

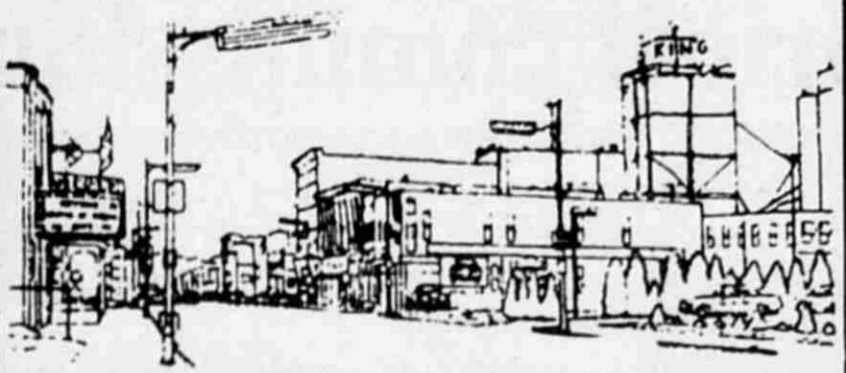
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## Along Main Street



### LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Lowell Area Historical Association's annual meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station. All members welcome. Officers and board members will be elected.

### CABLE TV TO AIR DIALOGUE SESSION

Lowell Cable TV will be airing the Lowell Area Schools dialogue session of January 22 every day between Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Sunday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

### SENIOR PARENTS

The Steering Committee and Committee chairpeople would like to invite all parents of seniors to come to a public meeting to become involved in the planning and working of the Senior All-Nighter.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

### WRESTLING SIGN-UP

Lowell freestyle wrestling signup will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Thursday, Feb. 15 at Cherry Creek Elementary cafeteria from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For information on cost, age groups and requirements, call Barb Carpenter, 897-6566 or Dennis Kimberlin, 874-9318.

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## Municipality alliance to provide Vergennes Township with hazardous spill protection

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

In the wake of Kent County's decision to drop its hazardous materials service, Vergennes Township officials have agreed to join a new alliance of municipalities to provide the service.

"We are excited and happy to offer this service to our residents," said Mari Stone, township clerk. "We've never had something like this before."

Members of the alliance make up 19 Kent County municipalities, under the guidance of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC), that are not being served by the city of Grand Rapids' or Wyoming's hazardous material cleanup service.

The best part of this service for Vergennes is not only the fact that it's the first of its kind in the area, but it is also provided at a very low cost.

"Jim (Cook, Vergennes' township supervisor) was concerned about who would be responsible legally (if a spill occurred)," Stone said. "He's been working with the Supervisor's Association on this since the summer and felt it was an extremely economical way of handling the situation."

Initial cost figures show the annual estimated cost would be in the \$3-4,000 range, with first-year legal fees approximately \$5,000.

The GVMC is currently signing up municipalities to the Kent Area Hazardous Materials Alliance through the end of March, with a start up date expected to be April 1.

Once the alliance is complete, GVMC will request private firms to submit a proposal for the hazardous material cleanup service.

Any alliance member may withdraw from the group at any time.

## Schmidt, LHS senior, remains in coma following accident

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor



Michelle Schmidt

A week following a two-car accident on Segwun, just south of Emery Street, 19-year-old Michelle Schmidt remains in a coma at Butterworth Hospital.

Schmidt, a senior at Lowell High School, was northbound on Segwun in the late afternoon hours of Jan. 23 when she lost control of her vehicle and slid across the center line, hitting a southbound vehicle.

Kent County Sheriff Department Deputy Troy Woodwyk said he is not sure if Schmidt hit a slippery spot in the road or went off the edge of the road before losing control of her vehicle.

The southbound vehicle, driven by Benjamin Christie, 46, of Freeport, swerved onto the shoulder of the road trying to avoid a collision.

The passenger side of Schmidt's car struck Christie's vehicle in the front.

Schmidt suffered closed head injuries (bi-lateral front compression).

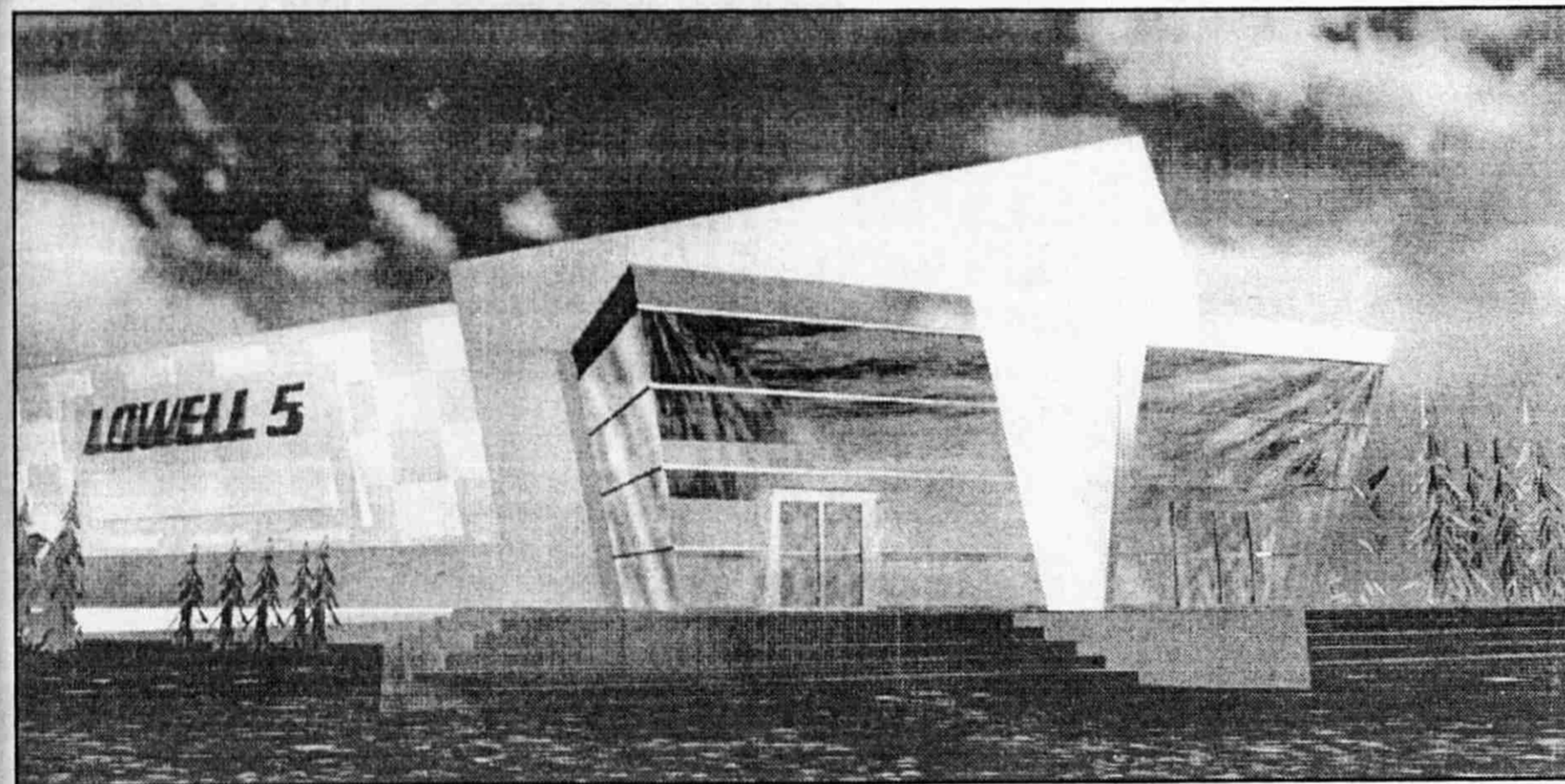
Michael Schmidt, Michelle's father, said his daughter is still in a critical state but was in the beginning stages of coming out of the coma.

Pneumonia and other complications have slowed down that process, according to Schmidt.

"Doctors are not sure of the long-term prognosis," Schmidt said. "They will have to wait to see how things are after Michelle comes out of the coma."

## Pink's Not So Hot!

••• MHB designer Bill Brunner squelches reports that new theater will be pink



The new Lowell 5 Theater will blend a glass of bluish-green tint with a blue frame building.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Reports of a pink Lowell 5 Theater were greatly shaded.

Designer Bill Brunner of MHB Design Inc. said the computer assigns shades according to the different materials being used.

The material settings fed into the computer were as-

signed a pink shade.

Brunner noted at the Lowell Planning Commission meeting that pink would probably not be the color used.

However, his explanation was not clear to everyone at the meeting. This was cause for misunderstanding and concern.

Brunner said he has never had such controversy sur-

rounding a computer rendered sketch.

"We can override what color the computer assigns," Brunner explains, "but at the same time, we were just interested in having a rendering of the theater's overall design for the meeting," Brunner said.

The new theater will blend a glass of bluish-green tint with a checkerboard drivet,

similar to stucco. The framing of the building will be blue while the building patterns will be grey. Brunner said the patterns will also have a hint of a bluish-green.

The new 800-seat theater, scheduled to open in June, will be built to the west of the Ridgeview Shopping Center.

## Lowell Cable adds three new channels to its basic package

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The announcement won't officially be made for several weeks, but many cable subscribers have already been tuned in.

Cable subscribers who have reprogrammed their cable within the last couple of weeks noticed an increase of three stations.

"For the last several weeks we have been testing three

new channels," said Paul Christman, superintendent of Lowell Cable Television. "Once we know everything is testing satisfactorily, then we will announce the three additional channels."

The three new channels are the weather channel (40), the history channel (41) and the American Movie Classics (42).

Christman said that not

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# OBITUARIES

**HOIDA** - Mr. David K. Hoida, aged 38, of Grand Haven Township, died January 21, 1996 at Butterworth Hospital. Born August 13, 1958 in Sheboyan, WI to Marvin J. and Lucille (Pawlak) Hoida. Married Amy C. Johnson on March 26, 1994 in Rockford. Earned his bachelor's degree from the Milwaukee School of Engineering in 1986 and his MBA from Marquette University in 1988. Mr. Hoida moved to Grand Haven about one year ago from Rockford. He had been the plant manager for Attwood Corporation in Lowell and was most recently plant manager for Michigan Plastics in Grand Haven. Member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mr. Hoida was an enthusiastic outdoorsman who enjoyed various outdoor activities, especially down-hill and cross-country skiing. He enjoyed spending time with several very special friends. Surviving are his wife Amy's daughter Anne M. Hoida, Milwaukee, WI; brothers Tom (Ann) Hoida, Ron (Deb) Hoida and Wayne (Bobbi) Hoida, all of WI; sister-in-law Carrie (Bill) Jacobs, WA; brothers-in-law Rick (Marzi) Johnson and Mark (Mary) Johnson both of Grand Rapids; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law and grandparents. Service was held Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Spring Lake. Interment Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

**MOOAR** - Marie Mooar, of Lowell, passed away January 29, at the age of 86. Born June 3, 1909 in Peoria, IL, she was a graduate of East Lansing High School and Michigan Agricultural College where she received a BS and an MA

in systemic biology. In the early 1940's Mrs. Mooar taught physics, science and math at Haslett High School where she was also a girls basketball coach. In 1948 she became an assistant in plant pathology at Michigan State College. From 1954 to 1971 she taught science, math and family living at Ypsilanti High School. While at Ypsilanti she received three consecutive National Science Foundation grants for research at Montana State University's biological station. After retiring in 1971 she lived 10 years on Flathead Lake, Polson, Montana before returning to Michigan where she resided at Greenville for several years before moving to Lowell. She was an avid gardener and traveler, often camping alone in the mountains of Montana which she loved. She belonged to Tau Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi honor societies. She was listed in Who's Who in American Women in 1968, and was a 35-year member of the M.E.A. Mrs. Mooar belonged to Central Christian Church in Grand Rapids. Surviving are her daughters Rose M. Baker of East Lansing and Hazel McNulty of Adrian; two sons Willard Mooar of Spring Arbor and Keith Mooar of Wilingboro, NJ; two brothers Virgil Brunson of Grand Rapids and Dr. Royal Brunson of Missoula, Montana; two sisters Faith Morris of Greenville and Paula Lewis of Lake Charles, LA; two half-sisters; 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Grand Rapids. Those desiring may make contributions to the church of their choice or to their local food bank in Mrs. Mooar's memory.

**TAP** - Albert G. Tap, aged 76, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 1996. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy. He is survived by his sons, Kerry (Shirley) Tap of Lowell and Keith (Marlene) Tap of Lombard, Illinois; grandchildren Nick Tap, Heather (Brad) Sprague, Cameron Tap and Vaughn Tap; sisters Lila Slagh of Holland, Vee Prins of Olive, Dot Engleman of Comstock Park, Pat (Ed) VanDyke of Hesperia. Funeral Services were held Friday at Roth-Gerst Chapel with Rev. George J. Fekete of St. Mary's

Church officiating. Interment Grandville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Roth Gerst, Lowell.

**WHITTUM** - Mrs. Betty J. Whittum, aged 62, of Lowell, went home to be with Jesus on January 26, 1996. She is survived by her husband Doyle; her sons Michael (Nancy) Whittum of Saginaw, Henry Whittum, Clarence (Nikki) Whittum all of Lowell; her brothers Keith (Helga) Knuppenburg of St. Clair

Shores, Lewis (Minnie) Knuppenburg of Fruitport, MI, Martin (Norma) Knuppenburg of Fruitport, Leo (Mary) Auten of Coopersville; mother-in-law Mamie Whittum of Cadillac; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Lowell Wesleyan Church, Rev. William Price officiating. Interment Sherman Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Lowell Wesleyan Church. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**WINGEIER** - Kathleen (Corrigan) Wingeier, aged 95 of Lowell, died January 28, 1996. She is survived by a niece Margaret Bunn of Grand Rapids; nephew Rev. Fr. Lawrence Pettke of Detroit; also nieces, nephews and cousins. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lowell, Rev. Fr. George J. Fekete, Celebrant. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

## Vergennes seeks new blood to pump life back into historical commission

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township residents, proud of their home and heritage, can now help preserve that history by joining the Vergennes Township Historical Commission.

In the past the commission has been instrumental in the preservation and restoration of the Fallasburg Park area, but township clerk Mari Stone said interest in the organization is waning.

"Last year the commission met only once. It's become a little lethargic and lost its spark," Stone said.

With the commission committed to several projects during the next several years Stone said the commission needs the life pumped back into it.

"They have quite a few projects committed to the agenda they gave us last year," said Stone. "We want

to get some historical designation to other areas of the township other than Fallasburg, like centennial farms."

One of the biggest tasks facing the commission is the surveying of the old Fallasburg Cemetery.

"The cemetery has been unused for several years, but lately there has been a lot of interest in it," Stone said.

The township would like

to have all the grave sites surveyed and accurately noted to get a better understanding of its history.

According to Stone, the project was to be completed last year, but the commission could not get around to completing it.

Residents interested in helping preserve Vergennes' rich history can contact Stone at the Vergennes Township Hall at 897-5671.

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tion, call 616-336-4311 or fax 616-336-3907. In order to receive your gift in time for Valentine's Day, please place your request no later than Feb. 9.

John Ball Zoo is open every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission during the month of February is free.

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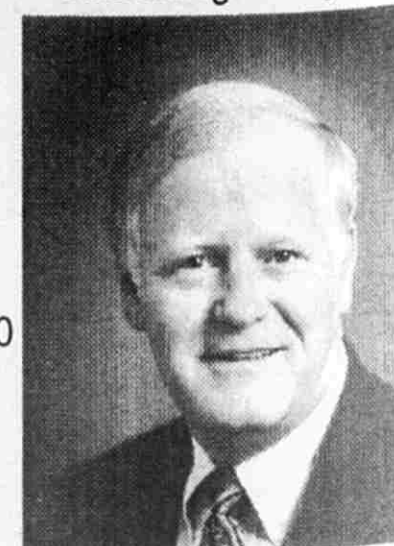
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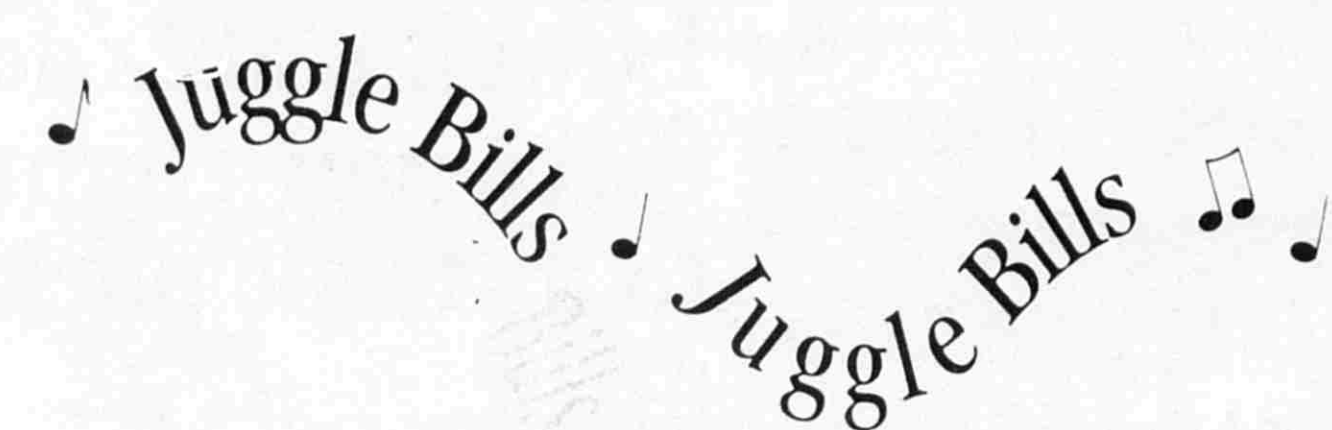
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## Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day (Psalm 96:2).

"Before" and "after" pictures are interesting. Pictorial advertisements reveal the difference a new linoleum makes

in the appearance of a room. Some magazines feature photographs of homes before and after remodeling. In one publication there was the picture of a little girl with straggly hair and a wistful expression on her face. Across the page,

the same little girl smiled happily. A new home permanent made the change in her appearance by giving her curly locks and assurance. Frequently an ad will show the picture of a bald-headed man before using hair restorer. Close by is a photo of the same gentleman - with hair - after the prescribed treatment.

"Before" a Christian sought a place of prayer to find release from his cares, his cross showed plainly on his face. "After" he had cast his burdens on the Lord, he wore a smile. Now he takes all his troubles to the Lord in

prayer for he has found that God's grace is sufficient for every need. Now instead of sighing, he sings.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Thy love and Thy goodness are unchanging. Thou art the same day after day. Thou art always ready to lift my load and carry my burdens. I leave them at Thy feet. Amen.

His goodness stands approved.

Unchanged from day to day:

I'll drop my burden at His feet.

And bear a song away.  
Philip Doddridge

## AREA BIRTHS

David and Carolyn Thaler and Steven and Donna Kanoza; all of Lowell, are pleased to announce the arrival of their grandson, Adam Joseph Thaler, Jr. "A.J." was appropriately born on Super Bowl Sunday, January 28,

1996 in Sioux Falls, SD to newspaper sports writer Adam Thaler and his wife, Amie, A.J. weighed in at 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 inches long.

He joins his 21-month-old sister, Addie. Great-grandparents are Orion and Lila

Thaler of Lowell, Ellis and Ruth Balcom of Conklin, Robert and Dora Barker of Six Lakes, Pauline Kanoza of Comstock Park and the late Raymond Kanoza.

Michael and Dawn Webber, of Grand Rapids, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Logan Michael, born October 29, 1995, at

Butterworth Hospital. Logan weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Logan is welcomed home by his sister Elizabeth Megan. Proud grandparents are Jerry and Bev Fryling of Grandville and Bob and Liz Webber of Alto.

Great-grandparents are Claretta Achterhoff of Holland, MI, and George and Alice Webber of Grand Rapids.



Jennifer and Philip Dougherty

## Wieland and Dougherty united in July wedding

Jennifer Lynn Wieland and Philip John Dougherty were united in marriage on July 29, 1995 at Lakeside Community Church.

The parents of the couple are William and Carol Wieland and Rev. Gary and Dolores Dougherty. Bridesmaids were Debra Wieland, Sarah Wieland and Elisabeth Nanzer.

Best man was Timothy Dougherty. Groomsmen were Matthew Dougherty, Michael Dougherty and Christian Wieland.

Ushers were Shawn Wenger, Steven Barnhart and Brian Schumacher.

Mistresses of ceremonies were Bonnie Dougherty, Marcia Dougherty and Candee Dougherty.

# Viewpoint . . .



I did a fair amount of fishing while vacationing in the Florida Keys over the holidays. We do some bottom fishing, but I much prefer to troll the blue waters beyond the reef in hopes of hooking some really big fish. We had some success and a lot of fun despite the often rough seas that are common for that time of year. I have a note on my list of ideas for future columns that says, "Fishing in Florida." However, that's not what this column is to be about.

I am fortunate in the fact that I'm not prone to seasickness. When fishing at anchor in big swells or trolling in very rough seas I sometimes experience the first stages of the malady. I might feel some vertigo, slight queasiness and an almost irresistible urge to take a nap. These symptoms usually pass quickly and my senses get in tune with the roll of the sea. I can then begin to enjoy the day on the water, to include watching people blowing chunks over the gunwale.

My problem is just the opposite. When fishing regularly in rough seas, and spending most of my waking hours on the water, I get land sick. I become the biggest klutz you ever saw on solid ground. I trip and stumble. I weave and bob. I drop things. Sometimes in the shower after a day of fishing I close my eyes to shampoo my hair and feel like I'm going to fall right down. I can see it in the corner's report now. "Subject was found with fractured skull in shower with head lathered in shampoo. Apparent victim of land sickness." What a way to go.

One particular morning I was doing some work on my boat prior to going out fishing. Having fished for several days, I had a good case of land sickness going as I rounded up the tools necessary to complete whatever little project I was working on. Getting in and out of the boat only amplified the problem. I felt fine in the boat. Even if it was only rocking slightly at dockside and rolling under my weight as I moved around in it, I felt much better than I did on solid ground. Leave it to me to be just the opposite of everyone else in the world.

I weaved and bobbed, and tripped and stumbled across level ground from the workshop to the boat with an arm load of tools for my project. I sat them down on a three foot cube of concrete that is the base for a boat hoist. As I turned to get more tools from the workshop, I noticed some movement from the corner of my eye. Something clicked in my fuzziest than normal land sick brain. "Tools aren't supposed to move around on their own," said my brain.

I swung around for a look and saw my cordless drill about to fall from the edge of the davit base. Of course it wasn't my older, puny 9 volt job. It was my newer, more powerful, 12 volt, 3/8ths inch, reversible, keyless chuck, variable speed DeWalt. A real beauty, something like Tim Allen would use on his "Home Improvement" TV show. A real man's drill. I had placed it down atop a few good-sized egg shaped fishing sinkers that were on the davit base. The drill had apparently decided to take advantage of its new set of wheels and went for a ride. I made a land sick, clumsy lunge for it and missed.

The drill's three-foot fall to concrete was broken by a wire mesh cage used as a chum basket when we go bottom fishing. It glanced off the cage and fell to the concrete with me still making feeble, clumsy grasps for it. By this time, the usually docile drill was really getting into moving around on its own. After hitting the concrete it began a series of back flips to make an Olympic gymnast green with envy. Of course I was right

behind it all the while, just missing each time I grabbed for it. All I need is a sidekick or two and it'd be Laurel and Hardy or the Three Stooges all over again.

True panic sat in as the drill continued to cartwheel toward the edge of the dock. Since the drill seemed determined to continue its wandering ways, my only salvation came in the form of a piling less than six inches from the edge of the davit base. I thought surely my luck could not be so bad as to allow the drill to cartwheel through such a narrow gap. So much for an optimistic attitude. I watched in helpless horror as the drill deftly made the transition from Olympic gymnast to diver.

The drill shot the gap between the davit base and piling leaped from the edge of the dock and did a beautiful one and a half gainer with a jackknife on its way to the water. The entry could have been a little better, but the dive was near perfect. My heart sank faster than the drill as I watched it drop from sight to the bottom of the 20-foot-deep canal.

My daughter retrieved the drill for me, but all for naught. The seawater and the charged battery had set up some sort of electrolysis which fried its innards. That's technical jargon for "trashed, roached, junked, ruined, destroyed" or any number of adjectives, not to mention profanities, which might well describe \$200 down the drain.

I blamed the entire incident on my land sickness. If my brain hadn't been so fuzzy from the effects of the disorder, I would have never placed the drill down on the egg sinkers. If my reflexes hadn't been so dulled, I'm sure I would have grabbed the drill before it fell. And, if my land sickness hadn't made me so clumsy, I'm certain I would have at least gotten a hand on the drill before it cartwheeled into the drink. The only good thing about this land sickness I suffer from is the fact it explains a fiasco such as this business with the drill. Otherwise, folks might get the idea I'm just plain stupid.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 1 - Lila Grummet, Chris Vezino, Ryan Teelander, Sommer Mercer, J. Johnson  
FEBRUARY 2 - Marie Wade  
FEBRUARY 3 - Dale Phillips  
FEBRUARY 4 - Ann Mulder, Kenneth Gregersen Sr., Colleen Myers  
FEBRUARY 6 - Donna Oesch, Reed Stormzand, Norm Johnson  
FEBRUARY 7 - Margaret Peckham

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TUESDAY: Hot dog in a bun (cat-sup), mustard, pickles, baked beans, assorted fruit, cookie, milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, buttered corn, homemade dinner roll with margarine or peanut butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.  
THURSDAY: Pizza pockets, fresh baby carrots, fruit juice, canned or fresh fruit, milk.  
FRIDAY: Italian dunkers, 2 breadsticks, cheese and meaty dunking sauce, green beans, assorted fruit, milk.

**HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
MONDAY: Italian spaghetti or crispito with cheese stick or chef salad. Choose Two: Steamed peas, cole slaw, salad, French bread with margarine, choice of fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY: Chili hot dog in a bun or chicken patty in a bun or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Pasta salad, side salad, baked beans, assorted fruit, cookie, milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or roast turkey or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Corn, mashed potato & gravy, side salad, homemade dinner roll & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.  
THURSDAY: Pizza pocket or burrito with bread or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: Side salad, juice, cole slaw, strawberry shortcake or fresh fruit, milk.  
FRIDAY: Italian dunkers with cheese stick, Meaty Sauce & 3 Breadsticks or scalloped potato & ham casserole with 1 breadstick or chef salad with 1 breadstick. Choose Two: Green beans, side salad, carrot sticks, assorted fruit, milk.

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## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thomaspie River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>		<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p><b>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery &amp; child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA &amp; J.V. Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting: Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>		<p><b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b> Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brander - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlemood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>		<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p><b>100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 31, 1896</b> Former Lowell teacher Meda Hess writes from Turkey of massacres of Armenians by Turkish soldiers, looting and burning. She observed it from a missionary compound which was largely spared. The salesman around Elmdale does a washing for each family he's trying to sell a tin washer to. Teacher Jacob Layer of the Star school won't let pupils visit other schools without written consent of parents. "Peninsularities" is the name given to a column of Michigan news items. "Jackson has given the Phoenix Telephone</p>
<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Director of Education Meghan Gulver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. RICK FLOYD, Interim Pastor 897-5648 or 867-1848 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> "A friendly church with a life changing message!" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinckney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

## I had's thoughts

It seems Steve Forbes and his millions have become a force in Republican presidential politics. Or at least that is what the national media and the polls are telling us. For a long time it was Bob Dole and then the rest of the field. Then along comes this millionaire tycoon who begins throwing out millions of dollars in television ads - many directed negatively at Dole. The Kansas senator has retaliated with some negative ads of his own, surprisingly directed at Forbes. The result of Forbes' spending, at least for now, is the Republican race of Bob Dole, Steve Forbes and then the rest of the field. The only two things clear about Forbes is that he thinks Dole would be a bad choice for the Republican party and he favors a flat tax.

**Ledger Entries**  
of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

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I won't pretend to know enough to try to explain in detail what a flat tax means. From what I've heard and read, it will mean different things to different people. Rush Limbaugh favors it, so immediately I assume it must be good news for the wealthiest one-third percent. David Broder, a columnist for the Washington Post, wrote that Forbes' flat tax proposal is coming under scrutiny because it wipes out deductions for property taxes, home mortgage interest and charitable contributions. If what this well respected Washington columnist wrote is true, the only deduction I would have left is the gratuitous personal standard deduction. As a member of the lower middle class, does this mean I'm relegated to paying taxes? Without these deductions, at best I'd probably break even. I'm not sure what Forbes' flat tax means for the upper middle class and the nation's wealthy. When I find out, I'll pass it on. MHB designer Bill Brunner had never come under such scrutiny for a building design display of a proposed project. But when area residents read that the new Lowell 5 Theater was going to be pink with tones of green in the stucco, the only things hot pink were the ears at City Hall and Brunner's office. Brunner's troubles, unknowingly, began before he left his

office for the planning commission meeting. In an effort to have a design of the theater to show the planning commission, Brunner went to the computer and fed in some project materials information. The computer which is programmed to assign the materials colors then reads the information and from that spits out a colored rendering of the building - this time it was pink. The designer admitted that he didn't pay that close attention to the color, because all he really wanted was a design rendering. During his presentation, Brunner was questioned by planning commissioner Jim Hall about the severe contrast the theater was to the surrounding buildings. Commissioner B.J. Thompson added, "It's not going to be pink, is it? Brunner's response was "no." His answer obviously wasn't clearly heard by everyone. He probably wishes now he would have made it an emphatic "no." Brunner may also give thought to overriding the computer next time and tell it the colors he wants assigned. Anyhow, anyway, all of this controversy was worthy of a column or at least part of one and a follow-up story in this week's paper. In that story, readers will learn the true colors of the Lowell 5 Theater.

Co. the privilege of fighting the Bell people and low rates is the result." Dr. Elvia Mosher is appointed the first woman professor at the University of Michigan. **75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 27, 1921** Look's wallpaper and Lally's clothing stock is ruined from the fire in the West side business district last Thursday, with smoke damage to law offices and the telephone company in the same buildings. Fireman Cliff Hatch guided the telephone girls, Alice Fahrni and Clara Abel, down the smoke-filled stairs. The Lowell Board of Health offers free diphtheria immunizations to all who want them. Michigan has the highest incidence of the disease in the country. Alvin Norris is awarded damages from the Elmdale Co. in an accident involving heavy machinery belts. School enrollment stands at 539 which is 90 more than last year at this time. The rumor that the lunchroom is supported from general funds is false. Domestic science teacher Miss Fair keeps lunch room accounts separate and pays all bills. 60 to 80 lunches are served daily. **50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 31, 1946** Frank Freeman is conducting a housing survey for the new Lowell Community Council, especially trying to find housing. It's scarce. A tree planter that can plant 10,000 trees in an eight-hour day with two operators is among the labor-saving devices to be exhibited in Kent County next week. Limited clamming may be possible on the Grand River and

tributaries, says the Michigan Conservation Department. But-ton makers have strongly protested restrictions on clamming, even when clams had virtually disappeared. The Lowell Light & Power Co. buys the adjoining Williamson building to house the new diesel generator. **25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 28, 1971** Leonard Sinke of Marlette is named the new superintendent of schools, following the accidental death of Carl Hagen last November. City council approves a \$1.9 million storm water separation contract with the Kent County Department of Public Works. High winds with drifting snow closed schools Tuesday. The Kent County 4-H is planning to use 80 acres of land on Knapp Avenue for the annual fair and other events, if they can finance development and moving costs. **Letters, Letters, Letters...** The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



## The age of informational technology assists Greenridge in its growth

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The term "home shopping" has taken on a whole new meaning, thanks to West Michigan's largest realty company.

In the age of information, Greenridge Realty, Inc. is providing prospective home buyers with an opportunity to home shop on its internet service. It is the first realtor in West Michigan to build a "home" page on the internet.

"Information equals service, and the internet page allows us to provide buyers and sellers the best possible service we can," said Greenridge Realty's Lowell branch manager Rick Seese.

The internet allows prospective buyers to obtain up-

to-the-minute information on homes, property, realtor agents, community and even mortgage calculation help.

For the sellers, it means maximizing exposure opportunity on their properties.

Greenridge's service has been well received. "The first day, the internet page received 4,500 visits," Seese said. "There are 800-900 listings on the internet page continuously." Since the genesis of the home page, more than 22,000 prospective buyers and sellers have used it to obtain information.

Seese adds that there are a lot of buyers out there who want and need data but are not ready to talk to a sales person. "The internet allows them to get that information without

the use of a sales person."

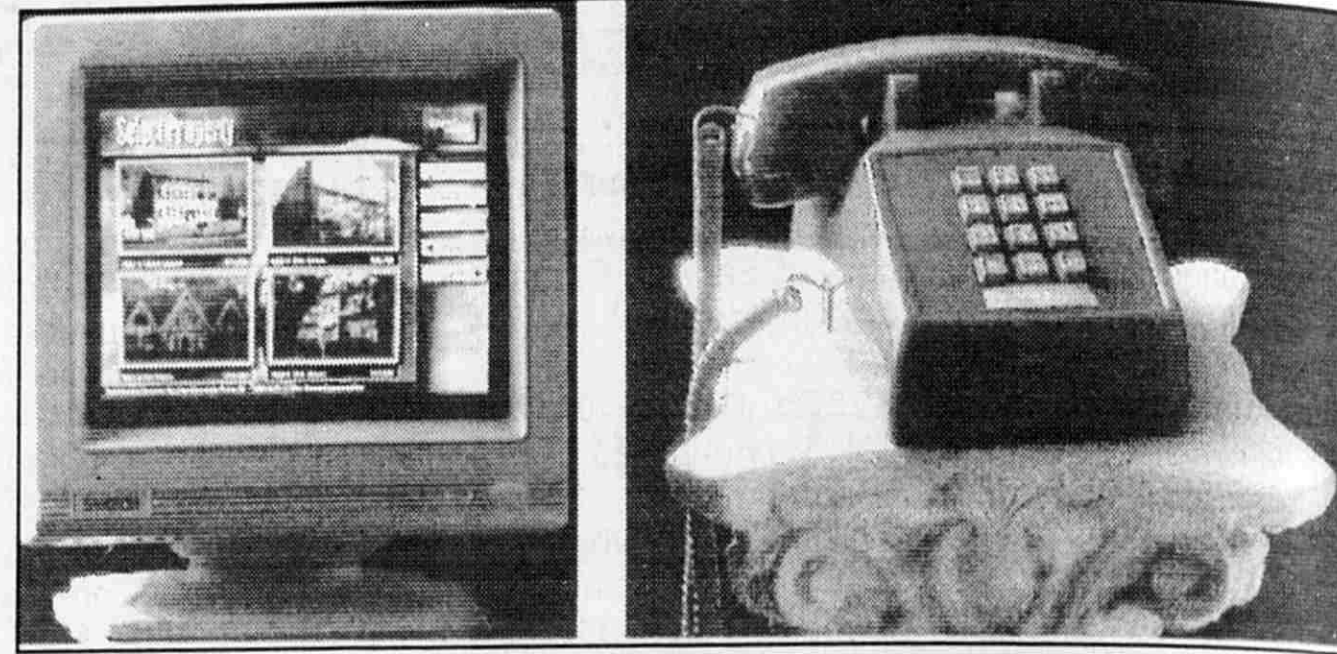
In the past, prospective buyers have read about a home or property in the paper and then have to call a realtor to get more information.

Seese does not see the home page replacing anything. Instead, he sees it as another informational tool box that provides an additional service. "Every time Greenridge has added an informational tool we have continued to grow," Seese said.

"The internet will allow us to be more accurate and timely and that is every thing when buying a home," Seese said.

Other informational tools Greenridge will continue to use include:

- The Smartline. This is a



Greenridge Realty became the first realtor in West Michigan to offer a "home" page on the internet. It also offers Smartline, a 24-hour telecommunications data base.

24-hour telephone data base which allows prospective buyers to search any areas for available homes and their prices.

• Its successful Greenridge Realty television show on Sunday mornings.

• Newspaper advertising. Greenridge has nine offices and 270 agents in West Michigan.

"Society is more customer service oriented," Seese said. The home page is a system that is easy to use, and

Greenridge believes further extends its customer service. Prospective home buyers interested in dialing the home page on the internet should punch

www.greenridge.com

## Batchelor's first step in township government is expected to be a long one

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Now that Mark Batchelor has his foot in the door of the Lowell Charter Township government, he doesn't plan on taking it out any time soon.

Batchelor was appointed this week to the township's planning commission, replacing Bob Hendricks who moved out of the township limits.

Batchelor will serve out the remainder of Hendricks'

term, until May 1998, and then decide his future with Lowell's governing boards.

"I would like to spend a couple of years on the planning commission, and perhaps a second term, learning about the township," he said. "Then I would like to move aside and let somebody else come in and maybe try to get on the township board."

As a six-year resident of the township, Batchelor has kept abreast on many of the

issues facing both the board and planning commission. More than two years ago, he decided to try to serve on the township planning commission.

"If you live in the community and want to have a say on where the township is going, this is one of the best ways to do it," Batchelor said. "It's better than being a part of that group of people who say things about their community, but don't assist or help it."

Batchelor's first step in becoming a part of Lowell Township's decision-makers was actually prompted by the attempted development of the light industrial park near I-96.

At the time when developers sought to rezone the land from Agricultural to Light Industrial, Batchelor could be spotted among the

many people packed into the Township Hall every Monday night.

"I found it interesting to see from a political aspect all the things it took in order to develop the property," he said. "I agreed with a lot of their concerns and I don't even live there."

Batchelor believes things need to be done to comfort the people who live in the area in regards to developing the land, but said if it is done right it can be an asset to the community.

"I lean more towards wanting to see growth, but I'm not saying all the farm land should be developed," he said. "If we put aside certain areas (for development) and manage it properly, it can be a useful piece of the community."

The first order of business for Batchelor, the owner

of a restoration company in Lowell and painting company in Cadillac, is to sit back and learn.

"I've had the view from the other side of the chair, but I still need to absorb what's going on and get up to speed," he said.

Any decision Batchelor makes, he hopes to do with as much input from the community as possible.

"Now that the facility (Lowell Township Hall) is large enough and comfortable enough, it would be nice to see the community get more involved," he said. "I don't want to make decisions based on what I want only. I want the community to interject its concerns and views so I can make a decision for the community."

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The closing years of life are like the end of a masquerade party, when the masks are dropped.  
—Arthur Schopenhauer

## Public transportation drives into Vergennes Township with community block grant

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

With more than \$33,000 in unprogrammed Community Development Block Grant funds available, Vergennes Township has agreed to provide public transportation to its residents. The board agreed to provide North Kent Transit Service (a division of the Hope Network) with \$1,000 in order to become a member of its service groups.

According to a letter sent by Hope Network, Vergennes Township residents have contacted them about using the service, but township officials were unsure of the need within the township.

By agreeing to join the program, Vergennes' residents can travel, for a fee, to destinations within North Kent Transit's district.

It currently serves residents in Algoma, Cannon, Courtland, Lowell, Plainfield, Solon, Sparta, and Tyrone townships as well as the city of Rockford and the villages of Sparta, Casnovia and Kent City.

Persons with disabilities and persons over 60 years old will be charged \$2.50 for destinations within the primary service area (listed above) and \$5.50 to other Kent County destinations.

Students and the general public are charged \$5 and \$11 for the same service areas.

Besides North Kent Transit Service, the board agreed to allocate an additional \$7,000 to the Vergennes Historical Society for projects currently underway.

Township clerk Mari Stone said the society already has \$10,000 allocated to the project, but needs another \$7,000 to complete it.

Stone said the board had until Thursday to submit applications for 1996 funds, which will be given out in July.

She also expects other organizations to submit their application by that time in order to receive funds this year.

However, Stone is not certain which organizations will seek the funding.

# 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.

**EVERY TUES.:** Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

**EVERY TUES.:** 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour, Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

**LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH:** Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

**MONDAYS:** Overeaters Anonymous new meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

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

**FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 7 p.m.

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

**EVERY 1ST MONDAY:** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

**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 897-6405.

**TUESDAYS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights trailer park pavilion. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

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**FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH:** Family story-time offered by Saranac Public Library at 7 p.m. Designed for the whole family, pre-school thru 6th-grade, plus parents. For information call 642-9146.

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

**WEDNESDAYS:** 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

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**EVERY WED.:** Clubhouse Ministries for children (ages 2 thru 6th-grade). Lowell Wesleyan Church at the 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. 7 to 8 p.m. Complete program of activities to help kids grow physically, emotionally and spiritually. For more information please call (616) 897-6890.

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

**EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:** Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center

**EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY:** Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

**THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly** Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**  
**LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR**  
897-5949

**MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

**THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Euchre.

**FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall.

**MON. - FRI.:** Senior Meals program, noon.

**Special Events**  
**TUES., FEB. 6:** 12:30 p.m., Shopping - Big Lots/Goodwill.

**WED., FEB. 7:** 8 a.m., Men's breakfast.

**WED., FEB. 7:** 9:30 - 11 a.m. Blood pressure.

**THURS., FEB. 8:** 6 p.m. Dinner/play at high school.

**FRI., FEB. 9:** 1 p.m., Movies at the Center.

**WED., FEB. 14:** 6 a.m., Bingo at Meijers.

**FRI., FEB. 16:** 12:30 p.m., Reminisce.

**TUES., FEB. 20:** 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.

**WED., FEB. 21:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

**THURS., FEB. 22:** 10:45 a.m., North Center - lunch and band.

**WED., FEB. 28:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

*(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)*

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

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

**EVERY FRIDAY:** Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

**EVERY SAT.:** Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270-repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

**EVERY THIRD SUN.:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meetings held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

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

**THURS., FEB. 1:** College night for all underclassmen from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Help for parents filling out financial aid forms.

**TUES., FEB. 6:** The Grattan Township Historical Society will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Historical Museum. The meeting's program will be "A Taste of Ireland" by Irish native Annie Nice. The program will be followed by a business meeting, refreshments, and social hour. The museum is located at 11675 Old Belding Road in Grattan. Contact person: Patrick Nugent, 691-8557.

**FEB. 8, 9 & 10:** Lowell Area Arts Center presents "Play On," a hilarious evening of theater on stage at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center, 11700 Vergennes. Call 897-8545 for ticket information.

**FEB 22-MAR. 3, 1996:** Hawaii Cruise. Contact Mary Condon at 897-7092 for more information.

**FEB. 6 & FEB 15:** Lowell freestyle wrestling sign-up at Cherry Creek Cafeteria from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For information call 897-9542.

**formation on cost, age groups and requirements, call Barb Carpenter, 897-6566 or Dennis Kimberlin, 874-9318.**

**THURS., FEB. 8:** National Assoc. of Retired Fed. Employees meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton at 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Senator Carl Levin. Subject: Legislation affecting the retiree.

**THURS., FEB. 8:** Travelogue - Panama Canal at Schneider Manor, 1:30 p.m. in the activity room. Everyone welcome. Call Mary Condon, 897-7092.

*Grandchildren Are Sweet*  
So don't forget to put your grandchild's Valentine in The Ledger by February 9!  
See back page for details!

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**SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 1996**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anderson, Gurney, Herweyer, and Palazzolo  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nugent.

**WORK SESSION MOTIONS APPROVED:**

- Motion to adopt the Resolution to Authorize Construction and Acquisition of Public Improvement and Financing.
- Jim White of Mika, Myers, Beckett & Jones, reviewed the new Sewer Ordinance for the Board.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING MOTIONS APPROVED:**

- Motion to accept recommendation to appoint Dave Benson and Mike Mervenne to the Board of Review.
- A budget work session was scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
- The complete set of minutes are available at the Grattan Township office and can be reviewed during regular business hours.

Respectfully Submitted: Denise VanEck  
Approved By: Peggy Gurney

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### LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL

The LYFL Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Cherry Creek P.T.O. room on Thursday, Feb. 15.

### LAAC PRESENTS "PLAY ON!"

The play "Play On!" will be presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 and 10.

On Thursday tickets are \$4 for senior citizens and students and \$5 for adults. Tickets on Friday and Saturday are \$7 and are available at the door or at the LAAC from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. every day but Monday. For ticket information call the LAAC at 897-8545.

### VISIONING EVENING

The Lowell Area Schools is sponsoring a "Visioning Evening," Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Cherry Creek School at 12675 Foreman Rd. The school's cultural organization subcommittee is organizing this evening, with

## Cable, continued.... From Page 1

all of the technical problems have been worked out. This explains why the weather station is blank.

"There will be no additional basic cable cost to the subscribers with the addition of the three new channels," Christman said.

The decision as to which channels to add was based on subscriber request, cost and money budgeted for additional programming.

"The cable board believes these three channels are good additions and will be beneficial to the entire system," Christman said.

The last time channels were added to basic cable was in October of 1994.

The recent additions will boost the number of channels on basic cable to 37. Lowell Cable Television also offers three premium channels.

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It is easier to know man in general than to understand one man in particular.

—La Rouchefoucauld

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN County of Kent, Michigan

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL TOWNSHIP ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following local propositions shall be submitted to the registered electors of the Township of Grattan on March 19, 1996:

#### PROPOSAL FOR REFERENDUM ON GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 94-09P

Township of Grattan Ordinance No. 94-09P is an ordinance which amends the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance to: (1) include noncommercial private club buildings within the definition of institutional or public uses; (2) require that the Planning Commission determine whether a special land use for an institutional or public use is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Grattan Township land use plan; (3) enable the Planning Commission to limit the use of noncommercial private club buildings to club members or other users; (4) require that a special land use comply with the minimum dimension requirements of the zoning district in which it is located; and (5) provide that the Board of Zoning Appeals shall not have jurisdiction over special land uses or planned unit developments.

Shall Ordinance No. 94-09P be approved?

#### PROPOSAL FOR REFERENDUM ON GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 95-35Z

Shall Township of Grattan Ordinance No. 95-35Z, being an ordinance to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance so as to provide civil infraction penalties for the violation of the Zoning Ordinance, be approved?

Notice is hereby given that the last day to register to vote in said election is February 20, 1996.

In addition to the regular hours of the Township office, the Township Clerk will be at the Township office, located at 11676 Old Belding Road, N.E. Belding, Michigan, until 5:00 p.m. on February 20, 1996, to accept registrations.

help from a consultant, to gather input from 50 to 60 community and school persons in order to form benchmarks and set the stage for an organization dedicated to continuous improvement.

Are you willing to be part of this brainstorming process? Please call Carol Briggs at 897-8415 before January 31. This event is partially underwritten by Old Kent Bank and Lowell Engineering.

### PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Two very informative seminars will be held for parents of area elementary students. These will be given by FMB - sponsored by the Lowell and Alto PTO's.

The Alto seminar is 7 p.m., Feb. 13 at the school and the Lowell seminar is 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Cherry Creek School cafeteria. You are invited to attend at either location.

### LMS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

Lowell Middle School is looking for several girls volleyball coaches. Practice is scheduled to begin in late January and end in late March.

Qualified individuals interested in a coaching position should contact Barry Hohlra at 897-4442.

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION SEEKING APPLICANTS

## COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 1,888 students are included on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 1995-96 academic year at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

Included on the list from Lowell are: Bruce Patrick Adams, majoring in dietetics, is the son of Stanly and Sandra Adams; April Lynn Clark, majoring in pre-communication; Heather Haynes, majoring in accountancy, is the daughter of Michael Haynes and Carol Klukas; George J.

Ponchaud is the son of Jim and Carol Ponchaud; David Paul Rogers, majoring in aviation flight science, is the son of Paul and Joanne Rogers and Ryan J. White, majoring in environmental studies, is the son of Jim and Bobbi White.

From the Ada area are: Andrea Dunne, majoring in anthropology, is the daughter of Patrick and Silvia Dunne; Joshua J. Fuller, majoring in university curriculum, is the son of Judy Fuller; Stephanie L. Haga, majoring in industrial engineering, is the daughter of V.S. Haga; Anne Pugliese, majoring in pre-social work, is the daughter of Carmine and Ellen Pugliese; and Jason R. Winters, majoring in computer information systems, is the son of R.J. Winters.

Students from the Alto area are: Tom Andrew

The Vergennes Township Historical Commission is seeking applicants for the 1996-98 term of office. Appointments will be made at the March 25 meeting of the Township Board. Candidates should be residents of the township, and interested in serving the community.

Contact Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, phone 897-5671.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Paul Westdorp, 33, of Grand Rapids, was ordered into 63rd District Court on charges of threatening and harassing phone calls on Jan. 24.

Ryan Roe, 18, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 26 when he turned left at Main and Hudson St. into the path of a van driven by Shirley Shields, 57, of Ionia.

Traci Nielson, 21, of Ionia, sustained injuries Jan. 25 when the vehicle she was a passenger in and driven by Russell Nielson, 25, of Ionia, slid on icy pavement and struck a building on the Attwood Corporation property.

Scott Johnson, 34, of Ionia, lost control of the vehicle he was driving and struck a pole on West Main near West St. Jan. 27. No injuries were reported.

Beetham, majoring in organizational communications, is the son of Roy and Sharon Beetham; Melissa J. Dykgraaf, majoring in mathematics, is the daughter of Myra and Melissa J. Dykgraaf; Wendy L. Faber, majoring in university curriculum, is the daughter of Folkert and Marjorie Faber; and Zachary M. Thompson, majoring in theater.

From Saranac area is Matthew Wesley Brown, majoring in biomedical sciences.

Kirby D. Carpenter of Lowell, a student in Ferris State University's College of Technology, recently was selected for inclusion in the 1996 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Students are chosen for listing in the annual directory by campus nominating committees and directory editors on the basis of academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and po-

tential for continued success. The directory was first published in 1934. Listings now include students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Ferris State University provides practical, hands-on education to make its graduates immediately employable in their chosen fields in a diverse array of technical and professional programs. Ferris has an overall placement rate reaching 92 percent (graduates either employed or continuing their education full-time). With an enrollment of 9,767 students, Ferris offers more than 100 academic programs through the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Allied Health Sciences, Business, Education, Optometry, Pharmacy and Technology. Included are associate's and bachelor's degrees, two master's degrees and doctorates in optometry and pharmacy.

## IN THE SERVICE

Navy Airman Recruit Jaime S. Neff, son of Fern L. Clark of Alto, recently completed the Basic Aviation Ordnanceman Course.

During the course, at Na-

val Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, TN, students receive instruction in basic mathematics, physics, electricity, electronics, small

arms, electrically-fired aircraft guns, building and up loading bombs and missiles and troubleshooting aircraft weapons systems.

The 1995 graduate of Caledonia High School joined the Navy in June 1995.

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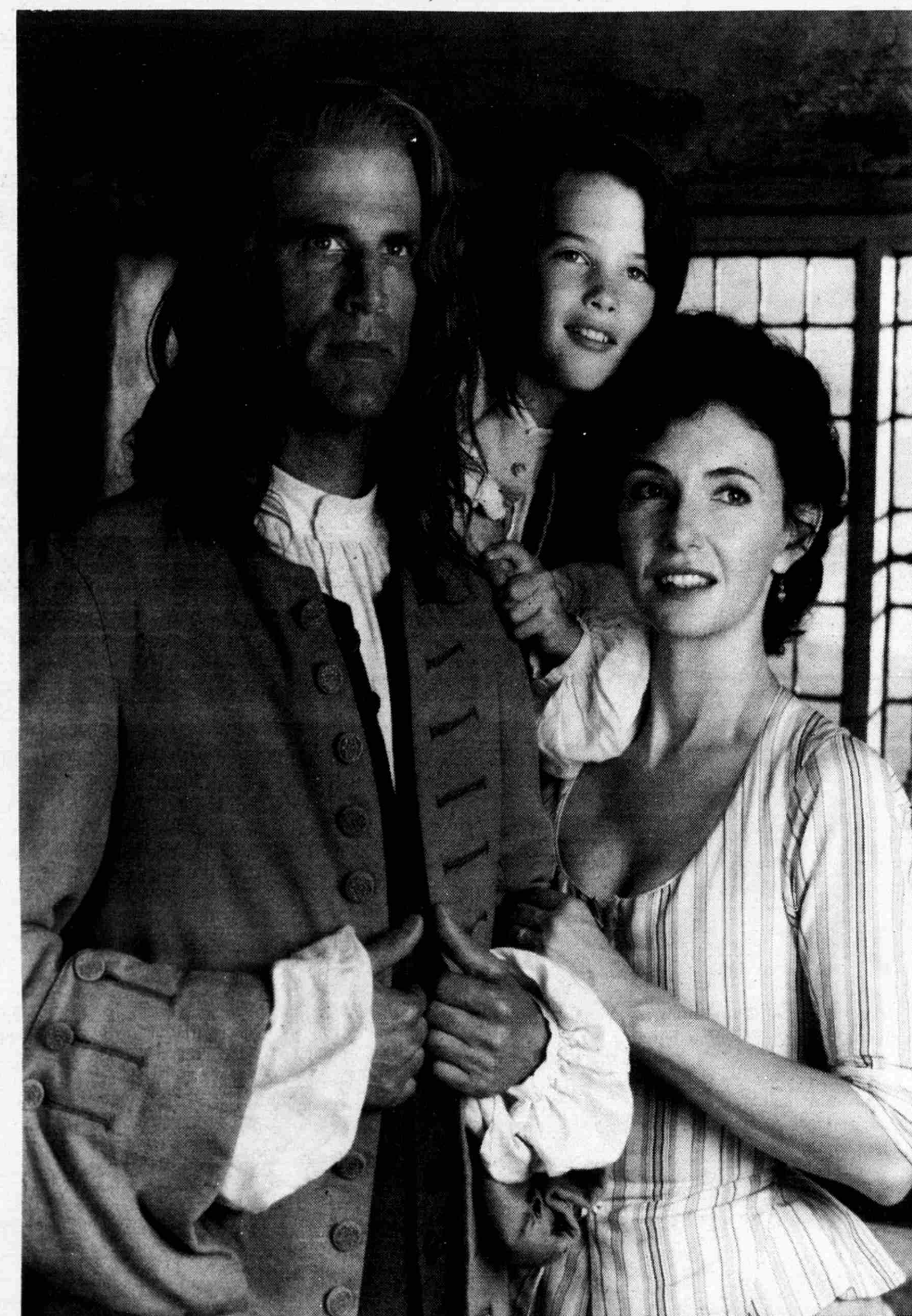
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4	WOTV-41
5	WLLA-64
6	WGUV-35
7	WXMI-17
8	WOOD-8
9	WLNS-6
10	WILX-10
11	WTLJ-54
12	WKAR-23
13	WZZM-13
14	DISNEY**
15	WSYM-47
16	HBO**
17	WTBS
18	C-MAX**
19	FAM
20	FX
21	M-TV
22	LOCAL
23	USA
24	DISCOVERY
25	WGN
26	ESPN
27	CNN
28	HN
29	NICK
30	A & E
31	PASS
32	TNT
33	DOPLAR RADAR
34	EWTN
35	TNN
36	TRAVEL
37	LEARNING
38	SCI-FI
39	VH-1

\*\* Denotes Premium Channels



## FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2 THRU FEBRUARY 8

Real-life husband and wife Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen star as Lemuel and Mary Gulliver in the film *Gulliver's Travels*, airing Sunday and Monday on NBC. Thomas Sturridge (center) plays their son, Tom. The movie is the first film adaptation of Jonathan Swift's novel to cover all four parts of the story.

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MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 5, 1996. Broadcast stations: WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM. Cable stations: TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, SCIFI. Premium stations: DISN, HBO, MAX.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 5, 1996. Broadcast stations: WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM. Cable stations: TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, SCIFI. Premium stations: DISN, HBO, MAX.

TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 6, 1996. Broadcast stations: WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM. Cable stations: TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, SCIFI. Premium stations: DISN, HBO, MAX.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 6, 1996. Broadcast stations: WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM. Cable stations: TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, SCIFI. Premium stations: DISN, HBO, MAX.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 7, 1996. Broadcast stations: WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM. Cable stations: TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, SCIFI. Premium stations: DISN, HBO, MAX.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 7, 1996. Broadcast stations: WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM. Cable stations: TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, SCIFI. Premium stations: DISN, HBO, MAX.



THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 8, 1996										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Murder, She Wrote	Murder Among Friends	Rescue 911	48 Hours	News	Late Show	(In Stereo)
4	WOTV	Highway Patrol	LAPD	World Videos	Before Stars	Movie: "Boiling Point"	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Mystery: "Inspector Morse"	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose
5	WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Trailside: Adventure	New York Undercover	Tales From the Crypt	Tales From the Crypt	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	"The Die Is Cast"
7	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld	Living Single	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline in the City	ER	48 Hours	Late Show
8	WOOD	Extra	Inside Edition	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline in the City	ER	48 Hours	Late Show
6	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Murder, She Wrote	Murder Among Friends	Rescue 911	48 Hours	News	Tonight Show	Wild America
10	WLX	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Reunion	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline in the City	ER	48 Hours	Late Show
23	WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet	Mystery: "Inspector Morse"	Mystery: "Inspector Morse"	Practical Sports	Wild America
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	World Videos	Before Stars	Movie: "Boiling Point"	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Mystery: "Inspector Morse"	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose
17	WSYM	Home Improvement	Roseanne	Living Single	Crew	New York Undercover	Cops	Highway Patrol	Jenny Jones	Nightline
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
17	TBS	Funnies Home Videos	Funnies Home Videos	Movie: "Big Jake"	John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara	Movie: "McLintock"	John Wayne, Stephanie Powers	700 Club	Movie: "Kojak: The Belarus File"	(1985)
4	FAM	Waltons	"The House"	Highway to Heaven	"The Squeaky Wheel"	Trapper John, M.D.	"C.O.D."	In Living Color	In Living Color	Vegas
20	FX	Fall Guy	"The Chase"	Hart to Hart	"A Solid Gold Murder"	Trapper John, M.D.	"C.O.D."	In Living Color	In Living Color	Vegas
20	USA	Wings	"I Love Brian"	Movie: "K-9"	James Belushi, Kevin Tighe	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	Movie Magic	Invention
20	DISC	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery	"Beauty and the Beasts"	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	Movie Magic	Invention
20	WGN	Family Matters	Newhart	Movie: "Tightrope"	Clint Eastwood, Alison Eastwood	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	Movie Magic	Invention
20	ESPN	6:30 Sportscenter	College Basketball: Illinois at Penn State	College Basketball: Tulane at Louisville	(Live)	College Basketball: Tulane at Louisville	(Live)	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline
20	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight	Moneyline	World Today
20	NICK	Doug	Tiny Toon Adventures	Munsters	I Dream of Jeannie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Welcome Back, Kotter
20	A&E	Equalizer	"The Line"	Biography: "Annette Funicello"	Ancient Mysteries	Voyages	"Robot Journey Into the Past"	Law & Order	"Progeny"	Dick Van Dyke
20	PASS	Red Wings Hotline	College Basketball: St. Joseph's at Temple	(Live)	CCHA Digest	Press Box	College Basketball: UCLA at California	(Live)	College Basketball: UCLA at California	(Live)
20	TNT	In the Heat of the Night	"Quick Fix"	Movie: "Rear Window"	1954, Suspense, James Stewart	Movie: "The FBI Story"	1959, James Stewart, Murray Hamilton	Club Dance	(In Stereo)	Country News
20	NASH	6:30 Club Dance	Country News	Life and Times of Tennessee Ernie Ford	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	(In Stereo)	Club Dance	(In Stereo)	Country News
20	SCIFI	Twilight Zone	Monsters	"The Jar"	Quantum Leap	Mann & Machine	"Torch Song"	Friday the 13th: The Series	"Wedding in Black"	Twilight Zone
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
10	DISN	Eerie Indiana	MMC	Movie: "Derby"	David Charvet, Darren McGavin	Fun and the Feel of the Fifties	(R)	Movie: "Guys and Dolls"	(1955)	Movie: "Guys and Dolls"
10	HBO	6:30 Movie: "The Chase"	1994, PG-13	Movie: "Little Giants"	1994, Ed O'Neill, John Madden	Movie: "The Untouchables"	1961, Robert Conrad	Movie: "The Untouchables"	1961, Robert Conrad	Movie: "The Untouchables"
10	MAX	6:15 Movie: "For Keeps"	1988, PG-13	Movie: "The Fencer"	1994, Marc Alaimo, Erica Gimpel	Movie: "Tough and Deadly"	1995, Roddy Piper	Movie: "Murder in the First"	1995, R	Movie: "Murder in the First"

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
3	WVMT	11:35 Late Show	Late Late Show	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	(Left in Progress)	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	(Left in Progress)
4	WOTV	11:35 Top Cops	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	(Left in Progress)
5	WGVU	11:35 Charlie Rose	(Off Air)	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	(Left in Progress)
7	WXMI	11:35 Richard Bey	Hair Replacement	Murphy Brown	Gabrielle	(Off Air)	Wonder Years	Perfect Strangers	Perfect Strangers	(Off Air)
8	WOOD	11:35 Tonight Show	Late Night	Later	Paid Program	Carnie	(In Stereo)	NBC News Night	NBC News Night	(In Stereo)
6	WLNS	11:35 Late Show	Late Late Show	Cosby Show	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree	(Left in Progress)
10	WLX	11:35 Tonight Show	Late Night	Later	News	NBC News Night	NBC News Night	NBC News Night	NBC News Night	(In Progress)
23	WKAR	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)
13	WZZM	11:35 Current Affairs	Most Wanted	Cops	Gordon Elliott	Mike & Maty	ABC World News Now	ABC World News Now	ABC World News Now	(Joined in Progress)
17	WSYM	11:35 Gabrielle	LAPD	Rescue 911	Billy Dee	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
17	TBS	10:05 Movie: "McLintock"	1963	Movie: "The Comancheros"	1961, John Wayne, Lee Marvin	Movie: "Tall in the Saddle"	1944, John Wayne, Audrey Long	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club
4	FAM	11:00 Movie: "Kojak: The Belarus File"	1985	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club
20	FX	11:00 Rawhide	"Incident of the Broken Sword"	In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20	USA	11:00 Highlander: The Series	"Revenge of the Sword"	Movie: "Serpico"	1973, Drama, Al Pacino	Movie: "Serpico"	1973, Drama, Al Pacino	Movie: "Serpico"	1973, Drama, Al Pacino	Movie: "Serpico"
20	DISC	11:00 Wild Discovery	"Beauty and the Beasts"	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	Time Traveler	Time Traveler	Time Traveler	Time Traveler
20	WGN	11:30 Simon & Simon	Honeymooners	In the Heat of the Night	"Random's Child"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20	ESPN	11:30 Sportscenter	LPBT Bowling From Kansas City, Mo.	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Racehorse Digest	College Basketball: Tulane at Louisville	College Basketball: Tulane at Louisville	College Basketball: Tulane at Louisville	College Basketball: Tulane at Louisville
20	CNN	11:35 NewsNight	Showbiz Today	Inside Politics	Sports Latentight	Larry King Live	Overnight	Sports Latentight	Crossfire	Newsroom
20	NICK	11:35 Bob Newhart	Lucy Show	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Welcome Back, Kotter	Bob Newhart	Lucy Show	Lucy Show
20	A&E	11:35 Biography	"Annette Funicello"	Ancient Mysteries	Voyages	"Robot Journey Into the Past"	Law & Order	"Progeny"	Police Story	"To Steal a Million"
20	PASS	11:35 College Basketball	College Hockey U.S.A.	Press Box	Paid Program	CCHA Digest	Prime Cuts	College Basketball: South Florida at Alabama-Birmingham	College Basketball: South Florida at Alabama-Birmingham	College Basketball: South Florida at Alabama-Birmingham
20	TNT	11:05 Movie: "The FBI Story"	1959, James Stewart	Movie: "Rear Window"	1954, Suspense, James Stewart	Movie: "The FBI Story"	1959, James Stewart, Murray Hamilton	Medical Center	"Impasse"	Medical Center
20	NASH	11:05 Life and Times of Tennessee Ernie Ford	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	(In Stereo)	Country News	(R)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)	(Off Air)
20	SCIFI	11:05 Quantum Leap	Mann & Machine	"Torch Song"	Friday the 13th: The Series	"Wedding in Black"	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
10	DISN	11:00 Movie: "Guys and Dolls"	1955, Jean Simmons	Movie: "Polly"	1969, Phyllis Diller, Celeste Holm	Movie: "Derby"	1995, David Charvet, Darren McGavin	Movie: "Guys and Dolls"	1955, Jean Simmons	Movie: "Guys and Dolls"
10	HBO	11:00 Comedy Hour: Paula Poundstone	Movie: "Bad Blood"	1994, Frankie Thorn, Hank Chyney	Movie: "Killing Zoe"	1993, (In Stereo) R	Movie: "Killing Zoe"	1993, (In Stereo) R	Movie: "Killing Zoe"	1993, (In Stereo) R
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# Red Arrows' new style brings competitiveness to Lowell's loss to Park

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For whom the bell tolls? Micah Bell tolled for the visiting Vikings in Wyoming Park's 45-37 O-K White conference win over Lowell Friday night.

Bell, a junior, scored 16 points against the Red Arrows - three short of his 19-point-a-game average.

However, the Viking did not come up short on a huge three-point shot with a little more than three minutes to play to extend Park's lead to eight at 43-35.

Lowell trailed by 10 (26-16) at halftime. The Red Arrows trimmed the Viking lead to five on a Kevin Brown bucket with a little under four minutes to play.

Brown's bucket came during a stretch in which Lowell outscored Wyoming Park 8-2. Brown was responsible for six of the eight points.

"Kevin has really shown me something the last couple of games," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "His play has been great."

Brown finished the contest with a game-high 15 points.

"Bell's three-pointer after we got to within five was big," Bush said. "He was the best basketball player out there."

Wyoming Park first-year coach Tom VanderKlay said he was pleased with his club's patience. "I also liked our effort in our quarter-court defense. The boys got into trouble when they overextended and Lowell was able to get some easy buckets."

Park outrebounded Lowell 28-25. Brown led Lowell on the boards with 11 rebounds.

Bush was also pleased with his club's patience on offense. "We've got to be patient and play our style. We're not going to beat teams scoring 50-60 points a game," he said.

Lowell who has been averaging 24 turnovers a game cut that number down to 15 against Park. The Vikings scored 17 points off Lowell turnovers.

VanderKlay likes the direction his club is headed. "We're fourth in the O-K White and hopefully getting better. Our losses are to Zeeland, EGR and Hudsonville, but we've beaten everybody else. After those top three teams, I don't think there is a whole lot separating the remaining five teams."

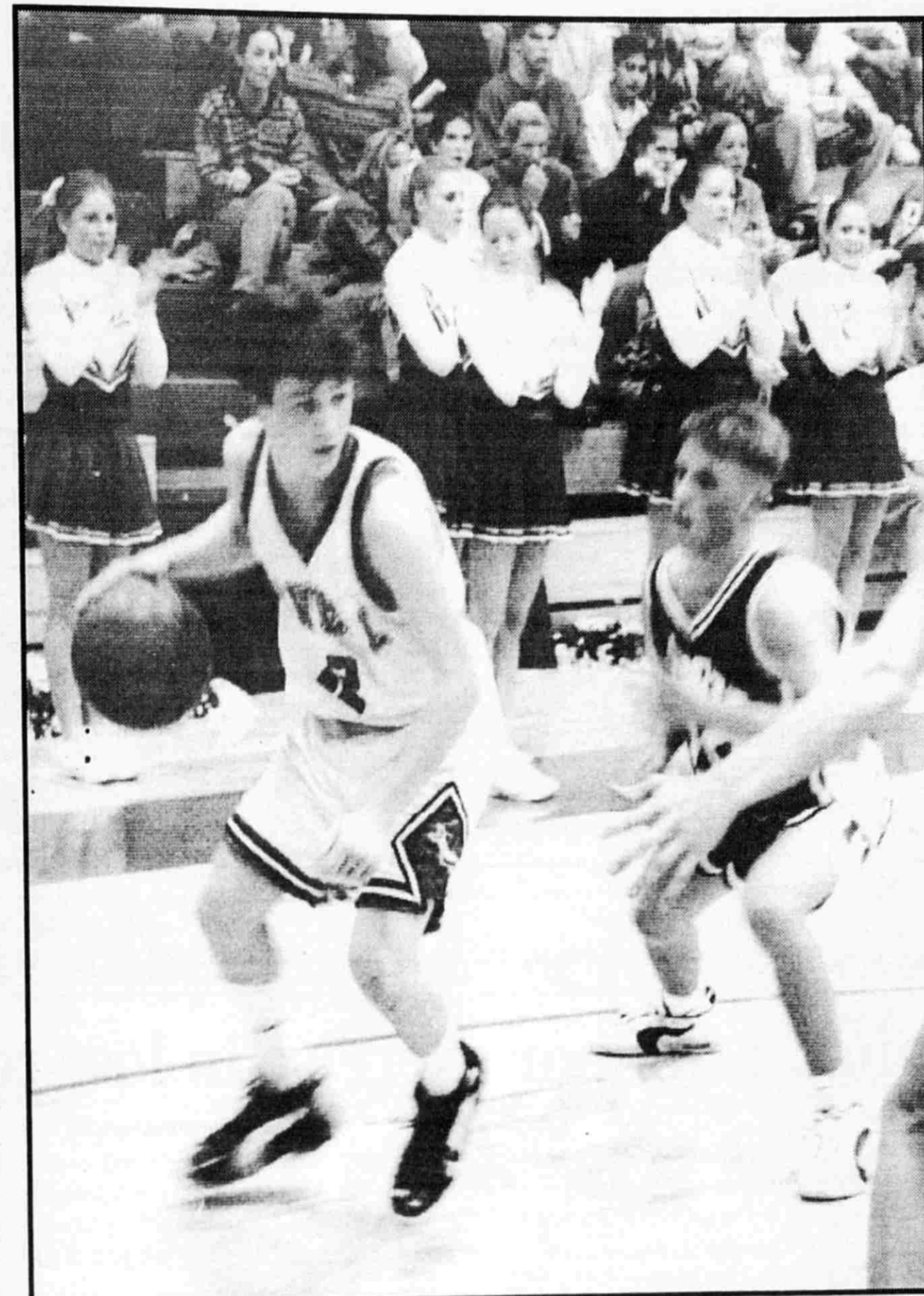
Lowell finished the week at 1-9 overall and 1-7 in the league.

Ionias 76  
Lowell 46

Lowell led 14-11 in the first quarter when Ionias' leading scorer Bill Thomas picked up his third foul.

At that point Lowell coach Pete Bush liked the direction the game was taking.

The Bulldogs didn't and



Joe Hobach drives around his Viking defender.

proceeded to do something about it. Ionias finished the opening quarter on a 24-0 run to establish a 35-14 lead after eight minutes of play.

"That was pretty much the

game," Bush said. "We shot poorly and had too many turnovers."

Mike Bielecki was the only player to score in double digits. He tallied a team-high

10 points. Kevin Brown added eight.

Ionias' Ryan Basler led all scorers with 16 points.

## Friday is Elementary night

Bushnell and Alto elementary students attending Friday night's basketball game against East Grand Rapids will receive free admission if accompanied by a parent and are dressed in Red Arrow colors.

## Freestyle wrestling signup

Lowell freestyle wrestling signup will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Thursday, Feb. 15 at Cherry Creek Elementary cafeteria from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For information on cost, age groups and requirements, call Barb Carpenter, 897-6566 or Dennis Kimberlin, 874-9318.

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# Red Arrow spikers give front-running FH Rangers a scare

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's volleyball team played its best match of the year Thursday at Forest Hills Central.

Unfortunately sometimes a team's best is not enough against the conference leader.

Lowell fell to Central in three sets 15-8, 11-15, 3-15.

"The girls started out focused and calm," Lowell coach Jacki Malokofsky said. "Our serves in game one were zingers. They had something on them. The girls displayed controlled transitioning."

The Lowell coach believes her club's solid performance against Central is something it can build on.

Despite its struggle this season, Lowell's coach has held the faith. "I have always believed the girls had the heart and potential. The Central game showed me they also have the skill."

Lowell senior Dawn Burrows led the Red Arrows in kills with 10. Seven of those came in the first game.

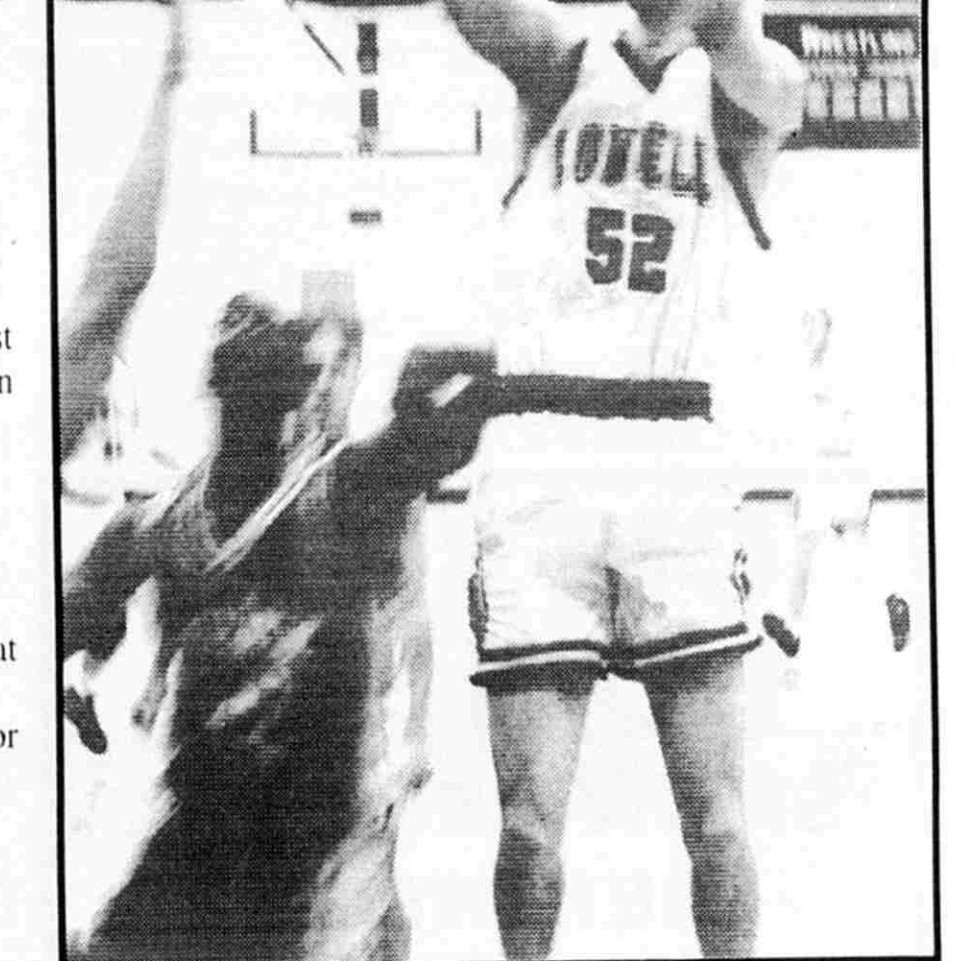
"Dawn did a wonderful job of placing her hits in game one," Malokofsky said. "I think it frustrated Central."

Burrows was also the team leader in digs with 11. Karen Dykstra contributed with 10.

Lowell's team serving percentage was 80 percent. Tracy Loughlin and Laurie Barton recorded team-leading three aces apiece.

Corrine Arnett led Lowell in assists with nine.

Malokofsky pointed to her club's lack of communication out on the floor as its downfall against the Rangers. "We didn't communicate which is why the girls didn't hang in there in game three," she said.



Kevin Brown goes up over a defender for a jump shot inside the lane.

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## Red Arrow grapplers come up short on experience in loss to Central

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills Central's wrestling program cleared a hurdle it has stumbled on in its previous 13 encounters.

"We've been close a couple of times," FHC coach Dave Mills said. "It's nice to get over the hurdle."

The Rangers defeated the Red Arrows 43-25 in a showdown between the only two remaining undefeated teams in the O-K White.

"The outcome is not a surprise," Lowell coach Gary Rivers said. "I told the kids they would have to wrestle their best to be close and they did."

Rivers said the difference in the match was Central's experience. "Central was better than us because of their seniors," Rivers said. "We made inexperienced mistakes."

The victory moved the Rangers to within a win of clinching a tie for the O-K White title.

Mills was not ready to begin thinking conference championship. "We're not going to overlook anyone. We also have the O-K White tournament which is always a great tournament."

Mills did, however, reflect on his first coaching win over Lowell.

"When you come into Lowell and win nine of 14 matches, that's a big win," Mills said. "I'm proud of our kids. I think we've taken the program to the next level."

Mills pointed to a match at 140 pounds as being a key. "We had a kid (Jason Mussman) in there who has done fairly well, but tonight he wrestled super." Mussman defeated Lowell's Dave Luyk 9-0.

Mills also felt the opening match at 103 between Ranger Noah Schout and Nick West was a big match. Schout won a thrilling 17-15 decision.

Casey Harper and Dan Spicer followed with wins at 112 and 119 respectively.

Harper pinned Mike Sampson at 3:36 of the second period. Spicer followed with a 13-4 decision over Neil Sickerman. The two wins gave Lowell an early 10-3 advantage.

The Rangers won six of the next seven matches. Lowell's only win was at 145. Matt Inman decisioned Matt Kasberger 5-0, pulling Lowell to within eight at 21-13.

The two teams split the last four matches. Lowell's Joel Uzarski pinned Nick Erickson at 4:30 of the third period.

Mike Minier, 215 pounds, pinned Scott Brockette at 3:15 of the second period.

Central's other wins came against Brett Plattner (125); Brad Lyons (130); Travis Ebmeyer (135); Scott Hays (152); Steve VanLaan (160); Tommy Dumas (189) and Jeff Hovinga (HWT).

"You can catch a kid every now and then, but most of the time the kid who is supposed to win does," Rivers said.

### Lakewood Invitational

Some may have wondered why Lowell was in a tournament with the ranked wrestling programs of Lakewood, Fowlerville and Middleville.

Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers was not one of them. The veteran Lowell coach believes wrestling quality teams is the best way for his young team to learn and get better.

"Our young kids learn every time they go out against a quality team," Rivers said. "We're not there yet, but we may be by the end of the year. If not, we certainly will be next year."

Lowell placed fourth behind Fowlerville, Middleville and Lakewood. West Ottawa was fifth.

"Fowlerville is strong. I think they are stronger than they

were a couple of years ago when they won the state title," Rivers said.

Fowlerville defeated Lowell 51-16 in the Red Arrows' third match of the day.

Lowell opened the tournament with a 40-27 defeat at the hands of Lakewood.

The Red Arrows were ahead 27-19 after the 160-pound match. "I thought if we could pick up a win or two, the rest of the way we would win," Rivers said. "Lowell didn't and Lakewood rallied to win."

One of the better matches of the dual meet was at 119 pounds. It pitted Dan Spicer against Phil Root. Spicer edged Root 8-7.

In his match against Fowlerville's Chris Williams, Spicer suffered his first defeat in 32 matches. Williams, a state champion a year ago at 103 pounds, defeated Spicer 19-6.

"Dan did not look good. He gave up too many takedowns (7)," Rivers said.

The Lowell coach recognized his sophomores for their continued improvement. "Luyk, Lyons and VanLaan keep getting better and better."

In its second match Lowell defeated Ovid Elsie 42-30. "I think we won some matches their coach didn't think we'd win," Rivers said.

Casey Harper defeated Nate Morgan 22-7 at 112 pounds. "Harper is 21-9 and is quietly having a pretty dang good year," Rivers said.

Scott Hays rebounded from a 15-7 deficit to pin Rob Tomasek in the third period.

Steve Van Laan overcame a 4-1 deficit in the second period to pin his man at 160 pounds.

Lowell finished the day with a 63-18 win over West Ottawa and then lost to Middleville 51-12.

## Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE  
Lowell Schools  
Superintendent



I have a CB radio in my car that allows me to monitor our school bus drivers as they go about their daily work. Most of our jobs can be difficult and sometimes stressful. Of course the work of our bus drivers is no different. One important factor that makes the driving of our buses less demanding and perhaps even more enjoyable is the ability of our drivers to communicate with each other and the transportation office through CB radios. I am continually impressed with the

attitude and spirit of cooperation as our drivers work together to help each other do a more efficient, effective and safe job of transporting our children.

I can't help but think that this attitude of cooperation could well serve as an example for our entire school system and community. As we continue to search for new ways to improve the quality of both our schools and our community life, it is becoming more and more clear that it is only through cooperation and mutual problem solving that we can truly resolve our differences and obtain beneficial solutions for all.

The possibilities for cooperative efforts and mutual benefit seem endless. A few of the concepts that seem particularly important are the power of students learning together in our classrooms to mutually increase learning; the synergy that can be gained from teachers in our system working together through all grade levels to achieve a common learning vision for our children; the strength of schools and parents working together to increase learning for all children; as well as the potential enrichment of our entire community when govern-

mental units such as townships, cities and schools work together for the common good and enrichment of the people we serve.

Cooperation is a choice that is clearly available to us all. While it is not always an easy road, it is perhaps our only option is our vision is increased quality for our schools and community. The Lowell community has a rich and long tradition of working together for the betterment of its children and citizens. Perhaps 1996 will be remembered as the year that the Lowell community built upon its rich past to develop even a brighter future for its children and citizens.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.

## Moore's detailed acrylic paint work earns her a national award

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jill Moore's resume reads like a smorgasbord. The Lowell resident earned a degree in chemistry from Michigan State University.

She works as an accountant for the juvenile court and is also the dog catcher for the city of Lowell.

So it will come as no surprise to tell you that she recently won a national painting award given out by Wood Strokes magazine.

Moore started painting as a child. Labeling her painting as a hobby, she continues to stroke her painting ambitions. Teaching a painting class in the Grandville/Wyoming area is on her list of things to do.

Moore entered the Wood Strokes painting contest on somewhat of a whim.

"I came across the contest while reading the magazine," Moore said. That was on Jan. 8. All entries had to be in by the 12th.

"I came up with an idea and then sketched it out at work and at the light by Fuller and the expressway," Moore said.

The idea was then given to Al Groendyke. "Al's the best wood cutter I've come across. I met him at an art show."

Groendyke needed four-and-a-half hours to cut out the detailed work. He created a duck coming out of an egg while holding the top half of the egg up as an umbrella. From that, small prisms were hung from the umbrella and the duck to make it look as if it were raining.

When Groendyke was through, Moore went to work on it with her acrylic paints. Moore liked the final product which stood 12 by 18 inches tall but said it wasn't something she would have kept.



With the wood-cutting assistance of her friend Al Groendyke, she entered and won the Wood Strokes painting contest.

"I liked it. I was happy with it, but it wasn't something I would have kept. It was too cute," she explains.

Moore has a number of pieces of her artwork stored in boxes. Much of it she is critical of - all of it, though, displays her detailed painting deftness.

She holds up a detailed three dimensional wooden scarecrow. "This is cute too, but it sold well at the art show."

While she has sold some of her work at art shows, it isn't something she wants to do on a full-time basis.

"I couldn't do enough work to keep up. Not only that, but I don't like to do something more than once. That takes away from the creativity," Moore said.

Moore has already finished her next piece of artwork that she will enter in a design ornament contest.

"The problem with winning is I'm no longer in the hobbyist category. I've been put in the published artist category," Moore explains.

That ornament is a cup full of hot chocolate. Her paint

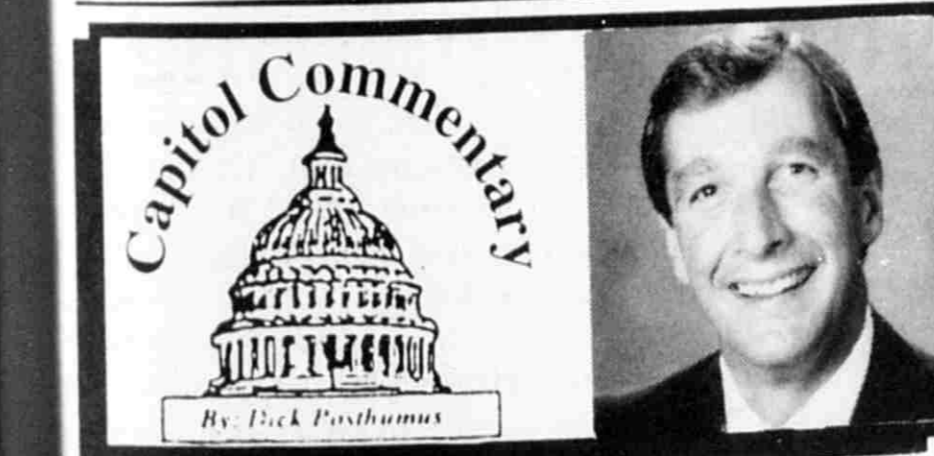
work gives it the perception that the cup is tilted. Floating at the top of the cup is a small mouse on a marshmallow. On the side of the cup, the top part of a spoon pokes out from the top of the hot chocolate.

"The hardest part of painting on something flat is making it look three dimensional," Moore said.

The Lowell artist was having a tough time envisioning how the mouse might look on the marshmallow.

"I was out one day taking care of our horses when I spotted a little mouse in the grain bucket. I conked it on the head and took it inside. I stuck it inside a cup and used that to work from," Moore explains, with a grin and then a laugh. "Yes, I threw the cup away."

For winning the Wood Strokes contest, Moore received a two-speed scroll saw and \$30 worth of books.



### THE SENATE PASSES RENAISSANCE ZONE LEGISLATION

"It's almost impossible to get the ball away from Steve and getting into our offense is the first step to running it as best as we can," Bush said. "Steve has had a hard time in the beginning, but he's getting better after every practice and game. It also allows us to use some other players off the bench who can fill in his role underneath."

Filling in is exactly what Kevin Brown has done. He has posted several double-doubles (double figures in points and rebounds) and has taken the pressure off Bosserd to post up.

"Against Park (Wyoming) he had 15 points and 11 rebounds and he had 18 points and 11 rebounds against Forest Hills Central. We weren't getting that kind of production out of that position before," Bush said.

Lowell may not have a lot of size, but Bush said using Bosserd at guard gives his team some height in the back court.

"Now that we know what our players can do, we can focus on our goal of winning the district title," Bush said. "Physically we're in better shape than a lot of teams and by controlling the tempo we make them play both sides of the court at all times. All we need is to be in it in the fourth quarter and we'll find a way to win."

Bush implemented his new offensive game plan last week against Wyoming Park and although the team didn't win, Bush was happy with what he saw.

"We only practiced it for two days and we still were able to compete in the end," he said. "Once we get the passing down and know exactly what we want to do, we will be able to win more games than we did in the first half of the season. Once we get confidence from that, we can go in the district and compete for the title."

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Any reviewer who expresses rage and loathing for a novel is preposterous. He or she is like a person who has put on full armor and attacked a hot fudge sundae.

—Kurt Vonnegut

## Fisher qualifies for regional in floor exercise in loss to Holland

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a floor routine Skye Fisher will look back on and remember fondly.

The Red Arrow gymnast scored a 7.9 in a meet against Holland. It qualified her for the regional in the floor event. It will mark the first time in Fisher's gymnastic career that she will compete in a regional.

"Skye was quite happy about the whole thing," Lowell gymnastic coach Michele DeHaan said.

Holland defeated Lowell 139.5-95.6.

Shannon Laux and Brenda Lacey recorded team-best scores of 8.1 in the floor exercise, tying them for fourth overall. Red Arrow Trisha Schmidt scored a 5.45.

Lowell continued down its road of steady improvement on the balance beam.

Lacey and Fisher tied for fourth overall with a score of 7.55. Laux tallied a 7.05 and Schmidt finished with a 5.45. "The girls have really come a long way on the balance beam. They have cut their falls to nearly none," DeHaan said.

With their performances at the Holland meet, Laux, Lacey and Fisher are all within two qualifying scores of being eligible for the regional in the balance beam event.

Lowell continued with its consistency on the vault. Laux handed in a season-best score of 8.25. "Shannon's routine is a half twist on and a half twist off the vault," DeHaan said.

Lacey scored a 7.9 while Fisher and Schmidt finished with a 6.25 and 5.75 respectively.

Only Lacey and Schmidt competed on the uneven bars for the Red Arrows. Lacey scored a 7.05 and Schmidt tallied a 3.2.

## Lowell cagers slow opposition with game plan designed around passing

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

With a record of 1 and 10, most basketball teams would be thinking of playing out the season and trying again next year, but for Lowell's varsity squad the season is just beginning.

Despite their recent woes, coach Pete Bush said his team still has high hopes of winning a district championship.

"My coaches and myself needed time to get to know what kind of players we had and now that we've done that we expect to make a run for the districts," he said.

To help with that run the coaching staff has altered their game plan - from a running fast-paced game to one of ball control and passing.

"We've tried to play a fast-paced game, but we just don't have the size or speed to compete with some of the other teams, so we decided to make them play our game," Bush said.

Lowell's game will now be a slow but efficient passing game designed to make the opposition work at both ends of the court.

"We won't score 50 or 60 points a game, we can't, but we can control the tempo and be in a position to win in the fourth quarter," he said. "We're not talking about a stall or four corners offense. We want to run the offense so we can get the ball in the best position to score."

Where that scoring will come from depends heavily on who is in the game for Lowell and what the opposition is trying to dictate.

Bush knows he has certain players who can hit the three-point shot, slash to the hole or post up for easy baskets, so he wants to make sure they get the ball in the right position to use their talents.

One way of doing this is by using Steve Bosserd as his starting guard as opposed to the past when Bosserd was mainly a post up player.

"Earlier in the year we had problems getting the ball across half court against the press and the turnovers really hurt us," he said. "Steve is our best and strongest ball handler so we switched him there to combat the pressing."

Although Bush admits the switch wasn't easy for Bosserd, he does believe it is the best way for his offense to get in gear.

## CITY OF LOWELL SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

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# LAAC presents its 19th annual winter play

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

When the curtain opens on Feb. 8 it will mark the 19th anniversary of the Lowell Area Arts Council's winter play.

"Lowell didn't have an event in the winter, so the play was a natural," said Dode Dey, who has played a part in 17 of the 19 LAAC plays.

Since the genesis of the winter play in 1977, it has provided residents with a reason to venture out of their warm homes in February.

While it still warms the hearts of play-goers with laughter, the LAAC play has an even bigger role to play 17 years later.

It is counted on to help provide operating revenue for the Lowell Area Arts Council. "It generates about \$3,000 worth of revenue for the arts council," Dey says. "It is needed since we no longer receive state funding."

This year's performance *Play On* is set around an amateur theater which is having financial difficulty.

To save the theater group some money, it decides to perform an unpublished play, thus avoiding royalty fees.

"The author keeps coming in and making changes in the script," Dey says. "What follows are a string of mistakes with the set and costumes."

*Play On* was written by Rick Abbot and will be directed by former Lowell resident Sue Bradford.

Production of the Abbot play has required the efforts of approximately 30 volunteers. "It involves so many people," Dey says. "There are 10 cast members."

For four of the members *Play On* is the first LAAC production they've been involved in.

Tryouts for the play began in November. Play read-throughs initiated in December. Practicing five days a week

began in January.

"We began practicing without books on Friday," Dey said. "That is when you begin developing characterizations, actions and movement."

Dey plays the role of Phyllis Montague. "She thinks she's a good author - she's not. She kind of lives in her own world."

Each performance will begin at 8 p.m. on Feb. 8th, 9th and 10th (Thursday thru Saturday) at Lowell's Performing Arts Center (high school).

Ticket prices for Thursday night's show are \$5. Senior citizens and students will be admitted for \$4.

All tickets on Friday and Saturday are \$7. Reservations will be taken up through Feb. 9.

"If *Play On* is as much fun as we have had practicing, then the audience will love it," Dey says.

## Mock robbery a preamble to the real thing

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

From a mock setting to the real deal in a week.

The Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team participated in a mock bank robbery and hostage-taking at Lowell's FMB State Savings Bank on Jan. 2.

A little more than a week later, it was called to a bank robbery in Houghton that had gone bad and in which hostages were taken.

"It was a very tense situation," said Lt. Phil Ackley. It was barely a week old when they received a call involving the real deal.

The incident involved a suspect attempting to rob a bank. The alarm was activated, but before fleeing with a bank teller and \$70,000, he shot another bank teller in the arm (unfortunately they weren't able to save the teller's arm).

The suspect strapped a homemade explosive device to the hostage and held the detonator in his hand.

"The Houghton City Police pursued the vehicle, shot the tires out, leaving it disabled in downtown Houghton," Ackley said.

The hostage standoff lasted from 3 p.m. until 8 a.m. the next morning - the reason being the severity of the weather.

It took Ackley 10 hours to drive 491 miles in a snow storm that dropped nearly 40 inches of snow.

Of the 43-man team that participated in the mock robbery/hostage-taking at FMB, 13 found their way to Houghton in the storm.

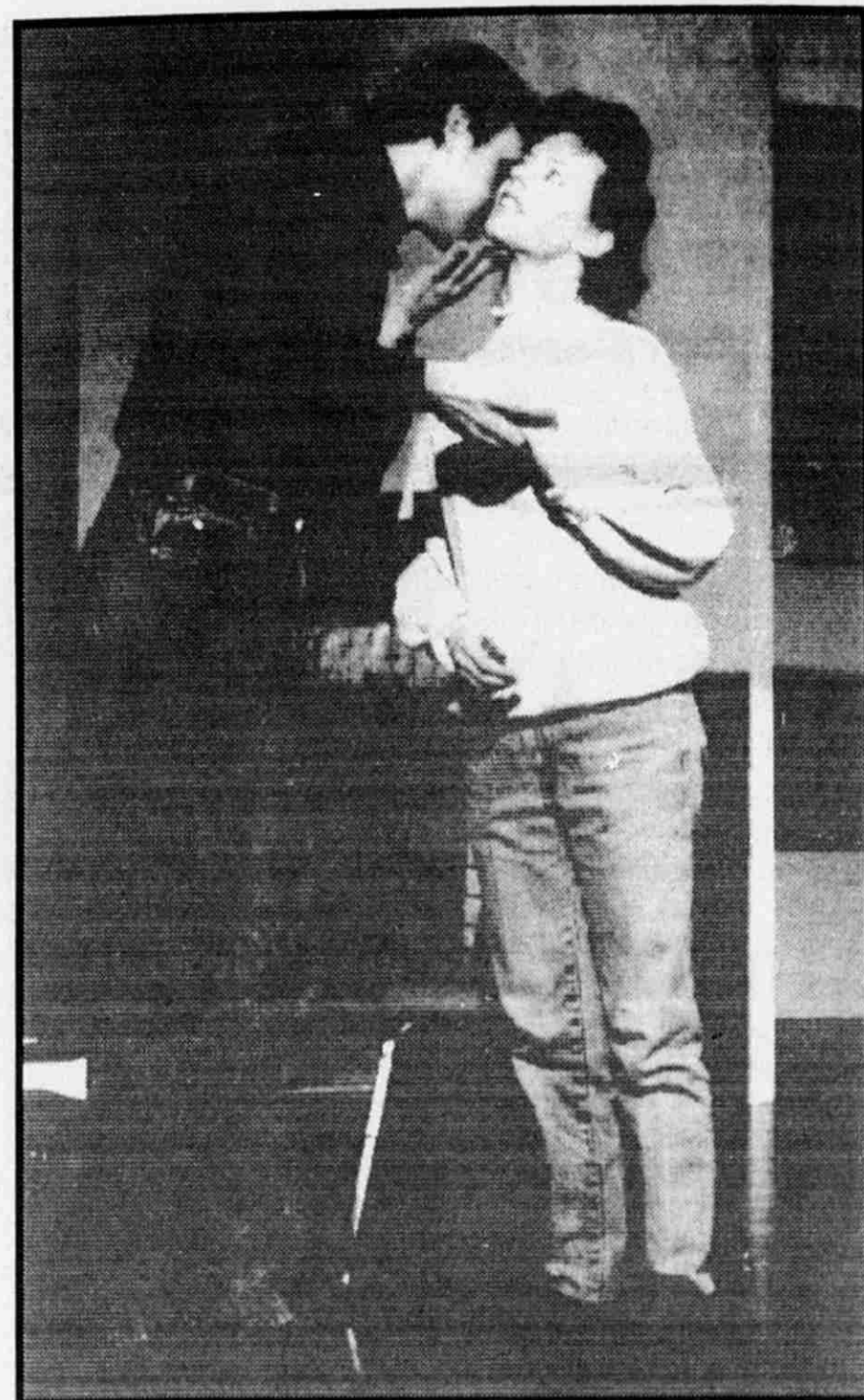
"While the weather worked against us in getting to the hostage-taking, it worked for us in keeping the media away and thus keeping the suspect out of the limelight," Ackley said.

"The Houghton City Police did an excellent job of trying to resolve the situation," Ackley said. "The suspect had a history of mental problems." He kept cutting the bank teller's hair and throwing it out the window, threatening to kill her if his demands weren't met.

After negotiations failed, the suspect was shot and the bank teller was brought to safety.

"The difference in the robbery/hostage taking that we participated in at Houghton was the suspect got away in a car with a hostage and money (approximately \$70,000)," Ackley said.

**Editor's Note:** A cutline to the mock bank robbery story in the Jan. 17 edition of the Ledger misidentified the Michigan State Police Emergency Support Team as a Kent County SWAT team.



Play On opens Feb. 8 at the Performing Arts Center.

## Optec's Persha presents preliminary site plan

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Can a 1,300 square foot addition be built without a variance?

That was the question posed to the Lowell Planning Commission by Optec owner Jerry Persha.

What Persha learned at Optec's preliminary site plan review is that not one but two variances will be needed.

Optec's preliminary plan currently calls for a minimum lot area of 17,424 square feet where 20,000 square feet is required.

A 50-foot side setback is required on the north side of Chatham. Optec has proposed 20 square feet.

The preliminary plan was nonconforming in its front setback on Smith Street with 50 feet required. Optec's plan calls for 20.

The 1,300 square foot addition will house Diversified Tool (a separate corporation).

"A few years ago we put on a 1,500 square foot addition. I didn't think I'd be back here so soon, but I am," Persha said.

That addition was put on in the spring of 1993. It increased the size of the different departments and allowed for the addition of a prototype machine shop.

Persha said he is hoping to start the new project in the spring. "It is not as complex a project as the 1993 addition," Persha said. "I expect it will be ready to roll in June."

## Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



### SOFT CONTACT LENSES ARE NOT RISK FREE

Eight years ago, when soft contact lenses were introduced, they promised hassle free vision and gave no indication that there may be associated risk with their usage. Now, a study done recently in London, England, reveals that doctors are seeing more instances of certain painful eye infections in those individuals who use disposable lenses. Why is this? It appears that many people who wear disposable lenses take them out at night but don't properly disinfect them. They incorrectly assume that such care is needed only with long term contact lenses.

Ophthalmologists estimate that several hundred people a year in the United States get these painful eye infections, and they worry that the risk may be growing because nearly half of the 20 million Americans with contact lenses now wear the toss-away soft variety.

What's the take-home message here? Clean your lenses with a hydrogen peroxide lens solution every time you take them out of your eyes. Also, empty your lens case each morning, leaving it open to dry thoroughly, thereby killing any of the bugs trying to reside there.

## Commentary, cont'd.... From Page 19

I feel the best welfare program, the best affirmative action program, and one of the best anticrime programs that we can offer is to provide opportunities for people to work and to share in the American dream. Renaissance Zones will help people to do just that.

The nation is already starting to take note of this exciting plan. Many mayors from across the state are excited about this bold strategy. Experts of inner-city development are praising this legislation. John Bryant, chief executive officer of Operation Hope, a nonprofit investment bank founded to develop Los Angeles after the 1992 riots said of Renaissance Zones: "You are starting to create the foundation for the American dream."

It's important to recognize that our states cannot fulfill their enormous potential unless all of our citizens are able to move up the economic ladder. Renaissance Zones represent the greatest opportunity we have to enable these areas to join the rest of our state as it leads the nation into the 21st century. As we begin to put this legislation into place in Michigan, I expect that other states will use our bold experiment as a blueprint for their own revitalization plans.

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## A peaceful calm begins to settle over newly renovated township hall

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

After months of delays, the new Lowell Township Hall renovation is nearing a completion.

The dust and chaos that ruled the project in December and early January has subsided to a peaceful calm as Lowell officials begin to enjoy their new office setting.

The project, which cost approximately \$600,000, almost doubles the space available at the hall to 8,000 square feet.

Among the many amenities provided by the expansion include separate offices for the township clerk, treasurer and supervisor (only the supervisor had an office with actual walls before the renovation).

Secretaries now greet visitors at their desk behind a counter and a small conference room offers space to township officials.

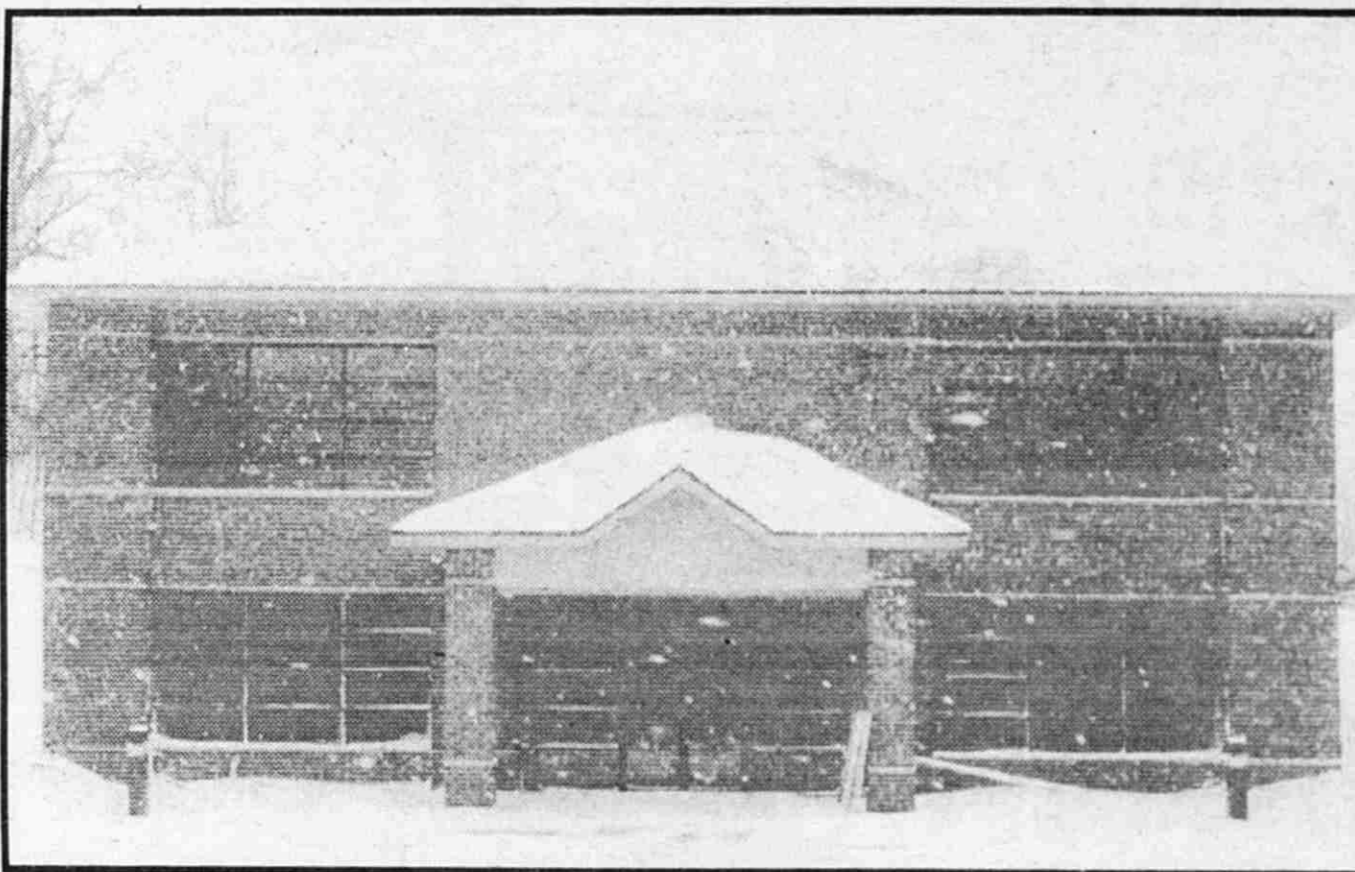
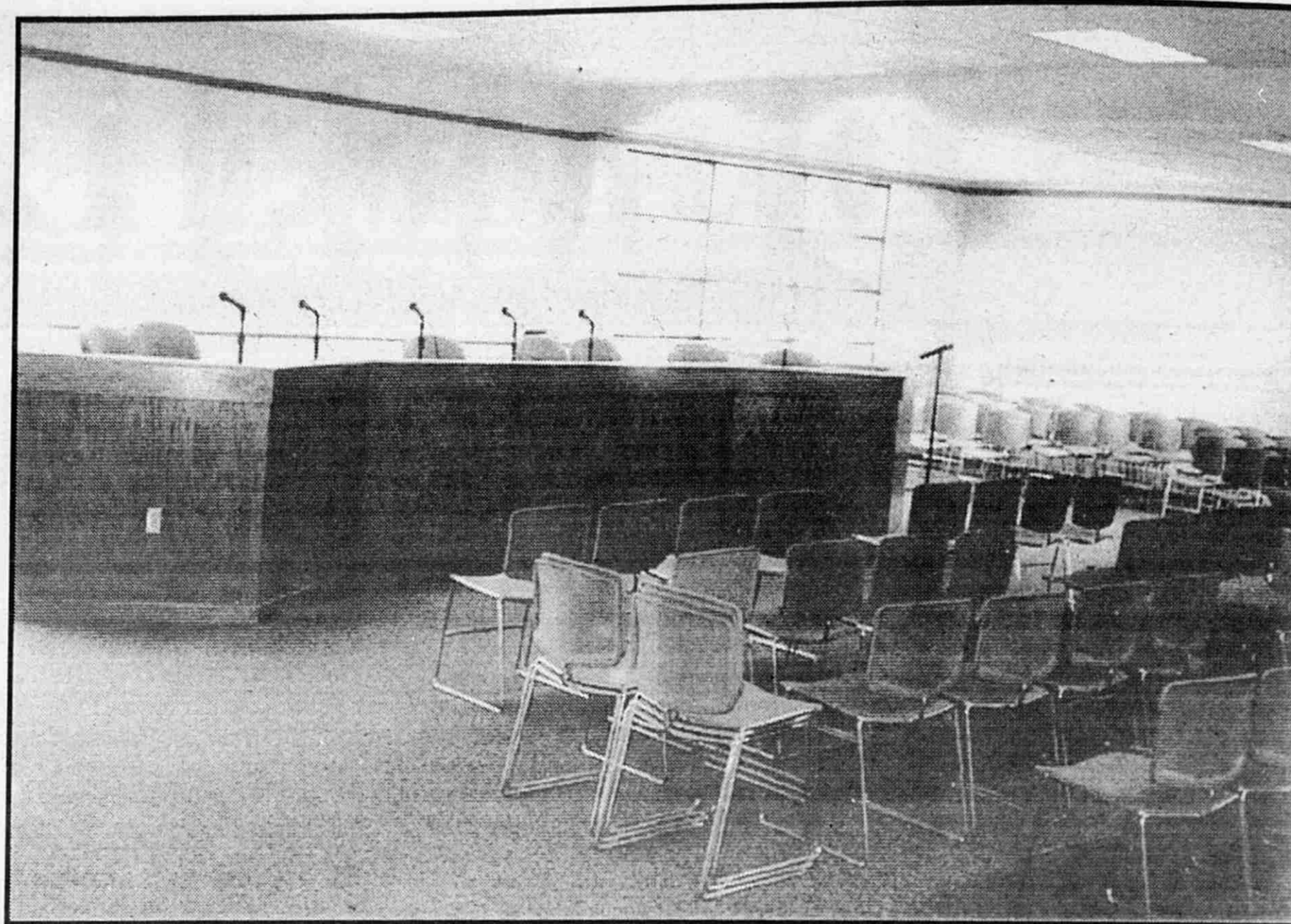
The days of standing at public hearings in the hall are now a thing of the past with the addition of a meeting room designed to accommodate more than 200 visitors (chairs are also provided).

The site is handicapped accessible to both the upper and lower floors, and residents looking for some space for a gathering may rent out the hall.

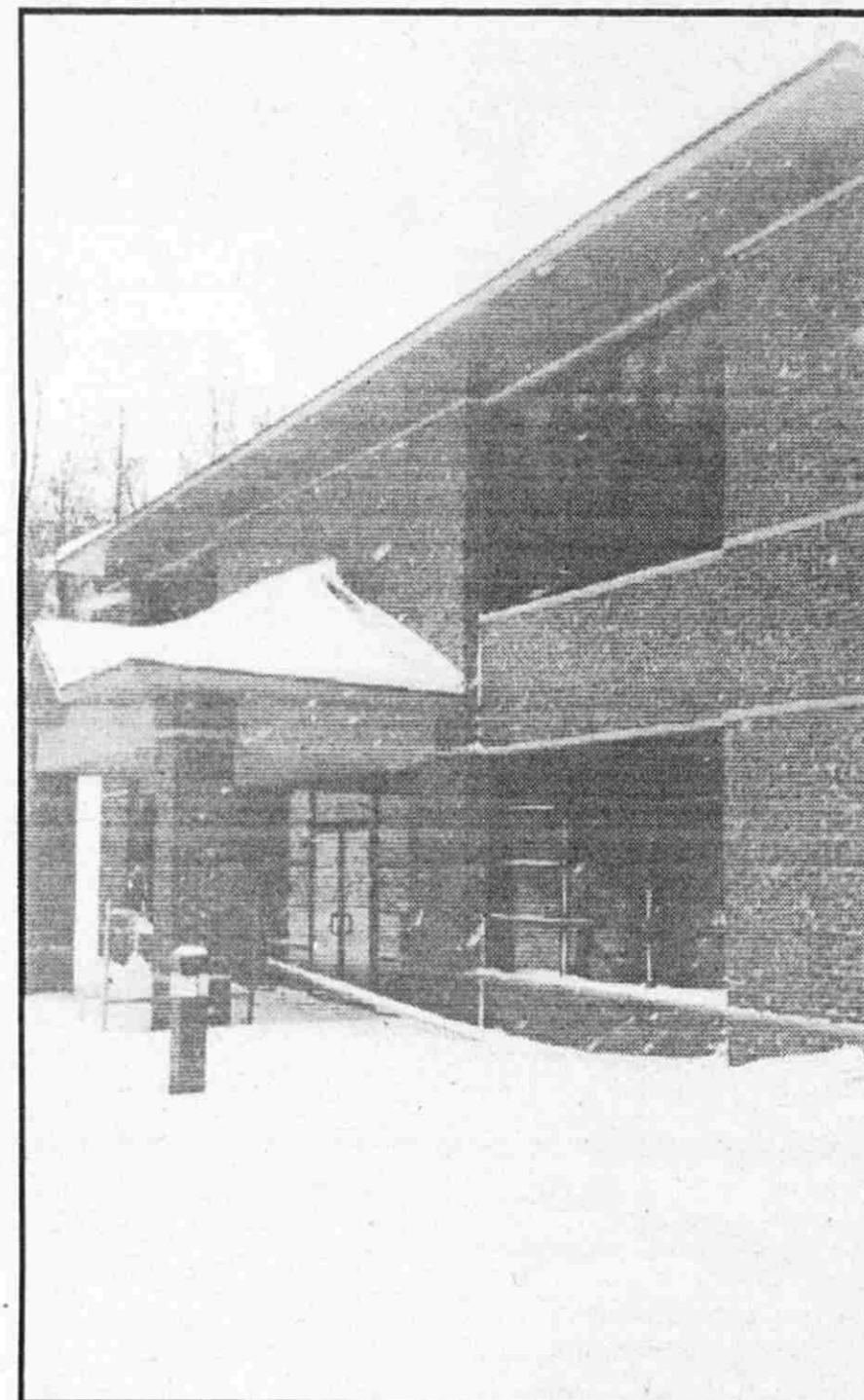
Township officials had expected the project to be completed in October, but delays caused the project to last longer than expected, even forcing the hall to close a couple days a week in December.

"It caused some people to be unhappy when it came time to pay for their taxes, but other than that it hasn't been too bad," said Lowell Charter Township Supervisor John Timpson.

Township officials say the public will really notice the improvements in November when the presidential election rolls around.



The \$600,000, 8,000 square foot newly renovated Lowell Township Hall will be a welcomed site for officials and voters come the November presidential election.



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It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.

—Winston Churchill

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

One-Half Day For All Students

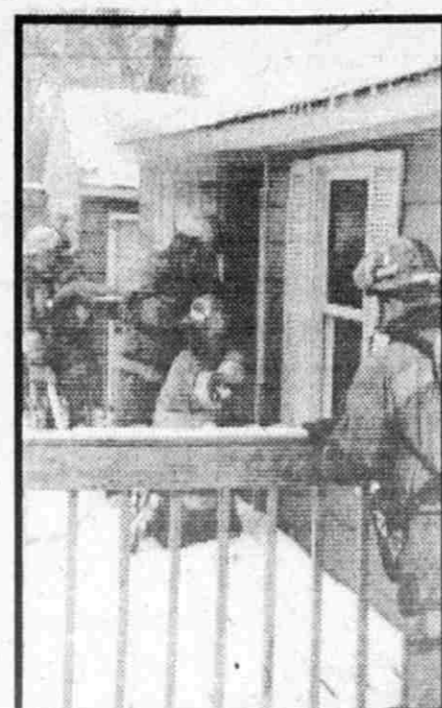
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Staff will meet for School Improvement in P.M.



## Lowell home suffers smoke damage

Lowell's Rich Hewitt and Jonathan Smit were looking out a picture window Sunday at about 1:30 p.m. when they noticed smoke coming from the roof of a house owned by Russ Phillips. Smith called 911 and Hewitt checked to see if anyone was home. Lowell firefighters got to the scene at 517 Lincoln Lake in time to prevent the home from burning. A malfunction in a kerosene heater led to an estimated \$5,000-\$6,000 in smoke damage, according to Lowell assistant fire chief Frank Leasure.



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ancient Romans believed in

the romantic potency of eat-

ing hippopotamus snouts and

hyena eyes. Today, chocolate,

tomatoes, artichokes, avocados,

cheese, mushrooms, and

strawberries are commonly

considered to promote romance,

although there is no scientific

basis for this amorous reputation.

If you'd prefer to woo your

lover on Valentine's Day with

tomatoes, mushrooms and

chocolate rather than hippo

snouts and hyena eyes, weight

management expert Jenny Craig

offers these two delicious recipes

from her new cookbook, *The*

*Jenny Craig Cookbook*.

**VEGETABLE-CHEESE LINGUINE**

Freshly grated

Parmesan cheese

1. Coat a large nonstick

skillet with cooking spray;

place over medium-high

heat until hot. Add mushrooms

and green onions; sauté 3 minutes.

Add spinach and next 3 ingredients; cook 1 minute. Set

aside, and keep warm.



1/4 cup minced fresh parsley

2 tablespoons canned low-sodium chicken broth, undiluted

3 ounces linguine, uncooked

3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

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and green onions; sauté 3 minutes.

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It was an old custom

in England to draw lots for

sweethearts on Valentine's

Day, the person drawn

being given a present,

sometimes of an expensive

kind, but more often a pair of

gloves. The custom is said to

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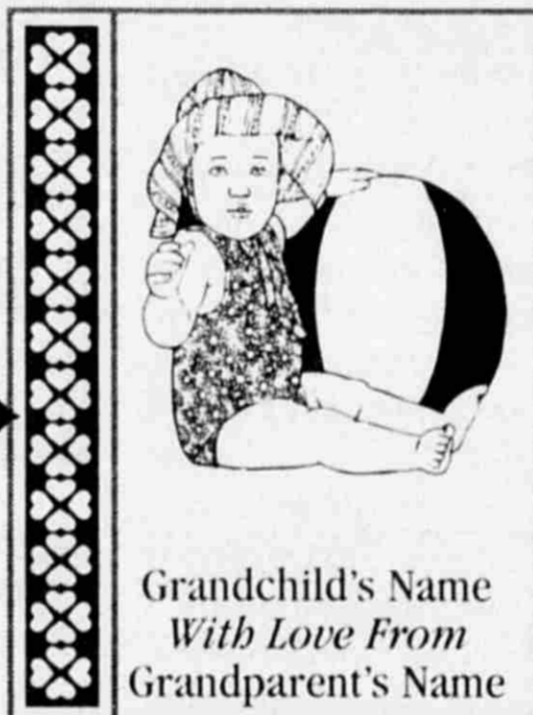
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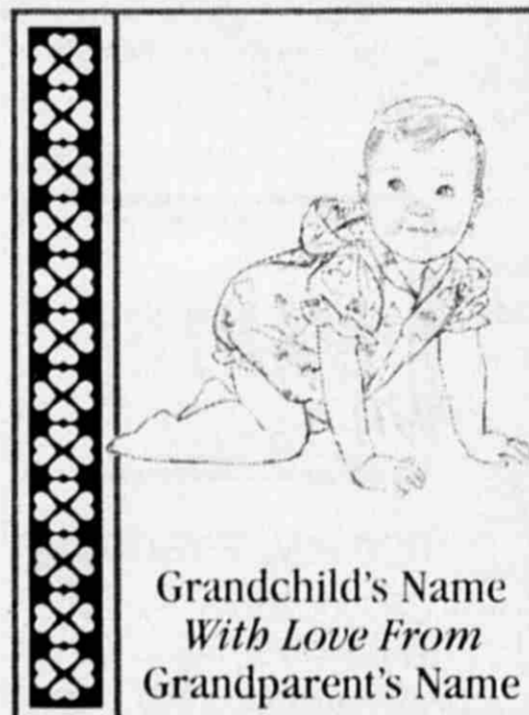
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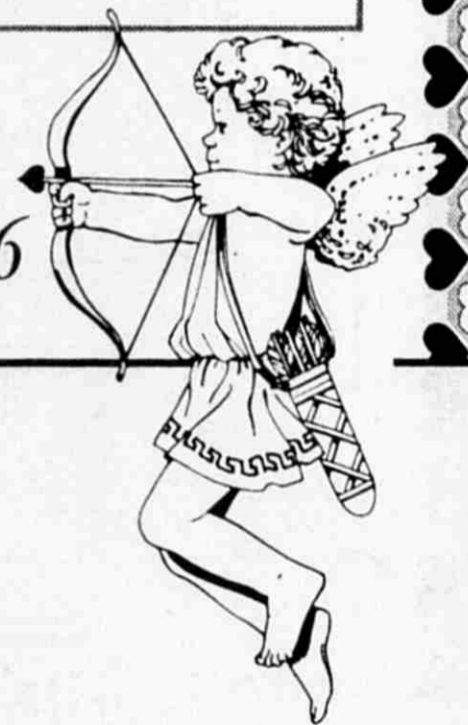
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