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Valley Vista crash injures tot

A four year old juvenile passenger in a vehicle driven by Patricia Ripley, 32, of Lowell was injured in an accident Dec. 11. Ripley made a left turn at Valley Vista Drive and Main Street into the path of a vehicle driven by Steven Lane, 25, of Grand Rapids. The collision caused Ripley's car to strike a third vehicle driven by Russell Stevens, 35, of Coral, MI.

Goals are set for Esch

Analysis to clarify required & discretionary spending

In a sense Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch got his orders Monday night.

The orders were a firm set of achievable goals upon which to evaluate the performance of the Superintendent next year.

The goals and plans were broken down into four areas, negotiations and staff, planning, budget and finance and community development.

One of the key items under budget and finance asks that Esch prepare and submit a budget for the district operations including the new high school, staffing requirements and maintenance costs, based upon a cost-center analysis system.

It also asks that analysis be prepared for the upcoming 1993-94 budget, that segregates the cost of meeting state educational requirements from those costs associated with providing non-mandated programs within the district, for review by the board.

Esch noted that the cost center analysis system is an attempt to determine what district dollars are spent in accordance with the laws of the state. "It will help clarify what

spending is required and what is discretionary. It will identify for the tax payers where the revenues are coming from and how they are spent."

Board President Ray Quada said the cost center analysis will provide a better way to explain the budget to the community. "The school must turn to the public at different times for revenue, if the public does not understand where and how the dollars are being spent, the school is not likely to get additional revenue from the people," he said.

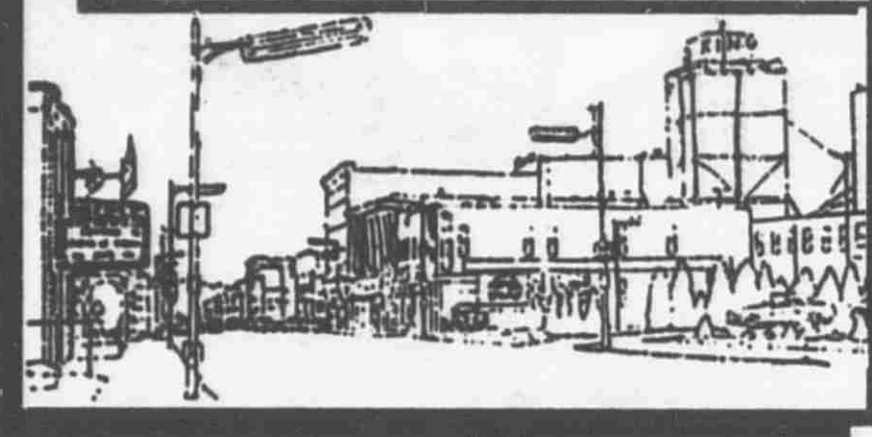
Lowell Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp said the task of determining what is mandated and what isn't would be a difficult task. "I'm not sure that I know."

These goals, along with the others that were defined for Esch, will need to be gone over continually, with some needing periodical adjustments.

Quada added that the board wants to prevent micro management of the school. "This board is not interested in the daily operation

Esch, continued, pg. 19

Along Main Street



VOLUNTEER BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

The Lowell YMCA youth basketball program is in need of volunteer coaches.

Teams in need will be practicing one night per week and play games on Saturdays. Practices to start as soon as possible. For further information call 897-8445.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Club will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths in the Family Fare Supermarket parking lot. The sale will be held through Dec. 24. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 8 p.m.

Please help support our athletes by purchasing your trees and wreaths from the Athletic Boosters sale. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help us sell please call Pat at 897-8963.

LAAC HOSTS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Arts Council will host a Christmas workshop for children on Saturday, Dec. 12 and again on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Children participating will be involved with making a special Christmas gift for mom, teacher, grandmother or aunt. Each child may choose between a pair of hand rolled beeswax candles or a hand made mini market basket.

Fee for this Christmas workshop is \$10. Call The Arts Center at 897-8545 to enroll. Class size is limited so early enrollment is advised.

Development in township requires commitment

Grand Rapids Developer Robert Grooters sees it as a way to bring money into Lowell, instead of Lowell sending money to Lansing.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson and the rest of the Township Board were the guest of Grooters for a formal introduction to the developer's firm. It also provided Grooters a chance to display the work of his company, which is showcased in areas like Grand Rapids, Byron Center and Zeeland.

Timpson has promoted the development of good high tech industry on land out near Cascade Road and the expressway.

"I still believe good high tech industry would benefit the Township, the City of Lowell and the Lowell Schools," Timpson said. "I'd like for the board to be prepared to act if an opportunity arises."

Grooters says the location Timpson talks about has a

number of things in its favor. "Being near the expressway gives it high visibility, it provides convenience, the work force in the area is good. It could provide an overflow business for merchants in the City of Lowell, the area has a need for such development, and it would help finance education, and development would provide jobs during weak economic times," he said.

Timpson also noted that the land is not prime agriculture property. "Development there won't impact home-owners."

Grooters said for any development to work, there would have to be a commitment from everyone in the community. "Everybody would have to be comfortable," he said.

Timpson was pleased that there was 100 percent turnout for the Grooters show-and-tell type presentation.

"While maybe not everybody is excited about development in that area someday, they were all appreciative of the

Grooters, continued, pg. 19

All signs point to Subway

JAN Signs' employees Mark Maxwell and Shane Sprinkle hung up the Subway signs at the former Yogurt Station location.



OBITUARIES

KAUFFMAN - Wayne D. Kauffman, aged 53, of Clarksville, passed away Saturday, December 12, 1992. Surviving are his wife, Imogene; his children, Lori and Jerry Buys of Lake Odessa, Alan Kauffman of Alto, Michelle Kauffman of Clarksville; two granddaughters, Emily and Kati Buys; brothers, Donald, Marlin and Ronald Kauffman; two sisters, Vera Steiner and Joanne Steiner. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Hope Church of Brethren, Freeport. Burial was at Bowne Mennonite Cemetery.

WALLIN - Lea O. Wallin, aged 78, of Belding, died Friday, December 12, 1992 at his residence. He was a graduate of Union High School, Grand Rapids. He was former owner of Bricker Lumber Company, Belding, retiring in 1981. He was past director of Belding Savings and Loan Association, a life member of Grand Rapids Elk Lodge #48, past member of Ionia County Sheriff Posse and the Belding Lions Club, The Belding Sportsman Club. Past director of Belding area Chamber of Commerce and life-time member of First Congregational Church of Belding. He is survived by his wife, the former Eleanor VandenHazel; his daughters, Shirley and George Hamelink, Belding, Diane and Teague Breimayer, Belding; one son, Terry and Sandra Wallin, Greenville; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Geraldine and her husband Don Van Farowe, Lansing, Dorothy Koessel, Grand Rapids, one brother and his wife, Donald and Yvonne Wallin, Belton; one brother-in-law, Earl and Bernice VandenHazel, Grand Rapids. Funeral Services were Monday in Johnson Funeral Home, Belding. Interment in Ashley Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church Handicap Elevator Fund or the Kidney Dialysis Unit of St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids.

Chamber names winners in decorating contests

For those who have taken in the holiday light display over the last couple of weeks in Lowell, it's easy to detect that it's "Christmas time in the City."

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce named its winners in the annual residential and commercial Christmas decorating contest. Judges drove around Thursday night viewing the light displays and then picked its residential and commercial winners.

There were three categories in the residential contest. They were creative, classic-postcard, and spectacular. Winning in the creative division was Leo Pfaller, 800 Bowes Rd. Ron Wood and Floyd Zwiers, 11290 Ann St. were second, while Mike and Laura Topping, 704 Lafayette, were third.

The winner in the classic postcard category was John and Nancy Swanson, 520 Lafayette. Chatham, placed second. Ron and Carey Verla, 526 Hunt were third.

In the spectacular category, Joshua Milley, 10801 Woodbushe and John Erickson, 517 Avery, tied for first-place honors.

Mike and Marsha LaHaye, 672 Birchwood, were second and the Jeff Bailey home at 517 Spring was third. Receiving honorable mention were Dale and Karen Latva, Sharon Potter, Don Kermeen and Thomas Koewens.

McGee's Bed and Breakfast won top honors in the commercial contest. The Lowell Ledger/ Buyer's Guide office was second and Ball Floral placed third.

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FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month"



LINDA ZINKE

The December 1992 FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month" is Linda Zinke. Linda has been a bank employee for 18 years and works as a bank teller.

When asked about her job at the bank, she replies, "I like the customers. There are many wonderful people in Lowell and I have the opportunity to talk with a lot of them everyday. I also like the people I work with, we're like a big family that just happens to work with each other."

In her sparetime, Linda enjoys spending time with her husband, Bill and her 3 1/2 year-old daughter, Megan. She also likes bowling, gardening & painting. She attends the First United Methodist Church.

Congratulations December Employee of the Month, Linda Zinke.

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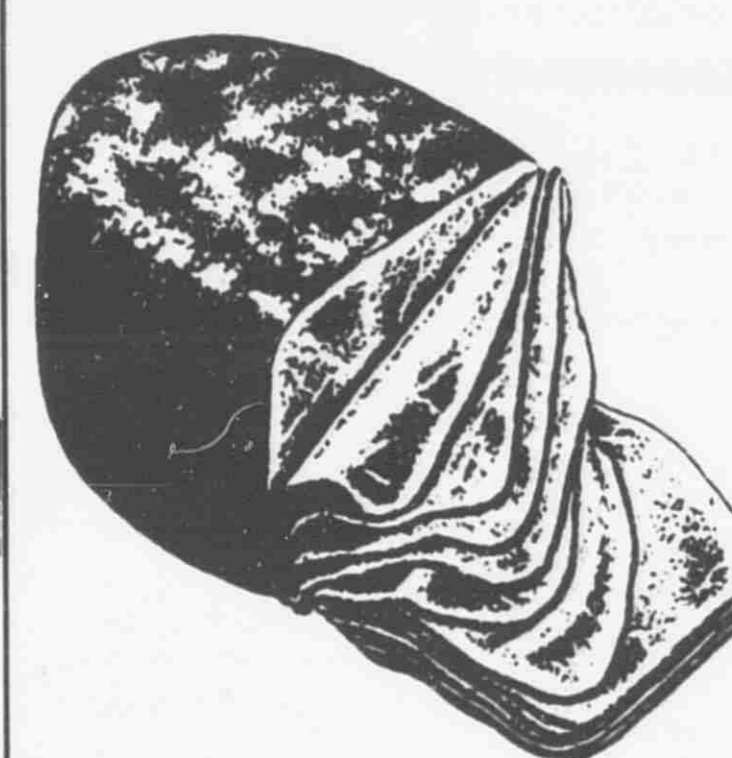
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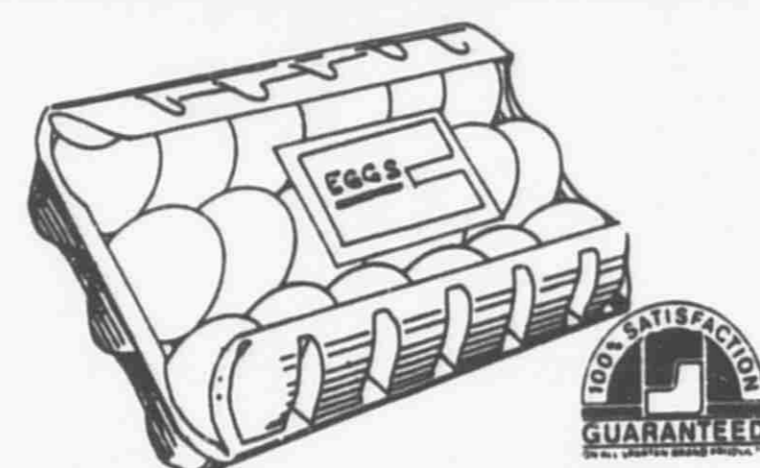
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Snip & Clip's LeGrow views all mutts as registered canines

Lynn LeGrow insists she has never cut the hair of a mutt.

"With me, every dog that comes into 'Snip and Clip,' is a registered dog," LeGrow says.

The new Lowell business woman is hopeful that her mind-set will remove the fear people hold for new groomers.

"I understand what people

expect. I've had dogs all my life. Each dog has its own look," LeGrow explains.

LeGrow has enjoyed the handling of her own dogs so much that she enrolled at Paragon Schools in Grand Rapids to learn the art of cutting animal hair. The class went 15 weeks and required 600 hours of class time. LeGrow received her diploma in December of last year.

"The class taught me the AKC standard for trimming dogs," LeGrow said.

The process for cutting the hair of a dog and a cat is somewhat different, according to LeGrow. "With a cat you cut, wash and kennel dry out. With a dog, you prep up the ears and toes, prep cut the belly and then set your cut lines."

The "Snip and Clip" owner would like to see the business

grow into a full-time job. "I really like this. But, if it doesn't work, part-time will be just fine. I'll just continue my work as a nurse helping the elderly," LeGrow says.

She also works as a New Dawn aide.

Her interest don't stop there. She also enjoys oil painting, a hobby she has had most of her life. "A teacher of

mine once told me that my artistic talent will pull me through things. She said it would always allow me to create something better."

She enjoys cutting dogs' hair because it allows her to use some of her creative talents.

Hindering her full-time aspirations as a dog groomer is the fact that LeGrow is not the only groomer in Lowell.

"Let's say there are 3,000 dogs in Lowell, I doubt that the other place of business is cutting them all," LeGrow says.

LeGrow adds that if a person is interested in setting an appointment for their dog or cat, appointments can be made by calling 897-5454.



Lynn LeGrow, of "Snip & Clip," brushes out Shadow.

Kent County Library system offers story & craft program

The Kent County Library System celebrates the New Year with a festive storytime and craft program for children ages 7-10.

Youngsters may enjoy holiday stories and poems and make a party hat for New Year's Eve and a calendar for 1993.

The program is free and all craft materials are provided. Registration is required as space is limited.

The program will be offered in Lowell on Wed., Dec. 30 and at Alto Library on Tues., Dec. 29. Call your local branch for more information.

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Lowell YMCA elects its new board of managers

The Metropolitan YMCA Board of Directors formally approved the following into office.

New members elected to three year terms: Michael K. Blough, Patrick J. Pullen, Richard J. Mandel.

Others re-elected to three year terms: Terry D. Conley, Donald L. Green, Dale L. Phillips.

Re-elected to a one year term is John W. Gabrion. These individuals are volunteering their time and efforts to the YMCA in areas such

as, policy making decisions, committees including, child care, program, Invest In Youth, finance, and many more. The YMCA salutes these individuals for their continued commitment to the Lowell YMCA and it's community.

Bridges to be decorated

Both Whites Bridge and Fallsburg Covered Bridge on the evenings of Dec. 18 through Dec. 21 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do.
—Jerome Klappa Jerome

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman Recruit Tricia L. Dusendang, a 1990 graduate of Lowell High School, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego. She joined the Navy in April 1992.

Marine Cpl. Kevin J. Saladin, son of Dennis J. and Roberta A. Saladin of Lowell, recently deployed with 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, NC for six

months to the Mediterranean Sea as part of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group.

The 22nd MEU will participate in numerous joint and combined amphibious exercises with other NATO forces. During the deployment, Marines and sailors of the MEU will be embarked aboard the USS Guam, USS Austin, USS Gunston Hall, USS Sumter and USS LaMoure County. The 22nd MEU includes both USMC air and ground elements, as well as service support and command elements.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week of Dec. 21, 1992

MONDAY: Fruit juice, pizza with meat, cheese and pepperoni (or Chicken Fajita - MS & HS), carrot sticks and dip or lettuce salad, fruit or gelatin with whip, milk.

TUESDAY: Hot Dog in a bun (or Stacked Turkey Sandwich - MS & HS), lettuce salad, baked beans or soup, ice cream treat or fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: CHRISTMAS VACATION... See You On January 4, 1993

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COMING EVENTS

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

SECOND 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, 12675 Foreman Road.

EVERY MONDAY EVENING: Euchre will be played at the V.F.W. Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes, Public welcome.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous New meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Swingers meet 6 p.m. at Lowell Senior Center.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up, or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m., during the school year, in the Scout Cabin, at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-8829.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield E., Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell VFW Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING: Coffee break, a community Bible study for ladies at Calvary Church, 1125 W. Main St., Lowell at 9:30 a.m. Free nursery. Bible story hour for 3 to 6 year olds. A good way to meet your neighbors.

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

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: If you are looking for an enjoyable way to exercise, come join the Lowell Community Education line dance at The First United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. Bring comfortable shoes. \$1 donation.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Quaker-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building at 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EVERY FIRST 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 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 No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

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

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.

LOWELL LIBRARY HOURS: Open Mon. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed., 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

THROUGH DEC. 24: Christmas trees and wreaths will be sold in the Family Fare parking lot by the Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Club. Hours: Mon. through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 8 p.m.

DEC. 17, 18 & 19: Benefit Craft Open House, 6472 Hastings Road (mobile home) 1/2 mile north of Jimmy's Grill. Thurs., Dec. 17, 6-9; Friday, Dec. 18, 9 to 9; Saturday, Dec. 19, 9 to 4. Last minute Christmas shopping. Free punch and cookies. Proceeds to Honey Creek Christian Services.

SAT., DEC. 19: Past Matrons of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. invites the families to their Christmas potluck at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ival and Effie Paulsen. Bring a dish to pass and a small, unwrapped gift for a needy child. Meat furnished.

SAT., DEC. 19: Bowne Center United Methodist Church will be performing

their 7th annual Live Nativity Scene from 6 to 9 p.m. at the corner of 84th Street and Alden Nash Road (M-50) in Bowne Township.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

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 EACH MONTH: All Lowell area senior citizens are cordially invited to attend the Lowell Community Education lunch and learn at 12 p.m., at Lowell High School. The cost of lunch for 1992-93 school year is \$2.20. Call Marge at 897-8434 to make your reservation and learn about the program to be presented.

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly #M 1493 meets every Sat. at 9:00 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING: Royal Rangers for the boys. Missionettes for the girls for 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 SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at, 18841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. at 1 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

WIN A BIG 30" STUFFED MICKEY OR MINNIE MOUSE by signing up for the *Disney Channel before Dec. 30, 1992*



Every subscriber who signs up for the Disney Channel before 12/30/92 automatically receives a small stuffed Mickey or Minnie Mouse and is entered in a drawing for:
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Do you agree with a recent ruling which said, the frozen sperm of a man who committed suicide should be destroyed (as requested by his family) and not given to his girlfriend as he bequeathed in his will?



Sandy Schutte
I think the man's last request should be honored. He has the right to make arrangements before his death.



Cindy Cornell
Yes, the girlfriend should be able to have the sperm. It was the guys will. It was his last wish. It should be followed.



Jean Grandmison
I think it should be destroyed. He killed himself. I don't know why he'd want to leave it.



Barb Schwab
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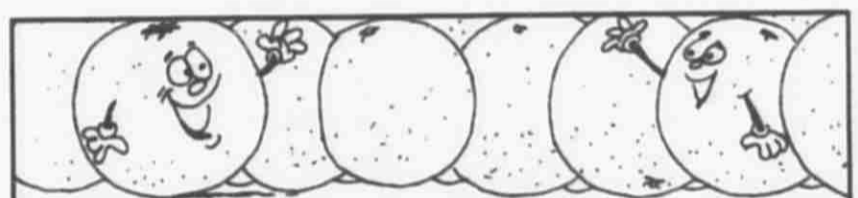
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Kathy Thomas
The sperm should be destroyed. There's no one to father the baby.



Hilda Zamora
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Pam Benson
The girlfriend should be able to use the sperm. It was one of the man's last wishes.

Ray Daniowicz
It's not the court's place to interfere with personal decisions. The girlfriend should be able to do with the sperm what she wants.

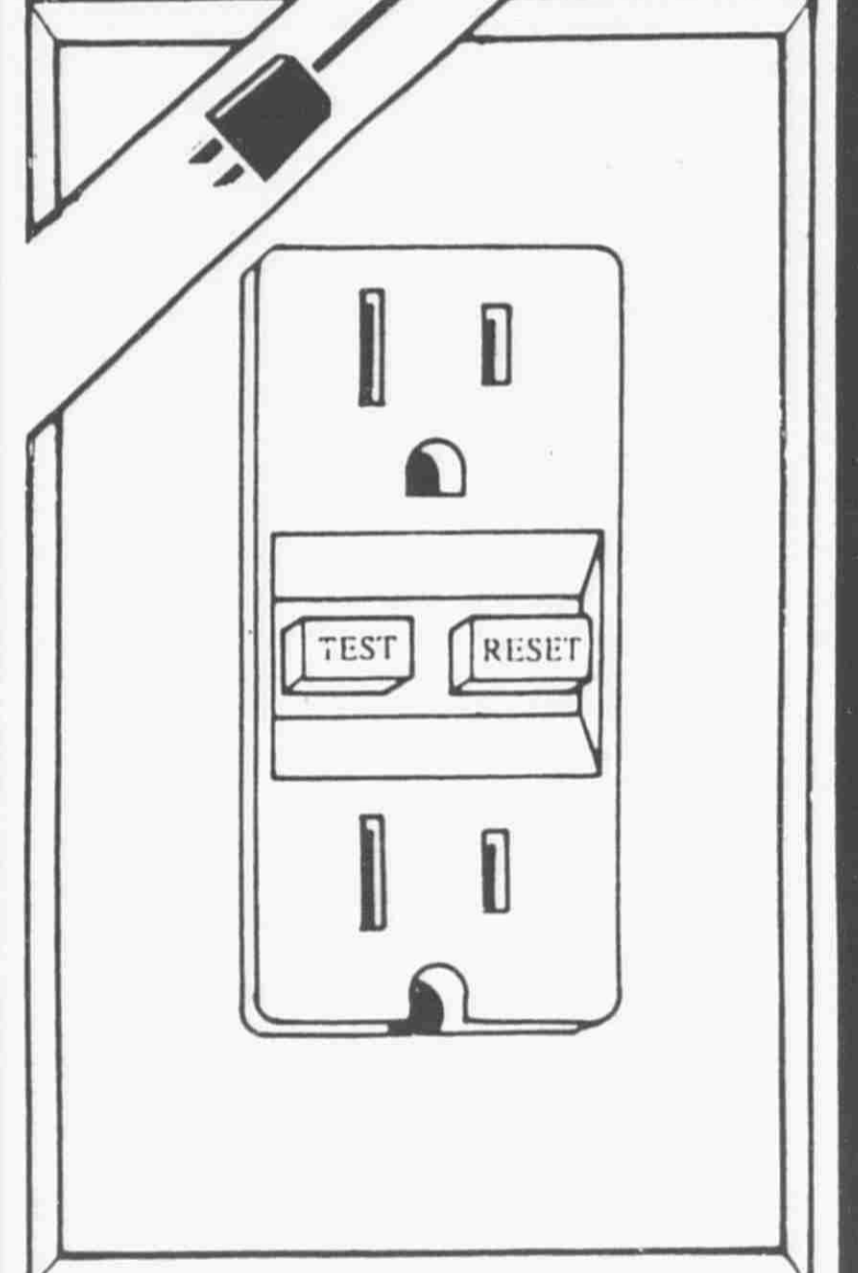
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Barbara Kropf chosen Michigan Apple Queen

Barbara Kropf, the daughter of apple growers and marketers, Roger and Pat Kropf of Lowell, was chosen as the 1993 Michigan Apple Queen at a pageant held at the annual Michigan State Horticultural Society's Convention in Grand Rapids.

Kropf, who is 21 years old, will represent the Michigan apple industry at various events throughout the year, including parades, festivals and other public events. She was also named as Miss Con-

geniality during the pageant. Jennifer Klug, the 17 year old daughter of Alan Klug of Berrien Center, was chosen as first runner-up and Beverly Prillwitz, the 17 year old daughter of Greg and Karen Prillwitz of Eau Claire, was chosen as the second runner-up. They will also attend many events throughout the year representing the apple industry.

The Michigan Apple Queen pageant is sponsored by the Michigan Apple Com-

mittee and staged by the Michigan State Horticulture Society Auxiliary, with contributions from many industry organizations.

Contestants were judged on a number of variables, including poise, professionalism and knowledge of the apple industry.

The Michigan apple industry is experiencing dramatic growth as indicated by approximately 1.5 million apple trees being planted by the state's apple growers over

Alderink receives specialized training at seminar



Toby Alderink - Alto Farm Services

recent 5-year period. Michigan increased the number of apple trees in orchards from 5.4 million in 1986, to approximately 6.9 million in 1991, an increase of 28 percent, according to the results of a survey conducted by the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

Michigan is continuing to improve apple quality offered to consumers through a series of improved growing techniques, packing house technologies and storage capabilities.

Toby Alderink of Alto Farm Services recently received specialized training in the implementation of lean gain feeding programs for swine. The seminar was sponsored by Hubbard Milling Company.

Introduced at the seminar was Hubbard's Lean Expression® Pork Production Software. This revolutionary new computer program represents the industry's first lean gain growth model. The software, which will be introduced in the spring of 1993, will enable producers to feed their hogs to their genetic potential and maximize profit. The program is a result of research worldwide and was compiled by the world's leading nutri-

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Hubbard Milling Company is a diversified agribusiness specializing in the animal feed and pet food industries.

MADD conducting its annual Poster/Essay Contest

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is again conducting its annual Poster/Essay Contest open to all students in elementary through high school.

The 1993 contest theme is "What a Wonderful World This Would Be, If Drivers Remained Alcohol-Free!" Students can submit entries in either or both of the poster/essay categories. The poster competition is open to students in grades one through 12; the essay competition, to students in grades four through 12. All entries are judged within appropriate grade divisions.

The contest is designed to give students an opportunity to creatively express their views on drunk driving while raising awareness of the issue among their peers.

In Michigan in 1990, of fatally injured teenage drivers (15 to 19 years old), 37 percent were found to have alcohol in their blood systems prior to their crash, with 46

percent at legally intoxicating levels (i.e., greater than or equal to 0.10 percent Blood Alcohol Concentration), as reported by the Michigan Substance Abuse and Traffic Safety Information Center.

The contest encourages students to learn about the problems and impact of alcohol impaired driving. It also allows students to contribute to their communities by not only educating families and neighbors about the tragedies caused by drunk driving but also the preventive measures that can be taken.

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 sent directly to the State for the qualifying Individual competition; first place winners from that are then entered in the State final.

The student entry deadline is January 29, 1993. The

State Contest judging is March 9, 1993.

In all, the State Contest gives out 42 cash prizes: first place, high school division, State finalists receive \$200; junior high division, \$150; and elementary division, \$100. Other top placing entries are also awarded cash prizes. All students entering the State Contest are sent a letter of recognition and a participa-

tion ribbon.

First place entries from both the local chapter contests and the State event qualify for the MADD, National Poster/Essay Contest held in the spring.

To obtain an official MADD Poster/Essay Contest entry form and rules, contact MADD, Michigan State Office, 910 Eastlawn, Midland, MI, 48642; phone (517) 631-MADD.

MEA's Brown retires as regional manager

The Michigan Education Association Financial Services announces Barbara Brown's retirement as a Re-



Barbara Brown

gional Manager. Brown has been with the Michigan Education Association since 1978 when she became a licensed registered representative, part-time. She was a speech and language pathologist for Lowell Area Schools and Kent Intermediate from September 1969 until she left in June of 1981 to become a full-time MEA employee.

She will be honored at a dinner Dec. 15 at the University Club in East Lansing. Her retirement plans include travel, bridge and golf.

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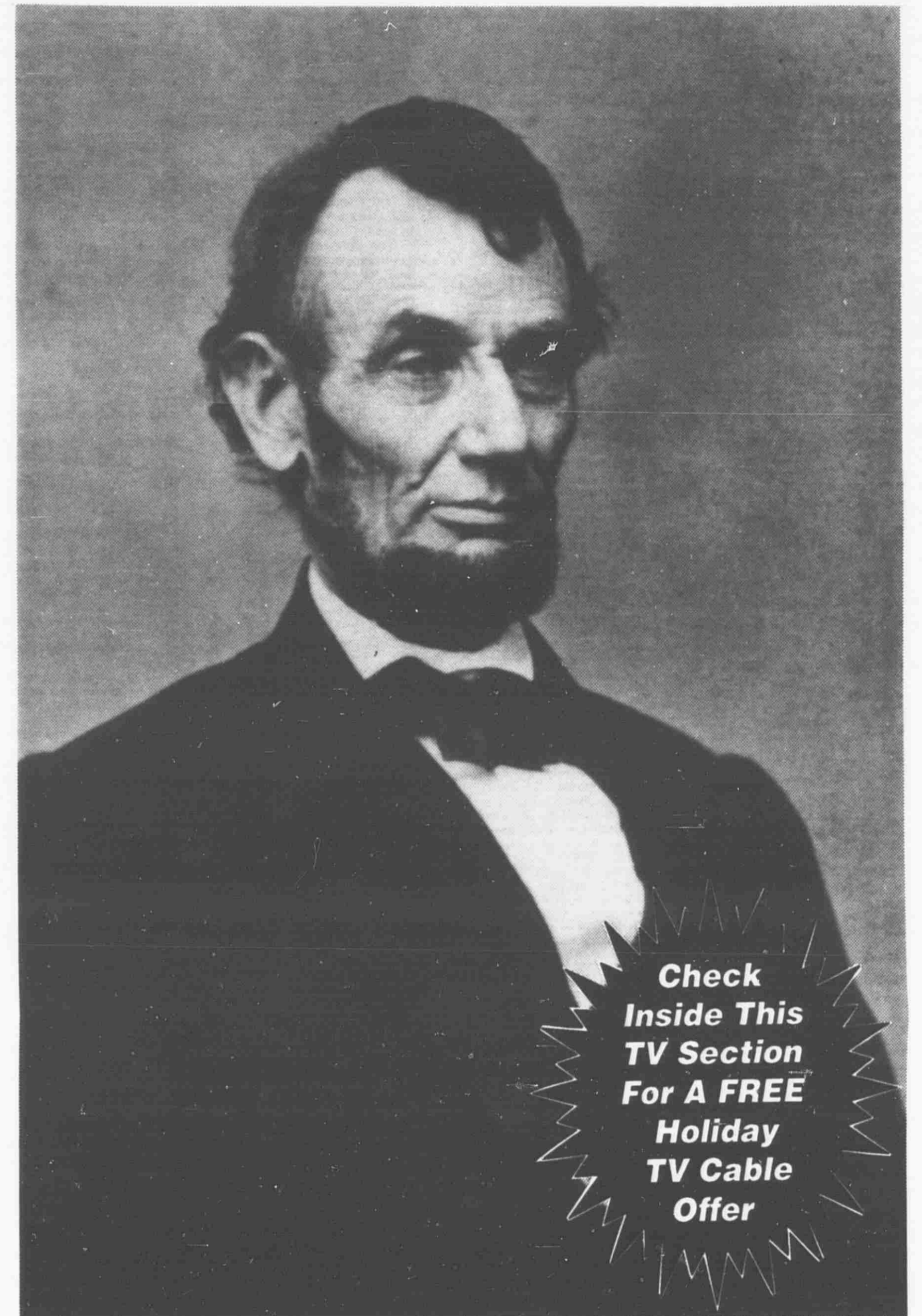
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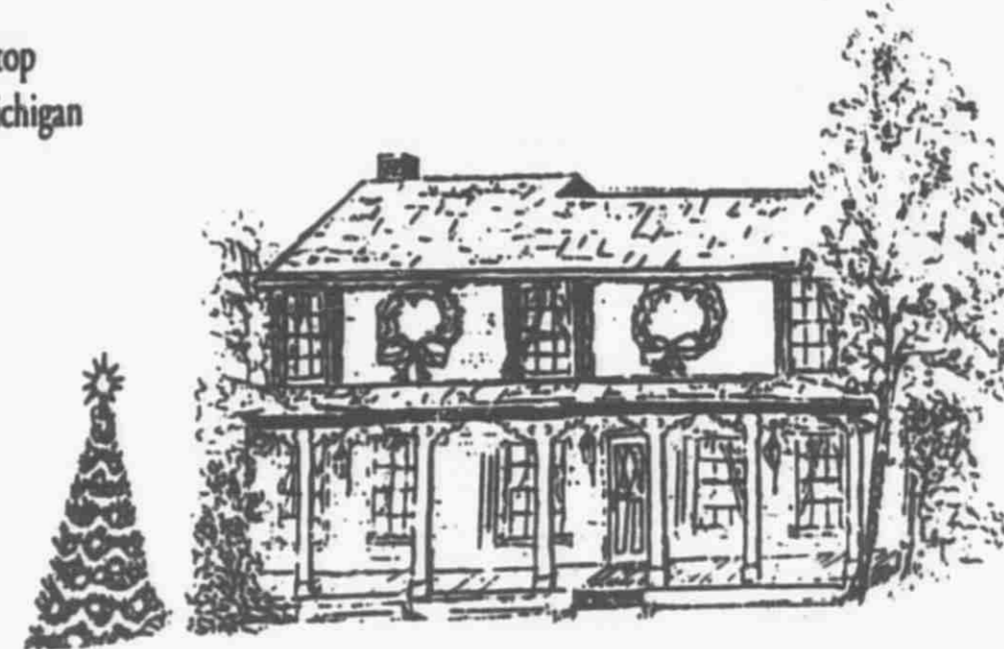


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- 12:00 [7] Love Connection
12:05 [17] Studs
12:10 [13] [14] News
12:15 [1] The Hitchhiker
12:20 [1] Bonanza: The Lost Episodes
12:25 [1] College Basketball Louisiana State vs. Stanford (L)
12:30 [1] NewsNight
12:35 [1] CNN Headline News
12:40 [1] Mr. Ed
12:45 [1] Chariton Heston Presents the Bible
12:50 [1] Arsenio Hall (Stereo) (CC)
12:55 [1] Oceans of Air
1:00 [1] MOVIE: Wonder Man A timid bookworm masquerades as his identical twin brother...

TUESDAY

- December 22
MORNING
5:00 [1] [MAX] MOVIE: Dracula's Widow (Stereo)
5:05 [1] [HBO] MOVIE: Diner
5:30 [1] [MAX] MOVIE: Heart Like a Wheel
7:00 [1] SportsCenter
7:30 [1] [HBO] MOVIE: Absence of Malice
9:00 [1] [HBO] MOVIE: My Girl (Stereo) (CC)
9:05 [1] MOVIE: Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves...

- Planets (CC)
7:00 [1] [HBO] Best of the Year Comedy Hour
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4:00 [1] Medal of Honor: Vietnam (CC)
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Emotion helps carry Lowell to comeback win at Greenville

A key player in Friday night's game between Lowell and Greenville switched jerseys in the second half. Greenville coach Kent Ingles could see it happening, but couldn't stop it. Lowell, on a wave of emo-

tion, rallied from a deficit that grew as big as 10 points in the first half to earn an important 67-61 come-from-behind non-conference win over the Yellowjackets of Greenville. The Red Arrows trailed throughout, other than for a short-lived 13-12 lead early. Lowell didn't lead again until 2:06 to play in the fourth quarter. Trailing 61-60 with 2:06, Lowell's David Jones hit Torrey Gemmill in stride on a full court inbounds pass. Gemmill, having beaten his defender by a step, took the

pass in stride and laid it in, giving Lowell a 62-61 lead. The play propelled Lowell coach Phil Beachler two-feet in the air.

"It was a key play. We drew it up during the timeout," Beachler said. "It was a heck of a pass by Jones. It also provided us with an emotional lift and it got our fans into the game."

While Ingles agreed Lowell played with more emotion, he pointed to the Red Arrows dribble penetration as to the key of the game. "We couldn't stop their dribble penetration. We just didn't work hard enough."

One Yellowjacket that did work hard enough was Jon Leslie. The senior tallied a game-high 35 points and snared 10 rebounds. "Jon is going to play like that all year for us. We need to find someone else to step up and help out," Ingles said.

Lowell got outstanding guard play from Australian exchange student, Leigh Summers. "When we get the ball in Leigh's hands and he's able to make the plays, we're going to be successful," Beachler said.

Summers tallied 23 points, with at least half of them coming on drives to the basket. Summers' penetration also helped free the outside shot of Chad Dunn. The senior led all Red Arrows with 29 points, including four three-pointers. "What we did tonight that we didn't do against Lakewood, was when the fastbreak wasn't there we pulled up and ran our offense," Beachler explained.

The Lowell coach also recognized the defensive play of David Jones. Jones held Leslie to 13 second half points. Leslie tallied 22 in the first half. "He earned all 13 points in the second half. He's quite a player. Jones played some fine defense."

Another area in which Lowell showed dramatic improvement was rebounding. The Red Arrows (1-1) out-rebounded Greenville 31-27. The Red Arrow junior varsity was defeated 59-53.

Lakewood 86 Lowell 65
The home-standing Vikings built a comfortable 40-25 halftime lead and then cruised to an easy victory.

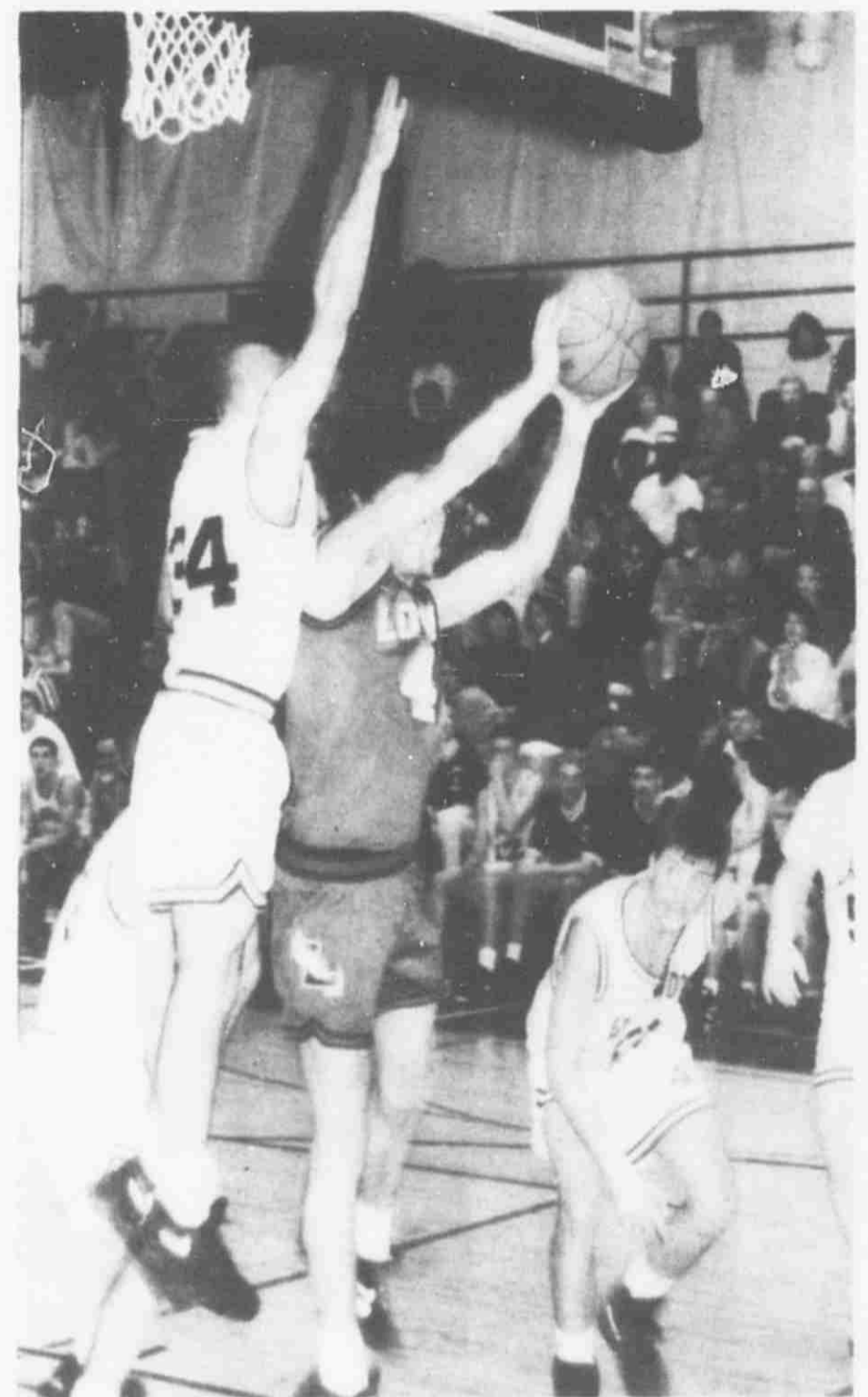
Craig Love led Lakewood with 23 points. Jared Curtis followed with 15.

Lowell got a team-high 20 points from Chad Dunn. David Jones added 18.

Lowell outscored the Vikings 26-21 in the third quarter cutting its deficit to 10 at 61-51.

Lakewood rallied in the final quarter, tallying a 25-14 advantage.




Lowell's junior varsity was successful with a 65-45 victory.



David Jones works aggressively on the boards.



Torrey Gemmill drives to the bucket against Greenville.

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Lowell grapplers earn Invitational title at Battle Creek

The Red Arrow wrestling team proved Saturday at Battle Creek Pennfield, what coach Gary Rivers anticipated in the preseason. Lowell would do well in tournaments.

Lowell edged past East Kentwood and Battle Creek Pennfield as it earned top honors at the Battle Creek Pennfield Invitational.

Rivers had 11 of his 13 wrestlers medal. While Lowell only had two wrestlers finish first and one finish second, it made up a lot of points with six third-place finishes and two fourth-place finishes.

Going into the third round, Lowell, East Kentwood and Battle Creek Pennfield were within five points of one another, according to Rivers. Lowell won eight of its third-round matches.

"I'm surprised by the results," Rivers explained. "I've read about how tough East Kentwood is going to be this year and Battle Creek Pennfield was very strong last year and only lost two seniors from that squad."

A key to Lowell's winning performance on Saturday was the success of its lightweight grapplers. Each one of them medaled.

Scott Swanson at 103 pounds was 2-1 and placed third. Doug Weeks at 125 pounds was 3-1 and finished third. Freshmen Dan Spicer (112), and Matt Inman (119)

both finished fourth with records of 2-2.

Lowell was led by senior Jim Inman. Wrestling at 140 pounds, Inman was 3-0 and took a first. "Jim wrestled well. He controlled his opposition and didn't muscle him. He executed his moves well," Rivers said.

Corey Kirkbride was machine-like as he took top honors at 152 pounds, finishing undefeated at 3-0. "Corey was fantastic. He knew what he was doing and executed it very well."

Justin Anes, 130 pounds, lost in the finals as he finished the day at 2-1, earning a second-place finish. "Justin got beat by a tough kid in the finals," Rivers explained.

Chris Kamphuis, 135 pounds, Jason DesJarden, 145 pounds, Rich Stouffer, 171 pounds, and Sean Smith heavyweight, all lost in the early rounds, but stuck with it and wrestled back to earn a third place finish.

"They all lost to first place kids in the first or second round, but didn't drop their heads. They battled back and had a good afternoon," Rivers said. "It's efforts like these that gave us an opportunity to win the thing."

Brent Teft, 160, and Chris Miedema, 189 did not medal. A point of emphasis this

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All creatures great and small celebrate Christmas at St. Mary's

St. Mary's School presented its 1992 Christmas musical production of *Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies*. The story was written by Betty Hager and Fred Bock. The students were under the direction of St. Mary's musical director June Serne. The performance was given at the Bushnell Elementary gymnasium on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.



CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1992 at 7:30 P.M.
at the City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the request from Chadalee Farms (applicant) for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on parcel 41-20-03-251-010 (located at 1400 Foreman). The applicant has requested a 12 year industrial tax abatement for additions performed at their facility.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.

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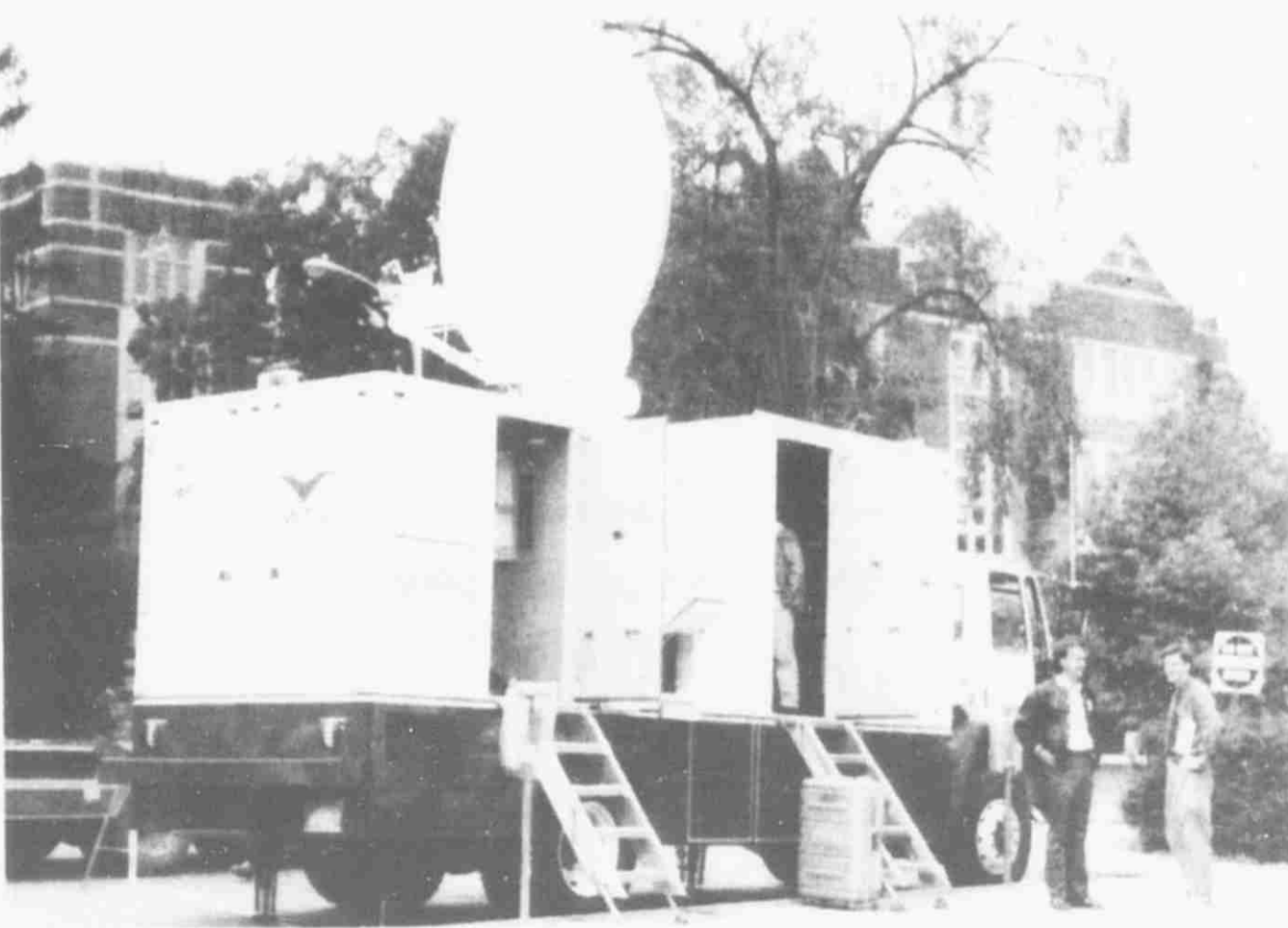
Statewide mobile uplink vehicle now a reality for GR Community College

Grand Rapids Community College has become the first college in the State to operate a Mobile Satellite Uplink and Video Production Vehicle. Construction of the 29 foot, 12.5 ton rolling television station was funded by the Michigan Information Technology Network, Inc. (MITN), while the Kellogg Foundation provided grant monies for general operation and maintenance.

This unique vehicle has already been utilized extensively throughout the Midwest for an extensive range of clients, including both the Clinton and Bush campaigns, "Good Morning America," CBS News, Fox News, local news coverage, teleconference uplinks to colleges throughout the State, and for business networking. "We've had a much greater demand than we originally anticipated for uplink and production services," said Bruce Lockwood, Supervisor of Television Services for GRCC. "This vehicle represents a tremendous technological resource for education and businesses throughout Michigan," he

continued. "Live conferences, meetings, seminars, training sessions, classes and any other type of program can be broadcast from anywhere in Michigan to a statewide, national or even international audience." Richard W. Calkins, President of GRCC, adds, "We have been working with the Michigan Community

College Association for over five years to develop this high-tech capability exclusive to Michigan. GRCC is providing this service on behalf of the MCCA under a lease agreement. We are very excited about the possibilities this vehicle represents for both education and business in the areas of workforce training and interactive information exchange." Established in 1914, Grand Rapids Community College offers a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional curricula, extensive work force training and technical seminars to provide the community with lifelong educational experiences.



GRCC's statewide mobile uplink vehicle now a reality, shown here on location for a national broadcast of the Presidential Debates in East Lansing.

Cleanup date for Action Auto spill scheduled for spring

Two years ago when Action Auto closed its doors in Lowell and filed for bankruptcy it left behind, not only an empty building, but an underground gasoline spill and a notice to clean it up.

Department of Natural Resources Environmental Quality Analyst, John Pawloski said, while Action Auto did some work, it did not do any monitoring of the spill.

Two years later the 1,000 gallon gasoline spill remains. As do questions concerning how far the spill has spread

and when will the contaminants be removed from the ground?

"We do not have results which would indicate that contamination has worked its way into other wells in the area," Pawloski said. "If everything goes well, plans are to clean up the spill in the Spring of 1993."

The State will appropriate \$250,000 for the clean-up. Through Act 307 it also has the option/power to seek the recovery of that cost.

There are 70-plus Action

Auto sites in Michigan. Pawloski said a number of them have minor or significant gas leaks.

There has been interest in purchasing the Action Auto building in Lowell. The most recent was from Total Petroleum. But, the buyout fell through because of concerns with the liability, according to Pawloski. "It's a prime piece of property, but no one wants to take the risk with the way it currently sets."

One way the spill could be treated is by putting in a purge well system - this system is designed to take the contaminants out of the ground.

Pawloski said there are alternative methods that will be considered for treating contaminated ground water.

After the treatment is completed there would be routine monitoring to make sure there are no signs of any contaminants coming back into the system. This monitoring would go on for one year after the project is completed.

Pawloski did conclude by saying the DNR anticipates that the spill did not spread far.

Vandalism is another problem that has been dealt with on a regular basis since the Action Auto doors have been closed.

Lowell Chief of Police Barry Emmons said there is a continuing problem with break-ins, broken windows, graffiti, and young kids who get inside the building and start campfires in the middle of the floor.



Post-season basketball awards

Post season awards were given out at the girls' basketball awards banquet on Thursday. From left to right are Jodi Bishop, Honorable Mention All-Conference and team captain; Kortney Gowen, Most Improved; Jeannine Preiss, the Northwood plaque; Jeni Francis, the Coach's Award; and Amy Stauffer, All Conference and Most Valuable Player.

Wrestling, continued...

year by Rivers has been conditioning. "I think we were the better conditioned club at this point in the season on

Saturday," Rivers said. Lowell will open its O-K White Conference schedule on Thursday at Forest Hills Cen-

tral. It will then travel to Hemlock on Saturday for an invitational.

Lowell Board approves purchase of new vehicle

The Lowell School Board approved the replacement of its 1983 Mercury Grand Marquis at its December meeting.

The Grand Marquis was used for administrative use. The replacement car, a 1992 Ford Taurus will be assigned to Larry Mikulski for all the district travel he does.

The Grand Marquis had over 100,000 miles on it. The 1992 Ford Taurus was purchased at Harold Zeigler Ford and will be purchased for \$11,550. The school had budgeted \$12,000 for the purchase. The Taurus comes with 23,000 miles on it. It was a Ford Motor Co. lease vehicle that was returned to the company after one year's use.

Lowell Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp said other vehicles will more than likely be recommended for the purchase before the end of this 1992-93 fiscal year.

"Our two maintenance trucks and a quality tractor for mowing will be coming," Kemp said. These three purchases qualify for use of energy and maintenance dollars that are expected to be available.

Kemp said the trucks they are focusing on are used 4X4's, while the tractor will be new and needed for mowing at the new high school site and at Alto.



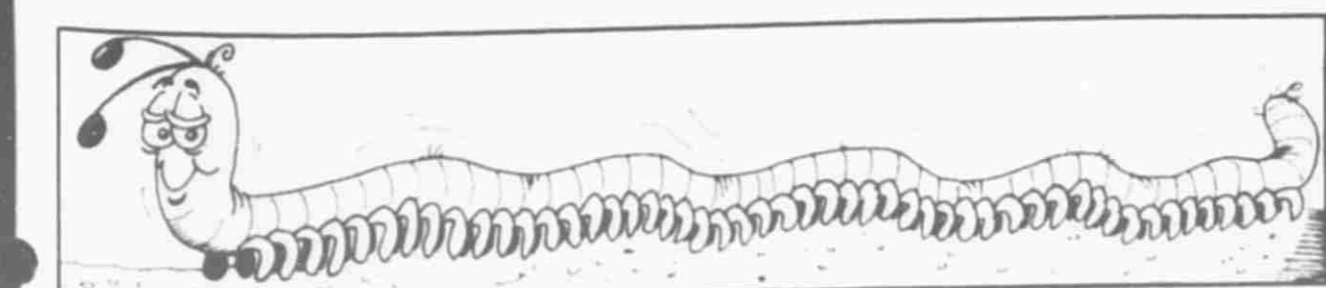
Bushnell students retell story of "Silent Night"

The fanciful retelling of a true story-- the misadventure that brought us one of the greatest Christmas carols of all time was the subject of the Bushnell Elementary School third and fourth-grade Christmas music program. "Silent Night" the play was based on the history of the famous Christmas carol and the events surrounding how it came to be written. Rachel Niemi, Bushnell's music teacher, directed the program. It was written by Val Cheatham.

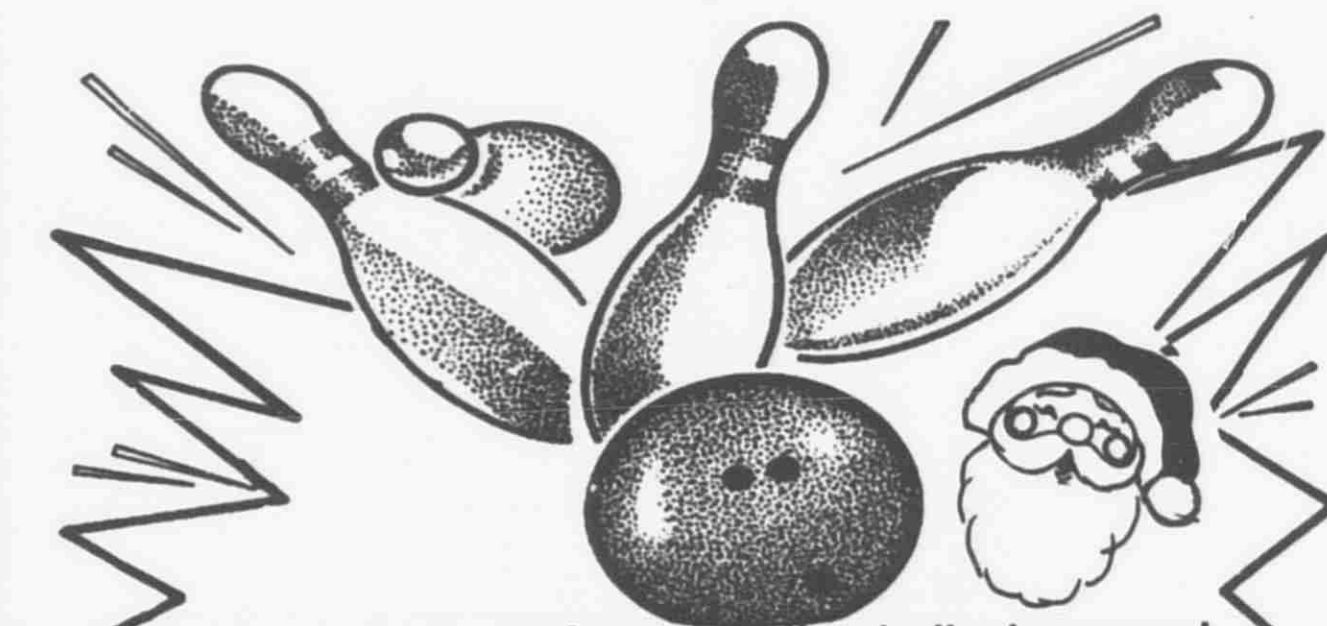


Chamber installs new officers

Lowell's Area Chamber of Commerce met Monday (Nov. 30) for its annual installation of new members. Installed as new members were Laurie Puff, Chadalee Farms and Steve Doyle, King Milling. Pictured left to right, are Lew Haec, Attwood; Laura McCollum, Flat River Antique Mall; Fritz Esch, Superintendent of Lowell Schools; Puff; Doyle; Charlene Chapman, Chapman State Farm Insurance; Rose Rollins, FMB State Savings Bank; Gary Eldridge, Illustrator; Jim Reagan, D.D.S.



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The Lowell City Offices will also be closed on Friday, January 1, 1993 in observance of the New Year.

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FLOYD CAGE, Defendant,

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BY: Sara A. Tuffli
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At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids,

Michigan on Nov. 18, 1992

PRESENT: The Honorable H. DAVID SOET, Circuit Court Judge. On the 5th day of November, 1992, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against you, the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 905 Oakdale S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 29th day of January, 1993.

FAILURE to comply with the Order shall result in a Judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed against you.

David Soet
Circuit Court Judge

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Estate of: ROSE M. DI
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SSN# 385-14-1471

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The decedent, whose last known address was 1681 Acacia Drive, NW., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 died October 5, 1992. An instrument dated March 17, 1992 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that

all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, GIROLOMA LOVISA, c/o John D. Mitus, 410 Bridge Street, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

John D. Mitus (P31244)
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"Holiday Fire Prevention Tips"—a brochure prepared by AAA Michigan—spells out some simple fire precautions that should be taken to help ensure a safe and happy holiday season.

Last year, 14 Christmas tree fires were reported state-

wide resulting in property loss of nearly \$210,000. There were no fatalities. This represented considerable improvement over 1990 when 29 reported fires cost seven lives in one house fire and \$368,600 in property damage.

Among precautions suggested by AAA Michigan:

- When you get your tree home, make a fresh cut in the trunk and keep plenty of water in the tree stand at all times.
- Check light strands for

open sockets and cracked or frayed cords. If any of these conditions exist, replace the lights.

• Do not overload electrical outlets with too many lights or extension cords and be sure that all decorative lighting is turned off whenever leaving home.

- Check tree needles to make sure they are not dry and brittle. If they are, or if needles are falling, remove the tree from the home.

The "Holiday Tips" brochure is available free to the public at AAA Michigan branches statewide. Also available are the "Great Pretenders Party Guide," which includes non-alcoholic beverage and food recipes to be

enjoyed during the holiday season and a "Designated Drivers...Friends For Life" folder explaining the importance of the Designated Driver.

Letter, continued

school's administration. They told me it was "impossible" not more expensive. I would like answers to these questions, the truth, not more evasions. Some apologies would be nice also.

Mark Jacquain



Student art displayed at Burger King.

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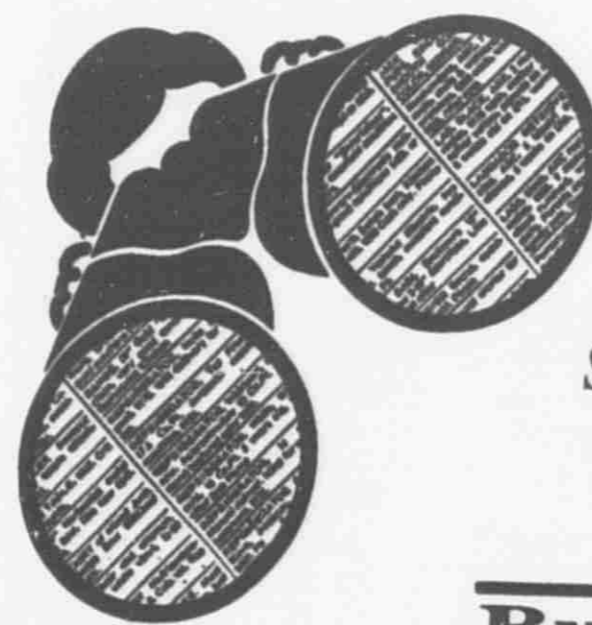
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 - Keep food in your kitten's dish at all times. By nature, kittens regulate their own eating habits according to their nutritional/caloric needs.
 - Don't leave stale food in your pet's bowl—discard after one day.
 - Don't omit dry food from a puppy or kitten's diet; chewing is good for their teeth and dry food contains important nutrients.
- Bedding:**
 - When choosing a bed for your puppy, set up a cage or crate with an old blanket/towel in a quiet place.
 - Be sure outside kittens have a shelter—garage or porch—from the rain. Inside kittens may like to sleep in a high-sided box lined with a washable pillow or cushion.
 - Housebreaking:**
 - Know the tell-tale signs of a puppy who wants to be walked: walking around in circles, sitting at the door and whining, making sustained eye contact, combined with a slightly anxious expression.
 - Take a puppy "caught in the act" outside to finish, and praise him for his efforts.
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Music Boosters undertake steep financial uniform project

The numbers just don't add up.

There are a 164 students enrolled in Lowell High School band. There are 118 students in the Lowell marching band.

There are just 97 marching band coats and just 63 concert band jackets, for a combined total of 160.

It will take \$52,500 to purchase the needed 175 band uniforms. It will take an additional \$10-\$15,000 to purchase approximately 100 choir coats.

Lowell's Music Boosters Club has approximately \$2,000.

Band and choir participation is at an all-time high at Lowell High School.

However, state mandates for programs involving the core curriculum have nipped away at a student's choice in

selecting electives and it is feared that this will also deplete the number of students in the music and arts areas.

"That is a concern," emphasizes Lowell High School band teacher Bob Rice. "Most of the students involved in high school band and choir are freshmen and sophomores. Because the core curriculum mandates are requiring more time from students, music and art lose many students in their junior and senior years."

Lowell High School Principal Jim DeWeerd explains why this is.

"We require students to have three english credits and two math credits to graduate. The state and/or colleges mandates or suggests that students need more."

DeWeerd adds that students are then put in a position

in their junior and senior years to choose between whether they take a class that will provide them a fourth english credit, which may also help get them enrolled in a college, or do they take an enrichment class like music, choir, technology or the arts.

"Many of students' electives are taken up this way," DeWeerd said.

The Lowell High School Principal said, currently there is a committee made up of teachers, students and administration looking at a variety of ways to restructure the daily school schedule so students can fulfill core curriculum requirement from the school (some which are passed on by the state), the curriculum suggestions of the college and still have ample time for the enrichment courses.

The objectives of the com-

mittee also include scheduling time during the school day so that students can go back through and be re-taught, re-tested on material they did not comprehend the first time around. This would prevent students from having to come in before school starts or staying after school is out.

The committee is also working on developing a block scheduling process which would allow 1-1/2 - 2 hours for a class that might involve lab work. It will also look into finding staff members more opportunity and time to work on school improvement, to keep updated on the latest research, and to work on the school improvement process during the school day.

"For this to work the administration, the teachers, the students and the parents will have to work together," DeWeerd said.

With this background knowledge one fully begins to appreciate that much of the state allocated funds are also spent on state mandates, thus curtailing what it has available to spend on enrichment classes.

So where do these monies come from to help balance out those numbers?

So that students don't have to forego enrichment classes to meet the requirements of state mandates and college suggestions when they become juniors and seniors.



There are 164 students enrolled in the Lowell High School Band.

So that when the first band and choir concerts are held in the new auditorium or the first football game is played at the new stadium, the Lowell band and choir members can be attired in new uniforms. (It's been 15 years since the music program has had new uniforms. The choir has never had a uniform).

Lowell Superintendent Gary Kemp notes that the budget for instrumental music almost doubled from 1990-91 to 1991-92 (from \$2,300 to \$4,500). "Yes, I believe the increase is in proportion to the number of students," he explains. He also believes the school should put itself in a position to help the Music Boosters raise money for new music uniforms.

"Yes, absolutely the school should help finance the cost of the new uniforms. We should never put a Boosters Club in a position to be burdened with the entire financial load. Lowell Schools promotes what the Music Boosters is trying to do and it will assist not detract from their effort."

Prior to going to the Board of Education with its charge, the Music Boosters will meet with the Board's finance committee.

The Lowell Music Boosters Club was formed in 1976. It has had as many as 10-12 board members. Although, this year it has just three, Lanie Rice, Terry Raymor and Maureen Pawloski. "We are

looking for members. It will be difficult to survive without help," Lanie Rice said.

The low member count is not a problem just the Music Boosters suffers from. The Athletic Boosters have also had to fight with dwindling numbers. Rice said there has been some discussion of combining the different Booster Clubs into one.

Lowell's Music Boosters Club has started an effort to balance those numbers.

Through personal calls it has begun to recruit parents to become a voice in the Lowell Community for the Lowell Music Boosters Club.

The Lowell Music Boosters have also chosen to undertake a major project over the next 1-1/2 years to raise funds to support the purchase of new music uniforms by the fall of 1994.

Other than the Poinsettia sale, which was held prior to the holiday season, and a donation drive, other fund raising ideas have been generated but not yet finalized.

Lanie Rice said in the near future, parents will be contacted to help in stuffing envelopes, working concessions, making phone calls and several other ways, besides financial, to help lend a hand.

"We need everyone in the community to be a positive voice to get this major project completed," Rice said.

City reaches agreement with ICMA-RC

An up-to-to-date agreement, portraying the administrative relationship between the ICMA-RC and the City was approved by the Lowell City Council Monday night.

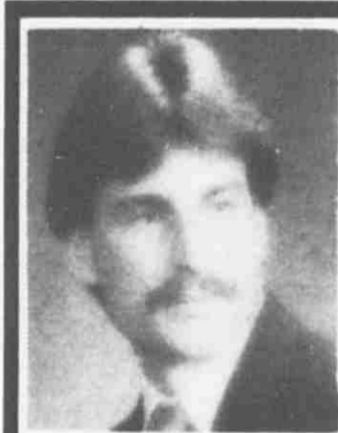
In reviewing the text, it was found that the document was thoroughly consistent with the present practices.

The City has participated in the ICMA-RC deferred

compensation program since 1987. The program provides employees on a voluntary basis to set aside a portion of their income tax deferred until retirement.

This income plus interest earned serves as additional pension.

Approximately one-third of the employees currently participate.



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