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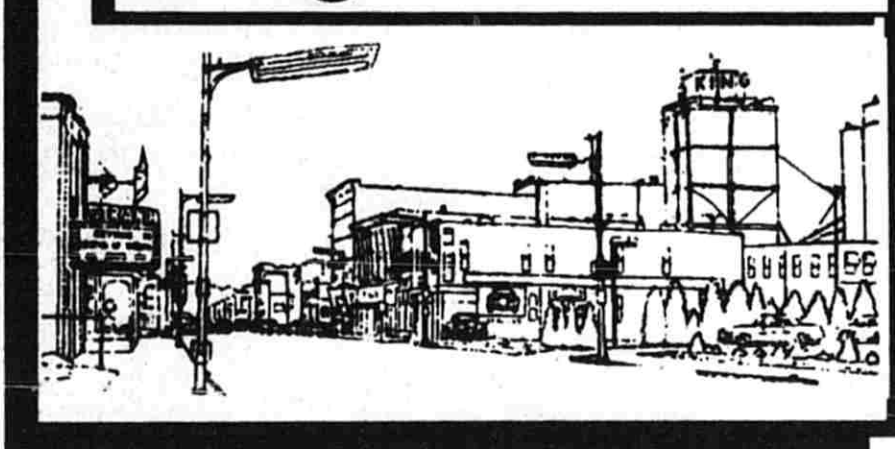
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Wednesday, March 12, 1997

Along Main Street



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.

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.

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.

YMCA SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Lowell YMCA is currently taking registrations for soccer ages 3 years thru eighth grade. The registration deadline for grades K-8 is Thursday, March 13. Mini-kickers deadline is Thursday, April 3. The 3-year-old registration deadline is April 14.

To register or for further information about these programs call the Lowell YMCA at 897-8445.

LHS SENIOR CLASS AUCTION

The Lowell High School senior class of 1997 is having an auction 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Lowell Area Fire Department will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22 at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Fallasburg Historical Society's annual meeting will be held Monday, March 24. Potluck at 6:30 p.m., bring a dish to pass and table settings. Report on exciting news about Fallasburg and trustee election. The program will be Jim Budzynski (Coopersville-Marne Railway), the interurban railroads.

EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter egg hunt at Creekside Park on Saturday, March 29. Ages 2-4, 12 p.m.; ages 5-7, 12:30 p.m. and ages 8-10, 1 p.m. Check eggs for numbers and win a prize. Sponsored by Lowell Moose Lodge #809.

SPORTSCARD SHOW

There will be a sportscard show Saturday, March 29 at Cherry Creek Elementary from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$35 a table with the proceeds going to the Cherry Creek Elementary fifth-grade radio station (W.C.K.R. 'Cherry Creek Kids Radio').

For table information contact Mike Fillman at 897-9257 or 364-8835.

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Township looks to peddle property for added tax revenue

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township officials must decide the next step in getting a 4 1/2 acre parcel of land back on the tax roll. The township received the land located on Lowell View Avenue over a year ago when the owner could not pay back taxes.

The land is zoned residential and is suitable for the building of one house. It can not be split in an effort to build two homes, according to township zoning.

"We need to get it back on the tax roll because we're not receiving any income on just a weed patch," said trustee Dick Huver.

Supervisor John Timpson asked for the board's help in either getting the land appraised as is, then selling it; getting it cleaned up, then appraised; or selling the land outright.

"Do we want to put more money into it or do we just want to sell it and go on?" asked Timpson. "What we have to ask ourselves is if we put money into it, will we get it back when it's sold?"

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Selection of bond underwriter stirs debate

... A.G. Edwards given permission to refinance bonds when district payback reaches a minimum of \$350,000.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A.G. Edwards and Sons, bond underwriter, has been contracted by the Lowell Schools to trigger new bond financing when the minimal payback will be \$325,000 to the district.

A controversy in the selection came about because A.G. Edwards & Sons' statement of intent (\$6,700) was not the lowest received by the district. That lowest was forwarded by the bond underwriting firm of Everen.

"I was told when there is a close spread between underwriters, one should select an underwriter you know and trust and one that will work with you," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "Being this is a complicated and complex issue, I think, gives merit in choosing someone you've worked with and trust. Doing this is not a disservice to the taxpayer."

Acting board president Pete Gustafson said the board would be "penny wise and pound foolish" if it put everything on the underwriter's discount rate.

"The skill and dexterity of the underwriting will determine the value of the deal to the taxpayers," Gustafson said.

He touted A.G. Edwards' underwriter Brian Lefler as

being a rigorous, ethical and tough individual who looks out for the interest of the client.

Board trustee Ellen McClain explained that while the district gave the impression of soliciting and accepting the lowest bid, in this case that was not its intention.

"I think we're deceiving the vendors," McClain said. "I want to save the taxpayers' money too, but I disagree with the way that's being used."

Underwriter, cont'd. pg. 8

Symphonic and concert bands orchestrate their way into history



Lowell band director Robert Rice spends a few moments with the the symphonic band before their festival performance.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in the school's history, Lowell's symphonic and concert bands each attained a division one rating at the District 10 Concert Band Festival.

This accomplishment allows both bands to play at the

state band festival in April.

The District 10 Concert Band Festival was held at Lowell High School on Thursday with 19 bands participating. This is the third consecutive year Lowell has been asked to host the event.

"Everything went
Bands, cont'd. pg. 8

New WWMT agreement enables Lowell Cable Television to add C-SPAN and drop Doppler radar

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A new agreement with CBS affiliate WWMT will bring about a noticeable change in Lowell Cable subscribers cable channel lineup beginning May 1.

In a new three-year agreement, the Kalamazoo station does not require Lowell Cable Television to carry Doppler radar.

Lowell Cable Television will drop that weather channel and replace it with C-SPAN.

The change will save the cable company six cents per subscriber.

"C-SPAN adds value to our system," Lowell Cable supervisor Paul Christman said. "It is also a channel I believe can benefit the schools. If there is an important event going on in Washington, students will have an opportunity to watch the proceedings."

By law, the cable channel needs to provide a 30-day notification to customers of the change.

Christman said a notice will be put on subscribers' bills, published in the Lowell Ledger and aired on cable channel 2.

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INSIDE THE LEDGER



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Easter
Coloring Contest,
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OBITUARIES

COMPAGNER - Maxine Compagner, aged 86, of Saranac, passed away March 4, 1997 in Grand Rapids. She was born June 19, 1910 in Keene Township, the daughter of Louis and Carrie (Walker) Cahoon. She was a 1929 graduate of Saranac High School. She went on to become a teacher starting out in the rural area schools and then eventually returning to Saranac Public Schools, and also was the Librarian at the school until she retired in 1973. She was a member of Saranac Community Church, and member and Past Worship Matron of The Eastern Star. She was a member of the NEA and MEA Teaching As-

sociations. She married Ed Compagner June 6, 1932 in Angola, Indiana. He survives her in Saranac. Also surviving are many nieces and a nephew. Funeral Services for Mrs. Compagner were held Friday at the Saranac Community Church with Rev. Stanley Hagemeyer officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to The Saranac Community Church. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home, Saranac.

HARKINS - Nancy Lynn Harkins (nee Chase), aged 60, of Stanton, formerly of Lowell, died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 5, 1997.

She was preceded in death by her fathers Vincent C. Chase and Richard R. Roelofs. She is survived by her husband, Donald; children Laurie (Rick) Fonger of Lowell, Terrie L. Searer of Twin Lake, Cristie L. (Jeffrey) Trierweiler of Saranac, Brian L. Harkins of Lowell, Donna A. (Trent) Siciliano of Lowell; mother Harriet Roelofs of Lowell; sister Norrine (Ed) Polkowski of Wyoming; grandchildren Gregory, Todd, Aaron, Kristine, Tyler, Nicholas, Amy, Eric, Joshua, Cheyenne. She will be sadly missed by many loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. Mrs. Harkins was a graduate of Godwin High School. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gordon Barry of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

HEILMAN - Thelma D. Heilman, aged 88, passed away at home on March 6, 1997. Thelma was long-time resident of the Lowell area. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arvil C. Heilman in October of 1996. She is survived by her daughters, Alice Goodwin, Barbara (John) Vos, and Phyllis (Leo) Haybarker; grandchildren Richard (Darleen) Goodwin, Paul (Carol) Goodwin, Tamara (Dave) Tichelar, Julie (Mike) Kenney, Judy Goodwin, Deborah (Jack) Young, Kenneth (Linda) Vos, Sandra (Andy) Schutt, Kathy (Mike) Clark, Kraig (Jody) Haybarker, Kirk (Lynn) Haybarker; 34 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held on Wed., March 12 from 7-9 p.m. and a Memorial service will take place on Thursday, March 13, 1997 at 2 p.m. both at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main, Rev. Vance Dimmick and Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell, or the Visiting Nurses Association of West Michigan, 1401 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

SMITH - Mrs. Audrey Jean Smith (nee Lobdell), aged 72, of Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord, Sunday, March 9, 1997 after a courageous battle with cancer. Surviving are her husband of 42 years Ernest J.; her children Ernest J. (Gerry) Smith Jr. of Saginaw, Evelyn (William) Stoffers of Grand Rapids, Eric (Annmarie) Smith of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Jessica, Ernest III, Joshua, Jeremy, and Audrey Smith, James, Steven, Michael and Mark Stoffers, Christina, Eric Jr. and Elizabeth Smith; sister Doris (Bob) Dykhouse of Grant; a brother James Lobdell missing since WWII; brother-in-law Leo (Gerry) Smith of Muskegon; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Smith of Fremont and Beatie Lobdell; nieces and nephews, Audrey was preceded in death by her parents James and Evelyn Lobdell; her brother William Lobdell. She was raised on a small farm in Casnovia, a graduate of Kent City High School, served in the U.S. Navy during WWII from March 1945 to July 1946, stationed in San Francisco. Graduate of Muskegon Business College, former owner of Ball Floral in Lowell, retired as Treasurer of Michigan Industrial Companies, currently employed with Martin Mead Attorney, charter member of the Women in Military Service Memorial, a long-time member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Grand Rapids where she was active in many ministries; there she was a member of the O.C.I.A. team which provides instruction of adults in the Catholic faith and prepares them for the Sacrament of Initiation. She was the director of St. Anthony Project Family which provides food, personal necessities, and financial support to the needy. She touched countless people by ministering to both their physical and spiritual needs. She loved to travel with her husband, children and grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church (please meet at the church). Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial contributions to St. Anthony's Project Family will be appreciated.

WEST - Howard M. West, aged 73, former owner of Anderson Shoe Store, in Lowell, passed away March 8, 1997 in Zephyrhills, Florida. Cremation has taken place in Florida. Memorial Services will be held March 16, 1997, 2 p.m. at Comstock Park Congregational United Church of Christ, 62 Lamoreaux Drive, Rev. Larry Brosseit officiating.

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Thomas Edison presentation lights up student interest

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Borne from Thomas Edison's 1,093 patents came the nickname "Wizard of Menlo Park."

This year is the 150th anniversary of Edison's birth. The extraordinary inventor

died on Oct. 18, 1931 at the age of 84.

Joseph French, a private contractor with Mobile Productions, Inc., revisited the life of Edison through a dramatic presentation to Cherry Creek Elementary third-graders.

"So many important things came from Edison," the actor said in explaining his fascination with the inventor. The most important Edison invention was the light bulb.

Some of Edison's employees got discouraged after

a couple thousand attempts failed with the light bulb. Edison chose to look at it not as a failure but rather as having eliminated 2,000 possibilities.

"Although, the invention Edison was most proud of was the phonograph," French said. "There were many inventors who were working on the light bulb.

However, nobody thought of recording voice and music before him."

In the first two years that Edison's inventor factory was open, it produced 140 new patents.

Last September, French began performing 2-4 assemblies a day five days a week. Prior to contracting with Mobile, he worked for 30

years at Greenfield Village. "I've learned to not underestimate children and just how much they know," French said. "Especially third-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders."

The assembly was sponsored through the Lowell Area Education Foundation.



Cherry Creek third-grader Quade Sebro helps Thomas Edison (alias Joseph French) with his light experiment.

City finance office a distinguished one

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell's budget document once again received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement.

Each program participant is provided with confidential comments and suggestions for possible improvements to the budget document.

Along with the award, the city's finance director Judy Noonon was presented with a certificate of recognition for the budget presentation.

"We made significant improvements this year and hope to continue to make more improvements in the future," Noonon said.

A couple of items Noonon would like to see added to the

city's budget presentation include a mission statement and performance measurements (e.g., miles of streets plowed and how many arrests).

Within the award there are different levels of achievement. Lowell's budget presentation was rated as proficient. That is one level below the highest mark of outstanding.

"In good conscience I don't think the city can devote any more time or money to preparing the budget," Noonon said.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is presented annually by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

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.

of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at Hall of Justice, 333 Monroe Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Kent, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Wednesday, March 26, 1997, at 10:00 in the forenoon, local time.

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The premises covered by said mortgage is situated in the city of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, and more fully described as:

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.

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Two weeks ago Scottish scientists successfully cloned a sheep. If the day comes when it is scientifically possible to clone a human, should we?



Chad Gallagher

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Randy Lake

That would be playing with nature. I don't think it is a good idea to play around with existing natural things. There are too many pros and cons; it would cost too much money and there would be too much controversy. I am a nurse and therefore I don't favor impeding on scientific progress.



Colleen Lenihan

No. I think cloning would create a mess with mother nature.



Clare Cunningham

My instinct says no. I don't think it would be a recipe for success. I definitely would not want another one of me. One is plenty. It would be fascinating to have the capabilities, but I think we should keep our individualism.



Jodie Roberts

It's a terrible idea. Only God should make humans. I think we would be treading on dangerous ground.



Jeff Hovinga

I don't think cloning a whole human is a good idea. I would favor cloning separate body parts, such as a kidney.



Helen Kuiper

Definitely not! There's enough problems with what we've got. We don't need two of each.



Vonnie Straayer

No. That should be up to God.

LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE
INDEPENDENT PROBATE

FILE NO. 96-163,514-SE

ESTATE OF
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 27, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. in the probate courtroom, 320 Ottawa Ave., NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504, before Judge Janet Haynes, on the petition of Beulah Walton requesting that Beulah Walton be appointed personal representative of ETHA MICHAEL PRICE, deceased, who lived at 1136 Ellis Ave., Jackson, Mississippi and who died August 24, 1996.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative, or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within four months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will, then, be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

March 3, 1997

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Rick Gillett
Chairman

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on March 31, 1997 at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., to receive public comments on a proposed amendment to Section 201.307 of the Vergennes township Zoning Ordinance to expand and clarify the requirements for development along the Flat River, as follows:

I. The proposed wording of A. *Statement of Purpose and Description* in Section 201.307 is intended to more clearly establish the goals of the township for the land within the flat River District.

II. A proposed addition to Section 201.307 (F) to more clearly provide for a 50-foot setback requirement from a bluff, as set forth by the Michigan Natural River Act of 1970.

III. A proposed deletion of Section 201.307 F, a. and b. which provide for certain setbacks to be reduced.

IV. A proposed addition to Section 201.202 to provide a definition for a *filtered view of the river*.

The full text of the proposed amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7 p.m. on March 31, 1997.

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Lester, children's author, visits Alto and Cherry Creek second-graders

By **Thaddeus J. Kraus**
Lowell Ledger Editor

Helen Lester, a children's author for the past 18 years, shared some of her 16 published books with Alto and Cherry Creek Elementary second-grade students.

"The most important thing when writing a children's book is knowing kids and what is important to them," Lester said.

Lester got a flavor of what is important to kids as a teacher. "I have spent much of my 18 years of writing as a teacher," she explains.

For the past four, though, Lester has spent a good portion of her time traveling around the country visiting schools and talking to children about writing and reading.

Lester visited Alto Elementary on Wednesday and Cherry Creek on Thursday. A morning assembly was held for all second graders. The second half of the day was spent talking and reading to students in small groups.

"Young kids are great listeners. You can tell because they know when to laugh," Lester said.

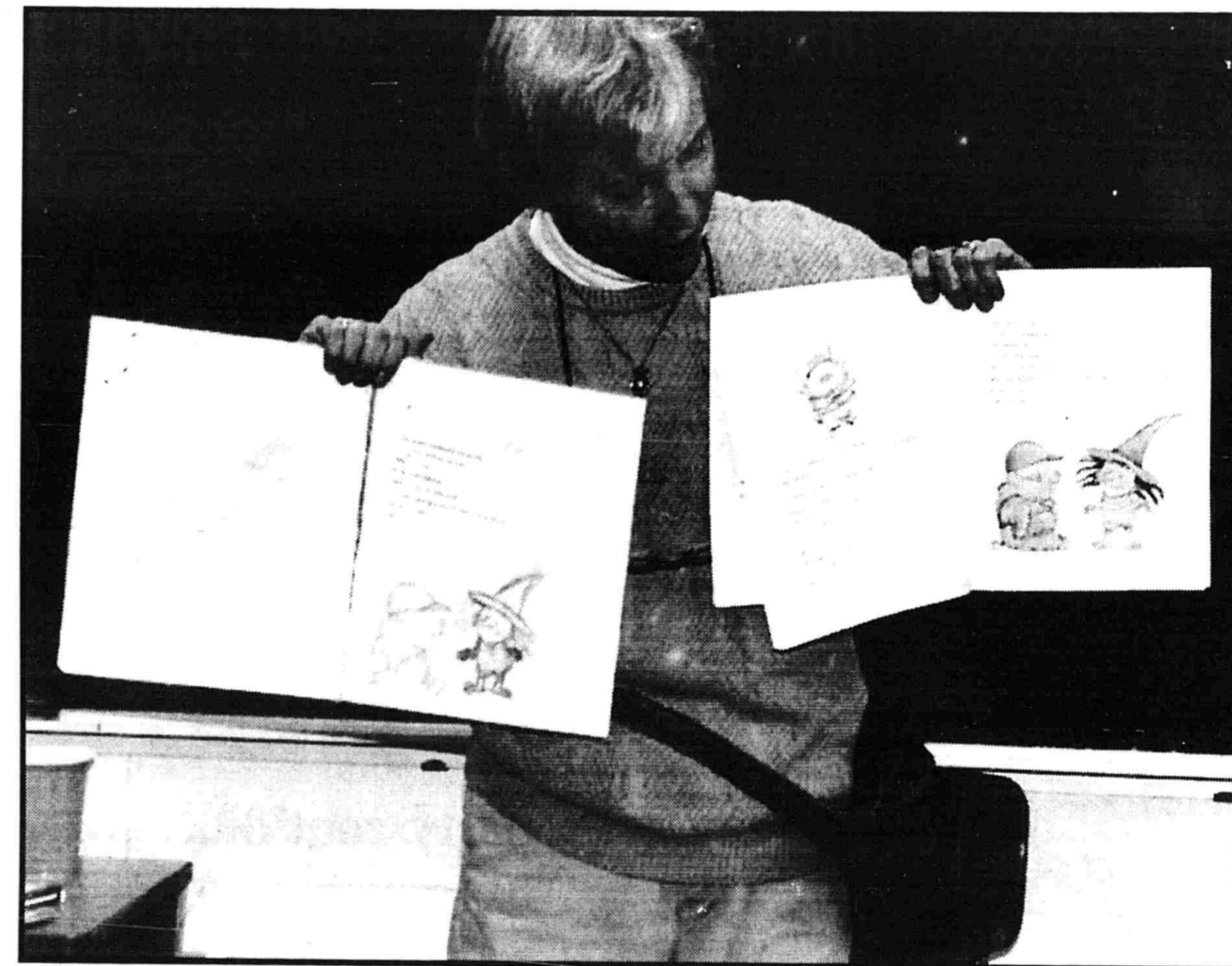
Based on the reaction of students, their favorite stories were *Cora the Copycat* and *Tacky the Penguin*.

"*Tacky the Penguin* is also my favorite. It got me my first award as an author and it also got me talking to kids again," Lester said.

The Chicago author writes for children ages three through eight.

If at first you succeed, don't take any more stupid chances.
Unknown

The trouble with jogging is that, by the time you realize you're not in shape for it, it's too far to walk back.
Franklin P. Jones



Children's author Helen Lester holds up the book dummy in her right hand and the finished product in her left. Lester answered a multitude of questions from Alto and Cherry Creek second graders.

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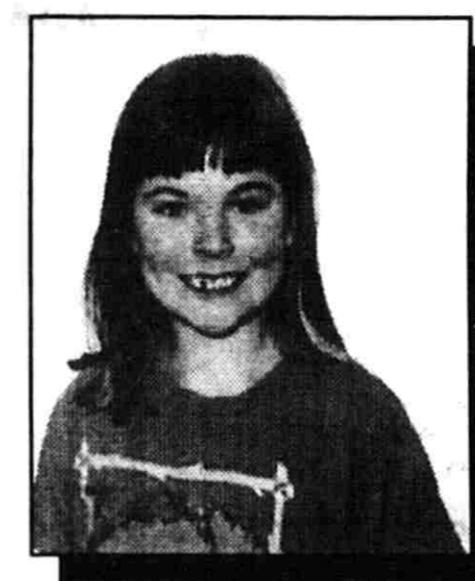
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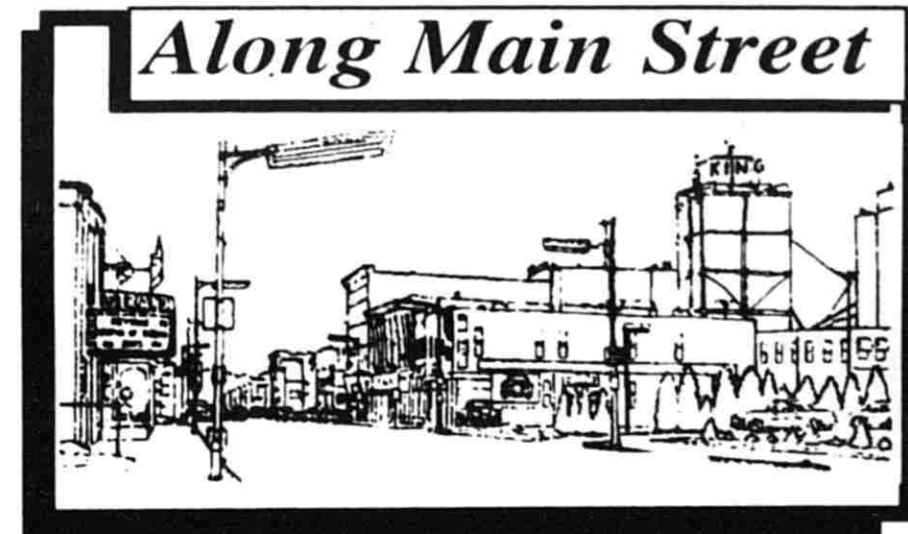
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Underwriter, continued.... From Page 1

In explaining why he supported Bleke's recommendation, Gustafson used the analogy that when buying a car, an individual looks for the best possible price off the lot and not what commission the salesman is making.

McClain said she did not feel there was any explanation in not picking Everen, the low bidder.

"We go out and get all this information and then all of a sudden we go ahead and pick someone with a higher bid," McClain said.

The trustee questioned whether the educational contacts working for A.G. Edwards may have had something to do with Bleke's recommendation.

Gustafson noted that there are educational contacts within the Everen firm too.

"My recommendation came down to what I felt was best for the district. I was looking for someone who has shown the expertise and ability to do what is right for the district," Bleke said. "After all things were considered, I think A.G. Edwards is best for the district."

The Lowell superintendent added that he believes the other firms which were considered would have also done a fine job.

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Lowell High School class of 1967 is looking for addresses and phone numbers for the following people: Gail Green, Herb Reynolds, Suzette Saigeon Harden, Rick Peckham and Don Carroll.

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Bands, continued.... From Page 1

smoothly. No one is complaining." Lowell band director Robert Rice said. "They like our auditorium."

The bands are judged in five categories: tone, intonation, rhythm, interpretation and articulation.

"They jelled and came together at the right time," Rice said. "There is a little luck involved, but the kids played together well."

Lowell had the two largest bands at the festival. There were 108 members in the concert band and 97 in its symphonic band.

"Having larger bands usually makes getting a division one rating more difficult,"

Rice explained. "This is a pretty big accomplishment by the kids. They feel very good about it."

The bands under Rice's direction spent the last 1 1/2 months in preparation for the festival. "I asked each member to please be prepared. For some that means spending a lot of time outside of the class and for others it doesn't require a lot of time."

Each band comes to the festival prepared to play three numbers before the judges. A band is then given two pieces of music to review in seven minutes. "During this time the band members and their director can talk but no music can be played," Rice explains. "The band then plays the music for the judges."

Rice noted that Lowell's symphonic band is made up of mostly juniors and seniors and its concert band is mostly freshmen and sophomores.

The state Band Festival will be the weekend of April 26 held at a number of sites around the state. The two closest sites to Lowell are Rockford and Mattawan.

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Students' exemplary work and effort recognized for month of February

Each month four Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student who has shown exemplary work and effort. For the month of February they are as follows: business - Lisa Murphy; English - J.J. Vrooman; foreign language - Jenny Alderink and social studies, Bethany Fredline and Felicia Eshragh.

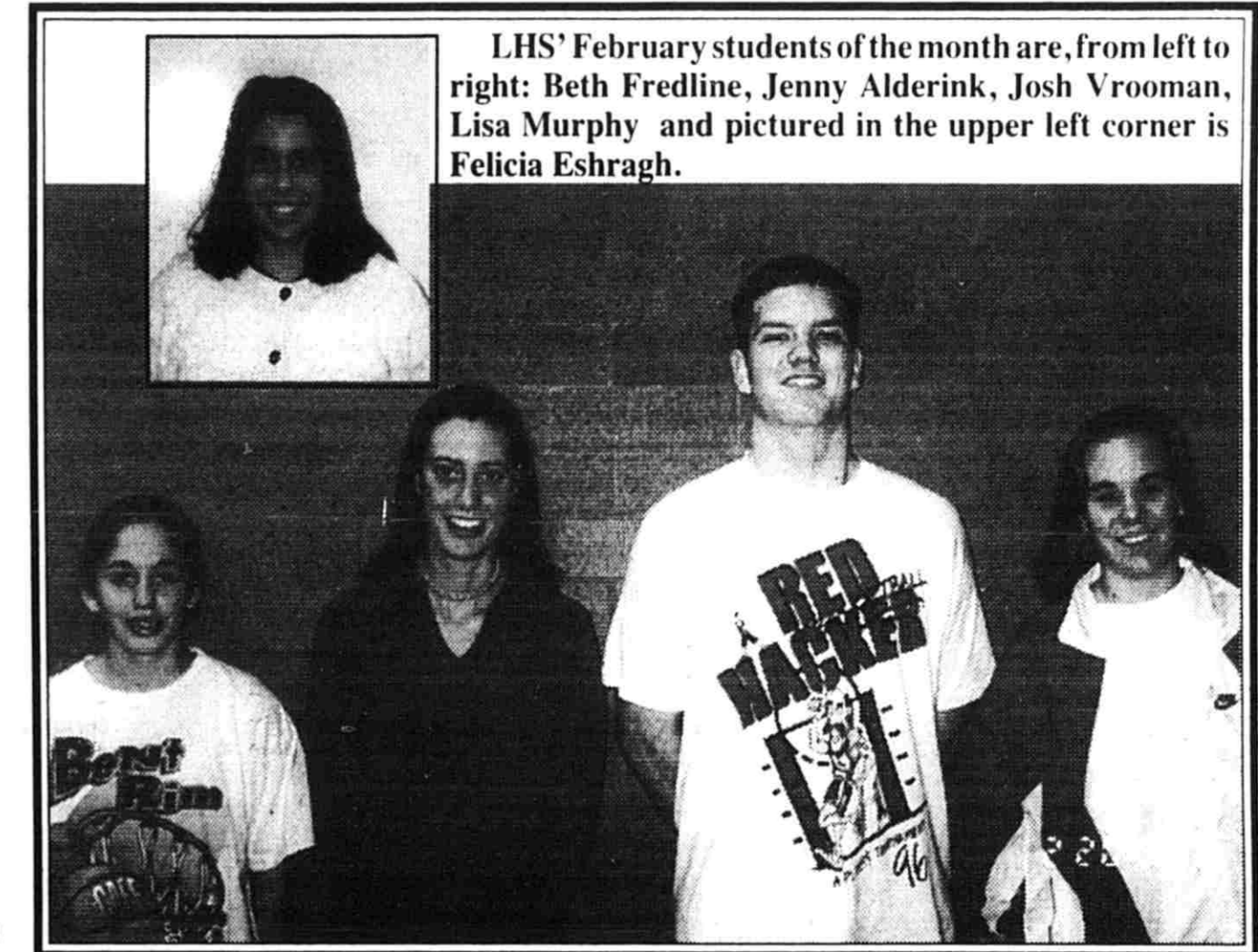
Lisa Murphy is a senior and was selected by the business department. Aside from being an outstanding student, Murphy is a very responsible and creative person. She is a class leader, helpful to other students, and a nice individual. The department respects Murphy for her unselfish attitude and self-motivation. The daughter of

Mike and Cheryl Murphy of Lowell, she has been involved in basketball and softball and would like to go to Grand Valley or GRCC where she will major in business. She hopes to continue her softball career at college and her favorite class is computerized accounting.

J.J. Vrooman, a freshman, was selected by the English department. His work in English 9 has been great. He always makes the most of an assignment, usually turning in the most creative work. He has also proven to be a leader in the class, as well as a very reliable student. Vrooman, the son of Sherrie Vrooman of Lowell, has been involved in football, basketball, student council and Model UN. His

hobbies include playing baseball, basketball and football. Jenny Alderink, a senior, was selected by the foreign language department. Alderink has had four years of French, and this in itself is an accomplishment which shows dedication, motivation and commitment. She plans on pursuing French at the university level. The daughter of Ron and Katie Alderink, both of Lowell, she has been involved in Art Club, Drama Club, International Club and Rotary. She is active in 4-H and is a member of the County Line 4-H Club. Alderink, who works at Red Lobster in Grand Rapids, would like to attend either MSU or CMU next

Felicia Eshragh, a senior, was selected by the social studies department. She has been a member of the National Honor Society and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. She is active in the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Area Schools. She plans on attending MSU next year.



LHS' February students of the month are, from left to right: Beth Fredline, Jenny Alderink, Josh Vrooman, Lisa Murphy and pictured in the upper left corner is Felicia Eshragh.

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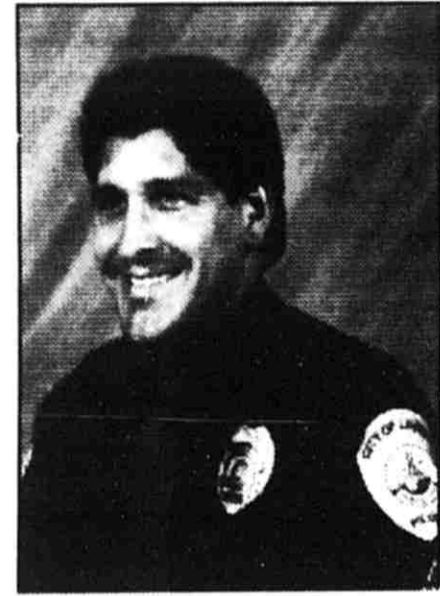
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Junewick, Lowell police sergeant, graduates from NUTI

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Sgt. Steve Junewick

Sgt. Junewick attended the 101st class, which was hosted by Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids. The session ran for 10 months, one week per month, from March to December, 1996. A graduation luncheon was held at the Amway Grand Hotel on December 6.

The SPSC program covers four broad areas of study: management and its environment, organizational theory and behavior, human resource administration, and skills for planning and analysis. More than 4,000 officers from state,

county and municipal agencies have taken advantage of the program since its first session was held in 1983.

The Traffic Institute was

established at Northwestern University in 1936 for the purpose of expanding the scope of university-level education and training in traffic

safety. Since that time the institute has broadened its original objective to include training in police operations and management.

Students, continued.... From Page 9

year. She has received academic honors while at LHS. Her hobbies are hanging out with friends and doing anything relaxing.

Bethany Fredline and Felicia Eshragh were selected by the social studies department. They are excellent students who have shown a propensity for learning that goes beyond mere memorization. The two are able to make connections between historical events and are quick to point out similarities and discrepancies. They are students who work well alone, yet can also work well in a group situation.

Fredline has also loaned her talents and determination to the basketball team and is preparing for the upcoming Model UN activities at Hope College. She is a freshman and is the daughter of Gary and Vicki Fredline, of Lowell. She has been active in her youth group at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Her hobbies are basketball, going to the

movies and hanging out with her friends. Her favorite classes are geometry, honors English and world history.

Eshragh is the daughter of Shawn and Winnie Eshragh, both of Cascade Township. A freshman, she has been involved in cheerleading, track, Model UN, SADD and a representative in International Club. She is a dancer in West Michigan Bahai Youth Workshop, a group that performs dances which portray a meaning. These topics of dance include equality of men and women, races, drug and alcohol abuse and a step dance on people who have died because of what they believe. Eshragh was nominated at the workshop for a Global Rule Award, a service award in Grand Rapids. Her favorite classes are honors English and geometry.

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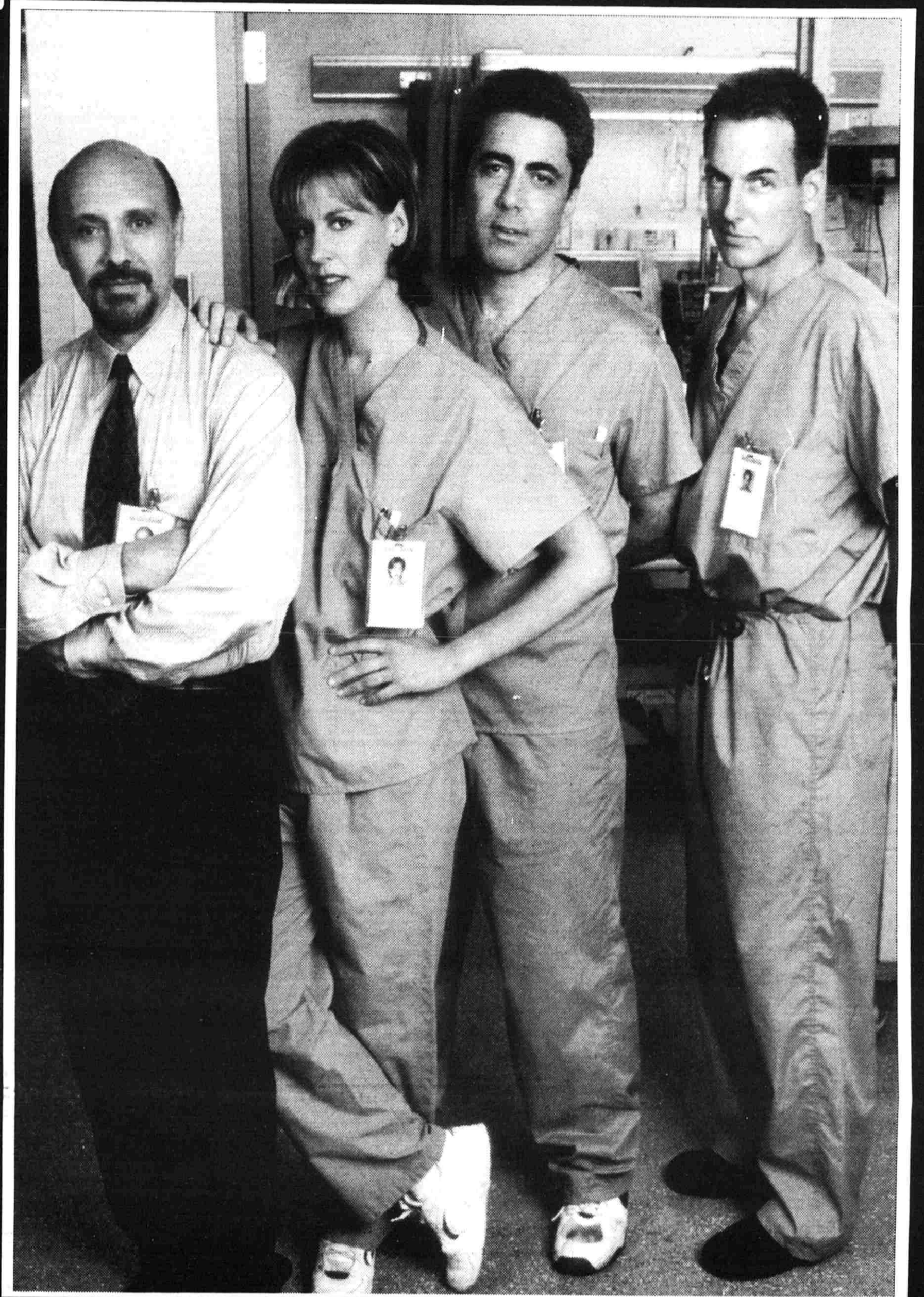
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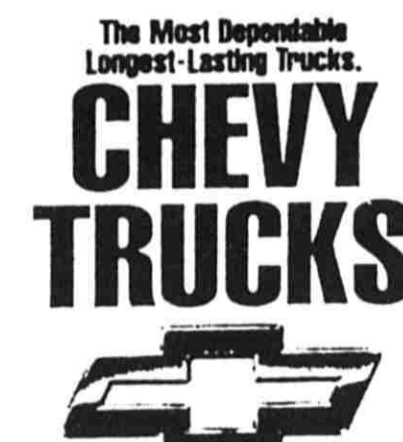


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Hector Elizondo, Christine Lahti, Adam Arkin and Mark Harmon (from left) staff the hospital of *Chicago Hope*, airing Mondays on CBS. With *ER* on hiatus, *Chicago Hope* is the new focus of prime-time medical drama fans. Monday's episode features a guest appearance by Alan Arkin, father of cast member Adam Arkin.

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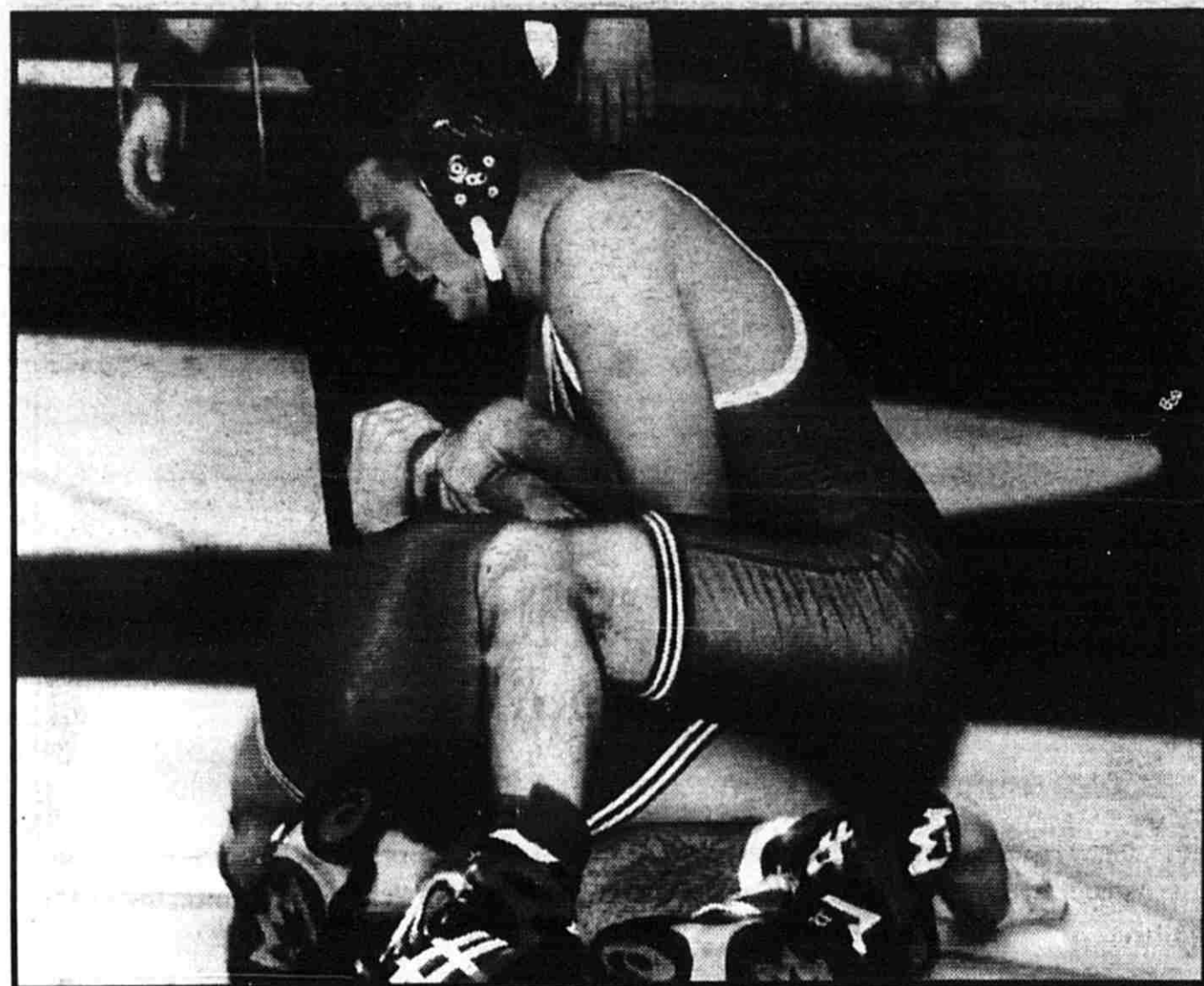
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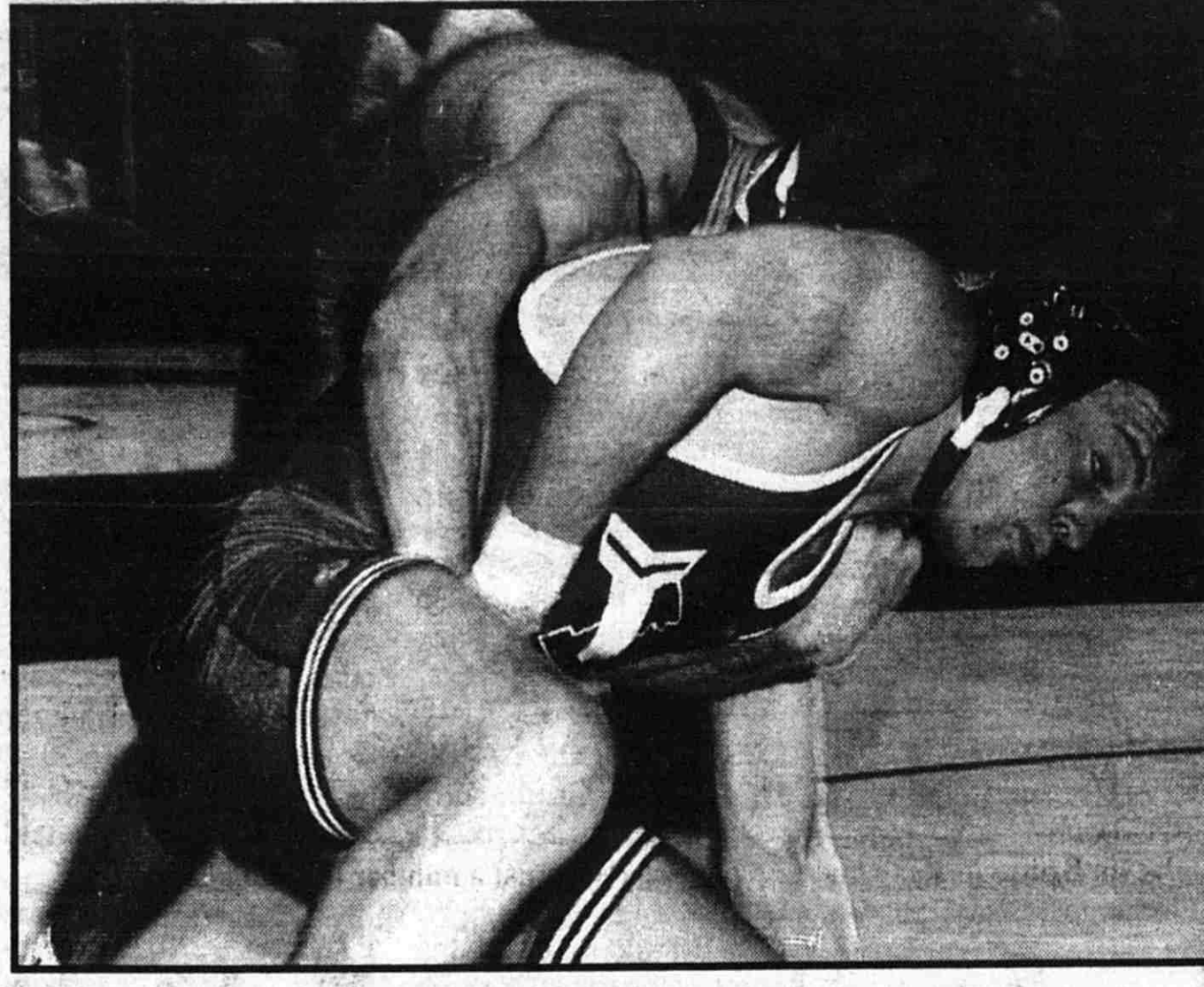
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Scott Hays, 145 pounds, works on the arm of his opponent Saturday at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.



Brett Plattner, 135 pounds, placed eighth in the state tournament.

All four Red Arrow grapplers medal at individual state tournament

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

When the wrestling season began three months ago, Lowell coach Gary Rivers' expectations for Dan Rottier, Bill Stouffer, Scott Hays and Brett Plattner did not include medaling at the state meet in March.

By the end of the season, Rivers expected his Red Arrows to advance to the state tournament.

"Both Plattner and Hays wanted it. They showed their self-determination. They were focused on getting a medal," Rivers said. "In the beginning I didn't think Stouffer and Rottier would, but they continued to improve and learn as the season progressed and by season's end I expected them to get there."

When the Division II individual state meet concluded Saturday, each of Lowell's four wrestlers had medaled.

Hays (145) and Stouffer (215) each placed sixth. Plattner (135) and Rottier (103) both finished eighth.

"It was a fantastic season for them and the team," Rivers said.

However, the dean of Michigan wrestling coaches admitted there was a little disappointment.

"There was only hurt because the four boys did so well on Friday," Rivers said. "They raised expectations, but then had a bad day on Saturday."

Neither Hays nor Stouffer lost a match on Friday. Their fortunes were reversed on Saturday as they both lost three matches.

Rottier and Plattner were 2-1 Friday but were 0-2 on Saturday.

"We weren't able to keep them primed and ready for Saturday," Rivers said. "That is my (coach's) fault."

Rivers said a wrestler's first visit to the state meet is mind-boggling.

"It is tough to understand if you haven't been here and gone through it," Rivers said.

The venerable Lowell wrestling coach said scoring the first points in a match at the state meet is very important. "That is so vital. When you're behind, you have to do things differently and eventually take some chances. When next year rolls around, we are going to stress scoring the first points and working better on our feet."

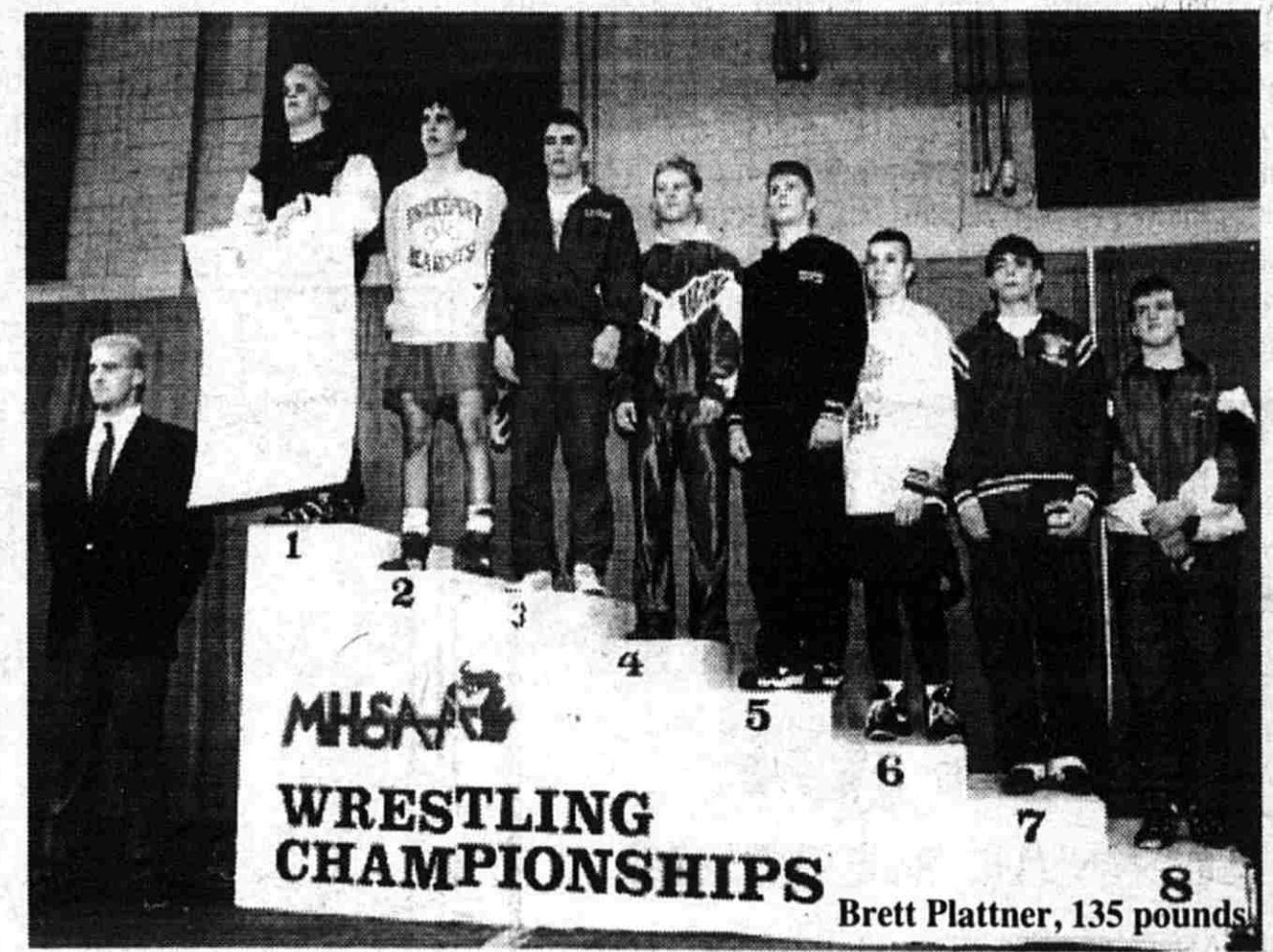
Each of the four wrestlers were 2-3 over the two-day state tournament.

In matches for fifth place, Hays lost 7-6 to Farmington's Shannon Stahlin and Stouffer lost 11-4 to Portage Central's Jim Kilcoyne.

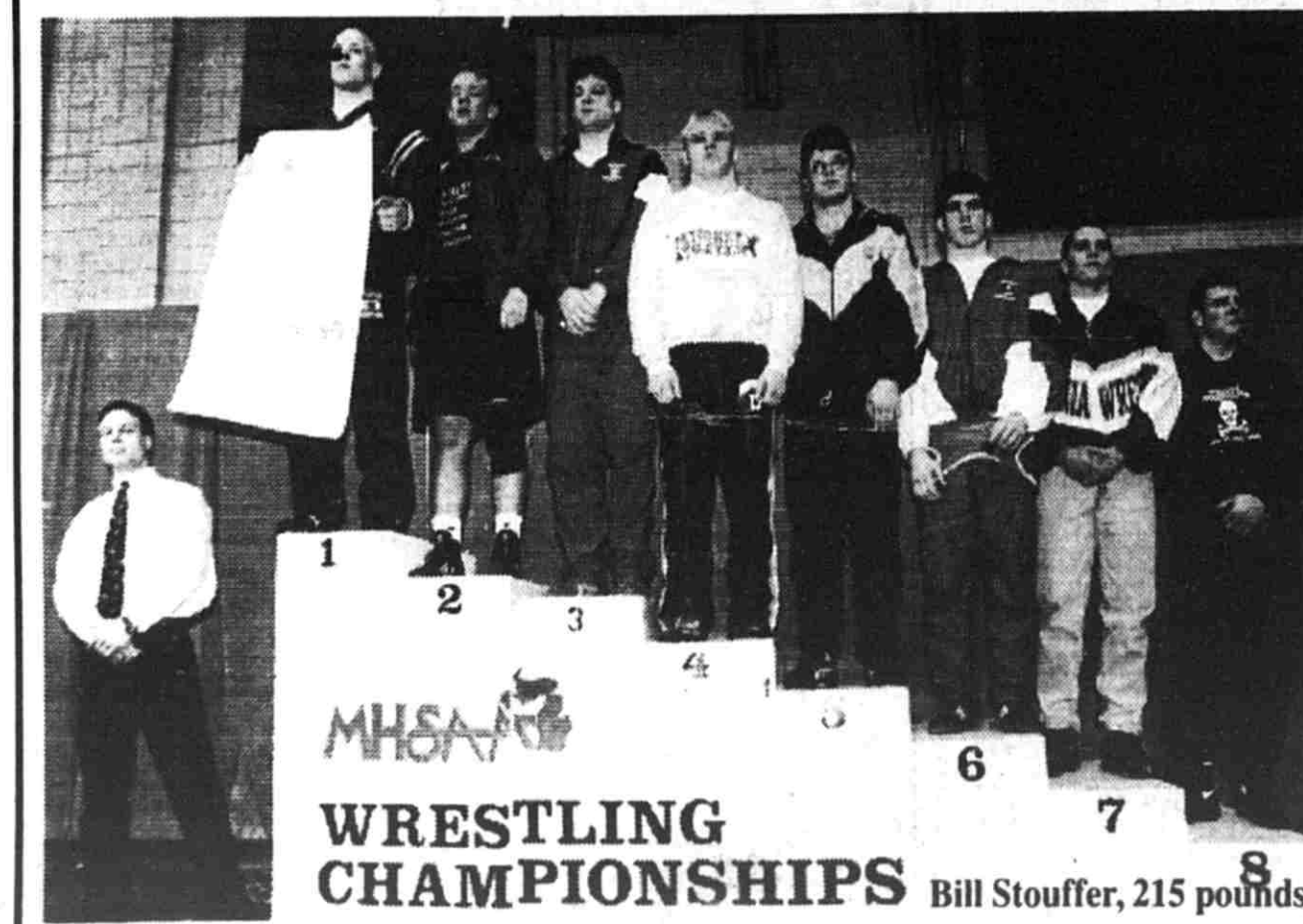
In matches for seventh place, Scott Pushman, Fenton, defeated Dan Rottier 7-1 and Charlie Jaeger, Farmington, edged past Plattner 6-4.



Dan Rottier, 103 pounds



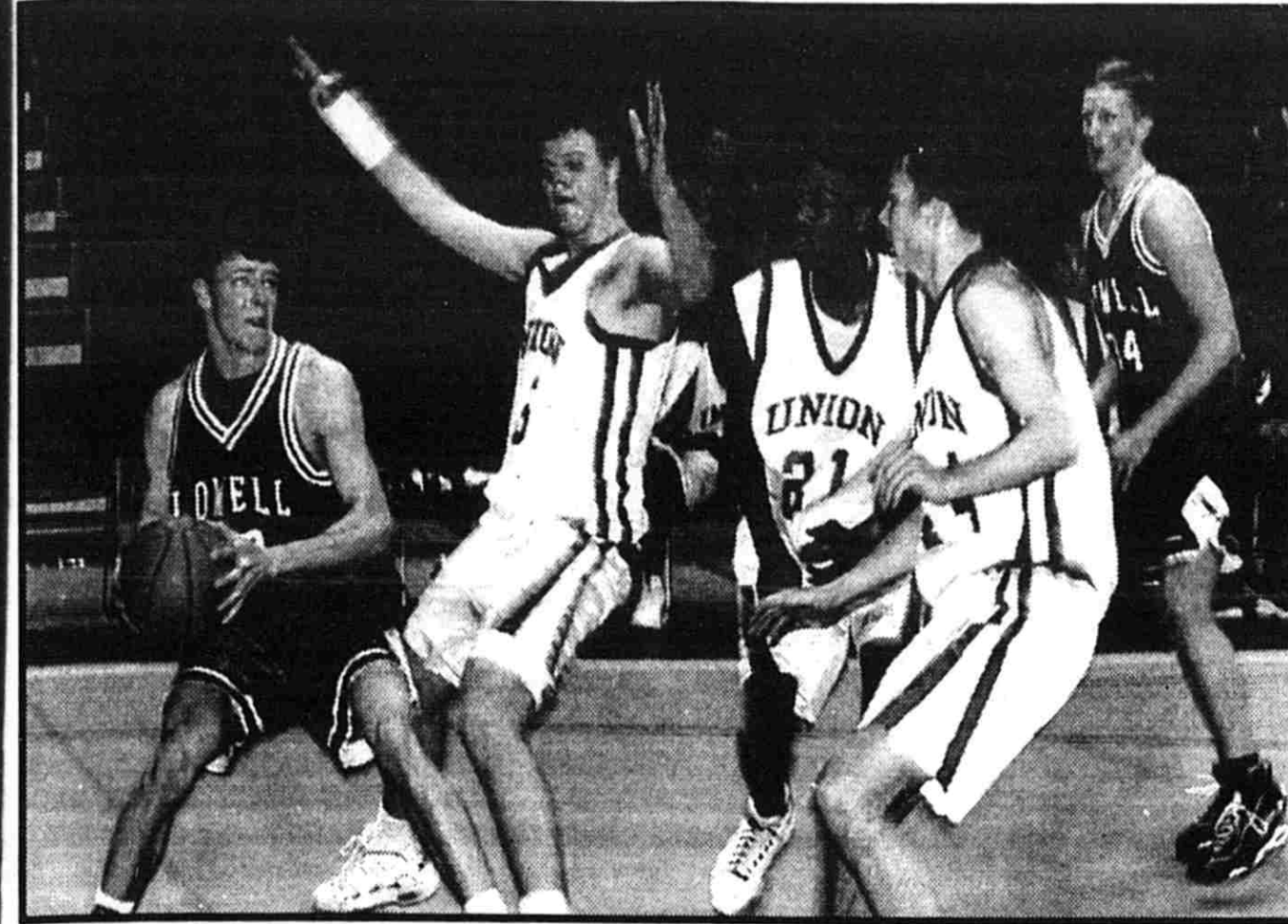
Brett Plattner, 135 pounds



Bill Stouffer, 215 pounds



Scott Hays, 145 pounds



Kevin Brown looks to make an outlet pass amidst a number of Union defenders.



Aaron Brander spots and then makes a pass to a Red Arrow teammate inside the paint.

Lowell unable to surpass Rockford in final minutes of district semifinal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush told his team that the district is the start of a whole new season. "Everybody is 0-0."

A renewed confidence from the foul line brought Lowell its first win of the new season, as the Red Arrows netted 16-of-20 from the stripe in the second half to secure a 61-59 win over Grand Rapids Union.

The victory advanced Lowell to the district semifinals. "We sank some free throws tonight," Bush said. "We were not a good foul shooting team during the regular season."

The Red Arrows were 10-of-12 in the fourth quarter. Senior point guard Joe Hohbach was five-of-six in the last minute of play.

Lowell also stayed out of foul trouble, thus keeping Union off the line.

"We were playing man-to-man in the first half but Union was beating us with penetration and with second shots," Bush said. "In the second half we used a zone to stop the penetration and that also helped us with our rebounding."

Lowell led 32-27 at halftime. The two clubs traded buckets over the first 4 minutes of the third quarter and offensive spurts over the last four.

Union trailed 39-33 when it went on a 7-0 run to take a 40-39 lead. That was the Red Hawks' only lead of the second half. It was also short lived. Lowell followed it up with a 6-0 run to end the third stanza, giving it a 45-40 advantage.

Lowell expanded its lead to eight (51-43) during the opening three minutes of the fourth quarter.

Union had one more run left as it outscored Lowell 6-0 over a one-minute stretch to pull within two at 51-49.

The Red Arrows were able to build the lead to seven with a minute to play.

Hohbach connected on three-of-four shots from the line to tie the contest.

Union hit a three at the buzzer, pulling within two.

"It's a win in the district, and we will take that any way we can get it," Bush said. "Now we will try to push ourselves to another win on Thursday."

Rockford 50
Lowell 44

Neither the Red Arrows nor the Rams had won back-to-back games in three months of the regular season. The winner of the Class A district semifinal would accomplish that feat in just three days of the post season.

This type of stark contrast annually makes Michigan high school basketball's March Madness a most highly anticipated event.

Rockford and Lowell had just five wins between them entering a semifinal where never more than seven points separated them.

"We were 1-9 during the regular season but this team has never thought of itself as that," said Rockford coach Stephen Brown following his club's 50-44 win over Lowell, advancing it to the finals against Grand Rapids Central.

"Our kids played with a lot of Ram pride tonight," Brown said.

Rockford fell behind early, 9-2, before rallying to take a 16-14 first-quarter lead.

Lowell fell behind by seven late in the fourth quarter before

rallying to cut the deficit to two with 29 seconds to play.

"The game was right where we wanted it," said Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush. "We wanted it to be a one possession game with less than a minute to play."

Bush got his wish. Lowell trailed by two and had the ball with a half minute remaining on the scoreboard clock.

"We got the ball to Kevin Brown in a good spot. We were just unable to score," Bush said.

Brown, Lowell's leading scorer, not being able to score in the second half, was in contrast to the first half. The senior netted 17 of Lowell's 26 first-half points.

Rockford used a triangle and two to shut Brown down in

Basketball, cont'd. pg. 21

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THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1997
AT 7:30 P.M.

in the Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash S.E., Alto, Michigan.

A Budget shall be submitted for consideration.

Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

A copy of the entire proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the Bowne Township Office, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
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Red Arrow power lifters take first at Carson City-Crystal tournament

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's power lifting club continued its rather remarkable first year as both its varsity and junior varsity squads earned top honors at the Carson City-Crystal tournament. "It's been a phenomenal first year," Lowell coach Noel Dean said. "The coaches have put in a lot of time. The boys have also shown a lot of respect for learning the proper techniques. They are working their muscle groups rather than working from inertia."

Lowell's varsity squad earned 3 firsts, 2 thirds, and a fourth and fifth. Brian Bellechasses placed first at 165 pounds with a total lift of 620 pounds. He benched 230 pounds and dead lifted 390. Jeff Altoft, 181 pounds, earned a first-place finish with a total weight of 685 pounds. He benched 250 and dead lifted 435. Bill McPherson, 198 pounds, placed first with a total lift of 705 pounds. McPherson benched 250 and dead lifted 455 pounds. Matt Rosenberger, 242 pounds, finished third. He benched

235 and dead lifted 380 pounds. Tom Dumas was third in the 220-pound division. His total combined lift was 630 pounds. He benched 260 and dead lifted 370. Travis Abmeyer, 148 pounds, was fourth with a combined lift of 520 pounds. Chris Wieland, 148 pounds, placed fifth with a combined lift of 515. "We've had 84 boys lift in four meets," Dean said. "We took 57 lifters to Carson City-Crystal." Lowell's varsity team placed first among a field of 13 teams with 88 points. Ithaca was second with 64 and Cedar Springs finished third with 54.

Power lifters, cont'd. pg. 23

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UNSUNG ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Mike Scigliano, a senior on the boys basketball team, is our athlete of the week. His story is a testament to hard work and dedication to his sport. Mike spent the summer attending camps, open gyms, and working on his game and it paid off by making the team in his senior year. He has been a big part of this team during the past two years encouraging his teammates in practices and games. His attitude has been his biggest asset as his coaches knew he would do whatever they asked. Mike serves as an example of an athlete who will do whatever is necessary to make his team better. He is a role model for young athletes who can learn to believe in their dream and work hard to achieve it.

MIKE SCIGLIANO
Senior/Basketball

Next week we salute members of the volleyball team.

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Self storage facility stymied by Lowell Township's existing zoning

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The as yet to be developed light industrial sight in Lowell Charter Township has once again played a role in preventing other light industrial developments. The township's planning commission was approached about the possibility of allowing a residential self-storage lot on M-21, but chances of it passing are "extremely slim." Mike Winick, of Rockford, sought advice on building a storage facility on M-21, but because the use is classified as light industrial and would have been located in a commercial district, he was told the chance of getting the project passed was minimal.

According to commissioner Dick Bryan, the township had a similar proposal come up before and township attorneys said it qualified as light industrial.

Bryan went on to say that a Special Use Permit cannot be asked for in this instance because the land in question is zoned

Church looks to double worship space with updated plans

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

When Evergreen Missionary Church settled in Lowell Charter Township, they had little idea of how fast the congregation would grow and, as such, made rough estimates on future development to their property. "We started with no one, so our faith on how fast we would grow wasn't big enough," explained Pastor Nancy S. Brewer, Legal Aid of Western Michigan, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 89 Ionia NW - Suite 400, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 15th day of April, 1997. Failure to comply with this Order may result in judgment by default against this Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week with three consecutive weeks in Kent County.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff moves that she be permitted to serve process in this case under the provisions of MCR 2.106, and that the Defendant be notified of the pendency of this action by means of publication.

DATE: 2-21-97

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF NANCY S. BREWER (P49051) 89 Ionia NW - Suite 400 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616-774-0672 Ext. 120

ORDER TO ANSWER - PUBLICATION

At a session of said Court, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan Courthouse, on this 3rd day of March, 1997.

PRESENT: Honorable Donald A. Johnston, Circuit Court Judge

On the 8th day of January, 1997, an action for divorce was filed by Gerry Sivertsen, Plaintiff, against Vernon Sivertsen, Defendant, in this court.

Upon hearing and consideration of the verified Motion of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of Defendant is unknown, that therefore service upon Defendant of the Summons and a copy of the

Complaint in this action cannot be otherwise effectuated, and it appearing to the court that the Defendant can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by the publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, Vernon Sivertsen, shall serve his answer on Nancy S. Brewer, Legal Aid of Western Michigan, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 89 Ionia NW - Suite 400, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 15th day of April, 1997. Failure to comply with this Order may result in judgment by default against this Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this court.

commercial, which doesn't allow light industrial use of any kind with any exception.

"The master plan shows nothing but commercial on M-21," said Bryan. "Any rezoning in that area would be considered spot zoning and we don't do that."

Another strike against the project is the existence of more than 200 acres of light industrial land unused along I-96 and Alden Nash and just west of Winick's proposed site on M-21.

"We put those two areas as light industrial for a reason and until they are used up, we shouldn't add to that zoning," said Bryan.

Winick said the facility would allow people to store their excess things from homes and garages on the site and asked

if his storage facility could be classified under a different heading.

"Right now you're saying all warehouses fall under the light industrial umbrella. What are the chances you could get this classified under commercial since it's for residential use?" Winick said.

The commission agreed to ask for a ruling from the township's attorney, but added that they doubt he will change his mind.

"The decision we make is not just about you, it's township wide," said commission chairman Mel Beers. "If we allow this, then anyone asking for a storage facility can do so in a commercial district. That is what makes this so critical."

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN, COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL Byrne Park Area Road Improvement Special Assessment District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, having resolved its intention to make certain public improvements consisting of paving and improving Byrne Park Drive, Westerly 1100 feet from Lincoln Lake Avenue; Bordeau Drive, from Byrne Park Drive Southerly to its end; Pine Ridge Drive, from Byrne Park Drive to Ravine Drive; Larned Drive, from Pine Ridge Drive to the lake; Wimpole Drive, from Larned Drive North to its end; Pine Ridge Court, from Wimpole Drive to Pine Ridge Drive; and Ravine Drive 500 feet North and South of Pine Ridge Drive (the "Improvements") in the Township, has made its final determination of a special assessment district which consists of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefitted by the Improvements and against which all or a portion of the cost of the Improvements shall be specially assessed:

- Byrne Park Area Road Improvement Special Assessment District
- Lots and Parcels Numbered:
- 41-12-10-201-003, -004, -005, -007, -009, -012, -013;
 - 41-12-10-202-002, -003, 004, -009, 012, -014, -016;
 - 41-12-10-203-005, -018, -019, -021, -022, -023, -026, -027, -028;
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Township Supervisor of the Township of Grattan has made and certified a special assessment roll for the special assessment district, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefitted lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1997, AT 7 O'CLOCK P.M., AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM, 11663 OLD BELDING ROAD, IN SAID TOWNSHIP, TO REVIEW THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TO HEAR AND CONSIDER ANY OBJECTIONS THERETO.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment roll as prepared has been reported to the Township Board and is on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR A PARTY IN INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, BUT ONLY IF SAID OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST APPEARS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan.

Dated: March 11, 1997

Peggy A. Gurney, Clerk
Township of Grattan

Legacy '97 celebrates women's history with tribute to Civil War

In conjunction with Legacy '97, the celebration of Women's History Month continues with a theatrical performance entitled "Civil War Women." "Civil War Women" is a deeply moving play showing a unique view of the war through diaries and biographies of five women. Two of the women were escaped slaves, another was a doctor, and a young southern lady. The fifth woman disguised herself as a man and enlisted in the army. Sandra Hansen from Women's History ALIVE! will bring all of these characters to life through this one-woman play and will spin the stories of the women's lives.

Hansen is knowledgeable about women's history with a degree in women's studies from Hope College. For a

number of years, Hansen has been a Chautauqua Presenter for the Michigan Humanities Council and is a member of the Michigan Touring Arts Agency. As a secondary job, she sews custom historical clothing.

O'Boyle spends spring break helping others

Many college students spend their spring break in the sun and fun of Florida, TX, or the Caribbean. Not so far Wade O'Boyle, son of Tim and Julie O'Boyle of Lowell. The Aquinas College sophomore will join with other Aquinas students who have chosen to spend spring break in service to others.

The students, along with advisor Stella Ferris, director

of the college's multicultural office, will spend the week of March 9-15 living and working at the Edmundite Mission in Selma, AL.

The Edmundite Mission Corp. is an organization of men and women engaged in ministry among the poor in the African-American communities of Selma and New Orleans, LA. Sponsored by the Society of St. Edmund,

library is pleased to participate in this city-wide event. Legacy programs have been developed in conjunction with the Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council. Kent District Library programs are underwritten by the

Michigan Humanities Council, National Endowment for the Humanities and the Nokomis Foundation.

The play, sponsored by Friends of the Library, will be held at two of the Kent District Library branches: The

Englehardt Public Library in Lowell on Saturday, March 15 at 11 a.m. and at the Byron Township Branch Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m. For more information regarding the play, *Civil War Women*, the media may contact Cheryl Garrison at 336-2013.

EMC members are challenged to serve the economically disadvantaged, embrace a simple lifestyle, share a faith journey, and live in the community. They "seek to minister to those who would otherwise have no one to minister to them."

The Aquinas students will

and work with the EMC community in Selma while they engage in a variety of service experiences according to their talents and interests. These may include construction and renovation projects, youth work, tutoring, working at a health clinic

and providing adult day care. The Selma experience will also allow the students to spend time in what has been called "the cradle of the Civil Rights Movement."

The trip is sponsored through Aquinas College's Service Learning Office.

IN THE SERVICE

Timothy C. Plett, son of Thomas Plett of Lowell, enlisted in the United States Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP), according to TSgt. David Kramer, Air Force recruiter.

Plett, who will graduate in 1997 from Lowell High School, is scheduled for en-

listment in the Regular Air Force on August 27, 1997. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course near San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the mechanical area and be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

Air Force Senior Airman Brian S. Madson has arrived for duty at RAF Mildenhall, Cambridge, England.

Madson, in refueling vehicle maintenance, is the son of Jay and Susan Madson of Naperville, IL and Sharon Poquette, of Hayward, WI.

Madson's wife, Jackie, is the daughter of Robert Beckhorn of Lowell and Shirley Derteen of Kentwood.

The airman is a 1990 graduate of Memorial Senior High School, Eau Claire, WI.

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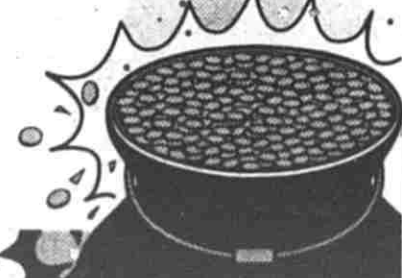
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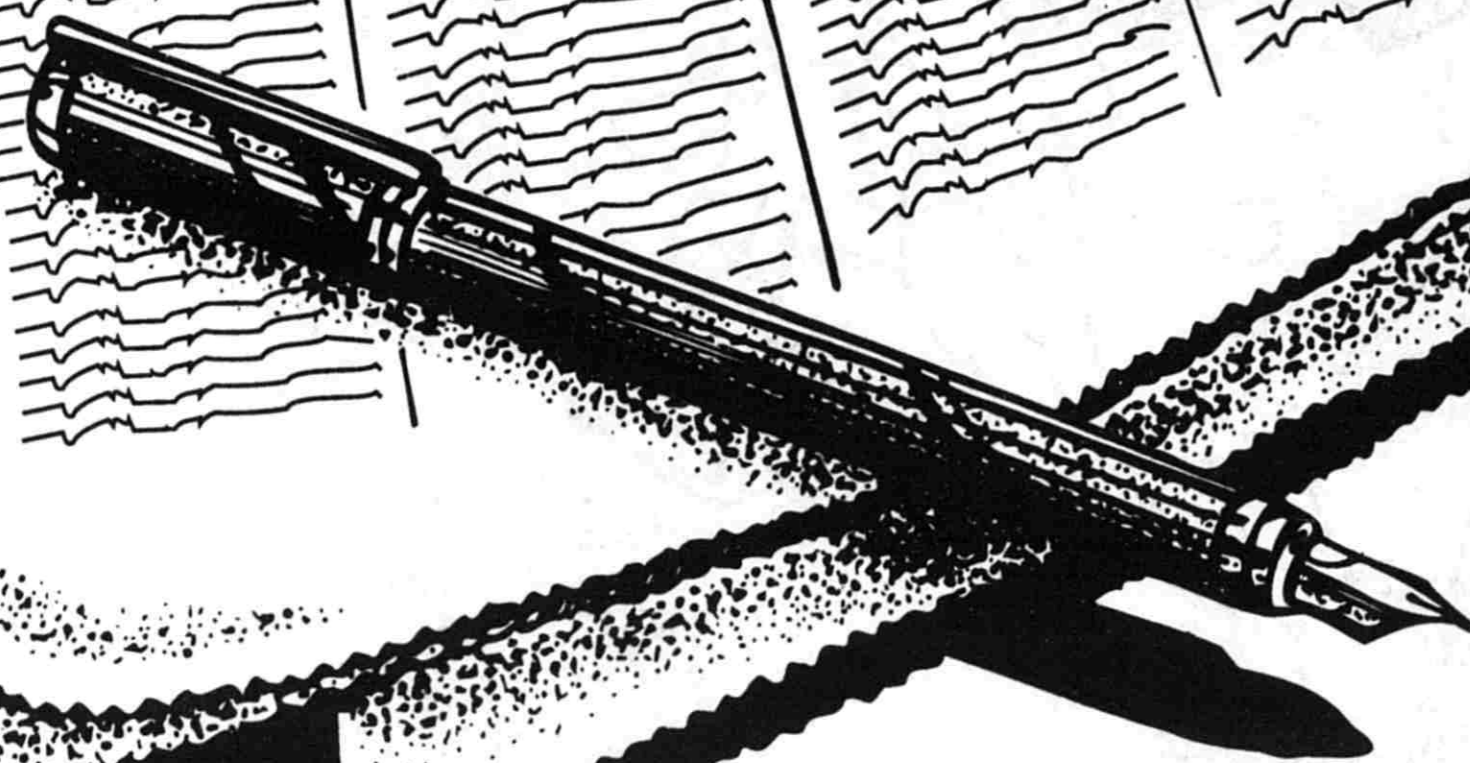
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SALES

IN-HOUSE SALE - Sat., March 15, 8-5 p.m. at 11847 Fulton St., Lowell. 897-8773. 3 pc. living room set, \$650; electric hospital bed, \$500; piano, \$700; children's clothes, knick-knacks, misc. furniture & articles.

MOVING SALE - Everything's got to go! 10808 Sconcewood, Eastgate. March 15 - 8 a.m.

WANTED

CHILD CARE NEEDED - for one 10-year-old girl. Seeking mature but youthful & enthusiastic mentor/caregiver. Must drive, must not smoke. Hours/days varied & irregular. Some overnights. Great job for youthful retired person. Send inquiries to Child Care PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

CITIZENS OF LOWELL & SURROUNDING AREAS - The class of 1997 LHS Seniors needs your donations & your support for their Auction, Sat., March 15, 7 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. All proceeds go toward the class of '97 All Night Party. For donations pick-up call 897-8208 or 897-5095.

WANTED - Roommate, male or female to share non-smoking house with 2 other adults, \$200/mo. plus \$100 deposit. Call between 9 a.m. & noon. 897-4308.

WANTED TO RENT - Teacher needs house to rent for long-term. Clean, quiet, non-smoker. Ownership care. Call 616-765-3140 after 4 p.m.

WANTED - Mature, reliable person, who wants to make good money selling product at Sam's during Easter. Future possibilities exist. 897-6862.

EVENTS

SPORTS CARD SHOW - March 15 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) Ionia Co. Com. on Aging, 115 Hudson Street, Ionia. For info call 616-527-5365.

BUSINESS SERVICES

HANDYMAN NEEDS WORK - do most anything, specializing in roofing, shingles, metal roofs. Do siding & barns. Call anytime, 794-7079.

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MISSY'S PLACE - accepting children 1 year & above for full-time daycare. Conveniently located in town. Call 897-6324.

NEED HOUSE PLANS? - J. Hawley Residential Design can draw your dream faster & more accurately using "Soft-plan" design software. Call 897-6087.

KETTS CLUB DAYCARE - Opening by Murray Lake. New home, new toys, scheduled activities. Call Kelly at 897-6213.



CHILDCARE - Full or part-time, 1st. or 3rd. shift. Call Nancy 868-0582.

CLASSIFIEDS FOR AS LITTLE AS \$1? It's true! 15 words for \$1 and each additional word is only 10 cents! Call the Lowell Ledger to find out how! 897-9261!

OPENINGS FOR ALL 3 SHIFTS (LIMITED) - In my licensed daycare. Food program, scheduled activities, lots of TLC. 868-0306.

CARD OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS - Thanks for all the cards, gifts, visits I received for my 98th birthday. Goldie Clark.

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORIAM - In loving memory of Minerva Bonnie Watters who went to be with her Lord five years ago, March 15, 1992. Sadly missed and never forgotten by her husband Robert E. Watters; children & grandchildren.



Legend has it that Dick Whittington made a fortune off his cat. When he was apprenticed to a London merchant, he was told he could send one of his personal possessions to sell in a foreign port, Barbary. He chose his cat, which turned out to be very valuable because of Barbary's high rat population. Whittington was rewarded with a vast sum of money.

Auction to help fund all-night senior party

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Have you decided what your summer toy of '97 will be? Can't afford a boat? Then how about a Kawasaki jet ski? If that thought has "whetted" your appetite, you might want to seriously consider attending the Lowell High School class of '97 party auction.

A 750 SS Kawasaki jet ski is just a sampling of the prizes that will be available at the auction.

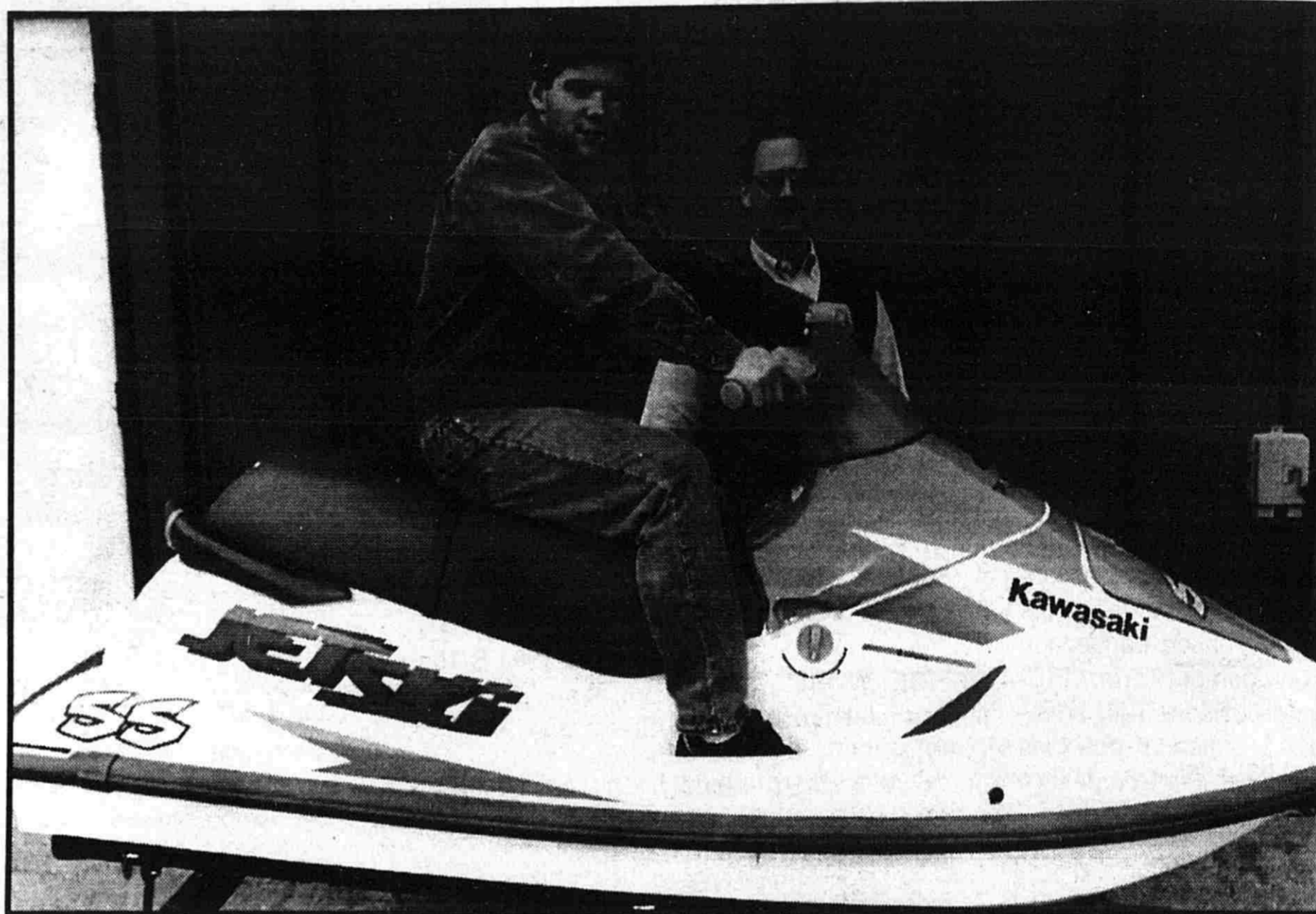
It will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary beginning at 7 p.m on March 15. There will be a \$5 donation which will include desserts and a beverage from Arnie's.

Proceeds from the event will help send the Lowell High School senior class (196 members) on a trip. Destination is not being revealed.

Parents of Lowell seniors have been planning all-day event(s) for their graduates for over 10 years.

"It's a way to give kids something to do other than going out and drinking and partying," Lowell senior parent John "Bucky" Curtis said. "This year we are going to take the seniors on a trip that will cover approximately 26 hours."

Area businessmen or residents who would like to donate an item(s) to the auction can do so by dropping it off at Curtis



Mark Kirsch readies himself for a ride on the 750 SS Kawasaki jet ski which will be up for sale at the Lowell High School class of '97 auction. Standing behind Kirsch is a parent coordinator of the event, Bucky Curtis.

Cleaners, 1410 W. Main, or Keiser's Kitchen at 700 E. Main. Other items that will be up for sale include a 19" color TV, stereo system, VCR, a week stay at a Derby Lake cottage, house cleaning service, mountain bike, airplane tickets, year's

worth of dry cleaning, antique clawfoot bathtub and much more.

For further information or if there are any questions, call 897-5709 or 897-4166.

HANDYMAN REPAIRS

Have you ever found yourself wondering who to call about that small to medium repair to your home?

Have you called several places and felt like they were not interested because your job was too small?

Have you purchased something for your home only to find that you need some help with the installation?

There is a company that's been in town for over two years and it specializes in small to medium

projects for homeowners; it's called Handyman Connection.

At Handyman Connection they have "RETIRED CRAFTSMEN AND OTHER EXPERTS" who have lots of experience in carpentry, drywall, plumbing service, electrical, paint, wallpaper, ceramic tile, locks, decks, doors, remodeling and other miscellaneous home repairs.

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957-3589**

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WEIGHT LIFTERS OF THE MONTH



February Lifters of the Month, from left to right, are: Josh Maxim, Cory DuBridge and Brad Jackson, all sophomores. Missing from the picture is Shawn Ford, junior.



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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION NOTICE
Decedent's Estate
FILE No. 97-163,390-IE

ESTATE OF
JACQUELINE I. BOWMAN
DECEASED
SS# 372-26-5679

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS: Your interest
in the estate may be
barred or affected by the
following:

The decedent, whose last
known address was 932
VALLEY, NW, GRAND
RAPIDS, MI 49504 died 2/
1/97.

Creditors of the de-
ceased are notified that
all claims against the es-
tate will be forever barred
unless presented to the
independent personal
representative: THOMAS
M. BOWMAN, c/o JOHN
D. MITUS, ATTORNEY AT
LAW, 410 Bridge Street,
NW, Grand Rapids, Michi-
gan 49504 or to both the
independent personal

representative and the
Kent County Probate
Court, Grand Rapids, MI
49503, within 4 months
of the date of publication
of this notice.

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

JOHN D. MITUS
(P-31244)
410 Bridge Street, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 774-4001

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION NOTICE
Decedent's Estate
FILE No. 97-163,349-IE

ESTATE OF
IRENE L. TURUTA
DECEASED
SS# 378-22-8410

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS: Your interest
in the estate may be
barred or affected by the
following:

known address was 1244
QUARRY NW, GRAND
RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
49504, died 11/28/96. An
instrument dated 9/4/81
has been admitted as the
will of the deceased.

Creditors of the de-
ceased are notified that
all claims against the es-
tate will be forever barred
unless presented to the
independent co-per-
sonal representatives:
JOHN E. TURUTA AND
ANDREA MALSKI, c/o
JOHN D. MITUS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, 410
Bridge Street, NW, Grand

Rapids, MI 49504 or to
both the independent co-
personal representatives
and the Kent County Pro-
bate Court, Grand Rap-
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