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Residents discuss a multitude of community pool issues

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Discussions of a community pool will eventually boil down to options, funding, operation and support.

The charge of community forums and a \$4,000 feasibility study being conducted by U.S. Grenier are clearly intended to help do just that.

U.S. Grenier vice president Mitch Watt steered approximately 40 community members through an initial discussion on the feasibility of a community pool.

The study should be completed within four-five weeks.

Feedback was ascertained on location, funding, community support, operation, maintenance, construction, need and use.

The middle school, high school, Cherry Creek Elementary, the former King Memorial pool site, and Creekside Park were all locations identified in a discussion of potential sites.

Some forum participants felt that identifying a location will be more complicated

than finding an existing site large enough to house a pool.

Many agreed that the site should be centrally located so that the pool could be within biking distance for children.

Should it be a location that is currently centrally located or should demographics and studies be used to determine what will be considered centrally located 10-20 years from now?

"Where is the growth going to happen and where will the population of our children be?" asked Rick Seese.

Pete Gustafson suggested that perhaps the community should look beyond the paradigms and investigate a pool site which would attract interest beyond the Lowell border.

"West Michigan does not have an Olympic size pool. Eventually there will be one built," Gustafson said.

A pool of such size would attract interest from beyond the border and would also broaden its use base.

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Four of five stores serve minor in department's decoy buy sweep

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A decoy buy sweep of Lowell's five liquor places licensed for takeout, rendered surprising results for Lowell police chief Jim Valentine.

Four of the five area stores sold liquor to minors. Of those four, three sold to a minor after asking for identification.

They were all first-time violations.

D.J.'s Party Store was the only one of five places to check the ID and then refuse sale.

The decoy was carried out

over a two-hour period on Feb. 15 between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

"I was surprised by the numbers," Valentine said. "The department had not heard any rumors or received any intelligence information that any particular store was easy for those underage to buy alcohol. If we hear that one particular store is easy for minors to purchase alcohol, we normally will target that store."

Lowell's police chief said the decoy was not carried out to make anyone look bad. "We want stores to look at it posi-

tively and use it as a wake-up notice. It is an opportunity for stores to tighten up their operation, retrain people and recheck their procedures."

The Lowell Police Department used a 19-year-old cadet from the Kent County sheriff's department to carry out the decoy.

Her actual driver's license was used.

"The point of this decoy was to make sure stores are following procedures mandated by the liquor commis-

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Agreement a big step forward in modernizing cable system's technology

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Since its 1982 agreement with Lowell Light and Power, Lowell Cable Television has provided the residents of the city of Lowell with cable technology and services.

With less than three years remaining on Lowell Cable's current amortization schedule, Lowell Light and Power

and Cable TV boards came to an agreement which will allow the cable company to reamortize what is left of its loan over the next 17 years and four months commencing March 1 at an interest rate of 4 percent.

The current outstanding balance of the loan is \$357,88.91.

This revised schedule

completes payment of the loan on June 1 of 2014. The current amortization timetable supplied payment in full on July 20, 2000.

The agreement will free up approximately \$70,000 a year or roughly \$1.4 million over the term of the agreement for the Lowell Cable Television Department to use

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Two-home development looks for way to overcome obstacle

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Joseph Manszewski would like to build two homes in Lowell Charter Township, but first he must overcome an obstacle that cannot be seen.

Manszewski wants to construct two houses on more than four acres of land on Grand River Drive, but must first come up with a way to work around Catherine Street.

The biggest problem in doing so is that Catherine Street only exists on paper.

Because the street doesn't exist, Manszewski must have road frontage off

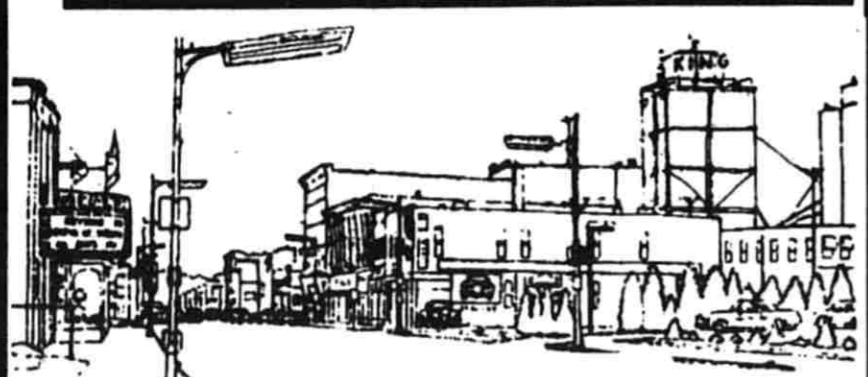
Grand River Drive and provide enough of an easement right of way to allow Catherine to be fully developed sometime in the future.

In order to meet both criteria, Manszewski has been told by the township's planning commission to file for a special use permit and either build a cul-de-sac or "T" shaped road to access the two home sites.

"We need a road big enough that emergency vehicles can use it," said commission member Dick Bryan. "A cul-de-sac

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Along Main Street



LITTLE LEAGUE MEETING & SIGN-UPS

The next Lowell Little League meeting will be held on March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Key Heights community building. Late sign-ups will be held on March 5 at 6 p.m. in the Key Heights community building.

The league will be holding an umpire clinic on Tuesday, March 11 in the Bushnell gym at 8 p.m. Anyone over 15 who is interested can attend. For information call Connie at 897-5659.

LOWELL CABLE TV BOARD MEETING ON LCTV

Lowell Cable TV board meeting will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 from March 5 thru March 9 at 7 p.m.

LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON LCTV

The Lowell City Council meeting will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 March 7 thru March 11 at 10 a.m.

CLASS OF '92 REUNION BEING PLANNED

The class of 1992 needs to find you. Please contact Jen Dougherty (Wieland) 868-0439 with your name and address.

COLLEGE NIGHT

The Student Services Center will host the annual "College Night--All You Ever Wanted to Know About Attending College" on Tuesday, March 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. Admissions representatives from Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids Community College, Davenport and Aquinas will be there.

Learn all you need to know about enrolling at a college and/or university. Interpretation of PSAT test results will be included along with a question/answer time. Admission is free.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PARENT MEETING

The next parent support meeting for gifted and talented is March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Alto School. Parents will be updated on present programs and on summer opportunities for young people.

Dottie Roth will be making the awards for the Continental Math Club competitions in grades 2-5, and the Alto Odyssey of the Mind club has been asked to make a team presentation.

SHOWBOAT QUEEN CONTEST

If you know of anyone who would like to be in the Miss 1997 Lowell Showboat Queens contest, please pick up an application at these area businesses: Lowell Showboat office in the Flat River Antique Mall; Lowell Chamber of Com-

merce; Roger Chapman - State Farm office; Lowell High School office; Saranac High School office and Springgrove Variety.

For more information please call the Lowell Showboat office at 897-8280.

SHOWBOAT ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

The Lowell Showboat St. Patrick's Dance will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Larkin's Other Place. The Todd Nyson Band will perform at 8 p.m. There will be a \$5 cover charge.

LHS SENIOR CLASS AUCTION

The Lowell High School senior class of 1997 is having an

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in modernizing and improving its system. Cable board member and city councilman Chuck Myers said modernizing and improving the cable system is critical with the magnitude of new technology. Lowell Cable currently pays approximately \$100,000 annually toward its loan. Under the new contract, it will pay \$28,658.82 annually or \$2,388.23 a month. The total amount of interest paid over the length of the agreement will be \$137,671.26. "Both the Lowell Cable and Lowell Light & Power boards have put thought into this redirection of the financing plan," said Jim Hodges, also a councilman and cable board member. "We want to

Man lives by affirmation
even more than he does by
bread.

—Victor Hugo

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank George Pauli, Jr. and Julia Pauli, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Whitcomb & Keller Mortgage Co., an Indiana Corporation, dated December 10, 1976 and recorded on December 15, 1976 in Liber 1859, Page 766, Kent County Records; assigned by mesne assignment to Millikin Mortgage Co., dated March 18, 1981 and recorded March 19, 1981 in Liber 2010, Page 1297, Kent County Records; assigned by mesne assignment to Midland Mortgage Corp. dated September 12, 1988 and recorded on October 7, 1988 in Liber 2409, Page 1246, Kent County Records; assigned by mesne assignment to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an officer of the United States, on June 15, 1995 and recorded June 23, 1995 in Liber 3664, Page 447, Kent County Records. By reason of such default, the undersigned elects to declare the entire amount unpaid of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due, for principal and interest on said mortgage, the sum of twenty-four thousand four hundred twenty-two and 41/100 dollars (\$24,422.41). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to cover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Dated: 2-19-97
James W. Batchelor
(P25500)
RUSSELL &
BACHELOR
161 Ottawa Ave.,
N.W., Suite 411-S
Grand Rapids, MI
49503-2705

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power

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auktion to raise funds for their overnight class party. The auction will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary on Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Admission is a \$5 donation and that includes desserts from Arnie's, a beverage and paddle.

PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS MEETING
"Growing Up Healthy" is the topic of the second meeting of parents of preschoolers. The meeting will be held Monday, March 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the board room, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St. There is no charge and babysitting is provided.

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Gustafson added that it might also make available larger amounts of corporate money. The initial question raised and discussed was if the community of Lowell had a need for a pool. Art Warning questioned why only people interested in having a community pool were at the meeting. "Public funds are being used to study whether a pool is needed," he said. "Yet, in 1990, the community defeated a bond issue for a new pool. Also, this community had a pool years ago but could not maintain it." Seese, however, believes there is support for a community pool. "Although we must make sure a proper process is provided."

Watt explained to Warning that ads were published in the local papers and fliers were sent out to leaders and members of groups and organizations within the community, and not all of them were necessarily interested in a community pool.

Dave Miller told Watt that he did not believe the Lowell community pool committee could emphasize enough that this will be a community pool. "It must be emphasized 365 days a year that this is a pool for the community by the community." FMB State Savings Bank president Jim Bossert took it a step further. "The community pool should be disengaged from school sports."

As for funding, many in attendance agreed that as many

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL, 10381 BAILEY DR., ON

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

1) By letter addressed to the Vergennes Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 7, 1997; or

2) By phoning the Township Hall (897-5671) for an appointment to appear in person.

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are
Ratio-50% Multiplier - 1.00

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

CLASS OF '72

Lowell High School class of 1972 needs help locating the following people for our 25 year class reunion: Deb DeVries, Elaine Haywood, Mary Ann Hinz, Roger Hendrick, Cheryl Snellink, Bev Soblesky, Cheryl VonEhr and Bob Yalacki. If you have any information please call 897-7700.

LAAC OFFERS AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL

Instructor Sandy Bartlett returns to the Art Center to kick off the spring workshop series. Her basic classes for children eight to 12 remain ever popular as she begins an eight-week workshop March 5 and 6. Beginning students will meet at the Center studio on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Advanced students will meet Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

All materials are furnished. Workshop fee is \$60 for LAAC members and \$65 for non-members. To register phone the Arts Center at 897-8545. Two scholarships are available. Mastercard/Visa welcome.

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private, public and corporate donations and foundation grants should be garnered before it is taken to non-supporters via a bond issue.

"I think we should see how far we can go privately with funding. Once a shortfall is identified, then go to the non-supporters," Chuck Myers said.

While financially it's not apples to apples, Kristin Bliss pointed out that a substantial number of foundation grants were used to support the new library, Creekside Kingdom and the Lowell Area Fire Department's safety house.

A multitude of community uses and users were listed for the pool. They include physical therapy, water safety, aerobics, adults, seniors, disabled, families, swimmers, schools, YMCA and scuba courses.

Also identified on a wish list were items people wanted in the swimming facility. That list included equipment rooms, diving boards, spectator seating, cooking facility, child care, learning space, and natural lighting.

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sion," Valentine said. "We want to make sure they are not selling to the under aged who are not using fake IDs."

Valentine said to use a fake ID for the decoy would have been taking advantage of the stores. "It would be like an entrapment situation. The use of fake IDs is an occasional occurrence and not something stores are going to see every Friday and Saturday night."

Each store was sent a letter one month in advance, alerting it that the department would be conducting a liquor inspection.

The clerks who completed the transactions ranged in age from 18 years of age to 50.

After the transaction was completed, officers then moved in and cited the clerk.

A paper was sent to the liquor commission informing it of the violation of the liquor license and the clerks were ticketed for a circuit court appearance.

Jim Nader, vice president of sales, marketing and operations for Family Fare, said the stores' clerks are provided training on the purchasing laws, how to ask for ID and how to scan the birth date on the license.

By scanning the birth date, the computer lets the clerk know if the purchaser is 21 years or older.

Four Family Fare stores in West Michigan sell beer. Nader said they have only had one violation. "It was because procedure wasn't followed. Family Fare does not take this lightly."

The decoy buy sweep was a result of information pointing to a rise in underage drinking. "It is a way to try to curb the activity," Valentine said. "It is a proactive attack on underage drinking."

It is also just one of the ways the department is stepping up its look at the activity.

The department will be detailing setups on adults who buy liquor and then drop it off in a car of a minor once they leave the store; stepping up enforcement on minors in possession; and running a zero tolerance check. Zero tolerance is a minor driving with any measurable amount of alcohol in his/her system.

"We don't want to just target youth. We also want to target people contributing to underage drinking," Valentine said.

The police chief said it is a known given that most minors are not in stores buying liquor. "They are getting it through other sources," Valentine said.

In the three months his store has been open, Bassam Masri, owner of Lowell's One Stop Mart, has had a high number of minors attempt to buy alcohol. "I tell all of my clerks to check all IDs when there is the slightest bit of doubt."

Masri called the decoy buy sweep a fair operation that was carried out professionally. "Stores need to be more careful," he said.

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would blend right in if the road was ever developed." According to clerk Carol Wells, Manszewski has filed for a special use permit. As part of the permit procedure, a public hearing will be conducted so neighbors can have input on the proposed development.

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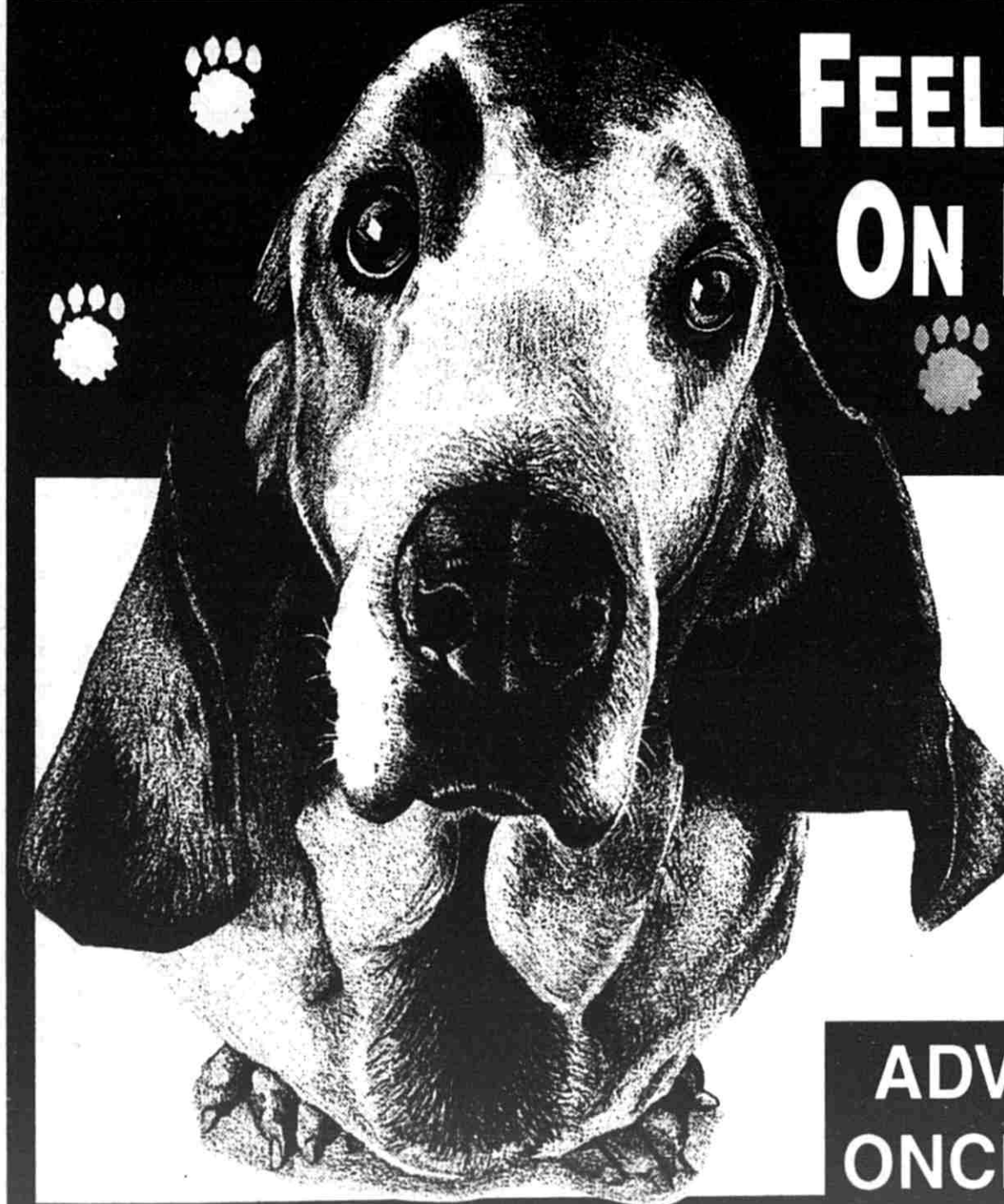
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FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7 THRU MARCH 13

David Morse plays Frank McGrath, an enraged father who takes hostage the controversial talk show host (Marg Helgenberger) he believes is responsible for his daughter's suicide, in *Murder Live!* The drama airs Sunday on NBC.



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SATURDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 8, 1997. 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, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Dave's World, Malcolm & Eddie, etc.

SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 9, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wall Street Journal, MouseMonster, etc.

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MONDAY EVENING MARCH 10, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, A&E, NICK, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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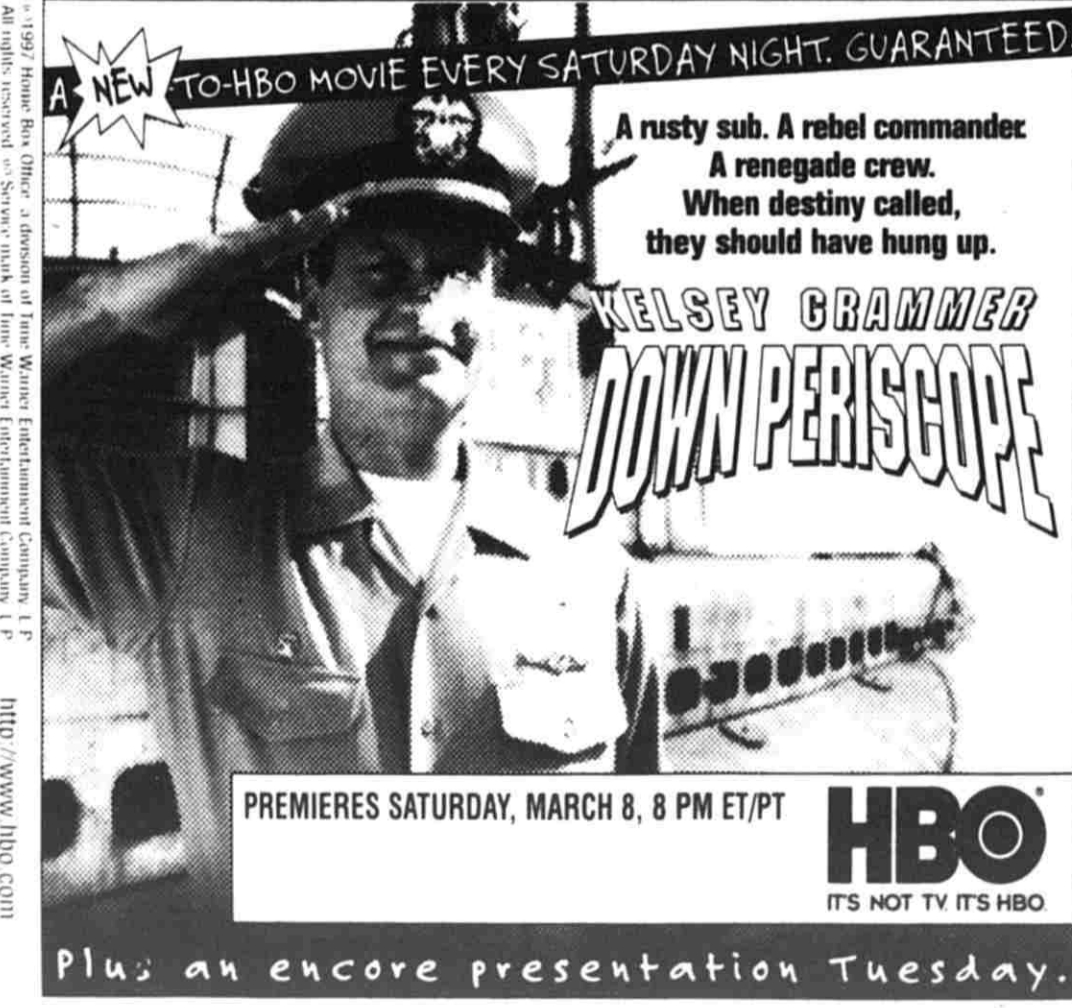
THURSDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 13, 1997. Broadcast stations table with columns for time slots (12:00 to 4:30) and program listings for various channels like WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, etc.

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.: 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.
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 SECOND WEDNESDAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.
EVERY THIRD TUES: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.
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 M#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.
EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.
EVERY TUES.: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

LOWELL CABLE TV DEPARTMENT

127 N. Broadway, Lowell 897-8405



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

- MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall. 1 p.m. Euchre.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.
WED., MARCH 5: 9-15-11:15, Blood pressure.
THURS., MARCH 6: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Income tax assistance by appointment.
FRI., MARCH 7: 12:20 p.m., Meijer Gardens (butterflies) and Molesta Floral.
TUES., MARCH 11: 12:30 p.m., shopping, Meijers.
THURS., MARCH 13: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Income tax assistance by appointment.
TUES., MARCH 18: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.
WED., MARCH 19: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.
TUES., MARCH 25: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., FMB Senior Appreciation Day, Lowell Township Hall.
WED., MARCH 26: 8 a.m., Women's Traveling breakfast.
THURS., MARCH 27: 12:30 p.m., shop, Woodland Mall/Visit Eastern Floral.
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Eli Whitney, who invented the cotton gin, is also known as the "father of mass production."

TOWN TALK

Complete the following phrases:

What does that have to do with the price of _____ ?
 Don't change horses in the middle of the stream because _____
 Those who can, do; those who can't, become _____



Denise Southland
 What does that have to do with the price of peanuts?
 Don't change horses in the middle of the stream because you might get wet.
 Those who can, do; those who can't, become president.



Yvonne Kaczorowski
 What does that have to do with the price of eggs?
 Don't change horses in the middle of the stream because you will drown.
 Those who can, do; those who can't, become I don't know.



Cheri Spetosky
 What does that have to do with the price of tea in China?
 Don't change horses in the middle of the stream because you'll get stranded.
 Those who can, do; those who can't, become leaders.



Doris Canfield
 What does that have to do with the price of tea in China?
 Don't change horses in the middle of the stream because you could fall off.
 Those who can, do; those who can't, become nothing.



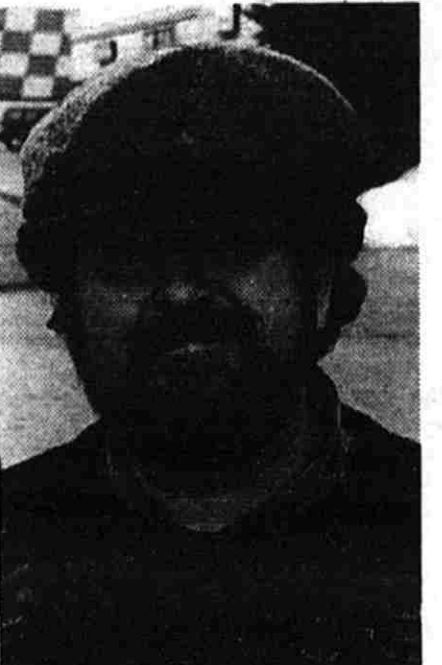
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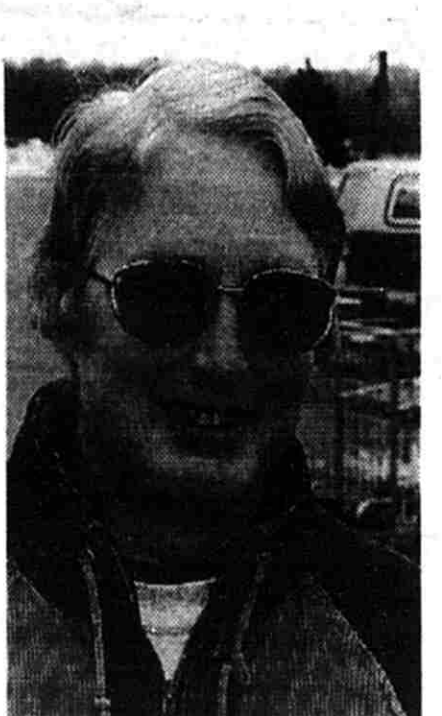
Chuck McMann
 What does that have to do with the price of liberty in China?
 Don't change horses in the middle of the stream because you might get wet.
 Those who can, do; those who can't, become confused.



Jenny Anderson
 What does that have to do with the price of tea in China?
 Don't change horses in the middle of the stream because you might get swept down current.
 Those who can, do; those who can't, become bums.



Mike Pelz
 What does that have to do with the price of tea in China?
 Don't change horses in the middle of the stream because it is hard to change.
 Those who can, do; those who can't, become dependent.



Janet VanWyck
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James Blair, 13922 Thompson Dr., in the SW 1/4 of Section 24, has applied for an interpretation of the zoning ordinance, Article III, Section 201.307, and a variance to build a deck within the 50-foot setback requirement along a bluff in the Flat River District.

The application can be reviewed at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will also be considered if received at the Township Hall by 7:00 p.m. on March 5th, 1997.

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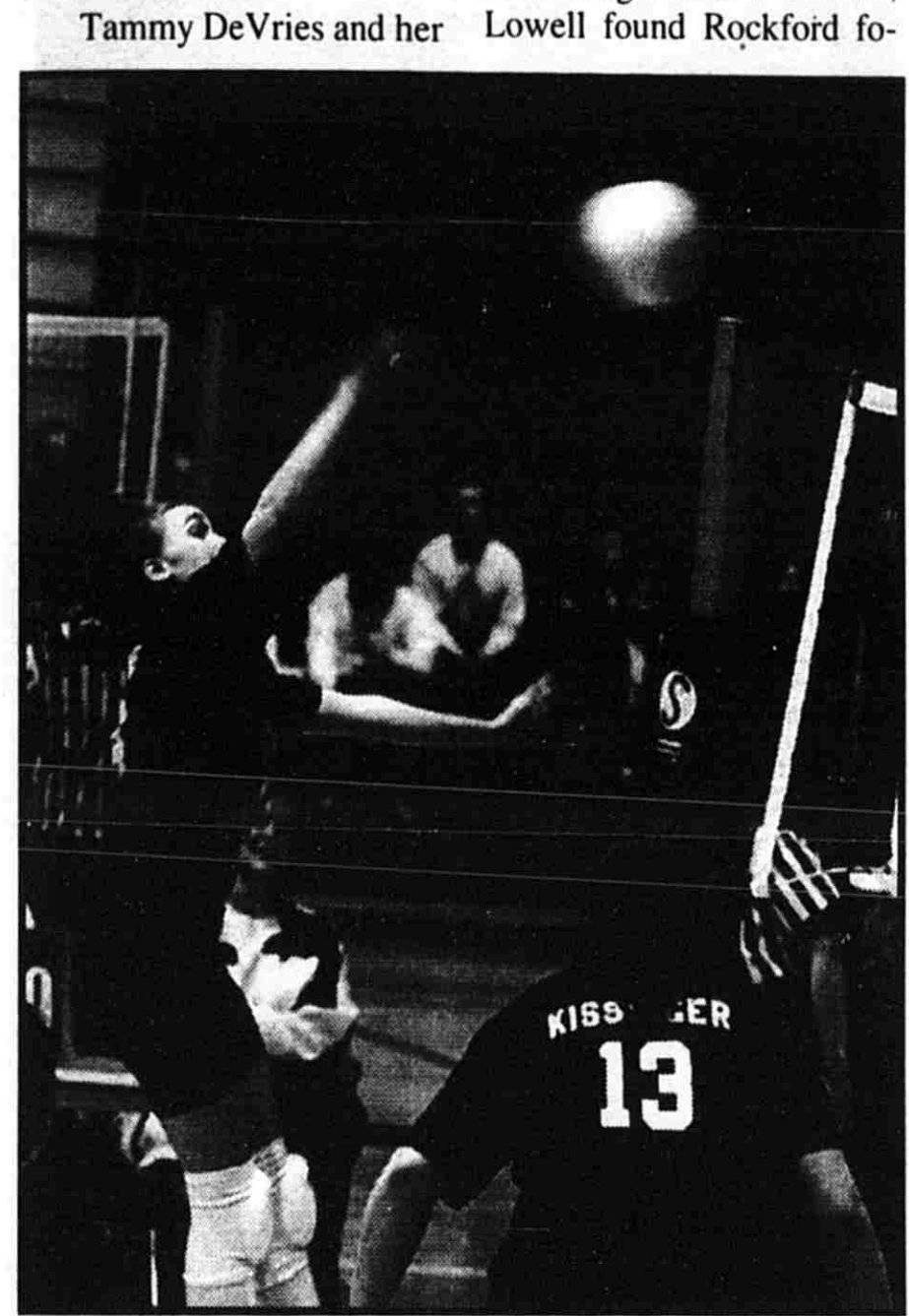
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Red Arrow volleyball season ends with district final loss to Rockford

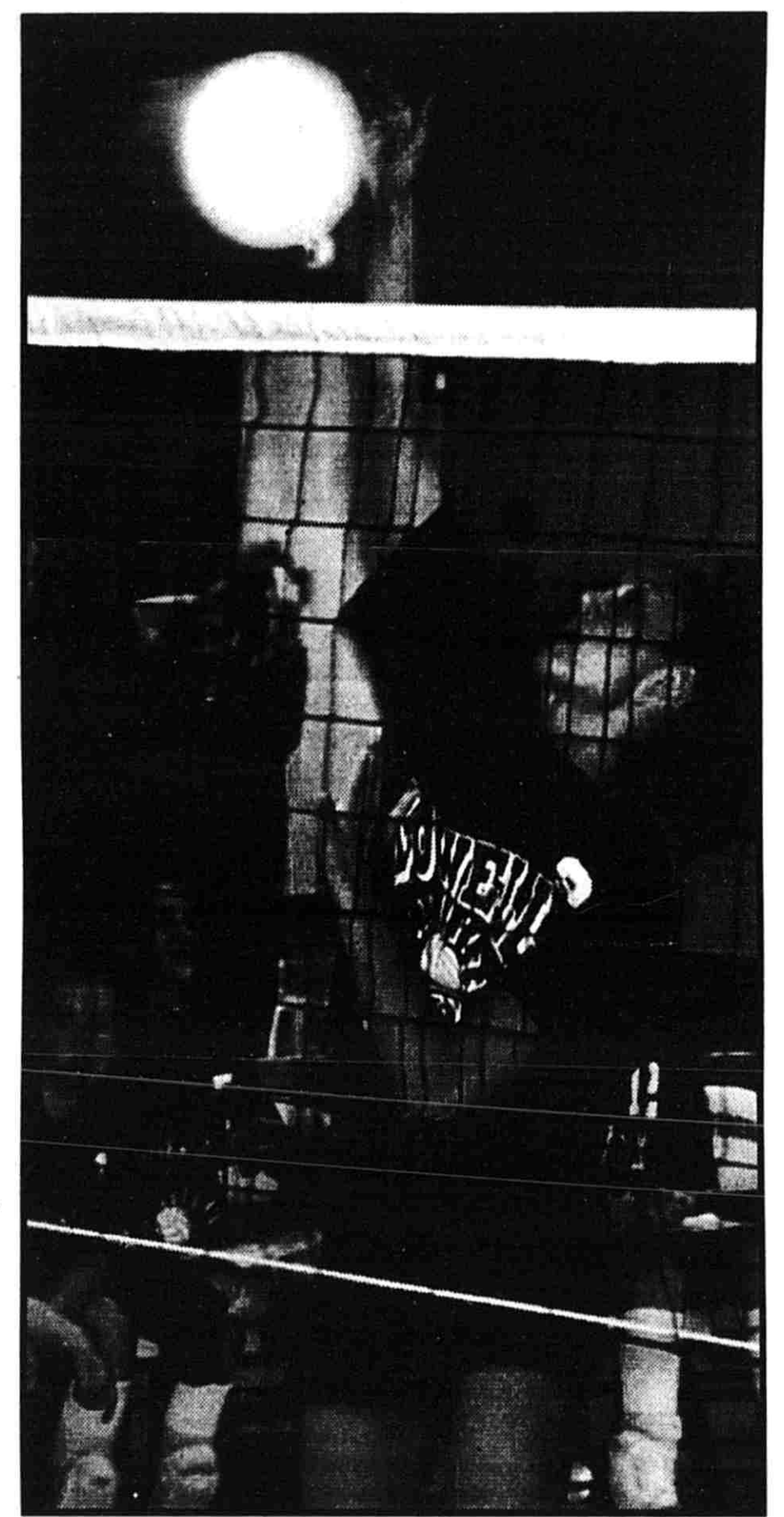
By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor



Rachel Thomas helped lead Lowell to a win over Creston in Saturday's opening round of the Class A district finals.

Red Arrow volleyball team's season came to an end Saturday in the Class A district finals against Rockford. The Rams defeated Lowell 15-2, 15-5 to advance to the Kalamazoo Central regional to face the winner of the Portage Northern District. Hoping that its 15-10, 13-15, 15-13 win over Forest Hills Central might take a little something out of the Rams, Lowell found Rockford for

Laurie Barton led Lowell in aces with three and in kills with three. Rachel Thomas also added three kills. Thomas and Cherelle Weber each tallied two digs for Lowell. In a season filled with hard work and narrow defeats, Lowell marched through the opening rounds with wins against Grand Rapids Creston and Ionia to advance to the title game. "I am extremely happy with the way the girls played. The girls are too," said DeVries. "They have played hard all year and have lost many close matches. It was nice to play well and win." Lowell used strong service and passing games to fend off challenges from Creston and Ionia. "Our serving games were awesome and our passing games were good in both games," DeVries said. "The good passing helped set us up for our attacks." The Red Arrows started against Creston with a relatively easy 15-6 win over the Polar Bears. DeVries inserted younger players in game two. "They struggled a little in game two because our passing was down and we were not getting the ball to our setter." The Polar Bears evened things with a 15-5 win in game two. DeVries returned to her starting lineup in the crucial third game. Barton, who as a junior earned O-K White all-conference honors, used her high-powered serve in game three to subdue the Polar Bears. Leading 10-6, Barton hit a couple of lines in helping Lowell extend the lead to 13-6. Moments later, Jessica Winsor finished out the game on her serve. Winsor posted a team-leading eight aces against Creston. Barton recorded six digs and Weber added five kills. Thomas, serving at 5-4, extended Lowell's lead to 8-4 before her service was retired. Barton helped keep her service alive with a well-timed tip. Thomas would later keep Corrine Arnett's service alive with a big time hit from the right side. Lowell continued to serve and pass well in its 15-11, 15-8 win over the Bulldogs of Ionia. "We had split with Ionia in two previous meetings," DeVries said. "The girls did a great job of digging balls up and keeping things in play." Courtney Kissinger led all Lowell players with nine kills. Weber added a team-high two digs and Winsor recorded three aces. "The girls showed no letup and took the match in two games," DeVries said.



Laurie Barton finishes off a Red Arrow attack.

Lowell's district play was a good year to end what was a difficult season for the team and coach. "It was a wonderful first year and we look forward to Volleyball, cont'd. pg. 20

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Lowell loses season finale to big, sharp-shooting Eagles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Visions of last year's upset win over Hudsonville were still a clear but distant memory when Lowell visited the Eagle's nest Friday.

The Red Arrows jumped out of the gate quickly, garnering a 12-4 advantage.

Hudsonville, led by senior forward Mark Zichterman's 32 points, would have none of it, as it went on a 30-6 terror enroute to a 94-65 O-K White win.

The Eagle victory was its 10th conference win, securing

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improving," DeVries said. "One thing is clear the volleyball season does not start in November."

DeVries said she would like to incorporate a few things into the program for next year.

"I want to start a strength and conditioning program as well as some volleyball camps for the younger girls as well as the JV and varsity players," she said.

it second-place finish behind league-winning Zeeland (12-2). "We played well in the first quarter, but we don't match up with Hudsonville," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "Hudsonville is so big and their guards shot the ball really well tonight."

Lowell led 12-4 with three minutes remaining in the first quarter when Hudsonville coach Keith Burgess decided to talk a few things over with his club.

What he said worked as the Eagles ended the quarter on an 18-2 run to take a 22-14 first-quarter lead.

The Eagles increased its advantage to 49-31 at halftime, outscoring Lowell 27-17 in the second stanza.

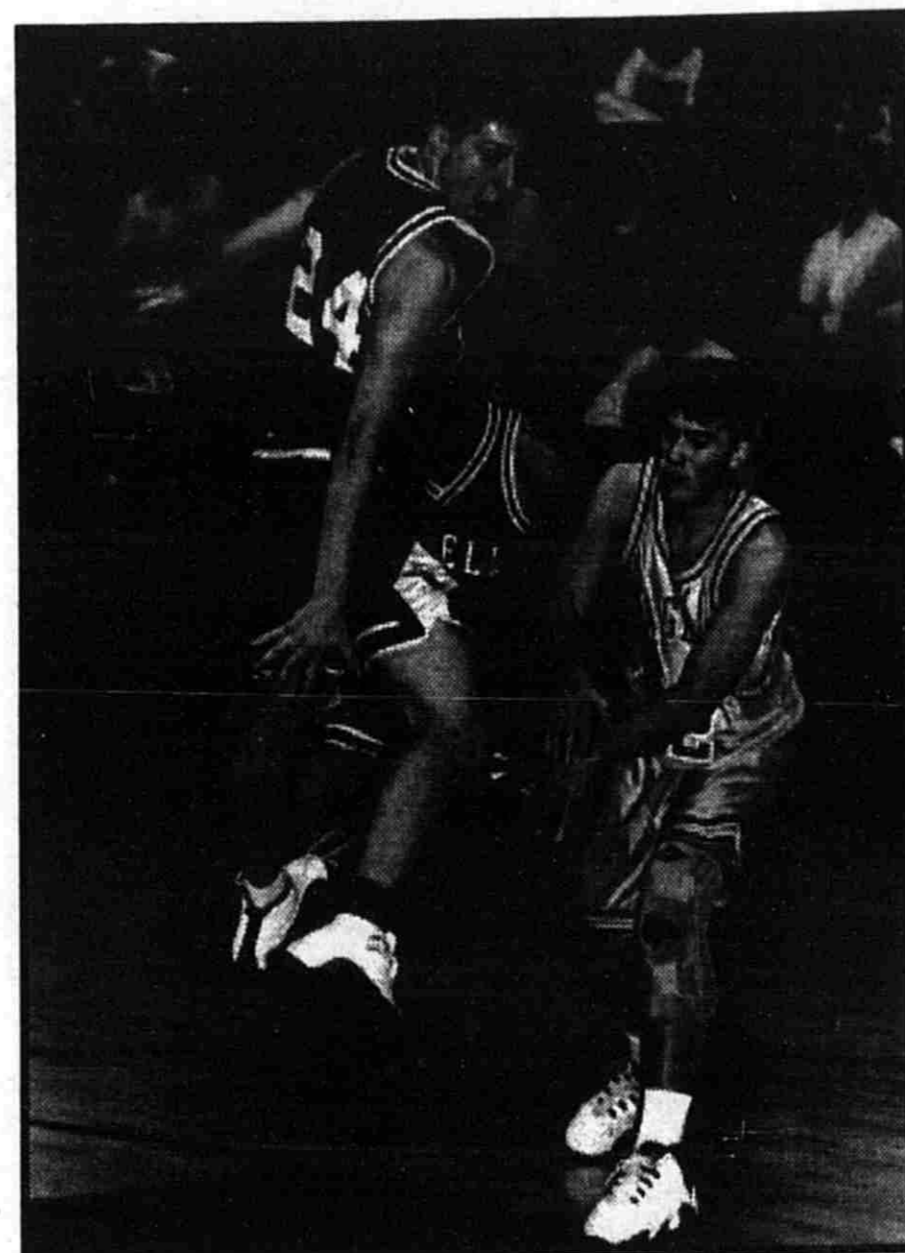
"Zichterman and Bassler (Ryan) are big guys who know how to put the ball in the net," Bush said.

Lowell's Kevin Brown continued to display to league opponents his ability to score points. The senior tossed in a team-high 22 points. Aaron Brander tallied 12, Jeff Catlin added 10 and Shane Teelander contributed with nine.

**Greenville 80
Lowell 46**

The Red Arrow defense held Greenville's leading scorer Damien Matacz to 12 points, but Yellowjacket Mike Olsen

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Lowell's Shane Teelander applies some full-court pressure.

Lowell gymnasts close out their year with performances at regional

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell gymnasts fell shy of qualifying for the state tournament at the regional in Holland on Saturday.

Both Shannon Laux and Brenda Lacey came within tenths of a point in the vault and floor exercises respectively of qualifying for the state tournament.

"The girls are disappointed they came so close," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said.

Lacey scored an 8.65 in the floor exercise. The top eight scores advanced to the state tournament. The eighth qualifying score was an 8.8.

"It was one of Brenda's

best routines of the year," DeHaan said.

Seniors Skye Fisher and Laux recorded scores of 8.35 and 8.5 respectively.

Freshman Renee Brower handed in a 7.75 on the balance beam. Her only miscue was a fall midway through her routine. "Without that fall she scores an 8.25," DeHaan said. "I am very proud of Renee. She was disappointed she fell. But to qualify for the regional as a freshman is such an accomplishment."

Fisher finished her routine without a fall and scored a team-best 8.15. "Skye spent a lot of time in the off season working on her beam routine in an effort to improve it," DeHaan said.

Both Laux and Lacey suffered two falls during their beam routines. Their scores of 7.5 and 7.3 respectively reflect that.

Laux came just a few tenths of a point shy of qualifying for the state on the vault. The senior scored an

8.50. Lacey tallied an 8.05. Lacey was the only Red Arrow to compete on the uneven bars. She received a score of 6.5.

"I am pleased with the year this team has had. We haven't had a team break 110 points as often as this one did in a few years," DeHaan said.

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stepped up and buried the Red Arrows with 27 points in leading Greenville to the lopsided victory.

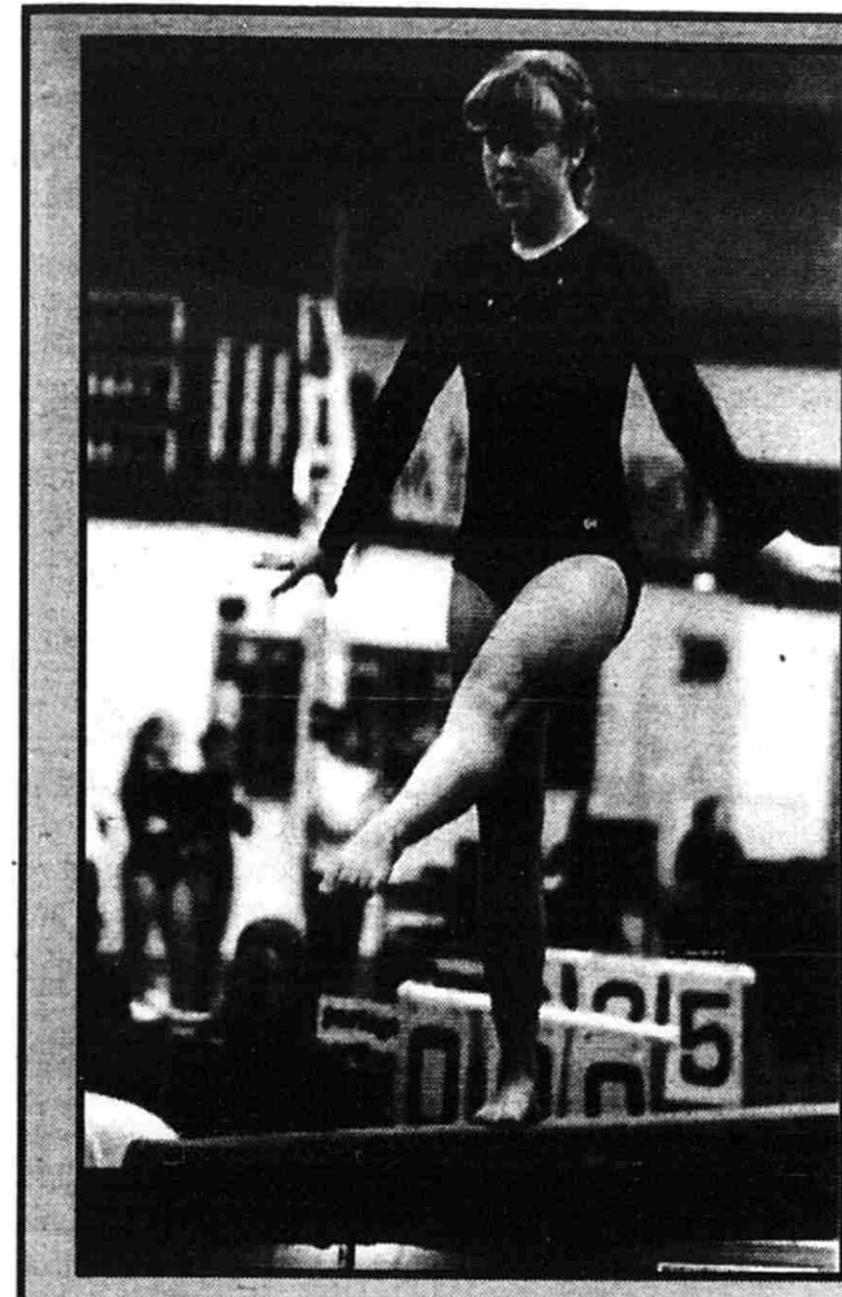
Greenville and Lowell struggled through a first quarter where only 14 points were scored.

Trailing 9-5, the Red Arrows were outscored 23-15 in the second quarter.

Lowell was outscored 48-26 in the second half.

Greenville outrebounded Lowell 43-33. Matacz and Kevin Brown each pulled down 10 rebounds.

Brown led all Lowell scorers with 22 points. Aaron Brander tallied 10.



Renee Brower focuses on her work at hand at the regional gymnastics meet in Holland.

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Grattan Academy recipient of Goals 2000 grant

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In addition, the school is part of a consortium of four schools that will receive \$58,000 for six staff learning activities in the coming months to focus on school improvement. The activities will include developing school improvement plans, sessions on team work and conflict management, and preparing an annual education report.

Grattan and the consortium schools all are managed by the East Lansing organization, The Leona Group. The state Board of Education approved the grants in its regular meeting Thursday, Feb. 20. The Department of Education received 263 applications for funding assistance. The requests totaled more than \$27 million. A team of reviewers rated the applications and recommended the selections to the state board. A total of \$16.4 million will be released through the competitive grant process.

The grant program is in its third year and is part of the federal Goals 2000 Education American Act, which promotes education improvements that support the eight National Education Goals.

Freshman season winds down

The Lowell freshman basketball team ended its season on a sour note as the Red Arrows lost to Hudsonville in the season finale 77-46. Ryan Mix tallied a team-

leading 14 points and five rebounds for Lowell. Scott Pullen threw in nine points and grabbed four rebounds.

Steve Adams and Tim Schutte contributed with seven and five points respectively.

The Red Arrows finished the season with a record of six up and 14 down. Lowell was 4-10 in conference play.

In freshman action at Greenville on Tuesday, Lowell lost to the Yellowjackets 66-49.

Keith Valentine led Lowell with 12 points. Mix scored nine points and Adams and Pullen each netted seven.

Mix and Adams led the Red Arrows in rebounds with six and five respectively.

Wyoming Park escaped its visit to Lowell with a 56-52 win over the Red Arrows.

Mix once again led the way with 16 points and six rebounds. Valentine tallied 12 points and Adams added six points and six rebounds.

In the Red Arrows 65-53 loss to Ionia, Mix and Schutte led the way with 18 and 10 points respectively.

Valentine had a huge night on the boards. He pulled down a game-high 12 cars. Mix grabbed six rebounds.

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ing, fatigue, goiter (enlarged thyroid), and protruding eyes. There are different causes for hyperthyroidism. One is an autoimmune disorder. An autoimmune disorder is one in which the body develops antibodies that stimulate the thyroid to produce excessive of thyroid hormone. Thyroid nodules, tumors, and thyroiditis (inflammation of the thyroid gland) are other causes of hyperthyroidism.

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UNSUNG ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Both Dan and Bill had had outstanding freshman seasons capped off by qualifying for the state meet. They both captured individual district championships at Lowell and Dan finished second and Bill, third, at the regionals to qualify for the state meet on March 7 & 8. Coach Rivers entered the season with high hopes for this team but these freshmen exceeded even his expectations. The future looks bright thanks to the hard work and dedication of young athletes such as these.

Next week we salute a member of our boys basketball team.

DAN ROTTIER Freshman Bill Stouffer Freshman

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, on:

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997
Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997
Between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation in person or by letter addressed to Frank Buckley, Grattan Township Assessor, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. Written appeals must be received by March 9, 1997. Those wishing to appeal in person should call the township offices to prearrange an appointment at 691-8450.

Frank Buckley Assessor, Grattan Township

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<p>COUNTER PERSON NEEDED PART-TIME DAYS - Apply in person at Cooper's Dry Cleaners, 591 Ada Dr. SE or 6555 28th St. SE.</p>	<p>VACANT LAND - M-50 & 84th Street area. Quality 3, 5 & 10 acre building sites, future land splits available. Excellent investment at \$35,000 to \$55,000. Garbow Realty, 891-8980.</p>	<p>CLASSIFIEDS - INEXPENSIVE BUT EFFECTIVE</p>	<p>FOR RENT</p> <p>STORAGE UNITS - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household access, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.</p>	<p>LOST & FOUND</p> <p>LOST - Small tannish-white old male Peek-a-poo dog. Needs special diet. Disappeared 2-25, Parnell/Foreman area. If found call 897-7520.</p>	<p>LOOK IN THE CLASSIFIEDS</p>
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TO become mature is to recover that sense of seriousness which one had as a child at play.

---Friedrich Nietzsche

Planning commission finds proposed yard sale ordinance too restrictive

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell Planning Commission found a proposed yard sale amendment to a property zoning ordinance

worth addressing. It also found it to be too restrictive and limiting.

The proposed amendment reads that *no person shall erect, alter, place or permit to*

be placed any sign advertising a yard, garage or similar sale off-premises of the property upon which the sale will be or is being conducted.

"I think yard sale signs in

public rights-of-way need to be addressed," said commissioner Clark Jahnke. "The writing in the amendment is too restrictive and enforcement would be difficult. I see arguments arising that could make the amendment of no value."

The amendment as written would also severely hamper promotion efforts of some special events such as the Cherry Creek and Christmas Through Lowell craft shows.

"Especially the Cherry Creek craft show. We staple about 50 signs to poles promoting the show so drive-thrus can see," said its co-coordinator Laura Becker. "Signs are also used to help show people how to get to the different houses for Christmas Through Lowell."

The Cherry Creek craft show is sponsored by the Lowell PTO. The proceeds are used for such things as playground equipment and benches. Becker said the event brings in approximately \$2,000 annually.

The city has an ordinance which allows signs in yards up to 21 days prior to special

events. However, this ordinance only applies to nonprofit organizations.

Commissioner Dan Brubaker noted that the city now has the ability to take down signs which are in the public right of way or on private property.

"This ordinance would give the city the right to charge people with a civil infraction and fine them," Brubaker said.

Chairman Mike Blough questioned if it meets with the neighborhood character in the city's master plan.

"I don't think it does. I think it infringes on a person's inalienable rights," said planning commissioner B.J. Thompson.

Jahnke said he felt it is reasonable to limit signs on public property and in public rights-of-way. "The problem is people do not take down the signs. They are left to fall off. What's left is trash in the street and clutter," he said.

City councilman Chuck Myers believes only a handful of people are at fault. "Why not just fine people \$10 if they leave their signs which are not removed within 48 hours of the sale?"

The planning commission said it favored prohibiting yard sale signs on public property, but felt signs should be allowed in yards.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Albion College senior John E. Roudabush graduated summa cum laude in December, majoring in economics and management.

The honor of summa cum laude is given to students who maintain a grade point aver-

age of 3.8 or more out of a possible 4.0 throughout their entire college career.

Roudabush is the son of Joel and Brenda Roudabush of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Albion College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

Dean's lists for the 1996 fall semester have been announced by 10 colleges and two other academic units at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Adrian Martin Schuster, of Lowell, was among the 5,446 students honored.

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MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; and from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. by appointment; also on

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1997

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1). By letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 8.
- 2). Appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets.

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