Jahnke raised an issue over the exempt signs saying he could envision someone putting in several three-foot address signs.

Jahnke said he could also see someone with a long driveway having concerns since if the property were a quarter of a mile long with a house a half a mile back

in, they could only have one address sign.

After some discussion, it was decided the exemption does limit the amount of space. "We haven't had anyone overdo this," said commission member Deb Hinton.

"I think we need to look at the real issue, which is

Police look at changing lane design on N. Hudson

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

If you at first, second, and third, can't get volunteer compliance of the speed limit on North Hudson, it might be time to consider changing the lane configuration.

"As many of you are aware, gaining voluntary compliance with the posted 25 mile per hour speed limit on North Hudson by the motoring public has proven very difficult," reported

the presence of these signs," said commission member Barb Schmaltz.

Last May, resident Josh Langdon came before the commission and demonstrated that residential signage (with religious sayings) could not

be forbidden, but that the city could place reasonable restrictions through an ordinance, according to several court rulings.

"He doesn't seem to care about anyone else's feelings," Schmaltz said of his signs.

City manager David Pasquale pointed out that if such signs are allowed, any message can be placed on the sign in support of any religion. Content cannot be controlled - only items like height, space and number.

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roadway—one lane in each direction with a continuous center turn lane.

The three-lane roadway is similar to what is currently on W. Main Street. "We believe this would help with compliance of posted speeds because of our experience with compliance of speed limits on West Main," Valentine said.

Following the meeting, Valentine contacted the Kent County Road Commission, which oversees N. Hudson, and proposed that the lane change start at Chatham and go north to the city limits. He did not recommend going from Main Street south, since

he knew that reconfiguring an intersection can be a little more involved. Also, North Hudson already has a left-turn lane from Chatham to Main Street.

Mayor Jeanne Shores, who lives on North Hudson, said her first reaction was, "Please don't mess with my street." But after observing the traffic, she realized the proposed lane configuration would be beneficial in that faster vehicles would be forced to slow down behind the slower ones.

Another issue involves people weaving in and out of

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Lowell community weight-loss challenge declared a success

By Dan Schneider

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participants, so we thought it was a great success," Sellner said.

The top-losing team was the "Rollaway Losers" which included Bob Van Noller, Gail Van Noller-Warren, Tracy Warren and Jessica Stinchcomb; they lost a cumulative 95 pounds in 11 weeks. The Lowell Area Fire Department team of Tony McCall, Polly McCall, Matt Collins and James Oswald lost a total of 86 pounds. Laura Becker, Marcia Bieber, Vicki Bilski and Rose Lawrence, who formed the team "Whole Lotta Mama" were the third-place losers, shedding 71 pounds over the course of the challenge.

The team approach was used in an effort to capture the benefits of mutual encouragement.

"The team approach was a big reason for the success," said Lowell YMCA associate director Andy Retberg.

During weekly Tuesday team weigh-ins at the Lowell YMCA, teams were given



Pictured are members of two of the top teams, "Whole Lotta Mama" and the "Rollaway Losers": Marcia Bieber (from left), Laura Becker, Jessica Stinchcomb, Bob Van Noller, Gail Van Noller-Warren, and Rose Lawrence.

recipes, exercises, general health information, etc., to help them continue healthy lifestyles.

"I think the individuals involved received some

information, some tools that will help them make some better decisions for their overall well-being," Retberg said.

Many who participated plan to continue the healthy habits they developed during the course of the challenge, like Van Noller of the Rollaway Losers.

"I thought I'd want a pound of Ruffles at the end of the challenge and that didn't turn out to be the case," he said. "I'm making myself a turkey sandwich as we speak. I'm moving forward in a new direction."

Van Noller, of Rollaway Bowling, Skating and Laser Tag, lost 52 pounds

over the course of the challenge. He attributes his success to "eating right and rollerskating."

Throughout the challenge, Van Noller-Warren walked nightly with members of "Whole Lotta Mama" and another weight-loss team. It's two weeks later, and they are still walking and have no intention of stopping.

While the contest has taken inches off local waistlines, it is also giving back to the community. A donation of \$1,500 will be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M.) from team registration fees.

Once prizes are paid out

and expenses are covered, whatever money is remaining will also go to F.R.O.M.

Not only has the Lowell community become lighter by 1,999 pounds, but the challenge has increased exposure for Lowell Community Wellness, which sponsored the event, along with the YMCA, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Lowell Area Schools. Lowell Community Wellness is a program in the first year of its existence, funded by the Lowell Area Community Fund. In May, Lowell Community Wellness will hold a communitywide walking event and a Senior Health and Fitness Week.

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The adoption of the following Ordinance was moved by Councilmember Hodges seconded by Councilmember Mathews.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAP OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS

1. That the "Official Zoning Map" as referenced in Section 3.02 of Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended to change the zone district classification of real property located in part of 119 Lincoln Lake Avenue legally described as Lots 5 and 6, Block 18, Richards and Wickham's Plat from PF Public Facilities District and R-3 Residential District to C-1 Neighborhood Business District.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lowell.

YEA: Councilmembers Hodges, Mathews, Pfaller and Mayor Shores
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Myers

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

I, Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk of the City of Lowell, do hereby certify this Ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of the members elect of the Lowell City Council at a regular meeting held on March 21, 2005 and that the Ordinance was published in the Lowell Ledger on April 13, 2005.

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SUN.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

SUN.: V.F.W. Post 8303 Bingo. Doors open: 11:30 a.m.; 1st game: 1:30 p.m. at Lowell Veterans Center, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. Every Sunday except holidays.

MON.: LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in homes. Call 676-1355.

MON.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weight ins.

MON.: Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vandewulp at 897-4302 for more info.

MON.: Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

3RD MON.: Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber of commerce or Fallsburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of the Nazarene in the Fellowship Hall.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Cubmaster Bruce Doll, 897-9782 / email: bruce@imagesofvision.com.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

TUES.: Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

1ST TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

THIRD TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/program. Olga 616-975-9977/June 231-780-1249 for more information. Trunk show by Linda MacPhee, sewing expert. \$3 members; \$5 non-members.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Quake-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. New members are welcome.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers... because mothering matters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner is provided.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694.

WED.: Rotary meets at noon, Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

WED.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 897-7842.

THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus, 750 Fuller NE.

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

2ND THURS.: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. "Parenting For Success", 7-8:30 p.m. Topic: The Effects of Media on your Children. Call 642-6466 for info. and to preregister.

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Call Dawn at 862-8841.

3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842.

2ND SAT.: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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WED., APRIL 13: Snow United Methodist Church family style turkey and dressing dinner, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$8; children 5-12, \$2.

SUN., APRIL 17: Organ recital by accomplished organist, Bill Zinke at 1st United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, 3-4 p.m.; part of the 150-year celebration of the church. Refreshments to follow.

FRI., APRIL 22: Lowell

Rotary Club auction and raffle at Noto's. Tickets: \$5 donation for Orlando condo vacation \$3200 value. To benefit Rotary scholarship fund.

SAT., APRIL 23: Celebrate Earth Day at Englehardt Library, 10 a.m. Ages 5-16. Call 647-3920 for more information.

SAT., APRIL 23 & 30: Girls 12U, Fast pitch softball tryouts, 1-4 p.m. at high school softball field. Register 12:30 - 1 p.m. Call Leann 868-2065.

SAT., APRIL 30: TOTS annual spring almost new sale, 9-12 p.m. Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center gym, 300 High St. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to reserve space.

MON., MAY 2: Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, dinner at 6:30 p.m., 211 E. Main St. Belding. Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. w/ K-9 team from Ionia Post of the MI State Police. All Masons are invited.

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MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

TUES.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study. **FRI.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., APRIL 13: Bosnia Shoppers 12:45 p.m. Games at Center; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., APRIL 21: 12 p.m. Cafe in the Woods and Shopping.

THURS., APRIL 14: 4:30 p.m. Dinner at "Big Old Fish."

FRI., APRIL 15: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., APRIL 18: 12:45 p.m. Shop Perrigo.

TUES., APRIL 19: 10:15 a.m. Reading Grandparents; 12 p.m. Volunteer Luncheon.

WED., APRIL 20: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast "Real Food."

FRI., APRIL 29: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

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Dealership gets special use permit for body shop

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

A local dealership has completed half of the steps necessary to put a body shop on its property. Grand Wittenbach, 749 W. Main St., petitioned the Lowell Planning Commission for a special use permit for a body shop. Such an operation is allowed by special use in the general business district; also required is a site plan review.

At its meeting last month, the planning commission unanimously voted to grant Grand Wittenbach the special use permit but decided site plans were needed to clarify several areas before giving final approval.

"We like to have the site plan fairly close to what we expect to see when we are driving by," said planning commission chair Clark Jahnke, in response to the question of whether the

site plan could be approved pending conditions. Jahnke said there were simply too many issues to approve the plan at this point.

Grand Wittenbach cannot begin construction on its body shop until the site plans are approved. Wanting to get the project moving as quickly as possible, Wittenbach representatives agreed to pay the \$250 fee to have a special meeting April 11 for the commission to review the dealership's site plan.

Grand Wittenbach is planning to add 1,920 square

feet to Ronda Lowell Tire Center, located on its property, for a down draft spray booth operation. According to Dwayne Schiedel, of Wittenbach, the spray booth has three different filter systems that are all regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality. The filters help keep particulates down and keep odors down.

Other issues included hours of operation and lighting. Schiedel said the body shop would be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Zach Voogt, of the engineering

firm, Moore and Bruggink, Inc., said the building would only require basic lighting for security purposes.

"It is not going to be lit up like a used car lot," Voogt said.

Still Jahnke said he would prefer a better description of the lighting fixture to be used.

The commission also wanted to address curb area, sidewalks along Pleasant St., a retention area to better service the property,

screening for dumpsters, landscaping, and storm water drainage.

Restricting the hours of operation were also discussed. Schiedel said he would like to have Saturday hours as an option in the future. Currently, none of the Grand dealership body shops are open on Saturday.

"I'm glad to see Grand here," said commission member Jim Hall, "and I'm glad to see Grand making the improvements."

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE LAST DATE TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS MAY 10, 2005 • 4:00 P.M.

Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) two to four year term vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulation and return no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 10, 2005. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.



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Registration is required for the 6:30 p.m. program. Call 647-3920.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Join in the fun on Saturday, April 23 for the Earth Day Celebration, held at the Englehardt branch, 200 N. Monroe. Learn about taking care of the environment: do some clean-up, plant a tree and make a craft.

For ages five - 16, the program will start at 10 a.m. Call the branch at 647-3920 for more information.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

at which time and place the following requests will be heard:

Bill Jensen of 7452 Pine Ridge, Belding, MI 48809 (PP#41-12-10-204-001) is requesting a front yard variance from Article 7.03B and rear yard variance from Article 7.03D to construct a new dwelling with attached garage.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

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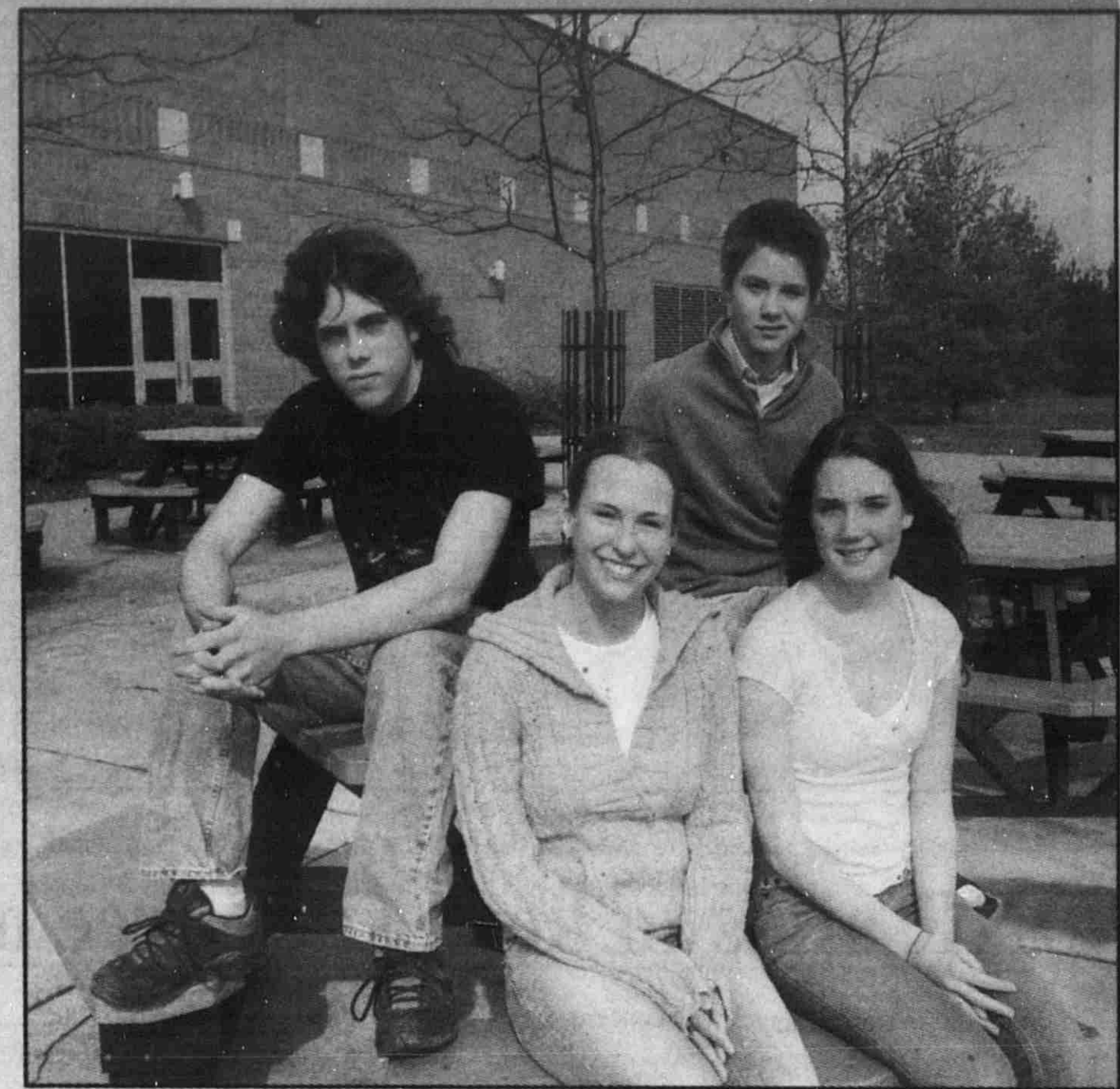
Whitney Jernigan, the daughter of Mike and Sally Jernigan of Lowell, is the choice of the Life Management Department. She is active in tennis, Student Council, and is employed at Taco Bell. A senior, next year she plans to attend Ferris State University to study elementary education. Her teacher nominator said she is a wonderful student, does outstanding work in the classroom and is loved by the first graders she works with.

Tom Clark was selected by the Science Department. A senior, he is employed at M-91 Tire in Belding. Clark plans to attend either Montcalm Community College or Grand Valley State University. His teacher nominator said he

does excellent detailed work in AP Biology, and is hardworking and dedicated to success. Clark is the son of Leonard Clark of Belding and Colleen Smith, also of Belding.

Rachel Murray was chosen by the Math Department. Her teacher nominator said she was selected for taking the initiative to get extra help to succeed in math class. The junior is the daughter of Ramona Murray of Lowell.

Eric Holmgren is being honored by the Drama Department. He is a member of the track team. His teacher nominator said Holmgren is a kind, polite, conscientious student. His work is always complete and his peers respect him. The freshman is also a talented actor. He is the son of Chris and Sally Holmgren of Alto.



Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Whitney Jernigan and Rachel Murray; back row are: Tom Clark and Eric Holmgren.

LHS teacher, author to be featured at book signing



Laurie Kuna

Laurie Kuna, Lowell high school English teacher and author (who also writes as Laurie Carroll) will be featured at a "Meet the Authors Book Sale and Signing" sponsored by the Mid-Michigan Chapter

of Romance Writers of America.

The book sale and signing takes place on Saturday, April 23 from 1-2 p.m. in the Clubhouse of the St. Ives Resort in Stanwood. It will feature

a total of 13 authors and is open to the public.

Kuna was born in Alma and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University. She is currently in her 24th year of teaching.

In 2002, ImaJinn Books published Kuna's first novel, "A War of Hearts" (written as Laurie Carroll). Her second book, "Some Practical Magic" (written as Laurie C. Kuna), was published in June 2004.

Held in conjunction with the chapter's annual spring Retreat From Harsh Reality, the event gives romance readers an opportunity to meet many of their favorite romance authors at the same time.

Keep your faith in all beautiful things; in the sun when it is hidden, in the spring when it is gone.

-Roy R. Gilson

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Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

at which time and place the following requests will be heard:

Frank and Sandy Rothfuss of 5253 Pointview Court, Lowell, MI (PP#41-12-20-478-009) request a height variance on a non-conforming Lake Residential lot due to the site topography. The lot is non-conforming because it is only 60'0" wide, compared to required 80'0" for "R-L" district. Variance request is to exceed maximum allowable height of 20'0" (4.04C). Variance is to exceed height by 13'0" to bring maximum height to 33'0".

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.



Tea party history lesson

Paul Jacobus, a social studies teacher at Murray Lake Elementary, directs three or four plays each year. His fifth grade students just completed a unit on Colonial America which included the Boston Tea Party. Rather than just read about the event, his students "live" it by doing a play.

Jacobus explains, "History really seems to sink in more when the kids are able to act out things that occurred back then."

Performing the plays is a highlight of fifth grade for many of his students and, in fact, many of his former students have become involved in other drama

activities at the high school level, one being the recent play, "Footloose."

Said fifth grader Andrew Light, "This was much better than just reading about it out of a book. We had a lot of fun while we were learning. It's a fun way to learn and it's living history."

At left, several of the female colonists force local Boston merchant, Thomas Boyleston (Andrew Light, seated) to give up his keys and allow the colonists to take his tea and other goods. John Hancock (Ryan Durkee) looks on. Female colonists, pictured, left to right, are: Kyra Marks, Katie Mork, McKinsie Rice, Nicole Wilcox, Amanda Duverneay and Kelsey Mankel.

DNR aims to keep state free of Chronic Wasting Disease

Wildlife veterinarians with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources have been watching the unfolding story of Chronic Wasting Disease in Colorado and Wyoming

with concern since the early 1990s. DNR testing of free-ranging Michigan deer for CWD first began in 1998. But when CWD was detected in three Wisconsin

deer in February 2002, Michigan officials began working overtime to put together a comprehensive strategy aimed at keeping the disease out of our state. One part of that strategy

involved an aggressive statewide testing plan for Michigan's free-ranging deer and elk populations. To date, more than 17,500 deer and elk have been tested for CWD and no positives have yet been found.

Another was the development of a surveillance and response plan, completed in partnership with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, in August 2002. A third part of that strategy - an audit of Michigan's captive/ privately owned cervid facilities - recently was completed by the DNR. The audit was one of the recommendations called for by the CWD Task Force formed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in 2003.

Last summer, DNR

Law Enforcement and Wildlife Division personnel inspected 584 captive/ privately owned cervid facilities. Of those, 506 were active operations, ranging in size from one acre to more than 5,000 acres.

"The purpose of the audit was to find any flaws or weaknesses in the current system that might lead to the entrance of CWD into Michigan," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief William Moritz.

Of particular concern to state wildlife managers are the ranches, which provide shooting opportunities, and the full registration facilities that provide breeding stock, shooting stock and sale of live animals for hobby and exhibition operations.

Together, ranches and full

registration facilities hold over 99 percent of the captive/ privately owned deer and elk in the state.

The DNR inspectors collected data on a variety of factors, including the number and types of cervids held; where they came from; how they were identified; the types, heights and conditions of fences and information about escapes and CWD testing. According to information provided by the owners, the inspected facilities housed at least 32,493 animals, of which 94 percent were species susceptible to CWD. The vast majority of those, nearly 85 percent, were white-tailed deer. Elk accounted for 13 percent, and 2 percent were red deer. Full registration facilities housed more than 42 percent of the animals.

Overall, inspectors determined that 37 percent of the facilities were not in compliance with current regulations. The main deficiencies related to animal identification, the lack of CWD testing, conditions of fences and the rate and reporting of escaped animals.

"Without adequate testing, there is no way for the DNR to know whether or not CWD is already present in Michigan and propagating undetected in privately owned cervid facilities," Moritz said. "It's also very clear that more modern, up-to-date record-keeping methods are needed."

Among the audit's major findings:

- There currently is no system of mandatory, uniform animal identification that provides unique and visible identification of each captive cervid by which it can be traced throughout its lifetime.
- The lack of CWD

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, SECURED BY THE CITY'S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE CITY OF LOWELL intends to issue transportation fund bonds in a maximum amount not to exceed \$600,000.

The bonds shall be issued for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the costs of reconstructing, resurfacing and improving (including in some cases curbs, gutters and sidewalks) various major and minor streets, including, but not limited to Grindle Drive between Jackson Street and Grindle Court, Grindle Drive between Grindle Court and Fun Street, Grindle Drive approximately 500 feet north of Fun Street and Hillside Court north of Grindle Drive (the "Improvements").

The bonds to be issued shall mature within the maximum term permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds shall be issued by the City pursuant to Act 175 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1952, as amended ("Act 175").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The principal of and interest on said bonds shall be payable from the State of Michigan collected taxes returned to the City for street purposes pursuant to Act 175, Act 51 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1963, as amended, and other applicable law. **AS ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR THE BONDS, THE CITY WILL PLEDGE ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER LIMITATIONS.**

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition, signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the City limits of the City of Lowell shall have been filed with the City Clerk, requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of said bonds with the full faith and credit pledge of the City as additional security, then the bonds secured by a full faith and credit pledge of the City shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This Notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 5(g) of Act 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
City of Lowell



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Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

at which time and place the following requests will be heard:

Mr. Pat Thompson of 7310 Wimpole Dr., Belding, MI (PP#41-12-10-276-014) requests a variance from Article 7.03D to reduce the rear yard set back for a portion of his lot to 9'-0" in lieu of the required 20'-0", to construct a home.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

Skaters roll all day and all night for charity

Sixteen complete 24-hour Skate-A-Thon for muscular dystrophy

This year's Rollaway Muscular Dystrophy Skate-a-Thon attracted 44 kids who love to skate. Some of them (16) skated for 24 hours straight, starting at 6 p.m.

The seventh annual event, held on April 2, raised \$2,700 for muscular dystrophy research. Jillian O'Haire won a pair of

speed skates for being this year's top collector with \$700.01.

The 24-hour skaters skated continuously, taking only 10-minute breaks once each hour.

This year's youngest participant was Cody Oster, nine years old. The youngest ever to enter

was Vicki Balzeski, who was six when she first skated in 1999. She didn't last long that year, but was back this year and made it the whole 24 hours.

In its seven years, the Skate-a-Thon at Rollaway Fun Center has raised more than \$28,000 for muscular dystrophy.



Pictured above are the 16 skaters at the end of 24 hours of skating: (front row, from left) Shelby Drier, Tory Abel, Jillian O'Haire, Ashlie Jahnke, Samantha Robinson; (middle row) Heather Wieberdink, Ben Cain, Cody Oster, Kristina Garza, Vicki Balzeski, Casey Oster; (back row, with sign) J.D. Bates, Rachael Rowley; (back row, sitting) David Rexford, Megan Schuivens and Kayla Schuivens.

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testing poses the greatest risk for introduction and propagation of the disease. Despite a mandatory testing program, nearly half the audited ranch and full registration facilities that reported deaths said they had tested no animals for CWD at all.

There is a lack of regulations regarding the decommissioning and abandonment of captive cervid facilities. Audit inspection teams found a number of facilities that wanted to leave the business but had little guidance on how to legally do so. Inspectors also visited one facility where the fences were down, the animals were gone and the owner had moved out of state.

Escapes of captive/ privately owned cervids occur, but are rarely reported. Of the 464 animals owners reported had escaped over a four-year period, only eight were reported to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Uniform, consistent regulations for the composition and maintenance of perimeter fencing of captive cervid facilities are lacking.

Ranch facilities warrantspecial consideration because of the unique combination of risks they hold for the introduction and propagation of CWD in Michigan.

"The audit provided a snapshot of the captive

cervid industry, and the low level of regulatory measures in place definitely needs to be strengthened if we are going to protect our free-ranging wildlife from contracting CWD," Moritz said. "The majority of facilities have completed

necessary corrections, but continued monitoring will be needed."

Perhaps more difficult, the report concluded, will be the task of finding the funding, personnel and time needed to ensure the implementation and

enforcement of the measures recommended in the audit.

"In order to keep our free-ranging deer and elk healthy, it is critical that all registered cervid facilities are well-managed, economically self-sufficient and capable

of providing needed disease surveillance and management safeguards," said DNR Director Rebecca Humphries. "The audit was a significant step toward putting those safeguards in place in Michigan."

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-Anne Bradstreet



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To the person that said to find new ways to support Bush... we do, everytime we get gas. I bet even you complain about gas prices. So let's thank Bush.

You should see what latex balloons do to the wildlife on the Flat River. They are NOT biodegradable.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF MEETING FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SMALL URBAN PROGRAM LOWELL AREA

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 East Main St., Second Floor to receive comments on eligible street improvement projects in the Lowell area for the Federal Surface Transportation Program allocated to the Small Urban Program.

Road and transit projects are eligible for funding under the Small Urban Program. All road projects must be located on the Federal-aid highway system, and within the federal urban area boundaries of cities within 5,000 to 50,000 populations. Projects must be consistent with regional land use and development plans.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is accepting Small Urban Program project applications for the years 2006 and 2007. An application from the Lowell area will be submitted after the public meeting and in consultation with transportation agencies.

The City of Lowell has proposed the following project:

- Reconstruction of Gee Drive from 500 feet west of Foreman Road to Alden Nash.

If there are any questions, please contact David M. Pasquale, City Manager at 897-8457 or write to 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Written comments prior to the meeting will be accepted.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

It is great to see the ice cream place open again for the summer...you always know summer is officially here when you see lines of people!!!

PLEASE be careful around a school bus. DON'T risk our lives because you're late for work. Know the Laws around a school bus.

Have you forgotten about us here in Florida? XXX000

I would love to thank Michelle for coming into this town and being the best jeweler and such a nice person

A big thanks to the gals at Expo sharing information about garlic mustard. It's a real mess in our area and I'm glad people are getting the word out.

Congratulations to the Haybarkers for being chosen people of the year. You are the greatest!

For those who call the Ledger Sound Off about the small idiotic things - Get a life and don't call.

For you people that want a drag strip - just turn on Channel 17 on Sundays and watch NASCAR.

Thanks for the address for the patient advocate forms. Now we can do more than just talk about it.

Good afternoon - I love this little column.

I think Lowell should have a Secretary of States office.

Lane changes, continued... From Page 10

lanes trying to get around slower vehicles and then dodging back into the right-hand lane to avoid those making a left-hand turn. With the lane change, drivers wouldn't have to maneuver four lanes of traffic.

Checking with the road commission, they

indicated they have done similar changes to reduce the potential for rear-end collisions and confirmed that the three-lane configuration would probably be safer than the current situation.

A bike lane was also suggested by several council members who felt

it might make the lanes appear narrow and helps to encourage slower speeds. As far as parking along North Hudson, Valentine said because it is a major roadway, there should be no parking on the street.

The council took a consensus vote and agreed on the change. Valentine said if the new lane setup does not work or the city doesn't like it for some reason, it can be changed back.

As to when the work would be done, Valentine couldn't give a specific date, but did say this is the time that the county begins its road repair work and would expect it done in the "very near future." Since the road is under the jurisdiction of the county, there will be no cost to the city for the reconfiguration, Valentine said.

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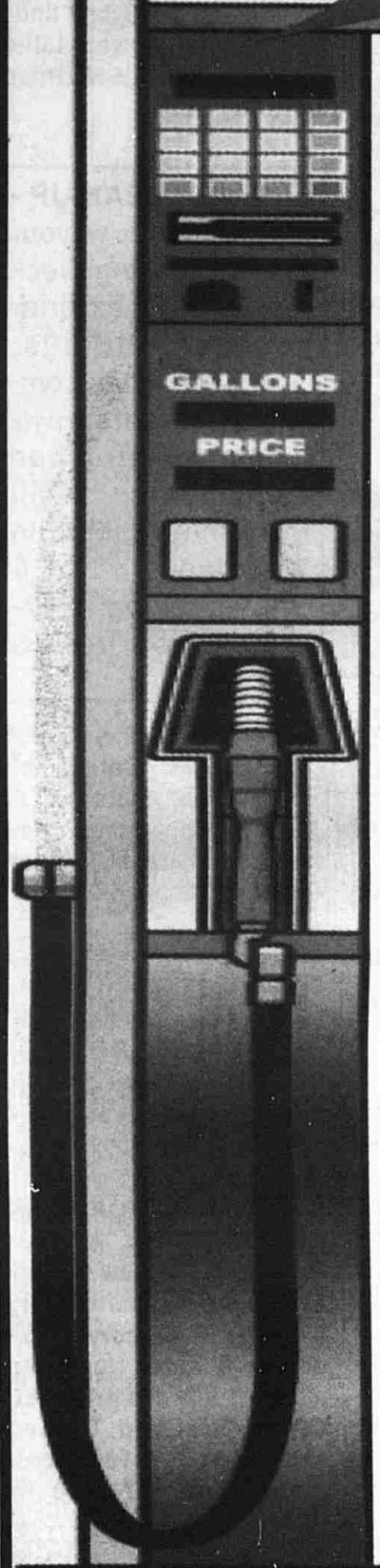
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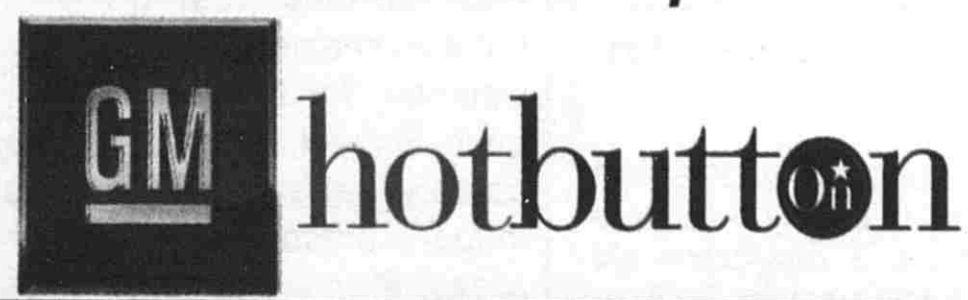
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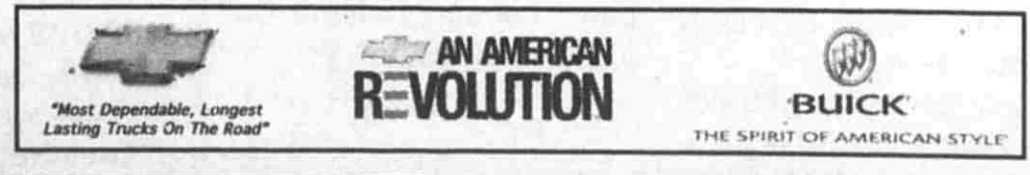


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