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Summer's downtown construction impact on merchants not clear

•••• Lowell downtown business owners want contractor to be held responsible and ask that incentives be offered for early job completion.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Downtown merchants and Steve Nichols, project engineer for Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, are in agreement about at least one thing in regards to this summer's downtown construction project... it should be done as expeditiously as possible.

Deb Pipe, owner of Rupert's Drop, 214 E. Main St., isn't sure there's a good solution, but there's one she'd like to try.

"I'd like to wave a magic wand and have all construction work done in a day," Pipe said. "It's a big project. The city is trying to make it as easy on the merchants as possible. It's going to be really good for the town, but I think we all will be glad when it's done."

Rupert's Drop patrons currently use the King Milling lot, to its west, for parking. Once work on the sluiceway begins, they will be routed through the construction zone, down South Monroe that runs along Lowell Granite to the west, and then around to the parking lot.

Pipe plans to combat the daytime construction with increased evening hours. "Without rush hour traffic, it will be easier for drivers to get off and on Main Street," she says. "I'm hoping that the storefront is not cluttered with construction trucks and equipment."

Vicki Weerstra, from the Michigan Department of Transportation, said she did not see why equipment would have to be parked on Main Street.

Construction work on the sluiceway/bridge near Veteran's Memorial presents the biggest challenge for contractors, from traffic to downtown merchants.

The sluiceway extends from the Riverwalk Plaza to the Veterans Memorial.

"Work on the sluiceway will cause the biggest

disruption to the 16,000 vehicles that travel through Lowell on M-21," Nichols said.

He added that the contractor will need 8-12 weeks to complete the sluiceway/bridge work. It will take 4-8 weeks to complete the south half. During this time, M-21 will be reduced to one lane with a temporary traffic signal.

When work shifts to the north half, there will be two lanes - one going in each direction.

The sluiceway project will include the removal of bridge deck planking; 10 feet of muck on the north end; six feet of muck on the south end and approach work to the east and west of the abutment.

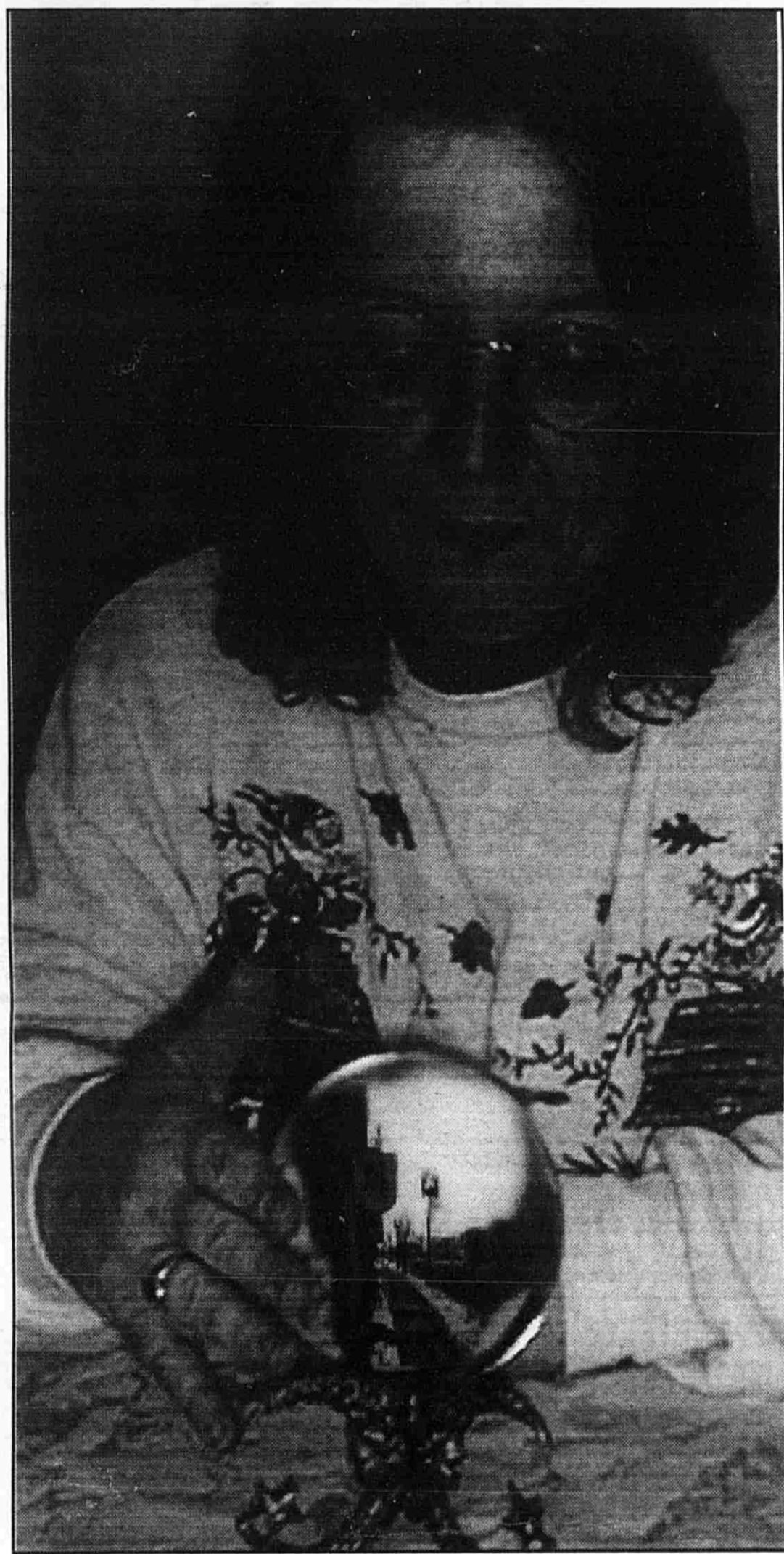
Nichols told an audience of approximately 35 people at Lowell Township Hall Wednesday night (Jan. 21), that quite a bit of work will also be undertaken at the intersection of Hudson Street and M-21 to improve the turning radius on three of the four corners.

"Two lanes of traffic will be maintained throughout this portion of the project. Traffic flow won't be adversely affected except for turning movements," Nichols explained, "with the exception of one weekend when the water main is extended from the east side to the west side."

Not all concerns were expressed in Pipe's calming tones.

Keith Houghtaling, owner of Backwater Cafe, was leery of another downtown project. "Two years ago when they said that it would take three weeks to complete Riverside Drive, it took five months. I'm just now coming back from that. I don't want to be knocked off my feet again," he said. "Merchants can't live through another year like that; otherwise we're going to fall like flies."

Jeff Roys, owner of Cumberland Floral and Produce Marketplace, 11250 E. Fulton, said his business was affected greatly two years ago because of what construction did to the business of local restaurants.



Deb Pipe, owner of Rupert's Drop, looks for advanced warning on the impact the downtown construction work will have on her business.

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Commission has questions about Amoco's signage and asks for alternatives

J.N. Boorsma

Contributing Writer

Concerned they didn't have enough information to make a decision, the Lowell

Planning Commission has decided to hold a special meeting to determine if a variance should be granted to a local gas station.

Owners of the Amoco station, located on the corner of Hudson and Main streets, are seeking a variance request to allow the station to have two

signs on its property - one on the west end measuring 130.4 square feet and one on the north end measuring 160.4 square feet.

City manager David Pasquale said the ordinance does allow for corner properties to have two signs as long as the property has 300 feet of frontage. The Amoco station has only 220. Other variances that would have to be considered include the fact the property is only allowed 200 square feet of freestanding signage with the station's proposal exceeding that limit by 90 square feet and the fact the signs would only be a foot from the property line versus 15 feet.

A representative from the Kent County Road Commission did point out to the planning commission that the road acquisition rules do require

the city to leave the property in the same or better condition than its previous situation.

Pasquale did concede that the reason the station owners had to come to the city for the variances was because of a city/Kent County road project that would cut back three of the corners located on the Main and Hudson intersection to allow trucks more room for turning. The result was

that Amoco, located on the northwest corner, would not be able to keep its current corner sign in its present location.

"Basically we are losing the sign on the corner and we want the two signs on either side to pick up the coverage," said Michael Boes, representing Amoco.

Commissioners, however, did point out and Boes

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These Amoco signs on the corner of M-21 and Hudson will be taken down when the intersection is enlarged this summer. Amoco representative Michael Boes and the city of Lowell are working on a new location for the signs and what size they should be.

INSIDE THE LEDGER

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The Fine Mess Dogs
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OBITUARIES

DOEZEMA - Mrs. Mayme Doezema, aged 78, of Jenison, went to be with her Lord, Thursday, January 22, 1998. Surviving are her husband of 56 years, Jacob (Jake); her children, James and Kathy Doezema of Ada, Randy and Terri Doezema of Rockford; four grandchildren Brett, Lisa,

of Kentwood, Louis Mulder of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Monday at the Ridgewood Christian Reformed Church with Rev. Joel R. Boot officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to Central Christian Church Randy Doezema Surgery Fund, 2525 Leonard St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

LILLY - Walter D. Lilly, aged 73, of Grand Rapids, went to

be with the Lord on Sunday, January 18, 1998. He was a retiree of General Motors and a WWII Navy veteran. Surviving are his wife, Norma; his children, Donald and Darlene Laughran of GA, Anita and Joe Munden of FL; his step children, L.G. and Peggy Weber of FL, Carla and Mac MacDonald of FL, Paula and Tommy Wagner, JeriLee Weber, Ron and Ida Bazy of Caledonia, Janis and Jerry Snyder of Lowell; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grand-

children; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Marvin and Ruby Lilly of NC, Denmark and Margaret Lilly of Escanaba; his sister, Lucille Gabus. Funeral and Committal Services were held on Thursday at the Matthyse & Kuiper Funeral Home, Grandville.

OSBURN - Lowell Osburn, aged 79, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord, Jan. 19, 1998. He is survived by his sister Laura Connely of Belding; brother Harold & Shirley Osburn of Big Rapids; brother-in-law Lee Condon of Lowell; sister-in-law Freda Osburn of Lowell; several nieces & nephews. Funeral Services have taken place. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

ROBINSON - Temple Robinson, Sr., aged 85, of Belding, passed away late Tuesday morning, January 20, 1998, at his home. The son of Vincent and Sarrah (Hause) Robinson, he was born June 9, 1912, at Trufant. He retired from Extruded Metals in 1968. On June 11, 1938, at Napoleon, OH, he married the former Lucinda Mae Hubbard, who preceded him in death on October 13, 1994. Also preceding him in death were his parents; and his brothers and sisters, Jennie Roundtree, Anna Phillips, Nelson Robinson, Edna Ryskamp, Robert C. Robinson, and Estella Nauman. Surviving are his children Temple and Mary Robinson, Jr. of Belding, Deloris and Ken Sloan of Muskegon, Marilyn and Joseph Steward of Ionia, Shirley and Keith Cook of Lowell, Robert and Karen Robinson of Cedar Springs, Jim and Leigh Robinson of Belding, and Dan and Mary Robinson of Belding; a sister and brother-in-law, Marion and Charles Burton of Iowa; a brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Wava Robinson of Cedar Springs; 16 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren. Funeral Services were held on Friday, January 23, 1998 at the Brown-Teman Funeral Home, Greenville, with Pastor Kirk Starkweather of the Nazarene Church of Ionia officiating. Burial in Rest Haven Memory Gardens Memorial contributions to Ionia Area Hospice or the charity of one's choice would be appreciated.

TICKFER - Redmond Tickfer, aged 67, of Grand Rapids, passed away Saturday, January 17, 1998, in Estero, FL. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; his children, Susan (Jamie) Brunk of Booneville, KY, Elizabeth Tickfer of Lowell, Larry (Kathy) Tickfer of Byron Center; grandchildren Jonathon and Joseph Bronk, Allison Tickfer and Nathan Tickfer. Cremation and services were held Tuesday in Estero. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Family Association.

VANDE PEERLE - Florence L. VandePeerle, aged 97, of Ada, passed away January 24, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband Neal and sister-in-law, Nellie VandePeerle. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mona Chabot of Marshall, MI; also many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday at St. Robert of Newminster Church, Rev. James Kowalski, celebrant. Interment Findley Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

SCHNEIDER - Bruce Schneider, aged 57, of Belmont, formerly of Low-

ell, passed away early Saturday morning, January 24, 1998, at Metropolitan Hospital. He was born in Lowell on November 16, 1940, the son of Phillip and Vivian (Hasmer) Schneider. He was a Vietnam veteran, having served with the U.S. Army, and was a member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, the former Carol DeBoer; his children Delynn Schneider, Stevan Schneider, and Amy Schneider; his brothers Phillip Schneider Jr. and his wife Marion; John Schneider and his wife Shirley; and Mart Schneider and his wife Antionette; nieces and nephews; his father-in-law Henry DeBoer and his wife Mary Kay; his sister-in-law, Janet Baar and her husband Thomas; and his brothers-in-law James DeBoer Sr. and his wife Donna, and Richard DeBoer and his wife Ann. The service for Bruce will be held Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Arrangements by Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford.

Increase in water and sewer use would make system more affordable for all of township

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If there is a water infrastructure in place designed to serve the whole area, and it isn't, then fix it so it does.

A Lowell Township ordinance passed over a year ago, now requires any new development contiguous to the water main to hook into the public water system.

When the township put in public water in 1992, homes and developments were not hooking up due to its expense.

The repercussion was that Lowell Township did not have enough users to help cover its cost of purchasing water from the city of Lowell.

"We have a water infrastructure designed to serve the whole area. If everybody doesn't use it, then it is over designed," Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson said. "Our anticipated growth is not getting it, wells are cheaper."

Brubaker named new chairman of planning commission

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

A four-year veteran of the Lowell Planning Commission has been named its new chair.

Daniel Brubaker was unanimously voted by the commission to replace Michael Blough as the head of the planning commission. Blough was elected to the Lowell City Council by the city residents last November.

Brubaker is already rolling up his sleeves since he expects his first year to be a busy one because of a number of projects taking place in the downtown area. Brubaker also sees changes coming as the population in the surrounding townships continues to grow.

"These residents will look toward the city to provide the services they expect," he said, adding he expects as people try to answer those needs, the planning commission will have a lot of activities to deal with.

"My goal as the head of the planning commission is to balance the competing interest of the people who are already here and the people who are coming," he said. "I want to make

sure everyone's voice is heard."

Brubaker is an attorney and has lived in Lowell for five years. He also serves on the Chamber of Commerce's board.

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Planning Commission Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL
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THE COURT FINDS:

Service of process upon defendant CLIFFORD REYBURN AND HIS SPOUSE, IF ANY, AND THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNEES, IF ANY cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

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Lowell High School January students-of-the-month

Each month four of the 12 Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student in their particular content area who has shown exemplary work. For the month of January they are as follows: Agriscience - Beth Larabee. Visual Art - Nicole VanderWal. Science - Beth Hoag and Technology - Doug Anchors.

Nicole VanderWal, a senior selected by the Visual Art Department, has true enthusiasm toward her artwork. She is creative in all areas including photography and ceramics. VanderWal, the daughter of Terry and Linda VanderWal of Lowell, is a classroom leader encouraging others toward success. A wonderful individual, VanderWal also was significant in organizing the bowl project for the Art/Drama club to help raise funds for the homeless at God's Kitchen. She works at Jimmy's Grill as a waitress

and is planning to go to college at GRCC, then transferring to a four-year school. Her favorite classes are her art classes. She has accomplished many goals and achieved many honors throughout her 12 years of school, but there are just too many to mention.

Beth Larabee is a junior and was selected by the Agricultural Science Department. She is a very dedicated student and leader in the FFA. She has maintained an excellent grade point average in her agriscience classes and is currently serving as the second vice president of the Lowell FFA. Her duties include coordinating the Project Pals program and participating in Chapter Leadership programs. Larabee was chosen to represent the Lowell FFA as a representative to the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. The daughter of Dan and Sandy Larabee of Lowell, she

has been involved in cross country as a captain; soccer, track and FFA. Larabee works at Hawkins Sled Dog Kennel taking care of sled dogs and has trained and raced sled dogs. She enjoys running and indoor soccer. She was the winner of the Ionia County Citizenship Award.

Beth Hoag, a senior, was selected by the Science Department. She has produced outstanding results in her science classes and has contributed a great deal to the class through participation in discussion while providing many insightful questions and points. She is well deserving of this honor. Hoag, the daughter of Pat and Dorothy Hoag of Lowell, has been involved in tennis, golf, softball, Youth Ambassadors, HOBY, Forensics, Project Pals, International Club, Model UN, Art and Drama Club, Student Council, FCA, and National Honor Society.

She belongs to the First Congregational Church of Lowell where she is a Sunday School teacher, on the Christian Education Board, Child Care director and in choir and youth group. She works at Samuel Mancino's. Hoag plans to attend Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, and

to major in Elementary Education. Doug Anchors, a freshman, was selected by the Technology Department. He is always seeking out new challenges. He has set a new standard in the technology courses by his self-motivation and problem-solving

skills. He is the son of Dennis and Deb Anchors of Lowell and Anchors plays football in the fall and powerlifts in the winter and spring. He enjoys hanging out with his friends and likes to play paintball. He chats on the internet with friends all over the United States.



Pictured above, left to right, are: Doug Anchors, Beth Larabee, Beth Hoag and Nicole VanderWal.

City ordinance would help clean up messy yards

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Tired of the surprises left in your yard by someone else's canine?

Get in line. It seems there are a number of Lowell residents who are fed up, "doggone it." "The city has received continuing complaints from residents as well as city staff regarding dog waste products," said Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale.

In response, city attorney Richard Wendt is charged with

drafting up a proposed ordinance which prohibits dog owners from having their animals damaging landscaped areas.

It further provides that no dog shall be permitted on public or private property unless a person is accompanying the dog, and has in his/her possession an appropriate device for scooping excrement for disposal in a suitable receptacle located on the property.

The proposed ordinance would not apply to guide dogs for the visually handicapped and aid dogs for the physically handicapped.

Wendt explained that he reviewed several ordinances from other cities and incorporated what he believed to be the best of all of them.

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said he reviewed the proposed ordinance and found it to be enforceable, and one the department could support.

"Currently, the city has nothing in the books which addresses the problem," Pasquale said.

The city council will hold a public hearing on the issue at its Feb. 2 meeting at the Englehardt Library at 7:30 p.m.

Township and city increase allocations toward transit assistance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Charter Township and the city of Lowell have increased their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund allocations which are earmarked toward providing transit assistance for senior citizens and handicapped riders.

Both municipalities did so to help meet the rising numbers in ridership.

In the first six months of the 1997-98 contract with North Kent Transit, city ridership costs were approximately \$2,000.

The city allocated this amount for the entire year in each of the first two years.

These numbers pushed the Lowell City Council to amend its 1997-98 contract with the transit service from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

"The city did not have a lot of activity in the first year," recalled Lowell mayor Bill Thompson.

City manager Dave Pasquale said city officials are not sure why ridership has increased.

Don Gowdy, director of transportation for Hope Network, attributes the increased ridership in both the city and township to a widened interest, and to more awareness by those in need of the service.

Last year, \$1,651 of the \$2,000 allocated by Lowell Charter Township was used toward the purchase of transit service. In the first six months of the current contract, roughly \$1,200 has been used, leaving just \$800 of the CDBG funds.

"If the allocated CDBG funds (\$2,000) run out, the township would cover excess costs through its general fund," Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson said.

This led the township to increase the CDBG total it has allocated for 1998-99 to \$3,000.

While the city allocates its CDBG funds to North Kent Transit and Lowell Charter Township to Hope Network, Gowdy says the two are related. "North Kent Transit is a management function of Hope Network," he explains.

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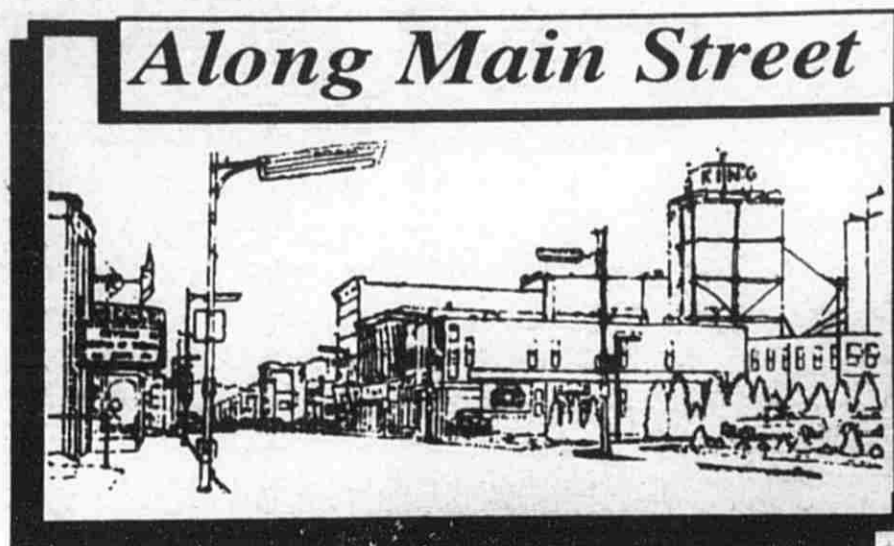


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CHAMBER MEETING ON LACTV
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce quarterly meeting of January 21 will be shown on LCTV Channel 2, Wed., Jan. 28 thru Saturday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m.

DRIVING CLASS OFFERED
Segment 2 of the state's New Public Act 387 "Graduated Licensing Bill" will be offered for the last time this school year on February 2 or 4, 9 or 11 and 16 or 18. All classes will be held in the PAC from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Registration will begin at 2:15 p.m. the first day of class. Students MUST bring to class on the first day their Level 1 license and a driving log that shows 30 hours of driving. Any questions, please call the high school office at 897-4125.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club will hold

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on December 15, 1997, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, adopted an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Land Division Ordinance. The principal provisions of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

- Parcel Map.** Subsection 4.1(e) has been amended so as to include only those items on the tentative parcel map that are provided for in the amended Land Division Act. The parcel map must be drawn to scale, but a specific scale is no longer stated.
- Water and Sewer Approvals.** The requirements for water and sewer approvals for a development parcel have been deleted, as required by the amendments in the Land Division Act, and it has been changed to a requirement to show public utility easements on the tentative parcel map.
- Minimum Lot Area and Maximum Lot Width.** The amendment requires compliance with the minimum lot area and maximum width to depth ratio in the Township zoning ordinance.
- Private Road Requirements.** References to Township road requirements and new public street requirements have been deleted from the Land Division Ordinance.
- Time Requirement for Approval or Disapproval.** The time to approve or disapprove a division has been changed to 45 days. The requirement for written notice of approval or disapproval and the reasons for disapproval has been added.
- Small Parcels.** A statement has been added regarding lack of Township liability for failure of issuance of building permits for parcels of one acre or less, in certain circumstances.
- Exemptions for Parcels Larger than 20 Acres.** Requirements have been added to reflect the exemption for parcels of 20 acres or more that are not accessible.
- Effective Date.** The ordinance will become effective January 28, 1998. A copy of the ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Township office during regular Township office hours.

Dated: January 20, 1998

Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell

its regular business meeting at the high school staff lounge on Monday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Come and help support the athletes.

LAAC PRESENTS LET'S MURDER MARSHA
The play *Let's Murder Marsha* will be presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 12, 13, and 14. On Thursday, tickets are \$4 for children, students and senior citizens and \$5 for adults. Tickets on Friday and Saturday are \$7.

Tickets are available at the door or at the LAAC, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and Sunday or by phone at 897-8545. Call for information on group rates.

FREESTYLE WRESTLING SIGN UPS
Lowell freestyle wrestling sign ups will be held Feb. 11 and 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek cafeteria. There will be a new group "0" for 5 and 6 year olds. Practice for all wrestlers starts Feb. 24 at 5:45 p.m.

You must be in the Lowell School District, bring a birth certificate and a parent must be present. The cost is \$35. If you have any questions, call Barb Carpenter, 897-6566.

SANDY BARTLETT IS BACK
Lowell Area Arts Center and Sandy Bartlett bring drawing workshops back. Geared for children ages 8-12, the basic drawing classes reach both beginning and advanced students.

Downtown, continued... From Page 1

"I'd like to know precisely what the plan is," Roys said. Nichols explained that is difficult to answer when it is not yet known who the contractor will be.

The bid opening for the \$1.5 million project is March 6. The contract will be awarded in mid-April. Construction will start in late April, early May. Completion of the project is expected in October.

Larry Mikulski, director of transportation, and Dick Korb, associate superintendent of Lowell Area Schools, were concerned with the effect detours would have on bus routes. "I have 10-20 buses a day that will be trying to get through town. How much more time will I need to allow in their schedules?"

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said the LPD would work with the schools to determine the best routes for the buses to get around town.

In an effort to encourage work being completed as quickly as possible, the city will have incentive and disincentive language in the construction contract.

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LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO
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Award-winning Grand Rapids artist Larry Blovits and Lauri Blovits-Friar exhibit a collection of new works in portraits, landscapes and still-life. The Lowell Area Arts Center at 149 S. Hudson hosts the exhibition of oils, pastels and watercolors from Jan. 27 through Feb. 28. The formal opening is on Sunday, Feb. 1 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

The public is invited. Normal viewing hours are Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

CLASS OF '93 REUNION
If you are interested in participating and organizing a five-year reunion for the Lowell High School class of 1993, please contact Megan (Leach) Hedlund at 897-0637.

Amoco, cont'd... From Page 1

agreed that drivers heading south on Hudson Street would not see the sign because of a tree on the neighboring property. Several planning commissioners were concerned about the sign being only one foot away from a residential home, located on the station's north property line.

"I do believe you met most of the conditions in regards to the variances," said planning commission chairperson Daniel Brubaker. "However, I am concerned about one of the conditions and that is not causing a detriment to the neighboring property and the surrounding community."

Other commissioners, such as Jim Hall, raised concerns over the amount of signage currently on the property. The Amoco station has a canopy with its name and food mart on it. Hall said he would like to know the overall signage allowed on the property and what currently is there.

"I don't think we have enough information to make a decision," Hall said.

With that, Hall recommended, and the planning commission unanimously approved, that the commission meet again at City Hall for a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 9. The commission plans to discuss what the staff has found out about the signage issues along with looking at alternatives in signs presented by Boes and possible locations for the signs.

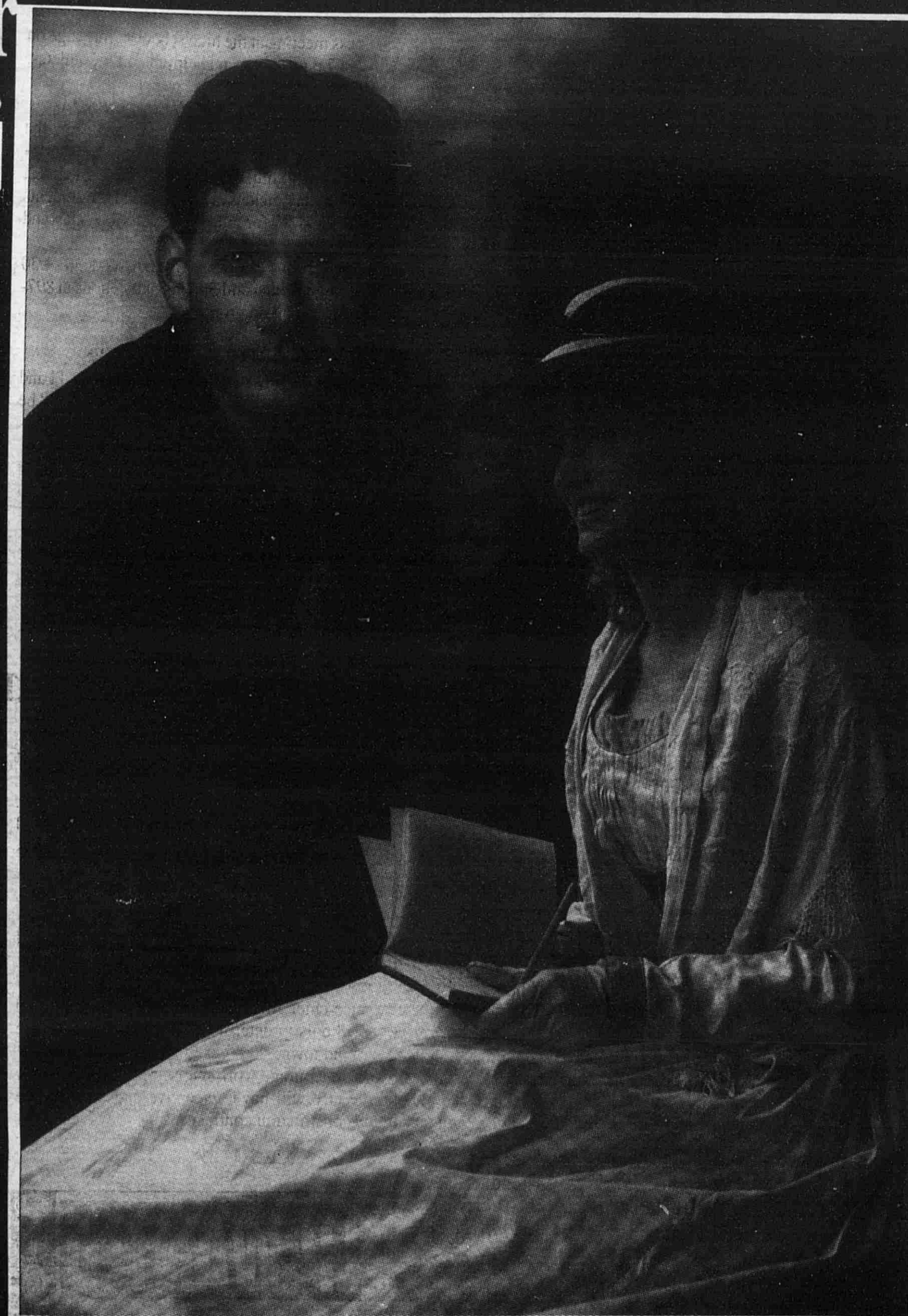
Meanwhile, the Zoning Board of Appeals will be having a public hearing on the matter at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Englehardt Library. The planning commission has recommended that the Zoning Board table any decision it would make until the commission has been able to meet and form a recommendation. Because the public hearing has been announced, the Zoning Board of Appeals would not hold off on the hearing, but might on its decision.

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FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30 THRU FEBRUARY 5

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THURSDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 5, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and broadcast stations. Lists programs like 'Late Show', 'Politically Incorrect', 'Comedy Central', etc.

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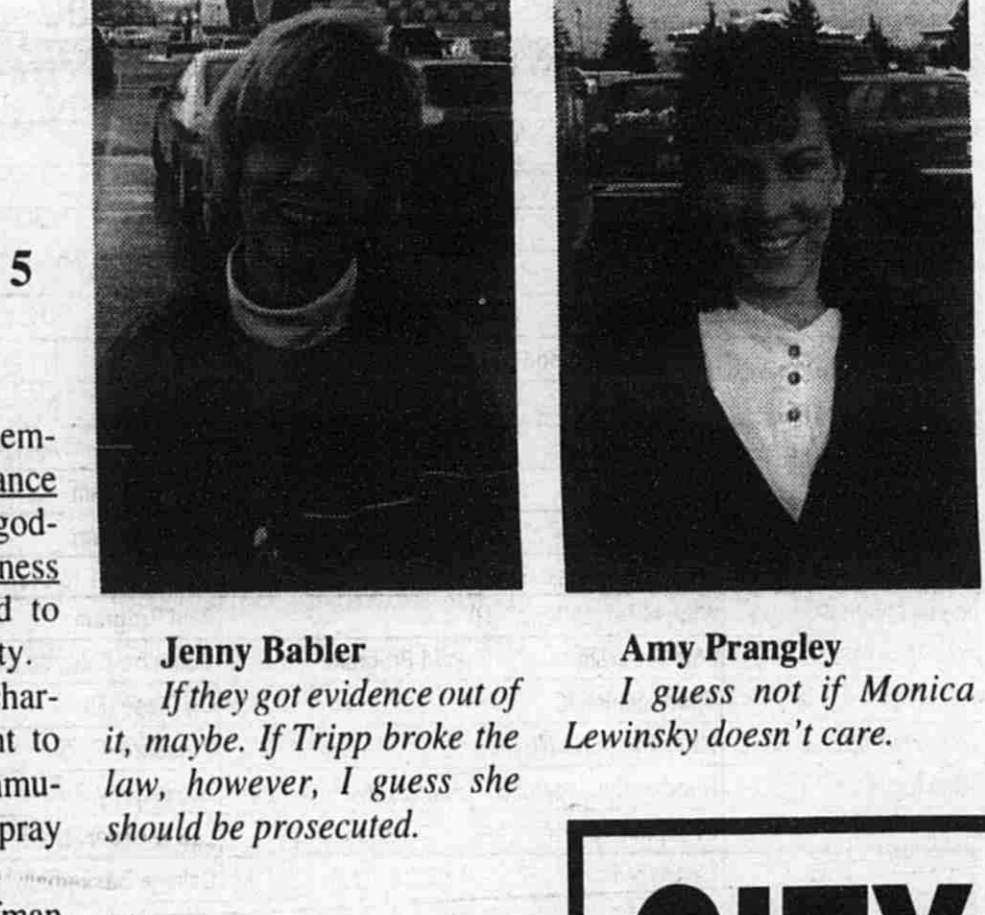
Knowing it is illegal to tape someone's conversation without them being aware of it, should Linda Tripp be prosecuted for taping her initial conversation with Monica Lewinsky?



Opinion pieces from the individuals: Amanda Seward (If it is illegal, then yes, she should be prosecuted.), Maureen Luctke (She should be prosecuted.), Jim Willett (If Monica Lewinsky has a problem with it, Tripp should be prosecuted.), Carol VanStee (As long as they are getting down to it (crimes committed), she should be prosecuted.), Beth Randolph (If it doesn't bother Lewinsky, then no. If it does, then yes.), Nick Malec (Yes. I also think Kenneth Starr's tactics should be looked into. I think he used Tripp as a guinea pig. She's been set up by the independent council.)

To The Editor, continued...From Page 5

Dear Editor: I'm concerned about your Jan. 7, 1998 Ledger article titled "Spreading the News...Community Values Are In..." Why would area churches need to put up frames displaying (five) character traits identified by the community? Should not the church already know where character and values come from? Who taught by His example what values are? The church should be teaching from scripture; not from the community. Does not the scripture contain the 10 Commandments, not the 10 suggestions. Exodus 20.



Jenny Babler: If they got evidence out of it, maybe. If Tripp broke the law, however, I guess she should be prosecuted. Amy Prangle: I guess not if Monica Lewinsky doesn't care.

Please read again II Peter 1:3-7 (3) According as His Divine Power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (5) And besides this giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; (6) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience and to patience godliness; (7) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. Whose values and character traits do you want to follow? God's or the community? Everyone, please pray about this. Dena Hofman

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 2, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

- 403 W. Main Street - Beacon Boulevard Corporation (Amoco Station) had requested a variance to allow two poles signs at the north and west ends of the property as a replacement for the pole sign located at the northwest corner that must be removed due to the intersection widening project at Main and Hudson. Two freestanding signs are allowed by right on a corner lot, but the following variances must be considered:
- allowing two freestanding signs with less than 300 feet of frontage at the intersection, the site has 220 feet.
- total signage requested - 290.8 square feet (160.4 s.f. west side and 130.4 s.f. north side).
- location - less than one foot from the side lot lines (15 feet required).

Interested persons may submit comments to City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell prior to the meeting or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library. Betty R. Morlock Deputy City Clerk (616) 897-8457

Red Arrow grapplers have answers for Middleville and Fowlerville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In his senior year, Lowell wrestler Brad Lyons has experienced the depths and the peaks of high school wrestling.

Lyons was at a season low emotionally after being pinned in his match against Forest Hills Central.

"That loss got me going," Lyons said. "I let the team down. It showed me that I needed to work harder in practice."

Since that disappointing loss, Lyons has won nine straight matches. The biggest one came Saturday against Middleville, the third ranked Division II school in the state.

Lyons' 6-4 decision over Middleville's Jarrod Otto was key in the Red Arrows' thrilling 36-31 win at the Lakewood Dual.

The Red Arrow's effort did not go unnoticed by his teammates. "The guy you should be talking to is Brad (Lyons). He defeated a quality wrestler," Lowell's Bill Stouffer said, following his match-winning pin against Trojan heavyweight Erik Vernon at 1:53 of the first period.

For Stouffer, his pin was retribution for a disappointing loss in a match earlier against Fowlerville, ranked

eighth in the state in Division II.

"I relaxed in the last period against Fowlerville and made a mistake," Stouffer explained. The result was an 11-8 loss to Ray Tyle. It gave the Gladiators a short-lived 31-30 lead.

Stouffer and the Red Arrows were picked up off the mat when Mike Arnswald, heavyweight, pinned Kerry Nelson in 13 seconds to give Lowell a 36-31 victory.

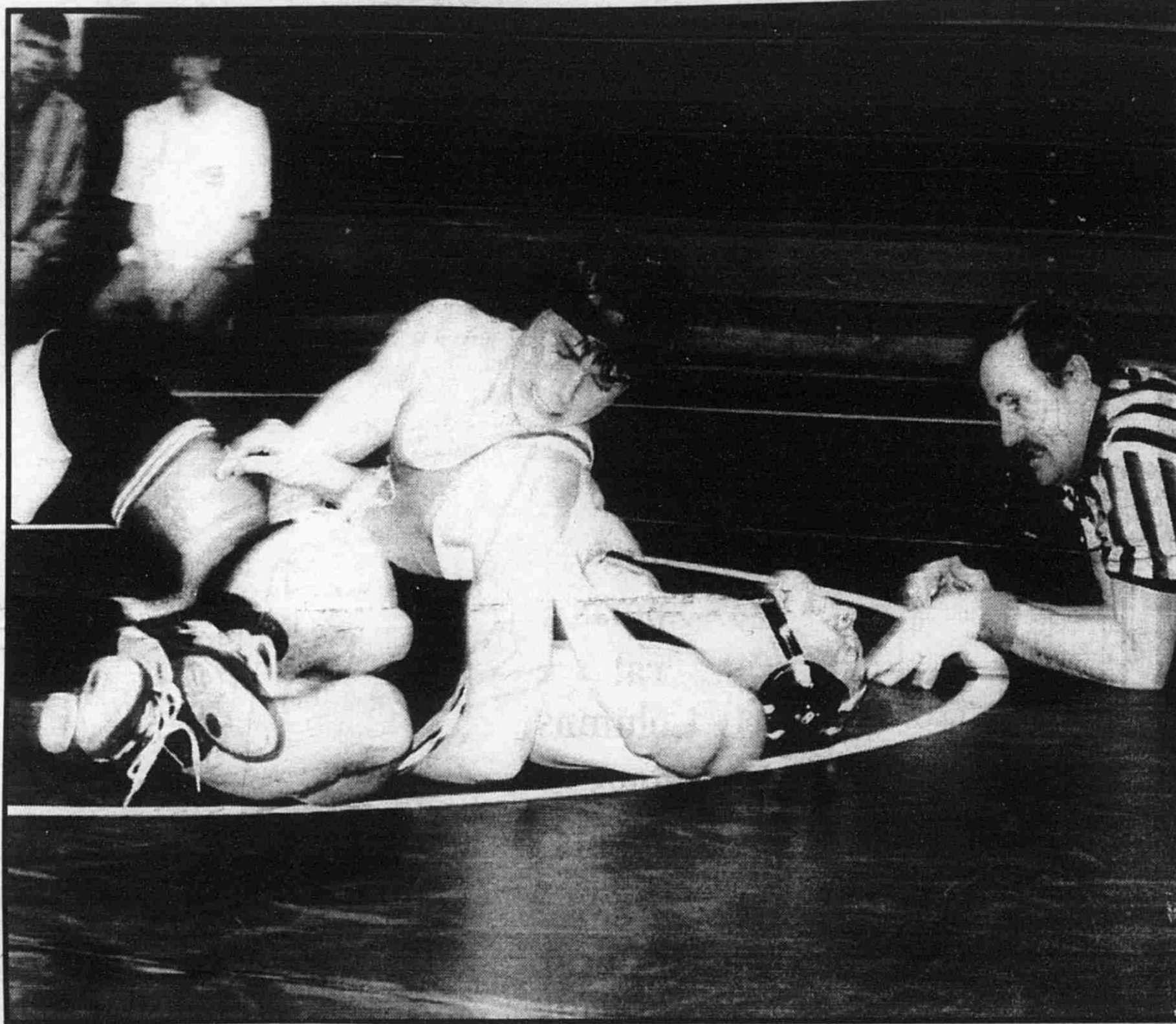
Stouffer's heroics against Middleville were set up by Caleb Grummet's pin at 2:15 against Trojan James Genn at 2:53 of the second period, pulling Lowell to within one at 31-30.

Middleville jumped out to a 6-0 lead with decisions against Lowell's Brett West, 103 pounds, and Anthony Saganeck at 1:12.

Dan Rottier (119) tied the score with a pin at 1:42. Caleb O'Boyle's 12-5 decision against Chris Utley (125) gave Lowell its first lead at 9-6.

Middleville's Dendle Craven's pin against Denny Snuffer pushed the Trojans back into the lead. Lyons' decision then tied the score at 12-12.

Pins by Matt Oesch, 145 pounds, and David Luyk (152), followed Tom Oesch's



Red Arrow David Luyk applies a little stomach pressure.

12-4 loss at 140, and gave Lowell a 24-16 advantage.

Middleville fought back to take a 31-24 lead with a decision against Steve

VanLaan (160) and pins against Jeff Altoft (171) and Lucas Grummet (189).

"Lowell outwrestled us," Tom Lehman, Middleville's coach of 27 years, noted. "I wanted that one," said a smiling Gary Rivers. "The boys were ready."

It looked as if his Red Arrows were also ready against Fowlerville. Lowell jumped out to a 30-6 advantage but needed a pin by Arnswald to win the match.

"We got complacent. We shouldn't have. They weren't ready to wrestle. Their minds were at home in Lowell," Rivers moaned.

The Red Arrow coach was most unhappy with the fact that his club lost matches at 145 through 215 in falling behind 31-30. Six of those losses were by decisions.

Fowlerville coach Dan Coons was pleased with his club's "never give up" approach. "We wrestled pretty

well. It's the best we've looked in the last three-four weeks."

There was a six-team field at the Lakewood Duals. Each club wrestled five matches.

The Red Arrows were the only team to go undefeated. The scores were:

Lowell 60, Lakewood 9
Lowell 61, Ovid-Elsie 10
Lowell 36, Fowlerville 31
Lowell 36, Middleville 31
Lowell 56, W. Ottawa 19.

Lowell's Brower steps up in loss to Mona Shores

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Red Arrow gymnastics team entered its meet with Mona Shores minus the services of Brenda Lacey.

Lowell left Mona Shores on the short end of a 118.15-96.15 score and without the service of Lacey and Saranac transfer Amber O'Boyle.

"Amber became eligible to participate just last week," said Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan. "She fell on her dismount from the uneven bars and had to sit out the floor and beam exercises. Amber will have to sit out this week. She may be able to compete on the beam and vault this weekend."

Lacey, who injured her ankle last week, may be able to return to competition this week on the vault and beam.

"Brenda's already qualified for the regional on the vault and beam. She would also like to qualify for the regional in the floor exercise. I don't want her to return before she is completely healthy and jeopardize the rest of her senior year," DeHaan said.

Mona Shores' Kim Barberini was medalist on the vault with an 8.15.

With Lacey out, Renee Brower led the Red Arrows. She placed fifth on the vault with a score of 7.45. Teammate Laura Douglass was sixth at 6.85 and O'Boyle tallied a 6.0.

"Our scores on the vault have been consistent," DeHaan said. "I think all of these girls are capable of regional qualifying scores (7.6)."

Barberini also led all gymnasts on the uneven bars. She scored an 8.85. Brower was fourth over-

Our scores on the vault have been consistent. I think all of these girls are capable of regional qualifying scores (7.6).

Michele DeHaan
Lowell Gymnastics Coach

all with a mark of 5.75. Douglass was fifth at 5.25 and Red Arrow Suzanne Swift finished sixth with a mark of 4.1.

"Suzanne gets better every week," DeHaan explains. Swift and Douglass tied for fifth place on the balance beam with a score of 6.55. Brower posted a regional

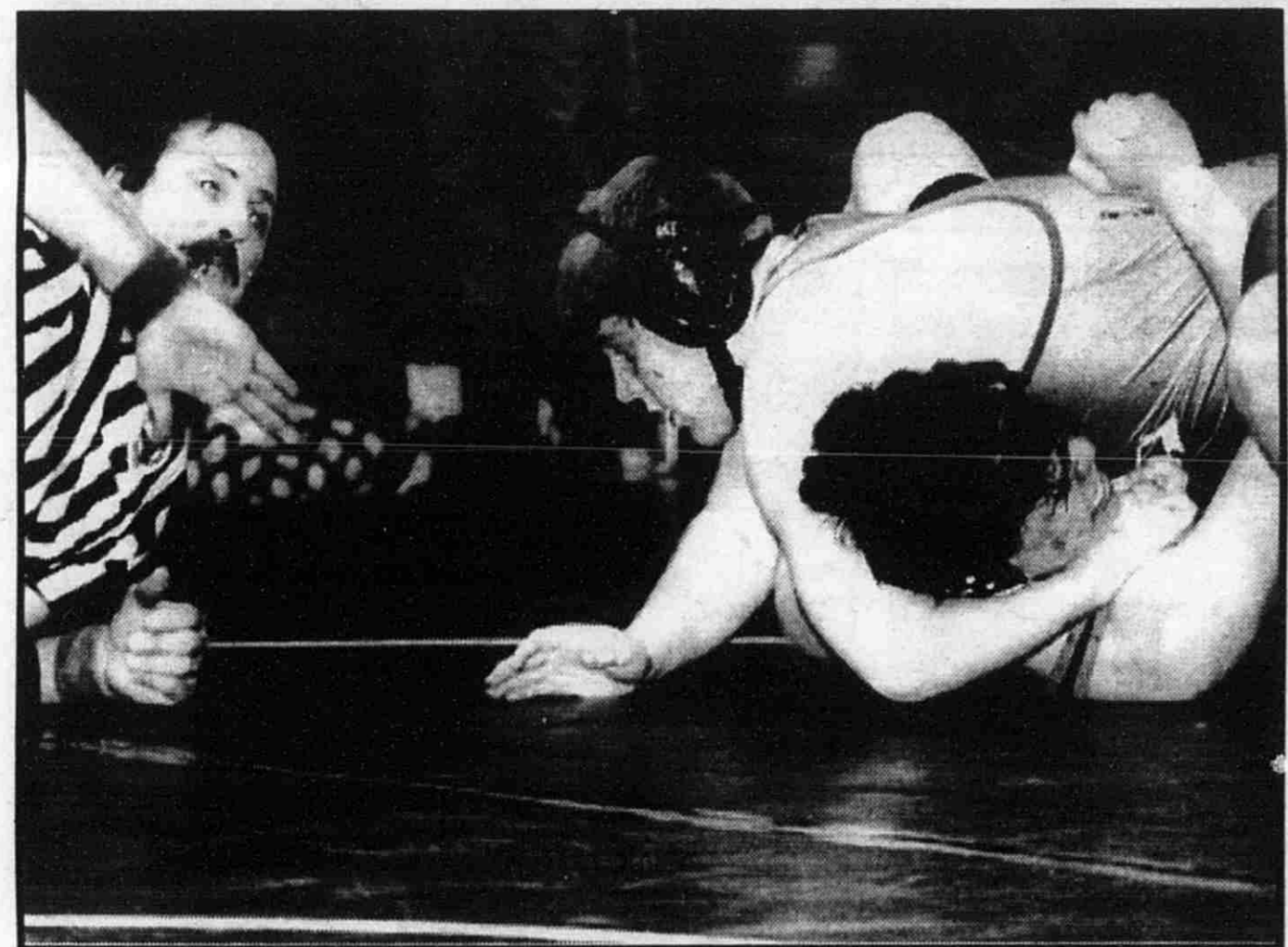
qualifying score of 7.4 and finished fourth.

"Renee had a nice routine with few falls. She also showed better balance. She looked confident," DeHaan explained.

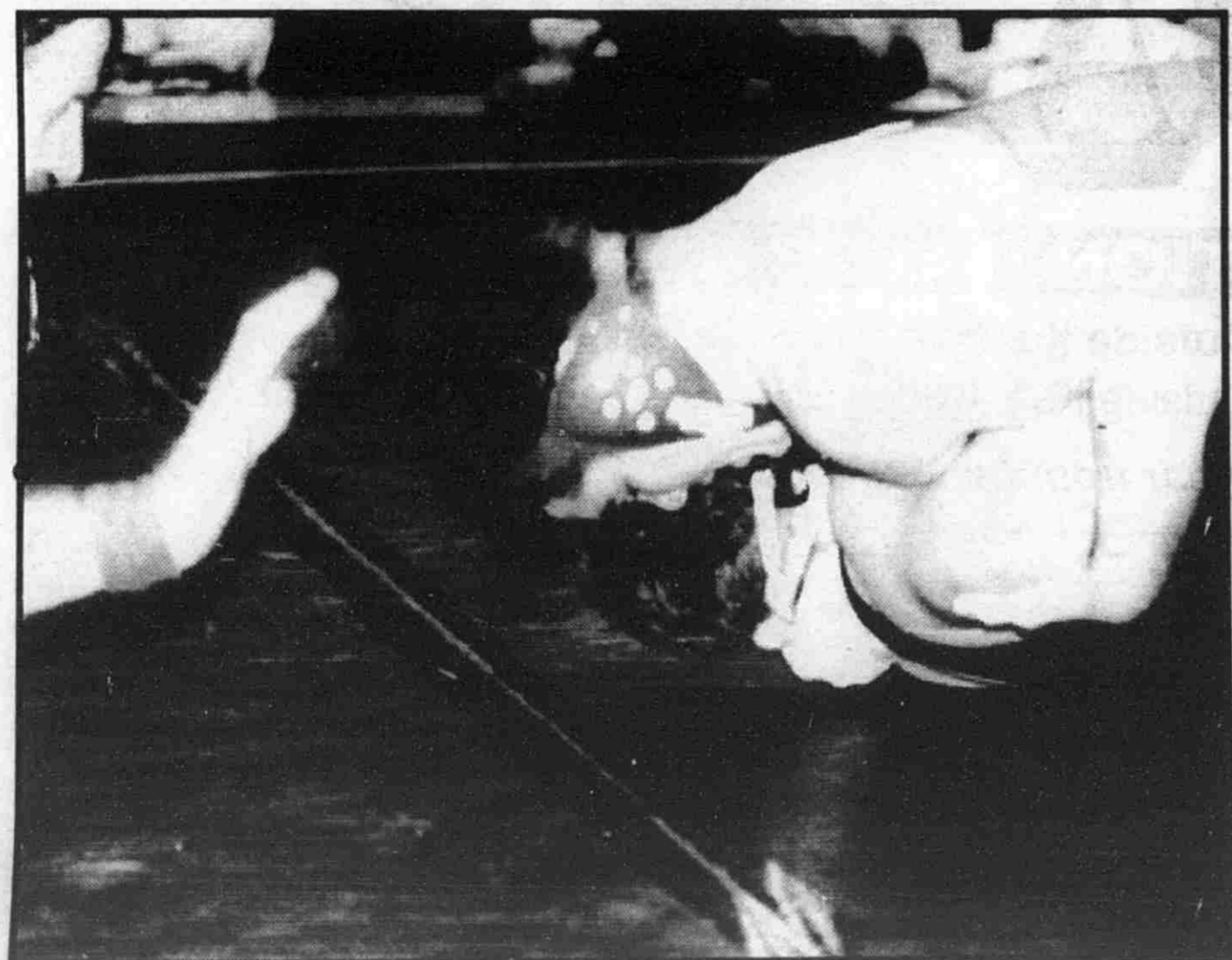
Mona Shores Stacey Bray was the overall winner with a mark of 8.1.

In the floor exercise, Barberini took top honors with a score of 8.4.

Brower was fourth for Lowell with a score of 7.25. Douglass was fifth at 6.9 and



Lowell's Caleb Grummet records a second-period pin against Middleville's James Genn.



Bill Stouffer posted a match-winning pin against Trojan heavyweight Erik Vernon.

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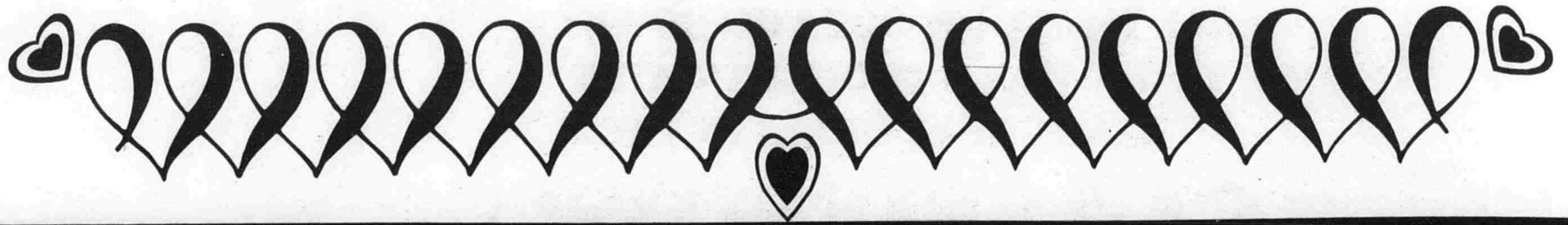
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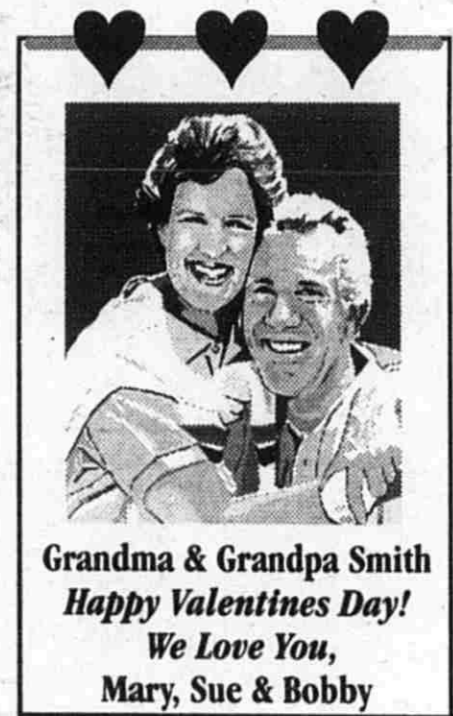
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