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TALENT SEARCH MAY 17 & 18

The Lowell Showboat Talent Search '91 will be held on May 17 and 18.

There will be 15 acts chosen to perform in this year's show, five of which will appear each of the three nights.

FALLSBURG MUSEUM OPENING SOON

Show the kids (or grandkids) a replica of the country school you fidgeted in back in the old days. The hand pump in the front yard works if you need a drink, and the little house out back is a modern version of the long-ago two little houses out back.

Inside, see a realistic model of Fallasburg in the 1860's, go on to sadirons, copper-toed boots, cobbler's bench, bonerusher, and finish with reasonably priced rummage and souvenirs.

The Fallasburg Schoolhouse Museum is across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park in eastern Kent County. It is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from Memorial Weekend to mid-October. Admission is free.

CHICKEN BARBECUE - THIS WEEKEND

What's the next best thing to the colonel's chicken? Boy Scouts' Bar-B-Q'd chicken!

The event will take place in the church dining hall of First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. Take-out meals are available from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sit-down meals are available from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The price is \$5 per broasted half.

The meal includes chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, roll and beverage. Purchase as many halves as you

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Gould Rivette, left, points to the sheared limb on the wild cherry tree that his Ultra-Light plane hit.

Lowell woman faces life and death situation because of lack of funds Huisman battles recurring breast cancer

Tammy Huisman spent Mother's Day weekend explaining to her five children that their mother would be leaving them for a lengthy six-week period and possibly longer.

Huisman will spend the time battling a life-threatening bout with reoccurring breast cancer.

Huisman was expecting to be flown to Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina this week, but that changed when she learned that Duke had rejected her as a patient. However, the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha accepted her, with the conditions she leave for the Center on May 14 for preliminary treatment. She will then have to return to the Center at a later date when she is able to produce \$120,000. She was given 2-4 weeks to produce the funds. Huisman's treatment will include removing and storing her still healthy bone marrow to preserve it from the effects of chemotherapy treatment. She will then be injected with mass doses of chemicals to destroy the tiny tumors that have spread throughout her torso.

Jaycees Vice President Brenda Clark, Jaycees member, has worked to get Huisman a flight down to the medical center and are busy scheduling fund-raising events to help Huisman pay for the treatment.

Because one in every 10 people die during treatment, Huisman's insurance company already has informed her it will not pay for the treatment. The cost of the treatment estimated between \$175,000 to \$250,000.

Her oncologist, Dr. Enrico Sobong said she has a good chance of recovering provided the treatment, called "Autologous Bone Marrow Transplant," she receives is immediate.

Gerry Huisman, her husband, has been a Steelcase employee for 18 years. He was told by the Steelcase benefit payment office that the treatment would not be covered. It is currently under review in the State of Michigan. It is considered experimental.

Fund raising efforts organized as of Tuesday by Clark, a Jaycee member, include a 50's Dance on May 24 at Larkin's "Other Place."

Painting house numbers on curbs for a donation and a softball tournament are also being organized. Clark added that a Creative Galleries art show is also in the planning stages.

"It is incredible for a person to be faced with a life and death situation and to know that the technology is available to save a life, but the technology is not available to them because they do not have the money," Clark explained. "I appeal to all organizations with the urgency of this situation. We'd be grateful for any assistance at this time."

Sobong said without treatment Huisman would eventually die, because what Huisman has is not curable.

For more information on how you can help, please contact Brenda Clark of the Lowell Jaycees.

Rivette, Lowell man, survives crash of Ultra Light replica WWII Fokker-D7

As Gladys Fletcher, 12632 Grand River Dr. SE, was watching this small Red Baron style plane flying in a standing out on her patio northerly direction, she

noticed its altitude kept getting lower.

"As it was dropping below the tree line I turned to my son, Doug and said isn't he a little low," Fletcher remembered. "We then heard this loud crash and my heart jumped, dropped and then jumped again," she said.

Fletcher then had Doug call 911 as she made her way across the street and into the field to see if she could locate the plane. "As I started up the hill, I saw Gould Rivette come from out of the wooded area and start down the hill," she explained.

Rivette had just come across the Grand River Drive out of the southeast when he began having problems with his elevation because of the wind at his tail. He said he was flying 300-400 feet over a wooded hilltop. "Once I began having elevation problems, I just tried to find a hole, but I couldn't get out of there," he said. Rivette's fabric wing caught a branch of a wild cherry tree before falling to the ground amidst the trees.

"I ran out of air," Rivette recalled. "I guess they call that a 'down draft' or a 'wind shear' when you're unable to

elevate the plane because the wind is keeping your backend down."

Rivette was flying an Ultra Light replica of a World War II Fokker-D7. The Ultra Light kit plane was purchased by Rivette last fall. It is a low horse power, low speed plane. Rivette said a license is not needed as long as the plane stays under 50 miles an hour, does not weigh more than 250 pounds, stays under 2,000 feet and carries no more than five gallons of gas. "Five gallons of gas will last you about 3-1/2 hours," Rivette said.

The Lowell man flew single engine pursuit aircraft in WW II while assigned in

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**Lowell's
girls' golf
team & both
track teams
earned
league titles
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Obituaries

CONRAD - Danny L. Conrad, aged 50, of Howell, died suddenly Thursday, May 9, 1991. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald. He is survived by his wife, Beulah; mother, Mrs. Nellie Crawford of Clarksville; children, Linda and Pat Eickhoff of Rockford, Donna and Mike Roskamp of Howell; brother, Larry; sister, Shelby,

both of Clarksville; four grandchildren and one to be born; five nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews. Mr. Conrad was Vice President of Mutual of Detroit Life Insurance Co. Funeral Services were held at the Rothgerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Bruce A. Sabados of Alto Baptist Church officiating.

College News

Toby Czarnopis and Chad Sayen, both of Lowell, were recently named to the Dean's List for Winter term at Northwood Institute. The announcement was made by Dr. Catherine Chen, Dean of the College.

Czarnopis is the son of Margaret J. Czarnopis of Ferris State University won the men's competition, while Grand Valley's team placed fourth overall.

Lowell and Sayen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sayen, also of Lowell. Both students are sophomores majoring in Automotive Aftermarket Management.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale. Northwood Institute is a private, accredited college specializing in practical career preparation and offering two and four year degrees

in the field of business and management. The college emphasizes the importance of the free enterprise system and the relationship between business and the arts.

Northwood operates three residential campuses in

The human ear can hear sounds ranging in loudness from 10 decibels to 140 decibels.

Lowell High School Senior, VanAntwerp earns six national scholarships including Coca-Cola

Young students concerned with meeting the high costs of attending college can take Jay VanAntwerp as an example of how to succeed. The Lowell High School senior



Jay C. VanAntwerp

has won six national foundation scholarships and a local county award.

VanAntwerp's stipends include a National Merit Scholarship, Coca-Cola National Scholar Award, Principal's Leadership Scholarship, National Honor Society Scholarship, Jostens Foundation Leader Scholarship Award, Tylenol/Rite Aid Leaders scholarship, and the Christa McAuliffe Scholarship awarded by the Kent County Education Association.

The National Merit Award carries a monetary value of \$2,000, while the Coca-Cola scholarship is \$5,000 for each of four undergraduate years. He was chosen from 60,000 original applicants and 1800 semifinalists as one of the 151 finalists in Coca-Cola Scholars program.

During the National Competition in Atlanta, GA, he was interviewed by the National Selection Committee and named a 1991 National Coca-Cola Scholar. The scholarship will total \$20,000 over the course of a

four-year undergraduate program at the accredited U.S. college or university of his choice.

"Jay is a mature, talented young leader and we are pleased that he is a National Scholar in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program," said James B. Schultz, Vice President, Sales and Division Manager, Coca-Cola Enterprises North, local sponsor of the program.

VanAntwerp becomes the fourth consecutive Lowell senior to win a National Honor Society scholarship. One 250 of these \$1,000 awards are given nationwide. Also carrying stipends of \$1,000 are the Tylenol/Rite Aid, Principal's Leadership and Jostens scholarships.

The Tylenol/Rite Aid award is administered by Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America, while the Principal's award is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and funded by Herf-Jones. A total of 300 Jostens Foundation scholarships are given nationwide.

The Christa McAuliffe Scholarship, awarded by the Kent County Education Association, honors the teacher who died in the space shuttle Challenger explosion. This one time award is for \$300.

One of three LHS valedictorians, with a 4.0 GPA, VanAntwerp attributes his academic success to "getting the work done, taking pride in the work, and setting goals." He sees goals as being particularly important because they are the incentive that keeps a student going when he doesn't feel like working.

He plans to use his scholarship monies to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. His area of study will be nuclear engineering.

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4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Women's Breakfast at the Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson. 897-5949 for reservations.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: Awana from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Alton Bible Church, (Corner of Lincoln Lake and 3 Mile) Children ages 3 and up are welcome to join in on the scriptures learning, fun, fellowship and games. For more information or to set-up transportation call 897-4273, 897-9731 or 897-5648.

MAY 15, 16, 17 & 18: The First United Methodist Worship Service of May 12 will be shown on Lowell Cable TV, Channel 9. On May 15, 12 noon; May 16, 3 p.m.; May 17, 5 p.m. and May 18 at 7 p.m.

THURS., MAY 16: Keenagers will meet at Vergennes Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Roger Roberts will show pictures. There will be a potluck dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Come, and bring a friend.

THURS., MAY 16: Past Matrons of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, O.E.S. will meet at the home of Sandy Caswell at 7 p.m.

FRI., MAY 17: Grand Rapids Vietnamese Children's Choir at Lowell First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Bring your children. Program is free. Refreshments follow at 8 p.m.

FRI., MAY 17: Motorcoach trip to Meadow Brook Hall. Cost is \$44.50 and reservations are due by May 1. Call Marge at 897-8434 to make your reservations.

SAT., MAY 18: Sports Card Show at Eastbrook Mall. Guest: Alex Delvecchio, former Detroit hockey star will be there from 1 to 3 p.m. Free autographs. No admission charge. Show runs Saturday and Sunday.

SUN., MAY 19: Swap Meet/Flea Market sponsored by Grand Rapids Antique Car Club at Kent County 4-H Fairgrounds on Hudson St., 2 blocks south of M-21, Lowell. Admission \$2. Trophies awarded. Vendor information, cars for sale or show cars write: Sig Baumgart, 41 Cummings, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or call (616) 453-6958.

MAY 19 thru 24: Pre-registration for Vacation Bible School at First United Methodist Church. School will be from June 17 thru 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Music, crafts, games. Call 897-5936.

MON., MAY 20: Fallasburg Historical Society will meet at Schneider Manor at 7:45 p.m. Ray and Ida Onan, sponsors. Program: Show & Tell. Bring an old treasure or two for exhibit and explanation. Also bring rummage for museum sales.

TUES., MAY 21: Annual meeting of the Alton Church Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Alton Bible Church.

FRI., MAY 24: Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. will have our Friendship Night at 8 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Temple. Friends and families are welcome, come join us.

MUSEUM OPENS MEMORIAL DAY - Admission is free to the Fallasburg Schoolhouse Museum, "Across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park", 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 4 miles north of

Lowell in eastern Kent County.

FIRST MONDAY - Children's Love Festival will hold a meeting the first Monday of each month at the home of Clyde and Esther Newell, 11515 Grand River Dr., SE at 7 p.m.

EVERY SUNDAY - Singles dance featuring "Touch of Class", 50's and 60's music. Cost \$5. Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 5700 28th St. Grand Rapids. 1-96 at 28th St. then east 2 blocks.

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

2ND WEDNESDAY: Men's breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-5949 for reservations.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Monday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Chapter night meeting is held the first Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

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

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING Ladies join us for Coffee Break/Story Hour at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Nursery provided.

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY The Lowell Area Fishing Club now meets at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse on Potters Road, just East of Montcalm Ave, at 7:00 p.m. All prospective members or interested individuals are cordially welcome.

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold regular meetings at the Old Township Hall, at Bowne Center, on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. No December meeting.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell VFW Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the VFW Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: GFWC - Lowell Woman's Club hold a monthly luncheon with program following at Schneider Manor. For further information call President Janet Bovee at 897-8112.

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. A Potluck is at 12:30 p.m. with business meeting following. New members and guests are welcome.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB: meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the Club building at 11400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY - Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY - V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #MI 1493 meets every Sat. at 8:30 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. til 9:00 a.m.

Nash, (just south of town). Special speaker and good food. For more info call 897-7047.

THIRD TUESDAY EVENING - Ladies Joy Fellowship. Various topics and special speakers. For more info call Lowell Assembly of God at 897-7047.

EVERY MON. & TUES. MORNING - Coffee Break Bible Study, Monday 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd.

3RD SAT. OF EACH MONTH - V.F.W. Post No. 8303 in Lowell, 307 W. Main. Steak dinner, serving 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Public invited.

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY - Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. at Lowell Assembly of God, 3050 Alden

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2ND AND 4TH MONDAY NIGHTS: Men's Life Bible study group will meet at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the Narthex. All men in the community are welcome. Call 897-6215 or 897-7555 for more information.

2ND THURSDAY OF MONTH: All Lowell Area Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Lowell Community Ed Lunch and Learn at 12:15 p.m. given at the Lowell High School. Cost of lunch is \$2.00.

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City approves resolution to consider selling water to Lowell Township

Lowell Township has been in need of water quite some time. A year ago Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson went before the Lowell City Council with this water problem need.

"I basically said then, if the City has extra water, the Township was interested in buying," Timpson said.

The Council asked Timpson to find need and then come back. Lowell Township had a water feasibility study completed by Gary C. Voogt of Moore and Bruggink.

The study showed the Township was in need of 200,000 gallons of water. It would be dispersed this way: 120,000 gallons to Eastgate; 10,000 gallons to Cumberland; and 70,000 to Wagemaker maker development and other developments that may take place.

The study also showed that the City has a capacity of 1.75 million gallons a day. It was projected to use 800,000 gallons in 1990. In actuality it used 650,000 gallons of water a day, leaving it plenty beyond its need.

"In the last year, Eastgate has had to boil its water twice and has chlorinated it to make it safe for use," Timpson said.

Voogt added that the Township is willing to come into the well head on its own nickle. "The Township will come in to get the water without any capital expense on the part of the City," he said.

The Council approved the resolution to consider selling water to Lowell Township. It will be contingent on the township users covering the City capital costs to bring the water to the corporation limits. These costs would be reimbursed by City users as they connect to the system.

Also, this issue is conditioned on successful negotiations of details toward a contract with the City and the Township.

With the resolution approved, it is now up to the City how negotiations should commence.

It was pointed out that current customers who discharge non-typical waste will pay based on present sewer consumption rates.

Those applying for a discharge permit will be limited to no longer than six months before it will be subject to review and will be required to re-apply. There will be a \$50 application fee.

"The application fee will help show the serious intent of the applicant," Mundt said.



Rivette, continued

the Army's Third Ferry Group outfit out of Detroit.

"I first started flying in 1938. I purchased the Ultra Light last fall because I enjoy flying and it's fun," Rivette said.

While Rivette walked away from the plane crash unscathed, his plane's wings were crumpled, its engine may need an overhaul and the landing gear may still be good.

"I don't know what I'm going to do. I may still try to salvage it," Rivette said. "Or I may just forget about it."

Rivette said a "down draft" and/or a "wind shear" was the cause for his Friday afternoon plane crash. Rivette walked away from the crash.



Gould Rivette's Ultra Light plane fell between a thicket of trees near Grand River Avenue.

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need to feed your crew (we'll have 500 to grill!). Tickets at the door. Serving rain or shine. See you there!

GET READY FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Memorial Day parade in Lowell will be held Monday, May 27. The parade forms at Richards Park on North Hudson at 9 a.m. Any group wishing to participate, please contact this year's Parade Marshal, Gordon Marshall at 897-8625 (evenings).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO PERFORM HERE

The 30 voice Children's Choir of the Grand Rapids Vietnamese United Methodist Church will present a concert at the Lowell First United Methodist Church on May 17 at 7 p.m.

The community is invited. You are encouraged to bring your children. The program is free and open to the community. It will be held in the Sanctuary with refreshments following at 8 p.m.

VETERANS POPPY DAYS ARE HERE

Lowell area residents and shoppers are again asked to give their generous support to those selling memorial poppies on the street this year.

Veterans and Auxiliaries from the Clark-Ellis Post No. 152, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 8303 will be out and about May 16, 17 and 18. Your donation is appreciated.

LAST STEAK DINNER OF SEASON

Lowell Post No. 8303, VFW, will host its last steak dinner

of the season on Saturday, May 18 at the club, 307 E. Main St.

Serving is from 4 to 8 p.m. Steak, baked potato and salad bar with all the fixin's are offered. The public is invited.

FFA SPONSORS HOG ROAST AND AUCTION

The Lowell FFA and the Lowell Agriculture Supporters are sponsoring their annual Hog Roast and Auction on May 17, in the High School Cafeteria from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The auction will begin at 8 p.m. There are a wide variety of items to be auctioned off, ranging from gift certificates from many local merchants to a large assortment of country arts and crafts.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and children under five are free. Proceeds will be used to send two FFA members to the Washington Conference Leadership Program in Washington, DC this summer.

ALTON CEMETERY ASSOC. MEETS MAY 21

The Annual Alton Cemetery Association meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Alton Church, corner of 3 Mile Rd. and Lincoln Lake Rd., Lowell.

ALL NIGHT PARTY PARENTS MEET THURSDAY

Parents of LHS Seniors planning the May 24 All-Night party will meet at the high school at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 20 in Room A-1. All parents welcome.

OFF THE BLOTTER

A 13 year old juvenile shoplifter was apprehended by store employees of the Food City Store on West Main May 6. He will be referred into Probate Court.

James MiHay, 45, of Belding was arrested by Lowell officers May 9 on two warrants, one out of Midland County and the second out of Auburn City Police Dept.

Janet Johnson, 60, of Lowell Failed to Yield Right of

Way at Foreman and Hudson St. May 8 and was struck by another vehicle driven by Robert McCauley, Jr., 31, of Ionia. No injuries were reported.

Vickie Eller, 25, of Lowell was involved in a property damage accident May 7, when she pulled from a private drive into the path of a pickup truck driven by Charles Thuston, 76, also of Lowell.

Steven Kovalick, 18, of Lowell was lodged in the Kent County Jail for Driving While Impaired Due to Alcohol Consumption, May 9.

Arrested for Driving While License Suspended, 2nd Offense, May 10 was Robert Reedy, 25, of Lowell by Lowell officers.

Justin Lamontagne, 19, of Alto was taken to the Kent County Jail on a warrant issued out of Grand Rapids for his arrest, May 8.

Lowell officers apprehended a 14 year old juvenile male May 7, who will be referred into Probate Court, for Retail Fraud and Larceny of a Bicycle.

A 13 year old juvenile was apprehended by store employees at Food City on West Main St. May 6, for Retail Fraud. He will be referred into Probate Court at a later date.

Arrested on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for Larceny From a Building, was Marlott Starkweather, 26, of Grand Rapids.

Jammie Porter, 19, of Lansing was arrested on a warrant issued out of an Ionia County Court for Failure to Appear in Court and was also issued an appearance ticket to 63rd District Court for Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle May 11.

Arrested May 11 for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, 2nd Offense and Driving While License Suspended, 2nd Offense and Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle, was Stephen Noon, 18, of Lowell.

Lowell Jaycees show appreciation for teachers



The Lowell Jaycees showed their appreciation for Lowell teachers as the club presented Lowell elementary teachers with certificates of recognition for their dedication to the education of young children. Pictured above is Marie Font, left and Susie Degano, right.



Sheila Vanderploeg, first-grade teacher Alto, receives her certificate of appreciation.

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"Children's Love Festival" sets sights on safe house

Shela Thomson gave up neglect were also painful to her. That was three years ago. Today, Thomson is busily preparing for the third annual Lowell "Children's Love Festival."

Thomson was instrumental in the development of the Lowell Committee of the Kent County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect because the statistics on child abuse and

neglect were also painful to her. That was three years ago. Today, Thomson is busily preparing for the third annual Lowell "Children's Love Festival."

"This is the most difficult part. The actual day of the Festival is much easier than the preparation leading up to it," she smiles.

The 1991 "Children's Love Festival" is slated for Saturday June 8 at Riverside School. Last year the festival raised roughly \$2,000. Thomson has set a goal of \$4,000 for this year.

The proceeds from this year's festival will go toward monies being raised to open and fully operate a safe house. The house would be a place for women and children to go during times of crisis.

"I'm excited over the cooperation and help people have volunteered for this year's festival," Thomson said.

A 10 a.m. parade will kick-off the day. The Festival's parade will start at Richard's Park and proceed to Riverside School where the festival will commence.

Thomson promises that there will be plenty of activities throughout the day for children and parents.

Little Caesar's will once again sponsor a baby marathon. Kids will have an opportunity to have their pictures taken with Roger Raccoon (Roger's Department Store) and Lowell's Little Caesar.

Family Fare will sponsor a coloring contest. Children interested in participating are asked to cut out the picture

which will be printed prior to the Festival in the Family Fare flyer. Children should color it and bring it with them to the Festival. The contest will be broken down into two age brackets, pre-school through first grade and second through fourth grade. First-place winners will receive a \$50 Savings Bond.

There will also be a poster contest for children in grades five through 12. The winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond.

Other activities which will be presented throughout the day include:

- * Linda Moon Dancers
- * Lowell Police Department finger printing
- * Children's races. Kids will have an opportunity to have their pictures taken with the Geoffery the Giraffe Family and Foremost Insurance's Amanda Panda.
- * There will be an all-day silent auction.
- * Children will also be able to have their pictures taken with Birdie and Grimace and McGruff the Crime Dog.
- * There will be a children's race in the afternoon, followed by photo opportunities with 7-Up Spot and Amanda Panda.
- * There will be a late afternoon cake walk.
- * The Festival will have an all-day face painting, and

craft booths.

- * A men's softball tournament will be held at Recreation Park on both Saturday and Sunday.
- * Shriner's Clown will also entertain all day.

"We're hoping it will help enlighten people on the existing child abuse and neglect problem facing society," Thomson said. "We also feel sure that it will be a fun day for everyone."

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Letters

Dear Editor,

In recent weeks, a great deal has been written about the Brady bill in the national press. Unfortunately, much that has been written and said about the bill is untrue.

While every American feels very sorry for all the pain and suffering that Jim Brady has had to endure, the bill named after him must still be debated openly and honestly.

A few weeks ago, Congressman Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Crime and Criminal Justice, held hearings on the Brady bill.

Unfortunately, opponents of the bill, including Congressmen and expert witnesses, were barred from those hearings. Apparently, Congressman Schumer has about as much respect for the First Amendment as he has shown for the Second.

Among those not allowed to testify was Jacquie Miller, one of the victims in the highly publicized "assault weapon" shooting at the Standard Gravure printing plant in Louisville, KY.

Like James Brady, Jacquie was severely wounded and is confined to a wheelchair. But unlike Brady, she was not allowed to testify as a pro-gun witness. You see, Jacquie was armed and, had she not stopped to render assistance to a victim of the shooting, was within seconds of ending Westbecker's mad shooting spree with her own .38 revolver.

I am pro-gun and support the right to keep and bear arms. The Brady bill is not a harmless waiting period, but a permit-to-purchase law. It would change gun ownership from a right to a privilege that could be granted or denied at the whim of a police chief. Whether you are pro or anti-gun, wouldn't you agree with the public's right to know this information?

If you need further information, I would recommend that you contact Gun Owners of America (703) 321-8585. They are a Washington, DC based pro-gun lobby group that can provide some balance to anti-gun groups like Handgun Control that wrote the Brady bill. Sarah Brady is Chairman of Handgun Control, Inc.

Sincerely,
Jon Monroe

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting on:

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1991 at 7:30 P.M.

at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

1. **City Operating Budget for 1991-92.** The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$1.56 million in proposed expenditures. All funds together amount to \$3.45 million.

2. **Ordinance Prohibiting Standing, Stopping and Parking Along a Portion of Main Street in the City.** The purpose of said hearing will be to consider adoption of an ordinance prohibiting standing, stopping and parking on Main Street between Alden Nash and Hudson Street.

Copies of the proposed 1991-92 Budget and Ordinance prohibiting standing, stopping and parking along a portion of Main Street in the City of Lowell is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LOWELL

ORDINANCE NO. 91-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL BY AMENDING SECTION 8-46 OF CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1 OF SAID CODE.

The City of Lowell ordains:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 8-46, Chapter 8, Article II, Division 1 of Code. Section 8-46, Chapter 8, Article II, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 8-46 Created

The cable television department shall be subject to the general direction of a board of cable television. The board shall be composed of three (3) members who shall be appointed by the City Council for terms of three (3) years each. Members of the Board shall at all times be residents of the City. The City Council shall, before July 1, 1991, appoint the three (3) members of the board for terms commencing July 1, 1991. Initially, one (1) member's term shall expire June 30, 1992, one (1) member's term shall expire June 30, 1993 and one (1) member's term shall expire June 30, 1994. Thereafter, the term of each board member shall begin on July 1 and extend for three (3) years unless removed by the City Council under the provisions of Sections 4.6 and 4.7 of the City Charter. The term of office of a person appointed by the City Council to fill a vacancy on the board shall begin on the date of his appointment and end at the end of term of member he replaced. The board shall elect one of its members as chairman. The board shall meet at such times and as often as it determines to be necessary, but shall meet at least once each calendar quarter. Members of the board shall not be compensated for their services, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred when acting on behalf of the department. All meetings of the board, except as otherwise permitted by law, shall be open to the public. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings, a copy of which shall be promptly filed with the City Clerk. The board shall adopt such other rules of procedure and conduct as it deems necessary.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, provided, however, the current members of the board of cable television shall continue to serve through June 30, 1991.

YEAS: Councilmembers Doyle, Thompson, Fonger, Hodges and Mayor Maatman.
NAYS: Councilmembers None.
ABSENT: Councilmembers None.
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers None.

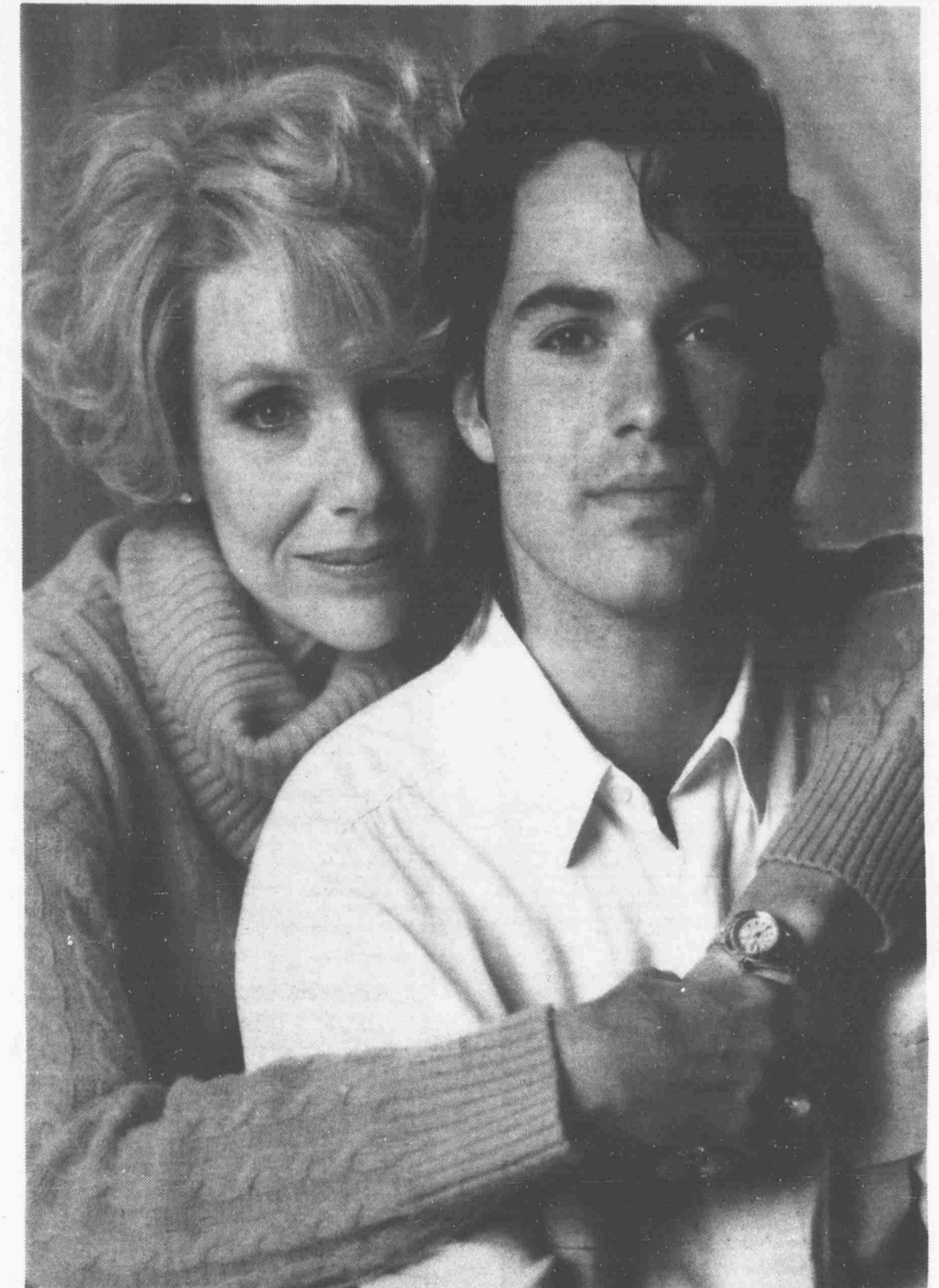
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The Lowell Ledger's

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8	WZZM	Grand Rapids
9	HBO	Premium
10	TBS	Atlanta
11	MAX	Premium
12	DISN	Premium
13	USA	
14	FAM	Family
15	WGN	Chicago
16	ESPN	Sports
17	CNN	News
18	CNNHEAD	
19	NICK	
20	A&E	
21	PASS	Troy
22	WVMT	Kalamazoo
23	WUHQ	Battle Creek
24	WILX	Lansing
25	WLNS	Lansing
26	DISC	
27	TNT	Atlanta



CONTAINS LISTINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 17, THRU THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1991

Academy Award-nominee Jill Clayburgh plays the title role in Reason for Living: The Jill Ireland Story, Monday on NBC. The bi-drama chronicles Ireland's fight to end her son's heroin addiction amid her own battle with cancer. Neill Barry (right) co-stars.

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DAYTIME

- MORNING
5:00 (MO,TU,WE,TH) Music Videos
5:05 (MO) Sports
5:10 (TH) Sports
5:15 (MO) Movie (CC)
5:20 (TU,WE) Movie
5:30 (TH) This Morning's Business
5:35 (WE,TH) Gomer Pyle
5:40 (FR) How to Prevent a Heart Attack (CC)
6:00 (FR) Awake on the Wild Side
6:15 (WE) Movie (CC)
6:30 (TH) Flintstones
6:35 (MO) News
6:40 (MO) Words to Live By
7:00 (MO) Words to Live By on the Wild Side
7:05 (MO) Tiny Toons Adventures (CC)
7:15 (TH) CBS This Morning
7:30 (TH) Merrie Melodies (CC)
7:45 (TH) Movie
8:00 (TH) Dennis the Menace

- To Tell the Truth
Tastes of the World
11:15 (WE) Movie
11:30 (MO) Kats & Allie (CC)
11:35 (TH) Triswatch
11:40 (TH) All in the Family
11:45 (MO) Hooked on Aerobics
11:50 (MO) Movie
11:55 (TH) Mel Gibson's Unauthorized Video Diary
12:00 (FR) Puff the Magic Dragon
12:05 (MO) The Admiral and the Princess
12:10 (TU) Animated Fraggles
12:15 (WE) The Making of The Little Mermaid
12:20 (MO) Divorce Court
12:25 (MO,TU,WE,TH) Paid Program
12:30 (MO) Basic Training Workout
12:35 (FR) Fred Penner's Place
12:40 (WE) Pasquale's Kitchen Express
12:45 (TH) Legend of Firefly Marsh
12:50 (MO,TU,WE) Movie
12:55 (TH) Movie
AFTERNOON
12:00 (FR) The Big Picture
12:05 (MO,TU,WE,TH) Andrew Daddo
12:10 (TH,FR) Movie
12:15 (TH) News
12:20 (MO,WE,FR) Focus on Society
12:25 (TU) Firing Line
12:30 (TH) Marilyn MacKay's Society
12:35 (TU) Lunch Box
12:40 (FR) The Judge (CC)
12:45 (TU) Let's Eat Well! With Burt Wolf
12:50 (WE) America's Backroads
12:55 (TH) Bodies in Motion
1:00 (TH) Mrs. Columbo
1:05 (TH) World of David the Gnome
1:10 (TH) Who's the Boss? (CC)
1:15 (TH) Match Game
1:20 (TH) Family Ties (CC)
1:25 (TH) Do It for Yourself
1:30 (TH) Perry Mason
1:35 (FR) John Norris
1:40 (MO,FR) Country Kitchen
1:45 (TU) Remodeling and Decorating Today
1:50 (WE) Side by Side
1:55 (TH) A Closer Look
2:00 (TH) I Love Lucy
2:05 (MO,WE,FR) Psychology: The Study of Human Behavior
2:10 (TU) Sit and Be Fit
2:15 (TH) Ralph Votapek in Concert
2:20 (TH) Loving (CC)
2:25 (TH) Music Box
2:30 (MO,FR) American Baby
2:35 (TU,TH) Healthy Kids
2:40 (WE) Paid Program
2:45 (TH) BodyShaping
2:50 (TH) Adventures of Little Koala
2:55 (TH) Young and the Restless
3:00 (TH) Square Foot Gardening
3:05 (TU) Movie (CC)
3:10 (TH) Top Card
3:15 (TH) Days of Our Lives (CC)
3:20 (TH) Dick Van Dyke
3:25 (MO,TU,WE,TH) ITV Programming
3:30 (FR) Bradshaw on Homecoming (CC)
3:35 (TH) Mystery (CC)
3:40 (TU) Nature (CC)
3:45 (WE) Masterpiece Theatre (CC)
3:50 (TH) The Astronomers (CC)
3:55 (TH) All My Children (MO,TH,FR)
4:00 (MO,WE) Movie
4:05 (MO,WE) Avonlea (CC)
4:10 (TH) Chain Reaction
4:15 (TH) News
4:20 (TH) Sonys Live
4:25 (TH) Noozles
4:30 (TH) Rendezvous
4:35 (FR) Movie
4:40 (MO,TU,WE,TH) Perry Mason
4:45 (TH) Be a Star
4:50 (TH) Dick Van Dyke
4:55 (FR) (TU) Movie
5:00 (TH) Name That Tune
5:05 (FR) Thoroughbred Digest
5:10 (MO) NCAA Baseball: The Road to Omaha
5:15 (TU) Top Rank Boxing
5:20 (WE) Mickey Thompson's Off Road Championship Grand Prix
5:25 (TH) Legends of the Brickyard
5:30 (TH) Mays the Bee
5:35 (TH) Bold and the Beautiful (CC)
5:40 (TH) Great Escape
5:45 (WE) Movie
5:50 (TH) Country Standard Time
5:55 (TH) 700 Club With Pat Robertson
6:00 (TH) Another World
6:05 (TH) Alvin and the Chipmunks
6:10 (FR) ITV Programming
6:15 (FR) Frontline (CC)
6:20 (MO) National Geographic Special (CC)
6:25 (TU) African-American Journal
6:30 (WE) John Voelker: Anatomy of an Author
6:35 (TH) Movie (CC)
6:40 (TH) One Life to Live
6:45 (FR) (MO,TH) (TU,WE,TH) Movie
6:50 (TU,WE) Danger Bay (CC)
6:55 (TH) Wipeout
7:00 (TH) Andy Griffith
7:05 (FR) International Kennel Club of Chicago Dog Show
7:10 (MO) Women's Tennis
7:15 (TH) NewsDay
7:20 (TH) Liff Bits
7:25 (FR) Del Vecchio
7:30 (MO) Ellyery Queen
7:35 (TH) O'Hara, U.S. Treasury
7:40 (WE) Mrs. Columbo
7:45 (TH) Movie
7:50 (TH) Merrie Melodies
7:55 (TH) Sesame Street (CC)
8:00 (MO,WE,FR) Marketing
8:05 (TU) Fun With Watercolor Show
8:10 (TH) Sewing Connection
8:15 (TH) Movie (CC)

- Teen Win, Lose or Draw
High Rollers
C.O.P.S.
DuckTales (CC)
Most Wanted: Yogi Bear
Video Power
Square Foot Gardening
Brady Bunch
(FR) Totally Pauly
VideoPM
Highway to Heaven (CC)
News
Silver Spoons (CC)
Mister Rogers' Neighborhood (CC)
Reading Rainbow (CC)
Cooby Show (CC)
The Baby-Sitters Club
Kids, Incorporated
Just the Ten of Us (CC)
Popeye
Chip 'n' Dale's Rescue Rangers (CC)
(MO) Sports Reporters
(TU,WE,TH) Play Ball With Reggie Jackson
EarlyPrime
You Can't Do That on Television
The Fugitive
3-2-1 Contact (CC)
Donatue
Hill Street Blues
Cheers (CC)
Mother Nature
Good Times
ALF (CC)
Reading Rainbow (CC)
3-2-1 Contact (CC)
Night Court (CC)
(FR) Buy Me That A Kids' Survival Guide to TV Ads (CC)
(TU,WE,TH) Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Day (CC)
(TU,TH) (WE) Movie (CC)
Mickey Mouse Club (CC)
Dance Party USA
Popeye
Mask (CC)
(MO) Sunlight K.I.D.S.
(TU) Harness Racing '91
(TH) Lifestyle
Showbiz Today
Hey Dude
Hard Copy
(L) Living Live
Wildlife Chronicles
The Jeffersons

Tough, Tried & Tested

Lowell girl's golf team overcame an early season league loss to East Grand Rapids as it shot its way to a conference championship Monday

Monday afternoon at the Broadmoor Country Club, Lowell's girls' golf team left no doubt as to who was the best club in the O-K White for 1991. Only the top 10 scorers in the conference meet medaled. Lowell placed five of its golfers in the top 10. The Red Arrows' O-K White Conference Championship was the school's first in the program's short four-year existence. "I'm very happy for Coach Rick White. He has always been a class coach. His girls are very deserving of the championship," Forest Hills Central coach Dan Pupel said. Lowell finished with a winning team total of 408. East Grand Rapids was second at 430 and Forest Hills Central was third with 433 points. "Lowell came in with the best record. Lowell was the team to beat. Their girls played well today and thus are the O-K White champions," East Grand Rapids coach Dan Graham said. In winning the league title, Lowell's lady linksters had to show some "true grit."

The Red Arrows' only league loss of the year came to EGR at Deer Run. "We came away from that match not believing the best team had won," White said. If others were to believe that, Lowell would have to prove it on the fairways. The Red Arrows traveled to Indian Trails in their last week of league competition and avenged a loss to EGR. Finally, they removed all doubt at Broadmoor with a convincing win at the conference meet. "I didn't want to back in and leave any doubt as to who was best," White smiled. "Today the girls showed they deserved it. Any time you compete with a Forest Hills Central or East Grand Rapids team it's nice to win." Both EGR and FHC matched Lowell score for score in the top two spots, the Red Arrows depth (positions 3-5) was the difference. "Our depth in players three through five was the difference," White said. "Five of our players medaled. That tells you we have depth." Lowell was led by sophomore Erin Nausieda who shot a 92 (42-50) as did FHC's Michelle Moore. In a medalist playoff, Moore defeated Nausieda for top honors. "It was a sophomore playing against a senior," White said. "Erin played well all 18 holes. The experience will serve Erin well over the next two years." Tracy Burrows was the Golf, cont'd., pg. 20

FAMILY FARE Athletes of the Week



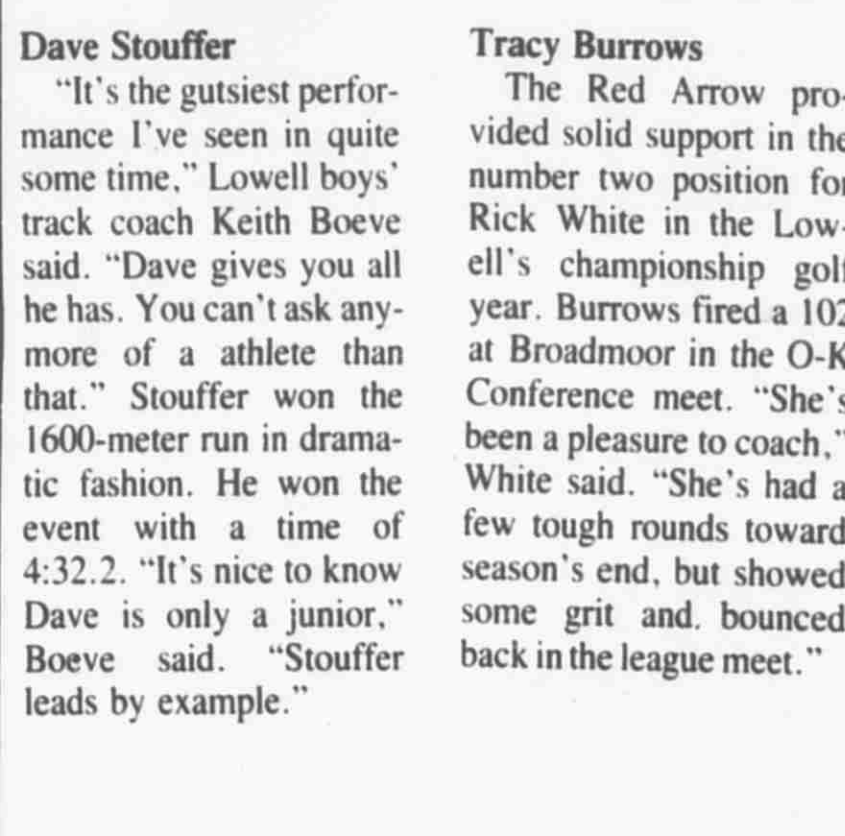
Megan Leach holds the flag while her league counterparts putt on hole number 18.



Erin Nausieda warms up for her sudden death playoff with Michelle Moore of Forest Hills Central.



Dave Stouffer
"It's the gustiest performance I've seen in quite some time." Lowell boys' track coach Keith Boeve said. "Dave gives you all he has. You can't ask anyone of an athlete that." Stouffer won the 1600-meter run in dramatic fashion. He won the event with a time of 4:32.2. "It's nice to know Dave is only a junior," Boeve said. "Stouffer leads by example."



Tracy Burrows
The Red Arrow provided solid support in the number two position for Rick White in the Lowell's championship golf year. Burrows fired a 102 at Broadmoor in the O-K Conference meet. "She's been a pleasure to coach," White said. "She's had a few tough rounds toward season's end, but showed some grit and bounced back in the league meet."

Stacy Mulder
The Lowell senior has been a constant force for the Red Arrows during the 1991 season. Mulder is just 11 strikeouts away from a Lowell season record. She is aiming to break Doreen Schneider's season mark of 139. "Stacy is a competitor and works hard," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said. Mulder opened the week with a one-hitter against Zealand. Rodenhouse called her seven strikeout performance one of her best this year.
Angie Arnett
The Lowell senior described her feelings after the Red Arrows first girls' Conference championship as the best she's had in four years. Arnett, a consummate team leader, was instrumental in Lowell's track success over the past four years because the hard work ethic she showed underclassmen. "Angie has been great to coach, we will miss her leadership next year," Talus said. Arnett was a mainstay in the hurdles and in the 1600-meter relay.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and asterisks indicating where the answer to the crossword quiz is found.

The answer to the Crossword Quiz is found within the answers in the puzzle. To find the answer, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

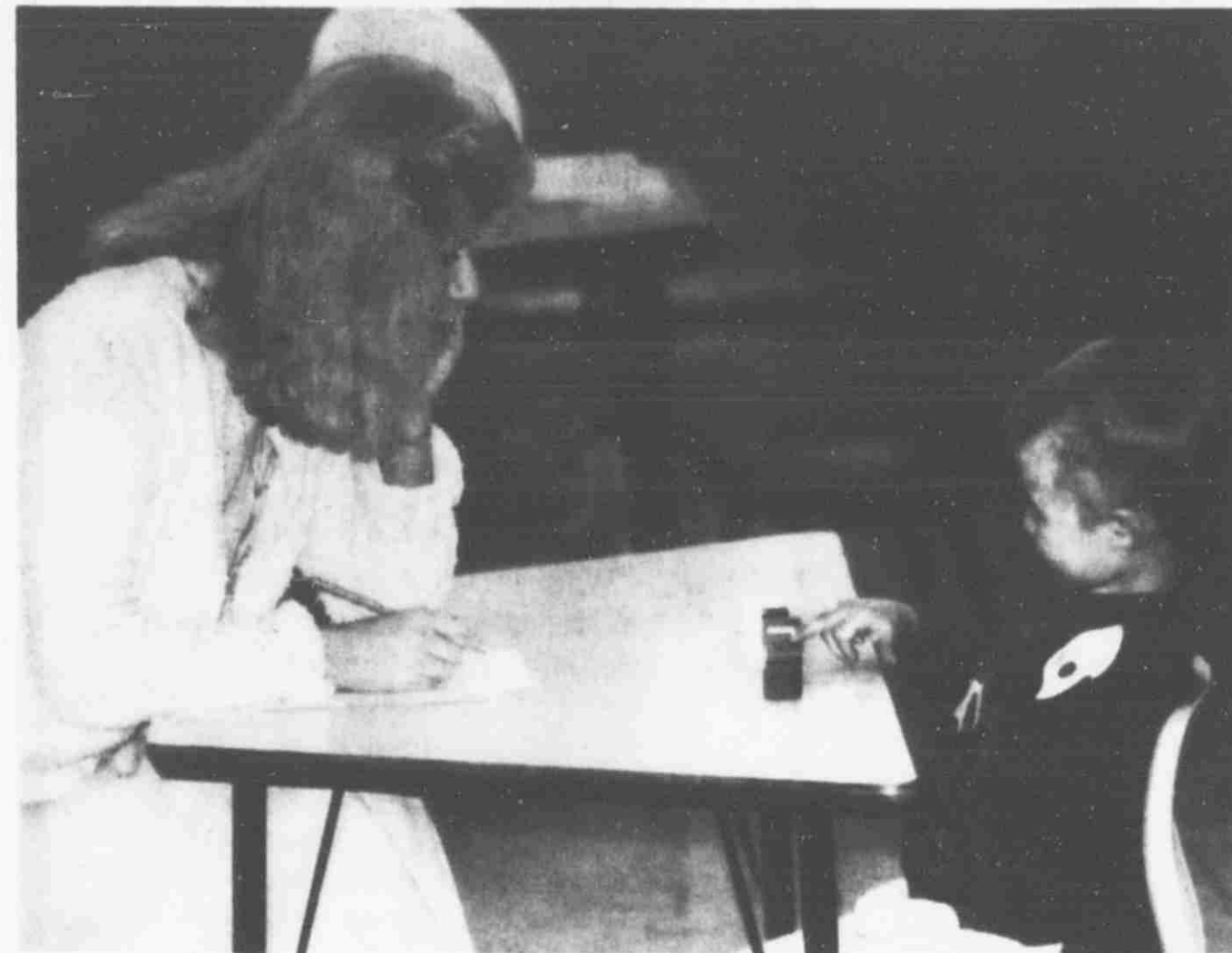
- ACROSS
1. Landing
9. Letterman or Horowitz
10. McMahon or Sullivan
11. Dixie or Nell
12. Mary Shively of Designing Women
13. Gilbert of Roseanne
14. the Heat of the Night
15. Boston-set series
16. Monogram for singers Willie and Wayne
17. Nuptial phrases
18. Opie Taylor's portrayal
19. Gentle and loving religious woman
20. Weight
21. News Bears; 1976 movie
22. Actress Anderson
23. Host of Jeopardy!
24. Article
25. Actor Woodward
26. Redford's insignia
27. Relaxation
28. Working Out
29. Pastor's territory
30. North Northwest; 1959 Hitchcock film
31. Actor David
32. Actor David
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Down crossword puzzle grid with clues and asterisks indicating where the answer to the crossword quiz is found.



Lowell's girls' golf team struggled back from an early season defeat to EGR to claim the O-K White Conference championship at Broadmoor on Monday. Above coach Rick White is pictured with the 1991 O-K Conference champions.

Over 250 Lowell tots assessed in Kindergarten Roundup



Bev Reid, Lowell kindergarten teacher, assesses the work of this young tot during Kindergarten Round-up.

It's the first in a multitude of important educational decisions that must be made in a child's life. The decision plays a lasting role in the development and educational progress of a young child.

This year alone, Lowell parents and Lowell elementary teachers will make that decision for roughly 320 Lowell children during a six-day Kindergarten Round-up program. That number is up



Over 300 youngsters were assessed during Kindergarten Round-up at Runciman Elementary.

from 250 children a year ago. Pre-kindergarten children are assessed in three areas: motor skills, concepts and language. The motor skills area assesses the control of large and small muscles. In the area of concepts, background knowledge and information is assessed along with distinguishing between such concepts as on top, between and under. The language area assesses the language and

speaking development of a child. "The assessment is not the determining factor if a child goes into kindergarten in the fall. We also get help from the preschools in making our recommendation to the parents," Runciman/Riverside Principal Louie Dudeck said. "Our main concern is to make sure the child is happy and that he or she gets off to a good start in school."

Dudeck explained that the parents are the most knowledgeable about their child and if they have doubts about the school's recommendation, they're probably right. "However, 90 percent of the time our recommendation meshes with the thoughts of the parents," he said. The assessors are kindergarten teachers, reading teachers and speech therapists. They work in teams of

three. Dudeck said there were four teams working on each of the six days. "This is the best process of assessing a child at the moment," said Bev Reid, who is completing her 19th year in the Lowell School system as a kindergarten teacher. "They're are better methods coming down the pike, but they are not here yet. I believe the current program fits the needs of a child."

Reid explains the assessment needs to be a team effort, including both teachers and parents. The program Reid referred to as "coming down the pike" is the developmentally appropriate curriculum. "With this program schools will not need to make assessments. The program is designed to adequately meet the needs of all children."

Until then, the current process is still a nervous situation for both child and parent. "Yes, I am nervous. You want your child to do well," said Mindy Pacini. "I've spent the last few days going over our address, phone number and shapes with my son, Mario." Pacini, the wife of Carl Pacini, sat patiently for approximately 40 minutes while her son completed the assessment test inside the Runciman cafeteria/gymnasium. "I wish schools would go back to the old days where children could be children. I believe if a child doesn't go to pre-school they are at a disadvantage," Pacini said. Dudeck added that no matter what the process, the main goal is to make sure children get the best possible start.

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Week of May 20, 1991

MONDAY:
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TUESDAY:
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WEDNESDAY:
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Hoops Classic a newcomer to Showboat weekend

Lowell's Showboat City Hoops Classic organizer Larry Mikulski is harboring a wealth of positive sentiments about the 1991 classic. "There's a lot to be excited about," Mikulski explains. "This year the Knights of Columbus has 3-4 months to organize and prepare for the Showboat City Hoops Classic. In our first year, we were given the tourney with only 30 days to prepare." Mikulski said there is added excitement in that the Hoops Classic (June 21-23) will co-exist on the same weekend as the Lowell Showboat. "We're happy to be a part of Lowell's biggest weekend. It should be a big and exciting weekend for the Lowell community," he said. "The events should draw thousands of people to our community."

With the extra time to prepare and organize the Showboat City Hoops Classic, the Lowell Knights of Columbus anticipates a large jump in the number of teams participating. In its first year of running the tournament, there were 113 teams sign up to play. "With the early start, the Knights of Columbus anticipates 175-200 teams for the fourth annual hoop classic."

According to Mikulski, the large turnout would help alleviate one of 1990's major hangups. "Because of the small number of teams last year, we were limited to the number of brackets. Thus, some younger teams were playing against bigger and older competition." The registration is being handled on a computer. "We've leaped into the 20th Century," laughs Mikulski. "This will allow us to do a much better job of keeping track of who is registered to play in the tournament."

A goal set by the Knights of Columbus after taking control of the Hoops Classic was to build the tournament up to 200 teams. That goal may be reached in the club's second year. "I'm not sure the club wants the tournament to get any bigger than 200 teams. We want to keep it a Lowell event. We want it to be a small town Christian tournament," Mikulski said.

Last year the Showboat City Hoops Classic raised roughly \$2,800. Mikulski said all the proceeds go to charity. The entry fee will be \$40 per team. Teams with players 12 years-old and younger will cost only \$32. There is a limit of four players per team. Trophies will be awarded to the first and second-place teams in each bracket. Each team will receive entry T-shirts.

Each individual team will play their games on one court. A team will not play on two or three different courts. Registration forms must be postmarked no later than May 25. All registration forms must be in no later than May 30. Those who have not received registration forms in the mail may pick one up at The Lowell Ledger office.

The Lowell Showboat City Hoops Classic took Msgr Hugh Michael Beahan as the club's patron. "The guidelines the club follows are in honor of his presence in the church and in the Lowell area," Mikulski said. "Msgr. Beahan was originally from the Lowell area. Most of his family then moved to Grand Rapids. He was widely known back in the 60's for his religious show '15 with Father' which aired on TV8."

Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club members feel thwarted by Lowell School system

Marc Jacqmain, Howard Green, David and Gloria Stiles and other members and non-members of the Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club are frustrated.

Thwarted by the fact that school officials on a weekly basis are not being answered - at least not to their satisfaction. "Our questions have been asked before. Why hasn't the school board researched them and supplied us with an answer?"

The Lowell resident is especially intrigued with how many acres of land is the school going to set on? "All I've heard is 2/3 of the 120 acre Qua-Ke-Zik property. I believe the reason the school is not more direct is because the issue is politically sensitive. The school does not want to release an answer that might show it doesn't need the acreage it says it needs."

Other questions Jacqmain and others have raised regard bus routes, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and the school's position regarding the Lowell Township transportation plan. "I believe under board policy it's supposed to provide every effort to satisfy these and related questions. I feel the board has been remiss," Jacqmain said.

From a legal basis, Green said the board is supposed to act and respond to the will of the people. "The sportsmen's club has over 1,800 signatures petitioning the school to find a different location. How many does it need to get the board to respond to the will of the people?"

Board member, Ray Quada said the School Board heard from the will of the people at the ballot box when the construction of a new high school was voted on. Gloria Stiles saw things differently. "I believe if the people were to vote today, there would not be a new high school. I don't believe we've been dealt with truthfully or honestly."

Dave Roskamp also questioned the remarks of Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp at a Lion's Club meeting. He objected to Kemp saying to the Lion's Club that the sportsmen's club does not have any interest in ever relocating and the issue has come down to getting as much money as possible for the land.

Jacqmain also raised questions about the board being in violation of written policy. "I don't believe the recent forum meeting was ever publicized. Anyone's comments that were critical in nature were not given the same opportunity to speak out," Jacqmain said. "I also don't believe every effort was made to 'inform the public' of the solutions to the construction needs, particularly the financial obligations of the community. I'd like to see policy addressed."

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A Public Hearing by the Planning Commission will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road on:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1991 at 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place any interested person will be heard.

1) Don Osborne has requested to rezone the following parcels located in the area of Tiffany and Belding Rd.

Parcel #	Acres	Current Zoning	Desired Zoning
41-12-07-300-003	13.69	AG	RR
41-12-07-300-006	24.74	AG	RR
41-12-07-300-007	113.72	AG	PT,RR
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41-12-07-400-002	90	AG	RR
41-12-07-400-003	35	AG	RR
41-12-18-100-004	5.32	AG	RR
41-12-18-200-001	12.70	AG	RR
41-12-18-100-007	64.70	AG	RR
41-12-18-100-012	104.35	AG	PT,RR
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41-12-18-200-010	156.83	AG	RR

Written comments concerning the request should be received by June 5, 1991 and addressed to George Poulas, Secretary, Grattan Township Planning Commission, 11676 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809.

DNR opposes Attwood's annexation for industrial usage

A three-year struggle by the Attwood Corporation to attain annexation by the City of Lowell of approximately 19.3 acres located in Vergennes Township got a much needed nod of approval by the State Boundary Commission on April 23.

The final step in the process is scheduled to occur on May 21 when the findings of fact and order is signed by commission chairman David Rutledge.

The annexation will then go into effect approximately 30 days after the findings of fact and order is signed.

"Attwood intends to use the parcel of land for industrial

usage. At this time though, we have no specific plans, but things happen rapidly and this will help Attwood to be ready for any needed additions or changes," Attwood treasurer Bruce Haveman said.

Haveman did point out that once the annexation process is completed, Attwood would request a zoning change. The parcel of land is currently zoned residential. Attwood will ask to have it changed to industrial.

Vergennes Township was opposed to the annexation because it loses potential tax dollars when the property is developed.

"The City supports the decision," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said. "The City would like to aid Attwood, its largest community employer, in any manner it can. The annexation provides Attwood with expansion opportunities in the future."

Part of the problem with the land remaining in Vergennes Township was access to utilities. Vergennes Township, unlike Lowell Township, does not have a water or sewer agreement with the City of Lowell.

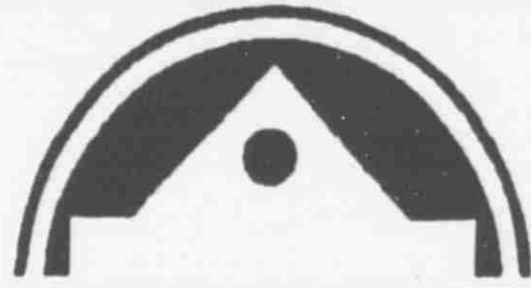
City officials stand by the argument if it is going to provide utilities it most definitely wants the tax base that comes from the development.

The Department of Land and Water Management Division of the Department of Natural Resources joins Vergennes Township in its objection to the annexation.

The DNR states that it was not made aware of the Aug. 14, 1990 public hearing which addressed the annexation proposal.

Dennis J. Hall, chief of the land and management division, says the annexation includes frontage on the Flat River, a designated State Natural River. Protection of this valuable natural resource now exists through special Natural River District regulations in Vergennes Township's zoning ordinance. "Passage of this annexation proposal removes this property from the protection afforded by the Township's Natural River zoning, changing the potential of the land use from a medium density residential area to one of industrial development," Hall said. "While changing the land to industrial may seem insignificant, the plan includes valuable scrub-shrub wetlands and flood plain, and provides an important natural geographic buffer from the urban residential and industrial development to the south."

Hall added that while this annexation might exempt the property from provisions of Vergennes Township's zoning, any development or use on this property is still subject to provisions of the State Administrative Rules for Flat River Natural River Zoning.



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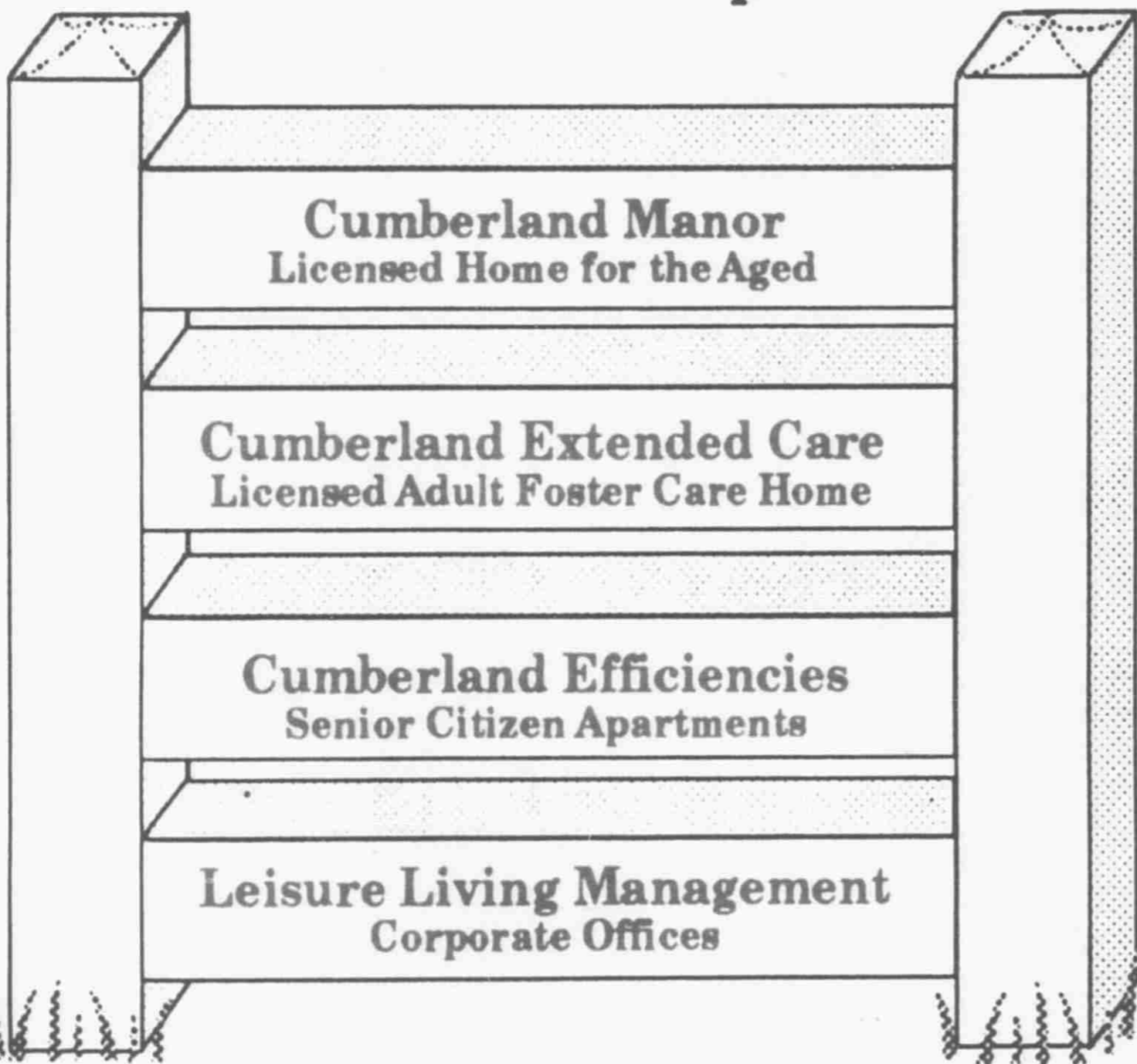
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