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Marvin's Christmas concert cultivates goodwill for Huisman family

"Goodwill toward man" was more than just lyrics to a Christmas carol at a Concert and Candlelight Carol Sing to benefit the Tammy Huisman Family Sunday night.

Members of the Lowell

community, 75 in all, were in attendance for a time of Christmas celebration and the contemporary music of Chad Marvin.

Marvin, who is recognized for his heartfelt lyrics and skill

on the keyboard and guitar, was joined by Jennifer Drake on the viola. In addition Marvin led the contingent in singing Christmas carols by candlelight.

There was no admission

charge for the concert. However, an offering was taken with all the proceeds going to the Tammy Huisman Fund, which supports the ongoing needs of the five Huisman children.

"The proceeds help in providing the Huisman children food, clothing and day-care," said Lowell's Brenda Clark. "The Huisman family has been deeply affected by the caring spirit of the Lowell Community, and this community has been enriched by Tammy Huisman."

Minnie Klink, Lowell, organized the holiday concert and it was recommended to her that the concert be used to reach out to the Huisman family.

"It was a way to remind people that there is still a need in the community that should not be forgotten," Lori Gerard said. "I'm grateful that we were able to do this for the Huisman family."

Offerings given to help support the ongoing needs of

Christian music singer Chad Marvin is going fishin.'



Chad Marvin, left, and Jennifer Drake, right, share some holiday candlelight carols.

200 bids forwarded for summer projects



Bids were submitted by approximately 200 contractors for summer projects at the high school, Alto Elementary and Bushnell Elementary on Thursday. Pictured on the left, left to right, are Ron Denhof, Chief Estimator, Owen, Ames and Kimball and Larry Merryweather, Project Coordinator for Owen, Ames and Kimball.

Pictured on the right, left to right, are Tom Mathison, Senior Architect, WBDC, and Fritz Esch, Lowell Superintendent.

Renovation work scheduled for Alto & Bushnell Elementary & High School

Bids from approximately 200 contractors were submitted by 2 p.m. on Thursday on the 1992 summer renovation projects.

For each of the three projects, there is a potential of 38 individual sub contracts.

Lowell School officials are due to receive a booklet of contractors and a summary of the each of the individual bidders with recommendations from Owen, Ames and Kimball Thursday.

After Owen, Ames and Kimball has studied these summaries it will forward its recommendations to the School Board, who will then award contracts at a special meeting in early January (8th or 9th).

Included in the three projects are the High School, Alto Elementary and Bushnell.

There will be six new classrooms added on at the existing high school by September of 1992. "These new rooms will probably be used to house fifth-grade students," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch

said. "Doing this will prevent us from having to buy portable classrooms."

There will also be renovation work on a third of the high school.

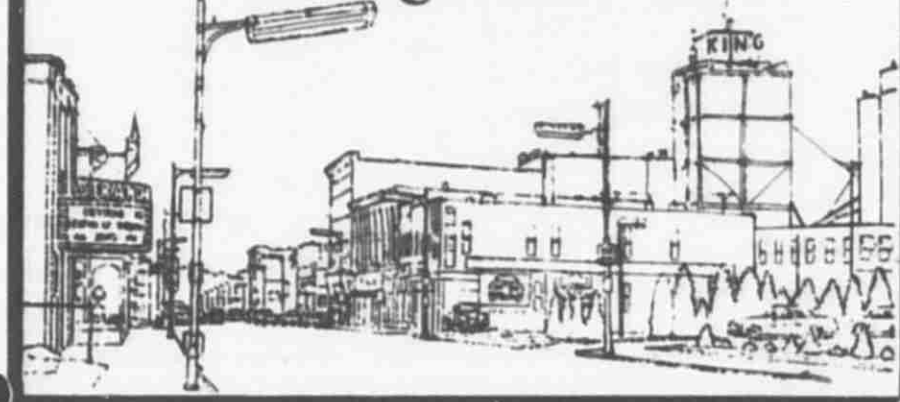
At Alto Elementary, renovation work calling for making classrooms larger will begin.

Work will also be done to make classrooms larger at Bushnell and it will be re-modeled into a kindergarten-first grade building complex. However, 1-5 grades will stay at the building through the next two years.

The Vergennes Township Planning Commission will review the site plan of the new high school on Jan. 22 and the Vergennes Township Board will review it on the night of Feb. 10.

Wrestling team opens season at Battle Creek, see pg. 20

Along Main Street



POST OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Lowell Post Office lobby will be open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 24. The Post Office will be closed Dec. 25. On Dec. 31, lobby hours are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Post Office will be closed Jan. 1.

LHS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Lowell High School Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the High School gym. The public is invited and admission is free.

LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

There will be a Little League board meeting Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Lowell High School at 7 p.m. Come and join us in planning the '92 season.

ARTS COUNCIL CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Gallery is overflowing with wonderful, handmade gifts from the studios of over 45 West Michigan artists. The Christmas show and sale is open seven days a week for your shopping pleasures, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. thru December 23.

LIBRARY STORY HOUR

The Kent County Library System's monthly story time for pre-schoolers, ages 3 1/2 to 5 will be held at the Lowell branch, 325 W. Main St., on Friday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m.

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Obituaries

COOK - Diane Christiansen Cook, aged, 45, of Palmetto, FL died November, 17, 1991. She is survived by her daughters, Christa and Heather; her parents, Bill and Madalyn Christiansen; her sister, Susan; several aunts and uncles and numerous cousins. Diane graduated from Lowell High in the first graduating class of the present school. Her parents were Lowell merchants. Her late grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Christiansen, owned Christiansen Drug and Christiansen's Super on Main St. for over 35 years.

CLARK - Daisy F. Clark, aged 80, died Saturday, December 14, 1991. She is survived by her daughter, Joyce (Robert) Loesch of Alto; daughter-in-law, Patricia Alexander of Byron Center; brother, Clarence (Ursula) Hill of Ad; a sister-in-law Yvonne Alexander of Lowell; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were Tuesday at Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Elder Ivan

DAVIS - William Ellery Buell Davis, aged 77, of Lowell, died December 9, 1991. He was a W.W.II veteran and a member of the 80th Division Association. He was preceded in death by his sister, Evelyn Davis. Survived by his cousins. Memorial funeral service was held Saturday at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. William Amundsen officiating. Burial Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First

FERNER - Mr. Edward Charles Ferner, aged 80, of Byron Center, passed away December 11, 1991. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert. Surviving are his wife, Josephine; his children, Joyce Van Het Hekke, Jim Ferner, Donald and Alberta Ferner, Linda Ferner, all of Byron Center; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his brother, Albert and Vivian Ferner of Moline; his sisters, Anna Ferner of Wyoming, Caroline and Harold Lemke of Alto; a daughter-in-law, Lois Ferner of Kentwood; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday from St. Sebastian Catholic Church, with Fr. Edward Bielskas, Celebrant. Interment St. Sebastian Cemetery.

MALFROID - Mr. Elmer E. Malfroid, aged 83, of Sparta, formerly of Grand Rapids, widower of Lilly, passed away Monday, December 9, 1991 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. Surviving are two daughters, Phyllis (Ole) Jacobsen of Byron Center, Marilyn (Joe) Niewiek of Middleville; four sons, Jerome (Merry) of Casnovia, Kenneth (Eileen) of Grand Rapids, Larry (Joan) of Wyoming, John (Jackie) Malfroid of Jenison; daughter-in-law, Alma Malfroid; 17 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; a sister; two brothers; three brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law, included Gudrun VanAmburgh of Lowell. He was a member of The National Association of Power Engineers and lifetime member of The Original Michigan Fiddlers Assn. and a retired employee of the Grand Rapids Public Schools. Funeral and Committal Services were conducted Wednesday with Rev. Dr. Frank Graves officiating. Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contri-

POST - Donald J. Post, aged 50, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, December 12, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; children, Pam (Todd) VanBelkum of Grand Rapids, Alan (Tammy) Post of Lafayette, IN; his mother, Jessie Post of Caledonia; brothers, John (Marilyn) Post, Andy Post, all of Caledonia, Carolyn (Wally) Corson of California, Betty (Hank) Kapteyn of Caledonia, Linda (Jim) Mulder of Beaver Dam, MI; mother-in-law, Lucy Cole; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Madelyn (Leo) Pfaller, Phyllis (Bob) Shaler, all of Lowell; aunts, nieces and nephew. Funeral Services were Saturday at Caledonia Christian Reformed Church, Pastors Merlin N. Buwalda, Henry Entingh and Roger Buining officiating. Memorials may be made to G. R. Ostomy Association, P.O. Box 81, Grand Rapids, MI 49518 or American Cancer Society, Kent County Unit, 400 Ann St. NW, Suite 202, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

SENNEMA - Alice B. Sennema, aged 85, widow of Carl, passed away Friday in M.J. Clark Memorial Home. Surviving are her children, David (Martha) Sennema of Columbia S.C., Carol (Harold) Derks of Grand

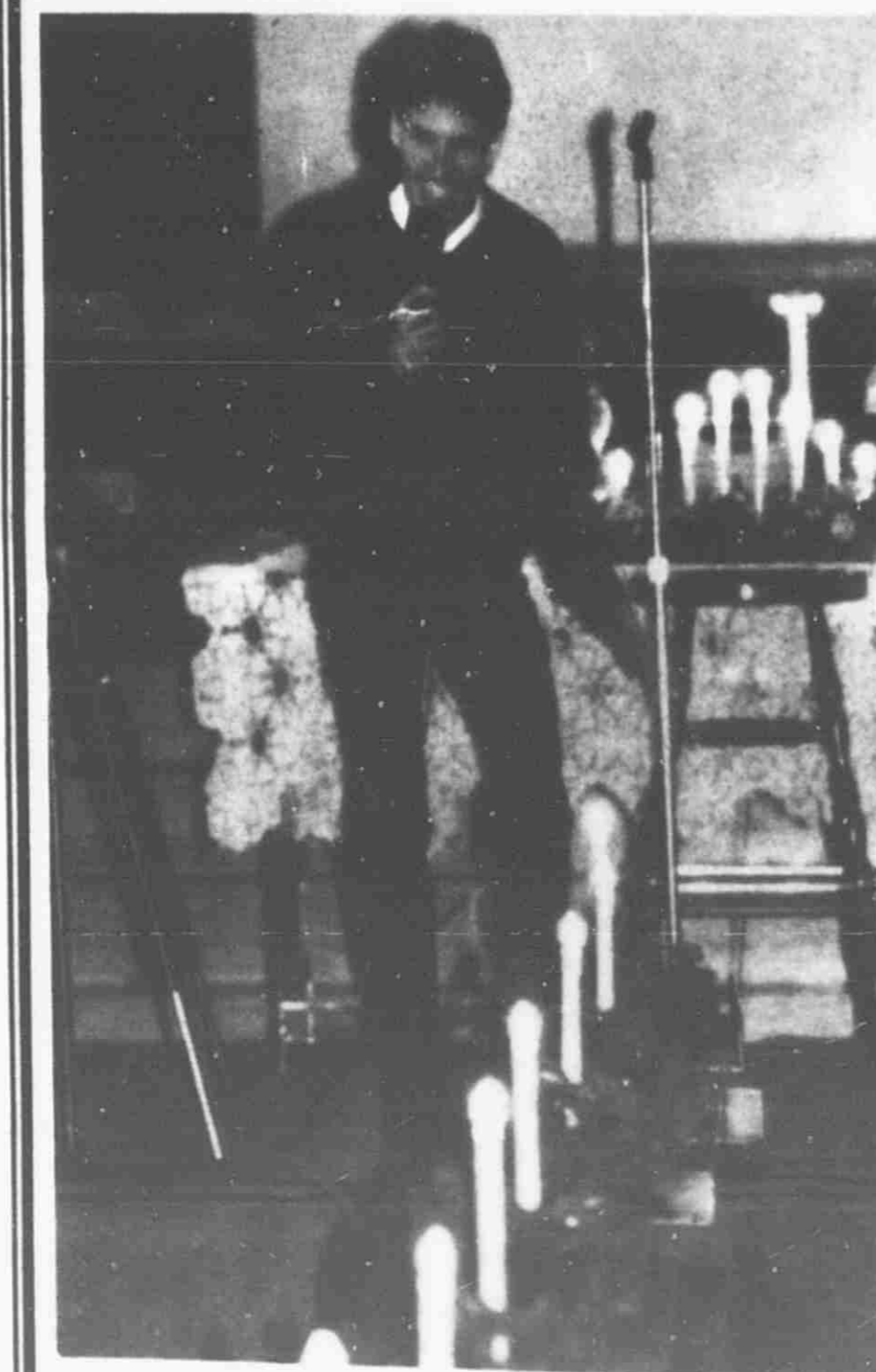
White, Mary (Rev. Ward) Scovell of Paw Paw; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Esther D'Archange of Grand Rapids, Gladys Thorne of Lowell; nieces and nephews. Mrs. Sennema was a member of First United Methodist Church, Past President of the Women's Society, a member of the Ruth Circle, Past President of Kiwaniqueens, member of Professional Women of the Grand Rapids Symphony and a Clark Home Music Therapy Program of Ruth Circle of First United Methodist Church. Funeral Services were held Monday in the Clark Home Chapel. Rev. Ethel Stears and Rev. Lynn DeMoss officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery.

WHITE - Dorothy E. White, aged 81, died December 10, 1991. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ward. She is survived by her children, Barbara (Bill) Grim of Lowell, Ward Jr. (Sally) White of Sherwood, MI, Susan (Robert) Mayo of Lima, OH, Margaret (Philip) Stebbins of Comstock Park; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial Service was held Friday at Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek. Memorial Contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Tran completes training

Navy Seaman Recruit Mysin T. Tran, daughter of Dan and Kathy Casey of Ada, recently completed training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL.

During the training cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields. Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.



Sunday's concert raised \$800 for the Tammy Huisman Family Fund.

Goodwill, continued

the five Huisman children totaled \$800.

"This sort of support provides us with the knowledge that we live in a special place (Lowell)," Clark said. "It also shows us that values and compassion have not been abandoned. Tammy Huisman was a special person who has touched this community spiritually."

Those who were not able to attend the concert, but would like to donate to the fund, please send your tax-deductible contribution to: Tammy Huisman Family Fund c/o Louise Barker 6859 Cherrywood Rockford, MI 49341 Klinsk thanked the Lowell Area Schools, Modern Printing and the Buyers Guide for their help.

Coming Events

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell area. We prefer such notices to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

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.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office located in the Middle School, 12685 Foreman Road.

EVERY MONDAY EVENING: Euchre will be played at the V.F.W Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admis-

sion is \$1, prizes, Public welcome.

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

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.

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.

TUESDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly: #M 1372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING: Ladies join us for Coffee Break Bible Study and Children's Story Hour at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. 9:30-10:45 Nursery provided.

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

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY - Lowell Area Jay-

cees 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 THURS.: Co-dependents Anonymous (COCA) meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 101 W. Main, Lowell.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly: #M 1372 meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Old Township Hall, at Bowne 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.

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 \$2.10

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly: #M 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. to 9:00 a.m.

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY: Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. at Lowell Assembly of God, 3050 Alden Nash, just south of town). Special speaker and good food. For more info call 897-7047.

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING: Royal Rangers for the boys. Missionettes for the girls for kids kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7 thru 12 grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more info, call Lowell Assembly of God at 897-7047.

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 18841 Potters Rd. New members and guests are welcome.

QUA-KE-ZIK: Sportsmen's Club - meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Club building at 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

Make It a Happy Holiday Season.



Enjoy decorating for the holidays with family and friends and keep it a safe holiday season by following these sensible and important fire safety tips.

- Use only Christmas tree lights that carry the UL (Underwriters' Laboratories) label. They have been tested for safety. Also, in outdoor displays, use only lights that are specifically designed for outside use.
- Carefully check Christmas light cords for frayed wires. If they are damaged, discard them. They are too difficult to fix and are not worth repairing.
- Avoid overloading electrical circuits by carefully adding up the wattage of all the bulbs or strings of lights. Do not exceed 1,500 watts per outlet.
- Cut at least two inches off the bottom of a fresh Christmas tree before placing it in a

stand to enhance water absorbency. Check the water level daily and fill with fresh water as needed.

- Place your Christmas tree away from fireplaces, radiators, televisions and other heat sources that can dry a tree out and create a potential fire hazard.
- Keep a reliable, filled fire extinguisher in your home. Know where it is and instruct everyone on how to use it.
- Take down and throw away your Christmas tree immediately after the holiday season before it becomes dry and a serious fire hazard.

Enjoy Christmas to the fullest, knowing you have been cautious in preparing for it!
Have a very merry and safe Christmas season.

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FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month"



GREGG PETERS

The December 1991 FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month" is Gregg Peters. Greg has been a bank employee for 4 1/2 years and works as a Floating Teller.

When asked about his job at the bank, he replies, "I enjoy moving to different areas. Each has its own tasks, making the work interesting. Floating allows me to obtain a better sense of how things work in the banking industry. Helping the customers, working with my co-workers, and working with the people on both sides of the counter are the things I really enjoy about my job."

When not on the job, Gregg works toward his Master's Degree in Business Administration at Grand Valley State. He was a graduate from Lowell High School and Central Michigan University. He is a life long resident of Lowell and worked this past summer as a counselor for his Church's National Youth Conference.

Congratulations December Employee of the Month, Gregg Peters.



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Lowell companies defend wrongful claim

Two Lowell companies, Michigan Wire Processing, Inc. and D & D Trucking, Inc. and two company officials successfully defended a wrongful discharge claim filed by a former D & D truck driver. A key element of the defense was D & D's claim that the worker was fired because of his sexual harassment of female employees. Kent County Circuit Judge Dennis Leiber has dismissed all claims against the companies and the individual defendants.

In 1990, the plaintiff, John Hoard, filed a lawsuit in which he claimed that he had been fired in retaliation for filing a worker's compensation claim. Hoard also claimed that his discharge was without "just cause." The two day, non-jury trial was completed on October 22. The plaintiff was represented by attorney Daniel Morgan of

Lansing. The defendants were represented by Louis Rabaut and Valerie Simmons of Warner, Norcross & Judd in Grand Rapids.

At trial, company officers testified that the worker had been discharged for sexually harassing female employees and for missing too much work. Two female employees testified that the driver used vulgar language and made unwanted sexual advances about which they complained to company officials.

In a bench opinion delivered Friday, Dec. 6, Judge Leiber ruled that the plaintiff had failed to prove his retaliatory discharge claim. The judge also ruled that there was no evidence to support the remaining two counts of the complaint, one of which alleged that the plaintiff had a "just cause" employment con-

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For more information, call, 897-9596 (Lowell), 868-6038 (Alto).

YMCA CLOSINGS

The Lowell YMCA will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 at noon and Wednesday, Dec. 25, 31 and January 1.

Off The Blotter

Michael Barrett, 52, of Lowell was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 5 when he backed into a car driven by Audrey Leach, 39, also of Lowell at Main and Hudson Street.

Lisa Smith, 22, failed to see Dorothy Spickler, 44, while she was riding a bicycle on Main at Center Street and struck the cycle causing minor property damage. Both are Lowell residents. The accident occurred Dec. 6.

Steven Simkins, 18, of Lowell failed to observe the traffic signal at Main and Hudson Street Dec. 13 and struck a vehicle driven by Jane Post, 39, of Alto. No injuries were reported.

Joshua Andrews, 17, of Lowell, backed from a parking space on Broadway near Main Street and collided with a car driven by Benjamin Schröder, 26, also of Lowell. No one was injured in the Dec. 9 accident.

Karol Burnham, 30, of Lowell failed to stop in time Dec. 14 on Main Street near Valley Vista Drive and collided with the rear of a car driven by Gerald Almy II, 46, of Grand Rapids. No one was injured.

Arrested Dec. 10 by Lowell officers for driving while

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license suspended, 2nd offense, was Leslie Calhoun, 28, of Kalamazoo.

Arrested on charges of auto theft Dec. 9 was Rance Allersma, 28, of Greenville. Allersma reportedly took a car outside a business on West Main Street the same day.

Two juveniles were apprehended by store employees at Food City on West Main Dec. 9. Both will be referred to Probate Court at a later date.

Basketball, cont'd...

and go to work to improve upon them," Beachler said. One glaring adjustment Beachler has identified is the discontinuation of running the ball. "A team can't run up and down the court if it does not have shooters to finish off the play."

Beachler promises his club will slow down the pace and set up and execute an offense in the halfcourt. "We're going to be looking for high percentage shots," he explains.

The Red Arrows opened the season against Lakewood. The Vikings appeared to be in mid-season form, and were deadly from the perimeter in the first quarter.

Lakewood jumped all over Lowell from the outside, inside, on offense and on defense and it buried the Red Arrows 28-9 in the first eight minutes and then rolled to a 87-49 victory.

Lakewood had four Vikings in double figures. Rich Long led all scorers with 21 points. Brent Barker tallied 16, Jeff Bjork and Noel Baldwin both contributed with 11.

Lowell's Chad Dunn was the only Red Arrow in double figures with 12 points. "Good basketball teams

like Lakewood can have one great quarter and then coast, we have to play four sound quarters of basketball to have a chance," Beachler said.

Lowell's second year coach saw positive signs in the Greenville game. One quarter wasn't enough as Greenville routed Lowell, 84-47.

"The boys played an outstanding second quarter against Greenville," Beachler said. "In the second half we got as good as shots as Greenville did, we just could not make ours."

Beachler emphasizes his starting team, which consist of four juniors, will continue to get better. "I have four juniors starting. They have a lot of enthusiasm and want to learn."

The Yellowjackets had four starters in double figures. Who says 13 is unlucky. Not when they come in fours. John Leslie, Kevin Betser, Kory Schestag and Dan Stafford all tallied a team-high 13 points.

Chad Dunn led all Red Arrows with 16 points. "We need to find more balanced scoring," Beachler says.

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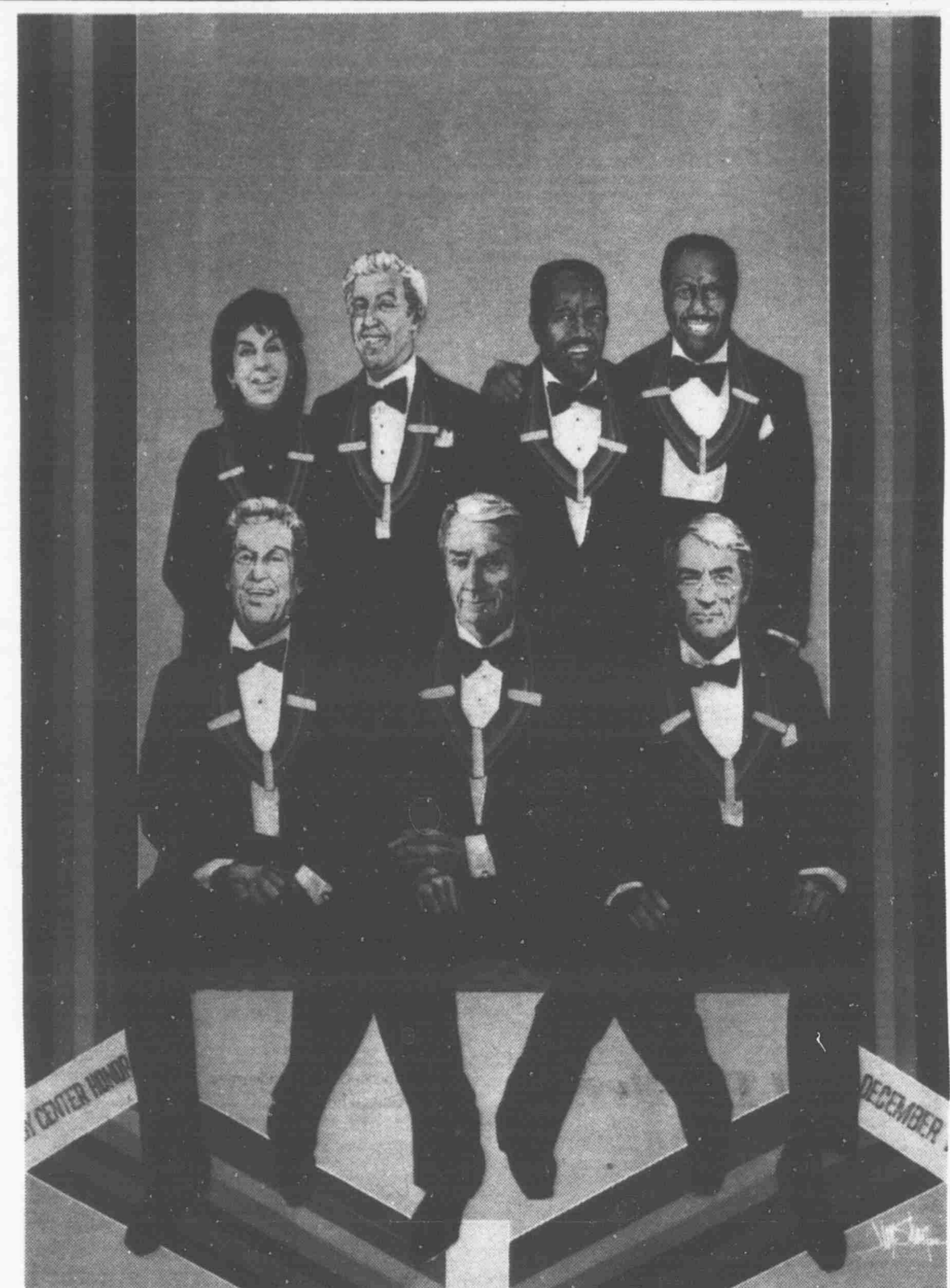
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LISTINGS FOR FRI., DEC. 20 THRU THURS., DEC. 26

CBS presents *The Kennedy Center Honors*, airing Thursday, Dec. 26. This year's honorees, clockwise from upper left, are songwriters Betty Comden and Adolph Green, tap dancers Harold and Fayard Nicholas, actor Gregory Peck, choral conductor Robert Shaw and country musician Roy Acuff.

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(B-151489) MINUTES TO ADA - 5+ acres, woods & pond, 3 bedroom walkout ranch, 2 1/2 baths, finished basement with family room, big mud room off family room garage, all big bedrooms, high efficient furnace. Call Dick Bryan 676-1261 or 897-8278.

(B-149419) APPROX. 73 ACRES - Property may be bought as one or split, 7 acres of woods, also nice barn on property. Call Jim Piercefield 676-1261 or 897-7892.

(B-143701) COUNTRY CHARMER WITH ACREAGE - Mosher built Cape Cod, 4 bedroom berm home, 2 1/2 baths, family room, main floor utility, energy efficient, 10 acres. Call Don Lehigh 676-1261 or 897-8310.

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FRIDAY

December 20

MORNING

- 6:15 MOVIE: Meet the Stewarts A wealthy girl marries a poor boy and...

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 MOVIE: Now You See Him, Now You Don't Two college students attempt to raise money...

1:15 MOVIE: The Christmas Wife

MORNING

- 6:30 Up Close SportsCenter 7:30 MOVIE: The Wild One

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 MOVIE: Now You See Him, Now You Don't

- Who's the Boss? (CC) ESPN's SpeedWeek Green Acres

- 3:00 MOVIE: Empire of the Sun A British boy growing up in Shanghai during World War II is separated from his parents...

- 5:00 Music Videos Cropp Family Nature Album MOVIE: Charlie Chan in Egypt

- 7:05 Addams Family 7:30 Half Hour Comedy Hour Be a Star (Stereo)

- 8:05 MOVIE: The Music Man A con man convinces the people of River City, Iowa that he can solve all their troubles...

- 9:00 National Finals Rodeo Championship Show from Las Vegas (T) Larry King Live

- 9:05 Night Court (CC) Sports Tonight Around the NFL

- 10:00 MTV Street Party 10:05 [HBO] Reasonable Doubts (Stereo)

- 10:05 [HBO] Reasonable Doubts (Stereo) 10:30 Crook and Chase

- 10:35 [HBO] Reasonable Doubts (Stereo) 11:00 [HBO] Reasonable Doubts (Stereo)

FRIDAY cont.

- 5:00 Music Videos Cropp Family Nature Album MOVIE: Charlie Chan in Egypt

SATURDAY

December 21

MORNING

- 6:00 Land of the Lost (CC) Backyard America

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 [HBO] Reasonable Doubts (Stereo) 12:30 [HBO] Reasonable Doubts (Stereo)

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SATURDAY cont.

- 1 Dick Van Dyke
2 Comedy on the Road
3 NBC Nightside
4 Home Shopping
5 Discovery Journal
6 On Stage (Stereo)
7 Dirty Tricks: A history professor who tricks George Washington seeks a letter written by the first president that could prove incriminating. Elliott Gould, Kate Jackson 1980.
8 Paid Program
9 Monsters
10 Motoworld
11 Sports LateNight
12 Get Smart
13 MOVIE: The Bishop's Wife An absentminded young bishop is overwhelmed by his struggle to raise funds for a new cathedral, until God sends him a helpful angel named Dudley. Cary Grant, Loretta Young 1947.
14 MOVIE: Cat People A man marries a strange girl who believes she periodically turns into a panther. Simone Simon, Kent Smith 1942.
15 Music Videos
16 MOVIE: Silent Night, Deadly Night 4: Initiation Two people in search of eternal life stalk a reporter to make her their sacrifice. Maud Adams, Tommy Hinkley 1990.
17 Tales From the Darkside
18 Badminton World Championship (R)
19 NewsNight Update
20 CNN Headline News
21 F-Troop
22 An Evening at the Improv
23 [MAX] MOVIE: Brain Dead (Stereo)
24 Night Tracks: Chartbusters (Stereo)
25 Sports LateNight
26 Runaway With the Rich & Famous
27 News/Future Watch
28 Mr. Ed
29 [HBO] MOVIE: Street Hunter
30 [1] Night Flight
31 Love Boat
32 College Basketball Kentucky at Georgia Tech (R)
33 Larry King Weekend
34 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
35 Hansel and Gretel Ethna Robinson, Cathryn Pope
36 MOVIE: The Curse of the Cat People A lonely child creates a dreamworld inhabited by an imaginary friend who is actually her father's first wife transformed into a panther. Kent Smith, Simone Simon 1944.
37 Night Tracks (Stereo)
38 MOVIE: Stowaway The daughter of a slain missionary stows away on a cruise ship. Shirley Temple, Robin Young 1936. (CC)
39 Dragnet
40 [MAX] MOVIE: The Believers (Stereo) (CC)

December 22

MORNING

- 5:00 Private Eye
6:00 Paid Program
7:00 Love Boat
8:00 Sports LateNight
9:00 Patty Duke
10:00 NBC Nightside
11:00 NBC Night Shopping
12:00 Mr. Ed
1:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Street Hunter
2:00 [1] Night Flight
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- 13 Short Stories
14 Paid Program
15 Fraggie Rock (CC)
16 All Creatures Great and Small
17 It Is Written
18 Popeye's Hour
19 Flintstones
20 What's Nu?
21 Destiny
22 Paid Program
23 Sesame Street (CC)
24 [HBO] Wonderful Wizard of Oz (Stereo)
25 [MAX] MOVIE: Mutiny on the Bounty
26 Wizard of Oz
27 Cartoon Express
28 Gerbert (Stereo)
29 Heritage of Faith
30 Travel Guide
31 Heathcliff
32 Faith 20
33 John Ankerberg
34 Miracles Today
35 Captain Planet and the Planetheers
36 Happy Days
37 Canadian Sportfishing
38 Fade to Black
39 Trucks and Tractor Power Monster truck competition. (Stereo)
40 [2] Paid Program
41 Shining Time Station (Stereo)
42 [1] NBC NFL
43 [1] This Is the NFL
44 Business World
45 Eli and Danny
46 [HBO] Babar and Father Christmas (Stereo)
47 Images
48 Sesame Street (CC)
49 Paid Program
50 [HBO] Adventures of Tintin (CC)
51 Welcome to Pooh Corner
52 [3] Robert Schuller With the Hour of Power (CC)
53 Pink Panther
54 BodyShaping
55 Evans and Novak
56 Kids Court
57 Wild Kingdom
58 Day of Discovery
59 Flintstones
60 [2] Paid Program
61 Sunday Style
62 Message From Calvary
63 Sesame Street (CC)
64 [2] D. James Kennedy
65 [HBO] Babar

SUNDAY

- 1 Jim Henson's Mother Goose Stories (CC)
2 Jim
3 Swiss Family Robinson
4 Chicago's Very Own
5 Lee Harvey's Championship Workout
6 DayBreak
7 Count Duckula
8 All Creatures Great and Small
9 It Is Written
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SUNDAY cont.

- 1 Newton's Apple (Stereo)
2 Care Bears' Nutcracker Suite
3 American Wrestling
4 MOVIE: The Road to Rio Happless musicians try to take a young girl to Rio with them. Bing Crosby, Bob Hope 1944.
5 In Search of the Lord's Way
6 Kenneth Copeland
7 American Medical Television
8 Bugs Bunny and Pals
9 Andy Griffith
10 Fishing the West
11 Just Say Juliet
12 Truckin' USA NHRA's Mud South Nationals (Stereo)
13 Catholic Mass
14 Sesame Street (CC)
15 Larry Luss
16 Donald Duck Presents
17 Scooby Doo: The Nutcracker Spectacular
18 Captain N (CC)
19 Paid Program
20 Scholastic Sports America
21 Your Money
22 Inspector Gadget
23 American Medical Television
24 Happy Days
25 Canadian Sportfishing
26 Fade to Black
27 Trucks and Tractor Power Monster truck competition. (Stereo)
28 [2] Paid Program
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53 [HBO] Babar

MONDAY

December 23

MORNING

- 5:00 Sports LateNight
6:10 [HBO] MOVIE: Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown
6:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Big Bad John (Stereo)
7:00 Up Close
7:00 SportsCenter
8:00 [MAX] MOVIE: The Girls on the Beach
9:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Second Sight (Stereo)
9:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Saving Grace (CC)
10:00 SportsCenter
10:05 MOVIE: Where the Lilies Bloom After the death of her father, a mountain girl assumes responsibility for her younger sisters and her younger brother. Julie Gibson, Jan Smithers 1974.
11:30 [MAX] MOVIE: David Copperfield

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 MOVIE: The Glass Slipper Added by her kleptomaniac fairy godmother, a mistreated girl disguises herself as a cook and sneaks into the palace ball. Leslie Caron, Michael Wilding 1955.
12:15 [HBO] MOVIE: Little Nikita (Stereo) (CC)
1:00 MOVIE: Bugs Bunny's 3rd Movie: 1001 Rabbit Tales A book salesman who is also an intergalactic famous rabbit introduces a series of classic cartoons, 1982.
1:15 MOVIE: My Sweet Charlie A pregnant woman and a black man on the run meet in a vacant house and work together for survival. Al Funt, Jr., Ford Rainey 1970.
1:30 MOVIE: Bye Bye, Braverman Four old buddies reunite when they attend the funeral of a friend. George Segal, Jack Warden 1968.
1:45 MOVIE: High Road to China in the 1920s, a young harem battler with an alcoholic pilot she has hired to help find her father in Asia. Tom Clegg, Beau Armstrong 1983.
2:00 [MAX] MOVIE: The Last Emperor (Stereo) (CC)
2:15 [HBO] MOVIE: Wild at Heart (Stereo) (CC)
2:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Inside Winston Cup Racing (Stereo) (CC)
2:45 [HBO] MOVIE: Simon and Simon
2:55 [HBO] MOVIE: Studio 22
3:00 World Tomorrow
3:15 PrimeTime
3:30 Larry Jones
3:45 MOVIE: Bye Bye, Braverman Four old buddies reunite when they attend the funeral of a friend. George Segal, Jack Warden 1968.
3:55 Green Acres
4:10 [HBO] MOVIE: The Best of Times A department-store mannequin comes to life after an orphan girl wishes for a mother for Christmas. Olivia Newton-John, Juliet Sorey 1990 (Stereo) (CC)
4:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Thief of Bagdad A deposed king and a young thief have a series of adventures while trying to rescue a beautiful princess from an evil wizard. Sabu, June Duprez 1940.
4:45 Global Supercard Wrestling
4:55 [MAX] MOVIE: Top Model
5:00 Earth to Sky
5:15 [HBO] MOVIE: Down to Earth A heavenly spirit comes to earth and becomes the star of a musical. Rita Hayworth, Larry Parks 1947.
5:25 [HBO] MOVIE: Top Model
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EVENING

- 6:00 Scholastic Sports America Kenney Cross Country Championships (CC)
6:00 Club MTV
6:00 Mama's Family
6:00 News
6:00 Mr. Belvedere (CC)
6:00 Adventures of Superman (Stereo) (CC)
6:00 Major Dad (Stereo) (CC)
6:05 Duff
6:05 Nashville Now (Stereo) (CC)
6:05 Great Performances (Stereo)
6:05 ABC Monday Night Football Bears at 49ers (L) (Stereo) (CC)
6:10 Washington A native man becomes a senator and gets into deep trouble with a sharp politician. James Stewart, Jean Arthur 1939.
6:10 WWF Prime Time Wrestling
6:10 Father Dowling Mysteries (Stereo) (CC)
6:10 The Olympiad The Olympics and classical music.
6:10 Larry King Live
6:10 CNN Headline News
6:10 Dick Van Dyke
6:10 Sherlock Holmes

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MONDAY cont.

8:30 (HBO) MOVIE: The Rookie (Stereo) (CC)
9:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Godfather (CC)
10:00 MTV's Most Wanted With John Noris

10:15 (HBO) MOVIE: Forty Cents A 40-year-old divorcee falls for a younger man while vacationing in Greece...

11:00 Half Hour Comedy Hour
11:30 Best of Saturday Night Live

12:05 Steve Isaacs
12:10 (HBO) MOVIE: Predator 2 (Stereo) (CC)
12:30 (HBO) MOVIE: The Untouchables

1:00 (HBO) MOVIE: Dragonairer An apprentice sorcerer tries to save a village from a terrifying dragon...

1:35 (HBO) MOVIE: The Godfather (CC)
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WEDNESDAY

December 25

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8:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Untouchables
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AFTERNOON

1:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Untouchables
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2:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Untouchables

WEDNESDAY

December 25

MORNING

8:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Untouchables
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9:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Untouchables

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-23 and clues.

The answer to the Crossword Quiz is found within the answers in the puzzle.

ACROSS 1. Star of a comedy about a singer club (2)
2. Kettle and Barber
3. Famous rooster play

THURSDAY

December 26

MORNING

6:00 (HBO) MOVIE: Second Sight (Stereo) (CC)
6:30 (MAX) MOVIE: Adam Had Four Sons
7:00 SportsCenter

AFTERNOON

12:00 (HBO) MOVIE: Maxie A proper and predictable private investigator

THURSDAY

December 26

MORNING

6:00 (HBO) MOVIE: Second Sight (Stereo) (CC)
6:30 (MAX) MOVIE: Adam Had Four Sons
7:00 SportsCenter

AFTERNOON

12:00 (HBO) MOVIE: Maxie A proper and predictable private investigator

TUESDAY

December 24

MORNING

6:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Never-Ending Story II: The Next Chapter (Stereo)
6:30 Up Close
7:00 SportsCenter

AFTERNOON

12:00 (HBO) MOVIE: Time Bandits Under the auspices of the Supreme Being, six dwarfs escort an English schoolboy through the pages of a human history.

AFTERNOON

12:00 (HBO) MOVIE: Time Bandits Under the auspices of the Supreme Being, six dwarfs escort an English schoolboy through the pages of a human history.

TOWN TALK

Amidst the recession, has your Christmas shopping been affected any this year?



Velma Hartley
No. We always join a Christmas Club so we have the money we intend to spend. It saves you having a big hassle this time of year. We divide up the money and then stay with our budget.



Kathy Stiver
The recession hasn't had an affect on us. We did most of our Christmas shopping at Hills last spring when it held it's going-out-of-business sale.



Faith Bender and baby, Hannah
It sure has. But there's a difference, we have a new baby and thus I've quit working. My husband's work is also slow. This year my family has decided to pick names. We're being careful with our shopping.



Kae Smit
Yes, it has. I've cut back on my Christmas shopping to a third of what I normally do. I've also shopped around more. Most of the stuff I've bought has been on sale.



Irma Richmond
No. I don't do a lot of shopping normally. I do a lot of baking and cooking.



Ronnie McGlamery
No! I don't do that much shopping anyway. I've done about the same this year as in previous years.



Mark Denton
Yes, quite a lot. Times have been tough. Aitwood has slowed down. I don't get overtime and thus not as much money. The kids are still going to have a good Christmas. Mom and Dad will cut back.



Mary Roberts
No, the recession will not bother us at all. We're spending as much or more. We haven't felt the affects yet, but I could be laid off my job tomorrow. My husband has been paying on our Christmas presents since May.

Suit, continues...

tract and had been fired without cause.

"We believe that the testimony clearly established that the main reason Hoard was fired was his offensive conduct towards female employees," said Simmons of Warner, Norcross & Judd. "The company acted appropriately.

Sexual harassment is unacceptable in today's workplace and claims must be taken seriously by employers."

Simmons further stated that Judge Leiber did not specifically rule on the sexual harassment issue because of his dismissal of the plaintiff's claims on other grounds.

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NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Grattan Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing to hear citizens' comments regarding proposed text amendments to the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be held on January 8, 1992, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The proposed text amendments include revisions to the following sections:

- 2.20 Institutional or Public Uses (Definition)
- 3.33 Private Roads and Driveways
- 3.46 Walls and Fences
- 6.02 Uses Permitted (Agricultural District)
- 7.02 Uses Permitted (Lake-Residential District)
- 8.02 Uses Permitted (Residential District)
- 9.02 Uses Permitted (Rural Residential District)
- 10.02 Uses Permitted (C-1) Commercial District
- 11.02 Uses Permitted (C-2) Commercial District
- 12.02 Uses Regulations (Industrial District)
- 13.06 Institutional or Public Uses (Special Use Section)
- 15.06 Parking in Residential Districts
- 16.05 Signs Permitted in Agricultural Districts
- 16.06 Signs Permitted in Residential Districts

The proposed text amendments include the addition of the following new sections:

- 2.62 Agricultural Processing (Definition)
- 2.63 Farm Products (Definition)
- 13.17 Agricultural Processing (Special Use Section)

The proposed zoning amendments may be examined at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Middle School bands and choir spread Christmas cheer

Under the direction of Paul Balaam and Jack Misner, Lowell Middle School seventh and eighth-grade bands and choirs celebrated the holiday season at its 1991 Lowell Middle School Christmas Concert with a plethora of seasonal carols.

The '91 Christmas Concert was opened with a medley of Christmas songs performed by the seventh-grade band. They included, "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," "A Child Is Born in Bethlehem," "Three English Carols," "From A Distance," and "English Air And March."

The Lowell Middle School Choir then gave its renditions of "A Generation of Music," "Unexpected Song," "Soon It Will Be Christmas Day," "Somewhere In My Memory," and "Ho Ho Holidays." The musical celebration was brought to a close by the eighth-grade band. It performed "Jingle Bell Rock," "A Christmas Canon," "Do You Hear What I Hear," "Silver Bells," and "Winter Wonderland."



International exchange student hosts are needed

The Christmas season is upon us! Love, peace, giving, understanding, sharing, family, children are all words we hear commonly at this time of year. The International Education Forum, a non-profit international student exchange organization, would like to introduce you to a way which can make these words into a reality.

As our thoughts turn toward giving and sharing during this Christmas season, there is a unique gift that you and your family can truly share for a lifetime. That is a gift of sharing your lives with an international exchange student. During the holiday season we tend to look toward peace and harmony and how we can become a part of the international peace movement. What better way than to bring the world into your home!

Imagine learning to use chopsticks or trading your favorite recipe for one of a new exotic dish without even leaving your kitchen. How about watching your children describe the finer points of American football while learning some new moves in soccer... the possibilities are endless and the enjoyment of sharing them limitless.

Lars Plunnecke, a German exchange student, had this to say about his experience with his host family: "My family is just great. I couldn't have had better luck with picking two of the nicest people in the world. They care about me. I care about them, and this is what you need to keep you happy while staying away from home such a long time."

IEF's mission statement is "to provide opportunities for greater understanding between cultures of the world." IEF can make these opportunities available. You need to take the next step and contact IEF for the name of your nearest IEF Community Coordinator. It is certainly a gift that you and your family will have for a lifetime - a gift of friendship and love, while helping to develop a greater understanding between your family and the world.



LAFD blood drive, Dec. 23

The Lowell Fire Department and the Grand Valley Blood Program are sponsoring the Lowell Community Blood Drive, Monday, Dec. 23, from 3 to 7 p.m. The drive will be held at the Look Memorial Fire Station. Anyone in good health, who is at least 17 years old and weighs more than 100 pounds, may donate blood. You may donate every 56 days. For more information, or to schedule an appointment to donate, please call Frank at 897-7736.

The Grand Valley Blood Program is the sole supplier of blood and blood components to patients in Kent County hospitals. This year approximately 35,000 pints of blood will be needed for major surgeries, trauma cases and in the treatment of diseases.

Alto - "Around The World at Christmas Time"

Students from Alto Elementary took its audience on a trip aboard the holiday musical notes from "Around The World at Christmas Time." Alto School held its annual Christmas Concert Friday at 2 p.m. in the packed school gymnasium for parents and friends. Christmas songs included from Canada "The Huron Carol," the French "Angels, We Have Heard On High," to the English "Christmas Is Coming," to the German "Stille Nacht," to Mexico's "Feliz Navidad," to Czechoslovakia's "Cold is the Morning," to Jamaica's "Thank You For The Christmas," and finally, to America's "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing." In all, 22 songs of the holiday season were shared. Students were directed by Barb Gumina and the musical accompanist was Patricia Catlin.



Proper addressing accelerates mailing procedure

"When you spend a lot of time choosing just the right gift or greeting card for friends or family, it only makes sense to take the time to address and wrap it properly for mailing," says Grand Rapids Field Division General Manager/Postmaster Paul Vogel.

minutes to make sure that gifts and greetings you have selected so carefully receive secure packaging and proper addressing," Vogel observes. Vogel offers these mailing tips. Addressing: Take the time to look up the address to make sure you have it exactly right and print legibly using smudge-proof ink. Always include apartment and suite numbers and correct ZIP Codes. The ZIP Code belongs on the same line as the city and the two-letter state abbreviation.

"If you use a typewriter or personal computer, you can make addressing easier for yourself and speed mail processing by printing self-adhesive address labels," Vogel says. "Letters with typed or computer-generated addresses can be read by our high-speed, automated equipment and sent on their way at the rate of Mail, cont'd., pg. 26



Runciman/Riverside boxes food for pantry

Toys weren't the only things Runciman/Riverside students were taking to school over the last couple of weeks. Students were also collecting food for the ACCESS Six food pantry at the Lowell First United Methodist Church. Students packed the food in boxes on Friday and delivered it to the pantry. Runciman/Riverside Principal Louie Dudeck said the K-5 students almost doubled the amount of food collected from a year ago. "The food turnout was overwhelming," he said. Pictured left to right are fifth graders Heather Dempsey, Crystal Woods, Beth Larabee and Nikki Arnett.

MADD sponsors student/poster essay contest

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is inviting elementary through high school students to enter its 1992 Poster/Essay Contest. The contest is designed to give students with varied interests and abilities an opportunity to be thoughtful and expressive in writing and/or the visual arts.

This year's contest theme is "Make All the Right Moves—Drive Sober!" The poster competition is open to students in Grades 1-12; the essay competition, to students in Grades 4-12.

The contest encourages students to explore the reasons for the concern about drunk driving and also raise awareness with their peers about preventive measures. Alcohol and other drug-impaired driving is the single leading cause of death today in America for youths aged 15-19. The MADD contest also allows students to contribute to their communities by educating families and neighbors about the tragedies caused by drunk driving.

Schools and other organizations are encouraged to participate in their local MADD chapter contest whenever possible. If there is no local event, entries may be submitted directly to the State's Individual competition; first place individual entries qualify for the state final.

The state contest awards cash prizes to top placing entries. All students entering the state contest will receive a letter of recognition and a participation ribbon.

Overall, the state event awards 42 cash prizes with first place state finalists receiving: \$200, high school division; \$150, junior high division; and \$100, elementary division.

The deadline for student entries is January 24, 1992; entries must be postmarked by this date and mailed to the MADD, Michigan State Office. The State judging will be conducted February 25, 1992.

First place entries from both the chapter and state competitions qualify for the MADD, National Poster/Essay Contest which is held in the spring. To date, Michigan has had five national contest winners and earned numerous honorable mentions.

To obtain an official entry form and rules, contact: MADD, Michigan State Office, 910 Eastlawn, Midland, MI, 48642; PH (517) 631-MADD.

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This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Township of Vergennes Board held on December 9, 1991. A true copy of the ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Township Hall on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jean Hoffman
Township Clerk



Loading the truck with toys

Bushnell's Abbey Mathews, third grade, stands in the truck and school mate, Ryan Shupe (bottom right), fifth grade, help SSGT Mark Wilson from the First Battalion 24th Marines load the truck with a barrel full of toys for the Toys For Tots program. Runciman/Riverside students started collecting new unwrapped toys on Dec. 9. Hidden behind the barrel is fourth-grader Derek Harmon.

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Lowell businesses hold the line - shoppers tighten belts

Tis the season to be Jolly! It has also been the season for Christmas shoppers to tighten their budget belts. "I've cut back my Christmas shopping by a third. I'm buying mostly what's on sale," said Lowell's Kae Smit.

The cutback in spending hasn't meant fewer shoppers. Family Fare's Larry Coleman said while the customer count is up, the volume of purchase is the same of a year ago. "People are just buying less, both in the retail stores and grocery stores."

While many might think store sales in Lowell are down from a year ago, many are

holding their own.

"We're not making any great gains, but were not down compared to last year either," Cousins' owner, Karin Hale said. "It's our goal to stay alive and look to make gains later."

Hale said the recession has changed the way people are shopping. "Christmas shoppers are buying differently. They are buying quality and watching their prices. They don't seem to be buying trendy things. Shoppers are more into collectibles and items with meaning and value, and not necessarily monetary value." Across the street from

Cousins, Flat River Antique Mall owner Ron McCollum has been startled by how well sales have been over the holidays and throughout the year. "I anticipated that sales would be down this year, but generally sales have been up over last year," he said. "The recession hasn't seemed to affect the sales of collectibles, hobby type items are items with a value."

Bob Pfaller, owner of Pfaller's Clothing and Shoes, says the biggest difference he has seen is that people who would usually buy a sweater and a shirt are now just buying either the sweater or the

shirt, and not both.

"I anticipated sales to be about the same as last year, and that's pretty much where we'll wind up," Pfaller said. "In talking to sale representatives I guess I should feel fortunate. Some stores (in the Malls) are experiencing some big decreases in sales."

If it is possible for a certain type of store to benefit through difficult economic times than "Five and Dime" stores have. "In my 40 years of being in business, it has been my experience that dime stores do better when the economy is tight," Lambert Variety owner Duane Lambert said. "The reason for

that, is dime stores are known for their less expensive prices."

Mark Denton, Lowell, said while things are tougher this year for his family, his young children will still have a good Christmas and Mom and Dad will cut back."

State mandates are taking a bite out of school district aid

A full-time arts elementary teacher and an art curriculum at the elementary level are state mandates coming to a school near you.

The state's charge tends to conflict with state mandates that have already diminished high school student electives.

Diminishing electives have dwindled the student numbers in Lowell High School art and band classes.

For school officials, these are conflicting messages. At the elementary level, the state is saying build an arts program and an arts curriculum. At the high school level however, it's made it very difficult for students to continue that growth in arts through core curriculum mandates.

"The mandates are a result of pressure from such lobbying groups as business and industry and the State Chamber of Commerce," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch explains.

Schools in the state are given these mandates and told to implement them with the existing funding. "The state makes these mandates, but doesn't provide money to implement them. Instead, if a school cannot meet the qualifications, they are penalized - A percentage of its state aid is taken away the next year. Thus, the burden of funding gets pushed onto the local tax-

payers," Esch says.

In a simplified example, a school gets \$50 a year in state aid. Through a mandate the state says spend \$10 on an elementary arts program or risk losing that \$10 next year. So now the school has just \$40 of the \$50 to use toward operating the school.

"State support for in-formula districts is eroding," Esch said. "The only way schools can make the switch to out-of-formula is by planning for the future. In Lowell's case, it means for the Townships, the City and the school to work together to bring business and industry in through a planned environment."

Resistance to change has slowed that from happening. "It is necessary that communities plan for the future, instead of change for the future," Esch said.

Lowell's Superintendent pointed to Kelloggsville. It has roughly a \$10 million budget, and \$2 million in equity. A significant reason for that is, Kelloggsville has a GM Plant in its backyard.

At its December meeting, Lowell's School Board was asked to act on four state aid resolutions. The Board agreed to comply with the resolutions. If it did not, it risked having to give aid back to the state next year.

"The school board felt the

school could comply. Many schools, however will not be able to. How long the mandate remains in effect will determine how long Lowell Schools can comply. If the mandate remains in effect over a number of years, then Lowell will have to make cuts if it is to comply in order not to lose state funding.

Ten to 14 years ago 38 percent of the funding for schools was generated locally and 62 percent came from the state. Today, those figures have done a 180-degree turn. Local taxes account for 65 percent of school funding and state aid accounts for only 35 percent. Most school officials around the state will tell you that the gap will probably continue to grow.

The resolutions approved by the Board were for K-3 class-size incentive, graduation and class incentive, quality incentive and adult education funding.



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