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## The search continues for the person(s) responsible for the pipe bombing

••• Kent County officials say bombing could have been lethal; school officials and community wipe their brow that it wasn't. •••

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kent County Sheriff Department's Jerry Troszkowski was not surprised by the damage left by a pipe bomb with hand-grenade-like power.

"Usually we're called to render safety and not post-blast aide," said Troszkowski.

The explosion left school officials, students and the Lowell community asking why.

Kent County Sheriff Department investigator John Orange, the lead investigator in the case, said late Monday afternoon that they were still reviewing leads.

"Right now all we're working with is speculation," Orange said. "Speculation and \$100 won't even buy you a car."

However, the school's \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for placing the pipe bomb in a wastepaper basket in D hall has officials hoping someone will come forward with information.

Orange said he and school officials have talked

to a lot of people, but as of Monday none of the information has led to the culprit(s). Orange said this is not his case. "This is a community project where everybody should be working to find out

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**Kent County Sheriff Detective, John Orange**

who is responsible for the pipe bomb explosion," Orange said.

The state bomb squad spent the better part of three hours collecting evidence from the explosion aftermath. The evidence was taken back to the lab to determine what type of bomb it was and how it was put together.

Sergeant Jim Bullock of the state bomb squad said details of what type of bomb and how it went off would not be identified until after the culprit is identified.

Kent County Sheriff De-

partment sergeant Jim DuVall said this was the first time he could remember a bomb going off without any threat or warning. Lieutenant Larry Flynn concurred. "This is the first time in years I've heard of there actually being a bomb," he said.

Students and staff were evacuated safely from the building within minutes of the explosion.

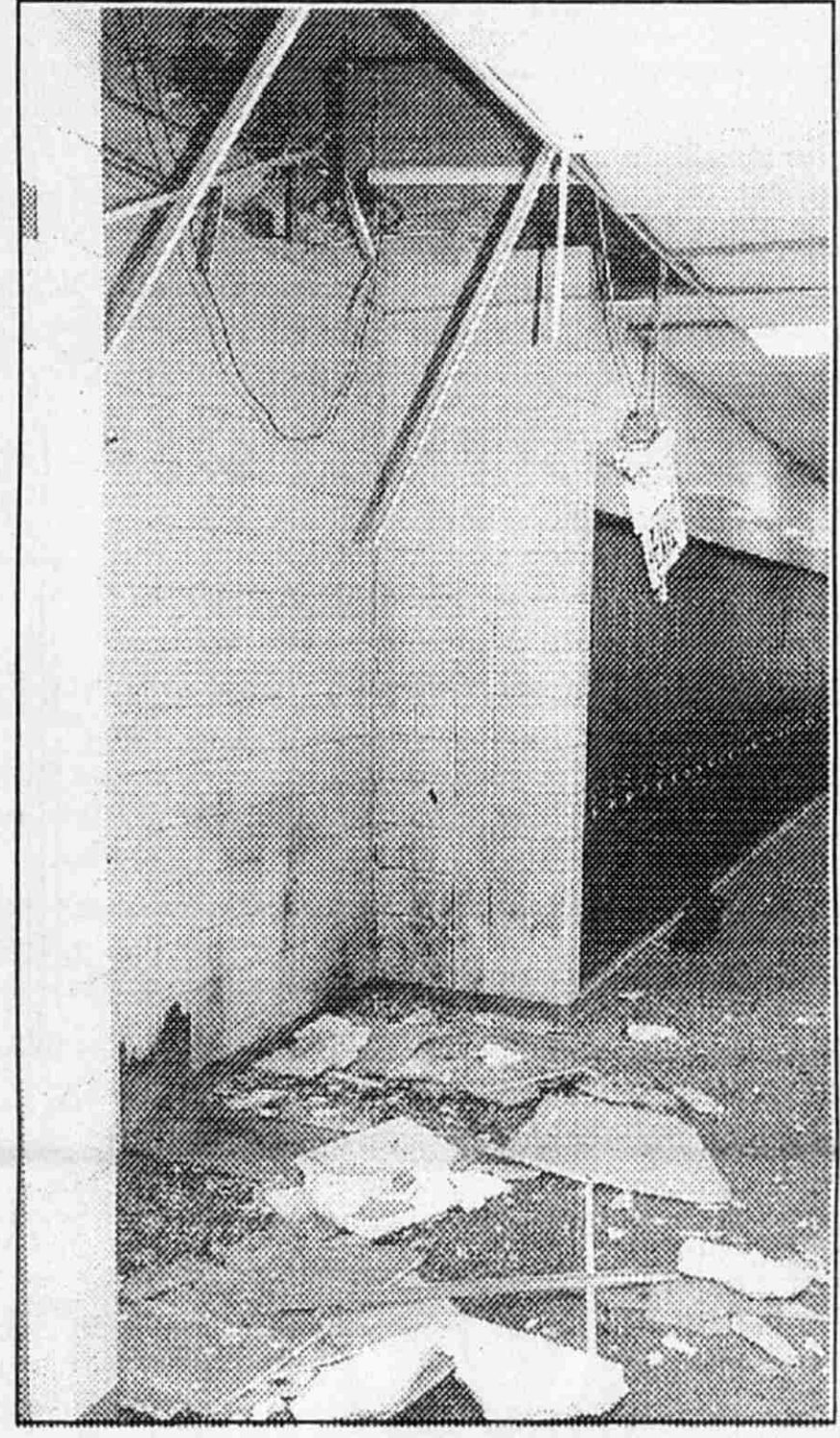
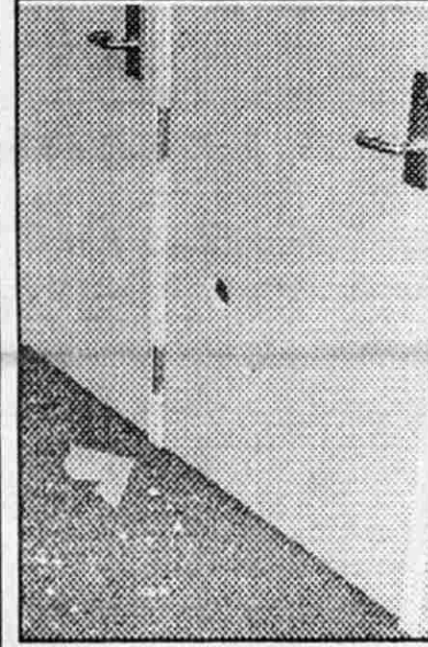
"The explosion could have been lethal," Orange said.

Physical education teacher Bob Rodenhouse said the bomb shattered a portion of the brick wall. "There was smoke billowing out of the hallway," Orange said.

Following evacuation from the school, students were directed to Red Arrow stadium where they were informed of what had happened and that they were being sent home.

Students were not allowed to remove their cars from the parking lot until the go ahead was given from the state police.

Lowell Schools superintendent Bert Bleke said the school would prosecute the culprit to the fullest extent of the law.



The state bomb squad sifted through pieces of debris of all shapes and sizes before taking evidence back to the lab for studies. The bomb squad was on the scene for approximately four hours.

## Bomb explosion ignites questions about safety and security of students and staff

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Following the aftermath of the pipe bomb explosion in D hallway Wednesday morning at Lowell High School, administrators are looking for answers to tough security and safety questions.

"I think we have to look at things logically and we have to ask some tough questions," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said.

The superintendent believes Lowell High School is a secure facility.

A question Bleke thinks needs to be answered is what the school can do in the short term to make it even more secure.

"I think we should do everything within absolute reason to insure the building is secure," said Bleke. "However, I cannot give a 100 percent guarantee that this won't happen again."

Bleke has some ideas on possible short-term measures that can be taken to help insure facility security. Steps may include the following:

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**Lowell Superintendent, Bert Bleke**

••• Reducing access into the building to just two doors in all the buildings.

••• Having adults at the doorways when students arrive in the morning.

••• Talking to the secondary students about ways they can help take care of themselves.

••• Increasing security in the evenings.

••• Examining the building usage in the evening. "We want the building to remain open, but maybe we need to be more careful with its accessibility," Bleke said.

He adds, "I don't think we can overreact when it comes to the safety of the students and staff. However, this incident will not lead to surveillance and metal detectors. A student (s) making a huge mistake I don't believe is a legitimate reason."

The Lowell superintendent said he was very pleased with how students and staff reacted to the emergency. In retrospect

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### Innocence gets blasted from a pristine school setting

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The burst of activity in the hallway had passed as Lowell High School students changed from their second to third hour class and teachers began to take roll and organize the activities for the hour.

Two minutes into the third hour a second burst of activity detonated in D hallway. This was not a sound of students passing from class to class. This was what state bomb officials would later identify as a pipe bomb that exploded inside a waste basket.

While the noise did not come directly from students, it

was the work of a student (s).

The noise from the explosion resounded throughout the building.

Kim Nyson, the secretary to Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw, was sitting at her desk in the high school office just inside the east entranceway when she heard a loud noise. "It was extremely loud. It was so loud it sounded like it was outside our office door."

Lowell High School junior Rob Cindric, a student in Dave Stegehuis' third-hour drafting class, said he could feel the explosion in his head and chest. "There was a lot of pressure," Cindric said. "It felt like a vacuum. We (the

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## OBITUARIES

**BLOCHER** - Rev. J. LeRoy Blocher of Tustin, formerly of Lowell, died Saturday, April 27, 1996 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. He was 70. Mr. Blocher was born September 10, 1925 near Cedar Springs. He married Retha Singell January 14, 1955. He served in the U.S. Army in the Europe Theater during World War II. In Liepsig, Germany, he served as honor guard at the meeting of the U.S. and Russian armies at the close of World War II. He graduated from Marion (Ind.) College in 1958 and received his teaching certificate from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind., in 1965. He also attended Western Michigan University and central Michigan University in graduate studies. He was an ordained minister by

the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1960 and served parishes in Clarksville, Dowagiac, Edgerts, Marion and Evert, retiring in 1992. He is survived by his wife; children Lee (Candace) Blocher of Sault Ste. Marie, Carolyn (Dr. David) Smith of Peoria, Ill., Ruth Ann Murray of Tustin and Sharon (Rick) Wing of LeRoy; brothers George and Loren of Lowell, LaVern of White Cloud, and Leo of Chapleau, Ont.; sister Betty Craig of Clarksville; sister-in-law Donna Blocher of Lowell; and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister. Services were held Tuesday at Church of the Nazarene in Reed City. Rev. Daniel Singell officiating. Burial in Dover Township

Cemetery in Bristol. Memorial tributes may be made to Edgerts Wesleyan Church or Missionaries Russell and Mary Cooper of New Guinea.

**DUBICKE** - Vincent J. Dubicke, aged 59, passed away Saturday, April 27, 1996 at Metropolitan Hospital. He was preceded in death by a daughter Patricia Dubicke. Surviving are his sons, Gerald and Gary Dubicke of Grand Rapids; his daughters Debra (Randall) Rosloniec of Rockford, Susan (Howard) White of Byron Center, Kathi (Randall) Ruesink of Lowell; eight grandchildren; a brother David (Lola) Dubicke of Sparta; an aunt, Ann Gabus; and several nephews and nieces. A Memorial Mass was offered Wednesday morning at S.S. Peter & Paul Church.

**SINCLAIR** - Daniel Raymond Sinclair, of Fenton, aged 85, died Tuesday, April 30, 1996 at Genesys-St. Joseph Campus. Mr. Sinclair was born in Lowell, December 30, 1910, the son of Mert and Mertie Sinclair. He married Doris Irene Mackley, June 23, 1935 in Lowell and moved to Flint later that year. He was a practicing pharmacist in Flint for 44 years. Mr. Sinclair was a member of Kirkridge Presbyterian Church. Surviving are two sons Daniel M. (Carol) Sinclair of Fenton, and Rev. Dr. Donald M. (Betty) Sinclair of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; six grandchildren, Dwight Sinclair, Dean Sinclair, Jeffrey Sinclair, Dale Sinclair, Danna Taylor and

and her sister Beatrice Douglass Maynard. She is survived by her children Susan Strobel of Grand Rapids, Robert Parrish of Wyoming, James (Meredith) Parrish of Alto, Linda Parrish (George Popa) of Nashville, TN, Kenneth (Sandra) Parrish of Ada and their father Harold Parrish of Saranac; grandchildren Shelley, Jill, and Julie Strobel, Patrick and Zachary Thompson, Kristen Parrish; great-granddaughter Mara Grace Strobel; special friend Dwight (Mick) Williams. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids. Arrangements by O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst.

**PARRISH** - Grace Ethel Parrish, aged 73, of Caledonia, passed away Monday, April 29, 1996 at her winter home in Okechochee, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents

**WITTENBACH** - Pauline H. Wittenbach, aged 86, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, May 1, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; and her son Gerald. She is survived by her children Glenn (Lois) Wittenbach of Lowell, Marilyn (Dr. Charles) Rhodes of Coloma, MI, Betty Lou (Kenneth) Korhorn of Ada; daughter-in-law, Joan Wittenbach of Lowell; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Alton Bible Church, Rev. Rick Floyd and Rev. Matt Olson officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alton Bible Church. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

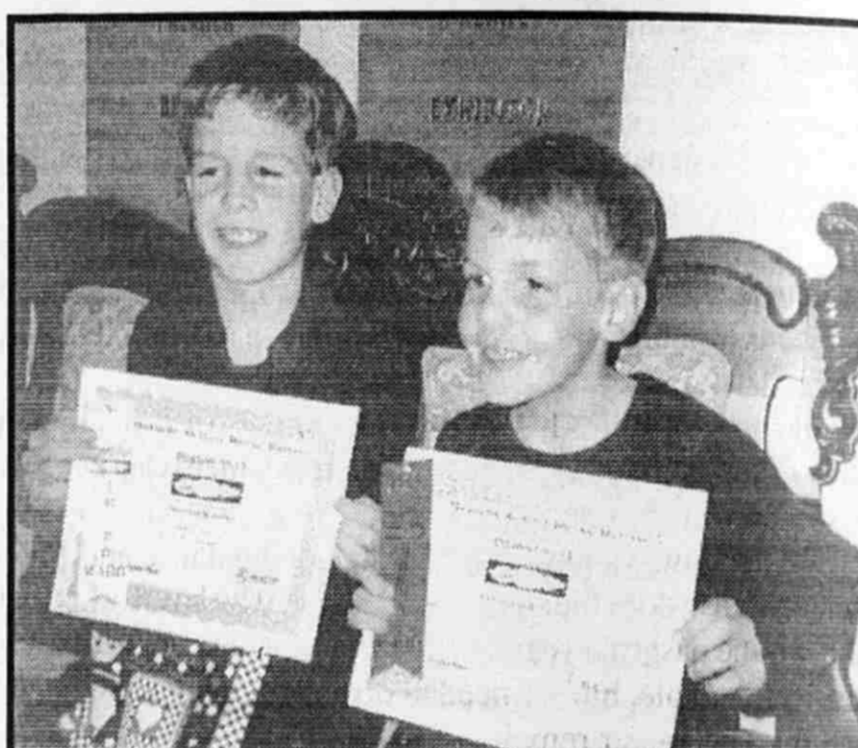
### M.A.D.D. poster/essay contest winners

Kent County MADD Chapter held their annual poster/essay contest.

Hundreds of posters and essay entries were on display at Breton Village Shopping Center. An awards ceremony was held for the winners in each division.

Local winners were Steven Koning, third place, fourth- to sixth-grade poster. He attends Cherry Creek Elementary. Christian Koning, second place, first- to third grade poster. He attends Bushnell Elementary School.

Winners received certificates, ribbons and cash prizes. The winning entries are forwarded to the state competition.



Steven and Christian Koning with certificates from poster/essay contest.

## Thank You

Mrs. Marguerite Shaler would like to thank Dr. Joan Miedema and staff, the ambulance crew, and Butterworth Hospital ER staff for all their help. But most important, she would like to thank her mailman, Al Simon, whom she feels "saved her life."

Marguerite Shaler  
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## Era comes to an end with Baird's decision to leave Vergennes Township Board

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

After more than 20 years of service to his community, Allen Baird has decided not to seek reelection on the Vergennes Township Board.

"I've been here for a while and I think it's about time somebody else got to have some fun," Baird said. Baird said his decision has nothing to do with problems regarding an individual or thing, but instead has to do with the amount of commitments he currently undertakes.

"I manage a baseball team and have a lot of other commitments within the community," Baird said. "I had to draw the line somewhere and this was it."

According to Baird, his tenure on the board began in the late 1970's and since then he is proud of several board accomplishments.

However, he said those accomplishments were not the reason he stayed on for as long as he did. "I believe being on the board is a community service. It's a way of helping out with things in the community," Baird said. "Lord knows you definitely don't become a trustee for the pay. It is something you have to like to do and like to see things go in the right direction."

With his new found time Baird plans on spending as much time with his family as possible.

"Family is one of the most important things for me," he said.

Baird's departure will be missed by the board as will his "lively conversations."

"Allen always has the best interest of the rural community at heart. It was important for him that Vergennes maintain its rural atmosphere and I support him on that," said township clerk Mari Stone.

Stone said Baird has done a "great job" of managing the area's rural character and hopes his replacement can keep that same interest.

"Allen always gave the board a good balance and I hope someone else does the same," said Stone, who has worked with him for the past two years. "Growth is going to come our way, that's inevitable, but we need to do a good job managing it so our rural character remains."

Those interested in filling Baird's seat must obtain an election packet from the Kent County Clerk's Office, 300 Monroe NW in Grand Rapids, and submit the completed forms to Stone, at the Vergennes Township Hall, by 3 p.m. on

Monday (May 13).

Interested persons must submit 7-29 signatures from registered voters to be considered eligible for the November ballot.

Stone will verify the signatures and submit the applications by the county deadline of 4 p.m. on Tuesday (May 14).



### Lowell's Getting a Makeover

The long-awaited Downtown Development Authority city renovation project will begin May 13th. DDA chairman Jim Reagan hosted a groundbreaking ceremony commemorating the start of the project. Joining Reagan for the ceremony at Main and Lafayette streets, front row, left to right, are: Marea Borg, FMB State Savings Bank; Dave Pasquale, city manager; Charlene Chapman, DDA board member; Reagan; Liz Baker, Lowell Chamber of Commerce; Judy Harrison, county commissioner; back row, left to right, are: Bob Ford, president of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce; Clark Jahnke, Lowell planning commission; Dean Lonick, DDA board member; Brian Doyle, DDA board member; Dan Pipe, Lowell Planning Commission and Andy Johnson, Lowell YMCA director.

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Riverside Drive Construction	5/20/96
Parking Lot Demolition	5/20/96
Parking Lot Construction	5/20/96
Broadway Street Demolition	5/24/96
Broadway Street Construction	5/28/96

Stage II	Start
North Side Broadway to Riverside	6/11/96
North Side Riverside to Lafayette	6/18/96
North Side Lafayette to Monroe	6/25/96
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Little Mary Sunshine (Dianna Rice) and Capt. "Big Jim" Warrington (Daryl Chamberlain).

## Lowell High School's musical warmly received

It was the first musical performed at Lowell High School in 15 years. It was the first musical at the new Performing Arts Center put on by Lowell High School students.

As fate would have it, dress rehearsal had to be cancelled. Not to fear, though, the cast of "Little Mary Sunshine" shone brightly through adversity and thoroughly entertained weekend crowds totalling 809.

"The kids really came through on Thursday," said Dick Graham, director of the Performing Arts Center, "considering the day before, they had their dress rehearsal cancelled."

"Little Mary Sunshine" played three nights before crowds of 199, 301 and 309. The play brought in \$3,100.

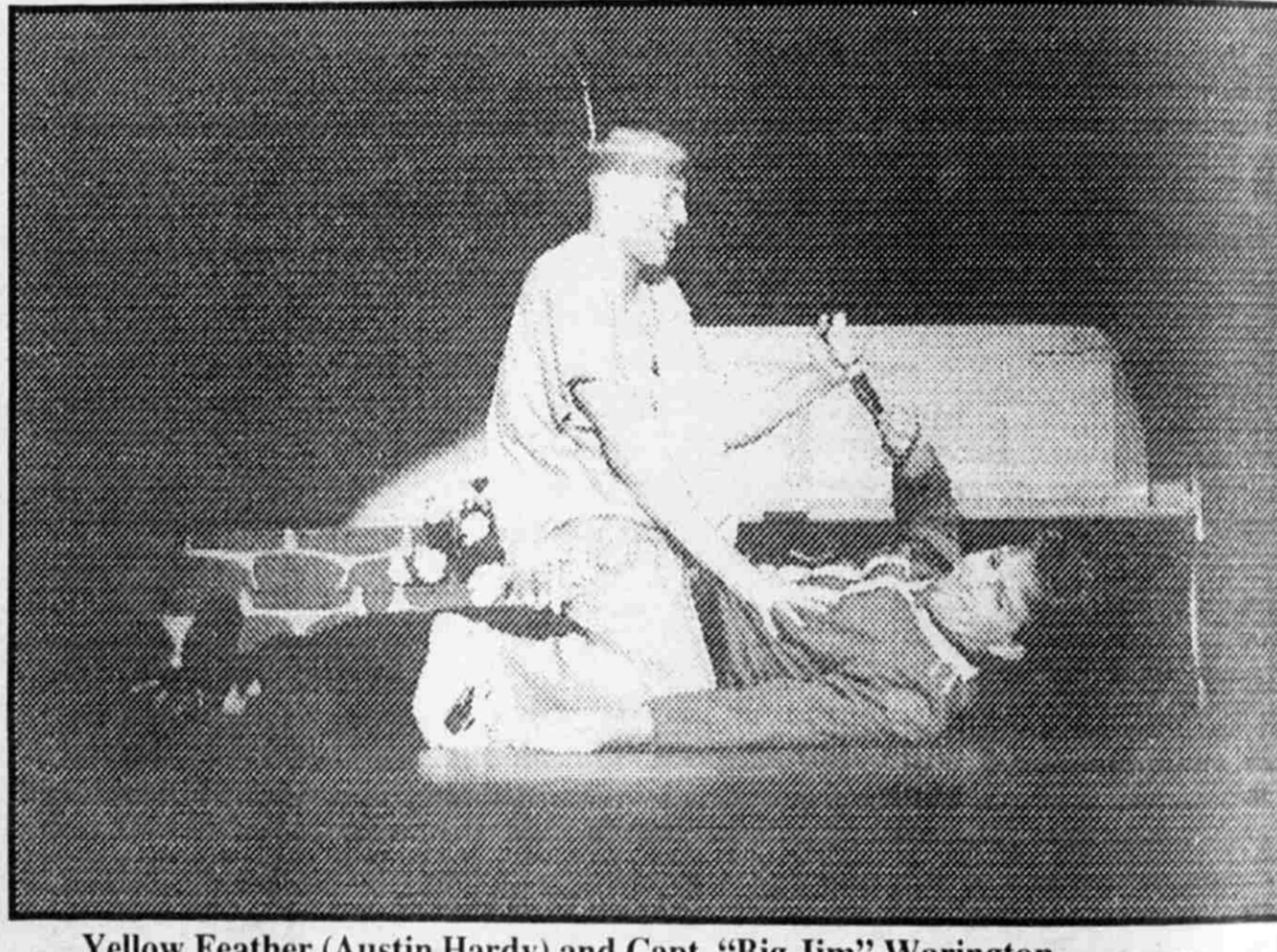
The musical took a satirical look at the romantic extravaganzas of the 1930's which featured such popular characters as Dudley Do Right and Sweet Nell.

Organizer of the musical, Lowell's Lanie Rice was pleased with the fine job the cast did in performing the musical comedy.

Directing this year's production was Kathy Keating Wheeler.



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Yellow Feather (Austin Hardy) and Capt. "Big Jim" Warrington.

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### Sidewalk safety study to be presented to council in June

Burr Smith, a traffic safety consultant for AAA Michigan, will review the school sidewalk issue in his school pedestrian safety report at the June 3 Lowell City Council meeting.

A main concern is how Lowell Middle School and Cherry Creek and Bushnell

elementary schools will be affected.

The council asked that a report be completed so it can help determine the next course of action regarding sidewalks.

Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine accompanied Smith as they visited the areas in question.

Smith's report to the council on June 3 will cover the national statistics on school pedestrian fatalities, a recommendation of school pedestrian routes and will provide a program to educate children

on the use of school pedestrian routes. Valentine said he hopes that the report will help parents, schools and the city to see that children use sidewalks.

### LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS FREE EDUCATIONAL SCREENING for Two-to Five-Year-Old Children

**WHO:** Children ages 2-5, who seem to be growing or learning at a slower rate than other children the same age, or 3-4 year-old children who meet income guidelines

**WHAT:** Free educational screening.

**WHEN:** June 4 and 5, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** Runciman Building, 300 High St.

**WHY:** Identification of children who may benefit from early educational intervention in one of a variety of specialized Lowell preschool programs--PPI, Head Start and Readiness

**HOW:** Call Carol Briggs at 897-8415, by May 31, to schedule an appointment.

### Lowell residents celebrate their warmth in "sunshine" state

The annual Lowell Day was held again in Lakeland, FL. This year the event was held on the first Sunday in March. In attendance were 52 Lowell residents.

The event was held at the Huntington Hills Country Club. The event is scheduled for March 2 next year at Huntington Hills.

### Corrections....

The May 1 edition of the Lowell Ledger identified the baby killed in the M-21 fatal collision on Friday, April 26 as being six years old. Alexander Mark was six months old.

In the May 1 edition of the Lowell Ledger, Lincoln Lake Road was inadvertently referred to as Long Lake Road.

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It takes a great man to make a good listener.  
—Arthur Helps

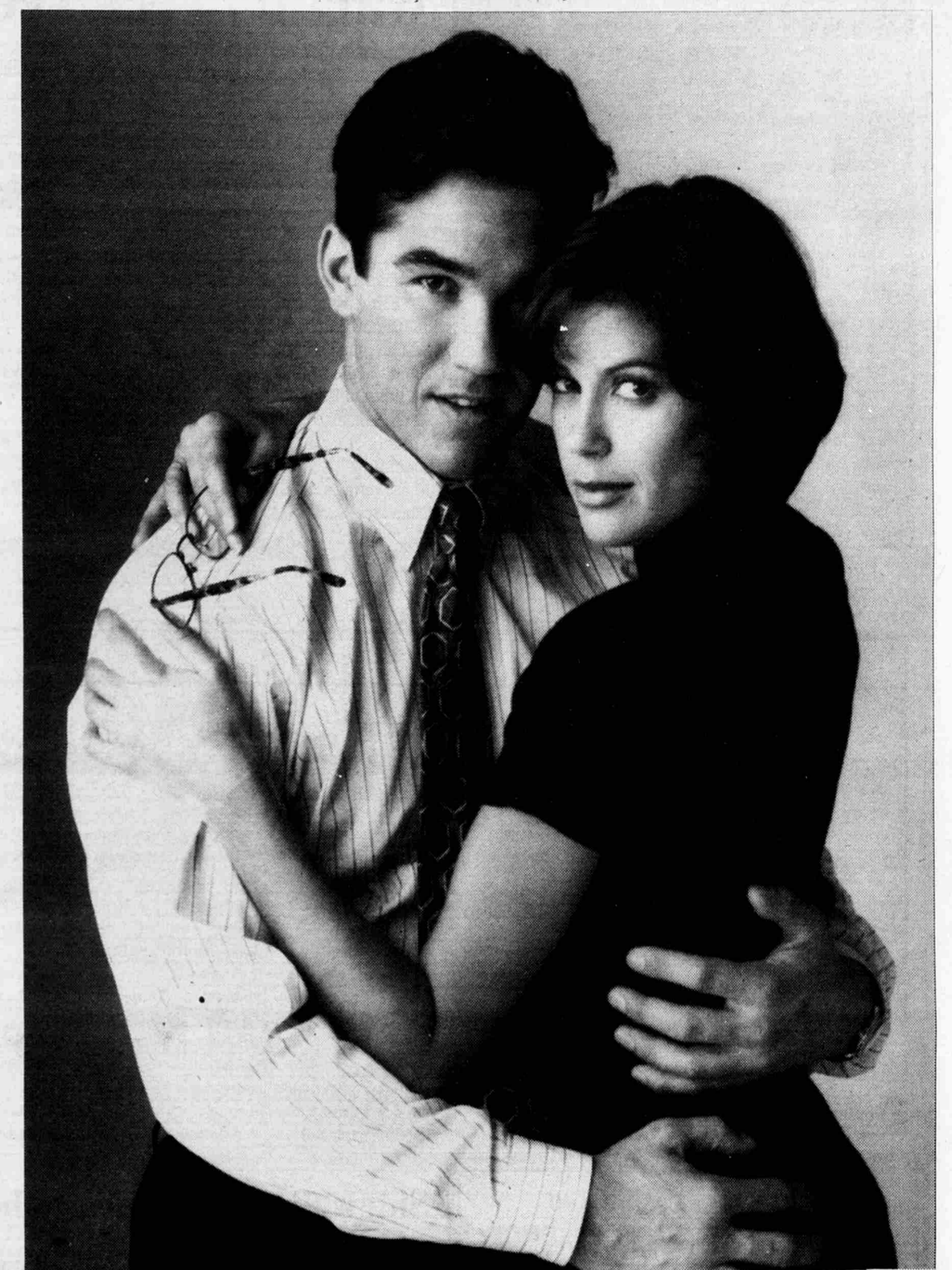
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### FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10 THRU MAY 16

Newly married Lois Lane (Teri Hatcher) and Clark Kent (Dean Cain) again face danger in the season finale of ABC's *Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman* on Sunday. The week is full of season-ending episodes, including ABC's *Ellen* and NBC's Thursday night shows.

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Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, WXII, WOOD, WLNS, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM).

CABLE STATIONS

Table with columns for time slots and rows for cable stations (TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, SCIFI).

PREMIUM STATIONS

Table with columns for time slots and rows for premium stations (DISN, HBO, MAX).

MONDAY EVENING MAY 13, 1996. Broadcast stations: 3 WWMT, 41 WOTV, 35 WGVU, 17 WXMI, 8 WOOD, 6 WLNS, 19 WLX, 23 WKAR, 13 WZZM, 17 WSYM. Cable stations: 17 TBS, 41 FAM, 20 FX, 22 USA, 23 DISC, 25 WGN, 23 ESPN, 23 CNN, 23 NICK, 23 A&E, 17 PASS, 23 TNT, 23 NASH, 23 SCIFI. Premium stations: 10 DISN, 10 HBO, 10 MAX.

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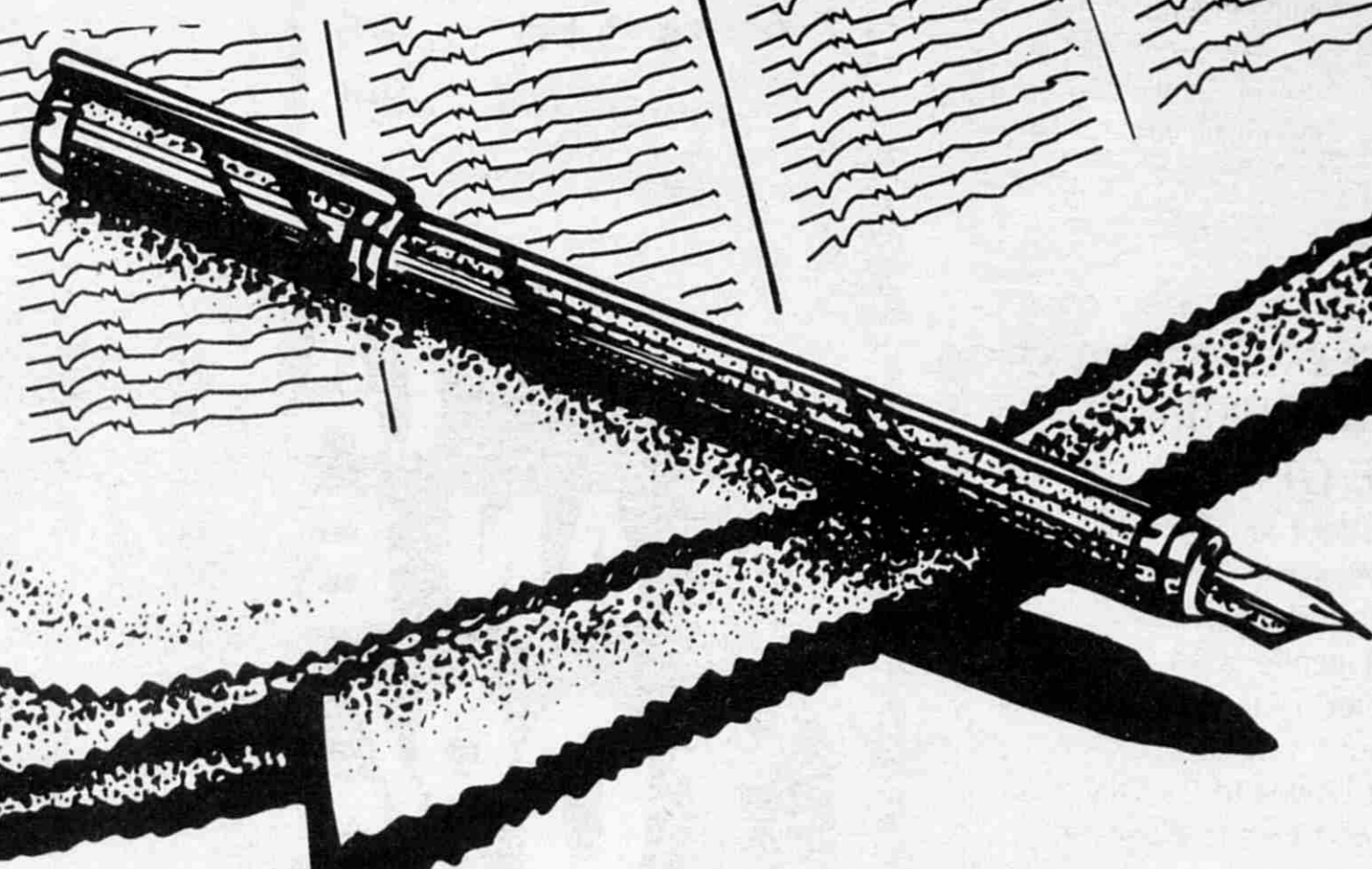
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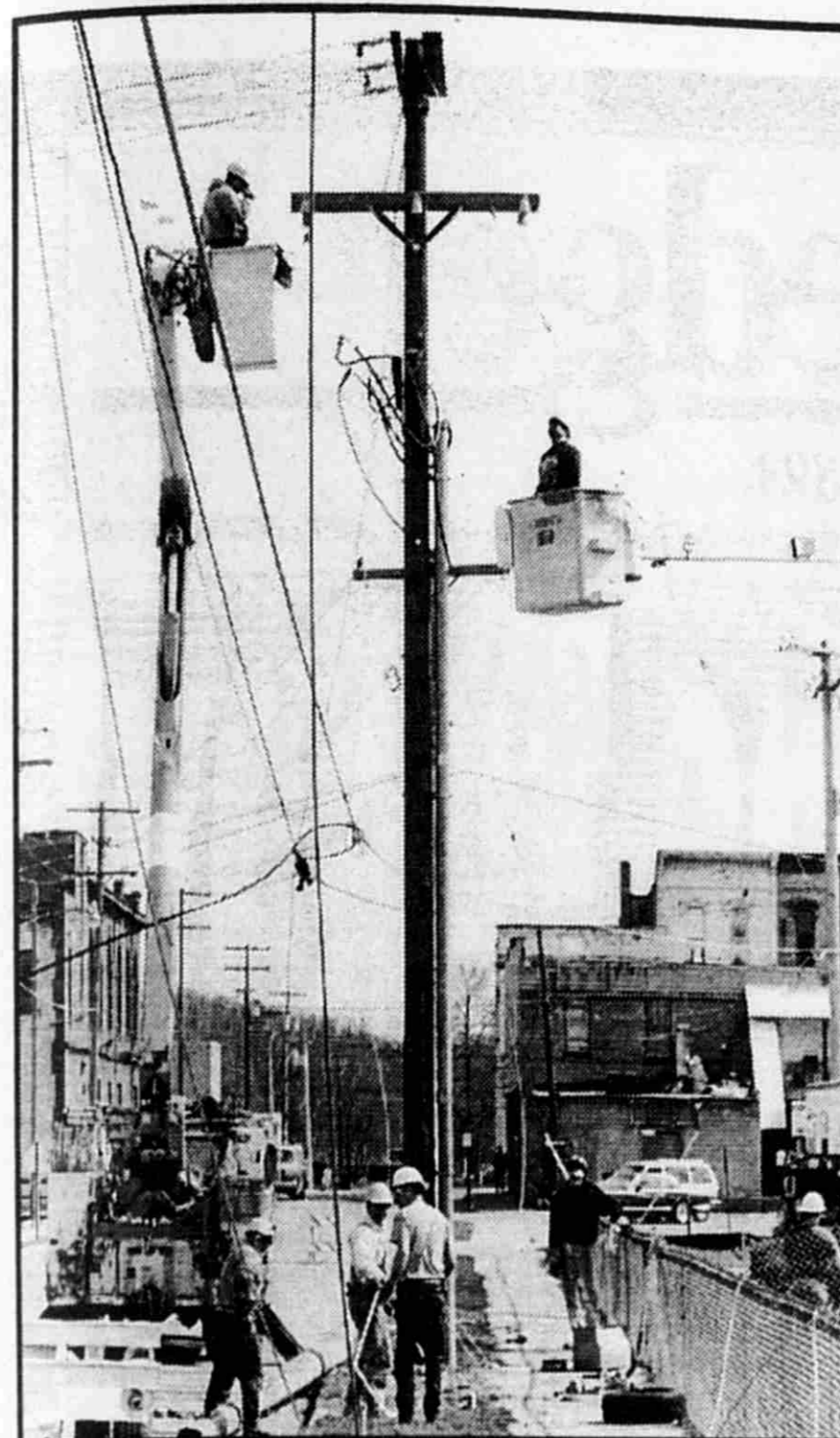
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## Power lost



Lowell Light and Power repaired a broken top crossbar on a Monroe Street electrical pole on Thursday. The crossbar was found to be physically and electrically dangerous due to the fact that it contacted a conductor at a lower elevation. The broken pole led to Lowell's east side being without power for 10 hours.

## Squares do-si-do with township's permission

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

When Lowell Charter Township officials agreed to add 8,000 square feet to its township hall, it was thought

### Business Matters



Joyce Thuston

Greenridge Realty announced that Joyce Thuston received Realtor of the Month in April.

This award recognizes Thuston for her outstanding success and achievements.

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 The essence of true friendship is to make allowance for another's little lapses.

—David Storey

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 If I had learned education I would not have had time to learn anything else.

—Cornelius Vanderbilt

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 A celebrity is one who is known to many persons he is glad he doesn't know.

—H. L. Mencken

that the added space would be beneficial to the community.

Officials drew up guidelines for renting the hall, but until recently no group had met those guidelines.

The one group to set the standard can literally click up their heels at their good fortune.

A square dancing group, based out of Lowell, has asked and received permission from the township to conduct dances at the hall twice a month.

"They were using the hall in Tallmadge Township, but they wanted to drive less and not drive at night," said township clerk Carol Wells. "I believe their request falls within our rules and this shouldn't be a problem."

The group is expected to use the hall two Sundays a month or until the township reevaluates the agreement.

dancer's request, the township board had been asked to approve use of the hall for a pre-kindergarten class.

However, the board denied the request because township guidelines don't allow for a group or person to use the hall for an extended period of time.

"We have to be fair to everyone and we can't have one group using the hall all the time," said trustee Alyn Fletcher several months ago when the board denied the first request.

The two-story facility still has some work to be completed, but the downstairs portion, with its kitchen, should be a good place for such occasions, according to the township guidelines.

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# Crop Walkers harvest \$17,000 in pledges

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sarah Bommarito sat in the middle of Spring Street with her legs outstretched and her arms extended in back of her as she rested.

She had just run the last block of the 6.2 mile CROP Walk in an effort to beat family friend Al Halbeisen to the finish line.

Bommarito was successful in completing the CROP Walk - the jury was still out if she actually beat Halbeisen.

"Get out the video cam let's see the replay."

said her father Joe Bommarito.

It didn't take a replay to show that the 14 year old and Halbeisen were just two of 270 walkers who covered a six-mile stretch of city sidewalk to help raise money to feed the hungry.

The Lowell Area CROP Walk grew to 270 walkers, up from 223 a year ago, and brought in pledges of over \$17,000. Last year's first-ever Lowell Area CROP Walk raised over \$15,000 in actual funds. Walk organizers said it would be a while before they could determine how

many of the pledges were matched with dollars.

"This was truly an ecumenical project," said CROP Walk coordinator Gordie Barry. "It went very smoothly and the weather was ideal. It was a little more visible this year and there was a little more publicity which helped to get more people involved."

The idea for a local CROP Walk came about three years ago when Barry and Lowell First Congregational Church Pastor Roger LaWarre talked about starting a local walk while participating in the

Grace Hunger Walk in Grand Rapids. "Having a local walk I think, helps to get more people involved," said Barry, pastor of Lowell First United Methodist Church.

This year the walk began and ended at the Congregational Church. Apples donated by Kropf Orchard were enjoyed by walkers after the walk.

Young and old alike took the challenge of walking the 6.2 miles.

Sean Mandle, Patrick Kaufman and Matt Barry (12 year olds) enjoyed their first-

ever CROP Walk. "It was our first time. We had a lot of fun," Mandle said.

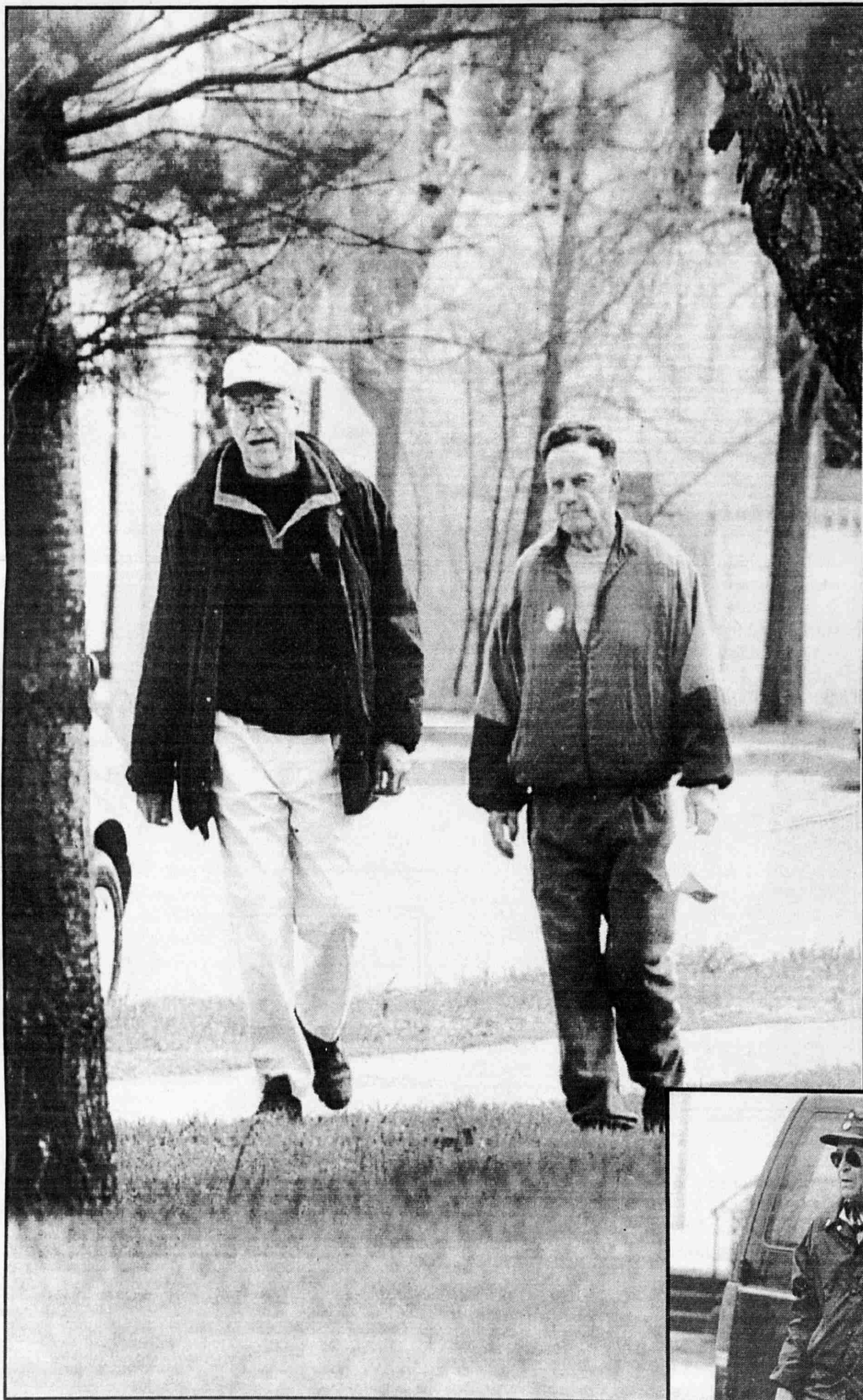
Also enjoying their first CROP Walk were Senior Neighbors, Jo Willard and Jason Onan.

"I feel fine, I probably won't be able to stand up tomorrow," Willard said. "We use to walk around the bridges. We haven't walked too much

lately. We've been waiting for it to warm up."

Again this year the Snow United Methodist Church was the lead pledge-getter and Dick Doezema was the highest individual pledge-getter.

"Everybody on the committee worked so hard to see that this ran smoothly and was successful," Barry said.



Clockwise from left: Lowell Superintendent Bert Bleke, and Dick Doezema; a young couple with baby in tow; Sarah Bommarito and Jason Onan and Jo Willard.