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Driver's Ed. shift would put burden of cost on participants

••• If approved by the Lowell Board of Education in February, driver's education participants would pay \$110. It costs Lowell Schools \$31,000 a year to run the program.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Students thinking of driver's education this summer may want to start saving their pennies.

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday night, Superintendent Bert Bleke proposed that the district shift the entire burden of the cost of driver's education to those who participate in the program. The board is expected to make a decision on the issue at its February meeting.

"I don't think we can afford the luxury of providing this service and having it cost the district money," Bleke said.

The superintendent said he felt the district needed to at least break even on the program. Currently, the cost for driver's education runs around \$31,000. Based on 280 students participating in the program, the cost per student would be about \$110 per student. The fee would include all instructional work. The road test, which all students are required to take to get a license, is a separate fee of \$35.

Bleke presented five different options to the board to consider before February. The first was to not change anything, with the district covering the entire \$31,000 cost. The second option was to charge a partial fee of \$50 with the district picking up \$17,000 of the cost and participants paying for the remaining \$14,000. Bleke's recommendation to make the program self-sufficient by having the participants cover the entire cost was the third option.

The other two options involved the district charging the break even amount of around \$110 per student, turning driver's education into a money-making venture for the district. Bleke said he did not feel comfortable, at this time, in going that route.

Under the provisions of the state law, Lowell is not required to offer driver's education. Bleke said he does believe that would be a disservice, since the safety of young children is extremely important. Lowell also serves as a state test site for the program.

If opting to have a program, Lowell needs only to provide driver's education to the students within its district boundaries. This includes students in the public schools, private schools, and home schooled.

Because of that policy, Bleke said he does not expect to find students shopping from district to district on who has the best price for driver's education.

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Danni Smith has begun organizing for the Jan. 29 "Parents of Murdered Children" meeting. Smith lost her son Doug Huffman in a homicide back in 1980.

Smith looks for ways to help co-victims deal with the grief and rage identified with homicide

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Danni Smith's life was forever changed 17 years ago.

Her 23-year-old son Douglas Huffman was the victim in a fatal mugging on the streets of Philadelphia in November of 1980.

Huffman, a University of Pennsylvania student, was walking home with a friend when they came upon a gang. Huffman was struck in the head, knocking him to the pavement.

Huffman would later decline treatment, unaware he had suffered a skull fracture and broken blood vessel of the brain. Two days later, he was found dead in bed at his apartment.

"The police should have insisted that he go to a hospital," Smith said. "I thought about suing the city of Philadelphia, but what good does that do? It wouldn't have brought back my son. All it would have done is drag us through another horrible court procedure."

Smith is one of countless members of "Parents of Murdered Children" (POMC) around the country. For more than 19 years, POMC has answered 100,000 requests for services and assistance each year.

Approximately 60 families in America lose a loved one to homicide each day, totaling nearly 22,000 murders a year.

Family members often struggle years after with their incomparable grief, rage, and sense of abandonment.

"We are co-victims who have lost," Smith said. "I never wanted to be a part of this process. I didn't get into grieving. I didn't need to be around people who said it was 'God's will, your son is in heaven.'"

There are no time lines in dealing with the loss of a loved one who's been murdered. "My grief didn't come out right away," Smith explained. "That's okay. Everyone has their own time line."

Smith didn't get into how she felt; she focused on the facts - the gang that killed her son, their ages, the trial, their sentencing.

"Whatever you do is right, because it is right for you," Smith explained.

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Where's the Flag?

••• Councilor Jeanne Shores believes it's time for the city of Lowell to consider creating its own city flag.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township has one. Cascade Township has one. Even the cities of Kentwood, Walker, Grand Rapids, and East Grand Rapids have one.

And Jeanne Shores thinks it's about time the city of Lowell got one.

The issue of a city flag for Lowell has been battered around for about as long as the city's debate of entrance signs. With the decision of the City Council to move forward on the signs, Shores, who is a city councilor and longtime Lowell resident, said she thinks it's time for Lowell to consider creating its own city flag.

"It comes from attending the Municipal League conferences and seeing the parade of flags representing all the different cities," Shores said. "I think it would be nice for our city to have its own flag to promote Lowell."

It was the same reasoning that brought about Vergennes Township creating a township flag a couple of years ago.

Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said the flag was created in part because of the parade of flags at the Michigan Township Association's annual conference.

"It was designed in house with our former receptionist (Sue Bomers) and her daughter putting it all together," Stone said, adding that the flag hangs in the Township Hall next to the American flag.

The Vergennes Township flag depicts scenes that have become familiar landmarks of the township: the Flat River, Fallasburg Covered Bridge, and an apple orchard.

One of the drawbacks to creating a flag for Lowell has been the question of what to put on it, said city manager David Pasquale. The city's current logo features the showboat. Residents and officials are not certain this is the logo they planned to keep in the future and, in fact, none of the new city entrance signs will feature the showboat. Those signs will feature scenes of the downtown.

"I think it is a great idea," Pasquale said, "but before we move on it, we need to determine what we want to do. Do we want to stay with the present logo or do we want something different?"

Shores said the flag doesn't have to just feature the showboat or include the showboat at all and with the new signs, there are a number of other possibilities people could consider. No matter what the symbol or logo should be, Shores said she still thinks it's about time Lowell had a city flag to represent and promote the city.

"I'm so proud of Lowell... all that has been done and all that is going to be done," Shores said. "Lowell is a nice little city to be associated with and I think we need to promote that."

It's not a big thing, Shores said, but one that she believes is an important thing that the city should do.



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OBITUARIES

CAREY - Rosalie (Foster) Carey, aged 93, of Wayland, passed away Wednesday, January 7, 1998 at Clark Retirement Community, Grand Rapids. She is survived by three sons Harold B. (Hazel) Maxson of Fremont, Kay B.

(Marylin) Maxson of Galesburg, David C. (Julie) Maxson of Traverse City, 16 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, three sisters Helena Diminen and Bertha Jessup of Lowell,

Maud Chadwick of Reno, Nevada; many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her husband Paul C. Carey; two sons R. Jack Maxson and Morris C. Maxson; two brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Beeler Funeral Chapel with Rev. Ray Townsend officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial

contributions may be made to Clark Retirement Community. Arrangements by Beeler Funeral Chapel, Middleville.

MARTIS - Steven Laurence Martis, aged 31, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Monday, January 5, 1998. He is survived by his mother and step-father, Janet and Ronald Bieri of Lowell; father and step-mother Laurence and

Joyce of Wyoming; brothers Timothy and Doynette of Newaygo and Mark and Gail of Grand Rapids; aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Vance M. Dimmick, Jr. officiating. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

POWELL - Evelyn (Blondie) Powell, aged 71, passed away January 12, 1998 after a battle with cancer. She is survived by two brothers Lloyd (Betty) Powell, Dave (Fran) Powell, three sisters Winnie (Gib)

Snieder, Carmen (Virgil) Roudabush and Margaret Peckham, all of Lowell. Honorary son Brian (Barb) Smith, two honorary grandsons, several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday (today) from 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to First Congregational Church of Lowell, Lowell Senior Neighbors or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.



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Gillette: The school was not taken aback by increase in state aid payments

Lowell business director works to clear up misinformation.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

In an effort to clear some misinformation, the Lowell Schools' business director had some information about how the district would be receiving its state aid monies at Monday night's Board of Education meeting.

Connie Gillette said contrary to reports, the district was not taken aback by the announcement that state aid payments would be increased from nine to 10, nor that this

will put the district in any great financial crisis.

At the time the new payment structure was proposed, many districts like Lowell were more focused on getting other monies back from the state like at-risk monies, Gillette told the board and a room of about 30 people. So, at that time, the payment schedule did not seem like a huge issue.

After the dust had settled on the state aid package, however, Gillette said the district will lose some money because of the new payment schedule. The loss will come from the amount of venue earned from interest, not because the state aid funding will not be complete, she said.

In fact, the district will get the same amount of money. Because the same amount is being distributed over 10 payments versus nine, it will receive less money in each payment. The district will also receive its last payment for 1997-98 in the following fiscal year, but it will still be recorded in the 1997-98 books.

Gillette said this means the district will probably have to borrow sooner than expected and will not earn as much investment capital as in the past, which could cost the district about \$20,000 this year.

In 1998-99, when the state increases the payments to 11, Lowell Schools could lose about \$40,000 in interest revenue.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said while the amount is not huge compared to the \$17 million the district will receive in state aid monies, it was still money the district would have to make up.

Board president Pete Gustafson said he believes there is a silver lining in all of this if you look in the long-term horizon. He said the district will start receiving money during months that it normally did not and in the future, perhaps the district will be able to invest that money.

The secret to managing
is to keep the guys who hate
you away from the guys who
are undecided.

Casey Stengel

To eat is human. To digest
is divine.

Mark Twain



Week of 1/19 - 1/23

ELEMENTARY

MON: NO SCHOOL,
STAFF INSERVICE DAY

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bun, baked beans, baby
carrots, fruit selection, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat,
cheese & pepperoni, corn,
assorted fruits, bar cookie,
milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets,
mashed potatoes/gravy,
dinner roll, fruit or gelatin
w/whip, milk.

FRI: Breakfast for lunch, 3
French toast sticks &
scrambled eggs, hashed
brown potatoes, canned or
fresh fruit, milk.

MIDDLE &
HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: NO SCHOOL,
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w/bread, cheeseburger,
chef salad, yogurt; choose
2: baked beans, side salad
or noodle soup w/crackers;
fruit selection, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat,
cheese & pepperoni, turkey
enchilada, cheeseburger,
chef salad, yogurt w/bread;
choose 2: corn, fruit juice,
side salad or baby carrots;
assorted fruits, bar cookie,
milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets,
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or chef salad, yogurt;
choose 2: Mashed
potatoes/gravy, side salad
or cole slaw; dinner roll,
fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

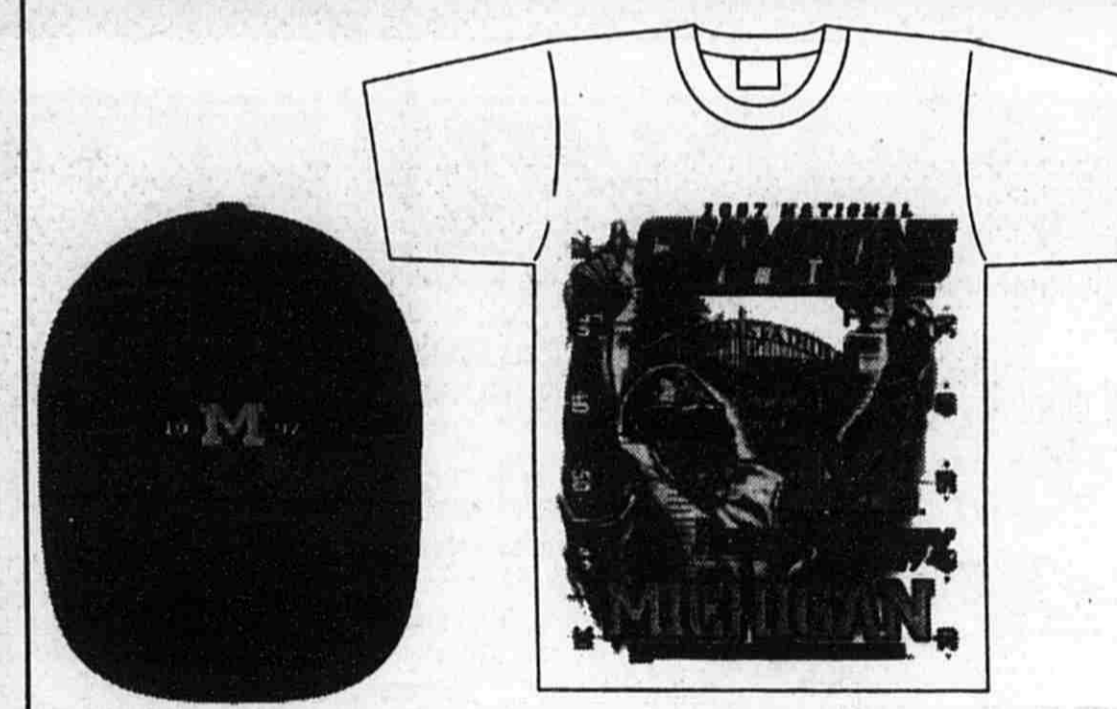
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Reflections

Of Faith

By Brian Schneider-Thomas
Bowne United Methodist Church

So here we are in January. The holidays are over and soon there won't be much left of them but some good memories and several unwanted bills. It is wet and dreary outside or cold and snowy. Either way we don't want to do much more than stay in bed and sleep it out. We're in the depths of another hazy winter. It doesn't seem as if much of anything exciting is going on. There are times when I wish I could just hibernate until spring.

But that's not wholly the case. For during this time when the nights are long and the days seem perpetually darkened by clouds, there are countless stories which we can look at in the Gospels which bring us hope and light. Over the next few weeks, let me share with you a brief moment to consider a few of these verses.

Luke 3:21-22; Matthew 3:13-17 - The baptism of Christ.

Water changes things. For whatever reason, that is true for us humans. Whether you think of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea to freedom or perhaps one of your ancestors crossing an ocean to begin a new life in a new land, the water marked a change. Yet it

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Jesus may have come to the riverside as all others had that day, the events that took place around that water would change the way the world would look at this person. The light had broken forth through the gloom of life and a glimpse of Christ and his kingdom was afforded. Water marked the change.

What are the waters that have changed you? Our baptismal waters are one of them. It may be that it has been years since you felt the water of baptism or perhaps you have yet to feel them. There is change in those waters, for they are a symbol of our turning away from ourselves and looking to the Light, the Word, the Christ. Regardless of when those waters washed over you or how, they have changed you. In them you have been invited to glimpse Christ and his kingdom. In the waters we are called to remember the watershed events that God has placed in our lives and renew our commitment to Christ. As you read of the baptism of our Lord and as you experience the baptism of others, "Remember your baptism and be thankful."

Christ comes to the water to be baptized. The Holy Spirit descends upon him as a dove and a voice comes from heaven. "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Truly a watershed experience. From here Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Spirit and then to begin his public ministry. For those who may have heard the voice, I am sure it was also a watershed experience. For while

AREA BIRTHS

Jacoba L. Brown and Jeffrey R. Senneker would like to announce the birth of their daughter Karen Lynn Senneker on November 24, 1997.

Grandparents are Tom and Robynne Senneker and Fondarae and Ed Brown, all of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Lloyd and Betty Powell of Lowell and Marcella Despres of Grand Rapids. Great-great-grandmother is Thelma Bouck of Lowell.

Zandstra and Jernberg exchange wedding vows

Shelby Lynn Zandstra and Scott Allan Jernberg were united in marriage on October 18, 1997 at Cascade Christian Church's chapel with Rev. David Stout officiating.

Matron of honor was Shawn Felician and bridesmaid was Sara Kropf.

Best man was Wayne Jernberg and groomsman was John Korienek. Ushers were Michael Kropf and Josh Schutter.

The bride is the daughter of Raymond Zandstra of Lowell and Terry Kropf, also of Lowell. She is a 1990 graduate of Forest Hills Northern High School and currently attends Central Michigan University.

The groom is the son of Paul and Pat Jernberg of Ada. He is a 1988 graduate of Forest Hills Central High School and a 1993 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is now employed at Triangle Associates in Grand Rapids as an engineer.

The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii, and currently reside in Lowell.



Shelby and Scott Jernberg

Haybarker and Phillips wed

Bette J. Phillips and Leo R. Haybarker were united in marriage on December 20, 1997 at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

Matron of honor was Jody Haybarker. Bridesmaids were Nancy Slager and Barbara Smith.

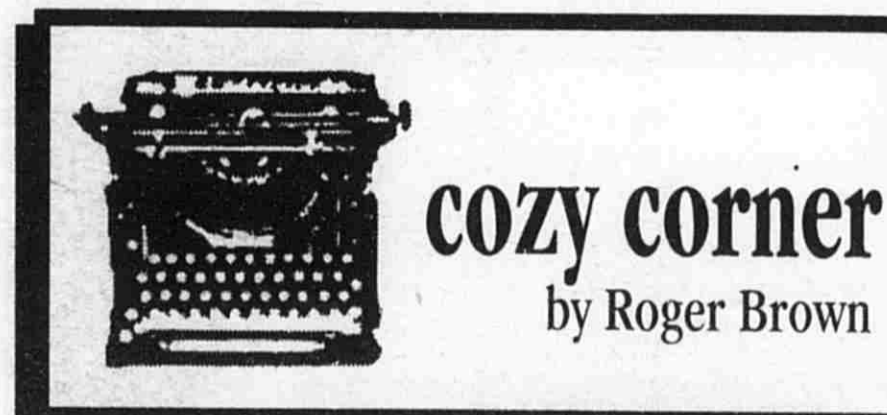
Best man was Kraig Haybarker. Groomsman were Kirk Haybarker and Brian Haybarker.



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<p>10501 Settlement • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>
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Viewpoint



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

Regular readers of this column may have noticed its absence over the past few editions. You may have guessed as to why. If you speculated that I was in jail, in an asylum or on a pilgrimage of some sort, you were wrong. If you figured I was simply spending the holidays with family, friends and the dogs at our home in the Florida Keys, you were right on.

You would probably define such time away from the job as vacation. I prefer to think of it as being on assignment. I need this time to recharge the old batteries, gather material for this column and to again convince myself that there is anyone out there who gives a damn about what I write.

Don't feel bad about the vacation thing. You're in good company. My accountant agrees with you. He says the I.R.S. would never buy into the idea that fishing in the Keys is some kinda job assignment. He tossed my expense report in the circular file.

So, I'm back. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year, happy birthday to me, and all that rot. Despite what you readers, my accountant and the I.R.S. think, I do have a few column ideas from my time away. Without further ado, here's one of them.

Less than a month before my departure, I took delivery of a new vehicle. The two-year lease was up on my Ford Explorer and I am now driving a Chevy Blazer. I keep mixing them up in an attempt to keep my biggest customers, the local auto dealers, happy. Despite the fact that my smelly old dogs ride around in the back as I make my sales calls, the vehicle still had a whiff of that new car scent.

Even after a nearly 30-hour trip, with the dogs in the back and me slopping coffee around up front, it still smelled pretty good when I tumbled out of it after the drive. I can't say the same for myself. The first order of business was a long shower.

As the vacation/assignment wore on, the days were preoccupied with fishing. If the wind wasn't blowing too hard, we went out in the Atlantic to troll for tuna, kings, wahoo, dolphin and sailfish. The emphasis here is on the word "troll." You may notice I didn't say "catch." Our success was limited this trip, though we did land a really nice wahoo and a few kings

and dolphin. Like an old friend once said, "If you were successful all the time, they wouldn't call it fishing...they'd call it catching."

On the days we trolled, an early morning trip to the bait shop was required. My partner and I would each buy a bag of fresh ballyhoo baitfish and toss 'em in the back of my car. Fortunately, I'd purchased a soft vinyl tray liner for the wayback. After our bait run, I'd pull the liner out, hose it off and leave it out to air dry. So far, so good on that new car smell.

On windy days, we'd opt for the protection of bottom fishing in the channels among the islands on the Gulfside. Here we were fishing for snapper, grouper, cobia and whatever happens to be on the end of the line. These days we'd make an early morning bait run for live shrimp, frozen blocks of chum (ground up fish parts) and frozen squid to use as cut bait. Again, this bait went in the wayback, and I'd pull the liner out and hose it off upon our return. The humidity, sea air and bait were taking their toll, but my new car smell was hanging in there.

On one of the days we decided to bottom fish, we went through our early morning bait run routine. Just as we were getting in the car to head back to the house, my partner said, "I used a package of squid out of your freezer the other day. You might need another one." I dashed back into the bait store and bought a couple of one-pound packages of squid and a bag of chips that looked good as a snack on the boat. I got in the car and tossed the bag in the back seat. I could probably end this story right here, and you could finish it on your own. But, if I'm going to stick to my guns on this assignment theory, I'd better finish my job.

At the house we got the bait out of the back, pulled the liner, rinsed it off and closed the car up because you never know when it might rain in the Keys.

Two days later. Two hot humid days later. Two days with my car sitting out in the sun later. Two days with no one having driven my car later. I went to my car carrying a box of something that had to go wherever it was I was about to go. I paused to get a one-hand grip on the box so I could open the car door when I got my first whiff. The car was completely closed up and I could smell it! It wasn't that "new car" smell either.

I knew immediately what the smell was, and how it got there. A quick, panicked peek in the back window confirmed my fears. There was the bag with the squid and potato chips, right where I'd left it. I opened the door and was very glad I hadn't eaten breakfast. Perhaps a Hemingway, Faulkner, Steinbeck or Lewis could describe that smell. All I know is, it's way beyond my literary talents to put a handle on it.

The only good thing was the plastic grocery bag the squid

and chips were in. It kept any liquid from leaking into the upholstery. From now on, when they ask, "Paper or plastic," at the grocery store, I'm going with the plastic. Just in case.

I gave the interior a good cleaning. I cleaned the glass. I treated the vinyl. I used baking soda, carpet deodorants, spray disinfectants, hang-up pine tree deodorizers... you name it... I tried it. I even sprayed some of my good Christmas cologne into the air vents.

After all my efforts, and a couple of days with the windows down, the smell was tolerable. In fact, it can kinda grow on a person. It's a mixture of designer cologne, disinfectant, pine trees, floral bouquet and bad calamari. I don't know what it would grow on a person, but probably not anything good.

The one thing my car does not smell like is "new!" Those days are definitely gone until the lease is up on this one. I just hope that squid smell is gone before then.

By Priscilla Lusmyer

Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - JAN. 13, 1898

Citizen's meeting tonight in the council rooms. "Matters of Importance" will be discussed.

The Ledger office will move to the second floor of the post office building tomorrow.

The Grand Rapids, Kalkaska and Southeastern Railroad, 33 miles long, was finished today, linking VanBuren to Stratford for lumbering.

Rheumatism, bronchitis, neuralgia, influenza and tonsillitis, in that order, caused the most Michigan illness last week.

The Agricultural College has nearly 500 students this year, and a new street car line to the campus so students can board in town.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - JAN. 11, 1922

The county board of supervisors decides to hire two more deputies for a liquor squad, look into building a new jail and using prisoners on road-building work.

An editorial notes the proliferation of radical publications, and cautions against any cutting off of free speech.

The Alto Solo has Bowne Bugle Blasters, North Bowne Bits, Bowne Center Bits and South Bowne Bundle, among other correspondent columns.

The state proposes to make a forest preserve of the old county work farm south of Grand Rapids.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - JAN. 15, 1948

Kent County Investigator Arnold Pigorsch (under sheriff Hugh Blacklock) tells Rotary that Frank Stephens is just about the best deputy in Michigan and that Roger McMahon is the best assistant prosecutor the county ever had.

Twenty-two men and one woman receive medals for World War II in a ceremony at City Hall.

Milford Fase, Bob Eickhoff, Ted White and Bernard Nummer are practicing in the Runciman storage barn for the Golden Gloves tournament. Coaches are Lester Stauffer and Richard Baird.

Driver training will be offered to adults in a dual-control car, beginning in April.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - JAN. 11, 1973

Lowell Moose Lodge No. 89 sponsors a model-making contest for kids.

Alto parents protest moving their fifth-graders to the new middle school next fall.

Lowell police can ticket you for leaving your car running and unattended.

Lots of fender-benders and assorted wayward cars this week, due to icy spots.

The weekly Mystery Picture is popular, and the editors have had to revise rules to allow persons to win only once.

Around The Corner

By: Joan Wittenbach

HEDY'S GOLD RING

"A wise friend's timely reprimand is like a gold ring slipped on your finger." Proverbs 25:12 (TM)

It all seemed so difficult - seven speaking engagements and my heart seemed dead. They had been booked at a lighter time. Now there was a vapor, the dense smothering kind that enveloped my mind and my heart. My husband's sudden death, his mother's three weeks later, my oldest daughter's sorrow at losing a much wanted pregnancy and then, three months later, her husband's death in a car accident left us all drugged emotionally.

At the same time, a doctor's phone call triggered months of treatment for me. Vaped and fatigued, I muttered to myself, "Dear God, how can I speak on the subjects I've chosen? How can I be an encouragement to anyone?" Hence, the phone call to Hedy.

Hedy, dear Hedy! Even the sound of her voice quiets me, makes me smile, gives me hope. After going through the anxious medley of doubts about my agenda, I cried out, "Oh, Hedy! It's such a responsibility. I just don't know if I can do it." From the other end of the phone I heard her voice lift higher, "Joanie, what do you mean a responsibility? You have been given a privilege."

Well, that did it. I did them all with the encouragement of several doctors, Hedy's cheering me on and ever so many others' loving support. Several months later while shopping with another friend, I bought a gold pinky ring. I didn't know about the gold ring in Proverbs then, but now as I look at my little ring, I smile and think of the wisdom of my friend's reprimand.

That same Proverb says "that the right word at the right time is like a custom-made piece of jewelry." I look at my little ring, think of Hedy and smile. Truly, the ring was custom-made as a memory of her.

Author and speaker Florence Littauer likens words to the gift giving of silver boxes. These word boxes come in all sizes and shapes and like the gold jewelry they are custom-made for the receiver.

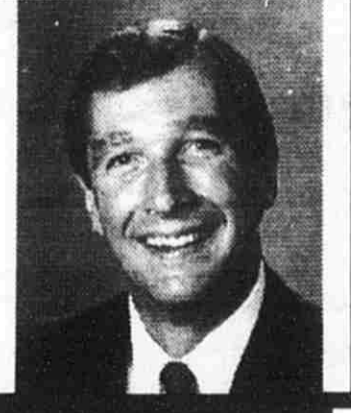
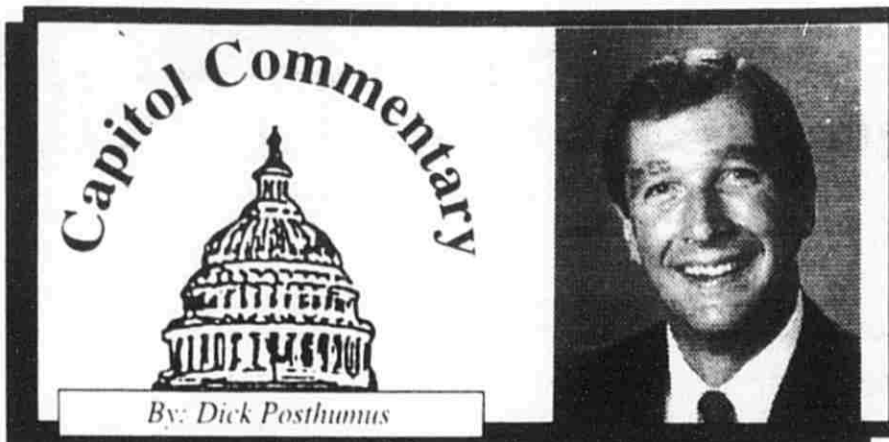
I'm wondering - is there anyone near you who needs a silver box of encouragement? As Hedy said, "It's your privilege." Tomorrow you'll do it? They may not be here to receive your gift. You will hear yourself say, "If only I had..." Friends, we have today. Happy New Year!

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.



FREE TAX GUIDES TO HELP WITH OBT-DREADED APRIL 15 TAX DAY
The oft-dreaded April 15 is just around the corner. To help avoid last minute confusion and stress, the state of Michigan has prepared a helpful resource. Free tax guides are available from libraries and community centers, as well as through my Lansing office.

The guide features concise and easy-to-understand information on how to prepare annual income tax return forms, including state income taxes, college tuition tax credits, home-stead property tax credit, the home heating tax credit and prescription drug credit.

Michigan's tax system is fairly complicated and faces regular changes. Several new tax cuts have been implemented in the past year and it is important for everyone to take advantage of all opportunities to pay only the taxes owing. This guide will help bring everyone up to date on all the changes in personal taxes.

The booklet is not intended to replace the tax preparation professional, but will give individual taxpayers a head start to ensure tax forms are as understandable as possible and ready to file by April 15th.

Another very helpful resource is the Michigan Treasury Department's web page. This can be accessed at: www.treas.state.mi.us and has tax forms and other information.

When filling out your Michigan taxes, please consider the Children's Trust Fund and the Nongame Wildlife Fund. The Children's Trust Fund is a key source of funding for child abuse/neglect prevention in your local community. Contributions fund such things as respite care, parent education, pregnancy/newborn support services, support groups, and local

family resource councils. The Nongame Wildlife Fund is the primary source of funding for nongame and endangered animals, plants and their habitats. Butterflies, peregrine falcons, trumpeter swans, frogs, turtles, gray wolves and native wild-flowers benefit from your gift. Each of these will increase your tax due or reduce your refund.

Those interested in obtaining a copy of the Taxpayer's Guide should stop by any post office, community center, public library or local government office, or call my Lansing office at (517) 373-0797.

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



HOMOCYSTEINE & HEART DISEASE

Recent studies have implicated high levels of homocysteine as a possible factor in the development of atherosclerosis and heart attacks. Homocysteine is a natural amino acid produced by the body. Higher homocysteine levels may cause oxidation of low density lipid proteins in the blood which can

damage the lining of coronary arteries. Homocysteine may also make blood clot more easily, again leading to a higher risk of heart attack.

High levels of homocysteine are found in about 20 percent of people with heart disease. Most people with high levels have an inadequate intake of folate or other vitamins. Other illnesses like hypothyroidism, kidney disease, and certain inherited enzyme deficiencies can also cause elevated homocysteine levels.

Although measuring the level of homocysteine is a simple blood test, it is not done on a routine basis. Normal homocysteine levels are less than 12. If your level is greater than 12 and you have a history of atherosclerosis, it is recommended that attempts be made to lower it.

Homocysteine can be lowered by increasing your intake of folate. Eating fruits and green, leafy vegetables may help lower the level. Folate is found in breakfast cereals, lentils, beans, asparagus and spinach. Many physicians recommend taking a vitamin containing at least 400 micrograms of folate per day as a good way to achieve and maintain lower homocysteine levels.

Gospel Quartet to visit Lowell

Fresh, exciting, uplifting, inspirational, fun...What do these words all have in common?

They all describe The Gospelmens Quartet. Based out of the Flint, Michigan area, this traditional Southern Gospel quartet was established in 1982 for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel in song.

Since their beginning, the group has grown and developed into a very appealing blend of the traditional tight harmony sound of years gone by, as well as the new exciting sound of today's Southern Gospel.

The group has ministered at churches, and performed at concerts, fairs, as well as many other special events all across Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Committed to the cause

of Christ, and always striving to bring the very best in Gospel Music to every concert. The Gospelmens have dedicated their talents to the Lord and use them for HIS Glory.

The group consists of: Todd Brewer, sound engineer; Steve Morris, lead singer; R.W. Hammond, bass singer; Gregg Martin, baritone singer, master of ceremonies and business manager; and David Potts, tenor singer.

Aside from performing approximately 90 engagements a year, each man holds a full-time job. However, even with this busy schedule, careful consideration is given to providing the group with "family" time.

The Gospelmens have recorded eight projects. The latest two projects were recorded at Gaither Studios in Alexandria, Indiana, and produced by Scott Fowler of the Cathedral.

The Gospelmens Quartet will be sharing a musical ministry on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lowell. For more information contact Betty Deans at church 897-7168 or Kathy Casler at 897-4295.



The Gospelmens Quartet will share a musical ministry on Sunday, Jan. 18 at the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

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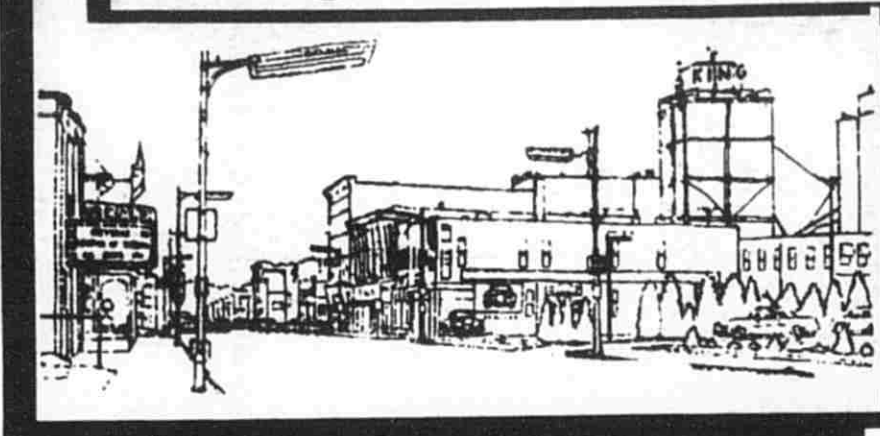
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amount from the Social Security Administration you received in December 1997. Commodities this month: canned corn, dried potatoes, figs, apple juice and salmon.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The Student Services Center will host the annual "Financial Aid Night on Wed., Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

Jill Nut, director of Financial Aid at Grand Rapids Community College, will review the process of applying for aid through the federal government and state of Michigan programs. Other scholarship information will be covered. Parents and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend this informative evening. Juniors and their parents are also invited to attend. For more information call 897-1465.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY MEETING
Lowell Chamber of Commerce Quarterly meeting will be

Ionia County and Lowell Police still in search of assailant responsible for mugging

As of press time on Tuesday, police were still searching for an Ionia County man responsible for an attempted strong-arm robbery in the parking lot of Family Fare on Jan. 6.

An elderly lady was walking to or from her car when she was knocked down by the assailant.

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said the victim was dragged across the lot in an attempt to wrestle away her purse.

"His attempt was unsuccessful because of the determination by the victim not to let him steal her purse," Valentine said.

She was also aided in the intervention by three witnesses who physically grabbed the assailant, who then pulled away and jumped into his 1985 GMC Blazer (navy blue) type vehicle and fled westbound on M-21.

On the day of the assault witnesses described the man as 5-11, 175 pounds, brown

hair, blue eyes, and wearing a brown hip length coat and blue jeans.

"We have a warrant for his arrest for attempted robbery, Valentine said. "He has a prior felony conviction.

Valentine said Ionia County sheriff's department attempted to stop the assailant on a traffic violation prior to his attempted robbery.

They pursued him until he reached Lowell city limits where the chase was called

off due to potential danger.

A little while later at approximately 2:15 p.m., the Lowell Police Department received a call from Family Fare reporting the attempted mugging.

"The description of the assailant matched that of the person Ionia County was after," Valentine said.

The victim incurred abrasions, but needed no medical treatment.

held Wed., Jan. 21 at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, upper level, at 7 p.m.

The focus of this meeting is spring & summer construction on Main St., Lowell. RSVP Liz Baker at 897-9161.

LHS CLASS OF '83 REUNION

The Lowell High School class of 1983 is beginning to plan its 15-year reunion.

Any classmates interested in helping, please contact Kristi Dine-Alguire at 897-1786 daytime or 868-7616 evenings.

LAHA ANNUAL MEETING

The Lowell Area Historical Association's annual meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. Members and public are invited to attend.

The program, by Steve Noal, will begin at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the history of the Lowell Fire Department and fires on Main Street.

Smith, continued... From Page 1

Smith went to compassionate friends and meetings to hear others' pain, but she didn't talk.

Today, Smith is the designated contact person for West Michigan Parents of Murdered Children and Other Survivors of Homicides.

"POMC members don't give time lines and don't tell people how it is supposed to work," Smith explained. "Smith said time has helped her. "Not the time that has elapsed since Doug's homicide, but what I have done with that time has helped me."

Smith continued to care for young foster children, taught preschool, and rented out a room to graduate students. "Over a seven-year period, I had eight graduates who rented out a room. They provided me with companionship and conversation."

It was four years after her son's death before Smith said she considered forgiveness as an option. "Healing began when I was able to consider forgiveness as a possibility down the road."

It wasn't until her youngest son was shot in 1993 that the Lowell woman sought counseling. "She had a little counseling after Doug was killed.

"I was then able to begin to release Doug after the counseling in 1993. That is when I began to connect with him in a beautiful way. I became very close to him in my psyche."

Smith will hold an informational and organizational meeting for survivors and qualified professionals alike on Thursday, Jan. 29 at Trinity Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. SE. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Fireside room, off the main entrance.

For more information call Smith at 897-2544 or write her at 725 Bowes Rd. Apt. #B-8, Lowell, MI 49331.

"My goal, if there is a need, is to have a chapter started in West Michigan within one year," Smith concludes.

Driver's Ed., cont'd... From Page 1

School administrators are expecting some concerns raised by parents, who more than likely will be forced to foot the bill. Bleke added that he expected most of those concerns to center around it being a change. However, from indications, most of the districts in Kent County will be charging for driver's education starting this summer.

NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on January 20, 1998, at the township offices, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, at 7:00 p.m. William Ingraham, of 13444 Crestwood, in the SE quarter of Section 35, has asked for a variance to build a garage with less than the required front yard setback.

Copies of the application are available at the township offices during regular business hours, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 1998.

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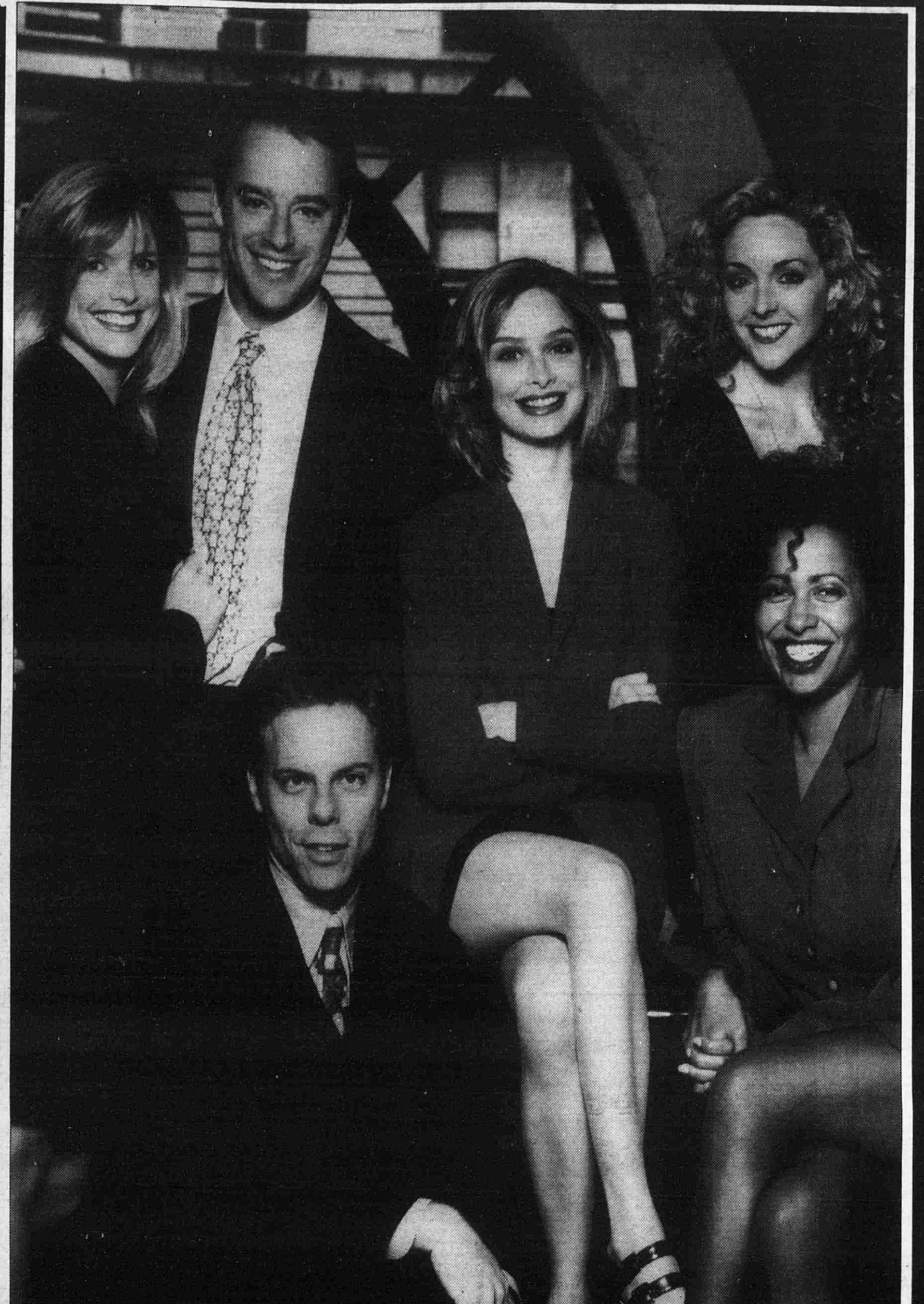
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FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16 THRU JANUARY 22

David E. Kelley's new series *Ally McBeal* is one of the shows nominated for best television drama at the 55th annual Golden Globe Awards Sunday on NBC. The cast of *Ally McBeal* includes Courtney Thorne-Smith, Gil Bellows, Callista Flockhart, Jane Krakowski, Lisa Nicole Carson and Greg Germann (from left).

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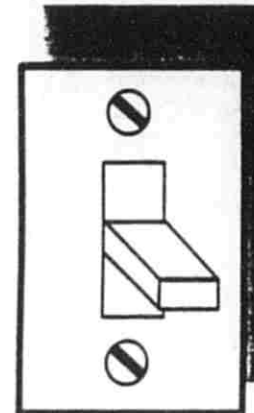
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MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 19, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, American Journal, and various news and entertainment shows.

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THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 22, 1998		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "The Promise" (R) (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Drill for Death" (In Stereo)	True or False: Teen-agers Mean Trouble	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
4	WOTV	American Journal	Real TV (In Stereo)	Prey "Discovery" (In Stereo)	Movie: * 1/2 "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler, Bridgette Wilson, (In Stereo)	News	Nightline				
5	WGVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors Fly Fishing	Trailside: Adventure	Great Lakes Outdoors	Waiting for God	Brain Attack (R)		
7	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Outing"	Between Brothers	Ask Harriet (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "Pipeline" (In Stereo)	Party of Five "Of Human Bonding" (In Stereo)	Frasier "Roz's Turn"	M*A*S*H		
8	WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Union Square	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Veronica's Closet	ER "The Long Way Around" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
23	WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House	Origins With Burt Wolf	Mystery! "Cadfael" A young priest and a pregnant woman are found dead.	Michigan Out-of-Doors			
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Prey "Discovery" (In Stereo)		Movie: * 1/2 "Billy Madison" (1995) Adam Sandler, Bridgette Wilson, (In Stereo)	News	Nightline			
17	WSYM	Frasier "Roz's Turn"	Home Improvement	Between Brothers	Ask Harriet (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "Pipeline" (In Stereo)	News	Real TV (In Stereo)	Keenen Ivory Wayans		
11	TBS	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Thunder		Movie: *** "Bad Boys" (1982) Sean Penn, Esai Morales					
4	FAM	Waltons "The Marathon"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)		Movie: "Doomsday Rock" (1997) Connie Sellecca, William Devane, (In Stereo)		700 Club				
6	FX	Miami Vice "Home Invaders"	X-Files "Young at Heart" (In Stereo)		NYPD Blue "A Sudden Fish" (In Stereo)	In Living Color	In Living Color	X-Files "Lazarus" (In Stereo)			
10	USA	Highlander: The Series "Homeland" (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Deadly Vision" (In Stereo)		Figure Skating: Skating Kicks Back. Figure skaters perform original.			Silk Stalkings "Maid Service" (R) (In Stereo)			
12	DISC	Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery "Forest of Fear" (R)		Strange but True?	Movie Magic (R)	Wings "Flying Coffins" (R)	Justice Files "Have Faith" (R)			
14	WGN	Family Matters	Coach (In Stereo)	Sister, Sister (In Stereo)	Smart Guy (In Stereo)	Wayans Bros. (In Stereo)	News (In Stereo)	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Commencement"			
15	ESPN	Sportscenter	College Basketball: Northwestern at Penn State, (Live)				College Basketball: Alabama-Birmingham at Memphis, (Live)	Sportscenter			
16	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden of Proof (R)	Larry King Live	World Today	CNN/Sports Illustrated	Moneyline (R)		
18	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	Wonder Years	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Newhart "Draw Partner"	
19	A&E	Law & Order "Forgiveness"		Biography "Tom Hanks: Hollywood's Golden Boy"		New Explorers (R)	Unexplained "The Curse of King Tut"	Law & Order "Volunteers"			
20	FSD	Figure Skating: State International Champions Series - Men's and Ladies Preliminary		Super Bowl Match-Ups	NBA Action			Detroit Pistons: Detroit Pistons at Los Angeles Clippers, (Live)			
21	TNT	Babylon 5 "TKO" (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "The Untold Story" (1996, Western) John Wayne. Two Civil War veterans battle Mexican revolutionaries.		Movie: ** 1/2 "The Macahans" (1976) James Amoss, Richard Kiley.					
22	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Treasure of Soggy Marsh"	Championship Rodeo (In Stereo)		Prime Time Country (In Stereo)		Today's Country (In Stereo)	Dallas "S" Is for Seduction" (In Stereo)			
24	TRAV	Loose in Wildest Africa	Amazing America	Castles-Europe	Lonely Planet "Philippines"		Rough Guide "Greece" (In Stereo)	Amazing America	Castles-Europe		
25	TLC	Home Again	Home Again	Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning (R)		U.F.O. (R)	Aliens Invade Hollywood	Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning (R)	
26	SCIFI	Sequest DSV "Something in the Air" (In Stereo)	Sightings (In Stereo)		Forever Knight "Crazy Love" (In Stereo)		Robocop: The Series "Heartbreakers" (In Stereo)	Sequest DSV "Something in the Air" (In Stereo)			
27	HIST	Air Combat "Airborne"		In Search of History "The Roman Legions" (R)	Most Decorated (R)		History Undercover "Boris: Stalin's Creature" (R)	World at War "Morning"			
28	AMC	Movie: *** 1/2 "Champion" (1949), Ruth Roman, Arthur Kennedy		Movie: ** 1/2 "The Night of the Grizzly" (1966), Martha Hyer, Keenan Wynn 'G'		Movie: *** "The Four Musketeers" (1975) PG (Adult language, violence)					
29	DISN	Movie: "Pippi Longstocking" (1997) G		Movie: *** "Toy Story" (1995), Tim Allen, Don Rickles 'G'		Movie: *** 1/2 "Alice in Wonderland" (1951), Ed Wynn, Richard Haydn 'G'		Walt Disney Presents "Ira, the Offbeat Eagle"			
30	HBO	(6:00) Movie: "Beavis"	Movie: * 1/2 "Spill" (1996), Leah Pinesent (In Stereo) PG-13 (Violence)		Movie: "Shelter" (1998), Brenda Bakke, Peter Onorati (In Stereo) 'R'		Perversions of Science	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)			
31	MAX	(6:15) Movie: *** "The First Wives Club" (1996)	Movie: ** "Eye for an Eye" (1996) (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, adult situations, violence)		Movie: * 1/2 "Amityville Dollhouse" (1997), Starr Andreff (In Stereo) 'R'		Movie: *** "Sleepers"				

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BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	Geraldo Rivera				CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)			
4	WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
5	WGVU	(11:30) Brain Attack (R)		Health Chronicles "When Seconds Count" Cardiac emergencies, (R)		(Off Air)					
7	WXMI	Vibe		Keenen Ivory Wayans (In Stereo)	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
8	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)		Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program		NBC News Nightside			Blossom "Transitions"
23	WKAR	(Off Air)									
13	WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Martha Stewart Living	Gayle King (In Stereo)	News (R)	Access Hollywood	View	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)			
17	WSYM	Keenen Ivory Wayans	Gayle King (In Stereo)	Martha Stewart Living	News (R)	Jenny Jones (R) (In Stereo)		All News Night	All News A.M.	All News A.M.	
11	TBS	Thunder (R)				Movie: ** "Reckless Kelly" (1993) Yahoo Serious, Alexei Sayle.		Lavigne & Shirley	Beverly Hillsbillies		
4	FAM	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes	Paid Program	Paid Program		700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
6	FX	NYPD Blue "Steroid Roy" (In Stereo)		Miami Vice "By Hooker, by Crook"		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
10	USA	Highlander: The Series "Brothers in Arms"		La Femme Nikita "Third Person" (R) (In Stereo)		Movie: **** "Kramer vs. Kramer" (1979, Drama) Dustin Hoffman. A divorced couple battle for custody of their young son.		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
12	DISC	Wild Discovery "Forest of Fear" (R)		Strange but True? (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Wings "Flying Coffins" (R)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
14	WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Fate" (In Stereo)		Simon & Simon "Enchilada Express"		Paid Program	Paid Program	Columbo Columbus suspects the deputy police commissioner is involved in a murder.		Duckman (In Stereo)	
15	ESPN	Sportscenter	Super Bowl XXIII	Hawaii Sports	Road Race Preview	Sportscenter		Up Close (R)	College Basketball: Alabama-Birmingham at Memphis, (R)		
16	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	Burden of Proof	CNN/Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)		Crossfire (R)	CNN/Sports Illustrated	CNN International	Newsroom
18	NICK	Dick Van Dyke	Bewitched	Odd Couple "Trapped"	Bob Newhart	Rhoda	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Newhart
19	A&E	Biography "Tom Hanks: Hollywood's Golden Boy"		New Explorers (R)		Unexplained "The Curse of King Tut" (R)		Law & Order "Volunteers"		Movie: *** "Framed" (1992) (Part 2 of 2)	
20	FSD	NBA Basketball: Pistons at Clippers		FOX Sports News	Last Word	To Be Announced		College Basketball: Stanford at Washington State, From Friel Court in Pullman, Wash.		Movie: * 1/2 "Iron Heart" (1993), Richard Norton	
21	TNT	(10:30) Movie: ** 1/2 "The Macahans" (1976)		Movie: ** "Two Minute Warning" (1976, Suspense) Charlton Heston, John Cassavetes. A sniper prepares to shoot into a crowd of football fans.		Today's Country (In Stereo)		(Off Air)			
22	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Miz Tisdale on the Lam"		Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)							
24	TRAV	Lonely Planet "Philippines"		Rough Guide "Greece"		Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Undersea Adventures	Sports Safari	Taste for Travel	Taste for Travel
25	TLC	U.F.O. (R)		Aliens Invade Hollywood (R)		Home Again (R)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
26	SCIFI	Sightings (R) (In Stereo)		Forever Knight "Crazy Love" (In Stereo)		Robocop: The Series "Heartbreakers" (In Stereo)		Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "Well of Doom"		Paid Program	Paid Program
27	HIST	In Search of History "The Roman Legions" (R)		Most Decorated (R)		History Undercover "Boris: Stalin's Creature" (R)		World at War "Morning"			
28	AMC	(10:30) Movie: "Champion" (1949), Ruth Roman, Arthur Kennedy		Movie: ** 1/2 "The Night of the Grizzly" (1966), Martha Hyer, Keenan Wynn 'G'		Movie: *** "The Four Musketeers" (1975) PG					
29	DISN	Zorro (In Stereo)	Mickey Mouse Club	Movie: ** 1/2 "\$1,000,000 Duck" (1971), Dean Jones 'G'		Mousetrap Theatre	Movie: *** 1/2 "Alice in Wonderland" (1951), Ed Wynn, Richard Haydn 'G'		Goal-Around		
30	HBO	Movie: * 1/2 "Vegas Vacation" (1997), Beverly D'Angelo (In Stereo) PG		Comedy Half-Hour	Movie: *** "Patriot Games" (1992), Anne Archer (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, violence)		Movie: "Shelter" (1998) (In Stereo) 'NR'				
31	MAX	(11:45) Movie: *** "Sleepers" (1996, Drama) Kevin Bacon. A revenge crime reunites four friends from Hell's Kitchen. 'R'		Movie: ** "The Sunchaser" (1996), Jon Seda (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, violence)		Movie: *** "No Way Back"					

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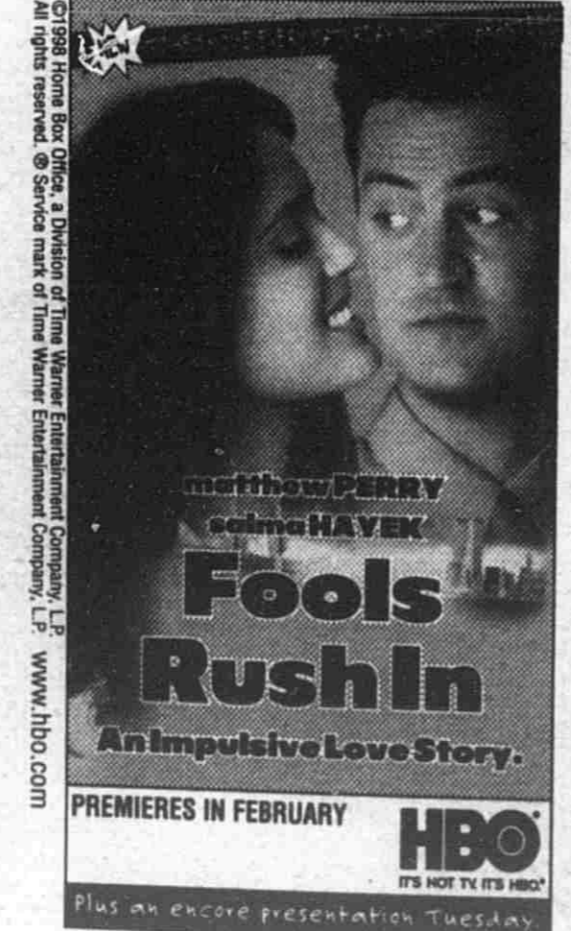
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Aggressive net play, timely serving rallies Red Arrow spikers past Saxons

••• Trailing 9-1, Lowell scores 14 unanswered points to clip Hastings in decisive third game.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It had been awhile since a Lowell volleyball team had battled back from a game-three deficit to win a conference match.

Then again, it had been awhile (two years) since the Red Arrows won a match in the OK White.

That all changed Thursday night when the Red Arrows scored 14 unanswered points in game three against Hastings to post a 9-15, 15-5, 15-9 victory.

"We haven't won a conference match in quite awhile," said Lowell volleyball coach Tammy DeVries.

"This win is a great confidence booster for the rest of the season."

Tied at one game apiece, Hastings jumped out to a 9-1 advantage in game three.

Lowell failed to get in its first four serves of the third game.

"I told the girls we had to get our serves in and start making things happen at the net," DeVries explained.

Liz Rooker got Lowell started on the comeback trail with three service points.

After a side out, Hastings did not retire the serve of Red Arrow Laurie Barton until she brought Lowell to within one point of the Saxons at 9-8.

Barton finished the match with a team-leading nine aces and four digs.

Moments later, Laura LaHaye served Lowell to an 11-8 lead.

Lowell's defense forced Hastings into a third straight side out, putting Shelby Williams into position to serve out the match for the Red Arrows.

Williams recorded a game-high 24 saves.

"I was real pleased with our defense. The girls did a good job of moving and get-

ting the ball back to the server," DeVries explained. "We also got good play from our frontline middle hitters."

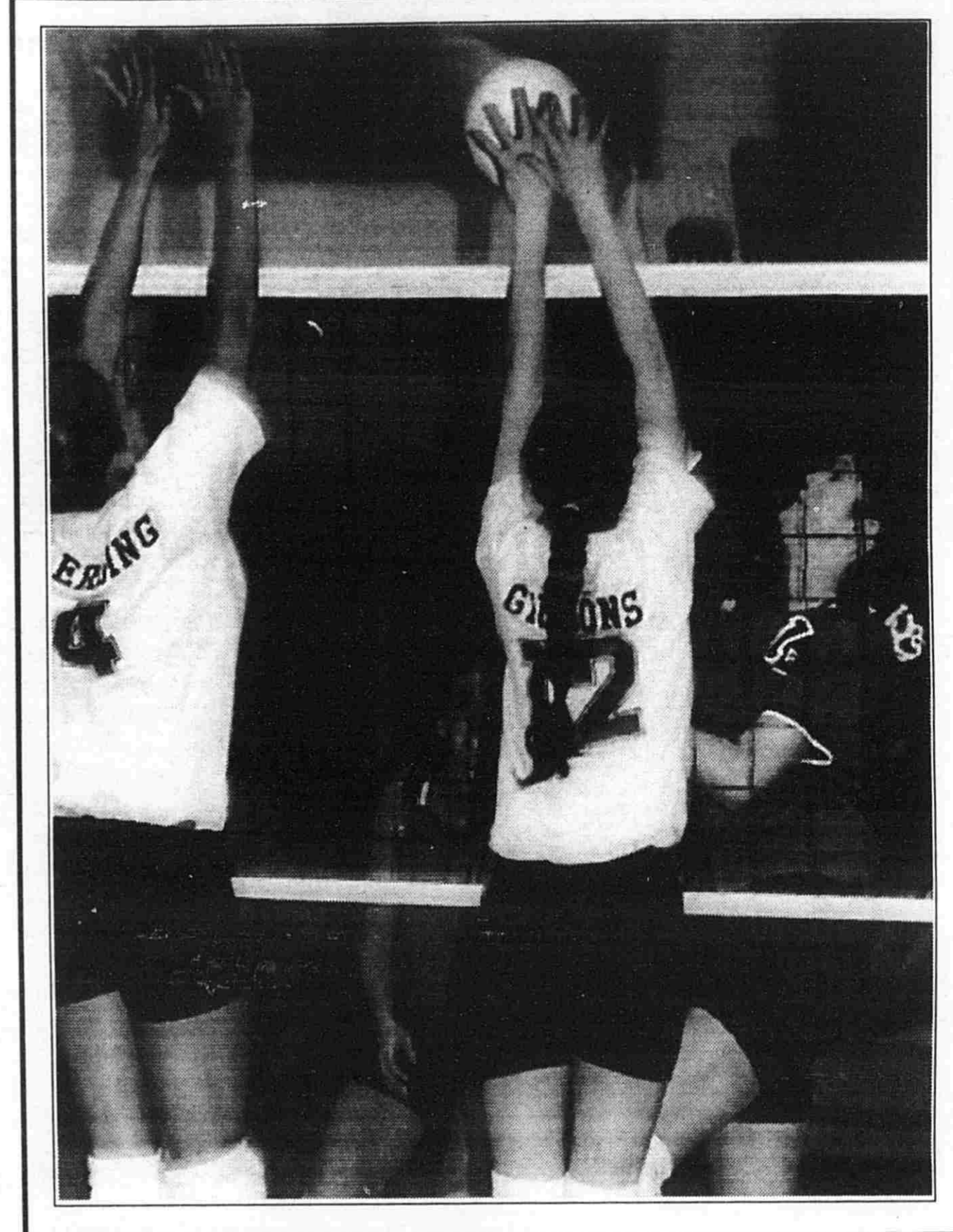
Lowell 15-15
Greenville 10-11

Defeating a solid Yellowjacket volleyball team is always difficult, but 14 aces certainly made the Red Arrow task easier.

"It was a very competitive game. Our girls did a great job of passing off our serve, receive, and defense," Lowell volleyball coach Tammy DeVries said. "The 14 aces were awfully nice."

Cherelle Weber and Shelby Williams each posted four aces. Weber also had four digs.

Laurie Barton recorded a team-high five kills while Julie Wisner tallied two blocks.



Liz Rooker attempts to foil the blocking scheme of Hastings.

Byron Center Invitational

Lowell was 2-1-1 on Saturday with its only loss coming to Saranac.

The Red Arrows defeated West Catholic 15-9, 15-11; and Hesperia 15-5, 16-14.

Lowell tied Byron Center 15-11, 0-15 and lost to Saranac 8-15, 9-15.

"Our defense was a little slow. We were burned on tips," DeVries said. "I'm real pleased with how we're playing. So far, the girls are living up to my high expectations."

Lowell grapplers throttle Hastings; showdown with Central awaits

••• Brett West's rally from way back ignites Red Arrows in win over Saxons.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

His pin of Hastings' Greg Seeber five days earlier may have hurt Brett West more than it helped when the two grapplers met again in a dual meet Thursday.

West pinned Seeber in 42 seconds of the first period at the Hastings Invitational. West was fortunate, however, to come off the mat Thursday with a decision.

"Brett got an awakening," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers explained.

West trailed 9-2 before recording a reversal and near fall to pull out a come-from-behind 11-9 win. "This may help Brett. It shows he can wrestle with the best. Seeber is a good wrestler, he just didn't look good in the tourney," Rivers said.

Lowell won every match up to 145 pounds in running its OK White conference record to 2-0 with a 54-15 win over the Saxons.

"Hastings wrestled pretty well. A lot of the matches were close," Rivers said.

The venerable Lowell coach was pleased with the effort from 130-pounder Denny Snuffer. "He looked good. Denny used a couple of good headlocks and recorded a pin," said the Red Arrow coach.

At 112 and 119 pounds, Nick West and Dan Rottier dominated their matches. West

pinned T.J. Millison in 57 seconds while Rottier put Lucas Waters on his back in 1:27 of the first period.

Freshman Caleb O'Boyle made it a hat trick with a pin against Hastings' Andy Powell at 3:17 of the second period.

"Our boys were aggressive throughout the match and Hastings was defensive," Rivers said.

Saxon coach Dave Furrow commented on Lowell's hustle and aggressiveness throughout a match.

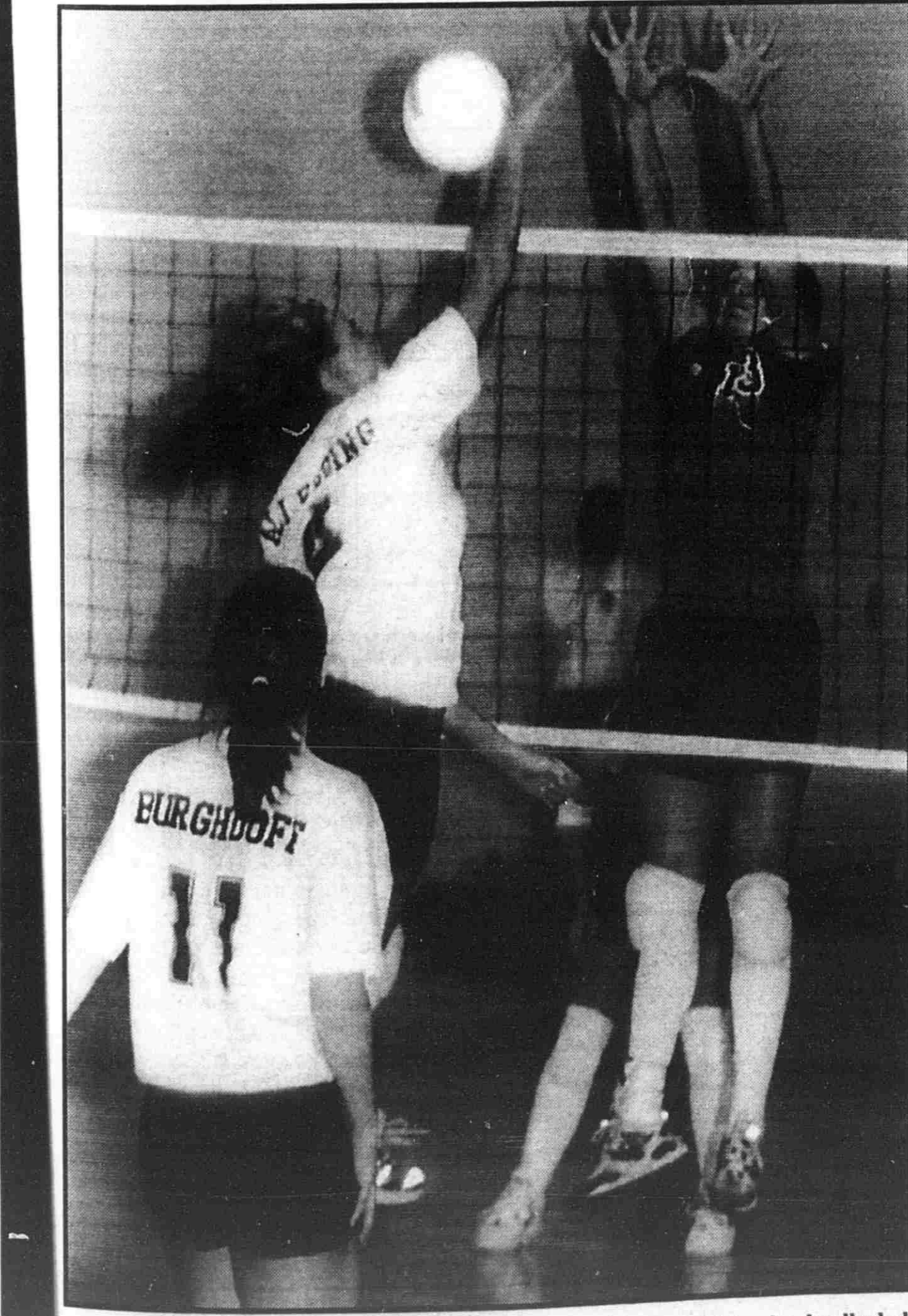
Other Red Arrows to record pins were Tom Oesch, 140 pounds; Bill Stouffer, 215 pounds, and heavyweight Mike Arnsward.

David Luyk (145) and Lucas Grummet (189) earned decisions.

Lowell will take its perfect league record into Thursday's conference showdown against two-time defending league champion Forest Hills Central.

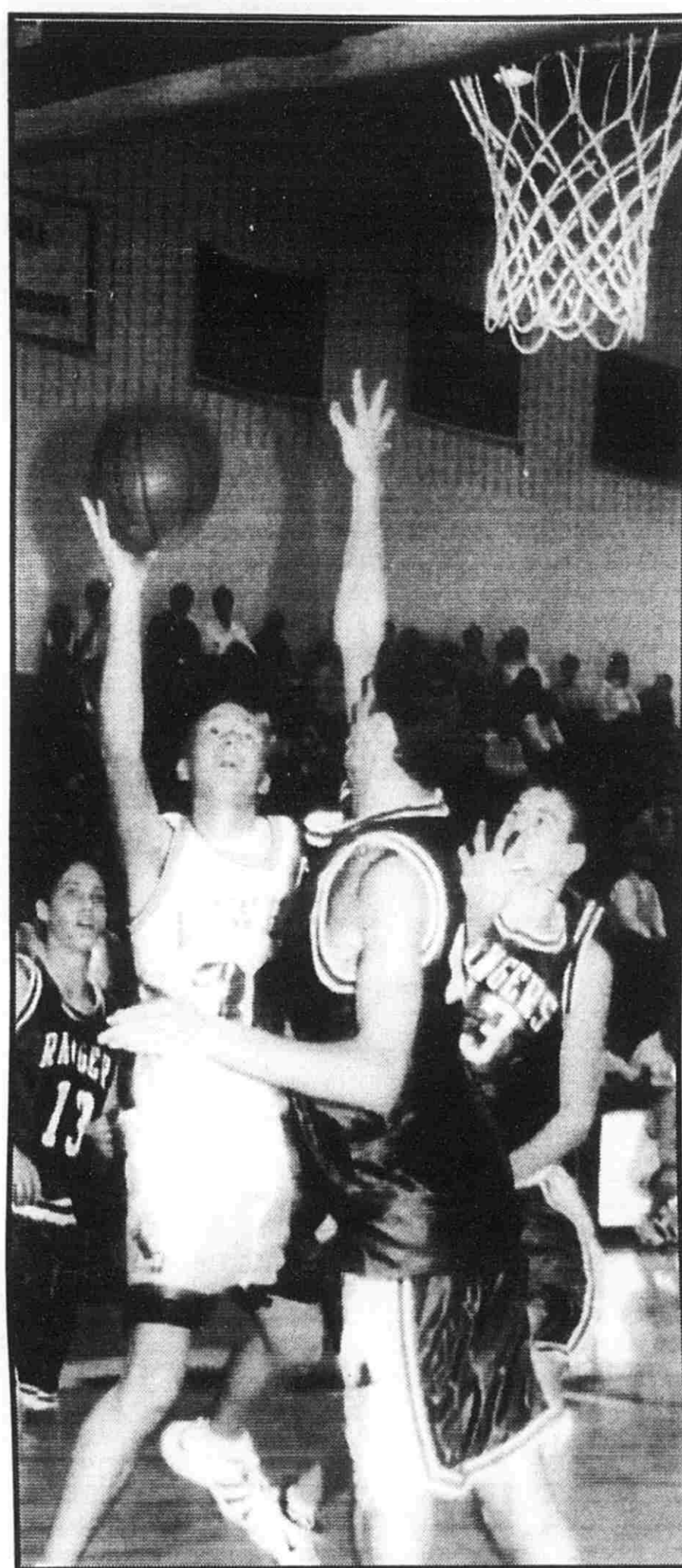
"With Central's wrestling program's rise to one of the best in the state, the rivalry has become more fierce," Rivers said. "Central has a lot of strength in the middle of its lineup. It is important that we scrape out a couple of wins in there."

Rivers believes that there are four-five weights that could go either way. "Those will be key," he concluded.



Lowell's Julie Wisner goes high for the block in OK White high school volleyball action against Hastings. The Red Arrows won in three sets 9-15, 15-5, 15-9.

The secret to managing is to keep the guys who hate you away from the guys who are undecided.
Casey Stengel



Kevin Williams avoids the hand of a FHC defender to get off his shot. Williams tallied nine points in the Red Arrows 67-49 loss to the Rangers.

Red Arrow boys' basketball team gives 'Cats a "clawful" in 55-44 loss at Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The team at the bottom of the OK White gave the team near the top all it wanted Friday night for the better part of four quarters.

Lowell trailed by two at halftime (25-23) and by one (36-35) at the end of three quarters, but the Wildcats, second in back of Wyoming Park, owned the fourth quarter as it outscored the Red Arrows 19-9, on its way to a 55-44 OK White conference win.

"It's a game we probably should have won," said Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush. "We rebounded well and played excellent man-to-man defense but we didn't shoot (31 percent) real well."

Luke Nicholas and Jon Garlough led Northview with 11 points apiece.

Lowell's balanced attack was led by Shane Teelander with 11. Ryan Mix tallied 10 and Kevin Williams and T.J. Thayer added nine and eight points respectively.

Teelander and Williams each hit three from beyond the arc. "They shot well from the perimeter," Bush explained. "Thayer also got some good looks, but he just couldn't get them to fall."

Lowell committed just 13

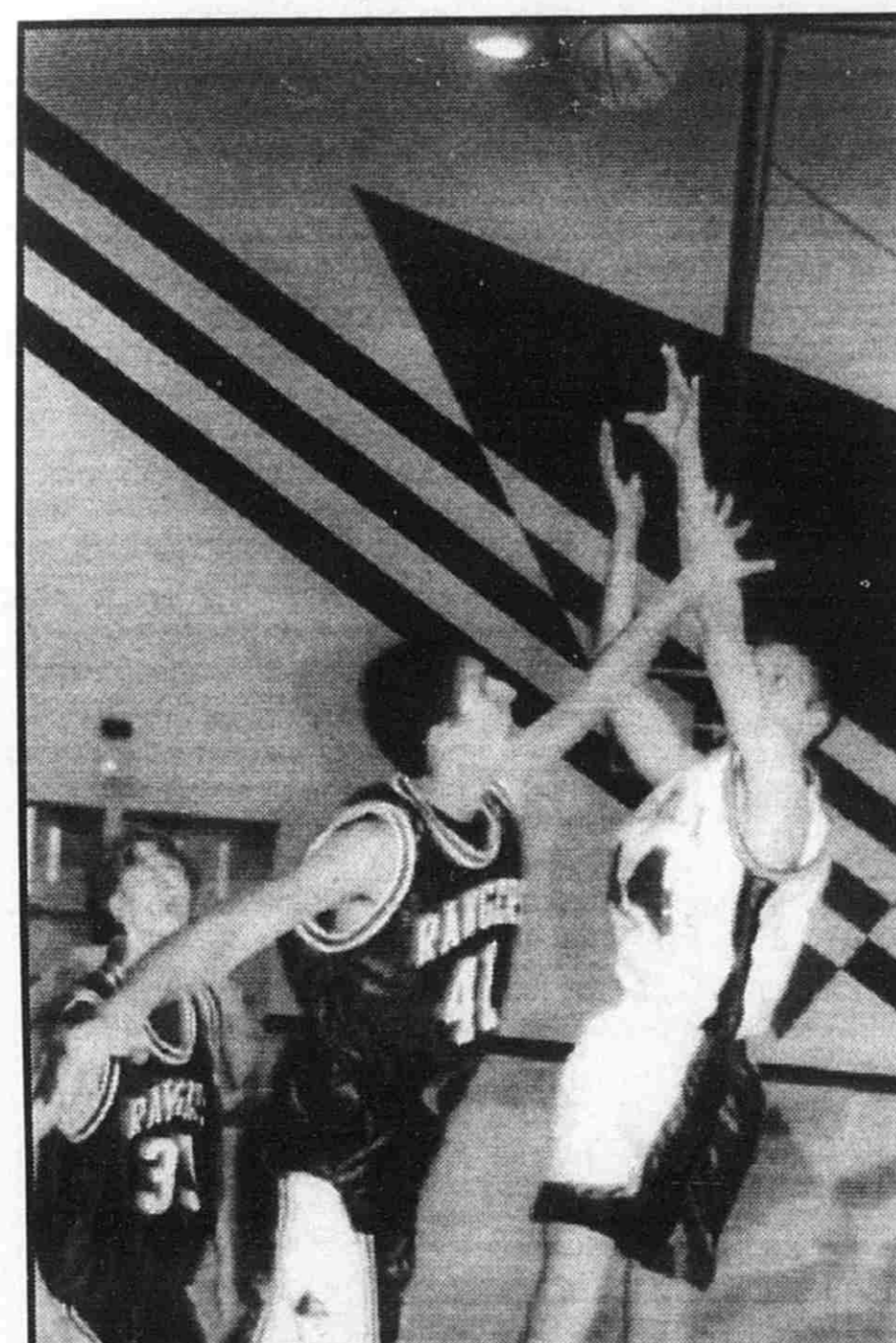
turnovers, a far cry from where they have been, according to Bush.

The loss drops the Red Arrows to 0-6 overall and 0-4 in the league.

Northview is 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the OK White.

spite losing, the boys should feel good about the way they played."

**FHC 67
Lowell 49**
When Forest Hills Central played Lowell Tuesday



Ryan Mix releases a short jumper from the left of the key in action against Central. Mix netted a team-leading 12 points.

at a pace set by Central.

The Rangers raced to a 22-8 first-quarter advantage on their way to that first win.

"Getting a victory in the O-K White is hard to come by," said Central's coach Ken George. "I'll take a win whenever and wherever I can get it."

Lowell was outscored 41-23 in the first half.

"Central beat us up and down the floor in the first half," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "We cannot make one or two passes and then shoot the basketball. It gives the other team too many opportunities to score."

The Rangers held a decisive edge on the boards. It also received some splendid play from Matt Lettinga who scored a game-high 13 points.

"We got a lot of rebounds," George said. "It was Lettinga's best game as a varsity player."

Ryan Mix led all Lowell scorers with 12 points. Kevin Williams netted nine points and T.J. Thayer contributed with eight.

"Mix improves every day. He had a good game tonight," Bush said.

Lowell was outscored 19-15 in the second quarter. The two teams played evenly in the second half, both scoring 26 points.

"I was happier with the pace of our play in the second half. We were more patient, made better cuts and thus got better quality shots," Bush explained.

Lowell was outrebounded 36-28. Mix grabbed a team-high eight boards.

"The score was right around 50 which is where we want it," Bush said. "Our defense was outstanding. De-

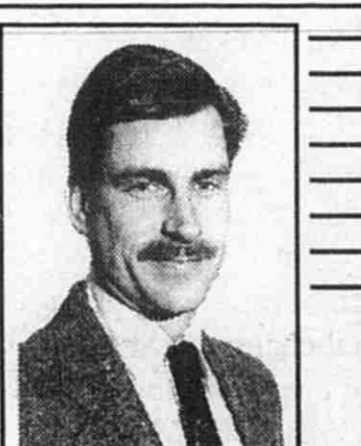
night, both basketball teams were in search of their first win of the year.

Each club went after the elusive win at a different pace. The telling and decisive first eight minutes Lowell played

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Lowell gymnasts ground the Falcons in season-opener

••• Laura Douglass' 8.0 on balance beam ignites Lowell in win over West Catholic.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Laura Douglass accomplished in her first meet something she did not do her entire freshman year.

The sophomore recorded two regional qualifying scores in Lowell's season-opening 105.85 - 100.6 win against West Catholic.

Douglass posted her scores in the balance beam and vault events.

"You can tell Laura worked out over the summer. She was on, especially on the beam," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said. "She did not have a fall. It was her personal best beam routine."

Douglass took first in the event with a score of 8.0. West Catholic's Ashley Malinzak tied Red Arrow Brenda Lacey for second with a mark of 7.65. Renee Brower was fourth at 7.4.

Lowell gymnasts competing but not placing were Lisa Malone, 5.25; Shawna Dalga, 4.45; and Alyssa Gillikin, 4.45.

The Red Arrows were paced by Lacey on the uneven bars and vault.

The senior's score of 6.75 was tops on the uneven bars. West Catholic's Molly Kuzma was second at 5.7.

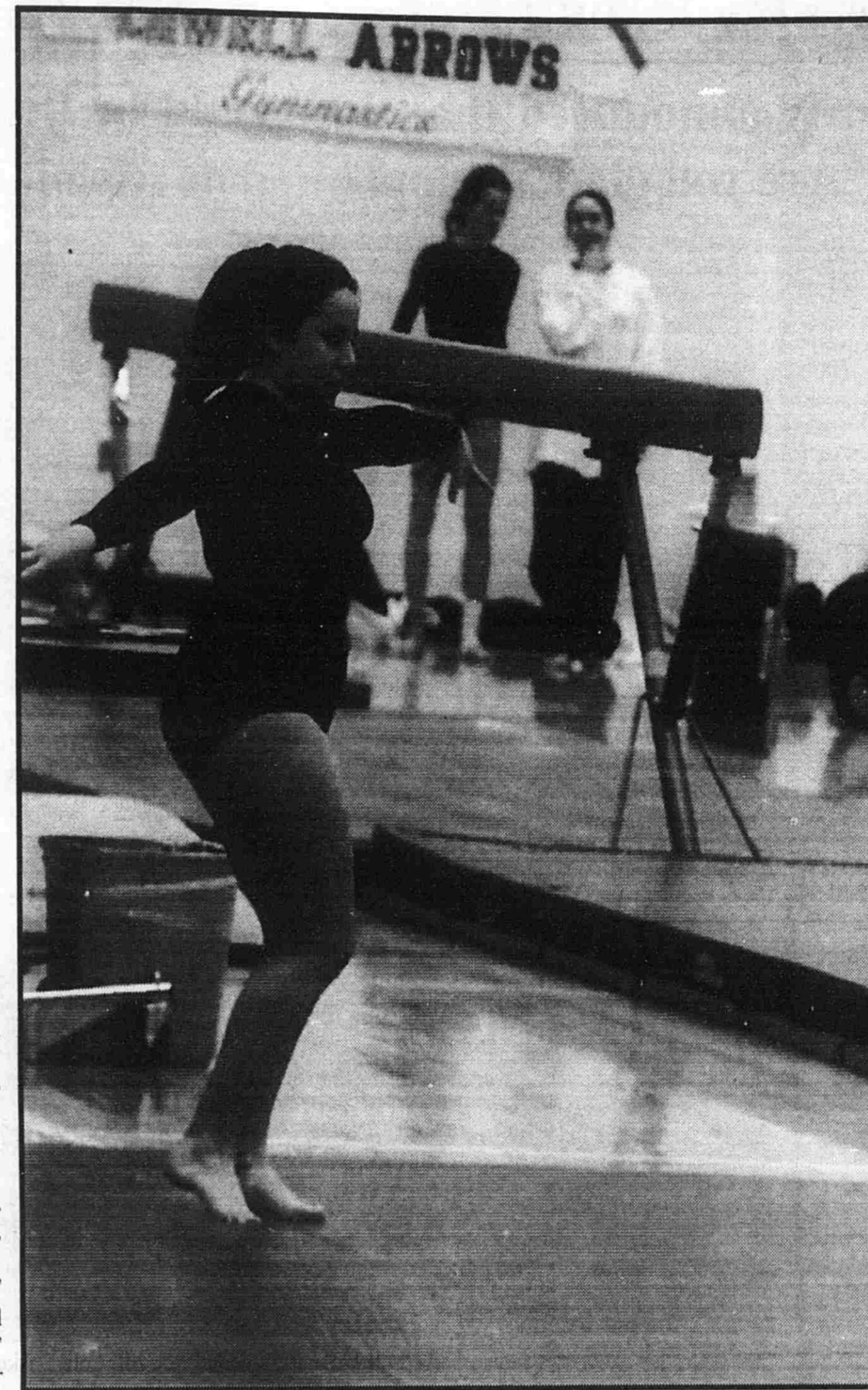
Brower was a tenth of a point back at 5.6 and Douglass was fourth with a score of 5.25.

On the vault, Kuzma and Lacey led all gymnasts with marks of 8.15. Following Lacey for Lowell were Brower, third, 7.7; Douglass, fifth, 7.3; Casey Fox, 6.15; and Gillikin, 5.75.

"Brenda is definitely vaulting better," DeHaan said. "She seems to be more relaxed and she's not slowing down on her approach."

Kuzma tallied a meet best 7.4 in the floor exercise. Lacey was second with a 7.35 while Brower and Douglass tied for fourth with a 7.0.

Gillikin and Dalga rounded out the scoring with a 5.55 and 5.0 respectively.



Senior Brenda Lacey tallied a 7.15 in the floor exercise in a home meet against Forest Hills.

placed was the balance beam. Brenda Lacey was eighth with a score of 8.05. Renee Brower and Samantha Ripley recorded marks of 6.55 and 5.1 respectively.

Mason's Renee Planick was first with a score of 8.75.

Planick's teammate Ivy Malcom was tops in the floor exercise with a tally of 9.45.

Lacey was Lowell's leader in the floor exercise with a mark of 8.05. Brower recorded a 7.4 and Suzanne Swift scored a 3.95.

Nicole Weber, of Vassar, was first on the vault with a mark of 9.05.

Lacey tallied an 8.1 to lead Lowell. Brower scored a 7.65 and Swift finished with a 5.8.

Lacey again led Lowell on the uneven bars. She scored a 6.85. Planick won the event with a 9.6.

Brower tallied a 5.85 for the Red Arrows and Swift finished with a 4.5.

**Forest Hills 117.25
Lowell 100.5**

Brenda Lacey was the Red Arrows' leading all-around gymnast. The senior had team-leading scores in all four events.

Lacey was second on the vault with a score of 7.9; third on the uneven bars with a 6.15; third on the balance beam with a 7.7 and fourth in the floor exercise with a 7.15.

Renee Brower was the only other Red Arrow to place in all four events. Brower was third with a 7.45 on the vault; fourth with a 5.75 on the bars; fourth with a 7.0 on the beam; and fifth with a 6.6 in the floor exercise.

Laura Douglass placed in two events. The Red Arrow was fifth on the bars (5.15) and fifth on the beam (6.65).

"All the girls are working hard to get qualifying scores early in the season, so it doesn't come down to a meet at the end of the season," DeHaan explained.

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Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 19, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the township offices, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, to receive public comment on proposed ordinance 98-1, Water Service Ordinance. If adopted, the ordinance would amend Ordinance 93-6, Water Service Ordinance, and would require connection to the water system in certain instances.

The full text of the proposed ordinance can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 1998.

Mari Stone, Clerk

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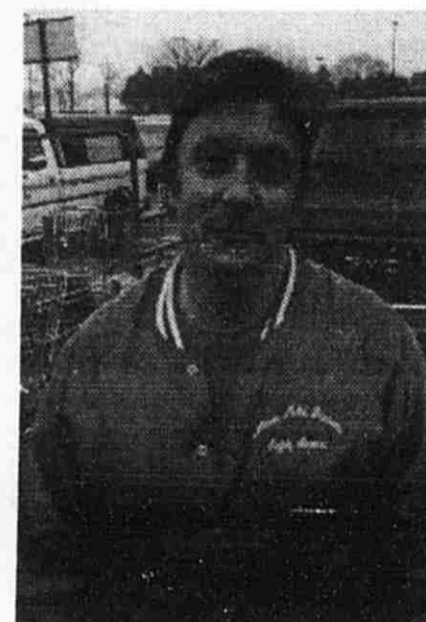
Jerry Seinfeld recently announced that this would be the last season for the "show about nothing." Are you glad, disappointed or wish it would continue?



Diana Stormzand
I wish it would continue. I love the show. I hope Seinfeld goes on to do a Carson-type show.



Jean Lippert
I am disappointed. It isn't as funny as it was, but he will do all right.



Dennis Bailey
I'm disappointed. I like the show and the way the characters interacted. Kramer reminds me of a couple of people I know. It will be like losing a friend.



Jaquie Bay
I am disappointed. I like the show. It was always funny.



Jerry Gable
I am disappointed. I like the characters, especially George and Kramer.



Bambi Zeigler
It is a funny show and I enjoyed Kramer, but I guess I don't really care.

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

EVERY 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. No Sept. meeting.

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

FIRST MONDAY: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

EVERY THIRD MONDAY: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting from 9:45 a.m. - noon at Saranac Community Church. Pre-register. Childcare provided. 642-6322.

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.

EVERY THIRD MONDAY: 4-H Drama Club (Life's a Stage). Open to middle and high school students. The club examines theater related topics and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous. No fees. No dues. No weigh-ins. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. 3 miles East of Lowell on M-21. 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 M#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m.

TUES. THRU SUN.: Shop at Christmas on Main Street. Lowell Arts Council's World of Unique Gifts. Located at 222 West Main St. Open 1 - 5 p.m. Call 897-8545 for information.

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. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY 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.

WEDNESDAY: 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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

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

EVERY 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 per-

sons 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 SECOND THURSDAY: 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 M, 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.

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THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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COMING EVENTS

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.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
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MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
WED.: 12:45 Shopping assistance.
THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk & shop - Woodland Mall. 1 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking - Woodland Mall.
MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.

Special Events

THURS., JAN. 15: 12:20, Grand Rapids Art Museum Perugino Art Exhibit.
FRI., JAN. 16: 12:30, Gerontology Network.
TUES., JAN. 20: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.
WED., JAN. 21: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.
THURS., JAN. 22: 12:30, shopping at Target.
WED., JAN. 28: 8 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast.

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

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED USE OF 1998-99 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on Tuesday, January 20, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library, 200 North Monroe, Lowell, Michigan.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

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Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

David M. Pasquale
City Clerk



Brenda Buck
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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lowell Planning Commission - Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, January 26, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following request:

Zoning Ordinance amendment to establish a Light Industrial District.

A copy of the ordinance amendment is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday) at City Hall.

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Accidents on Vergennes and Hudson streets heavy on damage, light on injury



Two juveniles were hurt Thursday afternoon when the vehicle (upper right-hand corner) they were in left the road and hit a tree.

The 17 year old, who was driving the car, was eastbound on Vergennes Road when the vehicle hit some slush on the shoulder of the road.

Lowell police officer Chris Hurst said the driver lost control of the vehicle, regained it momentarily and then lost it again before going off the south side of the road and hitting a tree.

Both the driver and 14-year-old passenger incurred minor injuries and were transported to Butterworth Hospital where they were treated and released.

"The driver complained of a bump on her head and the passenger complained of back pain," Hurst said. "Both were seat belted."

Approximately 40 minutes after the accident on Vergennes Road, injuries were avoided in a two-car collision at the intersection of Foreman and Hudson streets.

Lowell resident Thad Kraus was southbound (in a Ford Thunderbird, left,) on Hudson when a vehicle (Buick oldsmobile, upper left-hand corner), driven by Adam Peters, attempted to turn left onto Hudson from Foreman and into the path of the Thunderbird.

Lowell Police officer Trevor Slot said Peters thought it was clear and couldn't see the vehicle driven by Kraus because of a school bus turning right onto Foreman.

Peters was cited for failing to yield the right of way.



High school students share tips with Cherry Creek fourth-graders at annual health fair

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

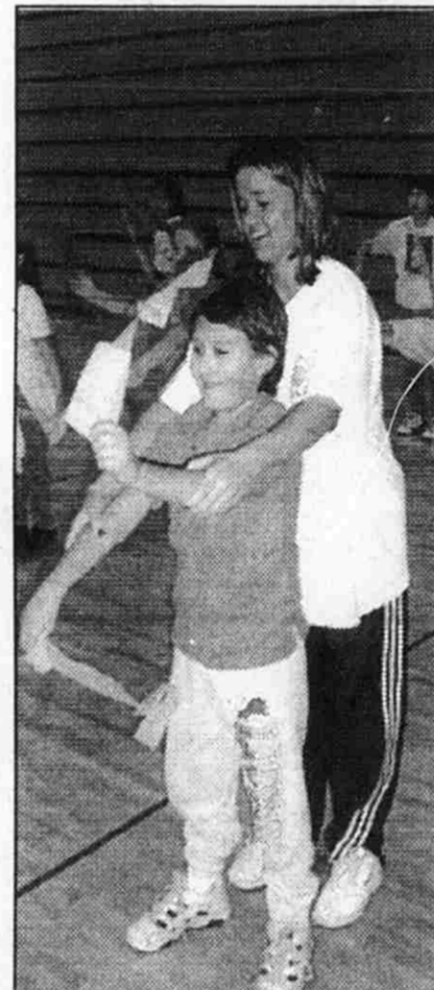
The only thing the fourth annual Lowell High School health fair didn't cover with Cherry Creek Elementary fourth-graders was winter driving safety.

With the fair's track record, coordinators Marsha LaHaye, creative living instructor, and Kathy Talus, advanced health instructor, may reconsider next year.

"We may change the date of the health fair next year,"

LaHaye said. "We had to delay it this year because of bad weather and we had to move it to a different date two years ago for the same reason."

After arriving at the high school on Thursday, fourth-graders rotated through five



LHS's Jaime Wilder demonstrates for the class with fourth-grader Anthony Everett.



Tony Adrianse tests his taste buds with the help of Mandy Benn.

hands-on sessions lasting 20 minutes apiece. Students were originally scheduled for seven sessions but had to cut back due to the inclement weather.

The subjects covered included smoking, motor safety/fire safety, nutrition/after school safety, fitness, alcohol/poison, heart/fitness and senses.

The high school students from the two classes spent two months researching the topics before preparing lesson plans.

"The students research their topics and then must prepare and present it to the fourth-graders," LaHaye said. "For many of them, standing in front of a group of students is a big deal."

The charge of the health fair is for elementary students to walk away with more knowledge in the areas taught and with a greater appreciation for high school students.

"I was a little nervous to start," said Lowell High School student Amanda Smith. "The kids were very enthusiastic."

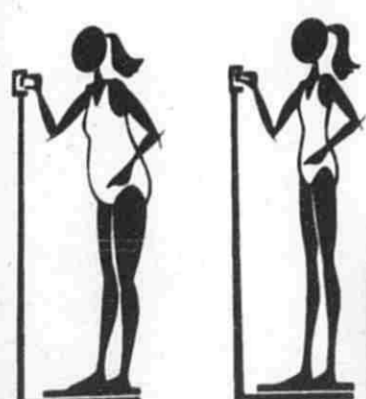
Fourth-grade teacher Mike Mull said presenting information to others is the ultimate learning situation.

"The health fair is an opportunity for students to get information from another source besides teachers," Mull said. "It is also nice to see the fourth-graders interact with the high school students."

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Area churches to observe week of prayer

The week of January 18th - 25th is this year's observance of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Lowell Ministerium is planning a week of daily prayer services to be held at the First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson.

We invite members of all community churches and the public to attend a 30-minute prayer service each day from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Each day one community church will sponsor and lead the service. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, Jan. 19 - First Congregational Church, Rev. Roger LaWarre
- Tuesday, Jan. 20 - Calvary Christian Reformed Church - Rev. Bill Renkema
- Wednesday, Jan. 21 - Emmaus Lutheran Church - Rev. Bill Brandner
- Thursday, Jan. 22 - Alto/Bowne United Methodist Church - Rev. Brian Schneider - Thomas
- Friday, Jan. 23 - St. Mary's Catholic Church - Fr. George Fekete