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••• With fallen trees all around them, Lowell residents avoided injury and major structural damage. Neighboring communities are left with large cleanup tasks and utility repairs.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

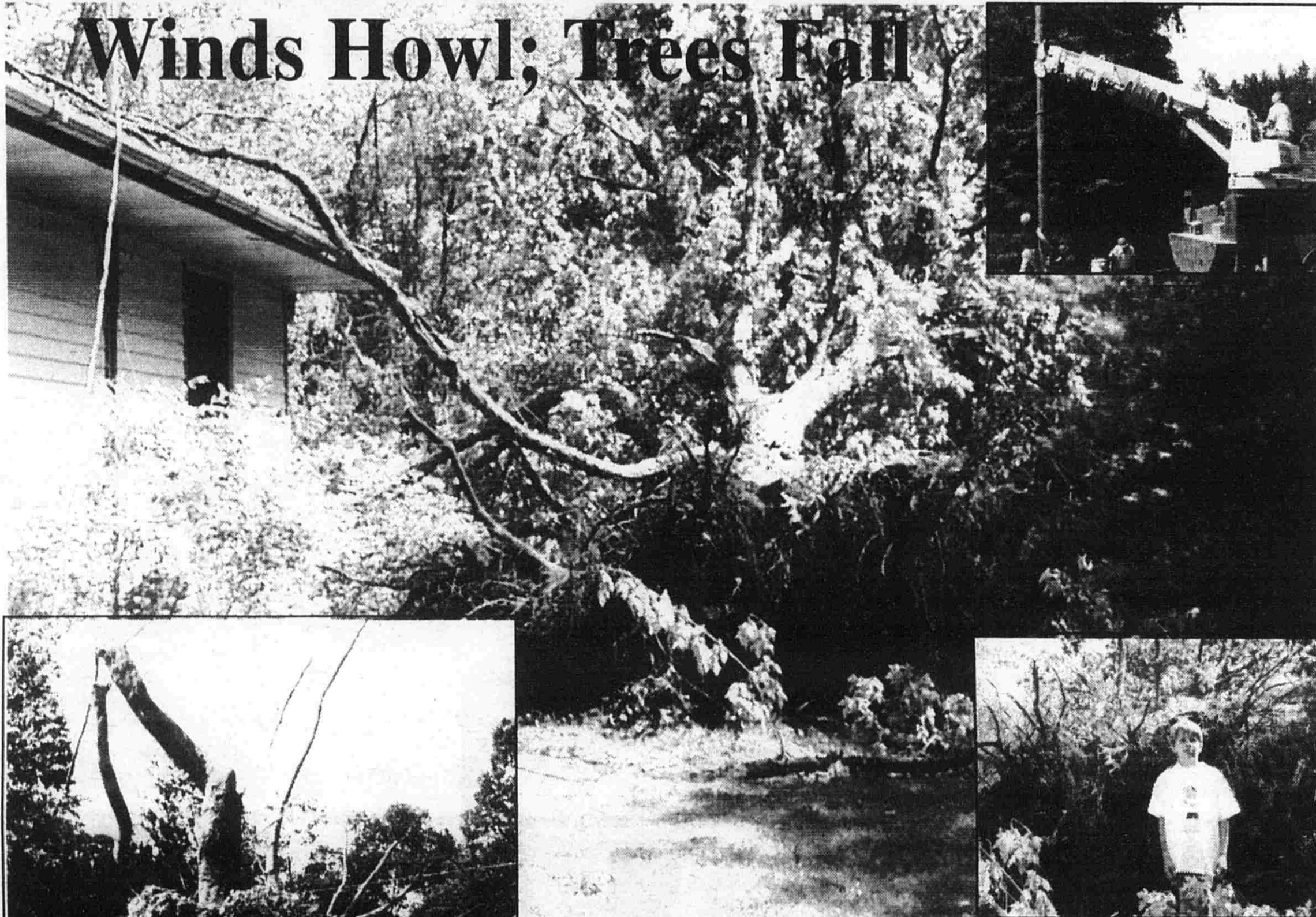
The long-wearing, robust silver maple tree that laid within a few feet of their house left Bill and Laurie Ingraham, 1344 Crestwood) with haunting thoughts of what could of happened and reflections of gratefulness for what didn't.

"We just took two wild cherry trees out of our front yard last fall," Bill Ingraham explains. "It's a good thing; the storm probably would have laid them right on top of our house."

The storm which ripped through large portions of the state early Sunday morning was kind to Lowell in comparison to neighboring com-

*That woke me up and when the house began to shake, I ran and stood between the doorway. I stayed there to see if there was another shake and then I ran to my mom's room.*

**Shawn Spivey was awoken by a fallen tree hitting against his house early Sunday morning.**



Bill and Laurie Ingraham's large silver maple tree was toppled by high winds Sunday morning. It barely missed their house. Mike Tummino lost a cherry tree (pictured left) in the storm. Shawn Spivey stands in front of the maple tree's roots which, standing on end, are taller than the nine year old.



munities such as Walker and Rockford. But the damage that the 90-120 mile-an-hour winds left behind was a strong reminder of the ferocity of mother nature.

"I came out to get the Sunday paper and sensed that something was different. That is when I saw that the cherry tree on my property across the street had been taken down

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## Abridged

••• The Main Street bridge/sluceway project scheduled to take nearly two months was completed in nearly a month.

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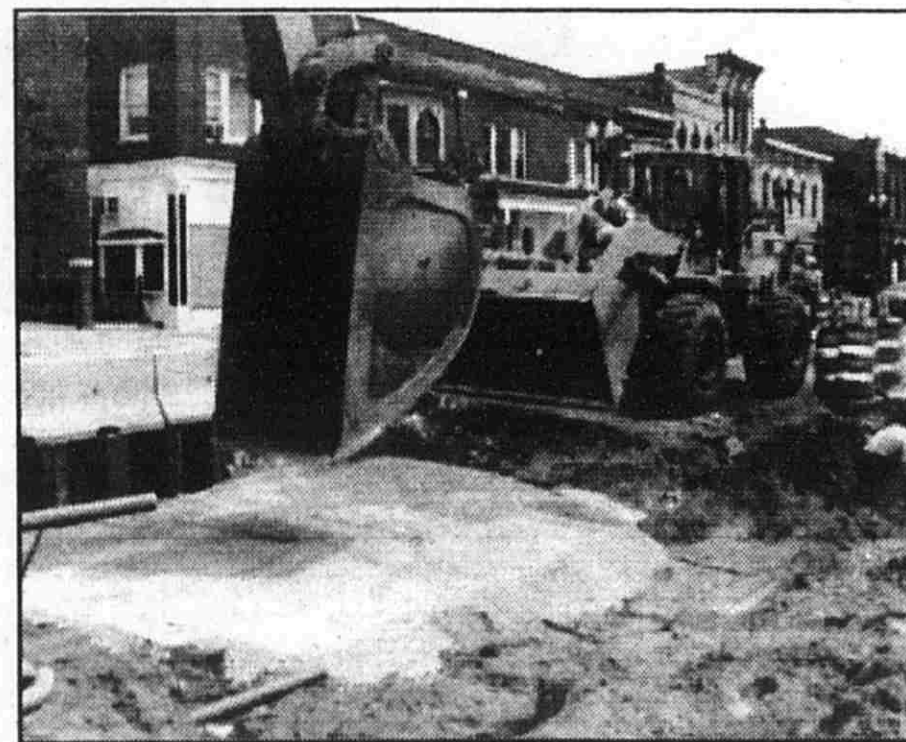
With a month still remaining on its contract to finish the bridge/sluceway work on Main Street, Kamminga & Roodvoets Inc. (K&R) reported what many did not think was possible just two months ago.

"We expect to finish the project on Wednesday (June 3)," said K&R's Pat Bishop.

The paving of the south side of the bridge on Wednesday will mark the completion of the project approximately one month earlier than scheduled.

"I'm real happy," said Rupert's Drop owner Deb Pike. "This is a pleasant surprise. I thought by the way they were moving, it might get done early. I will be real happy when I see them remove those orange hurdles."

Bishop said K&R was aware of the construction problems the city went through a couple of years ago. "K&R has a reputation of catering to the public and Bridge Work, cont'd. pg. 8



Paving is scheduled to be carried out on Wednesday (June 3).

## "Demolition by Neglect" regulation gets council's vote of approval

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

With the support it received from the Lowell City Council, additional funds will be available to Lowell's Historic District to carry out "demolition by neglect" cases.

The process will help prevent downtown buildings from incurring the same fate as the old Christiansen Drug Store building. It was torn down nearly a year ago as a result of neglect.

"The additional funds might be called working capital," says historic district board

member Jim Doyle. "They will be used to carry out exterior building repairs. The funds will come back to the city through the repayment of a tax lien."

The ordinance adopted by the city council will give the Lowell Historic District committee persuasion over building owners to repair their buildings.

A key point in the process is that repairs in an amount greater than the value of the building will become true costs of the city while repair costs that are less than the value

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**Lowell Area Schools**  
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# Hometown recognizes Bleke as honorary meet director

The uniqueness of it has made it an important event for the kids.

**Bert Bleke**  
Speaking on the Thumb Meet of Champions

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

What many may not know is that Bleke is also a founder. The Caro native, along with the town newspaper editor and a fellow coach, founded the Thumb Meet of Champions 26 years ago. Its uniqueness and pageantry have kept it a favorite among athletes located in the thumb area of Michigan. It is also filled with pageantry. "We have queens hand out the awards, parades, fireworks and bands all involved," Bleke said. "The uniqueness of it has made it an important event for the kids."



Bert Bleke

Honorary Meet Director award.

Bleke was honored and presided over the 26th Thumb Meet of Champions. He began the event by igniting the meet flame.

His hometown remembers Bleke as a popular and highly successful Caro varsity coach.

Bleke was also a stand-out athlete on the Eagle football, basketball, baseball and track teams, earning 13 varsity letters while at Frankenmuth High School.

At Valparaiso University, Bleke started on the college football and basketball teams, earning all-conference honors.

"Returning to Caro was a lot of fun and I got to visit with a lot of old friends," Bleke explains.

Bleke was back in Caro on Tuesday, May 26, as he was presented the 1998 Thumb Sports Leader and

# Newell awarded tax abatement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

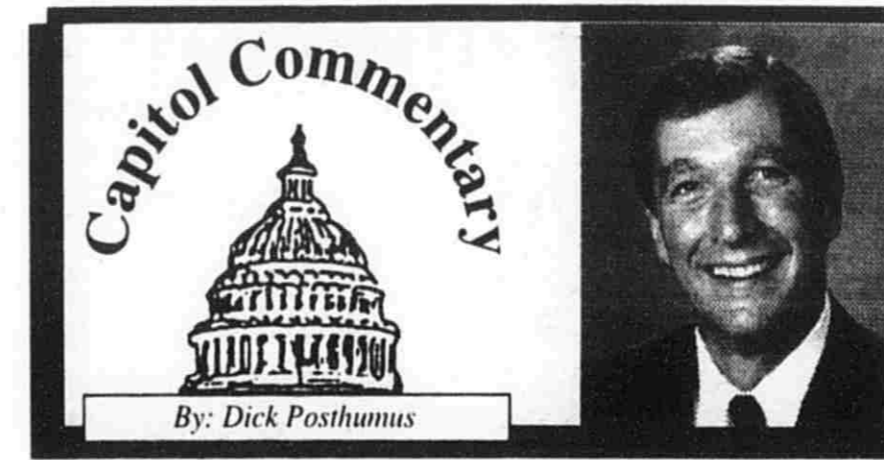
New investments estimated at \$1.1 million at Newell Manufacturing, 615 Chatham, will spell significant savings in tax abatements over the next 12 years.

The manufacturer's request for an industrial tax abatement relates to a purchase of machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures. Additional expansion will also include new presses in the future.

The need for new equipment, in part, comes at a time when the manufacturer has contracted new jobs from General Motors.

It is expected that the property improvements will create 6-10 new jobs within two years of project completion.

"The abatement will mean significant savings for Newell," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said.



## LEGISLATION WOULD HELP HIGH SCHOOLERS JUMP START VOCATIONAL CAREERS AFTER GRADUATION

High school class is not what it used to be. Students who took shop got their hands dirty working on projects, putting to use some practical mathematics and manual skills learned in class. The goal was to prepare for a quick transition from high school into the everyday job world.

Practical skills were favored over academic skills. Many people used shop classes or those like it as their jumping off point into the workforce.

With the full force frontal assault of technology on our culture in the past decade, what employers consider as the basics for non-college bound students has changed dramatically.

The old shop math where knowledge of addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, fractions and very basic algebra is no longer sufficient.

Today, high schoolers hoping to slide into a job with only their diploma need much more. Many manufacturers state that today's factory worker and those of the next century which

starts two years from now, will need a complete complement of math courses, including algebra, advanced algebra, geometry, statistics and everything up to pre-calculus.

Minimal science requirements have also changed with the new basics requiring biology, chemistry, physics and natural science.

One of my colleagues, Senator Mike Rogers, R-Howell, has sponsored legislation passed by the Senate to help young people ease through these heightened expectations by employers.

His proposal which has been sent to the Michigan House of Representatives—SB 1109—would allow high school juniors and seniors to attend and get credit for today's high tech vocational education classes at the local community college.

The community colleges around the state have become service centers for those trying to ready themselves for the new job world. With this legislation, high schoolers would be able to jump start the process with the administrative and financial support of their local school district.

Two other related bills—SB 1110 and 1111—lift the cap on the number of vocational training charter schools and permit high school students to spend limited amounts of time "shadowing" workers in various jobs, giving them opportunities to sample various occupations.

These bills are just a small part of the effort to develop Michigan's workforce for the future.

# Sharing The Vision, cont'd...From Page 5

So how are we doing in educating those students who in past years have not been as successful learners? The news is very good. During the past four years, the percentage of Lowell students scoring "low" on the fourth-grade reading test shrank from 20.8 percent to only 6.5 percent this year. On fourth-grade math, those scoring low went from 10.2 percent to only 1.7 percent in 1998. In seventh-grade reading, low scores declined from 24.5 percent in 1994 to 8.4 percent this year, and in seventh-grade math from 10.4 percent to 1.2 percent. These are impressive results. It means that we are doing a better job of assuring that our curriculum reaches all students and that all of our young people are being given a solid start as they move on to higher education or into the work force.

So when you read a report about the MEAP results and the "competition" among area districts, keep in mind that the real important message may lie in the fewer number of students in the "low" performance category. The Lowell schools are performing very well in this regard, and we are proud that our curriculum is successfully reaching increasing numbers of students. Next time you see a teacher, administrator or another employee of the school district, tell them you appreciate what they are doing to bring educational opportunity to all of our kids.

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## Alto Lions make donation to Accelerated Reader Computer program



George Anderson, Alto Lions Club officer, presents a check to Alto principal Mary Ann Schramm.

The student reads a book and takes a test on the computer to evaluate the comprehension of the book. The score is recorded so the teacher can evaluate the score to help the student and teacher see the progress the student is making.

The Accelerated Reader Computer Program motivates students to read books at their level. Through increased reading practice, students read better and because of better skills students are motivated to read more. More readers translate into need for more books.

Beginning at second grade and eventually including all the grades, Alto Elementary principal Mary Ann Schramm says they are on the road to reading enjoyment and meeting goals the students set for themselves based on interests and ability. The computer

program assists teachers with monitoring and managing the program there by increasing teacher effectiveness. "Our goal for every child of Alto is to foster a lifelong love of

reading," says Schramm.

The new books will be furnished by the Alto Lions Club and will have hard covers so they will be used year after year.

## Foundation awards scholarships

The Greater Grand Rapids Home Builders Association Foundation has awarded its annual scholarships to outstanding area high school seniors who are planning on entering the residential construction industry.

The foundation awarded five \$1,000 scholarships for students who plan to study any aspect of the industry at a college or university. These scholarships were awarded based on academic excellence, extracurricular activities and letters of recommendation.

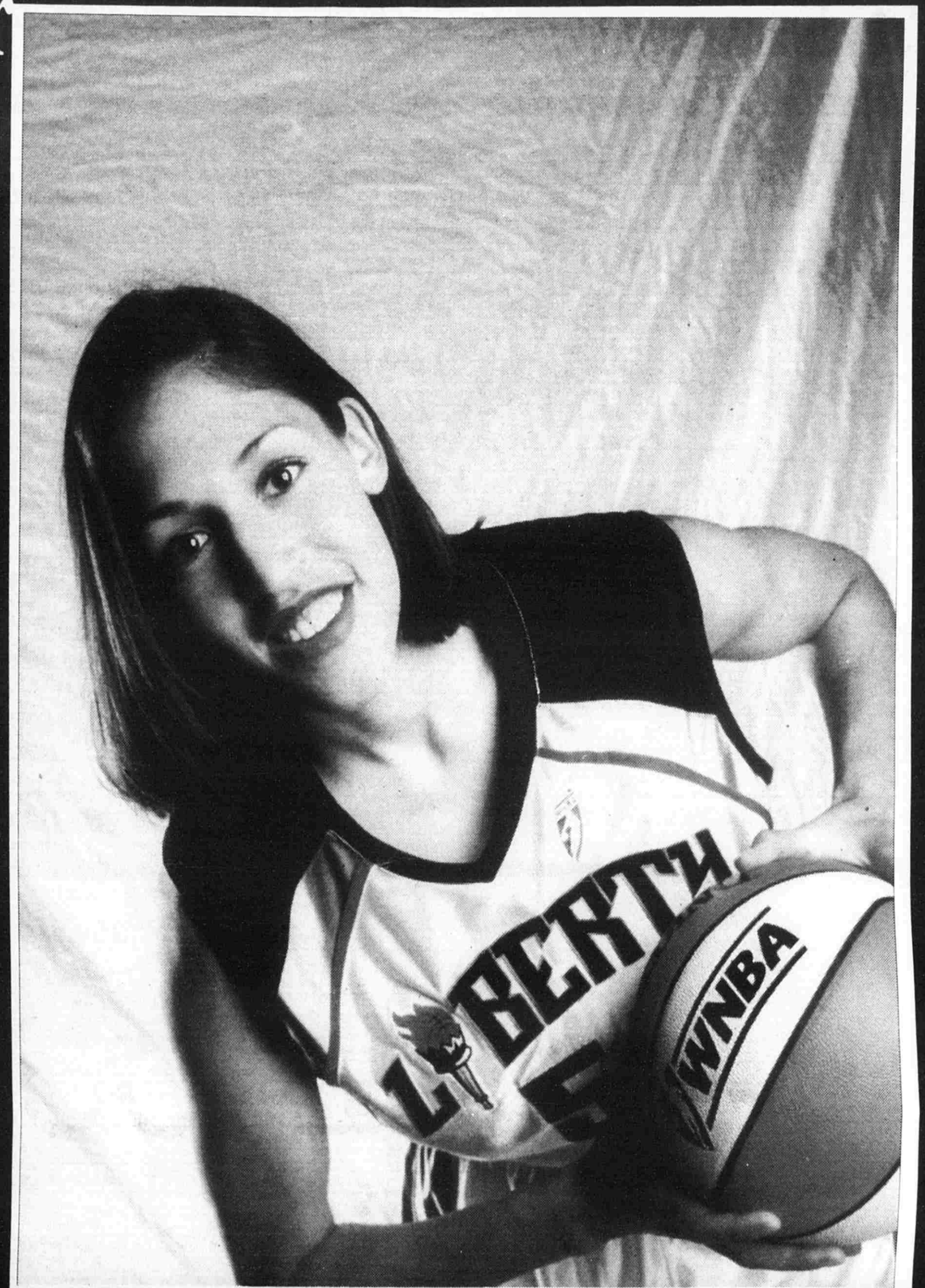
New in 1998 is the continuing scholarship program. Recipients of last year's scholarships, who are still in college, may apply to renew their scholarship. Chad Uzarski, of Lowell, and a Grand Rapids Community College student, was one of the three awarded \$1,000 renewing scholarships.

The Greater Grand Rapids Home Builders Association Foundation is a charitable, nonprofit organization dedicated to the future of the home building industry in the Greater Grand Rapids area. In addition to student scholarships, its mission is to provide assistance to community service programs that focus on special needs housing. For more information on the foundation and its programs, please call 281-2021, ext. 204.

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## FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5 THRU JUNE 11

The WNBA's second season begins Thursday on Lifetime, when the New York Liberty travels to Cleveland to play the Rockers. Before the game, Lifetime airs *Intimate Portrait: Rebecca Lobo*, about the Liberty forward and her family. On Saturday, NBC has coverage of the Liberty at the Houston Comets.

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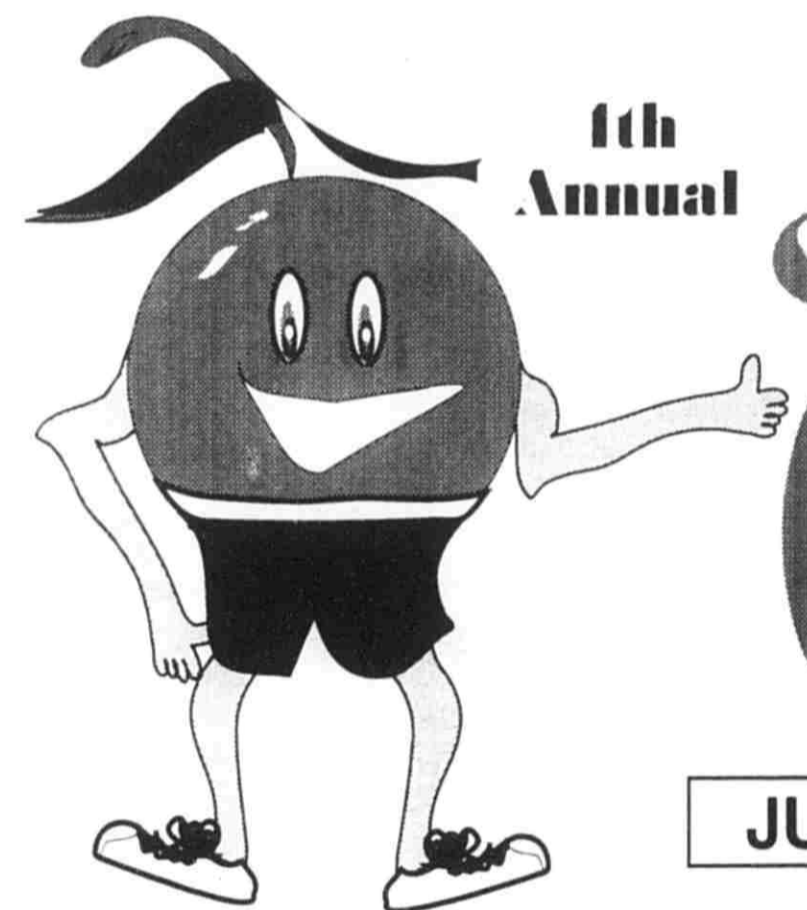
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ENTRY FEE: Now until June 9th, \$12; June 10th to race day, \$15. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic (Do not send cash).

GROUP RATE: A group of 20 or more participants receive a rate of \$10 per person up until June 9.

PACKET PICK-UP: June 12th, 1997 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

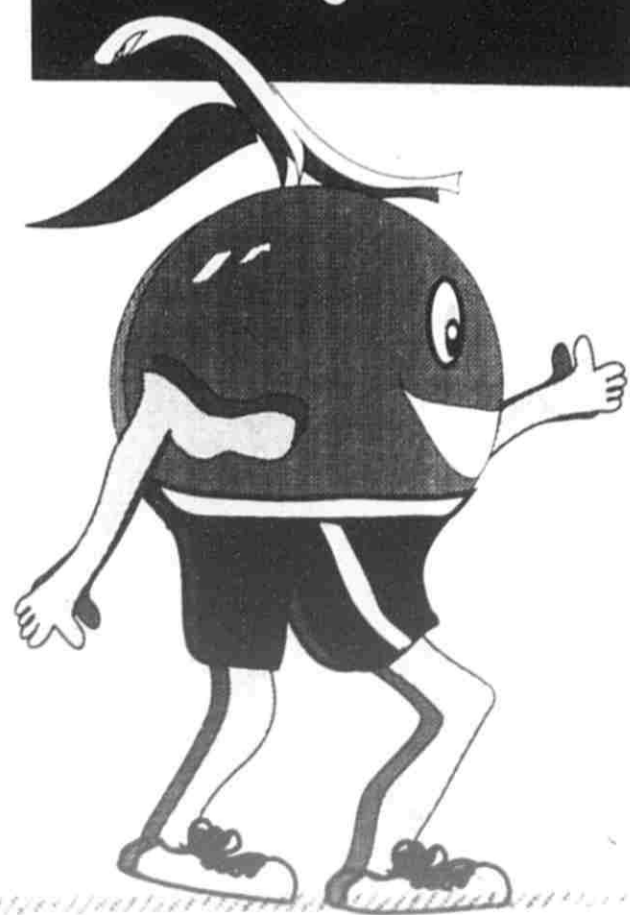
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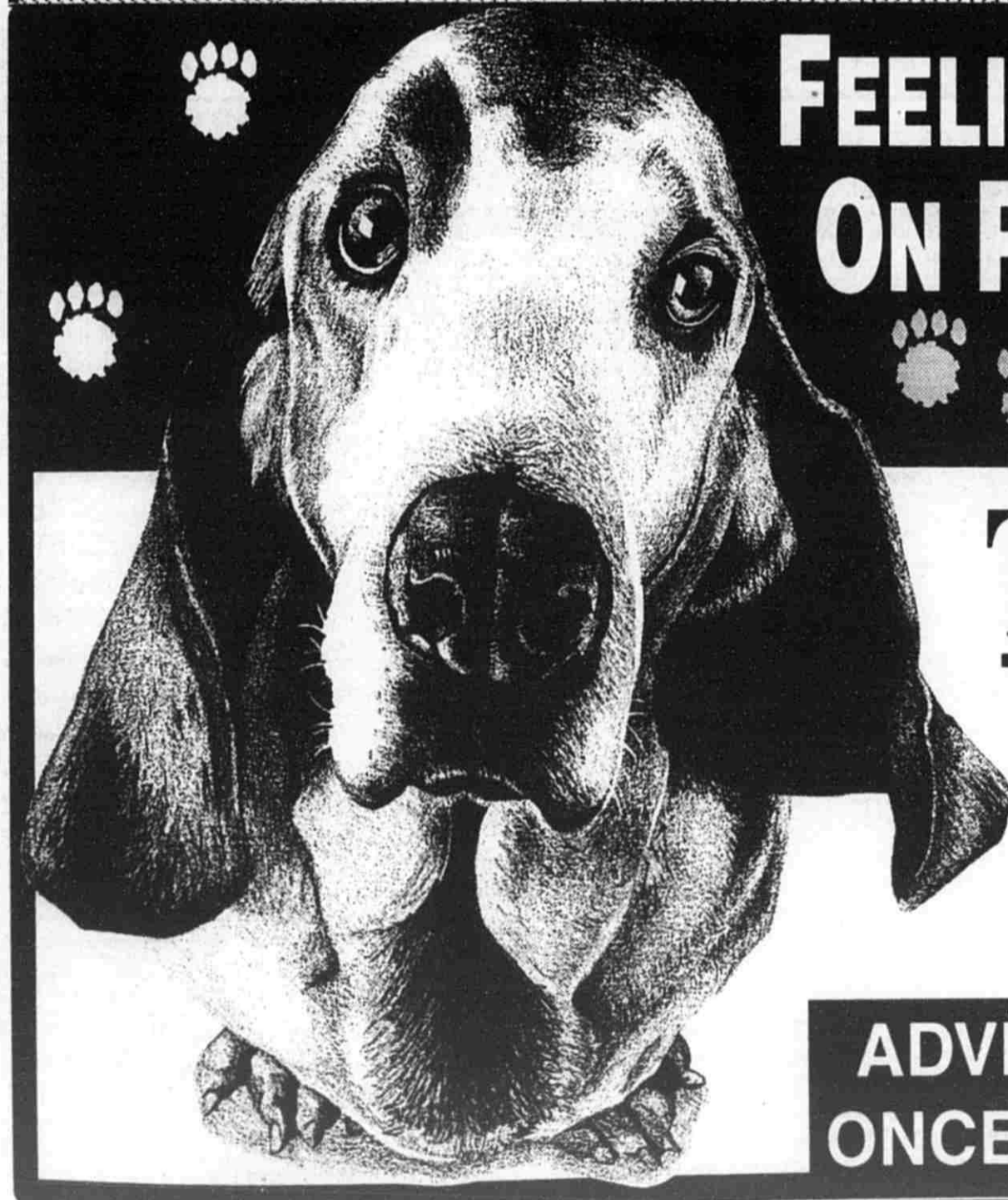


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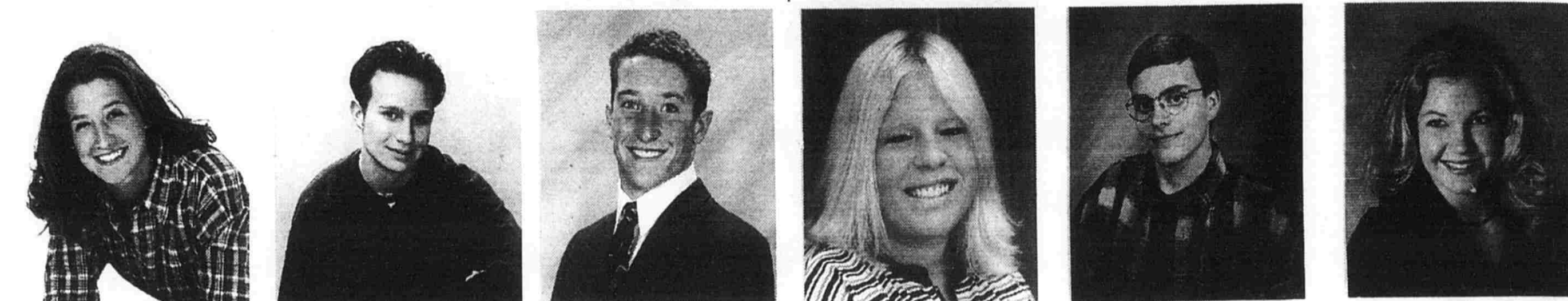
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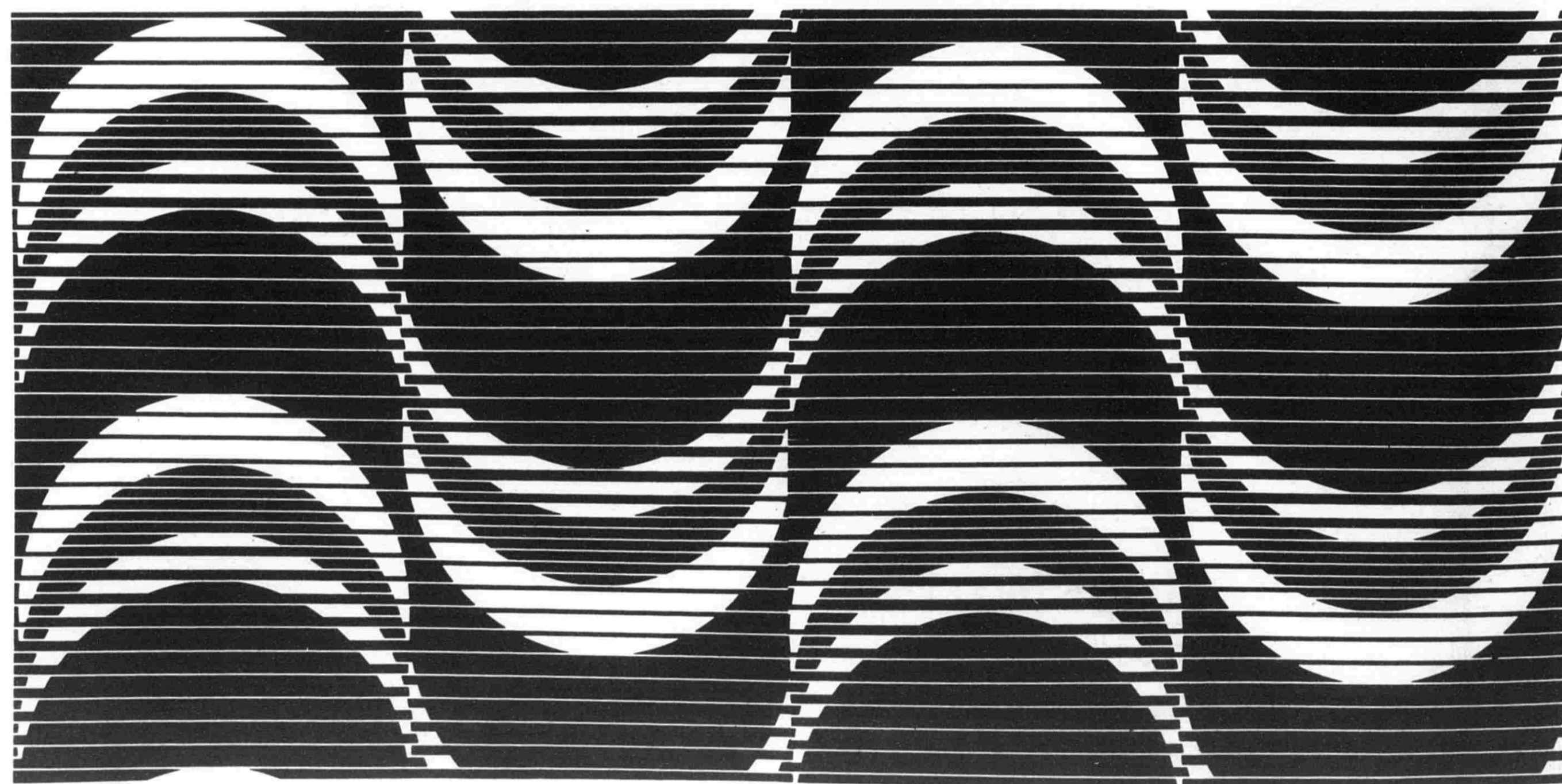


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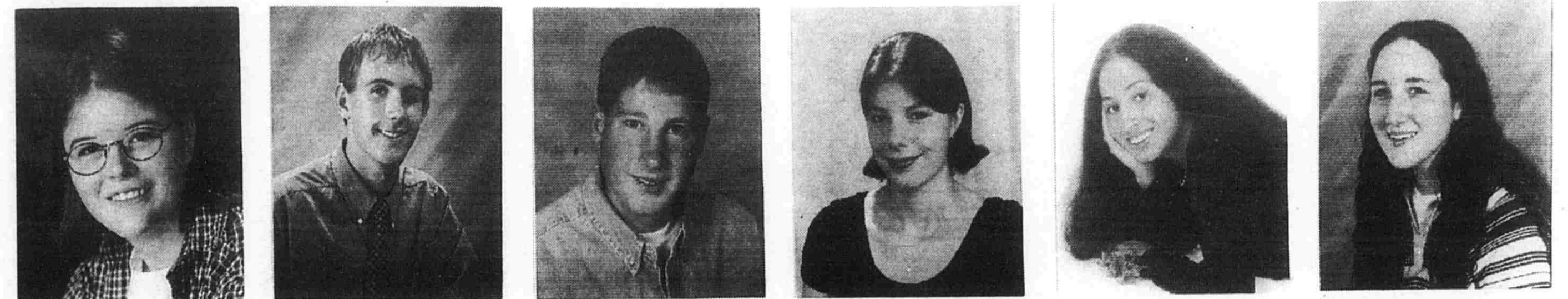
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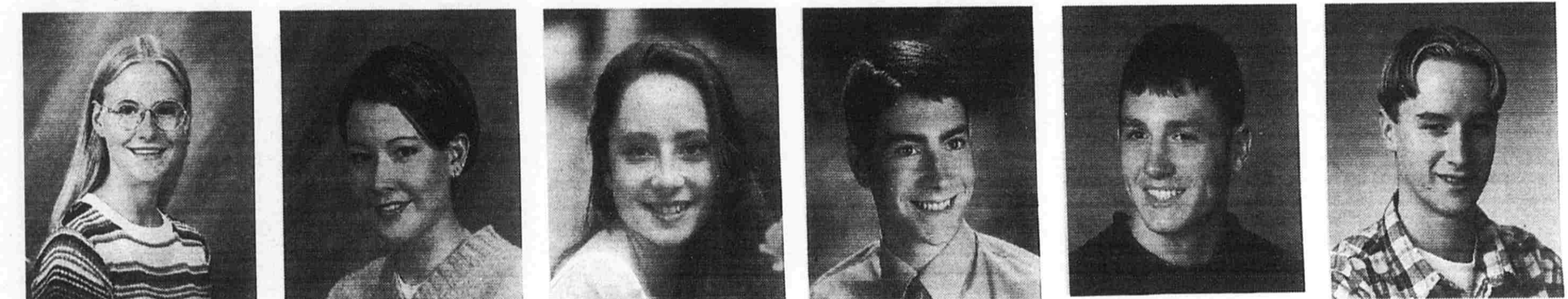
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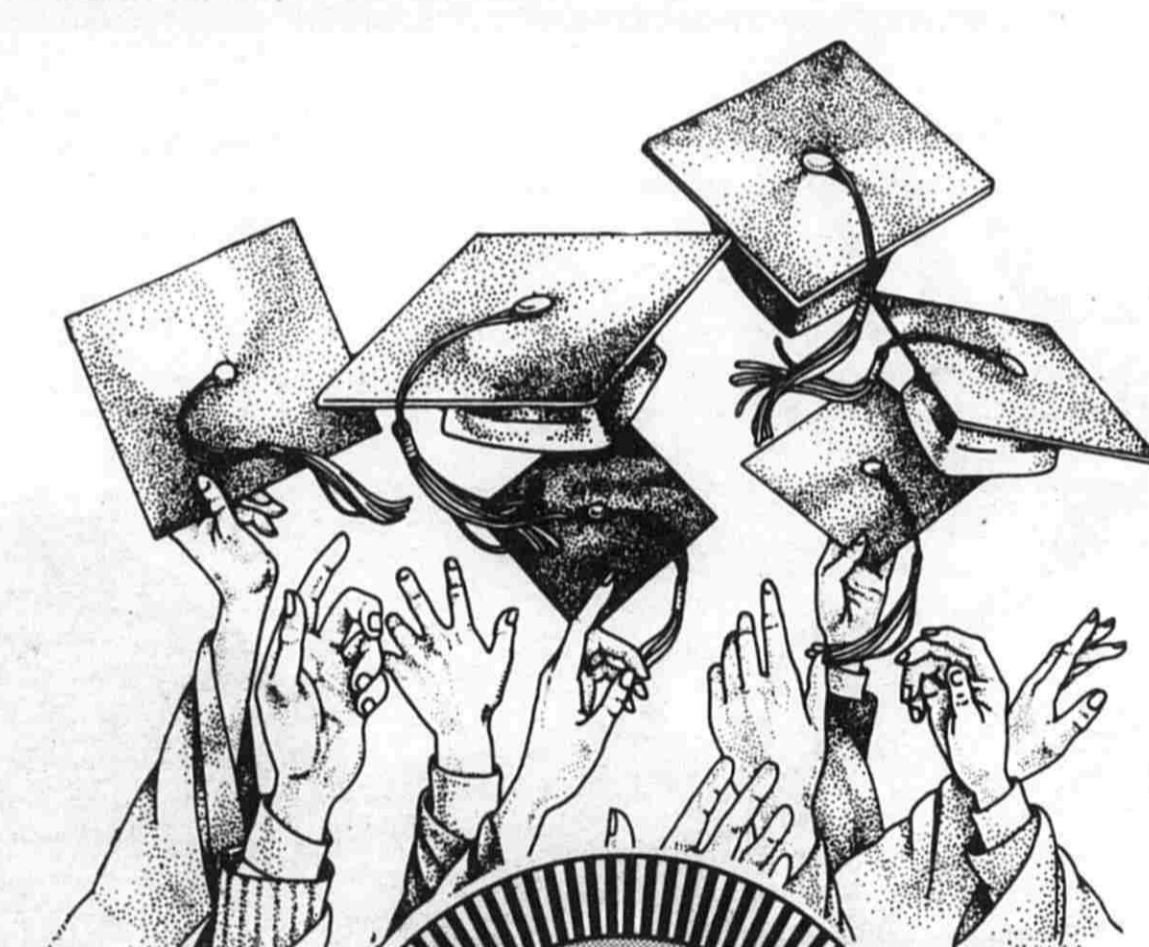


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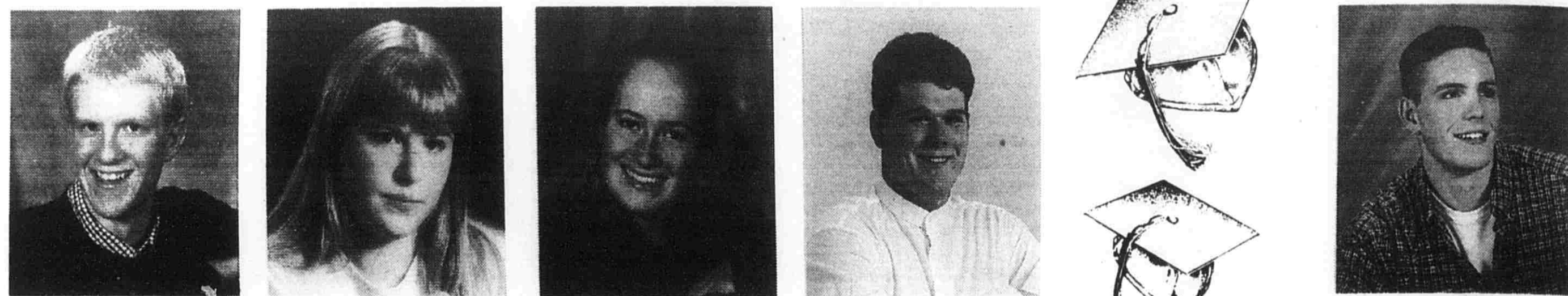
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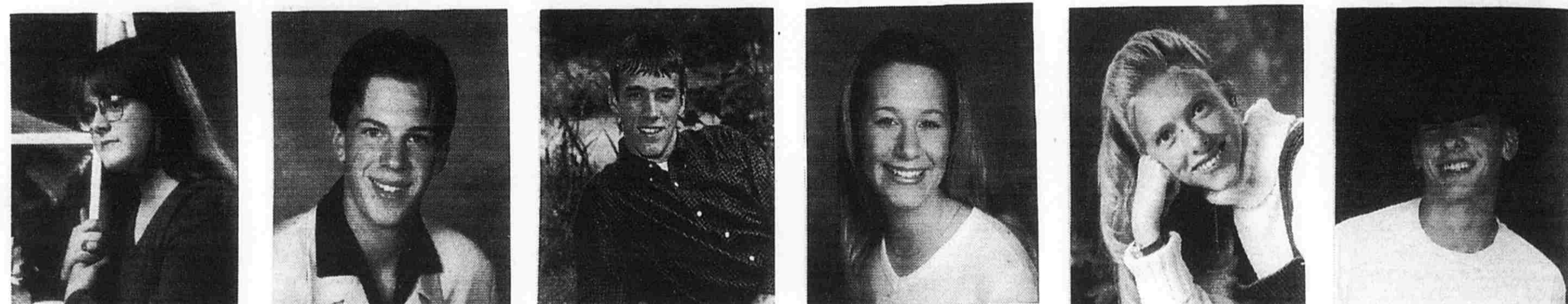
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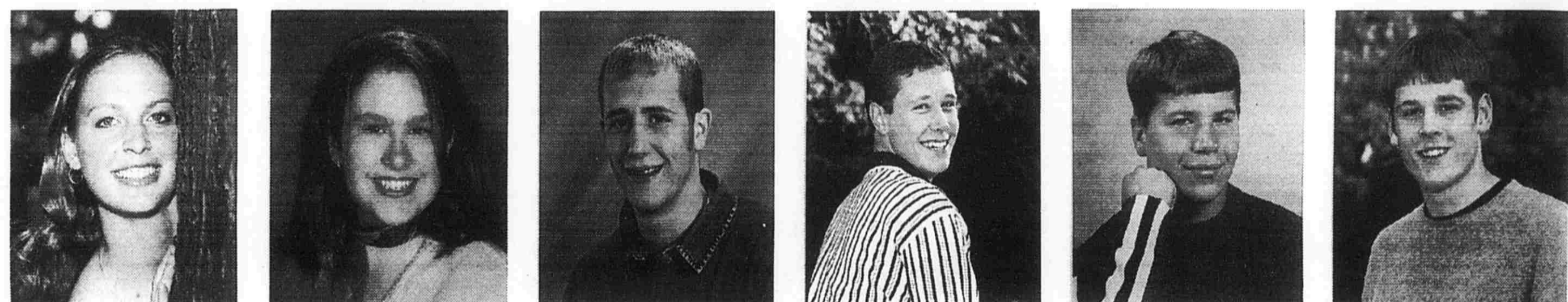
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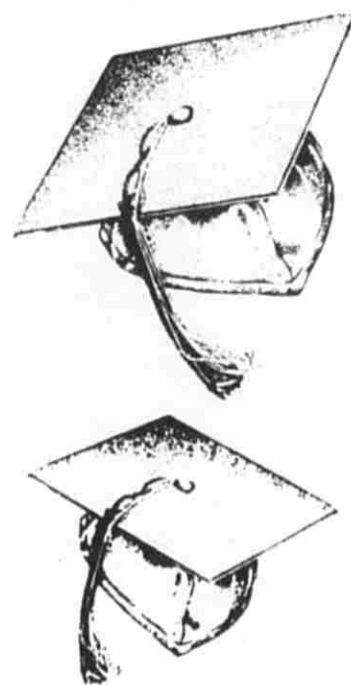
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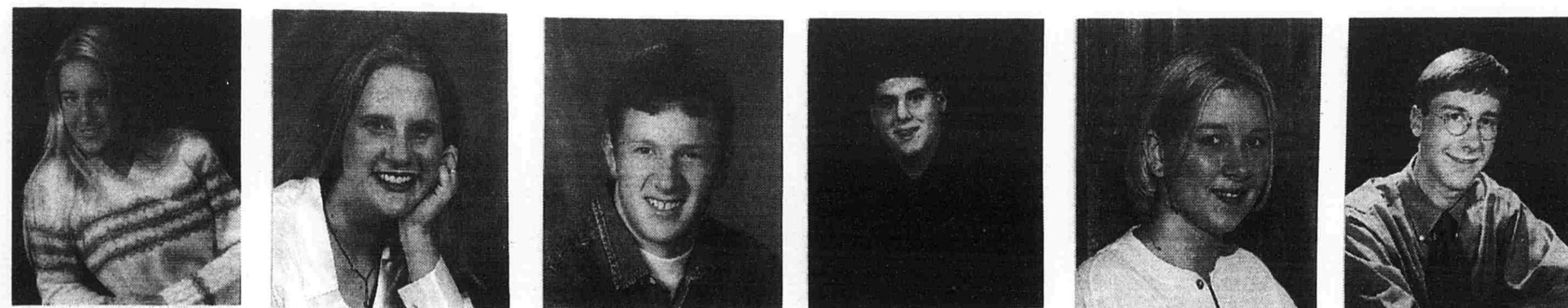
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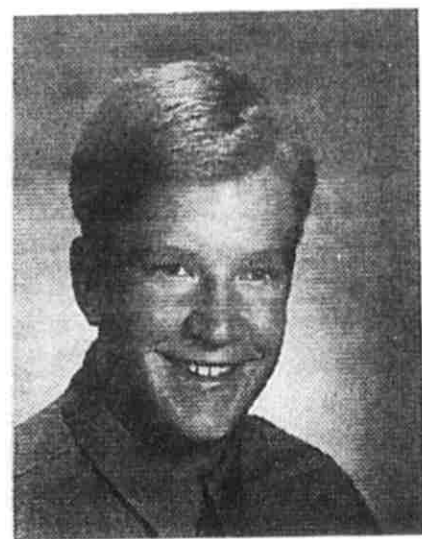
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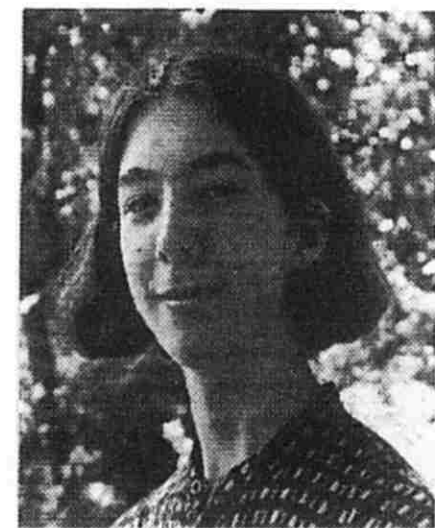
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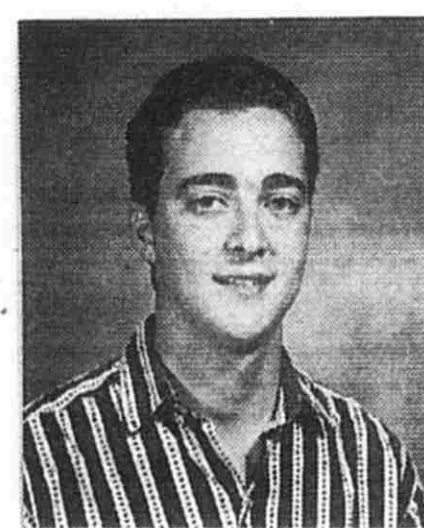
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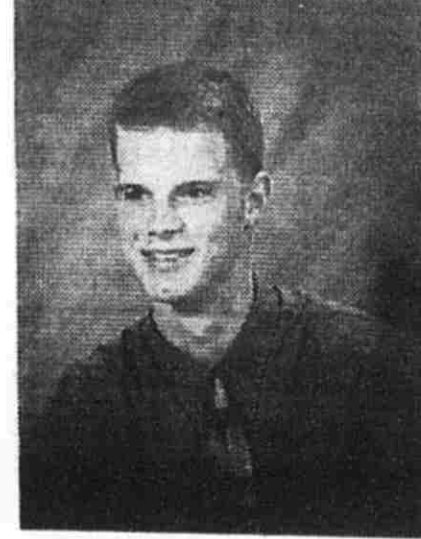
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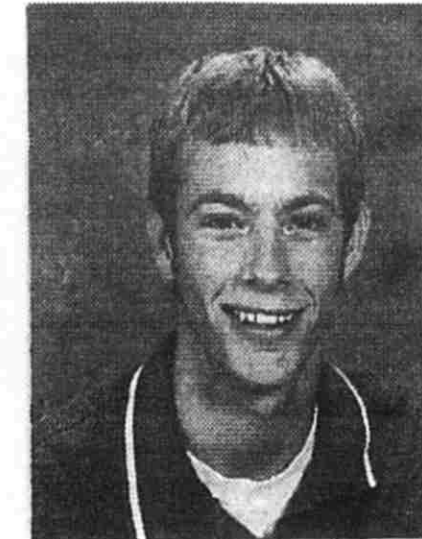
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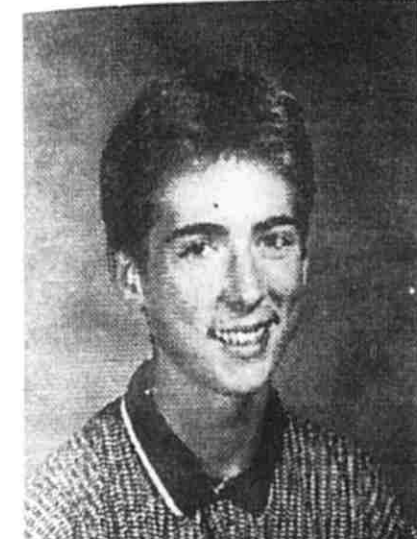
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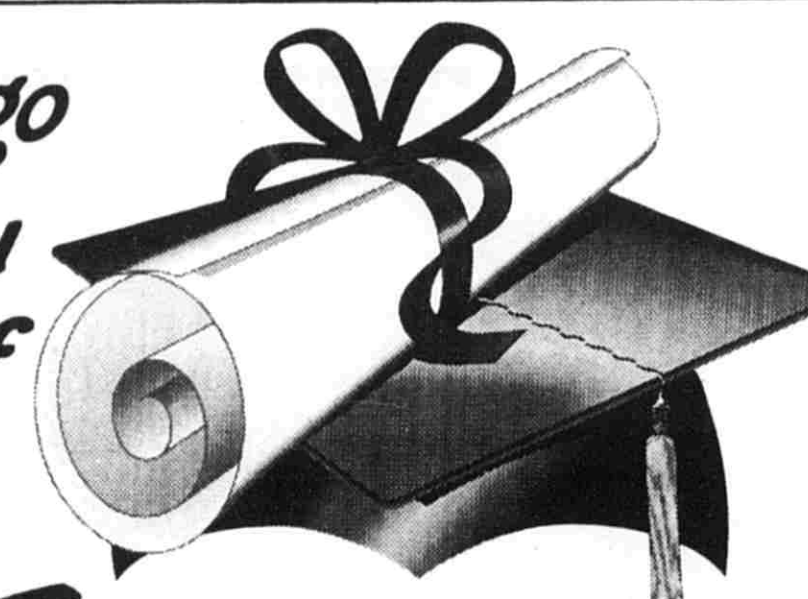
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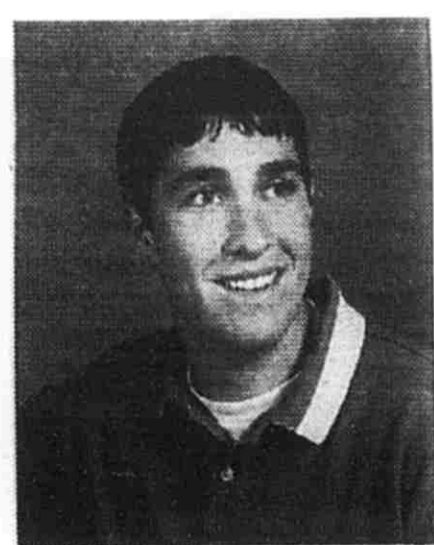
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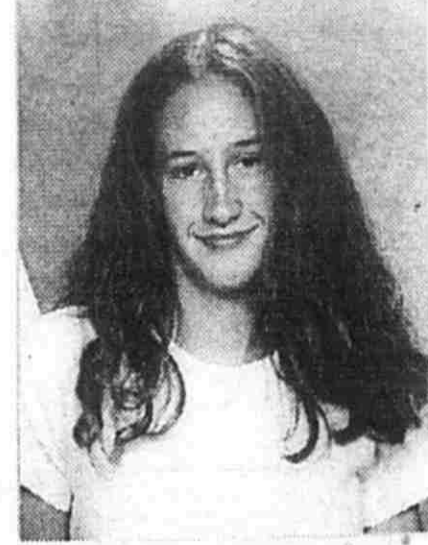
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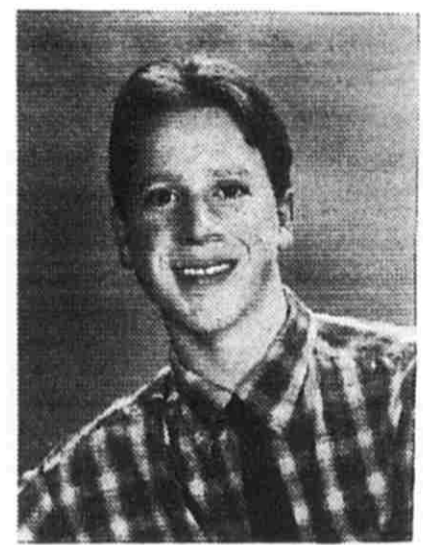
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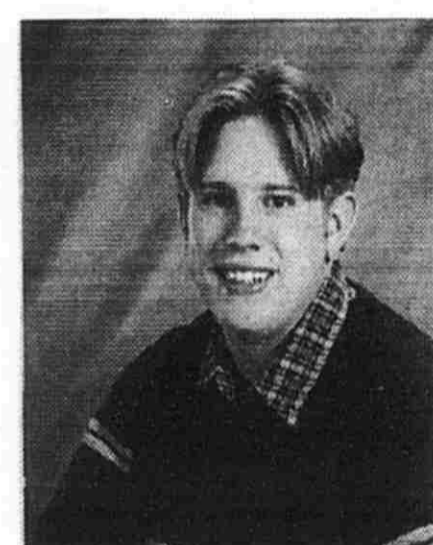
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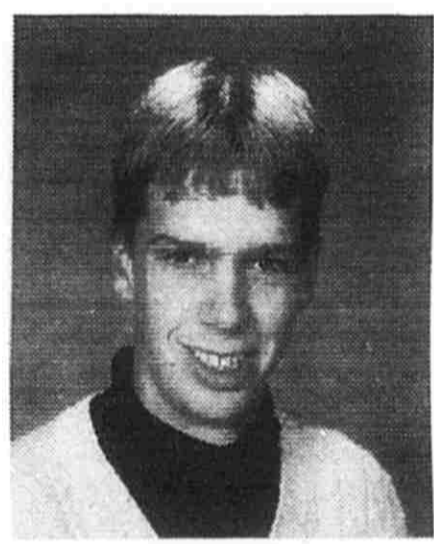
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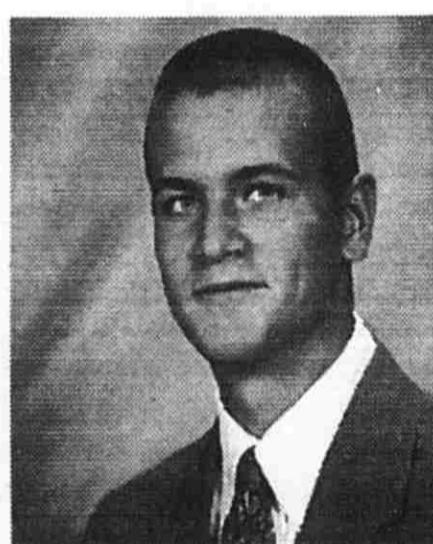
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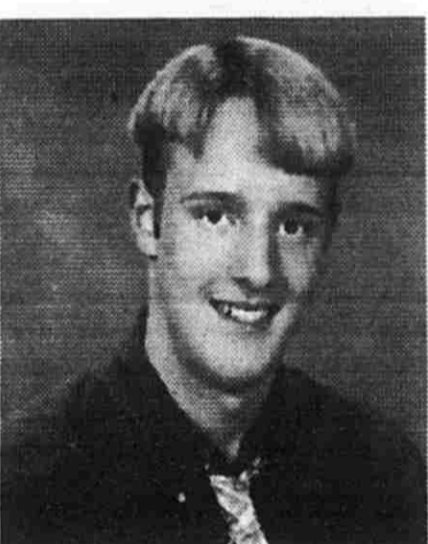
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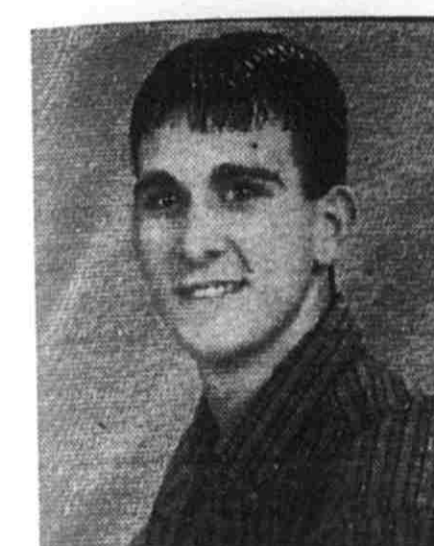
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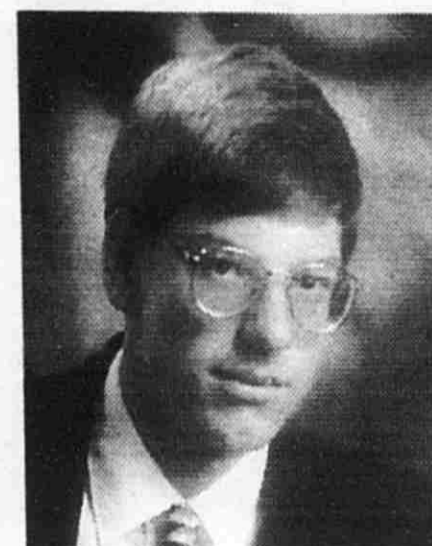
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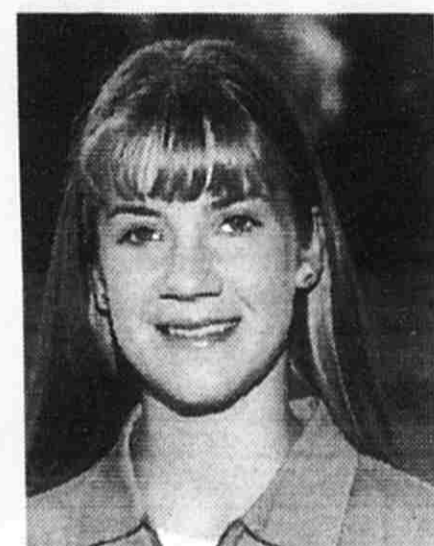
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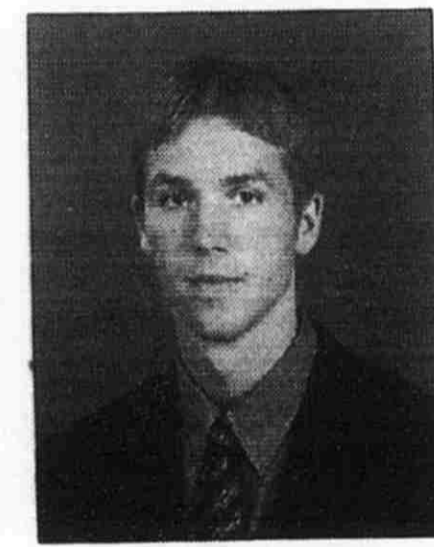
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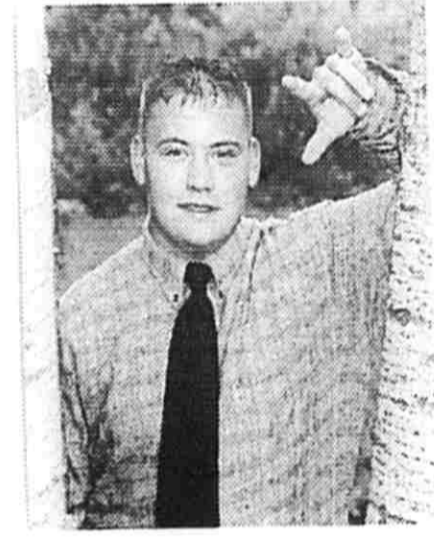
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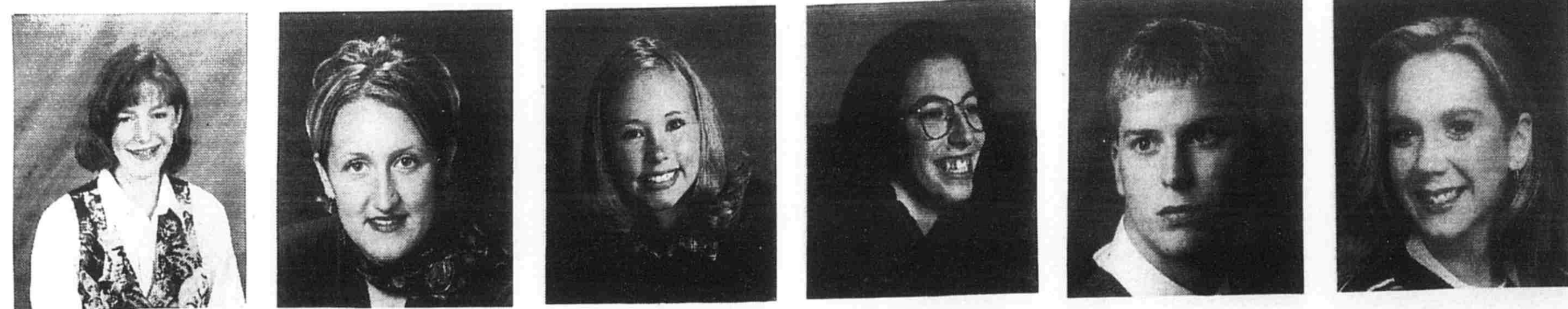
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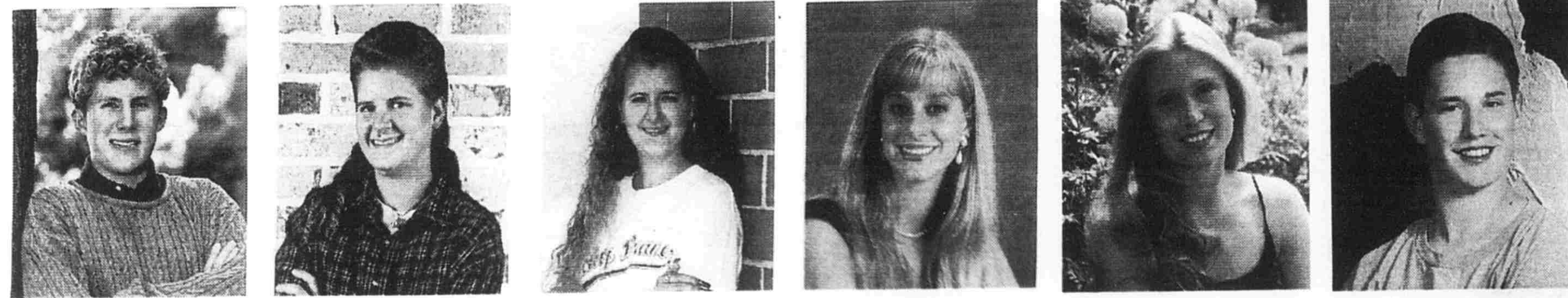
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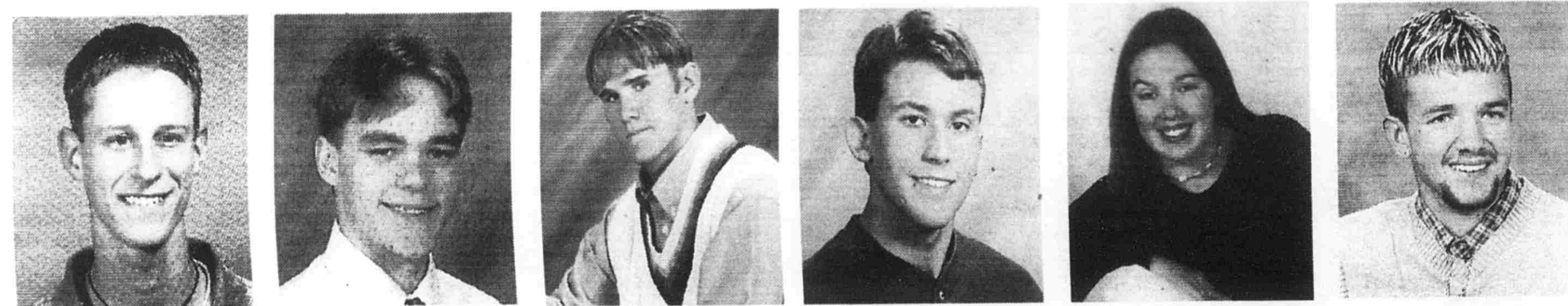
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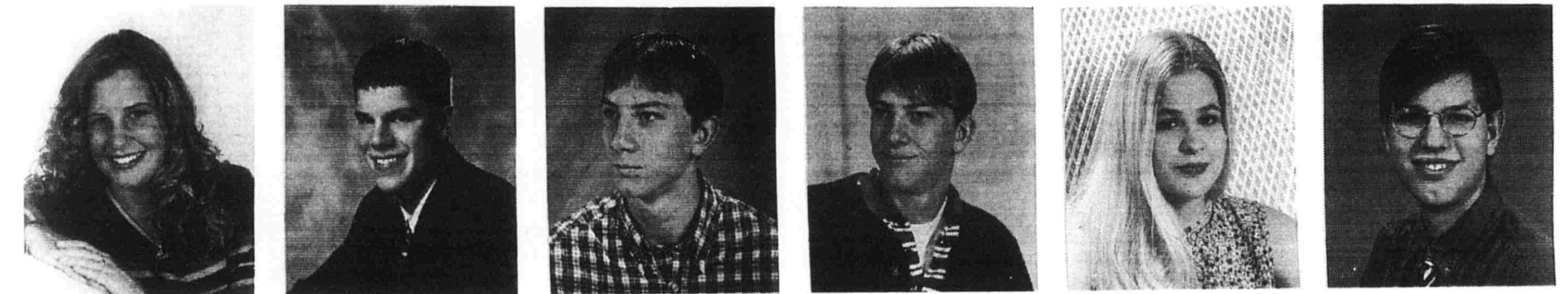
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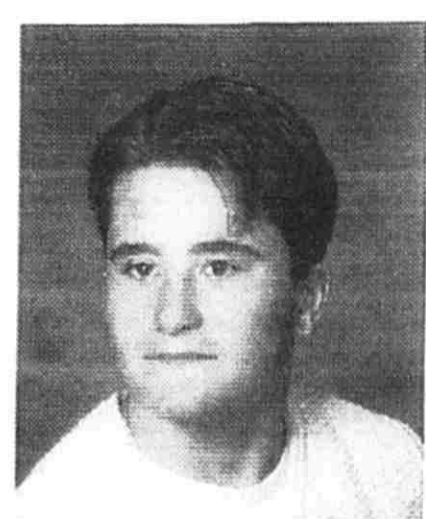
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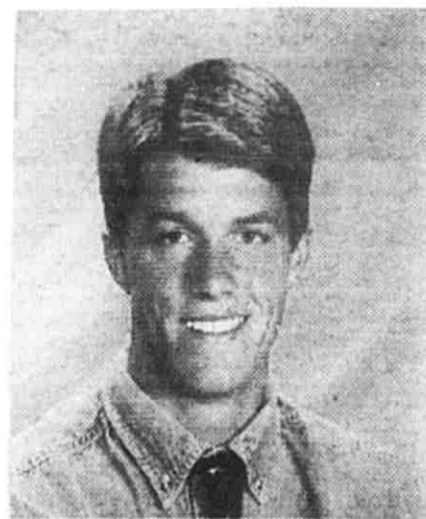
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# Lowell High School's 1998 class remembered for leadership and role it took in its education

••• Six of this year's Top 10 students will ride off to Ann Arbor in the fall; two will enroll at Calvin, one at Michigan State and one at Northwood.

Sunday, June 8, will mark the 120th Lowell High School commencement exercises.

The path which has lead this class, and those which

preceded it, to this point ends... and individually, each student now goes out and begins to blaze his/her own trail.

"The Class of 1998 has been an outstanding class," Lowell High School principal Scott Washaw said. "It has been one filled with leadership and strong leaders. The seniors have handled themselves in a mature manner."

It is the first class to attend the new Lowell High School all four years. It will also be the first class to hold its commencement exercises at Red Arrow Stadium.

"The high school staff and I have enjoyed working with kids who have taken an active role in their education. They have always been part of the solution," Washaw explains. "This class will be missed."

What follows is a list of the Top 10 students of the Class of '98 and their accomplishments over the past four years:

### Valedictorian

Julie Wisner, 1998 class valedictorian, graduates with a 4.0 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Kay Wisner.

Wisner will attend the University of Michigan in the fall where she will study either aerospace or civil engineering.

The 18 year old was the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Roger B. Chaffee and the University of Michigan Alumni Club of Grand Rapids scholarships.

The senior has had little time for sleep during her four years at Lowell High School, being active in band, International Club, Women's Club, PALS, Leaders' Club, 4-H, the high school annual, National Honor Society, volleyball, track, soccer and cheerleading.

Wisner said she enjoyed being involved in so many activities.

If she could start high school again, the only thing Wisner would change is she would play soccer all four years.



Julie Wisner

### Salutatorian

Jessica Winsor will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

The 17-year-old salutatorian leaves Lowell High School with a 3.992 GPA.

While at MSU, Winsor will study natural sciences and pre vet. Her career goal is to become a veterinarian.

The daughter of Siggi Winsor is the recipient of the MSU outstanding junior award, Englehardt scholarship, Women's Club scholarship, 1998 soccer most valuable player, and OK White all conference soccer player.

During her four years she has been involved in soccer, volleyball, Leaders' Club, National Honor Society, student council, International Club and Project Pals.

"I've enjoyed being involved in sports and making friends," Winsor said. "I've also enjoyed Woman Power."

If Winsor were to start high school over, she says she would try to become more dedicated to the clubs she was involved in and would be a three-sport athlete her junior and senior years.



Jessica Winsor

yearbook, student council, Model U.N., International Club, Women's Club, cheerleading and track.

"I have enjoyed the satisfaction I got from receiving a good grade on a test or project," Biener said.



Mike Befus

Mike Befus will attend Calvin College in the fall where he will pursue a liberal arts degree.

The son of Ray and Carol Befus will use his degree to attain a career in the ministry.

The 17-year-old senior graduates with a 3.929 grade point average.

He is the recipient of the Calvin College Presidential scholarship.

During his four years at Lowell High School, Befus was active in the marching band, National Honor Society and several Vineyard Christian Fellowship Ministry teams.



David Luyk

David Luyk is scheduled to attend the University of Michigan in the fall to study computer engineering.

With this, the senior will work toward a career in software development.

The 18 year old is the son of Dan and Kris Luyk. He accumulated a grade point average of 3.901 in four years at LHS.



Susan J. Clark

Susan J. Clark, the daughter of Jim and Carole Clark, will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Clark will study chemical engineering and law. Her career goal is to be a corporate lawyer for a chemical company.

Clark is the recipient of a three-year outstanding achievement in academics, a University of Michigan full tuition scholarship, and a soccer excellence award.

During her four years, Clark's activities have included Model U.N., the annual, International Club, drama club, Inner City Soup Kitchen, Inner City Building Repair team and mission trips to Mexico.

"Academically, I really enjoyed Steve Kampfschulte's A.P. Government class," Clark explains.



Jeff Nethercot

Jeff Nethercot is the son of Brad and Sharon Nethercot.

The 17-year-old senior will attend Northwood University and study banking/finance. His plan is to attain a career as a stockbroker or financial advisor.

Nethercot has been a familiar name on the honor roll, was third in the Model U.N. (ECOSOC), and was a recipient of the Freedom Scholarship and E.C. Stephenson Scholarship.

The senior was active in the National Honor Society, Model U.N. and as a middle school tutor.

Over the four years, Nethercot says he has enjoyed his fellow classmates and the fun they have had together.

"If I were to start high

school again, I would take advantage of more clubs and extracurricular activities that LHS has to offer," Nethercot explained.



Misty Ann Kooienga

Misty Ann Kooienga, the daughter of Pam Morgan, completes four years at Lowell High School with a 3.971 grade point average.

The 18-year-old senior will attend Michigan State University in the fall where she will study criminal justice.

Her career goal is to work as a federal marshal, FBI or CIA agent.

Kooienga's favorite class was Steve Kampfschulte's A.P. Government class.

"If I could start high school again, I would join a

few more clubs, because it really helps when you are applying for scholarships. I didn't think it would matter but it really does."



Jonathan DenHouter

Jonathan DenHouter is the 18-year-old son of Leonard and Kathryn DenHouter.

He completes his four years at Lowell High School with a 3.943 grade point average.

DenHouter will attend the University of Michigan in the fall where he will study law, film and music.

His career goal is to attain a law degree, be a screen writer and/or a soundtrack composer.

The senior was active in

the LHS jazz band, served as a crew member for the Lowell Performing Arts Center and was an Eagle Scout.

DenHouter says he enjoyed working at the performing arts center and the creating writing contest he participated in.



Kelly Biener

Kelly Biener finishes her four years at Lowell High School with a 3.937 grade point average.

She will study engineering at the University of Michigan in the fall.

Biener is the daughter of Nancy Biener of Lowell and John Biener.

During her four years at LHS, she has been active in the National Honor Society,

and soccer.

Adam Mix, the son of Tom and Gisele Mix, will attend Calvin College where he will study criminal justice with the hopes of a career in law enforcement.



Adam Mix

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# COMING EVENTS

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

**EVERY THIRD SUN.:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potlucks 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:** 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 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!

**EVERY MONDAY:** Senior Men's Golf Club at Arrowhead Golf Course. 9 a.m. tee-time. Come join us!

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

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

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

**EVERY 1ST MONDAY:** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom,

307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

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

**TUESDAYS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge the 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.

**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.

**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 SECOND WEDNESDAY:** G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAYS:** Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Lowell Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before and after meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

**EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.**

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

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**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.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

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

**SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian athletes (FCA) meets in individual homes for huddle meetings for fellowship and devotions.

**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.

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

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

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

**ALTO LIBRARY HOURS:** Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Monday & Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**JUNE 3 & 10: Eating Healthy While Grieving - A series of six sessions designed to encourage and motivate grieving persons to eat nourishing foods during the grief process. From 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, 1260 Ekhart N.E. For more information or to register, call Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, (616) 356-5255.**

**THURS., JUNE 4:** Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses: Pauline Burtle, Ruby Christiansen and Alice Bauer. Program: H. Wallin, Naturalist, *Wonderful Woods*. Sponsor: Evelyn Briggs. Members are asked to bring food items for Access-6.

**MON., JUNE 8:** There will be a dessert reception held in honor of all Cherry Creek volunteers - anything from helping in the classrooms to field trips - from 4 to 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. Child care will be provided so you may come and enjoy the wonderful desserts

**MON., JUNE 15:** Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) of West Michigan meets at 7 p.m. in the Discovery Room of Trinity Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Drive, SE, Grand Rapids. A question and answer session is scheduled to be conducted by Circuit Court Judge Kolenda, after which will be informal sharing. All survivors of homicide, regardless of the time lapse since the murder of a loved one, or the age of the victim, are welcome. Contact Danni Smith, in Lowell, 897-2544; Tim Timmerman, in Cedar Springs, (616)696-1023, or Steve Gainey at Life Guidance, 954-1991.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949**

**MON.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. and shop - Woodland Mall; 1:00 p.m., Euchre; 9:30, Crafts.

**TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

**FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

**WED.:** 12:45 Shopping assistance.

**MON.-FRI.:** Senior meals program, noon.

**THURS:** 9:00 a.m. Walk

**Special Events**

**MON., JUNE 1:** 7:45 a.m., Casino, Mt. Pleasant.

**MON., JUNE 8:** 12:30 p.m., Meijers, shopping.

**TUES., JUNE 9:** 7 a.m., Shipse Ind., flea market.

**WED., JUNE 3:** 8 a.m., Co-ed breakfast.

**WED., JUNE 10:** 12:30 p.m., Movie *You Were Never Lovelier*.

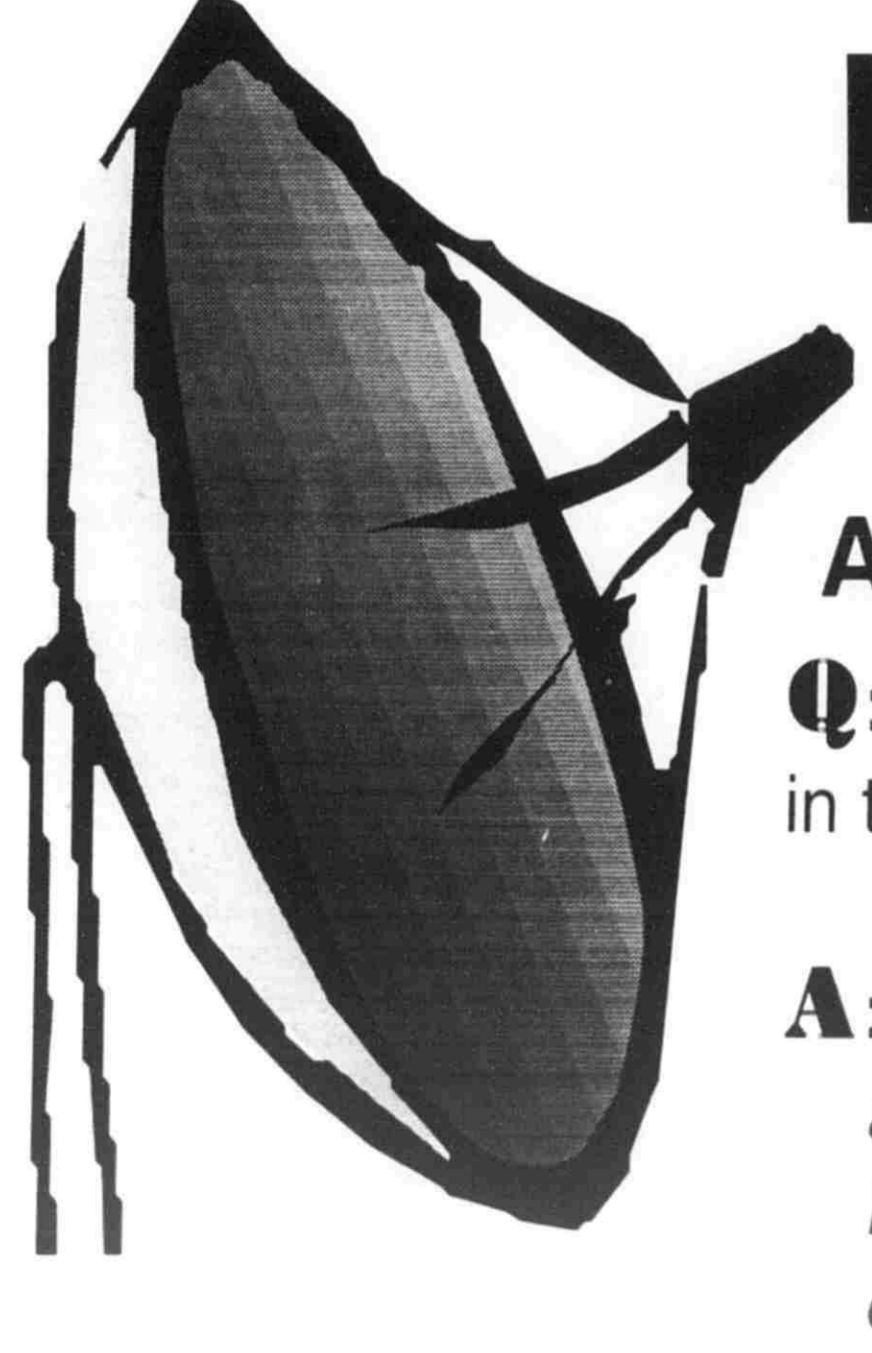
**WED., JUNE 3:** 9:30 to 11:15 a.m., Blood pressure.

**THURS., JUNE 11:** 12:30 p.m., Dance - West Side Complex.

**WED., JUNE 3:** 12:30 p.m., Woodland Mall, Ocean Floor program.

**FRI., JUNE 5:** 12:30 p.m., Ford Museum, Grandma Moses art.

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



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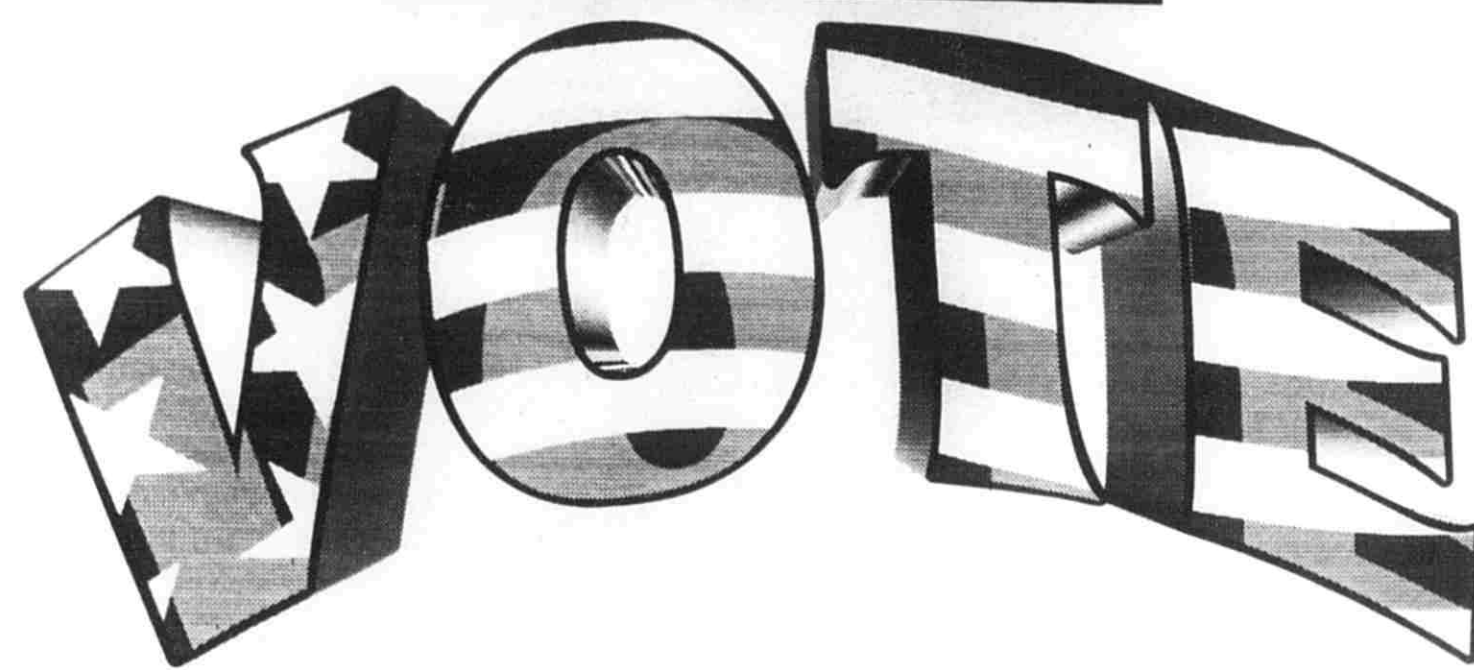
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## '98 LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

#### Canfield promises high energy and common sense approach

... I've always had my eye on serving on the school board, but now I have time to dedicate toward it.

Deb Canfield

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Deb Canfield calls serving on the Lowell Board of Education "as high as a person can get in parental involvement in their child's education."

"I've always had my eye on it, but now I have time to dedicate toward it," says Canfield, a mother of five children. The oldest is in high school and the youngest is two years old.

Her background includes business operation experience. Canfield and her husband Greg have owned and operated Canfield Plumbing and Heating since 1994. "A school is a business. I know how to run a business. I have dealt in the areas of public relations, bookkeeping and benefits (health and employee)." Canfield is also a woman. "Several years ago there were

three women serving on the board; now there is only one. I think another woman is needed. I think they need me."



Deb Canfield

she says.

The lifelong Lowell resident identifies growth and finances as two areas on which the district needs to focus.

"I think there has been some mismanagement problems with the finances. Bert

Bleke, however, I think is turning things around and has us on the right track," Canfield says.

Her school involvement over the years has included six years on the PTO, and a member of the TLC committee as well as taking part in setting a list of five community values. "I feel real proud that I was a part of that process," Canfield said.

The 1977 graduate of Lowell High School believes she can make a difference. "I may not have the resume of others or a degree in education, but a person doesn't have to have a degree to make a difference in the lives of children," Canfield explains.

The board candidate describes herself as a fair, enthusiastic person with a strong sense of values who takes a common sense approach to life.

#### Balanced budget, maintaining facilities and adequate class sizes important issues for board president

... I have a pretty good feel for the totality of the issues facing this school district. I think there is a learning curve for any person coming onto the board to gain an understanding and exposure of the financial, academic, curriculum and policy issues.

Pete Gustafson

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The financial questions facing public schools will force them to operate close to the margin.

Lowell School Board president Pete Gustafson says that is okay. "We should operate close to the margin. Public schools are not profit-making entities. The monies should be used to provide for proper education of students."

Gustafson is completing his fourth year on the school board, the last year and a half as president. His aspirations are to regain his seat in the June 8 election.

"I have a pretty good feel for the totality of the issues facing this school district," Gustafson said. "I think there is a learning curve for any person coming onto the board to gain an understanding and exposure of the financial, academic, curriculum and policy issues."

Maintaining a balanced budget in a time of fixed revenue, and meeting the challenge of a growing school district by maintaining

adequate class sizes and facilities are important challenges facing the district, according to Gustafson.

"When I came on the board four years ago, there were short-comings in our business and financial management. With changes in our business personnel and superintendent, steps have been taken to address business and financial activities," Gustafson explains.



Pete Gustafson

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#### Polls Open - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- Precinct 1 Runciman Gym
- Precinct 2 Old Bowne Township Hall (Alden Nash and 84th Street)
- Precinct 3 Vergennes Township Hall

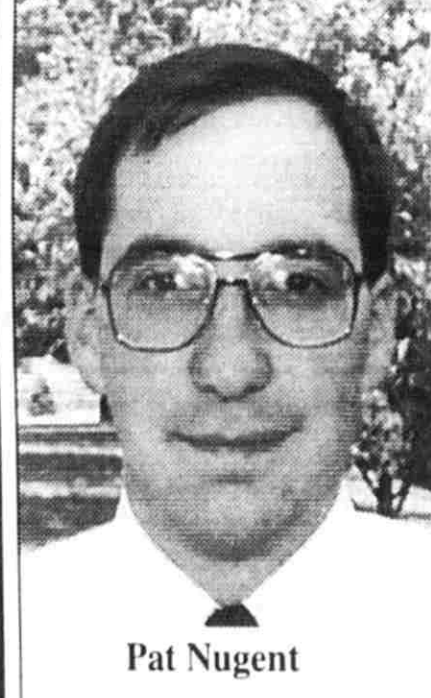
#### Nugent, history teacher, offers fresh perspective

... I read year after year the district has missed its financial targets. Changes in funding and growth are things the district must plan for and watch closely.

Pat Nugent

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the second time in as many years, Pat Nugent is in the mix for a seat on the board of education.



Pat Nugent

Marsha Wilcox.

Nugent who did not get the appointment will try again in '98... this time through an election held on June 8.

Nugent is one of four candidates who will be vying for one of two seats open on the Lowell Board of Education.

The seats open are those of board president Pete Gustafson and board trustee Ellen McClain.

Gustafson is running again. McClain has opted not to seek re-election to the board.

Nugent has spent the past five years teaching history at West Catholic High School.

He is a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School and earned a history education degree from Michigan State University in 1993. "I've always had an interest in education. Serving on the board is something I want to do," Nugent said. "I think I bring a fresh perspective."

The 1989 LHS valedictorian believes it is important that the school maintain a responsiveness to the community. "The board should constantly be looking out for the voice of the community," Nugent said. "I'm a lifelong resident of Lowell. I see the values of the community and its goals promoted in the school district. I think we can be happy with and proud of that."

One of the things that has helped bring that about has been the formulation of the five community values.

While that has been a plus, Nugent says he does not think the district has a handle on financial accountability.

"I read year after year the district has missed its financial targets," Nugent says. "Changes in funding and growth are things the district must plan for and watch closely."

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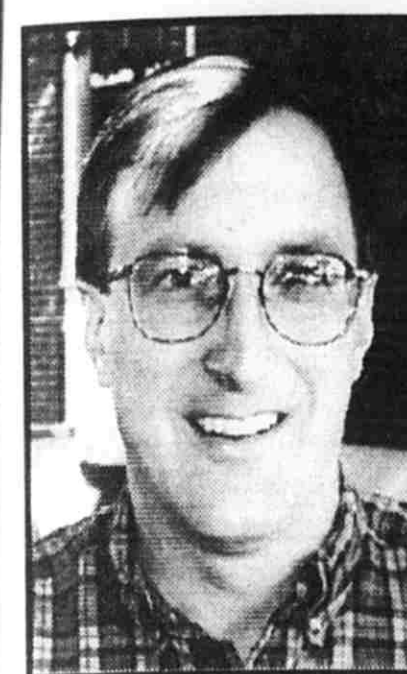
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## '98 LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

### Status quo not always the way for open-minded board candidate

I feel Lowell is a good district overall and alternative schools are not something I'd consider for my children at this time.

Paul Young



Paul Young

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Paul Young has been greatly impressed by the high school's Model U.N. program. "It's an amazing program. I would have jumped into something like this as a student," he explains.

Since he isn't and can't, Young will jump into the race for one of two school board seats.

Of the four candidates running for the two seats open on

the Lowell School Board, Young is the newest to the area.

Young and his wife Kim and their two children Charlie and Allison have lived in the Lowell School District for the past four years.

"The status quo is not always the best thing," Young says. "I am very open-minded to new ideas."

The Rockford High School graduate with degrees in history and education from Western Michigan University

has also embraced the work and effort of one of his board predecessors.

"One of the big reasons I am running is I like what Ellen McClain did," Young explains. "She oversaw and kept a close eye on the budget. Ellen also pointed out uncomfortable issues."

Young also sees the budget as the biggest issue facing Lowell Schools.

He doesn't have a prob-

lem with projecting deficit spending. While it is not an ideal situation, in recognizing the problem, Young believes work can be done throughout the year so that fund balance monies don't have to be used to make up the difference.

Another issue which public schools will continue to face, according to Young, is the challenge from competing alternative schools (char-

ter and home-based).

"Charter schools offer an option. They force public schools to be more flexible. They make them better," Young said. "Let me make this clear, though. I feel Lowell is a good district overall and alternative schools are not something I'd consider for my children at this time."

Young adds Lowell has good facilities and has done a good job of maintaining them.

#### Gustafson, cont'd.... From page 34

While some success has been attained, Gustafson said the district must remain vigilant on a continuing basis to make sure that continues.

The board president says the district's deficit budgeting indicates the reality of the financial system.

That reality has been sharpened by the uncertainty of additional students and that there will be no increase in the foundation grant next year due to the Durant settlement.

The board president points out that the \$2 million fund balance this year represents a slight increase. The projected fund balance for the next year is \$1.5 million.

Gustafson enjoys his time on the board now more so than four years ago.

"It is always a more enjoyable experience when there are positive and constructive things underway," Gustafson said. "It is not just

Lowell Schools. I think Lowell is generally experiencing a renaissance. I think there is pride in this community and the school system is part of that."

Gustafson speaks with pride of the character values adopted by the community. "The values have captured the imagination of this community and have helped to elevate our standards."

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# Lowell Area Schools DIRECTIONS

May 1998

## DRIVERS EDUCATION

Driver's Education will be offered this summer at Lowell High School.

There will be two sessions:

**FIRST SESSION IS JUNE 15 - JULY 3:** With a morning class at 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon class at 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**SECOND SESSION IS JULY 13 - JULY 31:** With a morning class at 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon class at 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There are a few openings left in the second session. If you want to sign up, you must be born before September 15, 1983

A live birth certificate is a must. Bring in a live birth certificate and \$50 with an application. (The application is available at the high school office). It is mandatory to attend class each day and drive at designated times.

## MEAP RESULTS

The number of students passing the MEAP test continues to increase. Congratulations to our 4th and 7th graders for the fine job they did this year taking the MEAP tests.

And a big "thank you" to our wonderful teachers whose teaching skills continue to make Lowell Area Schools a leader in academic achievement in Kent County.

Spring MEAP scores are as follows:

4TH GRADE	7TH GRADE
Math: 92.6	Math: 85.2
Reading: 72.6	Reading: 71.2
Story: 90.9	Story: 87.6
Info: 75.2	Info: 75.2



## TUTORS

The Educational Support Services Dept. has coordinated a pool of teachers who are willing to provide tutoring in various subjects to students during the summer months. There are several teachers who have signed up to instruct students from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Subject areas include math, reading, English composition, speech, journalism, sciences and Spanish. If you are interested in finding out more about summer tutoring for your child, please call our office at 897-8415 and speak with Carol Briggs.

## 1998-1999 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

<b>BUSHNELL:</b> Thursday, August 20, 1998 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>CHERRY CREEK:</b> (2nd grade only) Thursday, August 20, 1998 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
(2nd thru 5th grades) Tuesday, September 8, 1998 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL:</b> Thursday, September 10, 1998 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
<b>HIGH SCHOOL:</b> Monday, September 14, 1998 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>ALTO:</b> Thursday, September 17, 1998 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>NEW DAWN/UNITY HIGH SCHOOLS:</b> Tuesday, September 22, 1998 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## 1998-99 SCHOOL YEAR DAILY SCHEDULE

BUILDING	HALF DAY SCHEDULE	
	STUDENT DAY BEGINS	STUDENT DAY ENDS
High School	7:45 a.m.	10:40 a.m.
Alternative High	7:55 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Middle School	8:00 a.m.	10:55 a.m.
Bushnell Elementary	8:55 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Alto Elementary	9:05 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Cherry Creek El.	9:05 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
BUILDING	FULL DAY SCHEDULE	
	STUDENT DAY BEGINS	STUDENT DAY ENDS
High School	7:45 a.m.	2:10 p.m.
Alternative High School	7:55 a.m.	2:15 p.m.
Middle School	8:00 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Bushnell Elementary	8:55 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Alto Elementary	9:05 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Cherry Creek El.	9:05 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

## SUMMER HOURS

School Ends June 12 at 3:00 P.M.

The buildings will be open as follows:

**ALTO, Bushnell and Cherry Creek:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. until June 26. The buildings reopen on August 10 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on August 17 and thereafter from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** The building is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. until June 26. The building reopens on August 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on August 12 and thereafter from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** The High School remains open throughout the summer from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

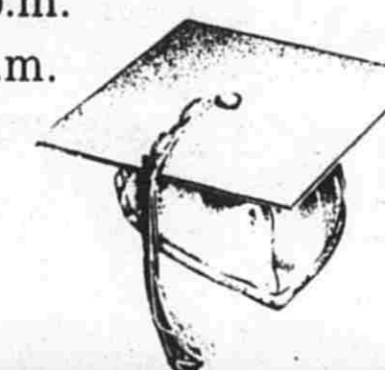
**CENTRAL OFFICE:** Central Office remains open throughout the summer from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## SUMMER ENROLLMENT

Families enrolling students in Lowell Area Schools for the first time this summer may come to Central Office during its open hours. Central office is located at 300 High Street or call us at 897-8415.

## GRADUATION

Baccalaureate practice is May 26 at 7:00 p.m.  
Baccalaureate Service is May 27 at 7:00 p.m.  
Graduation Rehearsal is June 4 at 9:30 a.m.  
Graduation is June 7 at 3:00  
at Red Arrow Stadium



## TOTS:

Do you have a child between the ages of zero and four? Call Central Office at 897-8415 and ask for our free TOTS package. The TOTS package includes valuable information about how to make sure your child will be ready for school.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>AUGUST 25 (Tuesday):</b> First day of school for students grades 1-12 Kindergarten: No school Grades 1-5: One half day for students Grades 6-12: Full day for students	<b>NOVEMBER 25 (Wednesday):</b> Staff Professional Day: K-12: No school.	<b>MARCH 26:</b> Kindergarten: No school Grades 1-12: Full day
<b>AUGUST 26 (Wednesday):</b> First day of school for kindergartners Kindergarten: Sections A & B begin (one-half day each group) Grades 1-12: Full day	<b>NOVEMBER 26-27 (Thursday/Friday):</b> Thanksgiving vacation K-12: No school	<b>MARCH 29, 30, 31:</b> Evening Conferences K-12 Full day
<b>SEPTEMBER 7 (Monday) Labor Day:</b> K-12: No school.	<b>DECEMBER 18:</b> Last full day of school before winter holiday	<b>APRIL 1:</b> Last day of school before spring break
<b>SEPTEMBER 28 (Monday):</b> Staff professional development day. K-12: No school.	<b>DECEMBER 21 (Monday):</b> Winter Holiday begins	<b>APRIL 2:</b> Good Friday: 12: No school
<b>NOVEMBER 2, 3 AND 4:</b> Evening Conferences K-12: Half day.	<b>JANUARY 1 (Friday):</b> Last day of winter holiday	<b>SPRING BREAK APRIL 2 THROUGH APRIL 9</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 5 (Thursday):</b> Afternoon and some evening conferences K-12: Half day.	<b>JANUARY 4 (Monday):</b> Full day of school, K-12	<b>APRIL 12 (Monday):</b> School resumes
<b>NOVEMBER 6 (Friday):</b> No school K-12	<b>JANUARY 15 (Friday):</b> End of first semester. Grades K-5: Full day of school Grades 6-12: Half day.	<b>MAY 7:</b> Staff Prof. Dev. Half Day K-12: Half day
<b>NOVEMBER 12 (Thursday):</b> Kindergarten conferences Kindergarten: No school Grades 1-12: Full day of school	<b>JANUARY 18:</b> Staff Professional Development Day K-12: No school	<b>MAY 28 (Friday)</b> HS Seniors last day of school
<b>NOVEMBER 13 (Friday):</b> No school for kindergarten Grades 1-12: Full day of school	<b>FEBRUARY 15, 16:</b> Middle school conferences K-12 Full day of school	<b>MAY 31 (Monday) Memorial Day:</b> K-12: No school.
	<b>FEBRUARY 18-19:</b> Mid-Winter Break K-12: No school	<b>JUNE 6 (Sunday)</b> High School Graduation
	<b>MARCH 22, 25:</b> Kindergarten evening conferences K-12: full day of school	<b>JUNE 10 (Thursday):</b> Last day of school K-11: Half day
		<b>JUNE 11 (Friday):</b> Make up days begin (if needed).

## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Parents should listen to radio stations: WCUZ, WGRD, WJFM, WKTH, WLAY, WLHT, WOOD, or watch WOTV or WZZM-TV when the weather is bad. Every effort will be made to have the notice of school closings on the air by 6:45 AM.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month. All interested people are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings which are held in the Administration Building (Runciman, 300 High St.) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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