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Harold Englehardt, philanthropist and caring community friend, leaves Lowell \$12 million gift

••• The Grand Rapids Foundation was hired by Englehardt to provide professional assistance in operating the Lowell Fund. City dignitaries reflected not only on what the gift means for the community, but on what kind of man Englehardt was.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Grand Rapids Foundation, fittingly, announced Tuesday morning at the Harold and Mildred Englehardt Library, that Harold Englehardt, who died April 1 of this year, left the Lowell community \$12 million to initiate a "Lowell Fund." It is to be used for charitable purposes for the city of Lowell and its surrounding areas of Lowell Charter and Vergennes townships.

It is the largest donation in the 75-year history of the Grand Rapids Foundation.

The impact it will have on the Lowell community is boundless.

"This special fund will provide opportunities for the Lowell area in perpetuity," said Dirk Hoffus, chairperson of the Grand Rapids Foundation's board of trustees.

Englehardt's gift has been established as an "advised" fund of the Grand Rapids Foundation. Under the terms of Englehardt's will, an advisory committee of key Lowell community leaders (city manager, school superintendent, FMB

president, Lowell High School principal, and an Englehardt family member) will team up with the Foundation to award grants from the fund commencing in 1998.

It will be the advisory committee's responsibility to see that the funds are used for educational needs, people in need, religious entities, broad charitable programs that will benefit the community and nonprofit organizations.

"This is an incredible opportunity for the community and its people," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "It is an awesome responsibility to make sure that the money is spent wisely and fairly. The challenge is to make sure that it doesn't tear the fiber of the community apart."

Foundation president Diana Sieger said the fund will create approximately \$500,000 of earned income annually, allowing individuals, agencies or the Lowell community to participate in the grant-allocation process to the benefit of its community.

"Grants will not be distributed until 1998 so we can assess

the needs of the community, set up a committee to handle the funds and make sure the funds are distributed wisely," Sieger said.

The fund is set up to serve all of the Lowell community with an unrestricted broad charitable purpose.

"This type of generosity is unprecedented," Sieger said. "It goes to Mr. Englehardt's unselfishness. It is inspirational."

Englehardt's legacy in Lowell spans eight decades. He

arrived in Lowell in 1922 and took a job as an assistant cashier for the Lowell State Bank. He worked there until 1929, when the bank closed during the Great Depression. A year later, Englehardt purchased the Lowell Granite Co. and soon began organizing investors to reopen the Lowell State Bank under the new name of State Savings Bank.

As head of the bank, Englehardt helped scores of families realize their dream of home ownership, spurred commerce through business and agriculture, and provided funds for capital im-

provement projects. His concern for education is demonstrated through a range of scholarships he and his wife developed and through his generous donation (\$387,000) toward the new Lowell library.

"We are deeply grateful for Harold Englehardt's gift to the Lowell community," said Jim Bosserd, president of FMB State Savings Bank of Lowell and a member of the fund's advisory committee. "His gift is a tribute to this exceptional community, to its future prosperity and success."

Bosserd said he has tried not to think of projects the money could be used for. "I think it is important that the advisory committee have a plan in place before identifying specific projects."

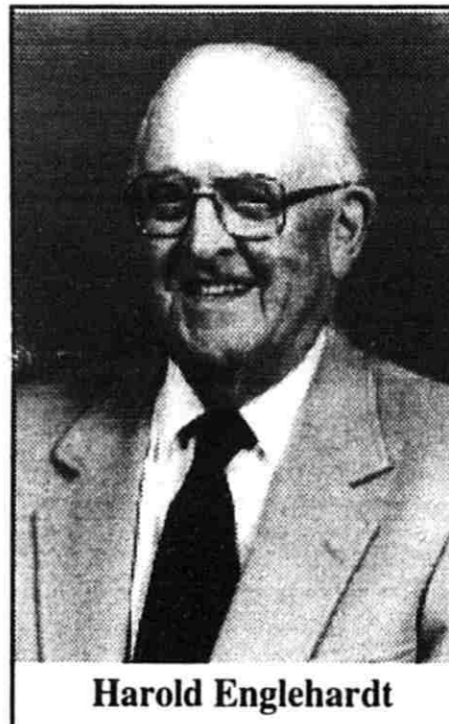
Englehardt's gift increased the Foundation's asset value to over \$100 million.

His gift is one that will literally keep on giving, and will be used to address the needs and opportunities in the Lowell area.

John Darling, a great nephew of Englehardt, said the gift speaks volumes about the humanitarian. "This is his way of giving something back to a community that meant so much to him and his wife," he said.

Darling said his great uncle never discussed things he would like to see for the community. "That is why he left the structure of the Lowell Fund pretty broad," he said. "The last

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Harold Englehardt

Lowell and Bowne townships work out mutually effective fire protection payment formula

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township officials have reached an agreement with Bowne Township on funding fire department expenses for the upcoming year.

The agreement comes after several months of talks and was met with nothing but positive comments from both sides.

"We don't want you to leave here with a bad taste in your mouths," said supervisor John Timpson.

Bowne officials were more than happy with an agreement that takes advantage of two funding formulas for next year with a final formula to be decided upon next year.

Bowne provides fire protection for one third of Lowell Charter Township. For several years, the township has given Bowne \$3,500 for its services.

Last year, however, it was revealed that the cost of Bowne's response was much greater than what was being collected.

The two sides discussed funding options: Lowell Township suggested funding per state equalized value (SEV) of property; and Bowne suggested funding based on one third of the property serviced.

Bowne officials shied away from the SEV funding formula because approximately 30 percent of their total fire and rescue runs are to I-96, which doesn't carry a SEV.

"We're really close on our numbers. All we have to do is come up with something we both like," said Bowne supervisor Chris Wenger.

Under Lowell's plan, Bowne would be compensated roughly \$25,000, while Bowne's plan calls for a reimbursement of more than \$27,000.

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Mill Isle Estate developer driven to high and dry ground

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With DNR concerns about potential wetlands, Fred Kamminga, Mill Isle Estate developer, has decided to take a modified plan to high and dry ground.

Kamminga's modified plan reduces the total number of lots from 46 to 24 along the extended Sibley street.

A second phase of 22 lots abutting Gee Drive would follow.

"Our plan is to stay out of the troubled area (identified by the DNR) and to keep the lots on high and dry ground," Kamminga said. "I want to go ahead with the modified plan because I believe in this community and I believe there is a need for affordable housing in Lowell."

Kamminga said he has 10 interested home buyers.

The developer said he is still interested in developing the areas of concern. That, however, will not be possible until the questions of soil condition are resolved.

"It could take another three to four years for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to approve the second phase of the project which would include 22 homes abutting Gee Drive," Kamminga said.

The developer noted that the first 250 feet on Sibley is all sand coming off of Ridgeview. After that, it is sand and gravel to Dr. Donald Gerard's property.

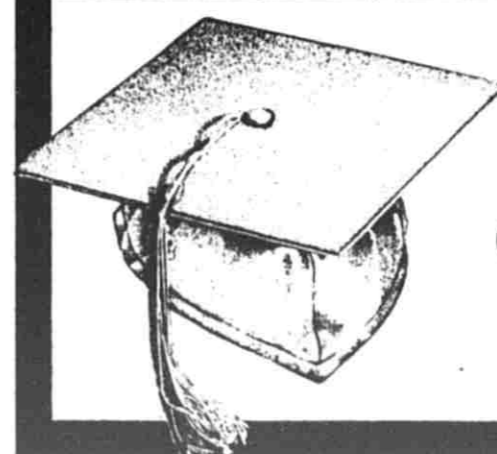
Kamminga will build homes starting at \$102,900.

With the approval of the Lowell Planning Commission and the City Council, Kamminga must now attain site approval from the Kent County Road Commission, the DEQ and the commissioner before construction could begin.

How soon the developer can get started will depend on how long the wait is for the various permits.

In August of 1995, the city council approved a 46-lot plat for Mill Estates subdivision (behind the Family Fare supermarket).

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OBITUARIES

ALLEN - Ronald E. Allen, aged 66, of Saranac, passed away at his residence May 29, 1997. He was born February 15, 1931 to Arthur and LaVerne (Hansen) Allen in Lansing. He graduated from Holt High School in 1949 and enjoyed sailing and automobiles. He is survived by two sons, Brian (Maripat) Allen of Bear Lake and Jeff (Nancy) Allen of South Carolina; two daughters, Colleen (Joe) Whorley of Saranac and Becky (Roger) Vargo of Spring Lake; two brothers, Richard (Laurie) Allen of

Grand Haven and Ken (Bea) Allen of Mississippi; eight grandchildren and four nephews. Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 6 at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Ronald Tuinstra officiating. Interment at the Trufant Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to service. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Saranac Fire Dept.

CULETON - Dorothy E. Culeton, aged 68, a resident of Oswego, died May 25, 1997, at her home. Born in

Alto, she was a daughter of the late Peter and Frieda (Wingeier) Russell, and was a graduate of Caledonia High School. She is survived by her husband, Leo Culeton; a son, John Quiggle of Baldwinsville; two daughters, Jean Quiggle of Virginia Beach, VA and Carol Quiggle of Fredericksburg, VA; three stepsons, Donald Culeton of Victor and James and Gerald Culeton, both of Oswego; four sisters, Alta Burrows and Gladys Benedict, both of Alto, Catherine Lyons of Lowell and Eileen Malinowski of Grand Rapids and 12 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her first husband, Jack Quiggle, a brother, Frederick Russell and a sister, Fern Hovinga. Funeral Services

were Thursday at Dowdle Funeral Home, Oswego. Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Oswego County Hospice.

FREYERMUTH - Carl Allen Freyermuth, aged 60, of Hollywood, FL, formerly of Lowell, passed away on Tuesday, May 27, 1997. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Esther Freyermuth. He is survived by his children, Carl Allen, Jr. (Becky), Carrie Ann, Brigitte, and Andy; grandson Daniel; sisters Janet (Maurice) Berry and Jeanne (Michael) Arehart and several nieces and nephews. Following his wishes, cremation has taken place.

KRYSTINIAK - Florence M. Krystiniak, aged 96, of Olds Manor and formerly of Lowell, died May 23, 1997. She is survived by her half-sister Elise Hill of Massachusetts and many special friends. Funeral services were held at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gordon Barry officiating.

SMITH - Mary Ellen Smith, aged 66, of Saranac, passed away May 31, 1997 at her residence. She was born in Montcalm County Fairplains Twp. July 5, 1930 to the parents of Robert and Martha (Braley) White. She was a member of the Ladies Aux. Post of the V.F.W. 4363 in Saranac. She married Vern D. Smith on November 8,

1952, in Indiana who preceded her in death in 1968. She is survived by two sons Duane (Thelma) Smith of Virginia and Brian L. (Cindy) Smith of Tennessee; one daughter Teresa L. (Mike) Novak of Saranac; three sisters, Francis Varilek, Bertha Bennett of Greenville and Laura Randell of Belding; 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 4, at Day Bible Chapel in Saranac with Pastor Frank Lattimore officiating. Interment Sunset Memorial Gardens in Ionia.

SNYDER - Gene D. Snyder, aged 67, of Lowell, died Monday, May 26, 1997. He is survived by his wife Katherine; children, Richard and Sunny Conrad of California, Marie and Jim Hocum of Sparta, Kim Lum of Lowell, Stephen and Lisa Snyder of Sparta, Bruce Conrad of Grand Rapids, Karmle Shea of Massachusetts, Robin and Kenneth Shapiro of Chicago, Illinois, Kevin and Lori Conrad of Florida, Art and Jeanne Conrad of Kentwood; mother Adell Snyder of Comstock Park; brother, Clare and Jann Snyder of Reed City; sister, Noreen and Bill Schansema of Lowell; 19 grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Mr. Snyder was a member of Sparta Moose Lodge #50. He enjoyed cabinet making and fine furniture as a hobby. Funeral Services will be held Thursday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. James C. Cusack officiating. Visitation Wednesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Area Historical Association or the Englehardt Library.

STRAND - Elizabeth A. (Wissman) Strand, aged 81, of Lowell, died of accidental injuries on Monday, June 2, 1997. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Elizabeth Wissman; first husband, Harry Wissman and brothers James and Bud O'Rourke. She is survived by her husband, J. Eric; children, June (Dewaine) Strouse, Joann (Dick) Strouse, Fred (Carol) Wissman, Donna (Butch) Welton, Dianne Wissman, Sandy (Larry) VanLoo; stepdaughters, Jean Harden and Judy Strand; sisters and brothers, Joseph (Beulah) O'Rourke, Kaye (Merle) Emley, Geraldine (Eli) Gotkin, Jerry (Kitty) O'Rourke; sister-in-law Pat O'Rourke; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids. Arrangements made by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.



Minor Collision

An accident involving two Lowell High School seniors tied up traffic on M-21 for approximately an hour Thursday afternoon. The accident happened at Cumberland and M-21. According to Kent County deputy Chuck DeWitt, a pickup truck (driven by a minor) made a left turn onto M-21 into the path of a westbound vehicle also driven by a minor. Both drivers incurred minor injuries and were transported to nearby hospitals by Lowell/Rockford Ambulance.



No License - Wrong Turn

An Escort driven by an unlicensed 15-year-old pulled out in front of a westbound red Ford pickup truck in an effort to turn north on Hudson Street. The 15-year-old girl and her passenger were transported to Butterworth Hospital for observation by Lowell/Rockford Ambulance. The minor was cited for driving without a license and making an improper turn.

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Lowell Charter Township sends funds to Bowne following payoff of sewer bond

By Marc Popiolek
 Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township officials have agreed to refund \$953.74 to Bowne Township following the payoff of a sewer bond.

Lowell received the money from the Kent County Drain Commission as surplus following the payoff of a bond for the Alto sanitary sewer project.

Bowne Township received \$5,320.87 from the drain commission.

Lowell's payment represents 15.2 percent of the district, while Bowne's represents 84.8 percent.

Lowell agreed to give Bowne their share of the funds because they did not invest

any of their own funds into the project.

"We have people in the township who are hooked into Bowne's sewer system, but they paid for all the maintenance and repairs. We didn't provide any money," said supervisor John Timpson.

Trustee Dick Huver said if the township provided any money, it came from grant

funds, not their own funds.

The bond issue was adopted in 1978 for the construction of the system and was paid off this year.

Timpson said Alto will have to clean the system this year and the funds given to them can help defer that cost.

"It's not a lot, but it will help them because it's a costly project," said Timpson.

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JUNE 17, 1997 - 4:00 P.M.

Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulations and return not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 1997. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Deputy Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Love the Lord, all ye his saints... (Psalm 31:23)

Four-year-old Greg had his own definition of "cooperation." "I know what it is to cooperate," he said. "To cooperate is to do something you don't want to do."

Walter Chrysler said, "The real secret of success is for people to do things because they want to and not because they have to."

If the Christian loves God as Jesus said he should - with all his heart, soul, mind and strength - it isn't difficult to do God's bidding. One will want to follow God's leadings, knowing He will work out everything for one's good. It isn't a difficult task to give one's self without reservation into God's hands, to be used by Him in any way He chooses.

When one loves God with all one's affection and intel-

lect, one is happy to cooperate, to do the things which please Him. Yes, the secret of serving God happily and successfully lies in doing so because one loves Him, not from a sense of "have to."

Prayer: O Lord, I give myself and all that I have to Thee. Do as Thou wilt with me and mine. Show me what Thou wouldst have me to do, and I shall cooperate gladly. Amen.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

- Frances R. Havergal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 5: Amanda Vezino, Norma Hemingsen.
JUNE 6: Daniel Thaler, Jessie Stephens, Mark Newhouse.
JUNE 7: Amber Metternick April Metternick, Zachary Beachum, Ray Kennedy.
JUNE 8: Barbara Brown, Mark Essich.
JUNE 9: Kristina Parish, Doris Plummer, Jessie Hunt.
JUNE 10: Jim Stone, Courtney Tulppo.
JUNE 11: Joseph Vezino.



The world's first national park is Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. It was established in 1872. The nation's first federal wildlife refuge, established in 1903, was Pelican Island in Florida.

Christian artist Amy Fletcher to perform at Wesleyan Church

New contemporary Christian artist Amy Fletcher will perform a gospel concert Sunday, June 8 at the Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake Ave. This freewill offering concert will begin at 6 p.m.

Blessed with a powerful voice, she began singing at age seven and by age ten, she was recording her first album. In 1984, she was premiere artist for Gospel Music Association Week.

Fletcher's talent has offered her opportunities to sing with such gospel greats as the Cathedrals, Dino, Phil Driscoll and

Buddy Geene. She has shared her music in the Crystal Cathedral in California, Opryland in Nashville, TN, and several appearances on PTL.

Fletcher's message in music is about God's love and grace and forgiveness. She shares a powerful testimony of God's desire for healing and reconciliation.

The church is located on Hudson St. 10 blocks north of Main Street. For more information about this special concert, please call the church office at 897-6890.

Alto resident to graduate from Academy for Hospitality Sciences

Heidi Anderson will graduate June 12, receiving her high school diploma from the West Michigan Academy for Hospitality Sciences. She maintained a 3.65 grade point average while learning first-hand the sciences of restaurant and hotel management. Anderson qualified for an honorary State of Michigan

Competitive Scholarship for attaining a score of greater than 90 on the high school proficiency test. She plans on attending Grand Rapids Community College in the fall.



Heidi Anderson

She is the daughter of Glenn and Bonnie Anderson of Alto. Her parents will host an open house to celebrate the occasion.

City okays increase for LAHA

Lowell Area Historical Association's (LAHA) request to have the city increase the amount of money budgeted for the maintenance of the Graham Building was approved Monday night.

Originally, the city proposed budgeting \$3,000 from its 1997-98 operating budget to LAHA for use on the Graham Building.

Lowell treasurer Judy Noonon said by transferring funds from utilities, the city could increase the amount given to LAHA to \$5,000.

LAHA would also pay utilities. "It was going to pay utilities even when \$3,000 was budgeted," Noonon explained.

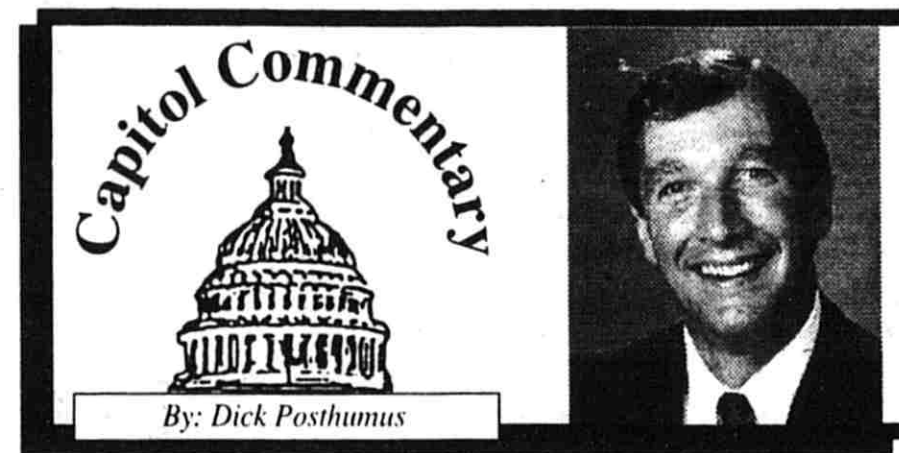
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Viewpoint



TWO RECENT INITIATIVES INVOLVING WHITE-TAILED DEER IN MICHIGAN

Last week, as a group of a few dozen smiling fourth graders from Borculo Christian School in Zeeland watched from the gallery as the Senate passed a measure to make the white-tailed deer the official state game mammal of Michigan. This legislation was a class project of these students who collected 64,000 signatures to support their case.

The measure passed unanimously in the Senate and near-unanimously in the House. If Gov. Engler signs it into law, the white-tailed deer will be listed among such other notable state figures as the robin (our state bird), the painted turtle (our state reptile), the brook trout (our state fish), the apple blossom (our state flower), and the white pine (our state tree).

This was a fun piece of legislation and I enjoyed helping the students who participated gain great experience on how the legislative branch works in our state. The white-tailed deer is a fitting symbol for our state, as it is a strong, graceful animal that inhabits every region of Michigan. It also brings in millions of dollars in revenue every fall from sportsmen who hunt them. Unfortunately, due to one of the largest herds in history, the white-tailed deer is also viewed by many Michiganers as the biggest state pest.

Where deer get too abundant, it becomes increasingly difficult for them to find food. Often, they're forced to leave their wild habitat and look for food elsewhere, including nearby farms. When this happens, farmers have to absorb excessive crop damage. Farmers in the southern lower peninsula have been suffering some of the most extensive crop damage due to the size of the local deer herd. A Michigan State University study of 35 lower Michigan counties shows that deer overpopulation cost farmers \$31.9 million.

Another, and an equally serious danger, are deer-related car accidents in our state. The Michigan State Police reported that last year we reached an all-time high in the number of deer-car collisions. There were more than 62,000 accidents of this type in Michigan. Kent County had more of these accidents than any other county in Michigan. Clearly, action needs to be taken to help alleviate these problems. Hunters provide the primary means of game management and is an important part of our heritage and economy.

Recently, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission approved a special antlerless deer hunting season from December 20 to January 4 to give our sportsmen and women a second opportunity to hunt. This season will be restricted to private lands only in specific areas or counties. The department is currently assessing specific deer populations to determine these areas. According to members of the DNR, these designated areas will probably include much of southern Michigan. They also expect Kent County to be included. Only people with valid antlerless deer permits will be eligible for the special season.

This is an effort that the DNR, farmers and conservationists alike hope to eventually shrink the size of the deer herd to 1.3 million within a couple of years. Wildlife biologists agree that by reducing the herd to this level, Michigan's white-tailed deer will be healthier and be less of a threat on our roads or in our farmlands.



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

126 YEARS AGO IN THE WEEKLY JOURNAL - JUNE 7, 1871
 "Counterfeit money is said to be circulating freely. Watch closely."

The editor opines that, since black silk stockings are becoming fashionable, the first merchant offering them should be prosecuted.

There are 16,530 school children in Kent County. School money apportioned: \$8,099.66.

The sidewalk on Flat River Bridge is being widened 16 feet. Last week's temperatures hovered between 90 and 100 degrees.

Beware of mad dogs and "the shakes."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - JUNE 1922

C.H. Runciman has visited the Will Doyle home to hear a friend sing through 139 miles of space, on Doyle's new radio.

The 50 Main Street light poles, each with a 60-watt bulb surrounded by four 40-watt bulbs, were installed 10 years ago. Likewise the brick pavers.

Get out the fly swatters: flies spread disease. Potato bugs are heavy this year, too.

Other warm-weather business: have you removed your ash pile, cleaned up the yard, checked your fences?

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 5, 1947

The Ledger starts its 55th year this week. Michigan smokers are hoarding cigarettes in anticipation of the new tax increase.

684,000 babies born in 1946 and 973,000 in 1947.

There are only three horses for each tractor in use on American farms, compared to 100 to one 25 years ago.

There is agitation for more state police, with crime going up. Pennsylvania has four times as many troopers as Michigan.

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

ADVICE FOR HAY FEVER SUFFERERS

If you suffer from hay fever (seasonal rhinitis), chances are that you will require the use of prescription medication to obtain relief. If your doctor does prescribe medication, make

sure you take it at the same time each day. Most allergy medications (primarily antihistamines) are best taken before you are exposed to allergens.

Try to avoid the allergens you know will worsen your symptoms. Have someone else cut the lawn if you know you will be miserable afterward.

Try to remain indoors during the peak allergy seasons which affect you most. Consider installing an air conditioner in your home (at least in your bedroom), and change the filters frequently. Dust and vacuum regularly, especially in your bedroom. If you use a humidifier, clean it carefully and frequently.

If your pet bothers your allergies, you don't have to get rid of it. Many times it helps to simply keep the pet out of the bedroom. Many pet owners find that sleeping in a clean, pet-free room substantially lessens their symptoms. Have your pet groomed regularly, and avoid doing it yourself - generally speaking, you are only looking for trouble.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

As some of you might know, the Lowell Area Arts Council has been walking a narrow financial line in recent years and is now between a rock and a hard place. There are many reasons for this: the drying up of grants; competition from entertainment industries; insufficient internal oversight, etc.

But one of the alleged reasons, and supposedly the most formidable, is lack of interest from the community and its leaders. That's a reason I choose not to believe. I don't see lack of interest at Fallasburg Fall Festival, which draws 60,000 people and 75 artists to our community each year; I don't see lack of interest on the faces of parents who proudly view their kids' art during three shows at the arts center annually; I don't hear lack of interest in the positive remarks people make about the art at FMB bank and three other galleries in town; I don't see lack of interest at the workshops where artists work for minimal pay to teach local kids; and I don't feel lack of interest from the volunteers who log literally thousands of hours annually to make this association work. What I think is true is that people don't realize what it takes to keep this valuable resource going and may not fully appreciate all the things it does for the community. If LAAC has a major fault it probably lies in not asking for help, suggestions, and input more often.

So I'm asking for it now. I'm not only asking for \$5, 10, 20 from individuals, or for underwriting from local businesses to support future events and activities or for more volunteers to step forward. I'm also asking for constructive criticism from those who feel they've been observing from the outside or from those who were disappointed for some reason when they've participated. Mistakes are an opportunity for growth. I'm

inviting those who don't feel the least bit artistic to be on the board if they see the value of bringing creativity to our community and nurturing its growth from within.

Decide where you stand, then contribute.

Craig Convoisser

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the article/idea in the May 28th Ledger concerning a bridge over Grand River at Snow Avenue. In my opinion, starting a letter-writing campaign in favor of this proposal is not a good idea for several reasons:

1. Snow Avenue does not go anywhere to the south, dead-ending at the Freeway. Neither is there any public road within a half-mile on the north. The Parnell/M-21 intersection hardly seems like something to tie into with added entrance and exit turning movements. Also, this would leave the motorist with a half-mile of M-21 to travel each day, then turn left onto the new bridge approach to the south.

2. A bridge to be of any use needs good approach roads. The cost to buy the rights of way and build an all-weather asphalt-paved road, with suitable safe connections with existing roads, cannot be justified.

3. If old US 16 (Cascade Road) is chosen as the suitable connection, it would require resurfacing. In addition, a second life-threatening intersection, similar to Alden Nash, would have to be built, and we already have enough of them. An interchange with I-96 would vastly add to any costs. The Federal government still thinks of I-96 as an "Interstate Highway," not an alternative route to Grand Rapids for local residents. It is questionable whether or not another interchange would be permitted.

4. Snow Avenue, south of Grand River Drive, is hilly with poor or nonexistent passing distances. The existing large hills would require large amounts of grading to make them usable to trucks.

5. This type of project would probably require Federal and State Aid funding to be feasible, which in turn would add to the costs. They seem bent on reducing spending, not increasing it.

6. Grand River Avenue, as a connecting road to the west and Grand Rapids, does not go anywhere either, dead-ending at Buttrick.

7. The residents of Snow Avenue surely will object to any such scheme.

In my opinion, the cost would be prohibitive. One of the possible alternatives would be to widen M-21, along with some intersectional betterments. This would be less expensive and get the job done better. It does not seem reasonable to abandon the four-lane pavement from Ada to the East Beltline.

A second alternative may be to improve Vergennes and its connection with the existing bridge over Grand River at Ada.

To ask our State and Federal legislators for meaningful action, in view of their recent track record, is not going to be productive. If a plan has merit, the Kent County Road Commission is the agency mandated to handle a project of this size, or the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,
 David W. Miller

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Senior girls present high school principal with out-going gift

Lowell School's security officer Al Eckman hustled down the high school corridor to see what was being delivered to Lowell High School at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday.

As he passed through the doors to the west entrance, he was greeted by seniors Skye Fisher, Ann Marie Townsend, Amy Larabee, Lisa Rollins and Amara Truax.

"We assured him that we weren't doing anything wrong and that it was just a fun prank," Townsend said. "After he saw Mr. Vashaw's new office, he thought it was a great idea."

They were delivering Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw's newly constructed office (more commonly known as an outhouse).

The builders were busily reattaching the roof that had flown off while being transported.

There was no mistaking whose office it was - pictures of the principal when he was a freshman in high school were proudly posted on the exterior walls.

"I am not sure where they got the picture from," Vashaw said. "I was unaware that we had on-site engineers attending Lowell High School. They obviously hold me in high esteem."

Rollins said the idea came about because Vashaw had been with the class all four years and that the five girls genuinely like him.

"We love Mr. Vashaw. He's a good guy and was a good sport about this," Rollins said. "This wasn't anything destructive. It was just a fun prank."

Construction of the office started on Tuesday and was completed at 1:30 a.m. on Thursday.

"Mr. Vashaw had a big smile on his face and thought it was funny," Townsend said. "We have a lot of respect for him."

Larabee concurred. "Oh yeah, he's a pretty nice guy."

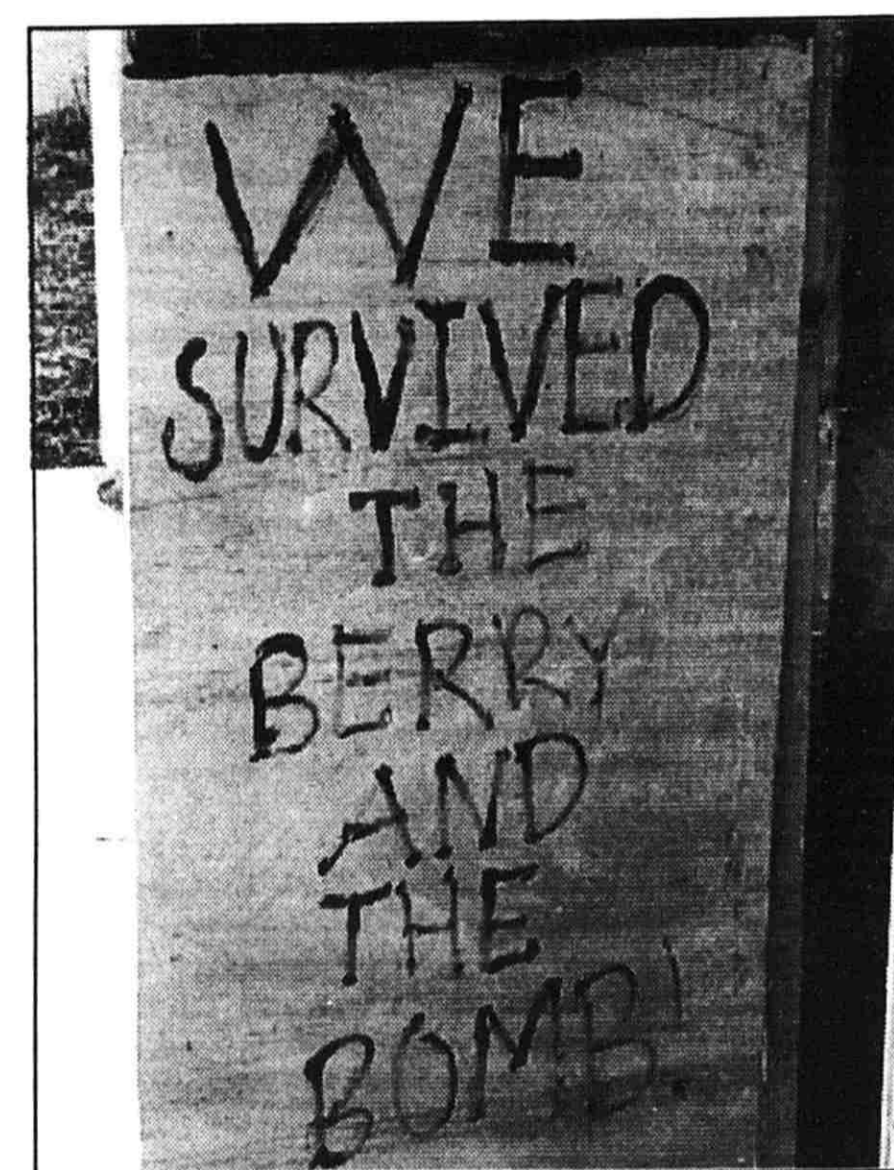
Fisher said the five senior girls wanted to do something for

Mr. Vashaw. "I think Mr. Vashaw was pretty surprised." He showed his appreciation by calling a few students down to his office.

"I met with seniors Andy Smith and David DenBoer in my new office," Vashaw said.

On the inside of the door, it read, "We survived the berry and the bomb." In reference to the pipe bomb explosion and the tainted strawberries.

Truax said she was pleased with the final product. "Mr. Vashaw was cool. He really got into it. He's way up there on our list."



Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw found his new quarters a little confining.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MAY 19, 1997.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine, City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon, and Department of Public Works Director Art Gall.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by HODGES that the minutes of the May 5, 1997 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (05/19/97)

GENERAL FUND	\$89,341.96
WASTEWATER FUND	30,045.36
MAJOR STREET FUND	256.94
CURRENT TAX FUND	795.85
AIRPORT FUND	5,263.33
LOCAL STREET FUND	3,712.07
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,216.80
DDA FUND	4,169.60
BUILDING & SITE FUND	46,035.84
LOOK MEMORIAL FUND	9,476.25
WATER FUND	60,832.88
IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,363.28

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
A. 215 BROOK - GREGG AND KATIE PETERS - VARIANCE TO ALLOW 4 FOOT HIGH FENCE IN FRONT YARD - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (6/2). Gregg and Katie Peters of 215 Brook had petitioned to install a 4 foot high fence in their required front yard area where a 3 foot maximum is allowed in the Zoning Ordinance.

nance. The Peters' desire to provide a barrier from access of the creek which flows across their property. This gives a containment area for their pet dog as well as for young children playing.

The Planning Commission will provide a recommendation on this variance request at its May 27 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to establish a public hearing on June 2, 1997 to consider a variance application from Gregg and Katie Peters to allow a 4 foot high fence in the front yard area at 215 Brook where a 3 foot maximum is allowed.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. 1997-98 BUDGET - PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING. City Manager Pasquale stated that the budget represents many hours of work from the staff and in particular, Judy Noonon, City Treasurer/Finance Director. He thanked them for their work.

As the first of two public hearings on the budget, Pasquale highlighted the main components of the proposed 1997-98 Operating budget:

A. General Fund: It was proposed that the millage rate remain at 13.85. The total expenditures within the General Fund are estimated to be \$1.856 million, leaving a projected fund balance of \$317,702. A new full time police officer was proposed, utilizing Federal Community Oriented Policing Services Grant funds over three years totalling \$75,000. The local share would require \$3,920 during 1997-98, \$15,505 in 1998-99 and \$25,499 in 1999-2000. After that time, the City would have sole financial responsibility. Another officer is considered a priority in terms of shift coverage and downtown security.

The budget has and will continue to be impacted by the Building Authority Bond payments for the new library. In 1997-98, no contributions are planned from the General Fund. The next two years, there will be a need of \$85,300 and \$83,043 respectively. It will require significant private donations or General Fund contributions which could necessitate millage increases.

After those two years, the payments would be greatly reduced and not have as significant an impact.

The General Fund also provides the following: \$20,000 for the NAPA building roof, window and door (improvements to a City facility housing the Chamber of Commerce) \$7,000 - Police Department vestibule improvements \$2,800. Historic District Commission \$3,000 - Lowell Area Historical Association (Graham Building) \$33,400. Library (this is offset in part by a \$7,741 contribution by

the Kent District Library) for maintenance and utilities \$1,500 - Senior Neighbors - \$3,000 - Chamber of Commerce.

It was suggested that the paving of the remaining Cemetery roads, costing approximately \$10,000, be deferred for one year.

Also, a projected \$58,575 in State Shared revenues from the Single Business Tax will not be received for the current fiscal year. This does impact the Fund balance.

B. Water Fund. In order to meet operating expenses, the following rates are proposed: \$1.58 per thousand gallons (from \$1.53) commodity charge. \$17.50 per month (from \$16.50) readiness to serve.

Two water main projects were recommended for the 1998 construction year. The first would involve the installation of a 12 inch water main on West Main Street from Broadway to Amity. This would be coordinated with streetscape work scheduled for next year. Also, a main extension on Hudson from the intersection to the railroad tracks is also planned in conjunction with road work to be carried out.

C. Sewer Fund. There are no rate increases or projects proposed for the sewer fund.

In reviewing the next two years and the possibility of an increase in millage, Councilmember Hodges questioned how much a mill would generate. City Treasurer/Finance Director Noonon responded approximately \$67,000.

Councilmember Myers stated that several citizens commented to him with regard to water rates, noting these charges are on the high side. He inquired how the increased water rates are justified. Noonon responded that the Water Fund will finish this fiscal year with approximately \$6,000 in the operating fund, which is not a good position. Utilities need to be operated as a business. The City must receive enough revenue to cover the expenses.

Mayor Thompson stated concerns with informing City residents of an increase in water rates when the Township rates are undetermined. Noonon said that the City Attorney and Auditor are working to resolve issues involving the formula with the Township Attorney and Engineer at this time. It is anticipated that this will be brought to the Council shortly.

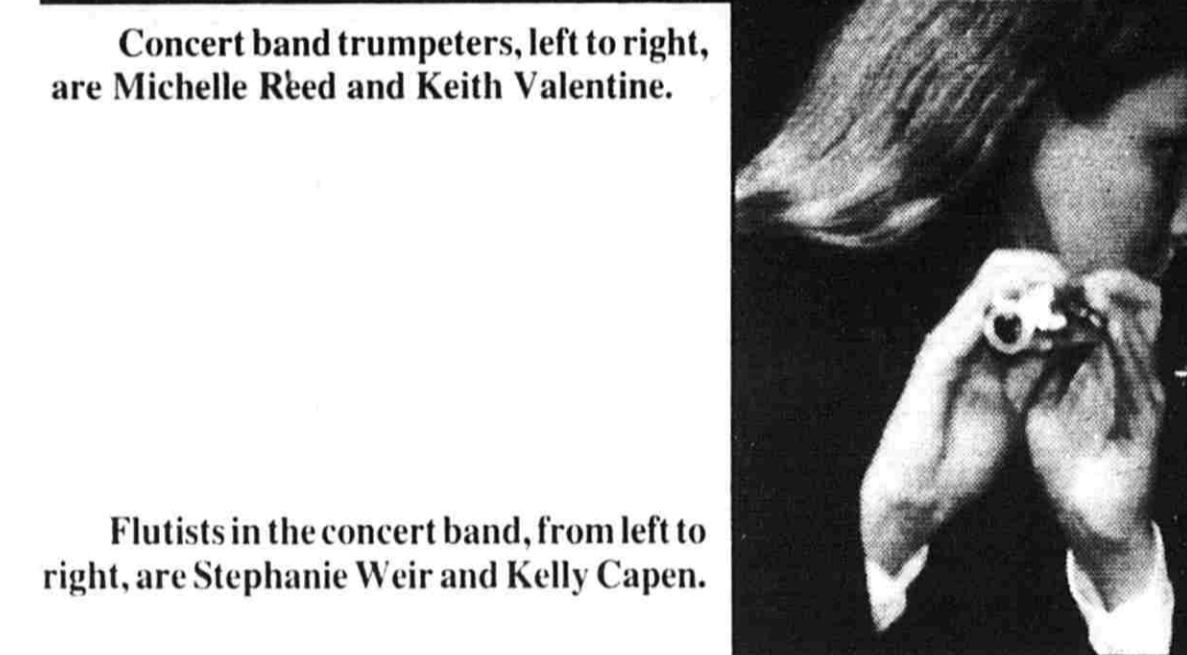
Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hodges stated his appreciation to City Manager Pasquale, City Treasurer/Finance Director Noonon and City staff for their efforts in the preparation of the budget.

LHS Spring Band Concert



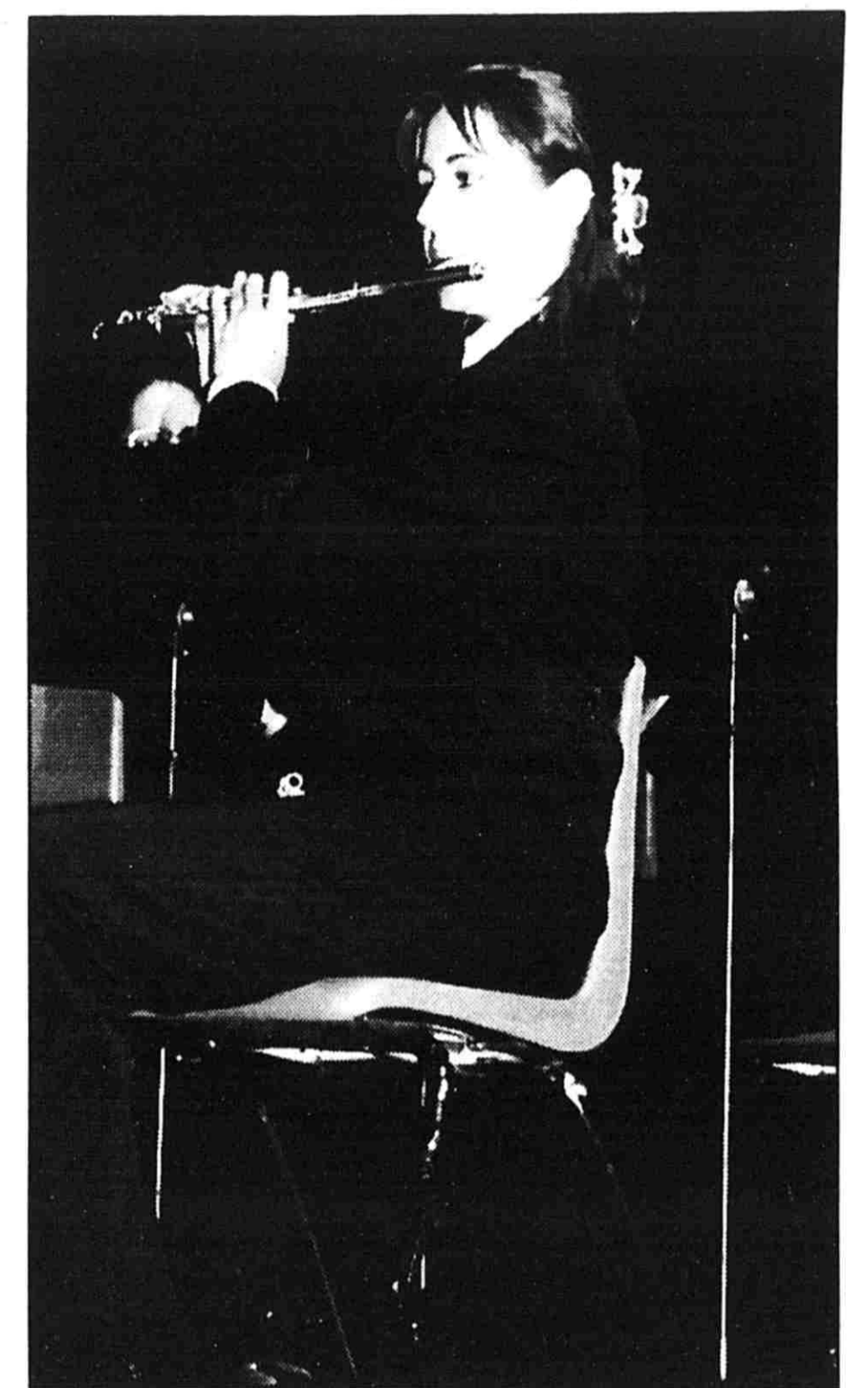
Concert band trumpeters, left to right, are Michelle Reed and Keith Valentine.



Flutists in the concert band, from left to right, are Stephanie Weir and Kelly Capen.

The Lowell High School concert and symphonic band performed May 13 under the direction of Robert Rice.

The symphonic band also accompanied the jazz band in *Tequila*, and soloist Dianna Rice performed *The Heart of the Morn.*



Dianna Anchors was this year's most improved band member in the symphonic band.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Thompson commented that a copy of the budget is available for public review.

Item #3. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL FOR THE OPERATION AND CONTROL OF THE BURCH FIELD CONCESSION STAND AND FACILITIES. David Biggs, President and John Wilder, Vice President of Lowell Youth Football presented a three year extension of the agreement with the City for the operation of a concession stand at Burch Field. This would also involve the field and its facilities as well.

Biggs stated that this request was based on LYF's commitment to upgrade and maintain Burch Field. LYF would work cooperatively with other youth programs, but requested that the City not allow use of the Field without its approval.

Councilmember Green stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval of this proposal at their May 10, 1997 meeting.

Mayor Thompson requested that LYF present a year end report detailing finances, volunteer hours, number of teams and players as well as a statement of accomplishments.

Councilmember Green also recommended that any proposed improvements be brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded BY HODGES to approve the agreement between the City and the Lowell Youth Football for the operation and control of the Burch Field Concession Stand and Facilities as presented subject to the LYF providing a financial and accomplishment statement, and a report on volunteer hours. Further, all proposed improvements to Burch Field be brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENTS.

A. HIGHWAY FACILITIES EASEMENT FROM IONIA COUNTY NATIONAL BANK. As part of the installation of a new traffic light at the intersection of M-21, Alden Nash and the relocated Bowes Road, City Manager Pasquale stated that a 5' x 5' parcel is needed at the northeast corner of Alden Nash and M-21 to place a support pole. The owner, Ionia County National Bank, has agreed to an easement.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the resolution to proceed with the highway facilities easement from Ionia County National Bank regarding the installation of a support pole for a traffic signal at the M-21, Alden Nash, and Bowes Road intersection.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. SIDEWALK AND ROAD EMBANKMENT EASEMENTS FROM LOWELL AREA HOUSING, INC.

As part of the east Bowes Road improvements project, Pasquale stated that two easements must be obtained for placement of a sidewalk (for the south 20 feet of the entire property) and road embankment (grading) improvements covering the northwest corner of Bowes and Hudson to the creek from Lowell Area Housing, Inc., (Schneider Manor). Department of Public Works Director, Art Gall, explained that a grading easement is necessary in order to place fill. The owner has agreed to these easements.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to approve the resolutions regarding sidewalk and road embankment easements from Lowell Area Housing, Inc.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Thompson publicly thanked both Ionia County National Bank and Schneider Manor for their support of these projects.

Item #5. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received on materials presented.

Item #6. CITIZENS COMMENTS. None.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores reminded those in attendance that the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m. Any Councilmembers desiring to be in the parade should meet at her house prior to the event for coffee.

Councilmember Hodges appreciated that this is a very volunteer oriented community. If the total number of volunteer hours could be computed, it would be great.

Councilmember Green enjoyed the day spent in Cedar Springs for Mayor Exchange. Also, he thanked those involved with the dedication of the Englehardt Public Library and City staff for the well prepared budget.

In talking with the Lowell Fire Department, Councilmember

Myers requested when the Police Department purchases a new vehicle, trade in should be considered for donation to the Fire Department for use in fire inspections throughout the City as well as to run errands. The Police vehicle would already be equipped with emergency equipment, such as a communication radio.

Myers asked if the section of fence damaged at the Water Treatment Plant was being replaced or repaired. DPW Director Gall stated that the fence will be repaired shortly.

Myers also inquired if there were any provisions within the Zoning Ordinance which addresses life size animal figurines located on top of buildings.

Mayor Thompson requested that the Police Department investigate the large trucks being parked in residential areas. He also commented on how pleasant the dedication of the library was and appreciated the job well done by those involved.

Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. Minutes of the following meetings were provided:

1. Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of April 12, 1997
2. Cable TV Board meeting of April 24, 1997.

B. On Monday, May 12, 1997, the Council and Planning Commission had a productive meeting concerning future building needs for the City Hall and Police Station. Various views were expressed. The Planning Commission will consider a recommendation at its May 27, 1997 meeting to conduct a study outlining cost for various options.

C. The Community Expo held on Saturday, May 10, was successful for the first time. Deputy City Clerk Morlock was on hand to explain and distribute City material.

D. Deputy City Clerk Morlock explained that anyone interested in filing as a candidate for the three available positions for the City Council must obtain a nominating petition at City Hall. The petitions must be returned no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 1997.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: June 4, 1997

William F. Thompson, Mayor
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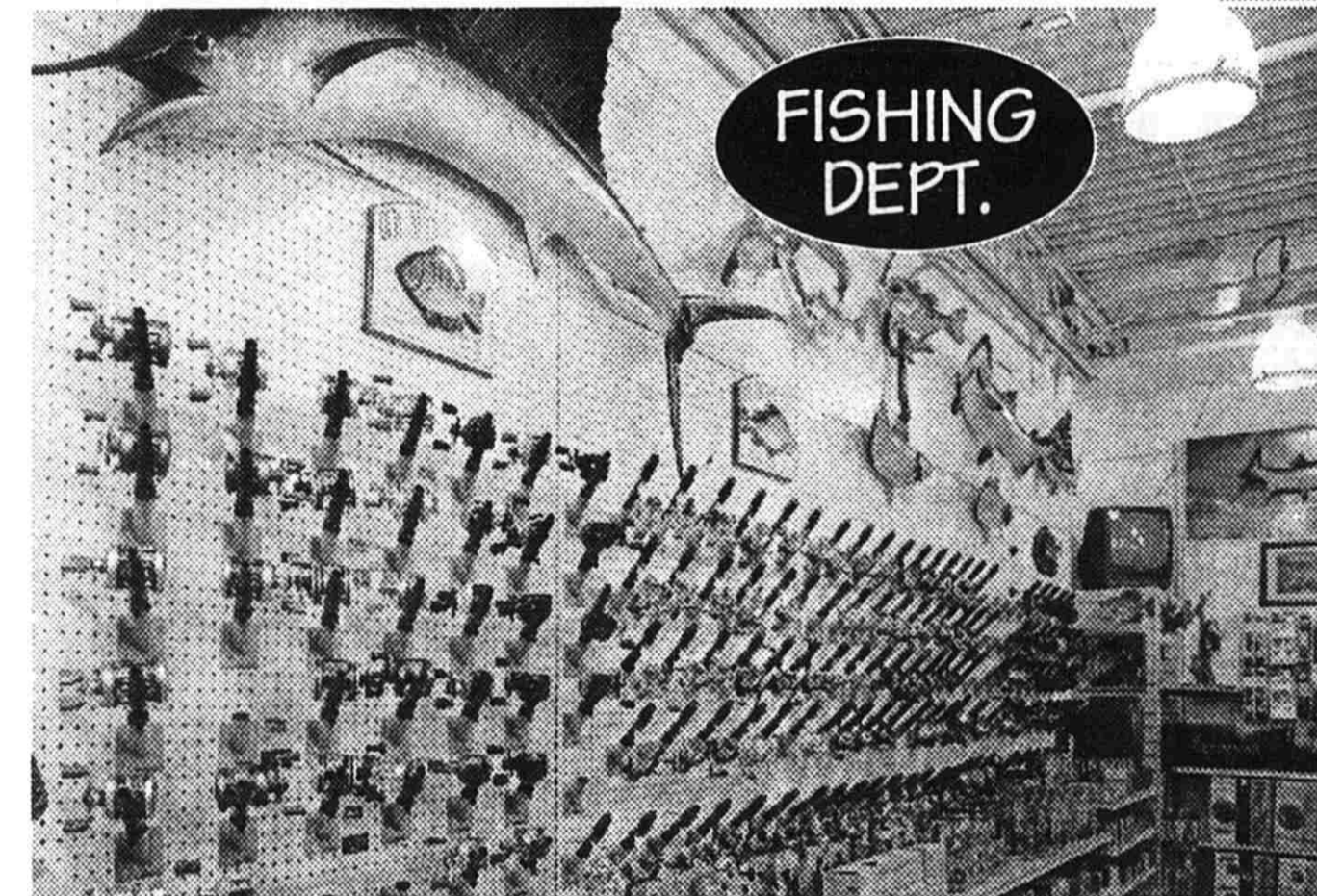
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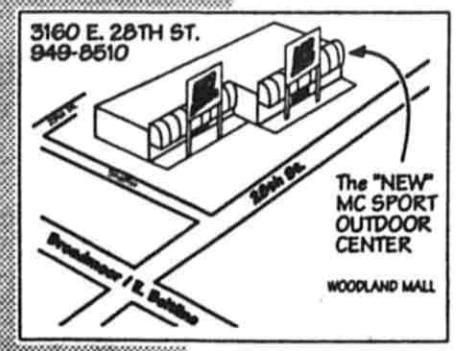
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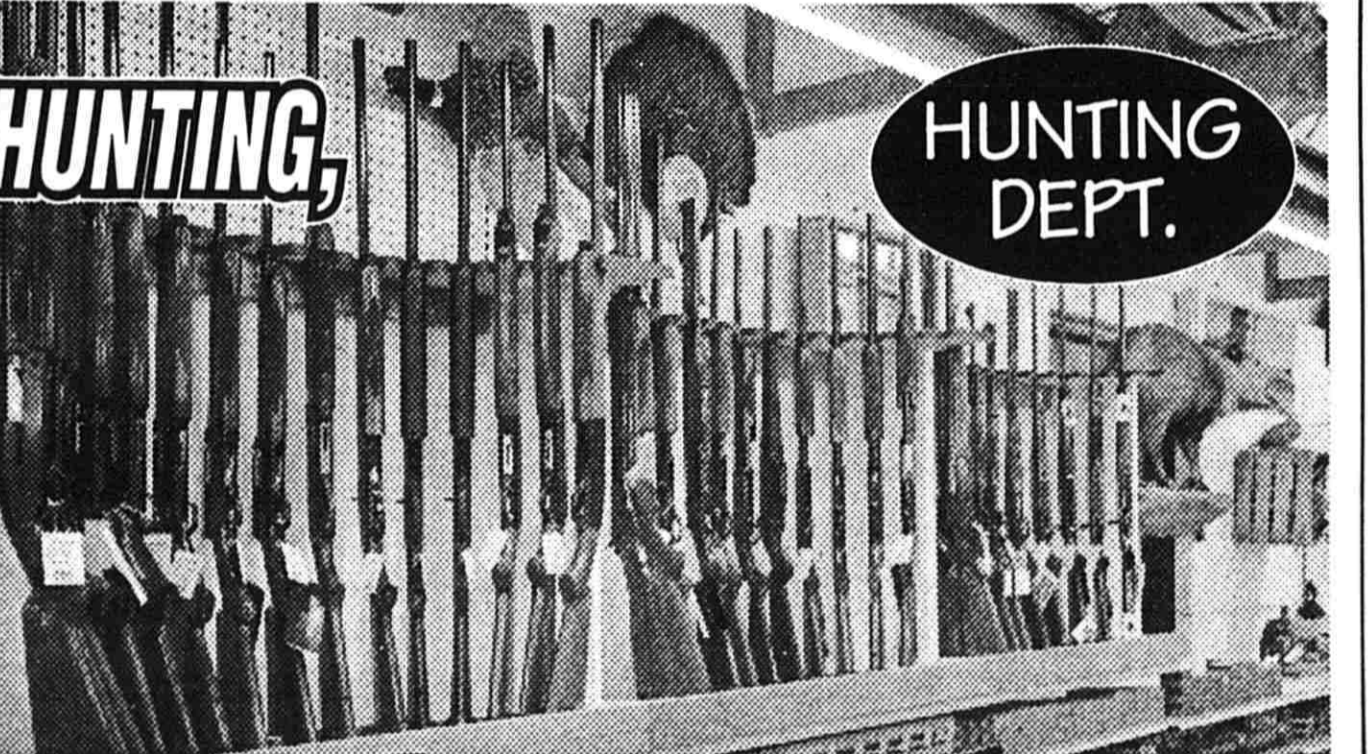
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Students gain new perspective from Holocaust survivor's memories

Sky Poga shared her horrifying memories of her family's experiences during WWII while Adolph Hitler was in power.

Lowell eighth-grade reading classes spent the past nine weeks learning about the history of the Holocaust, Hitler and WWII.

Poga's presentation led up to the students' reading *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Poga and her parents were from Latvia and went into hiding in Germany while Hitler was dictator.

She shared her family's frightening and shocking

memories of living in various camps and eating cooked flour and water for each of her three meals per day.

"I felt very sad. I felt sick to my stomach when she was talking about the ways Hitler and his army killed the innocent people," said eighth-grade student Troy Addington.

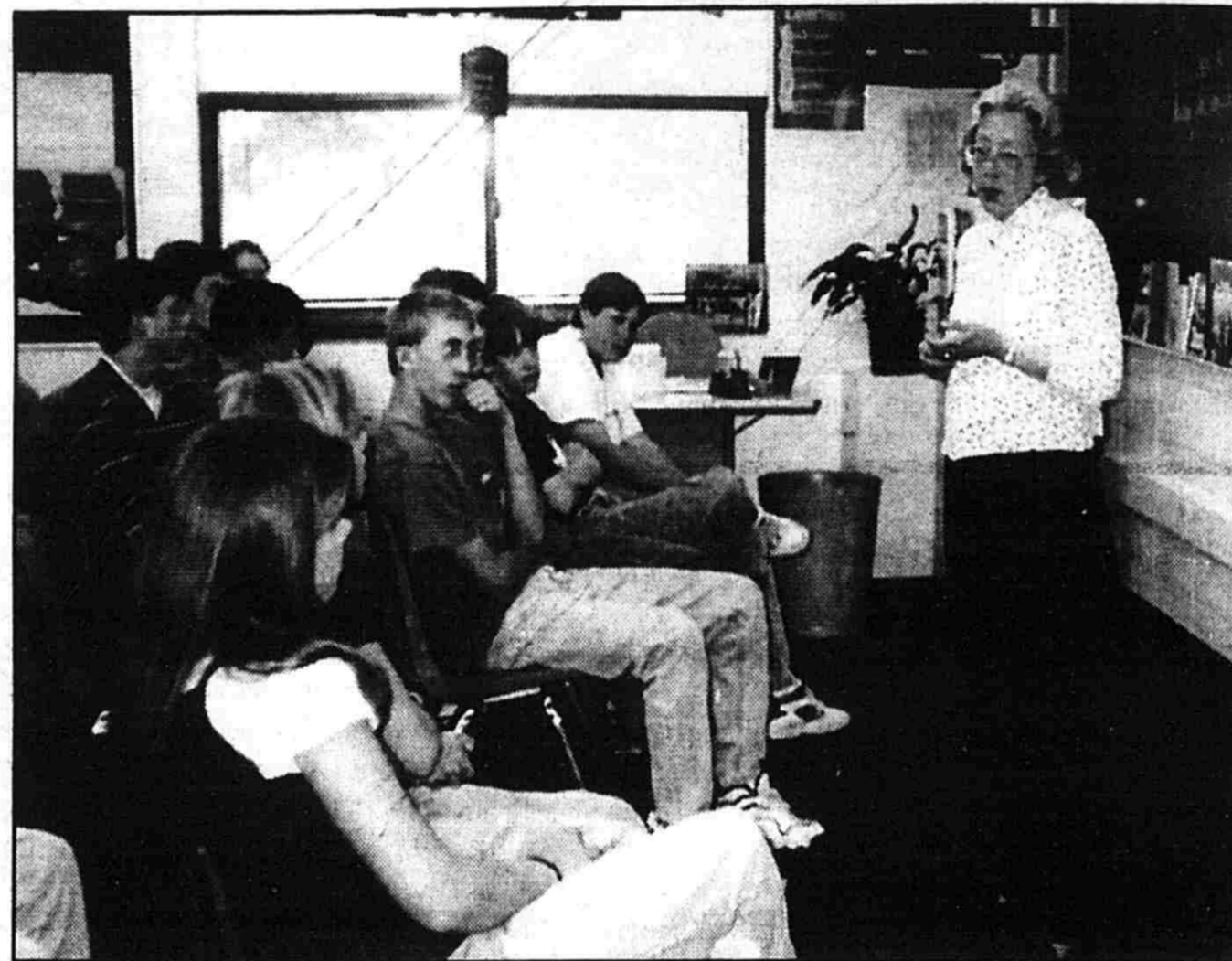
Poga, who now lives in Lowell, relived her experiences of having to witness the grueling and inhumane treatment of her people and the Jewish people.

Fellow eighth-grader Dan

Denton said he thought Poga was neat to listen to and had good, but sad stories to tell.

"Poga allowed the students to relate to the information on a personal level," said eighth-grade reading teacher Cinda Bender.

Chris Stacey, also an eighth-grade reading teacher, added "the students have really learned a lot from the readings and discussions, but when they can see and hear from someone who actually went through this time period, it really puts things into perspective."



Sky Poga tells LMS eighth-grade students of her experience during WWII.

Do not shorten the morning by getting up late; look upon it as the quintessence of life, as to a certain extent sacred.

—Arthur Schopenhauer

Library offers June calligraphy workshops

Aspiring calligraphers, ages 11 to 16, are invited to take part in a fun and educational calligraphy and illumination workshop offered this summer at several branches of the Kent District Library.

The basics of calligraphy and illumination will be taught at the program. Calligraphy is

an ancient writing style used by monks and artisans during the Middle Ages. Illumination is the elaborate design of initials used to decorate manuscripts written by the monks. Bookmarks will be made and handouts will be given so people can continue to practice their new skill at home.

The workshops are limited to the first 15 people to sign up.

This program is offered in conjunction with the Kent District Library's *Read Test For Fun* Summer Reading Club. The Summer Reading Club has a medieval theme celebrating the Middle Ages. Dragons, knights, jesters and

maidens take over the library this summer. Children of all ages (and adults) may register at any Kent District Library for the Summer Reading Club between June 9 and August 9. Royal readers who have logged 12 books or 12 hours of reading and completed the summer reading club are eli-

gible for prize drawings including a trip to Walt Disney World for four.

The Calligraphy and Illumination program is scheduled for the Alto branch on Tuesday, June 24 at 2 p.m. and the Lowell branch Wednesday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m.

For more information about the Calligraphy and Illumination workshop, call the Kent District Library at 336-3250. To register contact your local branch.

IN THE SERVICE

Jennifer (JJ) Tichelaar, daughter of David and Tammy Tichelaar of Ada, recently graduated from US Navy "Boot" camp training.

A 1992 graduate of LHS, Tichelaar spent nine weeks this spring at the Great Lakes

Naval Training Center north of Chicago for "Boot" camp. At graduation ceremonies held on Friday, April 25, SR Tichelaar was recognized as an outstanding recruit, finishing second in a class of 598 men and women.

She was also among the award recipients at her graduation in two other areas. She received a commendation from the Master Chief Petty Officer in charge of Recruit training for her role as the Recruit Chief Petty Officer (RCPO) in charge of Division 921. In addition to her Division Command responsibilities, she was also commended for serving as the Recruit Review Commander (RRC) for

two prior graduating training classes as well as her own training unit. As the RRC, SR Tichelaar commanded all 9 Divisions of each graduating class through their graduation and pass and review before the base commander. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, SR Tichelaar received a special award for her "Outstanding Leadership" in directing the recruits through the graduation exercises.

Handling everything from marching orders to daily discipline as the Division RCPO, she was provided with many opportunities to see how the modern day Navy works. Following graduation, Seaman

Tichelaar reported May 5 for her advanced training in radio operations at Moffett Naval Base, Great Lakes, IL. She will be graduating on August 12 after which a permanent duty assignment will be made.

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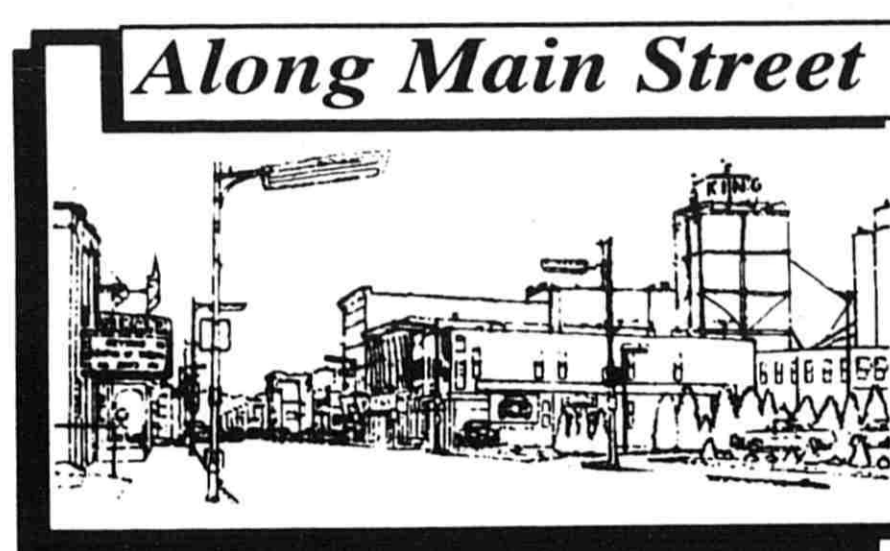
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The Grand Rapids Foundation hosted a news conference at the Englehardt Library to announce its largest gift ever and provided details of its significance to our community. It will be shown on LCTV, Channel 2 in its entirety on the following dates: Wednesday, June 4 at noon; Thursday, June 5 at 6 p.m.; Friday, June 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 7 at 10 a.m.

Townships, cont'd... From Page 1

The decision was to adopt both plans. Lowell will be billed per SEV for a six-month period and billed at one third of the cost for the other six months.

The wages incurred by fire and rescue workers responding to a scene will be picked up 100 percent by the township for the entire year.

At the conclusion of the year, both sides will sit down and discuss which option better served each others needs.

Wenger, who praised Lowell for their cooperation in the matter, stuck to his guns regarding Bowne's formula for one simple reason.

"To me, I felt you were hiring our service. So it's hard to accept that somebody would dictate how we charge them," said Wenger.

The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.
Chinese proverb

3RD ANNUAL CHERRY CREEK 5k CLASSIC
JUNE 14, 1997 • STARTING TIME: 8:00 AM

REGISTRATION: All entries mailed to Cherry Creek Classic, P.O. Box 62, Lowell, MI 49331. Any questions, call Terry at (616) 897-5148 evenings or Thad (616) 897-6254 evenings.

ENTRY FEE: Now until June 9th, \$12; June 10th to race day, \$15. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic (Do not send cash).

PACKET PICK-UP: June 13th, 1997 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

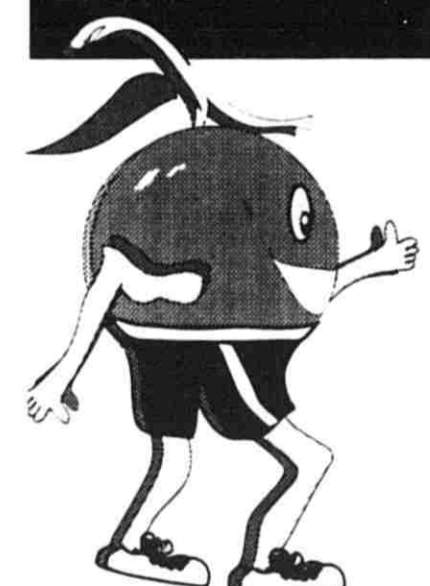
LOCATION FOR PICK-UP: Middle School (old high school) north entrance.

AWARDS: Top overall male and female runners' medals three deep in each age group. Male and female run and walk awards handed out around 10 a.m.

AGE GROUPS:	14 & under	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34
	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59 60 & over

Registered runners and walkers will receive a tee-shirt. Late registration after June 9th will also receive a tee-shirt to be picked up at a designated place and time to be announced race day.

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CHERRY CREEK DESSERT RECEPTION

There will be a dessert reception on Thursday, June 5 in the Cherry Creek cafeteria from 4 to 5 p.m. to thank all of the volunteers who have given their time to Cherry Creek Elementary.

Child care will be provided.

10TH ANNUAL 3 ON 3 HOOPS TOURNAMENT

Registrations are now being accepted for the Showboat City Hoops Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for June 20, 21 and 22. Age brackets are available for boys and girls from 8 - 18 years old. Team registration deadline is June 5.

Call the YMCA now to reserve your team's spot at 897-8445. Space is limited.

Englehardt, continued...

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few months before Uncle Harold's death he told me how proud he was of the library and how much he loved this town. He said he was glad to be able to give something back to the town where he made his money."

Sieger called it rare that that someone gives back to a community the way Englehardt has. "It is not just unprecedented in Lowell, but is rare all around this country."

Mayor Bill Thompson said he was shocked upon hearing the news, but not surprised.

"As a boy growing up in this town, I knew him and always admired him," Thompson said. "He always addressed the parents and the children when he saw them on the street or in the bank. The Lowell community is

lucky. This will have a great impact."

Councilmember Jeanne Shores said what probably



John Darling, the great nephew of Harold Englehardt, talks to the press following the announcement of his great uncle's \$12 million gift to the Lowell community.

many are thinking, "I cannot imagine what is ahead for Lowell."

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Botanists say that the banana plant, the most prolific of food plants, dates back to the Pliocene era, a million years ago.

YMCA NIGHT AT THE WHITECAPS

Tickets are now available for the YMCA Night at the Whitecaps for Thursday, July 31. Come join in the fun in rooting on the West Michigan Whitecaps when they battle the Peoria Chiefs. Tickets are \$5 for reserved seats.

Stop in at the YMCA or call 897-8445 to reserve your seats. Deadline to purchase is June 18, 1997.

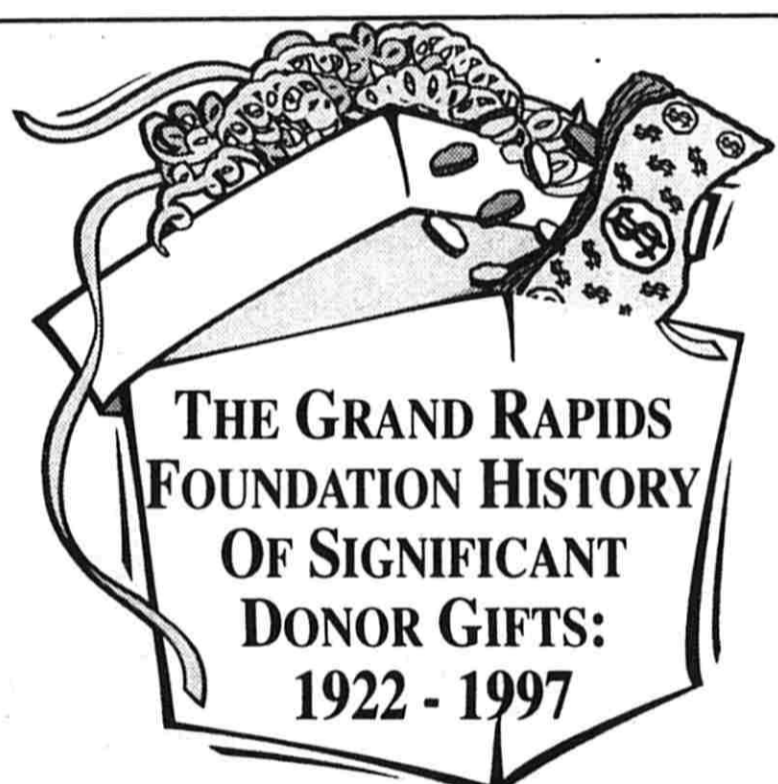
LHS CLASS OF '47

The Lowell High School class of 1947's 50th class reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Saskatoon Country Club. If you have not been contacted, please call 897-6639 or 868-6740.

Still need to find: June Finch Solomon, Janet Hovinga Kinsel, Maurice Pullen and Mary Lint Brown.



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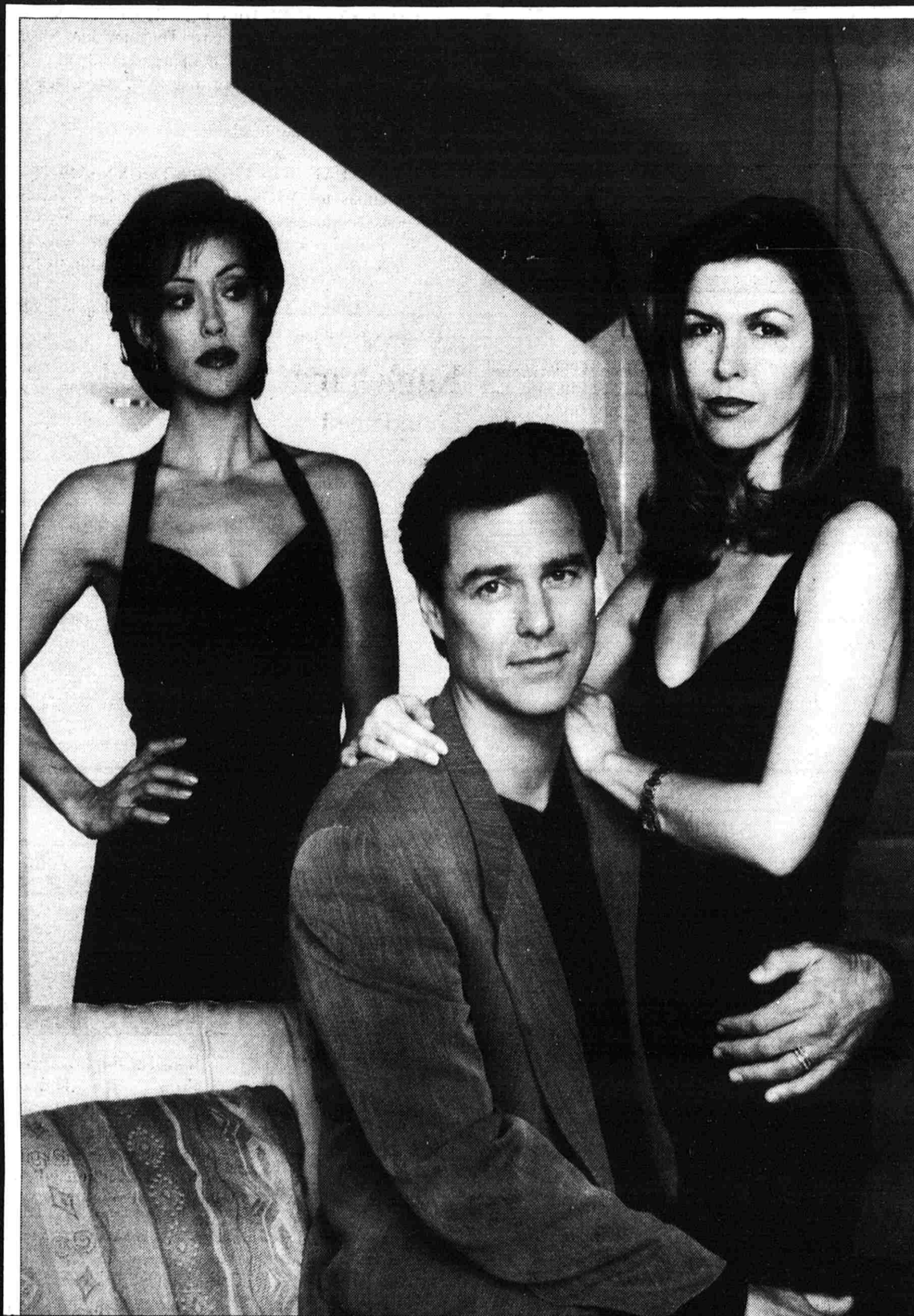
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CLASS MOTO: "Great spirits have always encountered opposition from mediocre minds." - Albert Einstein. COLORS: Blue & Silver. SONG: 1979 - Smashing Pumpkins. FLOWER: Dandelion. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATE! CLASS OF 1997. 119th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: Sunday, June 8th at 3:00 PM at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater. Program Will Be Moved To L.H.S. Gymnasium In Case Of Inclement Weather (Ticket Holders Only).

Wojciakowski leads Class of 1997 in 119th Lowell High School Commencement Exercises

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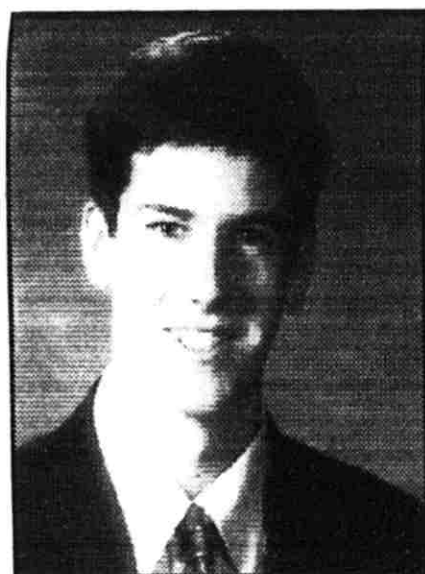
John Wojciakowski, class valedictorian, will address the 119th graduating class of Lowell High School on Sunday. Salutatorian Brian Willmarth will also speak to the Class of '97. The commencement exercises will once again be held at the Showboat Amphitheater. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. What follows are a list of the top 10 students and their accomplishments over the past four years:

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

John Wojciakowski, the son of Ed and Sally Wojciakowski, is Lowell High School's class of 1997 valedictorian.

He completes his four years with a grade point average of 4.0. The 17-year-old will attend Aquinas College in the fall where he will study biology and secondary education.

In his senior year Wojciakowski has served as vice president of the student council and vice president of the National Honor Society. He has also participated in Boys State, YMCA's Leaders Club and has served as a student rotarian.



In non-related school organizations, Wojciakowski has served as a student representative with Lowell's Parks and Recreation Commission and is active in St. Patrick's Church.

He was named a Detroit Free Press Scholar-Athlete and was given a Grand Rapids Press senior salute.

The senior is the recipient of the WODJ & McDonald's Restaurant award, Aquinas College academic leadership award, and the Geff Reinke and Peter & Evelyn Speerstra scholarships.

Wojciakowski is also the Lowell High School record holder (1:58.2) in the 800-meter run and was named to the cross country and track all-conference teams.

His hobbies include running and fishing.

My four years at Lowell High School went by fast. It seems like just yesterday I was a freshman just getting to know the system and setting goals for myself. My boys and girls took on an amazing journey. It was possible because of the teachers and

coaches that I have been fortunate enough to have.

John Wojciakowski
Lowell High School's
1997 Valedictorian

Brian Willmarth, the son of Ken and Irene Willmarth, is Lowell High School's class of the 1997 salutatorian.



He closes out his four years at Lowell High School with a 3.968 grade point average. Willmarth will attend Grand Rapids Community College in the fall. His plans include transferring to the University of Michigan at a later date. The senior will study mechanical engineering.

During his four years, Willmarth has served on the student council, National Honor Society and as a junior rotarian.

School awards he has earned include scholarathlete for football and basketball.

Willmarth was also the recipient of the State of Michigan Competitive scholarship, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra scholarship, and the Grand Rapids Community College Leslie Tassel scholarship.

In non-related school organizations, Willmarth served in the YMCA Leaders Club. His hobbies include playing sports, riding his Sea-Doo wave-runner.

My four years at LHS have been so busy with activities that I haven't had time to be bored. It's been a lot of fun.

Brian Willmarth
Lowell High School
1997 Salutatorian

Ann-Marie Townsend, the daughter of Bob and Peggy Townsend, will attend Aquinas Tech University in the fall.

fall where she will study aerospace engineering.

The Lowell senior completes her four years at Lowell High School with a grade point average of 3.94.

During her four years,



Townsend has served as president of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), International Club and student council and was secretary of the National Honor Society.

Outside of school, Townsend has been a participant with the civil air patrol.

Townsend's career goal is to be an Air Force officer and eventually an astronaut.

Her hobbies include running, movies, reading and shopping.

School awards and scholarships bestowed on Townsend include Air Force ROTC scholarship, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Emerging Leaders scholarship and a State of Michigan Competitive scholarship.

My four years at Lowell High School were filled with great memories created with my family, friends and teachers. I am going to miss these items a lot, but I am ready to move on.

Ann-Marie Townsend
Ranked 3rd in LHS
Class of 1997

Elizabeth VanderVeen, the daughter of Richard and Susan VanderVeen, will attend the University of Michigan in the fall where she will study art (illustration).

The senior closes out her four years at Lowell High School with a grade point average of 3.929.

While attending high school, VanderVeen was a member of the Art Club, Drama Club and National Honor Society.



Awards bestowed upon VanderVeen were academic letters, student of the month, artistic achievement award from Kendall College of Art and Design and 1995 Youth

Leadership award presented by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

VanderVeen was the recipient of the Stephen F. Idema Memorial, Louise Harper Memorial and the Peter and Evelyn Speerstra scholarship. She also received the Congressional Medal of Merit and the State of Michigan Competitive scholarship.

Her hobbies include swimming, riding horses, skiing, biking traveling and art.

The senior hopes to find a career that makes a difference in the world.

My two years at LHS have been great. I moved here last year and feel extremely lucky for finding such wonderful friends and a great place for finishing high school.

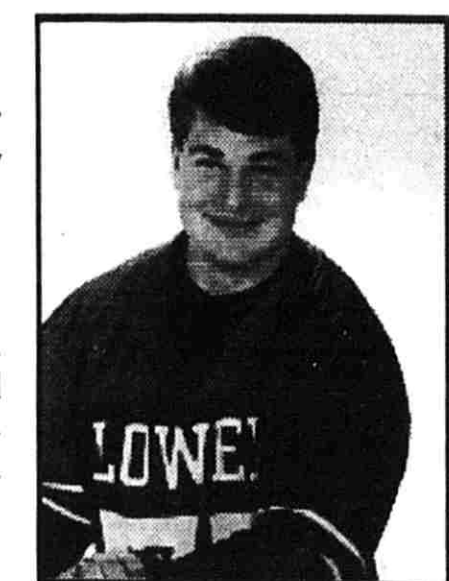
Elizabeth VanderVeen
Ranked 4th in LHS
Class of 1997

Nathan Lietzke, the son of Ted and Ellen Lietzke, will attend Michigan Tech University where he will study physics and computer science.

He completes four years at Lowell High School with a grade point average of 3.926.

During his four years at Lowell High School, he has been a member of Model U.N., National Honor Society, football and track.

Lietzke has been honored as a member of Lowell football's academic all-state team, the top 100 seniors in



West Michigan and listed in Who's Who of American High School Students.

He has also been bestowed with the Michigan Competitive scholarship, LEA Dependent scholarship, James and Elnora Dumas scholarship, National Merit scholarship, and the Michigan Technological University Board of Control scholarship.

Lietzke's hobbies include computer programming.

Outside of school Lietzke has served as a junior rotarian.

My four years at LHS have provided me with the necessary skills to further my education in the science field. My math and science courses

have been the highlight of my educational experience.

Nathan Lietzke
Ranked 5th in LHS
Class of 1997

Jennifer Cantwell, the daughter of Linda Cantwell, will attend Eastern Michigan University in the fall where she will study international business.

The senior completes her four years at Lowell High School with a grade point average of 3.919.

During her four years at LHS, she has been active in Drama Club, National Honor Society, International Club, and Science Olympiad.



Her hobbies include theatre and dance.

Scholarships earned by Cantwell were the Edwin F. Doyle, Peter and Evelyn Speerstra, Eastern Michigan University Regents and the state of Michigan Competitive.

Cantwell also earned the Eastern Michigan University Theater and Service award.

Outside of school she served as a member of the International Thespian Society.

My years at Lowell High School have provided me with wonderful memories and knowledge that will carry me the rest of my life. I cherish the friends I made and the teachers that believed in me.

Jennifer Cantwell
Ranked 6th in LHS
Class of 1997

Brett Plattner, the son of Howard and Kristen Plattner, will attend Aquinas College in the fall where he will study pre-med.

Through four years at Lowell High School, he carried a grade point average of 3.895.

His career goal is to work in the medical field.

Plattner was awarded the Wyntjes Medical, State of



Michigan Competitive and the Ernie Blasher Wrestling Memorial scholarships.

He also earned an academic letter and a scholarathlete award.

The senior's hobbies include fishing and watching sports.

Outside of school he has participated in his church youth group and the Leaders Club.

It was a fun-filled, educational experience. Through friends, sports and school itself, it has been a busy four years that shaped my future.

Brett Plattner
Ranked 7th in LHS
Class of 1997

Terresa Kenney, the daughter of Michael and Julie Kenney, will attend Western Michigan University in the fall where she will study engineering.

She completes four years of high school with a grade point average of 3.879.

In four years at Lowell High School, Kenney has been a member of the National Honor Society, Pom Pon Squad, and the girls golf team.



Outside of school, Kenney has participated in 4-H, Paws With a Cause, and has served on the Kent County Youth Fair board.

Her hobbies include showing animals at the fair and other shows.

Kenney has also earned a scholarship from Western Michigan University as well as the Edwin F. Doyle and the State of Michigan Competitive scholarships.

Her career goal is to enjoy her job and work on major projects.

High school has been a lot of fun. I have met a lot of great people and made several solid friendships.

Terresa Kenney
Ranked 8th in LHS
Class of 1997

Troy Ballard, the son of Arthur and Susan Ballard, will attend Michigan Tech University where he will study chemical engineering.

During his four years at Lowell High School, Ballard



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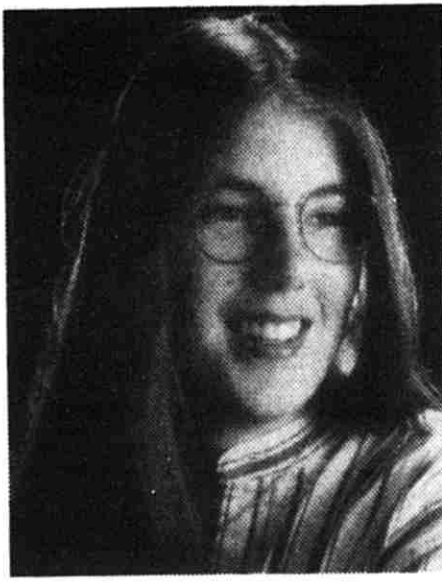
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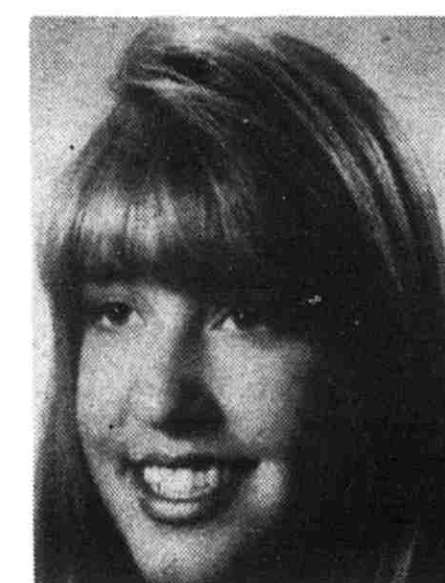
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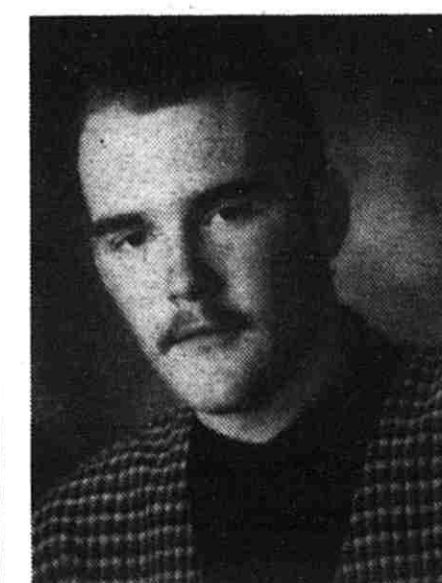
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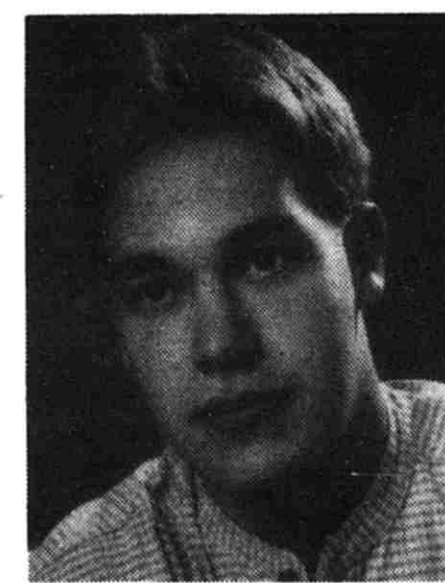
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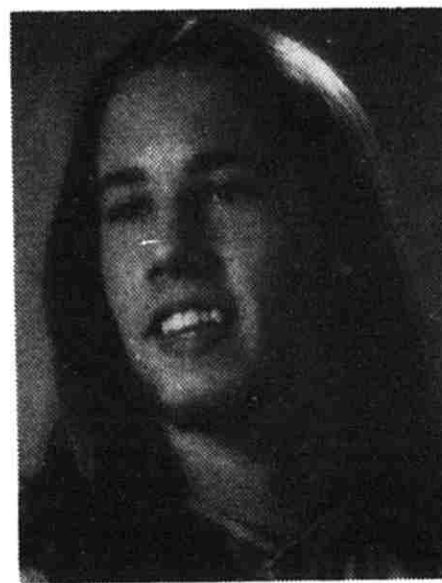
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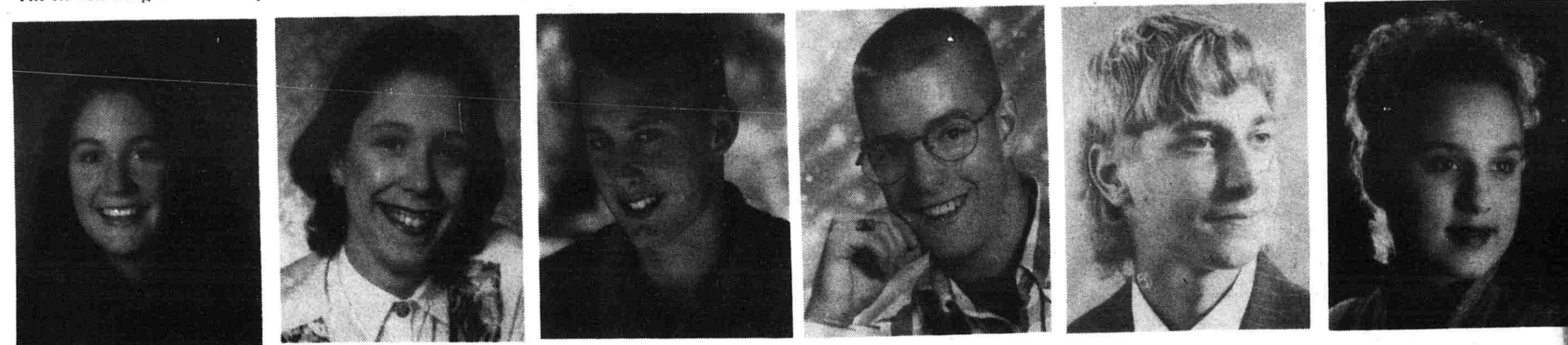
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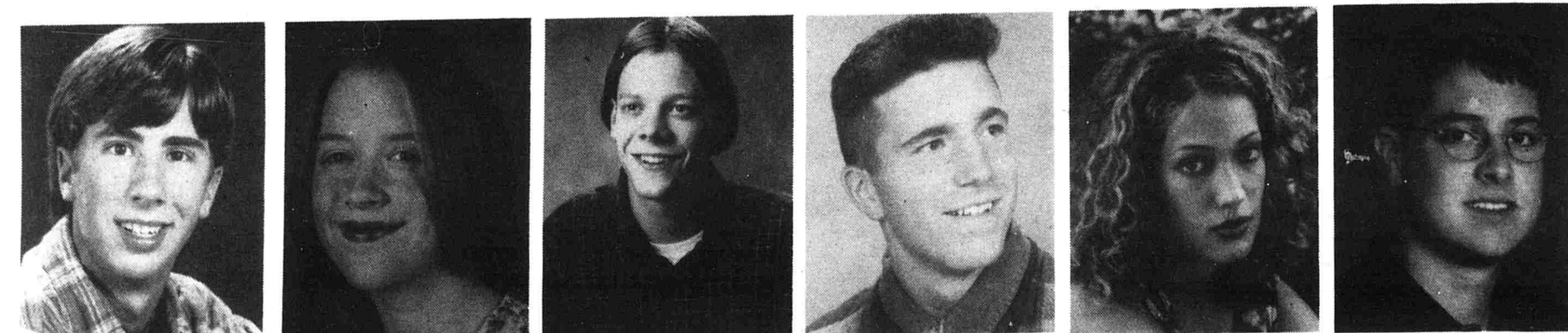
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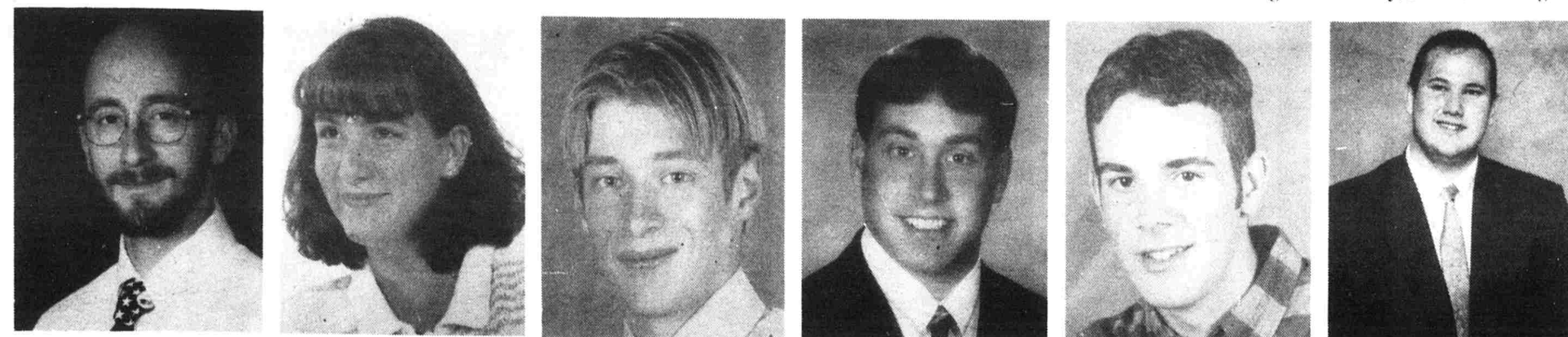
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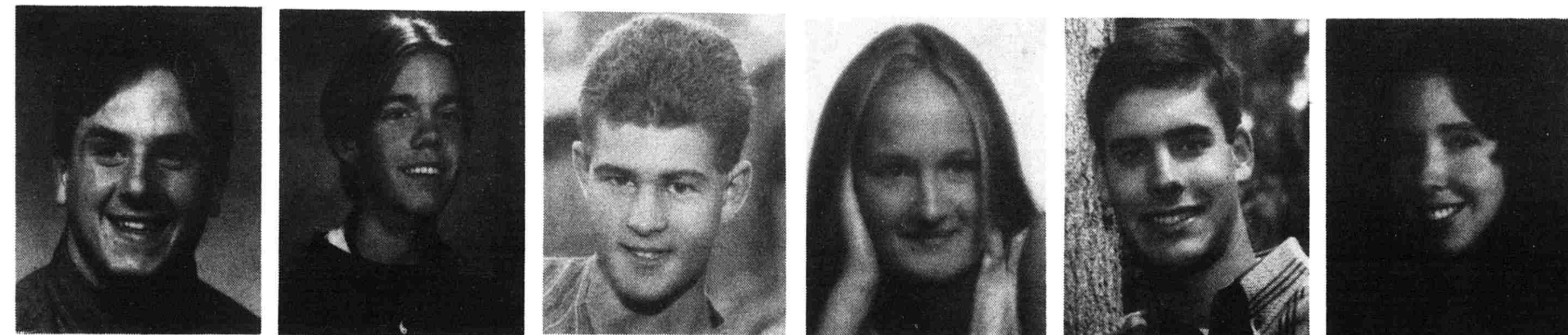
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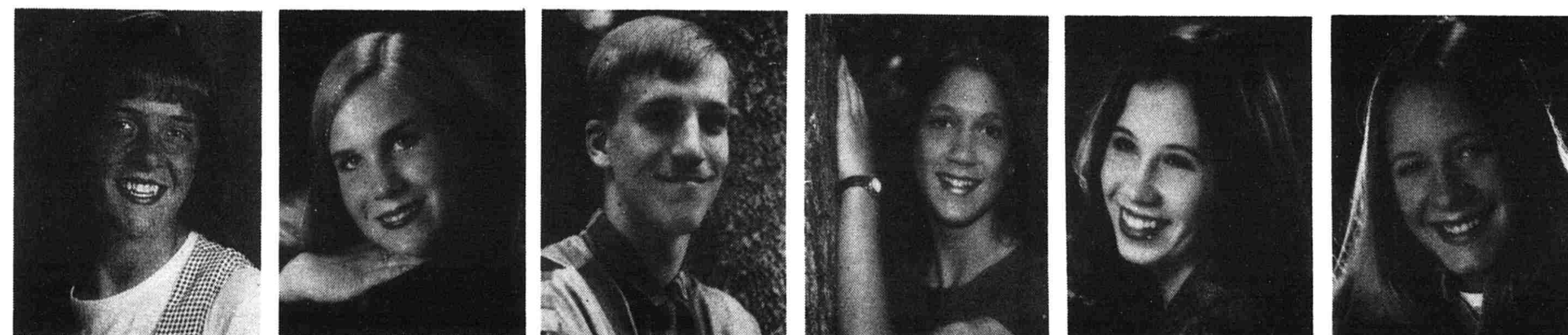
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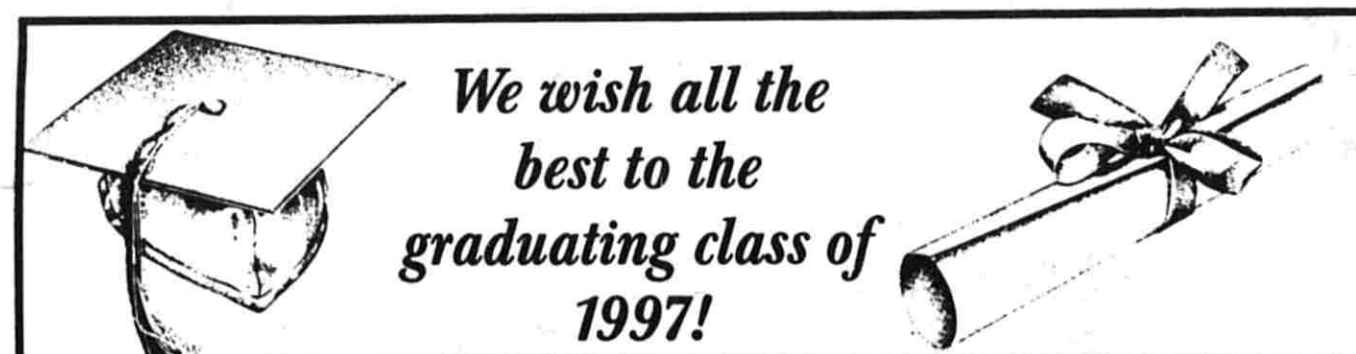
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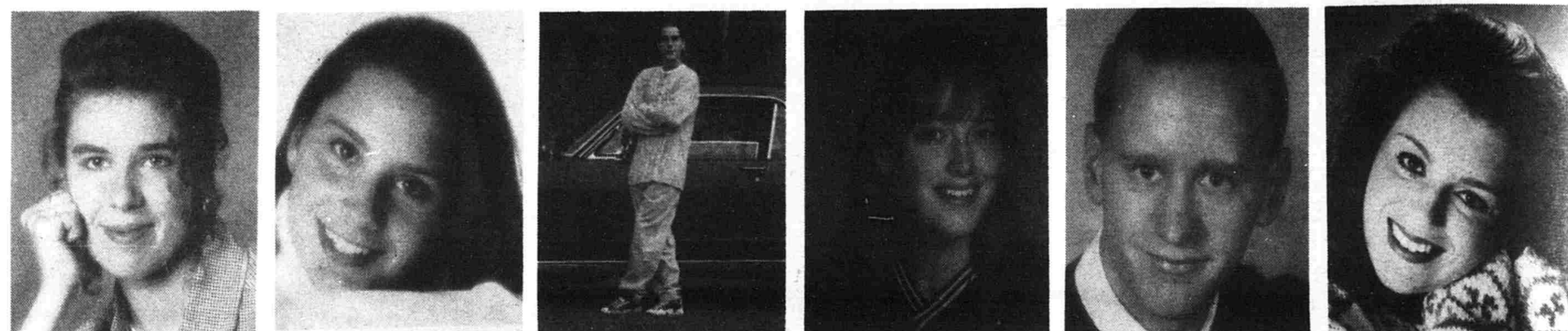
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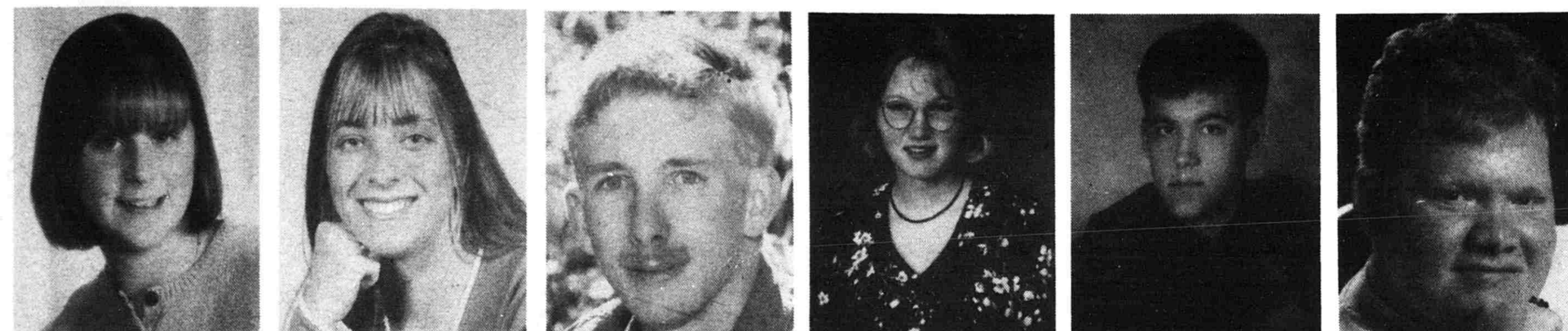
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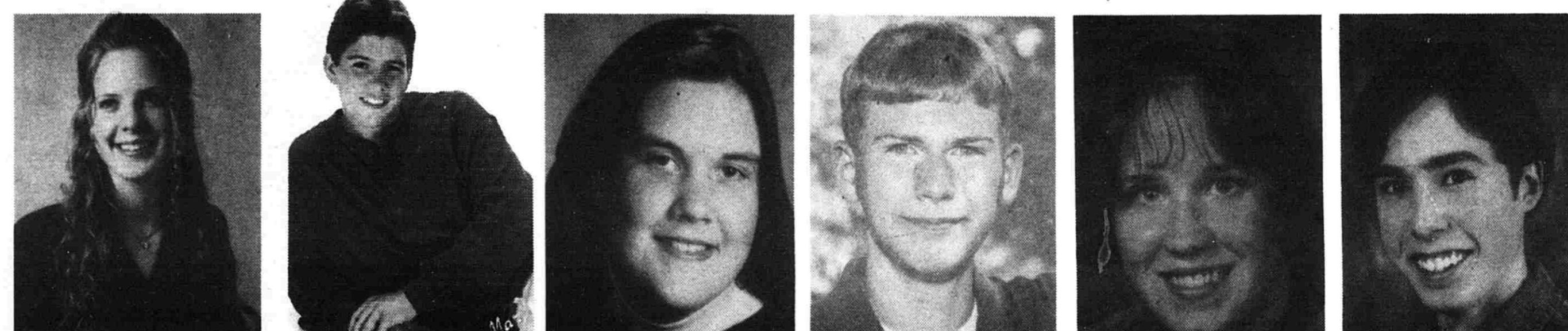
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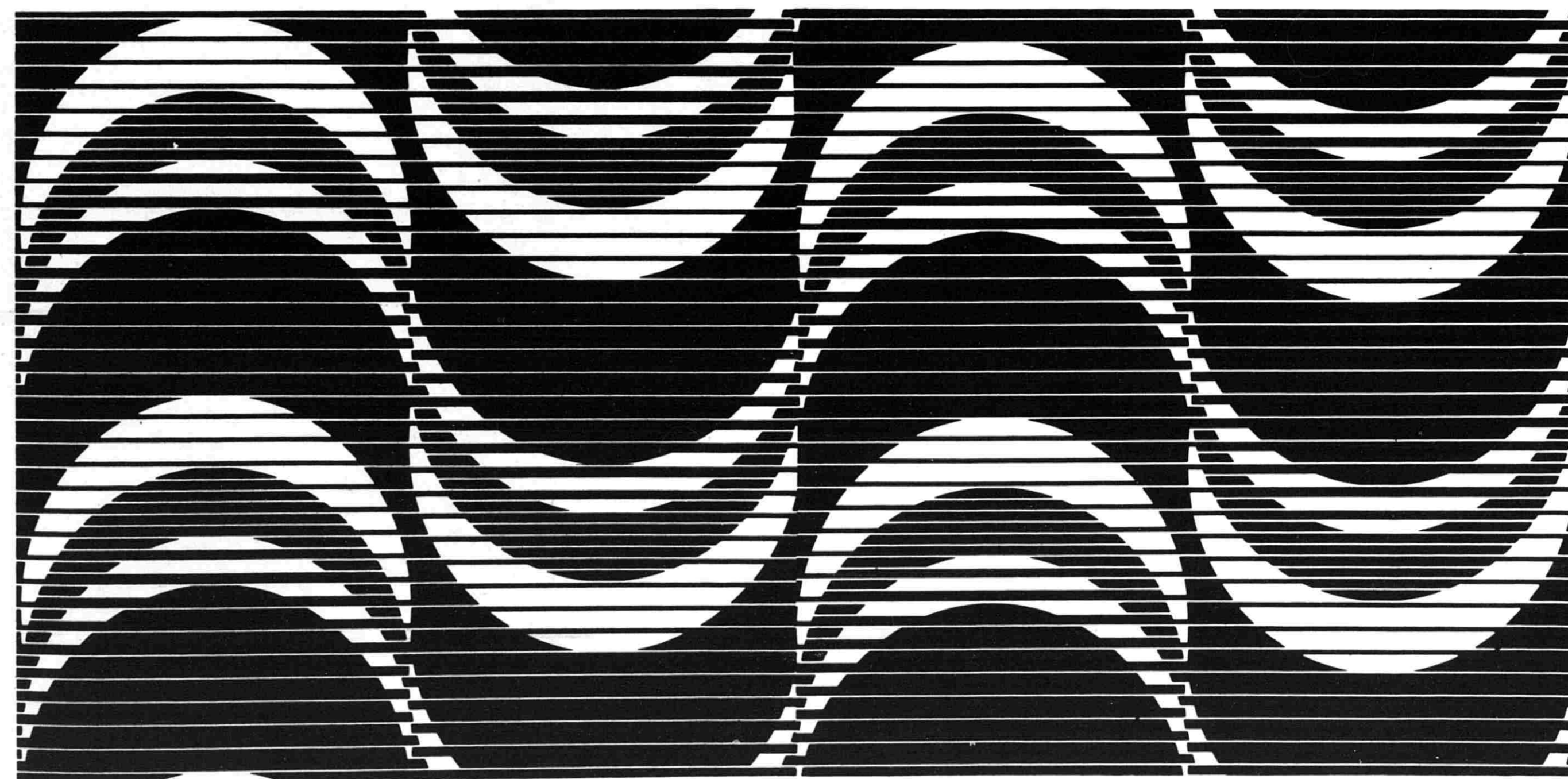
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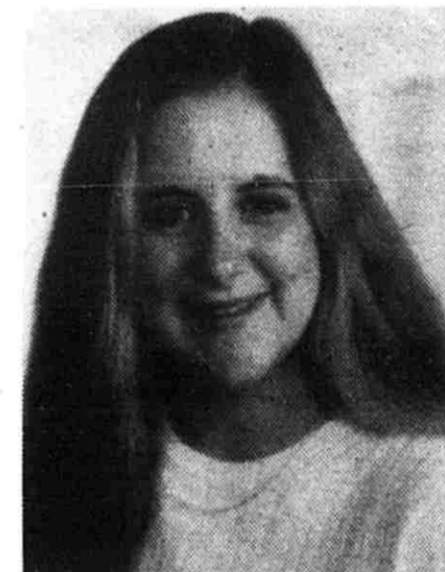
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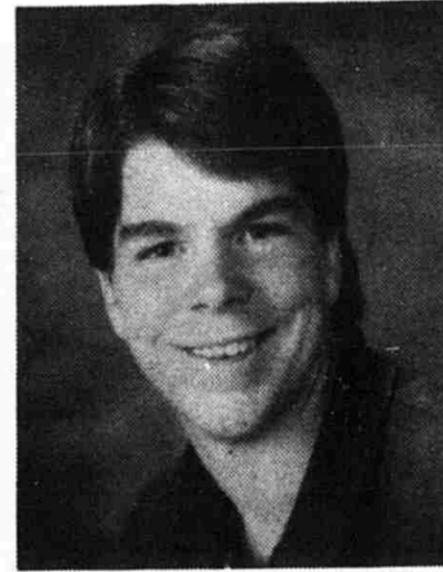
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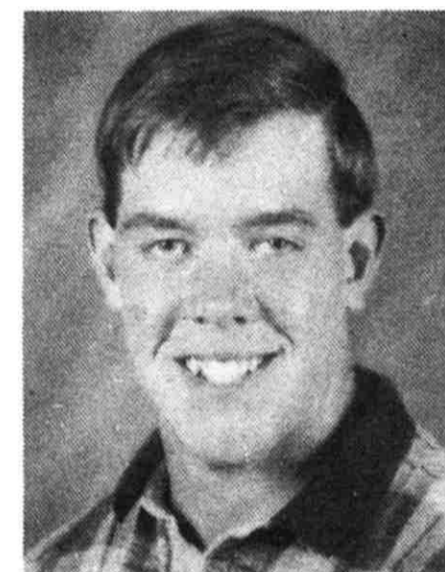
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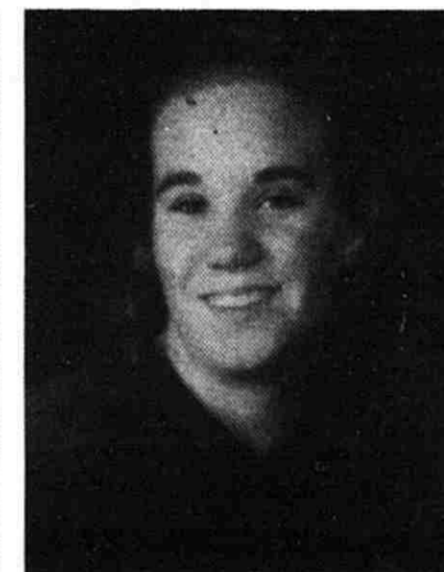
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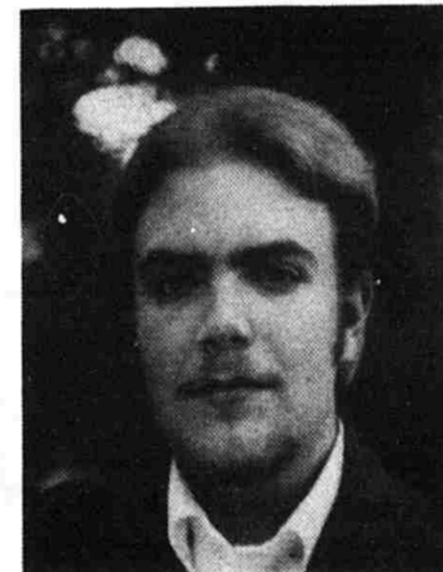
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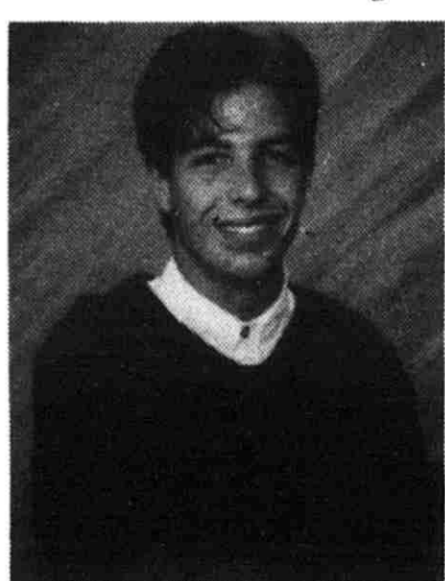
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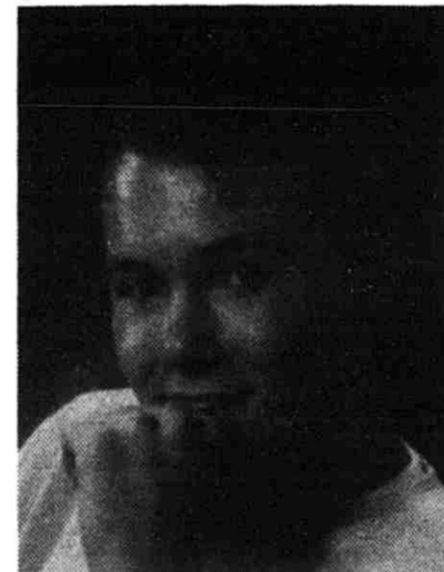
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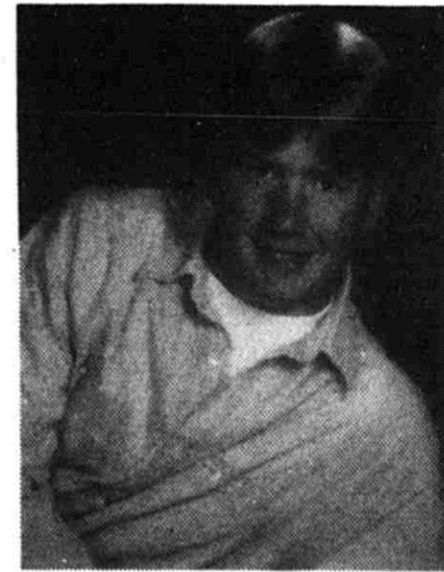
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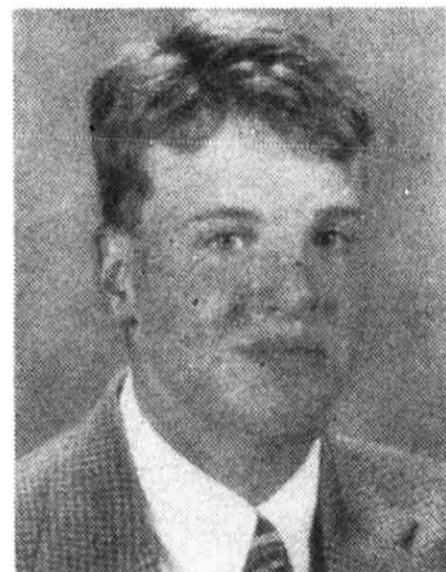
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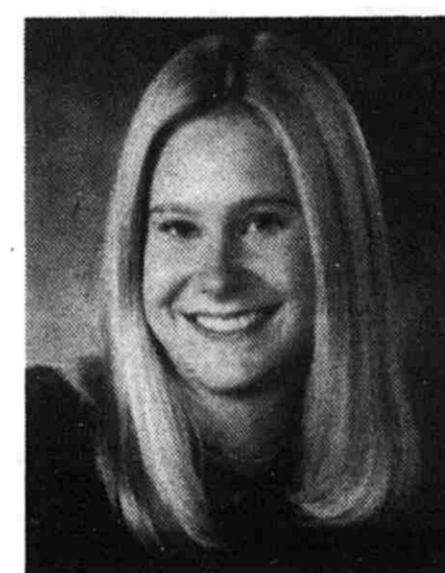
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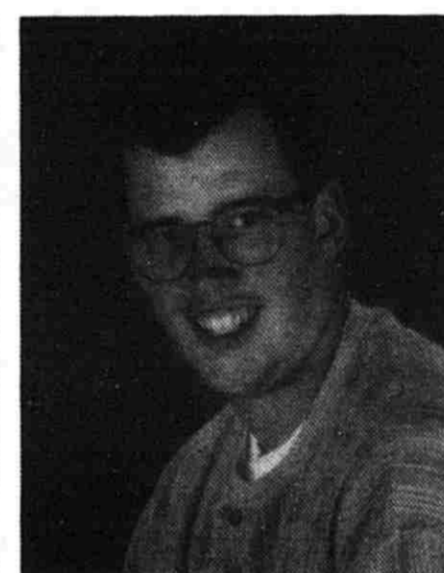
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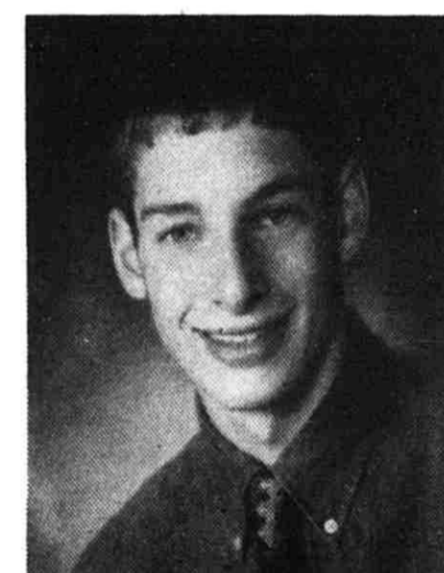
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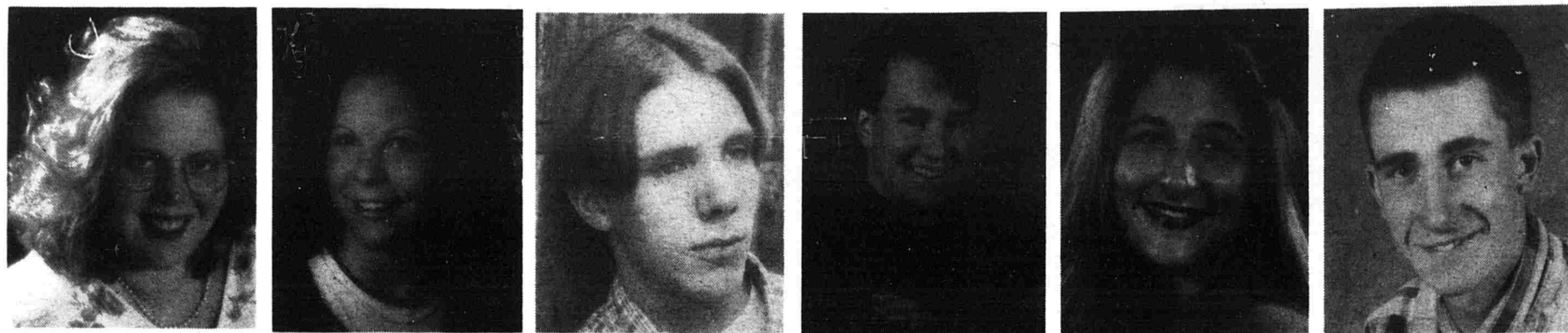
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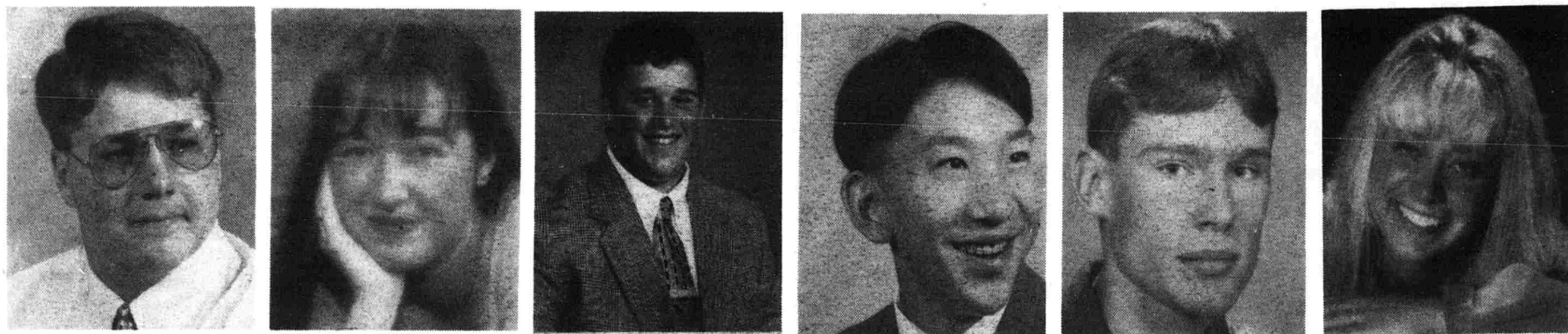
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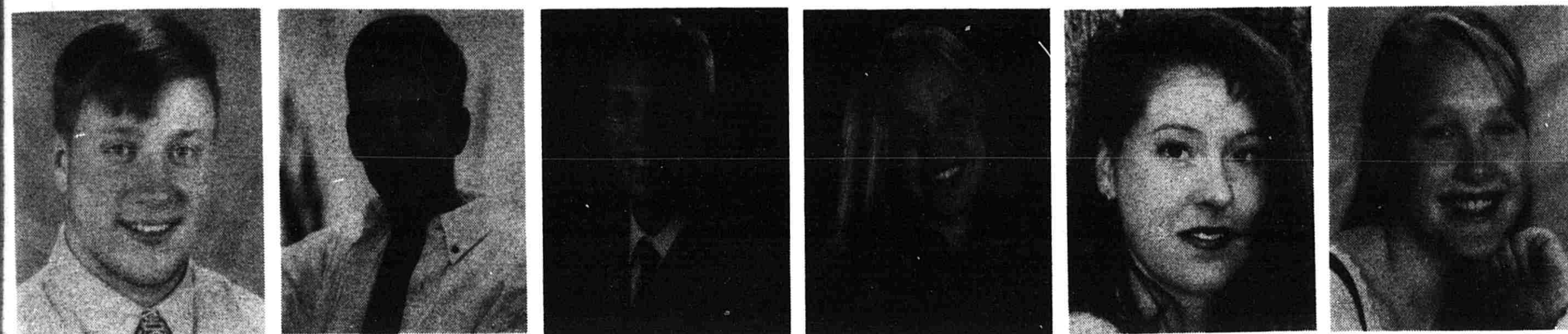
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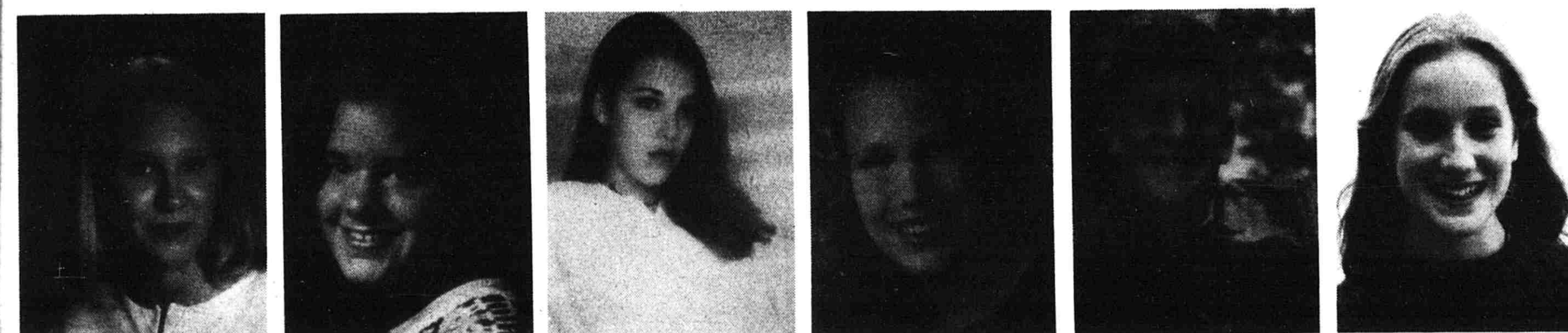
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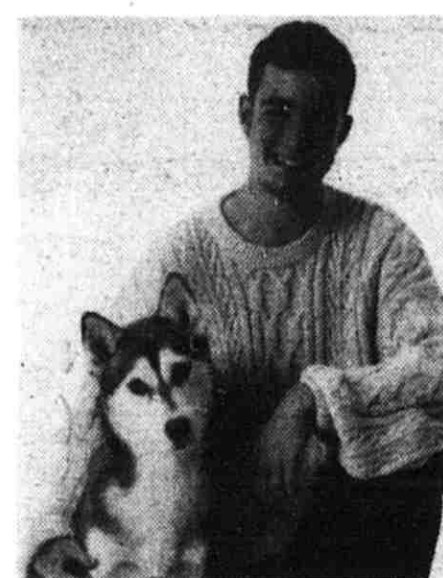
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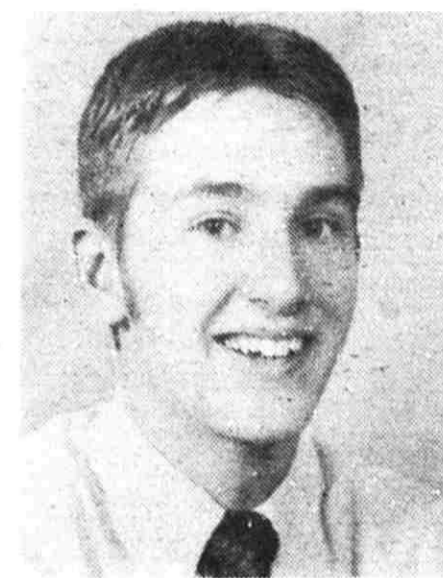
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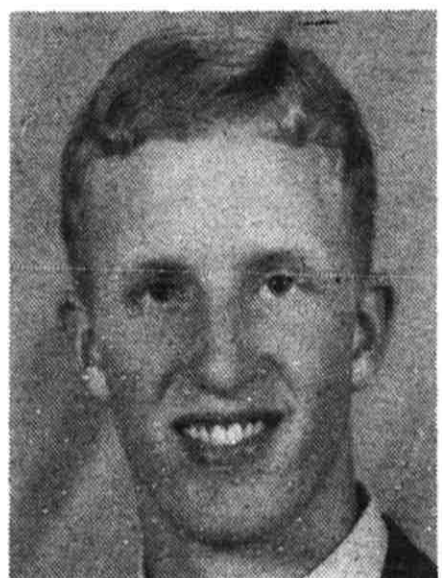
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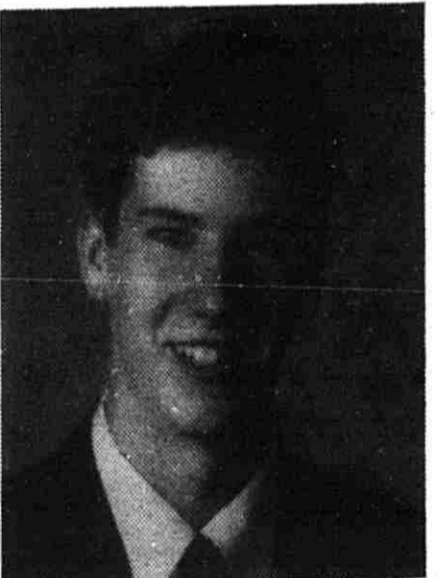
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was a member of S.A.D.D., National Honor Society and jazz band.

The senior accumulated a grade point average of 3.878 while attending LHS.

His career goal is to work as a chemical engineer.

Ballard is a recipient of scholarships from Lowell Rotary, Michigan Technological University Board of Con-



tro, and the State of Michigan Competitive.

My four years at Lowell High School were fast, but they were fun.

Troy Ballard
Ranked 9th in LHS Class of 1997

the Peter and Evelyn Speerstra scholarship.

Her hobbies include softball, volleyball, karate and writing.

Ward says she is uncertain about her career goals, but perhaps she will pursue a social worker's degree.

Non school activities Ward participated in include volunteering at Bethany Christian Services Adoption Agency, church youth group and San Chin Rya karate.



made a lot of lasting memories.

Angela Ward
Ranked 10th in LHS Class of 1997

CONGRATS to the GRAD!

We wish all the Lowell Graduates all the best in everything you do in the future!



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- Andrew Miles Caldwell
- Tommy Clifton Dumas
- Tina Marie Huizenga
- Sarah Elizabeth Jannenga
- Summer Nicole Johnson
- Andrew Ryan Ostrander
- Andrew Curtis Smith
- Steven John Spino
- Sarah Elizabeth Wingeier
- Jeanna Michelle Wood



SUNDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 8, 1997

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SUNDAY EVENING JUNE 8, 1997

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PROGRAMS	60 Minutes	Second Noah "Diving In"	Klondike & Snow	Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction?	NBA Showtime	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Second Noah "Diving In"	Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction?	National Geographic Explorer	Movie: "Against Her Will: An Incident in Baltimore"	Backchat	Movie: "Wagons East"	Fangs!	7th Heaven	Sportscenter	Capital Gang Sunday	All That	Ancient Mysteries	Turner Cup Playoffs	(5:00) Movie: "Rain Man"	In-Fisherman	Romantic Inns	Medical Detectives	Sci-Fi Sightings	HIST	AMC	DISN	HBO	MAX

SUNDAY LATE NIGHT JUNE 8, 1997

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PROGRAMS	Paid Program	In the House	Two "Tale of the Tape"	Movie: "Held"	Entertainment Tonight	Access Hollywood	John Osteen	Miami Vice	Big Easy	Adventures of Sinbad	Baseball Tonight	Impact	Taxi	Sea Tales	Major League Baseball	Hot Rod TV	Undersea Adventures	Future of Crime Fighting	New Edge	Modern Marvels	Movie: "Tarzan"	Movie: "Tarzan and the Great River"	Movie: "Swiss Family Robinson"	Dennis Miller	Movie: "Bloodfest VIII: Trained to Kill"	Movie: "Tarzan and the Valley of Gold"	Movie: "Muppet Treasure Island"	Movie: "Armed and Dangerous"	Movie: "Bingo"

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Table for THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JUNE 12, 1997, 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 (WYMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FOX, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIF, HIST, AMC, HBO, MAX) listing late night programs.

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.

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Showboat Garden Club meets this month, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe. The program is an update on the DDA and the library by Dr. Jim Reagan and Chuck Myers.

EVERY MONDAY: Senior men's golf club at Arrowhead. Tee time 9 a.m. Play 9 holes, walk or ride. For more information call Al at 897-7342.

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

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights 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.

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

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

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

EVERY 3RD 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 Bellline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY 3RD TUES: La Leche League of Ada/Cascade/Lowell has its breast feeding information meetings at First Congregational Church of Ada, 6330 Ada

Dr., S.E. 7:30 to 9 p.m., share, learn ask questions. All mothers and babies welcome.

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY: La Leche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell meets at 7 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is the Ada Congregational Church on Ada Drive. Call Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

EVERY TUESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

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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.

SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

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

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell

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

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7 p.m.

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

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

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 p.m., meeting at 1:00 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson

Destiny is an invention of the cowardly and the resigned. -Ignazio Silone

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.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.

Special Events WED., JUNE 4: 8 a.m., Men's traveling breakfast. TUES., JUNE 17: 7:45 a.m., Soaring Eagle Casino.

WED., JUNE 4: 9:15 - 11:15 a.m., Blood pressure. TUES., JUNE 17: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.

THURS., JUNE 5: 12:30 p.m., North Center dance. WED., JUNE 18: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.

FRI., JUNE 6: 12:30 p.m., Chuck Myers, FMB investments. WED., JUNE 18: Noon, Potluck and center shower.

MON., JUNE 9: 12:30 p.m., Gerald Ford Museum. TUES., JUNE 24: 12:30 p.m., Shopping Value City.

TUES., JUNE 10: 12:30 p.m., Meijers shopping. WED., JUNE 25: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

WED., JUNE 11: 9 a.m., Binder Park Zoo Battle Creek. MON., JUNE 30: 1 p.m., 126th Army Band, Forest Hills Northern.

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

LOWELL CABLE TV DEPARTMENT 127 N. Broadway, Lowell 897-8405

Advertisement for Mystery Science Theater 3000: A NEW MOVIE EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT! MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000 THE MOVIE PREMIERES FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 8 PM ET/PT

Advertisement for Independence Day: We've always believed we weren't alone. Now, we'll wish we were. PREMIERES SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 8 PM ET/PT

Advertisement for Muppet Treasure Island: Now on Disney Channel SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 7PM/6C

Look for the ridiculous in everything and you will find it. -Jules Renard

Advertisement for Valley Vista & Lowell Area Homeowners: VINYL SIDING \$1,900 (24'x38' RANCH) INCLUDES: WOLVERINE VINYL SIDING, ALUMINUM OVERHANGS, EXISTING SIDING REMOVAL PERMIT 897-5791 (ROOFING, WINDOWS, DECKS, GARAGES & LICENSED & INSURED REMODELING AVAILABLE)

SENIOR AWARDS

Kendra Lynn Akers
LEA General Scholarship

Jennifer Lynn Alderink
HSPT All Proficient Award

Corrine Marie Arnett
State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, LHS Scholar Athlete Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

David William Arnold
Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

Hope Elizabeth Ayers
HSPT All Proficient Award

Troy Richard Ballard
Lowell Rotary Scholarship, Michigan Technological University Board of Control Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Science Department Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Mackenzie Louise Bennett
HSPT All Proficient Award

Brett Allen Bittrick
HSPT All Proficient Award

Aaron James Bloem
Grand Rapids Community College Distinguished Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Business Student of the Year, HSPT All Proficient Award

Jenny Rebecca Borg
James & Elnora Dumas Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship

Aaron Curtis Brander
Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Grand Valley State University Faculty Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Science Department Award, LHS Scholar Athlete Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Denny Michael Briggs
Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Aquinas College Academic Leadership Award, LEA General Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Social Studies Award, LHS Scholar Athlete Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Kevin Robert Brown
State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

Melody Joy Brubaker
Pensacola Christian College Academic Honors Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

Andrea Marie Bryant
Art Department Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Jennifer Grace Cantwell
Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, English Department Award, Science Department Award, Eastern Michigan University Theater & Service Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Brian Michael Carstens
Grand Rapids Community College M. Swets Scholarship, Art Department Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Jeffrey Carl Catlin
Northwood University Free Enterprise Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, LHS Scholar Athlete Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Esther Marie Cesarz
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Joseph Chester Corey
Western Michigan University Excellence Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

Donald Bernard Cross
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Michael John Curtis
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Scott Michael Douglass
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Amber Lynn Dreyer
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Emily Marie Dunn
Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Scholarship, Daughters of the American Revolution, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Annual Award, LHS Scholar Athlete Award, Female Athlete of the Year Award, HSPT All Proficient Award, Oldies 107.3 WODJ & McDonald's Senior Salute

Jill Renee Dykstra
Grand Valley Blood Program High Time Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Matthew Lee Dykstra
Carrol (Chris) Burch Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship

Christy Alene Ennis
State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Art Department Award, First Congregational Church of Lowell Community Scholarship, General Motors Educational Enrichment Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

Tammy Kay Eteo
HSPT All Proficient Award

Diana Marie Fick
State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

Skye Joy Fisher
Margaret McMahon Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

Lester Jay Foreman
State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

Nichole Marie Fortin
HSPT All Proficient Award

Mark Carver Fox
HSPT All Proficient Award

Thomas Kenneth Friedrich
Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

Michael David Gannon
David Dombak Art Scholarship, Art Department Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Erica Nichole Gless
Lowell Women's Club Scholarship Grand Rapids Community College Comm. Leader Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Business Award, HSPT All Proficient Award

Shari Jayne Grieser
Earl Posthumus Memorial Scholarship, Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, FFA Countrymark Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship, State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, FFA Award, First Congregational Church of Lowell Community Scholarship, HSPT All Proficient Award

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Jason Richard Haybarker
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Grand Rapids Community College Steelcase Scholarship, Ernie Blasher Memorial Wrestling Scholarship

James Bowen Hodges
State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship

Joseph John Hohbach
State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, HSPT All

Proficient Award

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Suzanne Marie Inman
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Denise Phillips
Drama Award

Errant defense costly in Lowell's run for district championship

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

It's been said that it's not always the best team who wins the championships...it's the team with the most luck. Unfortunately for Lowell's baseball team, Forest Hills Central had lady luck on their side in the Class A district baseball championship game.

The Red Arrows out hit and out pitched the rival Rangers, but errors led to a disappointing 5-4 defeat in the final contest.

"Forest Hills is the best hitting team in the league and when you put the ball in play, things will happen," said Lowell coach Kris Kropf, following his team's narrow defeat.

Lowell opened the tournament with a decisive 13-2 victory over Greenville and jumped on Forest Hills early with one run in the first and

second innings.

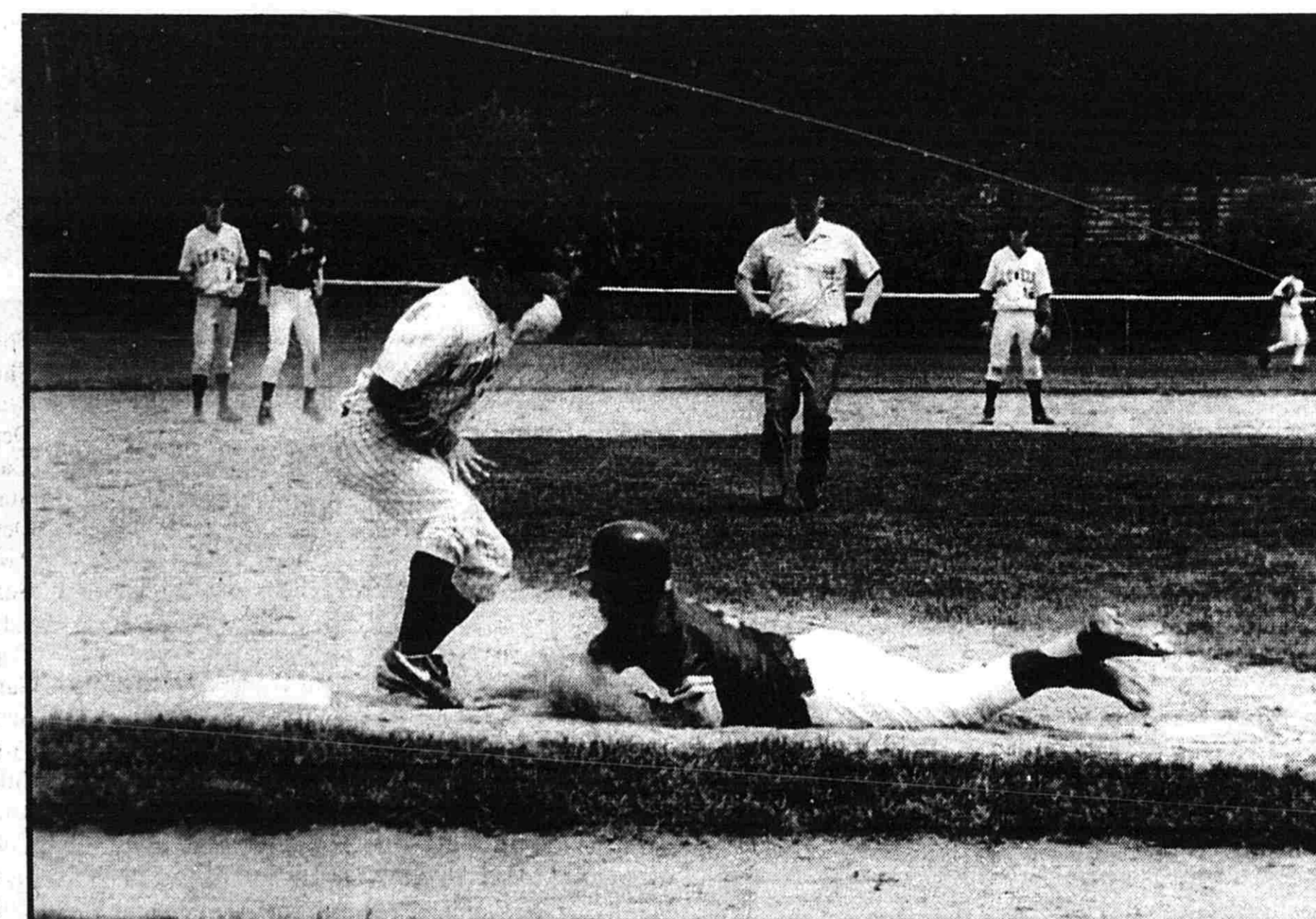
Lowell pitcher Cory Zemaitis baffled Ranger hitters all day, striking out three while giving up only two hits and walking five.

With a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth, Zemaitis walked one and allowed one hit. Both Rangers would score on a throwing error to close the gap to 3-2.

Aaron Brander padded Lowell's lead with a 340-foot solo blast that cleared the left center field fence in the top of the fifth for a 4-2 Red Arrow lead.

The Rangers responded in their half of the fifth with three runs of their own, but all went unearned as the Red Arrows committed three errors and one wild pitch.

Lowell threatened to regain the lead in the top of the seventh with two singles, but



Scott Hays applies the tag to a Forest Hills Central runner in the Class A district baseball championship game. The Red Arrows fell to the Rangers 5-4.

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Greg Thomas Woodhead
HSPT All Proficient Award

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Grand Rapids Community College Distinguished Scholarship.

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their effort was thwarted by solid Ranger defense in earning the victory.

"This was fitting for our entire season," said Kropf. "In 15 of our losses, 10 came by one run with us leading in the sixth inning. We just couldn't hang on during the year and in this game."

Kropf had nothing but praise for Forest Hills Central and said the friendly rivalry is one to be enjoyed.

"We are thankful anytime we beat them as I'm sure they're thankful anytime they beat us," he said. "I'm proud of this team. We're the only team who beat the top three

teams in the league this year."

Kropf pointed to a blown pickle play in the bottom of the fourth as the beginning of the Red Arrows' problems.

"I have not seen us not execute that play all year. We've never had that happen to us, but for some reason it did this time," said Kropf. "If

we make that play, we end the inning with a 3-0 lead. Instead, they get two runs and answer with three more to earn the victory."

The Red Arrows collected nine hits in the championship game with Kevin Teunis and Brander collect-

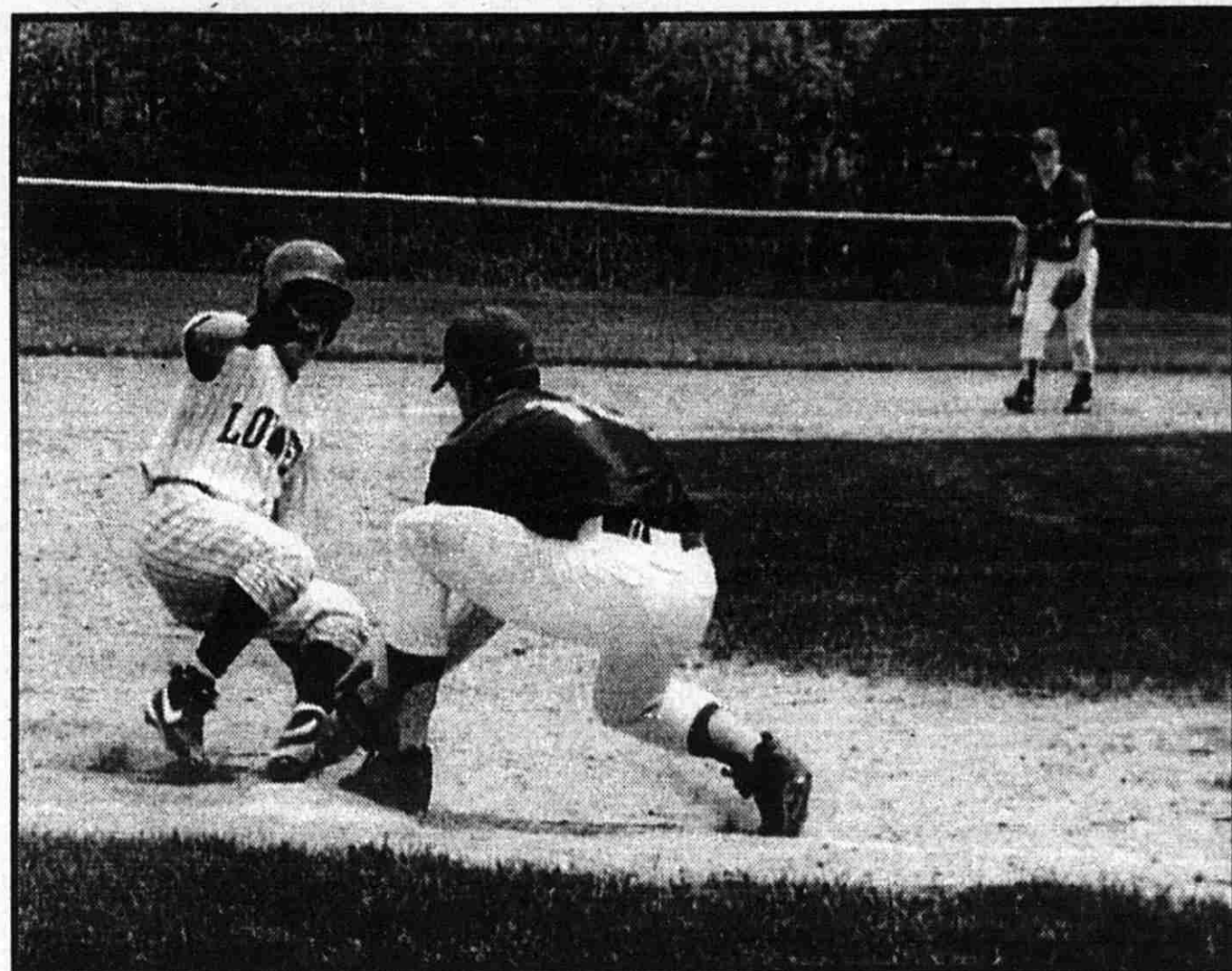
ing two hits a-piece.

The Red Arrows flexed their muscles earlier in the day when they mercied a Greenville team in five innings.

Leading the hit parade were Tim VanLaan, Brad

Lyons, Jack Livingston and Brian Willmarth.

Willmarth, Brander and Zemaitis combined their pitching efforts to limit Greenville to two runs.



Tim VanLaan slides in safely despite a valiant effort by Forest Hills Central's third baseman.

Come-from-behind effort falls short in softball team's bid for district crown

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

In what could be called a microcosm of their entire season, the Lowell softball team fell to Greenville 8-7 in the opening game of the district tournament.

The Red Arrows gave up three early runs on errors and wild pitches and despite a

valiant effort couldn't overcome the deficit.

"This game was representative of our whole season. We gave up too many unearned runs and our hitting couldn't carry us through," said coach Bob Rodenhouse.

Down 5-0 in the bottom of the third inning, the Red Arrows rallied for two runs on

singles by Angie Young, Cherelle Weber and Lisa Murphy. With bases loaded and one out, Laurie Barton drove in the first run on a sacrifice while Lisa Rollins followed with another single to reload the bases. Stephanie Anderson drove in the inning's final run with a single.

The Yellowjackets responded with two runs of their own in the bottom half of their third for a 7-3 lead and could have had more if not for the solid defense displayed by Shannon Laux at third.

Laux stabbed a line drive with runners on first and second to start a double play that would get the Red Arrows out of the inning and propel them on offense.

Lowell scratched out three runs in their half of the fourth inning with Young,

Weber and Murphy once again loading the bases with no outs. The trio was brought home on a fielder's choice and Ann Townsend's solid single.

Greenville got one more run in the top of the fifth for an 8-6 lead and managed to hold off Lowell's rally in the bottom of the fifth for the victory.

"It was a game of errors and the team who gave up the least would win. Unfortu-

nately we gave up too many too early and never recovered," said Rodenhouse.

The Red Arrows finished the season 8-23 and Rodenhouse was pleased with his team's effort the entire season.

"We never gave up in any game," he said. "We were in every game this year, but we couldn't string together enough hits to pull them out."



Shannon Laux picks up a slow roller in throwing out a Yellowjacket runner at home plate. Despite a gritty performance, the Red Arrows fell to Greenville 8-7 in game one of the Class A district tournament.



Shannon Laux doubles up a Yellowjacket runner in game one of the Class A district championship. Despite a gutsy effort, the Red Arrows fell to Greenville 8-7.

Nothing happens to anybody, which he is not fitted by nature to bear.

—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

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ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS, KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN, TO BE HELD JUNE 9, 1997

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the annual election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 1997.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.
At the annual school election there will be elected one (1) member to the board of education of the district for a full term of four (4) years ending in 2001.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:
SIX YEAR TERMS
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3)

Douglas K. Chung (formerly known as Kuei-Nan Chung)	David A. Rodriguez
Ellen M. James	Gary P. Schenk
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THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Old Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected three (3) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2003.

Norman Byrne Secretary,
Board of Education

Track teams break two school records and bring home one state medal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It took a school record for the Lowell boys' track team to medal at the Class A state track tournament in Rockford on Saturday.

The 1600-meter relay team of John Wojciakowski, Denny Briggs, Ryan Teelander and Nate Schoen

placed seventh overall in a school, record-setting time of 3:26.5, eclipsing the old mark of 3:27.6

The Red Arrow foursome ran in the second heat of the finals.

"Each one of them ran their best splits of the year," Lowell boys' track coach Keith Boeve said.

Lowell's 3200-meter relay team, which sat a school record (8:07.1) at John Boss earlier in the week, finished a second off their new mark on Saturday. The team of Jeff Ortowski, Ryan Wittenbach, Nate Schoen and Wojciakowski stopped the clock at 8:08.1.

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Julie Wisner falls forward in her final long jump attempt on Saturday. Wisner's best mark was 15-7.



Matt Dykstra cleared 12-7, but failed in three attempts at 13-1.

Lowell's National Honor Society recognized with divisional award for volunteer efforts

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Its demonstration of service and volunteerism made Lowell High School's National Honor Society (NHS) an easy selection for the Salvation Army Youth Volunteer of the Year divisional award.

"It is great to see young people looking for ways to be helpful in their community," said Jackie Bowers, director of the territorial volunteer services bureau. "The time and energy that the Lowell High

School's National Honor Society gave in volunteering is to be commended."

Lowell's National Honor Society provides services as a group, but individually the members are pledged to provide volunteer work throughout the year.

The local National Honor Society joins the legion of bell ringers. During the holiday season raising funds fund the Salvation Army, as well as collects food and buys presents for needy families. Tu-

toring is also a special service of NHS.

"Young people are often stereotyped as self-centered as they hurry through a schedule which involves school, sports, jobs and social life," said Lowell sponsor Jill VanAntwerp. "The young people I work with in the National Honor Society add volunteer work to their busy schedules that takes away, that label of self-centered and strengthens the lives of the people they serve."

The NHS' individual volunteer work takes many forms.

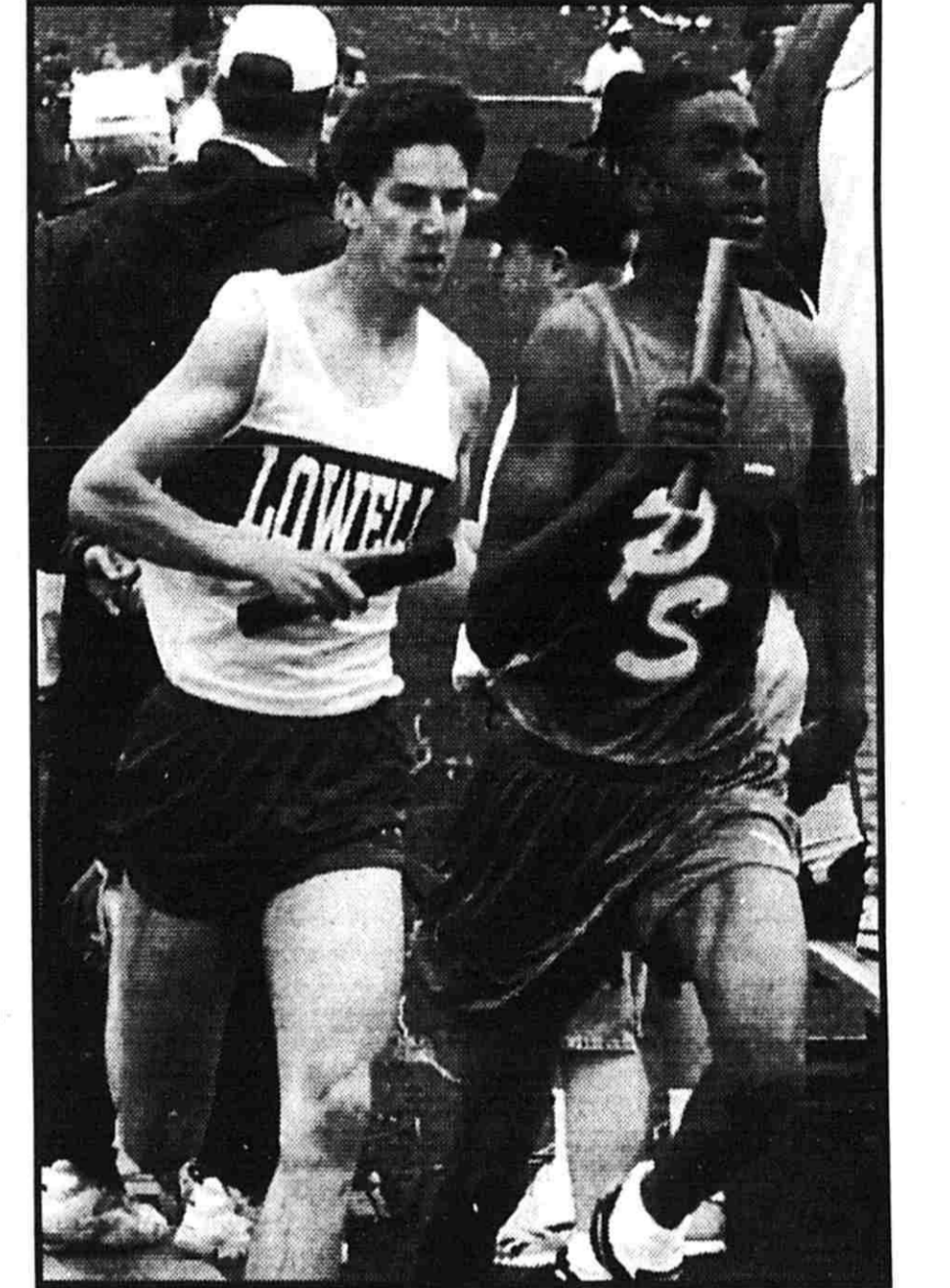
These services include shoveling snow for the elderly, visiting and helping out at nursing homes and hospitals, ushering or serving as guides during special school events, services (answering phones) at fundraisers, walking and rocking in marathons, coaching or refereeing Little League games or YMCA events, serving as teachers' aides, teaching Sunday School and volunteering services for community fundraisers.

"I commend Lowell's National Honor Society for its

faithfulness in its volunteer endeavors," said Ralph Bukiewicz, territorial youth secretary. "Its work on behalf of others and its sensi-

tivity to those in need are wonderful traits."

The 1996-97 Lowell chapter of the National Honor Society was made up of 28 juniors and 37 seniors.



John Wojciakowski begins the final leg of the 3,200-meter relay.

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The winning time at the state meet was 7:49.2. "In order to compete at Class A we're really going to have to step up," Boeve said. "We're competing with schools that have 3,000-4,000 kids in their high schools."

Lowell High School's student enrollment is approximately 1,000.

Lowell's coach said he was pleased that the Red Arrows broke two school records.

Along with the 1600-meter relay team, Wojciakowski set a new school record in the 800-meter run. The senior raced home in a time of 1:58.1. He placed ninth overall. The top eight medaled.

"I was real pleased that we broke two school records at the state meet," Boeve said.

Matt Dykstra, competing in the pole vault, bowed out 13 feet, 1 inch.

In the semi-finals of the 110 high hurdles, Jim Stoutjesdyk clocked his best time of the year at 15.15.

Lowell's Bill Wiering competed in the high jump. "Bill told me afterwards that they ought to have a high jump competition for the big guys and one for the little guys," Boeve said. "It was a good experience for the underclassmen to compete in the state meet."

Julie Wisner was the only girl Red Arrow to compete at the state tournament. Her best jump of the day was 15-7, which did not qualify her for the finals.

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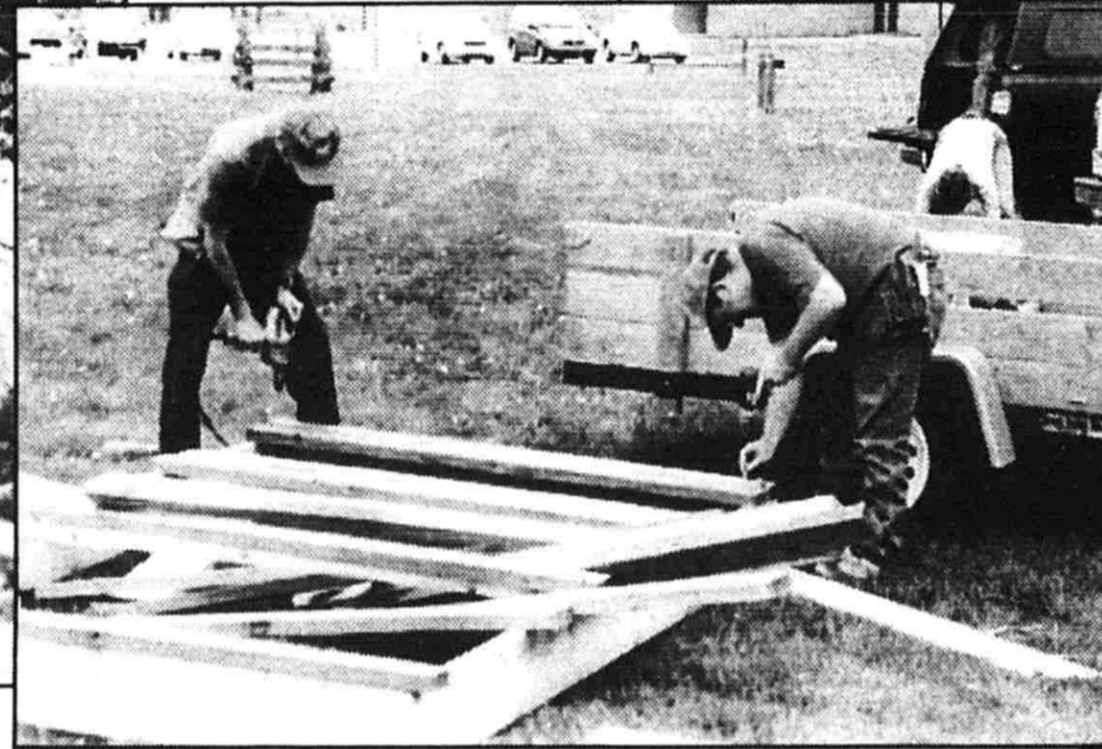
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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 19, 1997

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.; 5 board members present. Minutes of April 21 were approved.

Approved bills totaling:

General Fund	\$29,852.00
Sewer Fund	6,558.82
Water Fund	4,825.85
Trust & Agency Fund	3,598.11

Business conducted: Approved the Advanced Window Washing bid; tabled the proposed zoning ordinance changes; discussed the Civil Infraction and the Land Division Ordinances; received the April building report; and approved the Treasurer's attendance to the M.M.T.A.'s conference in October.

Adjournment at 8:03 p.m.

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Lowell support staff welcomes summer with "well deserved" raises

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township's support staff was

rewarded for a job well done with a 50 cent raise. Following their yearly review, the township's deputy clerk, deputy treasurer and two

secretaries will have their salaries increased. "I am very satisfied with their work," said supervisor and reviewer John Timpson.

"(The raises) are well deserved." The deputy clerk's wage will increase from \$8 an hour to \$8.50, while the deputy

treasurer's salary will increase from \$7 an hour to \$7.50. The township's receptionist #1 will witness a pay

increase from \$9 to \$9.50, while the receptionist #2 will have an increase from \$7 to \$7.50. The raises will go into effect on June 17 for the deputy clerk, treasurer and receptionist 1, while the remaining receptionist will have the increase retroactive to April 15.

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FILE NO. 97-163,986-IE

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No Average Joe!

•••• An eight-year-old Chesapeake Bay retriever battles through a shocking dilemma in finding his way back to his owner.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Joe, an eight-year-old Chesapeake Bay retriever, rode with his owner Rick Bettmeng from South Dakota to visit Bettmeng's cousin.

"That night after arriving, I went into Grand Rapids with Elaine and Gail, when we returned, Joe was missing," Bettmeng said.

Ten days later, there was still no sign of Joe. Bettmeng had lost hope of ever seeing Joe alive again. "I thought he was either dead, had been run over or had been taken," said Bettmeng. "If a person knows what happened to his/her dog, you can accept it. Not knowing, though, is a bummer."

While Bettmeng had lost hope, his cousin Gail Hobbach and friend Elaine Carr had not. "They kept assuring me that we would find Joe. They said the residents in Lowell were good people and someone would find him," he said.

A classified ad appeared in the local Buyer's Guide on day 10 of Joe's disappearance.

"I told the girls the night before that if Joe had been taken, I didn't think there was a fence that could hold him," Bettmeng explained.

When a person lives with a dog for eight years, both get to know each pretty well.

"There are dog dogs, and people dogs - Joe is a people dog. He had narrowed his selection down to me. After eight years he wasn't ready for another master," Bettmeng said.

The ad appeared in the paper over the weekend and a phone call from Lowell's animal catcher Jill Moore came on Monday evening.

"I received a call during the day that some residents picnicking at Creekside Kingdom had come across a dog just lying at the park," Moore explained. "They said he looked dead tired."

When Moore arrived at the park, she

recognized that the dog was a Chesapeake Bay retriever. She loaded the dog into her car and took it back to her house.

"I remembered seeing the ad in the paper, so that evening I looked it up and called the number," Moore said.

Bettmeng's first question for Moore was if the dog had a Harley Davidson collar on.

"When she said yes, I began to dance," he said.

He asked Moore where they could meet. She told the South Dakota native to meet her in front of the police station.

"When we pulled up in Gail's car, Joe was standing next to Moore," Bettmeng said.

As he got out of the car, Bettmeng asked, "Joe, what have you been doing?"

"The dog was ecstatic to see him," Moore said. "Rick was also happy to see Joe. I think I may have seen a few tears."

The other collar secured tightly around Joe's neck was the answer to Bettmeng's question.

It was a collar to an invisible electric fence.

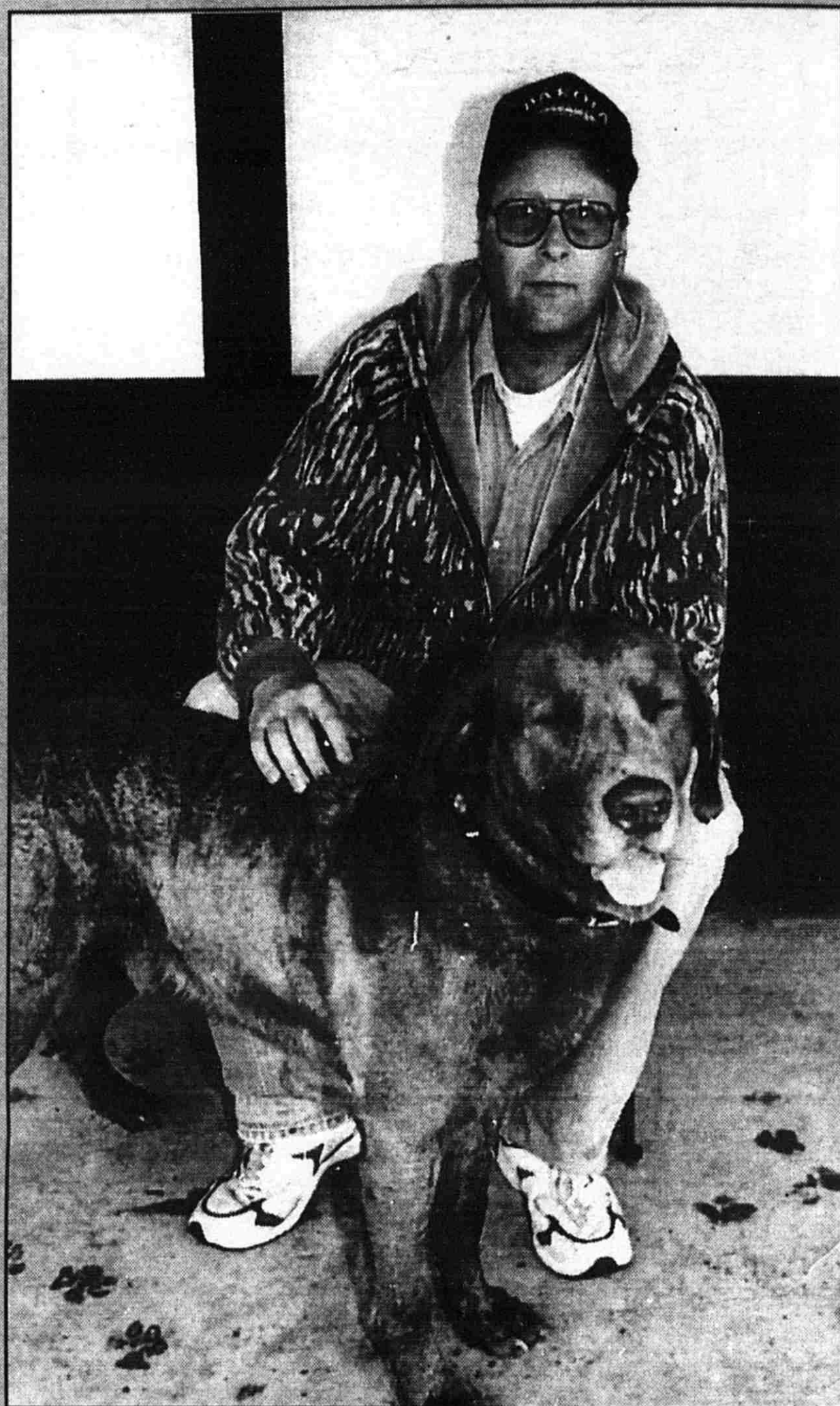
Moore suspected that someone had tried to steal the dog and put him inside an invisible electric fence.

Bettmeng's words proved to be divine. The fence could not hold Joe.

"I think breaking through the invisible electric fence is what left the dog so tired," Moore said.

Moments after their reunion, Bettmeng pulled Joe's favorite snack out - chocolate chip cookies. "Joe ate four of them," Bettmeng said. "Joe's a good friend. He does anything I ask that he's capable of doing and he does it out of love."

Bettmeng described Moore's telephone call as the best he's had in a long time. "I couldn't have won the lottery and been any happier."



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