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Showboat headliners set

Local country singer, Thom Ellis to kick-off gala event June 17

After a long arduous, albeit successful process, the Lowell Showboat released the names of the entertainers who will be performing at the Lowell Showboat on June 17-19.

It was announced Tuesday that Lowell born, Caledonia raised, country/western rising star Thom Ellis will perform Thursday night.

The popular 60's - 70's recording group, The 5th

Dimension will share many of their hits from their 14 gold records and their versatile and spontaneous show with the Showboat crowd.

Saturday night will feature Christian/gospel, contemporary international recording artist, Sandi Patti.

Tickets will go on sale for all three shows on Monday April 26. There will be a \$10 ticket price for Ellis' Thursday show.

Ticket prices for Friday and Saturday night will be \$16 - \$18 and \$20.

Ticket reservations can be made prior to the April 26th date by calling 1-800-422-SHOW or 897-8280.

"This year's entertainment package is versatile and will also draw from an audience that the Showboat hasn't drawn from in the past," Lowell Showboat President Thad Kraus said.

Patti's recent album release from Word, "Another Time.... Another Place" is replete with songs that are not character-

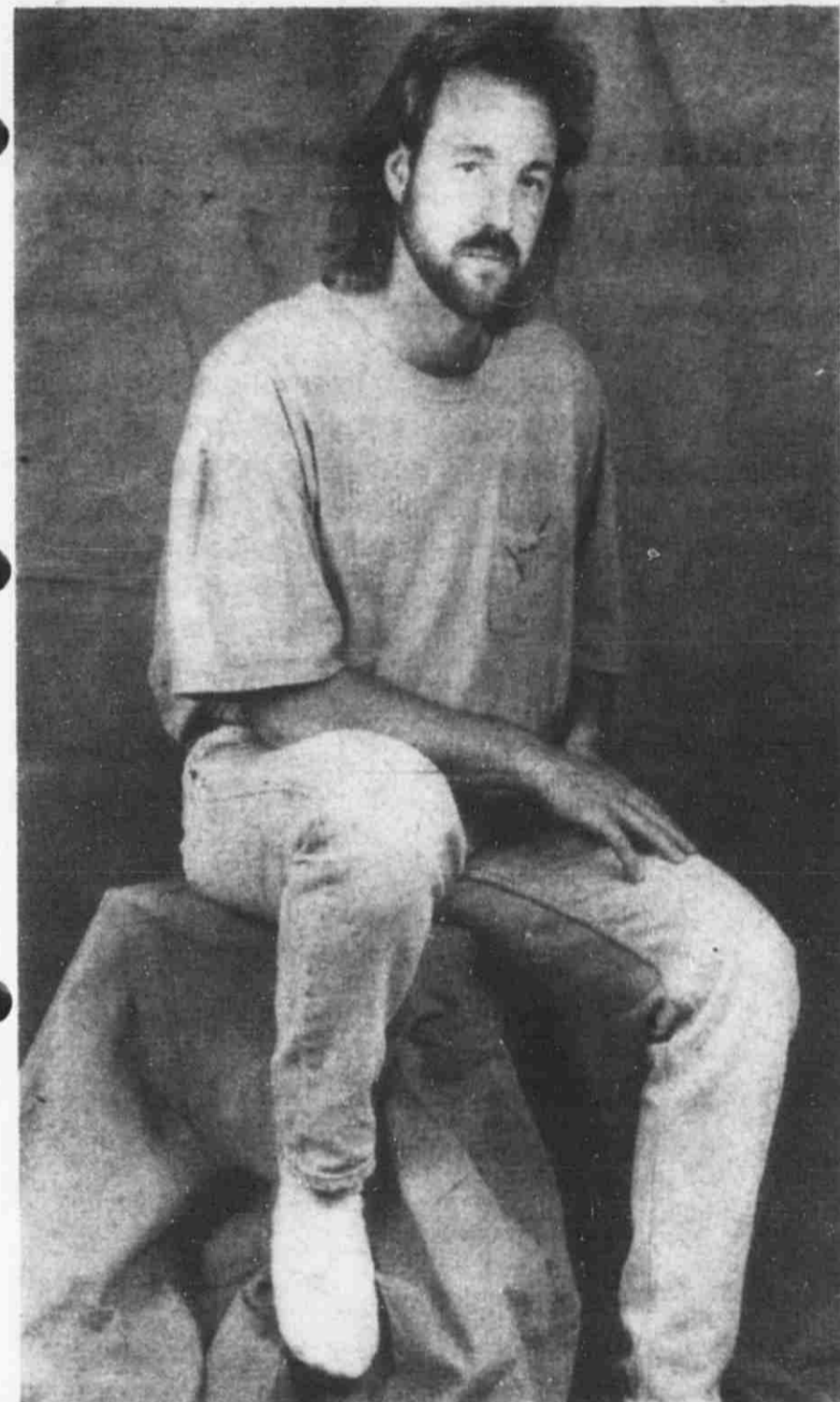
istically Patti. Many are pop infused. Other songs on the album provide the church's new standards. Patti explains that the album has a liveliness to it. "It's like it's coming from somewhere down deep inside of me that I really thought I had lost. The new album was a fresh, healing and unusually fun piece of work for me."

Although 1990 was theoretically a "year off" for rest and regrouping, Patti earned female vocalist of the year and had the children's music album of the year, "Sandi Patti and the Friendship Company."

Remarkably, Patti was named female vocalist of the year from 1982 through 1991. During that time she has had two platinum records, four gold records and one gold video. She was also Billboard Magazine's "inspirational artist of the year" for the year's 1986 through 1989.

"On Friday night, the Showboat will take people the

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Thom Ellis



Sandi Patti

Board asks for clarification on sale of property to road commission

The authorization of sale of 17 feet of property to the Kent County Road Commission was tabled by the Lowell Board of Education until further clarification could be made on the possible agreement between the two entities.

Board member Charlie Kohler questioned if the school was just extending the existing right of way or if it was actually selling property.

After reading the proposal, board member and attorney, Steve Idema, said he felt it meant sale of the property.

"It isn't in any way different to the existing right-of-way when the school bought the land," Kohler.

In a letter to Superintendent Fritz Esch, Malcolm Balk, right-of-way buyer for the Kent County Road Commission states that the Commission would like to acquire additional right of way for the future, along Vergennes Street.

The statute right of way is 33 feet on each side. Vergennes, a primary road, requires 50 feet on each side. This requires an additional 17 feet on each side.

David Groenleer, director of engineering for the Kent County Road Commission said it was asking to acquire

the land by deed. "This means the Commission would purchase the property," Groenleer said. "If we had asked for an easement, then that means the school would grant us use of the property for highway purpose. This is the method used

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TIF Plan approved Improvements to downtown would start as early as '94

Revitalizing the Lowell Downtown area is the Downtown Development Authorities' charge.

The adoption of a \$1.7 million development and tax increment financing plan by the Lowell City Council Monday night will assure that funds are there to pay for its cost.

City residents were reminded Monday night that the Council had already passed a resolution, stating it would not use a 2 mill increase in the DDA area to help finance the improvements. "Improvements will be made by Tax Increment Financing alone," reinstated City Manager Dave Pasquale.

Improvements outlined in the plan include, streetscape improvements, parking lot improvements, property acquisition and demolition, riverfront improvements, and handicap access projects.

Tax Increment Financing is a vehicle for funding the improvements. "It provides a diversion of property assessment funds, which then equate into improvements," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale says. However, for there to be an immediate impact on the downtown area, bonding has been proposed to complete as many streetscape and parking lot improvements as soon as possible.

Pasquale noted that the property assessment roll has been completed. The captured SEV has been reduced \$259,800 from \$1.3 million to 1.09 million. It will provide \$67,612 in captured tax increment revenues in the first year rather than the \$83,657 as previously projected.

The bonding capacity would be decreased to an estimated \$770,000 from \$825,000 (based on seven percent over 20 years). "Even with the decrease, a viable project could still be undertaken," Pasquale said.

The new property tax/school finance reform constitutional amendment proposal would greatly impact the DDA since it would limit assessment increases to five percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. In 1993, the rate of inflation is three percent.

In a FAX alert sent to the City on April 1, the Michigan Municipal League stated that Tax Increment Financing is protected. However, this protection would only be extended to TIF bond obligations completed by Oct. 1. The TIF Plans would have to be

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Lowell Showboat Court

The 1993 Lowell Showboat Court, pictured from left to right is second runner-up, Dana Marie Tindall, Showboat Queen Shannon Danyel Bennett, and first runner-up Kelly Jo Cichon. The Pageant story and more pictures are on page 28 of the Lowell ledger.

OBITUARIES

CARY - Angela E. Cary, aged 94, of Lowell, died April 17, 1993. She is survived by her sister, Kathleen Wingeier; cousin, Camilla Wehan, both of Lowell; also many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Patrick's Church, Parnell. Rev. Wayne B. Wheeler Celebrant.

JAMES - Mattie May James, aged 55, of Free Soil, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away Friday, April 16, 1993. Surviving are her husband, Roger; her children, Richard and Beth James of Alto, Diann and Al Phelps of Morley, Calvin and Deb James, Duane James, all of Rockford, Dennis James of Grand Rapids; 10 grandchildren; her mother, Alberta Miller of Free Soil; six brothers and four sisters. The funeral service was held Monday at the St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, Rev. Mark J. Bergsma officiating. Interment at Meade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mattie May James Memorial Fund.

JONES - Mrs. Nathalie Jones,

aged 80, a resident of the Leonard Terrace Apartments, Grand Rapids, died April 16, 1993 at her home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Jones; and two daughters, Beverly and Carole. Surviving are three children, Robert and Betty Jones of Evansville, IN, Stephanie Jones, Debbie Jones, both of Lowell; 10 grandchildren; and one niece. Mrs. Jones was a retiree of Amway Corporation. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at Reyers North Valley Chapel, Rev. Clayton Klingentus officiating. Interment in Blythefield Memory Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Kent County Red Cross or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

SHEAR - David J. Shear, aged 78, of Belding, died Wednesday, April 14, 1993. He is survived by his sister, Eythel (Orva) Royce of Belding; nieces, Theda Richmond, Leah Bannister, Faye Brokaw, Donna Borek, Suzanne Taylor, all of Belding, Vivian Collins of Lowell; nephews, Lee Shear

of Battle Creek, Martin Alderink of Ada, David Steffes of Greenville, Thomas Steffes of Gowen and several great-nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Darwyn Hassert of Smyrna Bible Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

TINGLEY - Neva Tingley, aged 74, of Saranac, passed away at her residence April 17, 1993. She is survived by her husband, Gerald O.; one son, William G. (Linda) Tingley; one daughter, Pamela K. (Michael) Sigafosse, of Saranac; one sister, Beulah Leland of Orleans; one brother-in-law, Harold Tingley of Ionia; five grandchildren, Tracy, Troy, Brandie, Blain and Brad. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Gaillee Baptist Church in Saranac with Pastor Don Holcomb and Gerald Hayworth officiating. Interment Balcom Cemetery in Ionia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon Ministries.

VAN SLEDRIGHT - Kelly Jean Van Sledright, age 4 months, darling infant daughter of Darryl and Mary Van Sledright of Lowell, went to be with her Lord, Wednesday, April 14, 1993. Also surviving are her brothers and sister, Eric and Theresa Van Sledright, Christopher, Matthew and Paul Bonner; her grandparents, Richard and Kay Zubrickas, Henry and Shirley Van Sledright; her great-grandparents, Bernard and Julia DeHaan, Helen Zubrickas, all of Grand Rapids. The Funeral Service was held on Saturday at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, Rev. Ronald L. Fynevever officiating. Interment Fallburg Cemetery.

Decent, safe & sanitary: That's the goal of the Kent County Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Program

If your house is in need of repairing the Kent County Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Program may be a benefit to you. The Kent County Community Development Department, with the help of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), offers home repair assistance for homeowners in Kent County. Kent County has been offering this service for the past 11 years and it runs from July through June. Currently the development department has four programs available to households. These programs are housing rehabilitation, a small emergency home repair program, a builder's abundance program, and an exterior paint program. The housing rehabilitation program is not like a remodeling program, in that it does not cover 100 percent cosmetic work. The goal of this program is to make the house "decent, safe, and sanitary" as stated by HUD's housing quality standard. Repairs eligible under this program include: Heating, plumbing, septic systems, wells, electrical work, replacing windows, doors, roofs and sidings. Structural Repairs, kitchen and bathroom upgrades, improvements for the mobility impaired and energy conservation items are also available under the housing rehabilitation program. Work done in the housing rehabilitation program includes two loan programs to pay for the work done. One program allows low income households to defer payments with no interest, on the condition that the loan amount is paid in full when the recipient moves from the home. The other program is designed for

moderate income households. The loan has monthly payments over a 20 year term with a financing rate of three percent. If your house needs a small repair, like replacing a door or window, than the small emergency program is designed for you. This program serves the low income elderly only (age 60 years and over) and will replace or fix items that may cause harm to the occupant. This program has a co-payment policy where the occupant must pay 30 percent of the cost. The minimum payment per household is \$5 with a maximum payment not exceeding \$30. The third program, the builders abundance program, sells excess building materials donated to the program, at approximately 20 percent of the list price. This program is only for low income families. The final program, the exterior paint program, has not started yet but could possibly start by June. This program sells paint, purchased by the community development department, to low income households. No purchase price has been set, but

materials, such as paint brushes and rollers are included. To receive assistance, homeowners must prove eligibility through a set of standards that include income restrictions. Income eligibility requires a family, depending on size, be considered a low or moderate income household. The household income is determined by adding the gross income of all persons residing in the house who are 18 years of age or older. Only homes currently listed for sale are eligible to apply for assistance. Restrictions also have been applied for mobile home residents. Only mobile homes on private property and on a permanent foundation will be considered for assistance. Mobile homes must also be taxed as real estate to receive consideration. Residents wanting to receive more information on programs or to check eligibility should contact Lu Ann Nicolai of the Community Development Department at 774-3564.

Township eyes days as newsletter publisher

Who are your local politicians? Not many Lowell citizens can answer this question. To get better acquainted with the local politicians a newsletter will be sent to each household in Lowell starting Sept. 1. The newsletter is published by Mason Publications and will include information by Lowell Township Board members. Information will include public hearings or issues which may be important to concerned citizens. "Communication is a very vital part of our township and this will benefit the needs of the community," said Township Board member Alyn Fletcher. Information will be submitted to Mason Publication who then will write up that information for publication. All materials in the newsletter will be approved by the township board before publication. The publication will be sent to approximately 1,300 households four times a year. The cost of the newsletter is \$30 per household. The township is committed for one year and will determine the newsletters effectiveness before committing for future years.

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Preliminary exam waived, Lowell woman charged with trying to poison teacher

Paula Krebs, 18, Alto, has been bound over in Circuit Court on charges of allegedly trying to poison Sheila Dubbink (Feb 26), a Lowell High School teacher for the self contained/emotionally impaired students. According to Police Sergeant Al Eckman, Krebs admitted in the police report to putting black ink (India Ink) in Dubbink's drinking mug. If found guilty she could face up to five years in prison. Eckman said the trial date has not been set. Krebs waived her preliminary exam in the 63rd District Court.

The incident occurred on Friday (Feb. 26). According to Dubbink, she had given Krebs permission to get ink from the art room to work on her art project. Dubbink says Krebs poured the ink into her mug while the Lowell teacher was working in the time-out area with another student on math. Eckman said the analysis of the mug's contents by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab showed the drink con-

tained ink matching the type given to Krebs earlier in the day. "Because the mug was dark, it would have been impossible to notice that the drink had been tainted." Dubbink said upon hearing what Krebs did, another student told the Lowell teacher. "Something like this is devastating because you like to believe that you're having a positive influence on these kids' lives," Dubbink said. "Reality is, you only have them for three hours a day and what kind of impact can you really have. The Lowell instructor says success is measured differently with these students. "Sometimes success is a smile and sometimes it is the fact a student isn't telling you off. It's different with each student." Dubbink says she hasn't talked to Krebs since the incident. "A part of me wants to, but another part of me doesn't. I don't know what the motivation was for this," she says.

Dubbink is in her ninth year of teaching. It is her sixth at Lowell High School. She spent three years at Birch Run, a suburb of Saginaw. The incident has given Dubbink reason to think about elementary counseling. "There is a need for it. It would also put me in a spot to help kids at an early age and not necessarily at a point in their life when it might be too late." Eckman pointed out that poison experts have indicated to him that ingesting a large quantity of the ink could make a person very sick, however, it would not be fatal. "In all my years this is the first time I remember charging someone with poisoning," Eckman said. "Later that same day (Feb. 26th), Krebs was involved in throwing an ice ball at a vehicle. Lowell High School assistant principal Scott Vashaw said Krebs was not expelled from school, but was suspended. "The school is recommending alternative placement for her to attend where she can be successful," he explains.

LMS spring concert May 6 & 7

The 312 members of the six Lowell Middle School bands will be presenting their annual spring concerts on Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7 in the Middle School gym. The students will be presenting three performances:

May 6 at 1 p.m., for Middle School students and at 7 p.m. that evening for parents and community and the final performance on May 7, at 10 a.m., for elementary school students. Ensembles performing include the sixth, seventh and

eighth-grade bands as well as the Invitational Jazz Ensemble. Join the family and friends at the Middle School band program as they usher in spring with our annual celebration of youth and music.



Scouts helping to deliver food bags to area residents on Saturday were, left to right, Jeremy Duprey, Bob Williams, Nick Collins, and Brian Haybarker.

Scouts will return on Saturday to pick up food goods

Phase one of the area scouts and explorers "Scouting for Food" campaign was completed this past weekend. Troop 102 Scout Master Kraig Haybarker, who is coordinating the campaign, assisted scouts as they dropped off donation bags to area residents on Saturday. Residents are asked to fill up the bags with canned food goods and then put the bag out on their porch for pick-up on Saturday, April 24. Haybarker asks that the bags be put out by 9 a.m.

"If a resident did not receive a bag, but would still like to help feed those in need, they may drop off their donation at the Methodist Church basement. We ask that they mark the bag 'Scouts.'" Haybarker said. "We have to call in our totals Saturday afternoon. However, we will still gladly accept your donations on Sunday the 25th." Haybarker said items that are needed include pancake mix and syrup, tuna helper, oatmeal, crackers, meats, fruits, fruit juice, jam, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and boxed and/or canned potatoes.

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Katherine Akers, Jason Alber, Dara Anchors, Stacy Anderson, Josephine Anstett, Nicole Amett, Andrea Baker, Jonathan Ballema, Brooke Bennett, Robert Bessey Jr., Joshua Blanding, Nicholas Blough, Lynn Boersma, Joseph Boruta, Melissa Bowen, Lisa Bristol, Jeff Brubaker, Erin Burgess, Kelly Capen, Megan Cindric, Cherie Colburn, Dylan Cole, Nick Collins, Kevin Condon, Bradley Corbit, Rose Corey, Kalie (Nosko) Cowen, Stacey Craig, Thomas Cross, Justin Curtis, Trish DeYoung, Sarah Debiak, Abby Denton, Amanda Dykstra, Julie Ennis, Brandy Fedewa, Patricia Fick, Shannon Finnegan, Kimberly Fish, Robert Ford, Joshua Ford, Rachael Fredline, Janelle Freed, Meghan Geer, Dustin Gless, Andrew Graham, Landon Graham, Heather Halbeisen, Sam Hauser, Ben Hodges, Kyle Hoffman, Janna Holst, Eric Howes, Kendra Hurt, Shelly

Hyzer, Amy Inman, Bradley Jackson, Jamie Jahnke, Kenna Johnston, Erin Koewers, Jessica Koozman, Laura LaHaye, Eric Land, Beth Larabee, Amanda Lesky, Cory London, Elizabeth Lonick, Colleen Mandie, Joshua Manion, Tanya Mapes, Amanda Mastenbrook, Trisha McCaul, Melinda McIver, Stacy McKay, Annie McMahon, Amber Metternick, Tanya Oberlin, Jeffery Pfaller, Amanda Phillips, Aaron Plattner, Heather Reddy, Andrea Rickert, Celena Risner, Katrina Robinson, Susan Rozman, Patrick Ryan, Amanda Sabados, William Sanborn, Ryan Sauber, Morgan Scheid, Willow Schumaker, Jennifer Sherman, Jill Sherman, Lisa Shockey, Ainsley Smit, Amy Smit, Jaimi Smith, Sarah

SEVENTH-GRADE
Jeff Altoft, Stephanie Anderson, Laurie Barton, Michael Befus, Tyler Berrington, Kelly Biener, Melissa Boomers, Lila Boggs, Amber Bolen, Audra Bolthouse, Jennifer Bourcier, Cynthia Briggs, Dennis Brown, Gena Buhler, Lori Catlin, Courtney Compeau, Derek Crawford, Elizabeth Cummings, Nicole Darling, Jonathan DenHouter, Amber Didion, Betsey Eckman, Ryan Eisentrager, Jacob Ellison, Sean Ellison, Shauwn Ford,

Joshua Fremer, Michael Frey, Chad Gallagher, Jessica Garber, Lyndsay Ghareeb, Jennifer Gingrich, Brandon Grove, Jason Grover, Lindsay Gustafson, Alicia Hale, Aaron (Kropf) Hanson, Mark Hartley, Elisa Hawksley, Jennifer Henrickson, Cheryl Herweyer, Curtis Hines, Beth Hoag, Rachael Huisman, Jedediah Hunt, Josie Inbody, Angela Janes, Elizabeth Jones, Charles Johnson, Ryan Jones, Sean Kennedy, Stacy Klahn, Michael Knudstrup, Kristopher Koomdyk, Elizabeth Krebill, Chad Kremer, Nicholas Kuilema, Sandra Lonick, David Luyk, Mark MacNaughton, Maegan Malone, Jamie Marentette, Matt Maatman, Cara McQueen, James McQueen, Crystal Meaney, Amy Meiste, Ann Merigan, Benjamin Michael, Adam Mix, John (Godlweski) Murphy, Jeff Nethercot,

EIGHTH-GRADE
Trish Acevedo, Kendra Akers, Ryan Aksamitowski, Jennifer Alderink, Deanna Anchors, Heidi Anderson, Jessica Anstett, Corrine Amett, David Arnold, Hope Ayers, Troy Ballard, Carolyn Ballema, Ginelle Bauman, Mackenzie Bennett, Richard Bennett, Nicholas Berrington, Brett Bitrick, Aaron Bloem, Jenny Borg, Aaron Brander, Sumer Brenner, Denny Briggs, Kevin Brown, Melody Brubaker, Andrea Bryant, Michelle Burton, Brian

Carstens, Jeffrey Catlin, Robert Cindric, Joseph Corey, Donald Cross, Jon Dean, Amber Dreyer, Angela Drost, Matthew Dykstra, Jill Dykstra, Amanda Eggerding, Christy Ennis, Diana Fick, Skye Fisher, Nichole Fortin, Thomas Friedrich, Michael Gannon, Ericka Gless, Stephanie Graber, Shari Grieser, Casey Harper, Scott Hays, Carrie Hubbard, Tina Hulzenga, Suzanne Inman, Julia Johnson, Brian Knudstrup, Erin Kohler,

Delaina Krieg, Nicholas Kuzman, Cory Land, Amy Larabee, Shannon Laux, Bethany Leeman, Nathan Lietzke, Jack Livingston, Melissa Luyk, Lisa Murphy, Eric Myers, Janelle Niemczyk, Laurie Noall, Heidi Noskey, Anna Oesch, Erin Patterson, Angela Pattok, James Platte, Brett Plattner, Jennifer Postema, Daniel Reed, Elizabeth Reimbold, Teresa Rich, Lisa Rollins, George Rollins III, Brad Schuster, Aaron Skidmore, Darren Stone, Hollie Smith, Andrew Smith, Lisa Spickler, Shelly Staal, Kathryn Stouffer, Ryan Teelander, Rachel Thomas, Rebecca Thomas, Hillary Tichelaar, Kelly Todd, Ann-Marie Townsend, Sara Triplett, Amara Truax, Chad Uzarski, Angela Ward, Tamara Wilcox, Brian Willmarth, Sarah Wingeier, Sheila Yeiter.

When a fellow says, "It ain't the money, but the principle of the thing," it's the money.
—Kin Hubbard

NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING
A Public Hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, on:
WEDNESDAY, April 21, 1993 AT 7:30 PM
at which time and place the following subject will be heard.
Clifford H. Bloom, Gregory Mervenne, Elizabeth Mervenne, Rix Landheer and Ellie Landheer are requesting that the Zoning Board of Appeals modify condition number one of the Decision and Order of October 10, 1989, for permanent parcel numbers 41-12-21-326-019, 41-12-21-326-020; and 41-12-21-326-021. Condition No. 1 states as follows:
"As soon as the private driveway is constructed to the border of the property owned by Mr. Bloom and... (associates)... will extinguish their easement over the Poulias property."
Written comments concerning the request should be received by April 20, 1993 and addressed to: Attn. Lisa Sostecke, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

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12/23	WKAR	East Lansing
13/13	WZZM	Grand Rapids
16	HBO	Premium
17	TBS	Atlanta
19	MAX	Premium
21	DISN	Premium
23	USA	
24	FAM	Family
25	WGN	Chicago
26	ESPN	Sports
27	CNN	News
28	CNNHEAD	
29	NICK	
30	A&E	
31	PASS	Troy
32/33	WWMT	Kalamazoo
34/41	WUHQ	Battle Creek
35/10	WILX	Lansing
36/4	WLNS	Lansing
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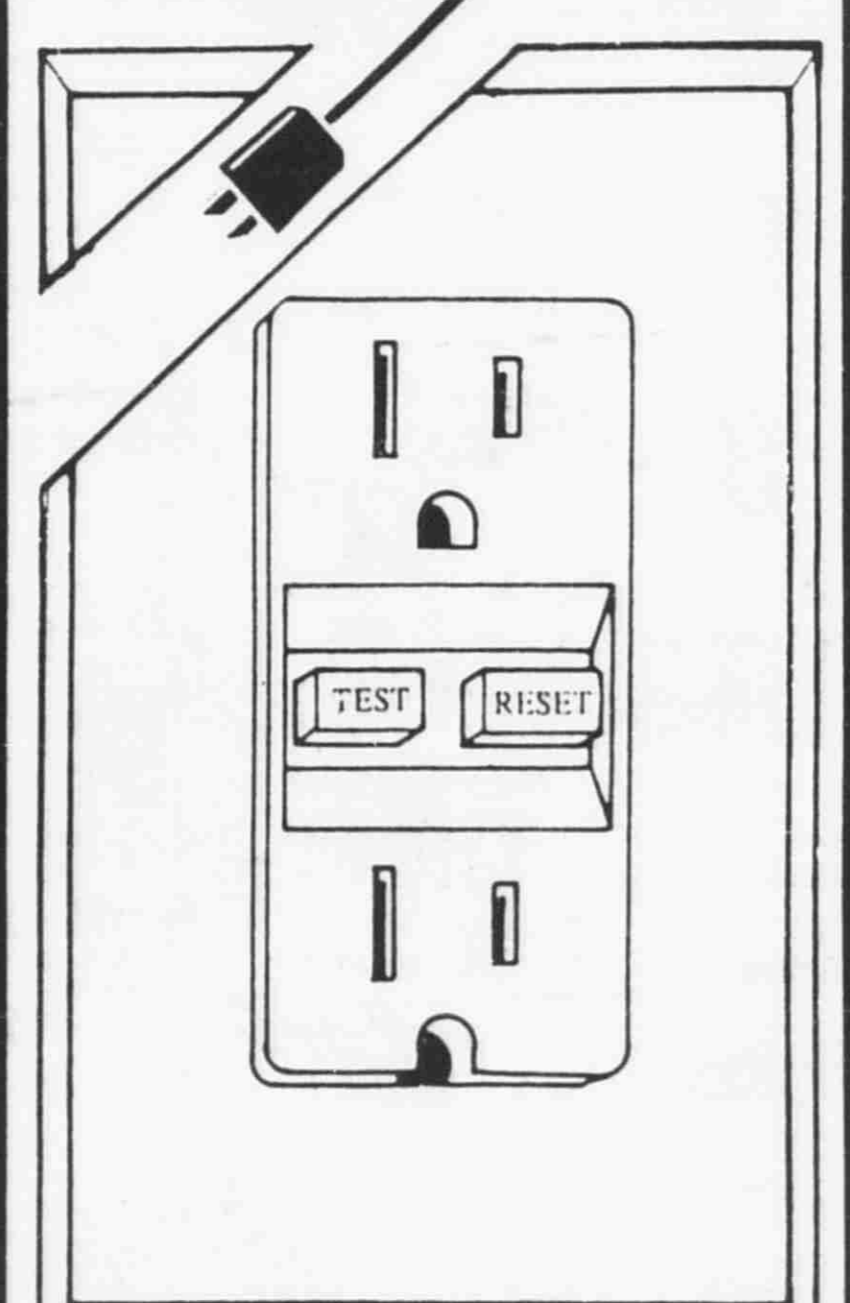


LISTINGS FOR FRI., APRIL 23 THRU THURS., APRIL 30
Thursday, April 22, is the 24th annual Earth Day, a time to focus on the wonders of nature, the sad spilling of the environment brought about by man, and the ways in which individuals, communities and nations can take positive steps to protect, restore or enhance the planet. Pictured is a scene from HBO's powerful *Earth and the American Dream*.

Kindergarten Round-Up



NOTICE TO PARENTS:
The Lowell Area Schools will be holding its annual Kindergarten Roundup on June 3, 4, and June 7, 8, 9 at Runciman Elementary. We have scheduled two evening meetings for parents only at which time, teachers will talk about Kindergarten Roundup and what your child can expect next fall.
A special bus orientation open house will be scheduled on August 26, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at which time, the child and parents will be given a bus ride and information on bus procedures. "A" group should attend from 10-11 a.m., and "B" group should attend from 11 a.m. - 12 noon. Bus orientation will take place on the above date and time at both Alto and Runciman Elementaries.
The meeting for families in the Alto attendance area will be on Wednesday, April 28, in the Alto gym from 7-8 p.m. The meeting for families in the Bushnell/Runciman attendance area will be on Thursday, April 29, in the Runciman gym from 7-8 p.m.
The testing program will be the same this year as it was last year and will take place on June 3, 4 and June 7, 8, 9, at Runciman Elementary. Details and scheduling will be discussed during the April 28 and April 29 meetings.
Please pass this information on to anyone who has a child old enough to start kindergarten next fall (five on or before December 1, 1993). If you have questions, please call the appropriate school (Alto, 868-6111, or Runciman, 897-9257).



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April 23

MORNING

- 5:00 Sports LateNight
5:30 MOVIE: Write to Kill A mystery writer sets out to solve his brother's murder...

AFTERNOON

- 1:05 MOVIE: The Wind and the Lion A well-educated sheik kidnaps an American widow and her two children...

EVENING

- 6:00 MTV Jams
6:05 MOVIE: Who's the Boss? (CC)
6:10 Off to the Races From Hazel Park

- 6:05 Bugs Bunny & Pals
6:10 Happy Days
6:10 Off to the Races From Hazel Park
6:30 Night Court (CC)
6:30 NBC News (CC)
6:30 ABC News: Lunatics: A Love Story

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6:35 The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (Stereo) (CC)
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SATURDAY

April 24

MORNING

- 5:00 Walt Disney Presents
5:00 Sports LateNight
5:00 Adventures of Superman

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 MTV Movie Awards Nomination Special
12:00 Fishing With Roland Martin

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- 6:05 News/Style With Elsa Klensch
6:10 Ren & Stimpy
6:10 Hollywood Stuntmakers

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5:35 News/Week in Review

- 6:05 World Tomorrow
6:15 Reilly Big Toon Show
6:30 Christopher Closeup
6:35 Paid Program
6:40 John McLaughlin's One on One

- 6:45 Head of the Class
6:50 Dumbo's Circus
6:55 Day of Restoration With James Robinson
7:00 Baseball Tonight
7:05 News/Style With Elsa Klensch

- 7:10 Tale of a Plague
7:15 Second Generation
7:20 Ag Weekend Report
7:25 It's Written With George Vandeman
7:30 Jimmy Swaggart
7:35 Believer's Voice of Victory With Kenneth Copeland

- 7:35 Yo, Yogi
7:40 Formula One Racing Grand Prix of San Marino
7:45 People to People
7:50 Today
7:55 Message From Calvary
8:00 Barney & Friends

- 8:05 Flintstones
8:10 Destiny
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8:50 News/Your Money
8:55 Easy Does It

SUNDAY cont.

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- 5:00 NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs
5:05 Paid Program
5:10 Children of Chernobyl
5:15 The Untouchables

- 5:20 Healthy Pets, Healthy People
5:25 Baywatch
5:30 Double Trouble
5:35 EarlyPrime
5:40 Wild Side 'n' Dale's Rescue Rangers

- 5:45 Tigers Today
5:50 Movie Music Videos Countdown
5:55 American Sports Cavalcade
6:00 MTV Sports

- 6:05 Real Estate Preview
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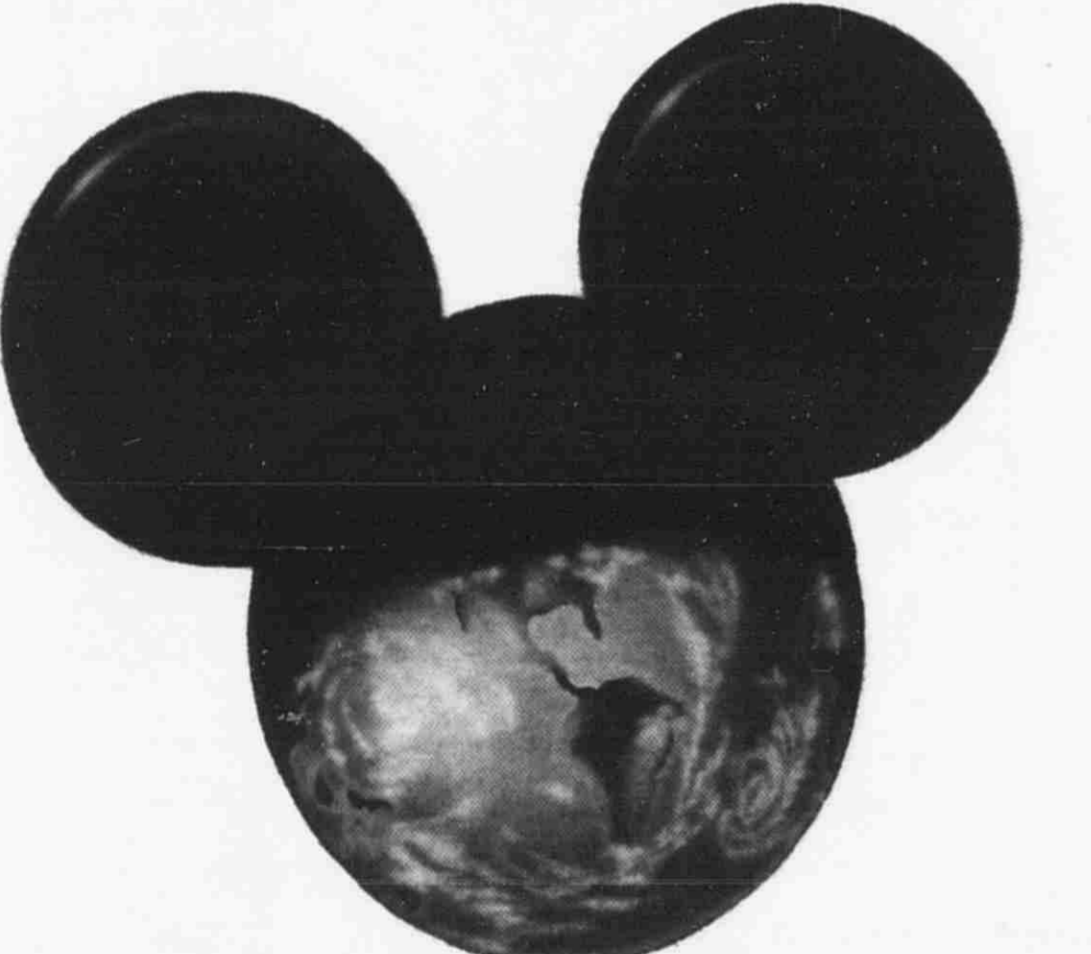
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6:25 Bugs Bunny & Pals
6:30 Remodeling and Decorating Today

- 6:35 Shadette
6:40 MTV Movie Awards Nomination Special
6:45 What Happened?
6:50 WKAR Auction

- 6:55 So Many Miracles
7:00 National Football League Draft
7:05 News/World Report

- 7:10 NBC News
7:15 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
7:20 Alfred Hitchcock Presents
7:25 Miss Marple

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9:05 Winners (Stereo)

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10:15 Fishing With John Tornton

- 10:20 HBO MOVIE: Flight of the Intruder
10:25 Bugs Bunny & Pals
10:30 Remodeling and Decorating Today
10:35 WCW Main Event Wrestling

MONDAY

April 26

MORNING

- 5:00 Sports LateNight
5:05 Smugglers' Cove
5:10 Medicine
5:15 Alfred Hitchcock Presents

- 5:20 [MAX] MOVIE: Kiss Me a Killer
5:25 [HBO] MOVIE: Truly, Madly, Deeply
5:30 [MAX] MOVIE: The Red Shoes

- 5:35 SportsCenter
6:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Nothing But Trouble
6:05 [MAX] MOVIE: The Sea Wolves

EVENING

- 6:00 MTV Jams
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By: Dick Posthumus

Last year Lt. Governor Connie Binsfeld issued a report in her capacity as chairperson of the Special Commission on Adoption that addressed the many problems of the adoption system. The commission's goal was to make it easier to facilitate adoptions without unnecessary delays. One of the problem areas she addressed centered on interstate adoptions.

These problems have become evident through the anguish of an Ann Arbor couple, Jan and Roberta DeBoer. The Legislature is stepping forward to provide a

solution for these types of cases.

What should have been a joyous experience for this family has instead been a series of court battles to keep the baby they've had almost since birth.

Consider the bizarre circumstances of the case. First, the biological mother deliberately names the wrong man as the child's biological father. A short time after putting the baby up for adoption, she tells the real father of the child's birth and he begins proceedings to claim legal custody of the baby who has

now been placed with the DeBoers.

Further problems arise when it is learned the attorney for the adoption took baby Jessica from the biological mother sooner than Iowa law permits. If that weren't enough, the biological parents are now married and expecting another child almost any time now.

As extraordinary as these circumstances may be, the situation certainly is not the fault or the making of the DeBoers. They and their daughter, Jessica, are the innocent victims of an adoption gone awry.

Michigan lawmakers will soon be looking at a bill to clarify this adoption nightmare. The Senate Family Law, Criminal Law and Corrections Committee has already approved Senator Jack Welborn's bill that would give a "prospective adoptive parent" legal standing to being an action for custody of the child.

The legislation would give legal standing -- the right to file a lawsuit -- to prospective adoptive parents who have had custody of a child at least six of the nine months preceding initiation of a custody action.

The DeBoers were granted custody of Jessica by an Iowa court following the natural mother's and named father's relinquishment of their parental rights. However, those rights were rescinded Dec. 3, 1992 when the Iowa Supreme Court held that the natural father's rights should not have been terminated. The same day the DeBoers' rights to Jessica were terminated in Iowa, they filed in Michigan for custody of the baby.

The most recent developments in the case happened when a Washtenaw Circuit Court granted the DeBoers custody of the child. The Michigan Court of Appeals, however, ruled that the lower court lacked jurisdiction in the case. Further, the Court of

Appeals held that since the rights the DeBoers had to Jessica were terminated in Iowa, they filed in Michigan for custody of the baby.

Jan and Roberta DeBoer are the only mother and father little Jessica knows. I have no doubt her biological mother and father love her as well,

but his case must be decided based, not on the interests of adults, but on the best interests of this child. Hopefully, Michigan lawmakers will be able to help the DeBoer family in some small way as they continue their legal battle to maintain their very real and very loving family.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Barry H. Carlen, nephew of Beryl J. and Ruth M. Delbridge of Alto, recently deployed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, homeported in Norfolk, VA for six months to the Mediterranean Sea as part of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group. The battle group will relieve the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy Battle Group which deployed in

October 1992. This deployment marks the first time that a carrier battle group has sailed to the Mediterranean with a Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF) on board. More than 600 Marines will be embarked aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, which will be configured with a specially tailored air wing.

The SPMAGTF will include a reinforced company-size ground combat element, an aviation combat element, and command and service support elements. Six Marine Corps CH-53D Sea Stallions and four UH-1N Huey helicopters will also be embarked aboard the Roosevelt.

The SPMAGTF will enhance the battle group's flexibility and capability in dealing with a wide-range of contingencies. As an adaptive force package, it is trained to conduct civilian evacuations, aircraft and personnel recoveries, maritime interdiction operations and a host of other Navy/Marine Corps team missions.

The 1972 graduate of Hudsonville High School joined the Navy in January, 1975.

Airman 1st Class April D. Wheelock is a member of the 18th Wing Command Post in Kadena Air Base, Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan, that has been named "Command Post of the Year," for all the Pacific Air Command.

Wheelock, a command and control emergency actions controller, is the daughter of Bruce and Marge Wheelock of Saranac.

Wheelock, a 1988 graduate of Saranac High School, has been in the Air Force for one year.

Airman Christopher A. Beetham has graduated from the tactical aircraft maintenance specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, TX.

Students were taught aircraft maintenance fundamentals of repairing and servicing aircraft with turbo engines. Maintenance management and documentation were also taught for the assessment of aircraft readiness capability.

Beetham is the son of Roy and Sharon Beetham of Alto.

He graduated from Caledonia High School in 1991.

Manion, intensity keys Lowell's lopsided win

For three years senior ex-manion has toiled in the wings behind some excellent athletes, adding depth to the Red Arrow track squad.

If Thursday's O-K White conference meet is any indication, then 1993 may very well be Manion's year to jump to the front. The Lowell senior cleared 2-2 to earn a first in the high jump, and just missed twice at 2-4 in an attempt to tie the school record set by Don Kissingler.

Manion participated in four events against the Rangers and carried four firsts with him on the bus trip back to Lowell. He was also first in the 110 hurdles in a time of 1:57.5. Manion turned in a personal best 41.48 in winning the 300 hurdles. Manion was the first leg in the Red Arrows' winning 1600 meter relay time of 3:44.39. Manion was joined by Eric Shelby, Dan Huizenga and Tom Mull.

His performance helped lead the Red Arrows to a lopsided 104-31 win over a young Forest Hills Central squad. "We're young and will improve," said upbeat Ranger coach, Bob Siegle. The two schools have battled heel to heel the last couple of years. Thursday, though, it was Lowell's heels that were clearly out in front. "We had great intensity for an early season meet. Clearly that was helped by our opponent and the great meets we've had with FHC the last couple of years," Lowell coach Keith Boeve said. "I just hope the boys can maintain it." Even when to an outsider it may have seemed like the intensity and concentration wasn't there, Lowell's athleticism shined through on the cloudy, overcast day.

Lowell Australian exchange student Leigh Summers nearly forgot that he had to a break from the long jump event to run in the 400 meter run. Upon arriving on the track Summers turned to Boeve and asked what event he was running in. The Lowell coach laughed, "It doesn't matter go out and win the race."

Summers did just that, as he came home in a winning time of 54:06 in the 400 meters.

Aaron Stencel can be added to the list of impressive performers against the Rangers. The Arrow won the 100 (1:19.2) and 200 (24.81) meter relays, the long jump (19-11-1/2) and teamed with Jim Inman, Jason Desjardens and Summers to win the 800 meter relay in 1:38.12.

"Aaron's distance in the long jump was decent for this early in the season," Boeve said.

Lowell's coach may have been most surprised by Mike Wojciakowski's first-place finish in the mile. "Mike beat a tough kid in Andy Havenga," Boeve explained. "I think Mike even surprised Siegle." Wojciakowski's winning time was 4:58.66.

The senior was third in the two-mile at 11:14.61. Havenga won the two mile in 11:05.49.

The strength of Andy Antcliff in the shot and discus was more than enough for Lowell in the discus and shot put. Antcliff won the event in the discus with a distance of 117 feet. He won the shot put with a throw of 41-11.

Huizenga was victorious in

the 800 meter run with a time of 2:11.21.

Lowell took 15 firsts including the 3200 meter relay, where Wojciakowski, Huizenga, Mull and Marc VanOostveen finished in 8:48.13.

Red Arrows finishing second were: Ron Acheson, shot put, 41-8-1/2; Shelby, 400 meters, 55.23; Ryan White, high jump, 5-10; George Ponchaud, pole vault, 11-0; Mull, 800 meters, 2:13.95; Acheson, discus, 110'; Tim Stencel, 300 hurdles, 44:50; and Summers, 200 meters, 24:86.

Placing third were Tim Stencel, 110 hurdles, 17:41; Inman, 100 dash, 12:12; Steve Kline, 400 meters, 55:31; VanOostveen, 1600 meters, 5:06.64; Antcliff, 200 meters, 25:18.

Earlier in the week the Red Arrows defeated Ionia 71-66. "We wanted to run against Ionia to help get us ready for Central," Boeve said.

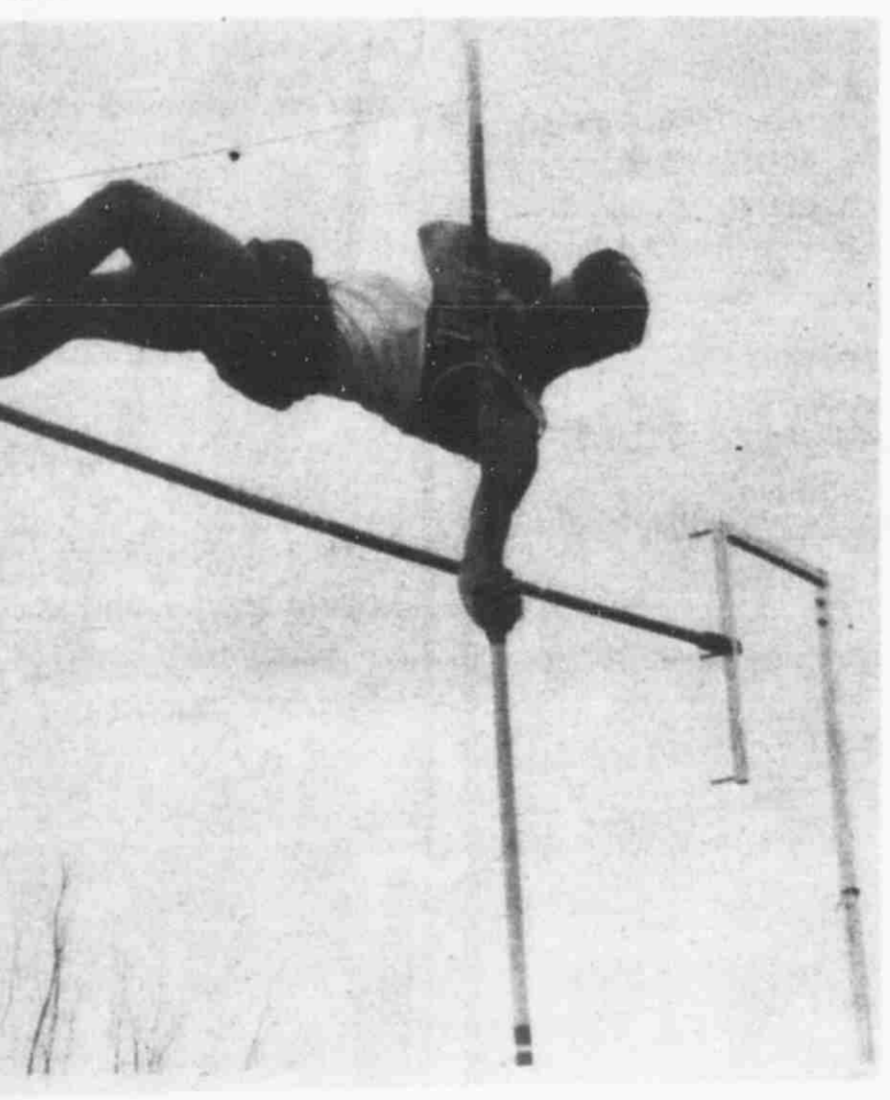
Lowell is now 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the O-K White.



Aaron Stencel won the long jump event with a distance of 19'11-1/2.



Lowell's Tim Stencel was second in the 300 hurdles against Forest Hills Central.



Lowell's George Ponchaud cleared 11 feet in the pole vault against Forest Hills Central.

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TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the Township of Lowell, County of Kent, State of Michigan, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, for the Statewide Special Election to be held on Wednesday, June 2, 1993.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 3, 1993

On which day the Clerk's Offices will be open between the hours of 8 o'clock AM and 5 o'clock PM for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors qualified to vote. The following State Proposal will be voted on:

PROPOSAL A
A PROPOSAL TO LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN ALL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, REDUCE MAXIMUM SCHOOL OPERATING TAXES, INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4% TO 6%, CONSTITUTIONALLY DEDICATE FUNDS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL AND SET A PER-PUPIL FUNDING GUARANTEE

The following Township Proposition will be voted on:

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PROPOSITION 1
Do you approve of the amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and map which rezoned approximately 250 acres of land located in Section 28 at the northwest corner of I-96 and M-50 from "AG-1" and "AG-2" to "LI" Light Industrial (Permanent Parcel #41-20-28-200-004, Permanent Parcel #41-200-28-100-008, Permanent Parcel #41-20-28-100-005, and part of Permanent Parcel #41-20-28-200-015), as approved by the Lowell Charter Township Board on March 15, 1993?

Yes
 No

ONLY REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE MAY 3, 1993 WILL QUALIFY PERSONS TO VOTE IN THE STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 2, 1993.

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

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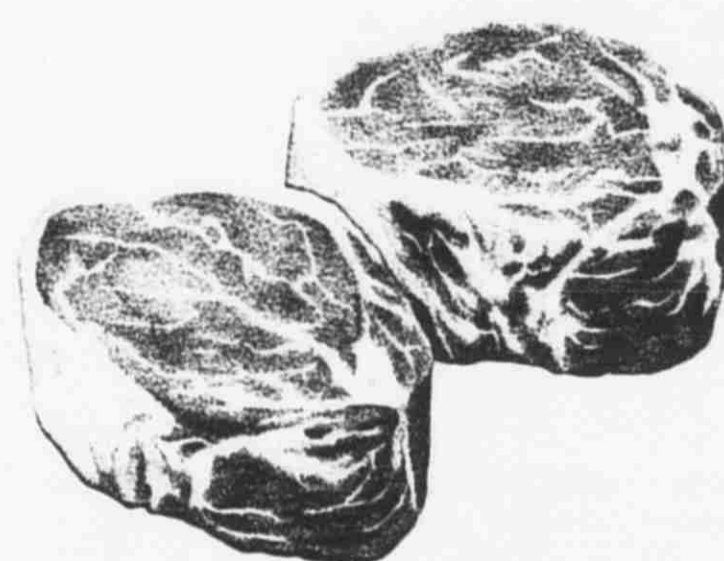


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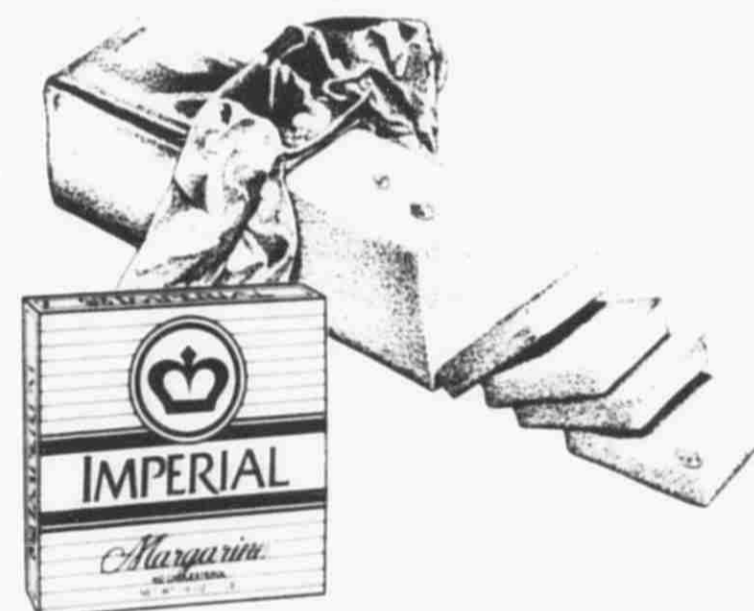
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Shannon Bennett crowned the new Showboat queen

Over 100 people attended the pageant; joining Bennett on the court were Dana Tindall & Kelly Jo Cichon

"Right now I feel as if I could tackle the world and do just about anything," said an elated Shannon Danyel Bennett, the newly crowned 1993 Miss Lowell Showboat.

The 16-year old junior at Lowell High School was one of 11 area girls vying for the crown Saturday night at the Lowell Middle School.

Bennett was attired in a Black velvet top with a white, satin, lace floor length bottom as she was crowned the 1993 Lowell Showboat Queen by the 1992 Queen Heather Haynes.

Bennett, the daughter of Keith and Diane Bennett of 11344 36th St., credited Forensics in helping prepare her for speaking in front of people.

The Forensics experience was helpful to Bennett in answering the two questions posed to her by Gordon Gould, master of ceremonies. The questions were of local and

national importance

In being asked to define the Showboat, Bennett said it was a community event which provided time for the community to come together and celebrate.

Her second question was what she thought was the biggest problem facing teenagers today. "I think it is peer pressure. It's a problem because I believe it influences teenagers to do drugs and alcohol." She added that only education could help students learn to say no.

The girls were interviewed during the day by the four judges, previous Showboat Court members and Queens, Teresa Beachum, Karlene Redder, Rebecca Hovey and Jody Smith.

The 1993 Lowell Showboat second runner-up was Lowell senior Dana Marie Tindall, daughter of Rich and

Barb Tindall of 1804 Woodrun.

Kelly Jo Cichon was named first runner-up. She is the daughter of Terry and Colleen

Cichon of 9022 3 Mile Rd. in Ada.

Bennett was initially encouraged to enter the contest by her parents. "I was skeptical at first. I didn't expect to have enough confidence to do it," she said. "Then I decided to enter and to have fun and do the best that I could without making a fool of myself."

As Queen, Bennett will be asked to represent the Lowell Showboat at community events and parades.

Haynes, the reigning 1992 queen, said her year as queen was fun and that she enjoyed representing the community. "I would do it all over again," she explained. Haynes is currently a freshman at Western Michigan University where she is studying education (mathematics).

Bennett said the most nervous part of the pageant was waiting before answering her questions. "The interviews prior to the pageant were nice, the judges made you feel at ease," she said.

The 16-year old credited her mother as someone she has looked up to. "My Mom and I are best of friends. She has always helped me and been there for me," Bennett said.

Musical entertainment was provided by Corrie Durkee, Ron Wood and Carol Briggs.

This year's escorts were Andrew Breimeyer and John Roudabush.

Pageant chairpersons were Sheila Dubbink and Carol Briggs.

Other facts you may not have known about the 1993 Lowell Showboat Queen:

Favorite Movie: The Empire Strikes Back.

Favorite Song: Let's Go Crazy by Prince.

Favorite Food: Anything Mexican.

Favorite Color: Red.



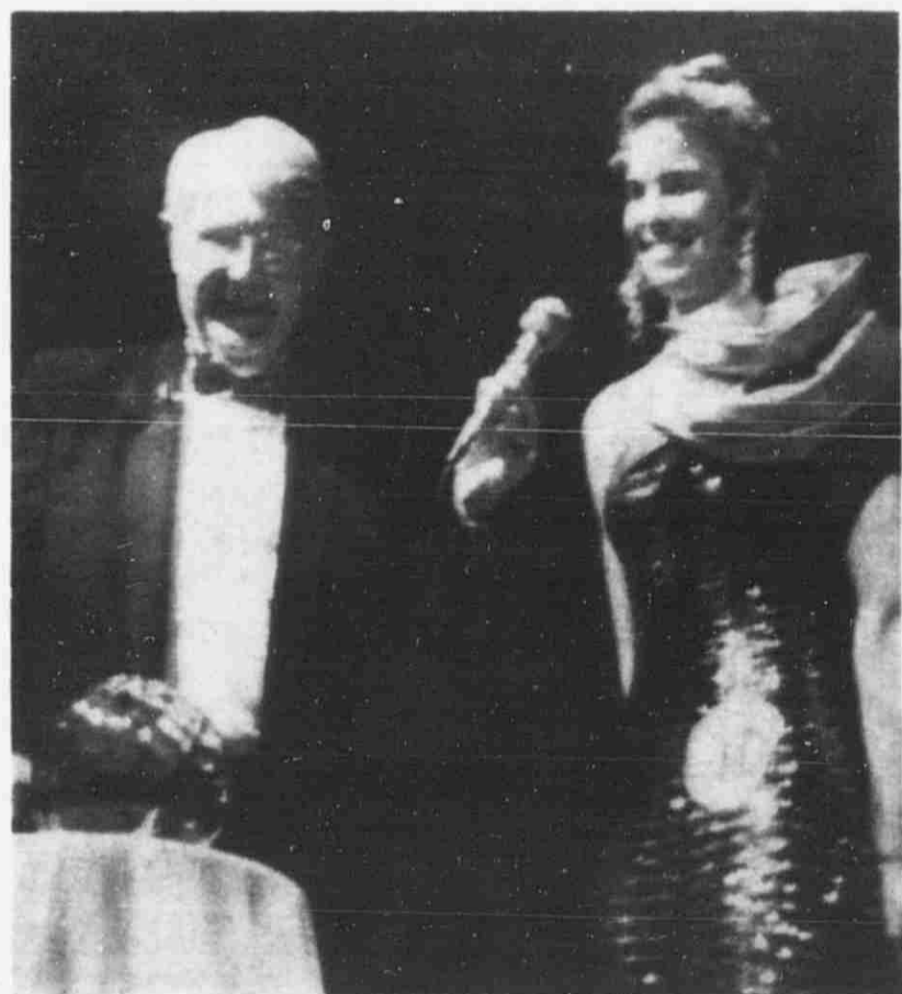
1992 Showboat Queen, Heather Haynes, crowns Shannon Bennett the new 1993 Queen.



Providing some musical entertainment Saturday night at the pageant were, left to right, Carol Briggs, Ron Wood and Corrie Durkee. They sang "Heal the World."



1992 Lowell Showboat Queen Heather Haynes addresses the pageant gathering on Saturday.



Master of Ceremonies, Gordon Gould, reads Renea DeRidder one of her two questions.

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