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Lowell Charter Township Planning Commissioners and Meijer representatives reviewed the proposed site plan during a work session Monday night.

## Meijer hopes approval in "site"

••• With spring construction slated, Meijer would like site plan approval to be a short, quick process.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

The standard is not being suggested on a couple key elements to the newly proposed Meijer store at the corner of Alden Nash and M-21.

Meijer is not proposing its standard metal high light fixtures in view of Lowell's Veen Observatory.

Rather, Meijer is proposing the use of a high pressure sodium light which will reduce the spike of wave-lengths.

"Our wish is low pressure sodium lights, but high pressure is much better than the new city lights with no shields on them," said Evelyn Marron who will speak to the observatory in Traverse City which also worked with Meijer on lighting.

Meijer will also use bituminous dark asphalt to reduce the refraction. The standard flood lights that normally illuminate the front of a Meijer building have not been proposed.

The amount of signage proposed for the store is significantly more than the ordinance allows. The store itself, though, is significantly larger than any commercial building in Lowell Charter Township.

Township planning commissioner Mark Batchelor stated due to the size of the facility, there may be room to allow more signage.

The planning commission was clear, though, that it wanted a monument sign out in front of the gas station on M-21.

"We don't want some huge offensive sign that

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## Survey to ascertain public's thoughts on whether some pay per view channels should be removed

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

By week's end, a survey will have been sent out to the 3,300 Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable Television customers.

It will provide background information about digital cable, pay per view, and its parental programming controls and channel lockout capabilities

The survey will ask customers if adult entertainment pay per view channels should be removed from the system or whether the pay per view channels should remain on the system, allowing individuals the choice to watch,

not watch or lock out the channels.

Customers will have 10 days to respond. The results of the survey will be reviewed by the Lowell Light and Power/Lowell Cable Board. It will then consider whether action should be taken or not.

The responsibility of the board for Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television, according to the city charter, states that the board has charge of the city's electric and cable services and shall organize and conduct offices of city's systems for generation, purchase, and distribution of electric, light and power, and cable in a manner consistent with best

practices thereof...

"I think the survey is appropriate and the questions are phrased in a manner agreeable to all parties concerned," said Tom Richards, Lowell Light and Power marketing and programming manager.

Those in favor of having the Spice and Hot Choice channels removed from the pay per view menu argue that the channels are X-rated and are in direct conflict with the community's values.

Those opposed to removing the channels believe adults should be allowed to make their own choice and that imposing limits on what they can purchase for viewing is censorship.

## Schneider Manor moves ahead 11th apartment site

By J.N. Boorsma  
 Contributing Writer

Schneider Manor received the OK to move forward on plans to add an 11th building to its property at 725 Bowes Road.

The senior housing complex approached the Lowell Planning Commission at its Monday night meeting with a site plan proposing a new eight-unit apartment building on the north end of its property. The building would offer two-bedroom apartments.

On the vacated Ottawa Street right of way, there is a proposed 16-stall garage, said

Lowell city manager, David Pasquale.

Schneider Manor director Raymond Zandstra also requested that the planning commission waive several requirements on the site plan. He asked for a waiver on naming the existing structures within 100 feet of the property and listing the existing zoning of all abutting properties. He also requested a waiver on including existing and proposed vegetation and screening; contour intervals at five feet, and floor plan drawings.

Pasquale said the manor

was made aware that a performance bond is required, asking to have that waived as has been done in the past.

"Based on the history of the project, I believe we can safely waive any of the requirements," said commissioner James Hall, who with the rest of the commissioners approved a motion made by commissioner Clark Jahnke to accept the site plan with all the waivers.

With the completion of this building, Schneider Manor will offer 85 units.

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## Grant support to determine if YMCA to move ahead with study

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell YMCA board approved a \$27,000 market research study to assess the potential for a new full-facility YMCA in Lowell.

The approval is pending the Y's ability to attain grant money equal to one-third the cost of the study.

The study will be completed by the Windfield Consulting Group out of Atlanta, GA. It will also involve many community leaders.

It will be funded through the YMCA monies, the Englehardt Lowell Community fund and other area grants.

The Windfield group has led over 400 other YMCA's through this process with guaranteed results ranging between 93 and 98 percent accuracy of data.

The final product will be

a comprehensive document that will be used to set a strategic plan for the next five-seven years.

The positive thing about

Study, cont'd pg. 8

## "Who would be against" scenic trail

••• Representatives make presentation on the North Country Scenic Trail to planning commission.

By J.N. Boorsma  
 Contributing Writer

Like a hiker heading for the hills on a sunny day, the North Country Scenic Trail seems to be making incredible progress in coming to Lowell.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell Planning Commission got its first presentation on the proposed national trail which will wind its way through the streets of Lowell.

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# OBITUARIES

**BAKER** - Frank Louis Baker, aged 83, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2000. He was born in Grand Rapids on February 1, 1916, the son of Fredwell John Baker and Esther V. (Davis) Baker. He married Marion F. Read of Lowell on November 23, 1939. In 1938, he went to work for Percy Read & Sons doing all the mechanic work for area farmers. In 1946, he was employed as a mechanic for the Central Garage owned by Anthony Stormzand. In 1948, he was working for L.E. Johnson Garage. In 1950, Baker built and was owner of the West Side Garage where he went into partnership with Nelson Stormzand and they



provided 24-hour wrecker service and did auto mechanic work and auto body work. The business was sold to Wittenbach Sales and Service in 1964. Baker was a mechanic for Bristol's Auto Body Shop for a short time. Frank then served the city of

Lowell as a mechanic, retiring after 15 years on April 15, 1981. He joined the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department in 1946 when the Kroger Store caught fire. He served on the department continuously since that time and became Fire Chief in 1954. He retired from his administrative position in October of 1988. He enjoyed bowling, playing cards, mushroom hunting and deer hunting. He was a community worker for various local events through the years and a member for the Loyal Order of the Moose. Frank was preceded in death by his mother and father; his wife Marion Francis Baker; brothers Edwin Alonzo Baker, Joseph Michael Baker, Arthur James Baker, Harold Baker and James Fredwell Baker; sisters Mary Ellen Baker, Nellie May Baker Schwander, Catherine Eileen Baker and

Eileen Katherine Baker-Hilferink; daughter Bonnie Jean Baker; grandson Bud Louis Rogers; great-granddaughter Taylor Lynn Martin Anderson. Frank is survived by a son Duane F. (Leanne Gilbert) Baker of Central Lakes, MI; three daughters Norene K. (Frank W.) Martin, Bonita J. Hauck and Kellie M. Baker all of Lowell; five grandchildren Toni L. (Richie) Anderson, Stacy K. Martin, C.J. Hauck, Nicholas A. Hauck and Aron Baker; two great-granddaughters Kacy L. Anderson and Lindsay N. Anderson; one sister Dorothy E. Koert of Ada. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Roth Gerst Funeral Home with interment at Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Lowell Fire Department, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.

## Planning commission chooses to do nothing about RV ordinance

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

After eight months of debate, the Lowell Planning Commission has decided what it should do about its recreational vehicle ordinance ... nothing.

At its Monday night meeting, the planning commission discussed proposed changes to the ordinance such as whether recreational vehicles, such as boats, motorhomes and trailers, would be allowed in side yards and whether these items should be screened from public view.

"My thought is to just leave it alone," said commissioner James Hall. "If we aren't doing much of a job about it, other than enforcing it through complaints, then what's the point?"

Which exactly expressed what most of the commissioners felt.

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**Jim Hall**  
Planning Commissioner

So for now, recreational vehicles will be allowed to be stored in a completely enclosed building or located in the rear yard and not extend into side yards.

The real hang-up in the discussion was the issue of screening and how to define it.

"It should be screened whether it's in the back yard or not," Hall said. "Too many back yards are wide open to the next back yard."

Commissioner Elizabeth Thompson said the problem comes down to what would be considered screened.

"If you should include that in the ordinance, I would want a very good definition of what is screened," said zoning administrator Sarah Wieland. "One person might consider three trees screening and to another it might be two."

The question also arose as to whether items that are shabby in appearance would fall under the inoperable vehicle ordinance and could be removed from the property that way.

"It is an aesthetics problem for the city and I would like to see it addressed," Hall said. "I just don't know what the answer is."

So, for now, the commission decided the best course of action was no action.

"Very few people who take care of their property are going to have an eyesore like that," Thompson said. "And those who do...just don't care."

# Venerable former Lowell fire chief laid to rest

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Frank Baker proudly served as a volunteer fireman in Lowell for 42 years (34 as fire chief).

Thus, it seemed fitting that Baker be transported to his final resting place in the 1946 Seagrave... the same truck he rode in to respond to his first fire (Kroger Store),

and the same day he joined the department.

He retired from the department in October of 1988.

"He was quite proud, to this day, of that truck - and

that it was still running," recalls Baker's granddaughter Stacy K. Martin.

Baker's friends remembered how nothing would stop him from helping others at any time of the day or night.

"Frank's language could be tough, but he was as kind a person and as likeable a guy as you'll get," said longtime friend Bob Stewart.

Frank Louis Baker, 83, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 19 after an extended illness. His funeral service was held Saturday at Roth Gerst Funeral Home with interment at Alton Cemetery.

"Dad wasn't much for belonging to organizations, but he was a community worker. He was always volunteering his time here and there to help people out," explained his daughter Norene Martin.

He was a community worker for various local events through the years - most notably the Showboat.

Baker along with friend Mark Burdick used to set up the bleachers above the cable building back when the show was down near the boat launch.

"Frank also hauled the End men from the VFW to the Showboat dock in the old Seagrave," said son-in-law Frank Martin.

Baker went to work in the late '30s for Percy Read & Sons doing mechanic work for area farmers.

He married Marion F. Read of Lowell on Nov. 23, 1939.

In 1948, he worked for L.E. Johnson Garage before

building and operating his own shop (West Side Garage) in 1950. A partnership with Nelson Stormzand followed. They provided 24-hour wrecker service and did auto mechanic and body work.

The business was sold to Wittenbach Sales and Service in 1964.

After serving a short time as a mechanic for Bristol's Auto Body Shop, Baker worked as a city mechanic for 15 years before retiring in 1981.

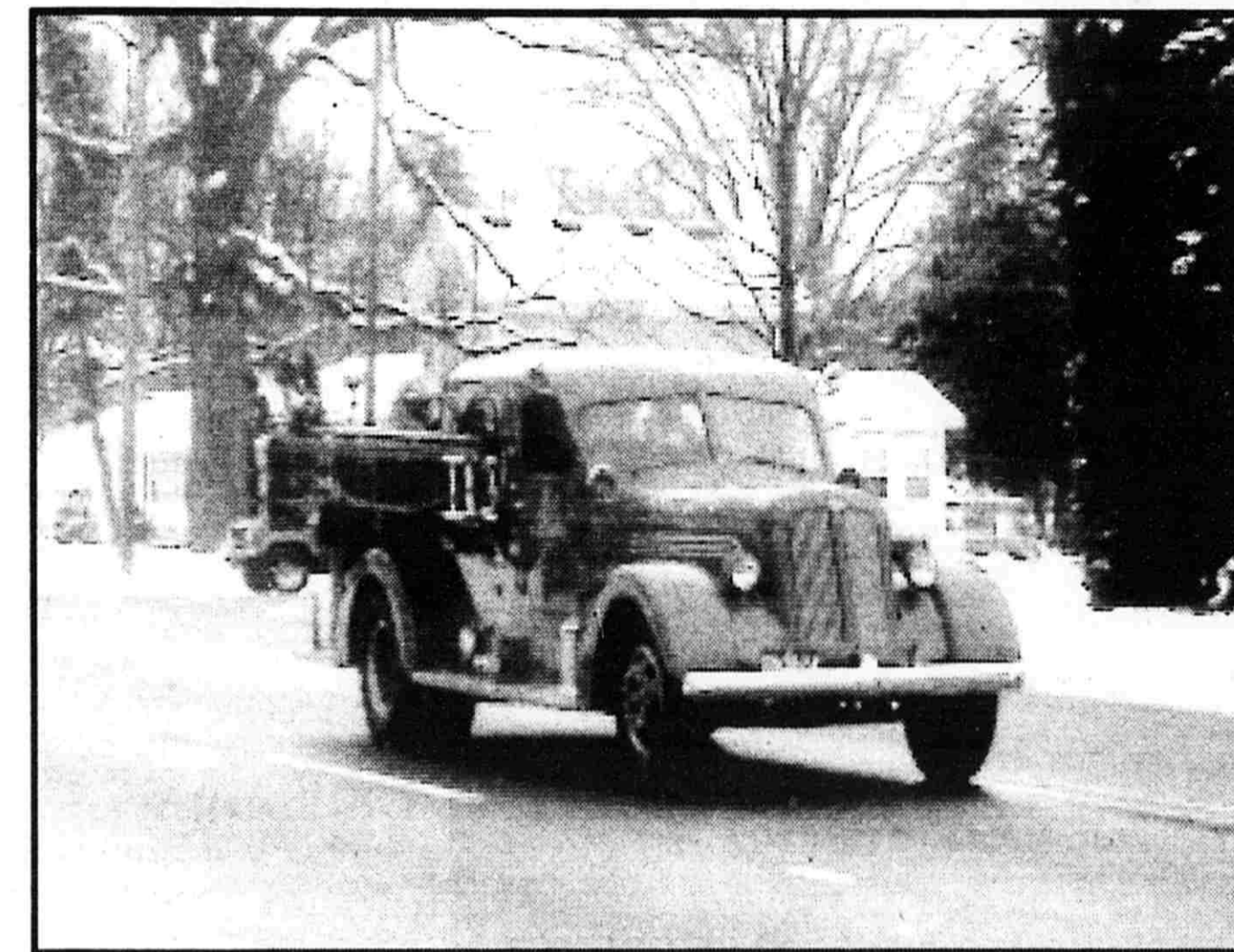
"When I think of Frank, I smile and laugh," said friend Marianne Gwatkin. "Frank was fun."

Baker enjoyed mushroom hunting, deer hunting, playing cards and bowling.

He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose.

Baker is survived by his son Duane F. (Leanne Gilbert) Baker of Central Lakes, MI; three daughters Norene K. (Frank W.) Martin, Bonita J. Hauck, and Kellie M. Baker all of Lowell; five grandchildren Toni L. (Richie) Anderson, Stacy K. Martin, C.J. Hauck, Nicholas A. Hauck and Aron Baker; two great-granddaughters Kacy L. Anderson and Lindsay N. Anderson and one sister Dorothy E. Koert of Ada.

Memorials may be made to the Lowell Fire Department, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331.



The 1946 Seagrave fire truck transported the casket of Frank Baker to Alton Cemetery.

## Mower purchase approved

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The city approved separate bids on the purchase of two mowers and the underbody equipment for a new dump truck.

Dan DesJarden, department of public works director, recommended the purchase of two Scag lawn mowers utilized in the parks and other municipal areas.

The mowers will be purchased from George Hofacker, Grand Rapids, for \$13,500.

The mowers are used to cut grass at Stoney-Lakeside park, the fire station, department of public works, fairgrounds, downtown parking lots, and the Englehardt Library.

The city purchased a Navistar International dump truck from Woodland International Trucks at a cost of \$45,751.08.

Through a recommendation from city mechanic Tom Hartman, the Lowell City Council approved the purchase of underbody equipment from truck and trailer specialties at a cost of \$16,622 as allocated from the equipment fund.

In October of last year, the city purchased a Navistar International dump truck from Woodland International Trucks at a cost of \$45,751.08.

## City to collect community college taxes

As it did for Lowell Area Schools and the Kent Intermediate School District, the city of Lowell has agreed to collect the Grand Rapids Community College summer property taxes for the district.

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## Corrections....

The Kent District Library's proposed increase from .6431 mills to .93 represents an extra \$14.35 a year for an owner of a \$100,000 home. It would raise the total from \$32.16 to \$46.50 per year.

Dan DesJarden, Lowell Department of Public Works director, has asked Lowell and Vergennes townships to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Days. He did not ask Ada Township as reported in the Jan. 5 edition of the Lowell Ledger.

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# Reflections

Of Faith

Rev. Brian Schneider-Thomas  
Alto/Bowne Center U. Methodist Church

What do you think: did Jesus have a day planner? Personally, I would be lost without mine. Sometimes I am not quite sure who's in control: my calendar or myself. But without it I would surely miss meetings, forget phone calls, and be remiss on tasks. Every day I must look and see what is up for the day. It tells me where I have to be, what I must get done, and who I should see. It helps me keep track of upcoming events, sometimes a year in the future. I hate to admit it but I am dependent on that calendar.

My question is, then, do you think that Jesus used a day planner to organize his day? Our text today is a familiar one to many. We have heard this one preached be-

fore. When Jesus gets up to read from the scroll of Isaiah, we are ready to hear him say the words. What he said was "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 4:21). Today? What is that all about? Did Jesus check his calendar to see if he had the right date? Was there a preaching engagement at the Nazareth Synagogue penned in or perhaps it was prophecy fulfillment day. Is that what "today" means? Then why today?

Jesus has now been around on earth for 30 years, give or take a couple... why was this scripture not fulfilled on any one of those days instead of today? It seems like a rather uneventful day to make this exclamation. After all, nothing much happened of which we know on that day. It is not the day he was born or baptized, nor have the crucifixion or resurrection happened yet. Any one of those seem like more appro-

priate days to be labeled the day of fulfillment.

Perhaps our conundrum comes in realizing that Jesus wasn't tied to his calendar like many of us... rather Jesus rides the winds of the Holy Spirit as direction. Quite a different source of leadership than our calendars. The spirit is rather unpredictable in our minds, even Jesus admits this saying, "The wind blows where it chooses... So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (Jn 3:8).

Our calendars are pretty concrete. With the exception of errors, things only happen on days when they are scheduled. But the Spirit moves about and stirs things up in our lives on days when that is not scheduled or doesn't seem as prudent. For the Spirit, today seems like a good day to fulfill the promises of God - whether today is that day, way back then in Nazareth or today is here and now in Lowell. For today the promises of God are being fulfilled, not because they're written on our calendars to happen today, but because the Spirit moves and makes those promises real for us once again.

Our challenge is to look up from our calendars and our old ways of doing things long enough to see that the Spirit is upon us and leading, today.



### Week of 1/31-2/4

#### ELEMENTARY

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**TUES:** Crispito & cheese or chicken patty on bun, cinnamon apples, mixed vegetables, nacho pieces.

**WED:** Turkey gravy w/biscuit or hot dog on bun, whipped potatoes, apricots & cherries.

**THURS:** Egg, ham, cheese on English muffin or soft shell taco w/lettuce & cheese, cherries, corn, chocolate pudding.

**FRI:** Pepperoni pizza or burrito & roll, pineapple tidbits, fresh veggies & dip, pasta salad.

#### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

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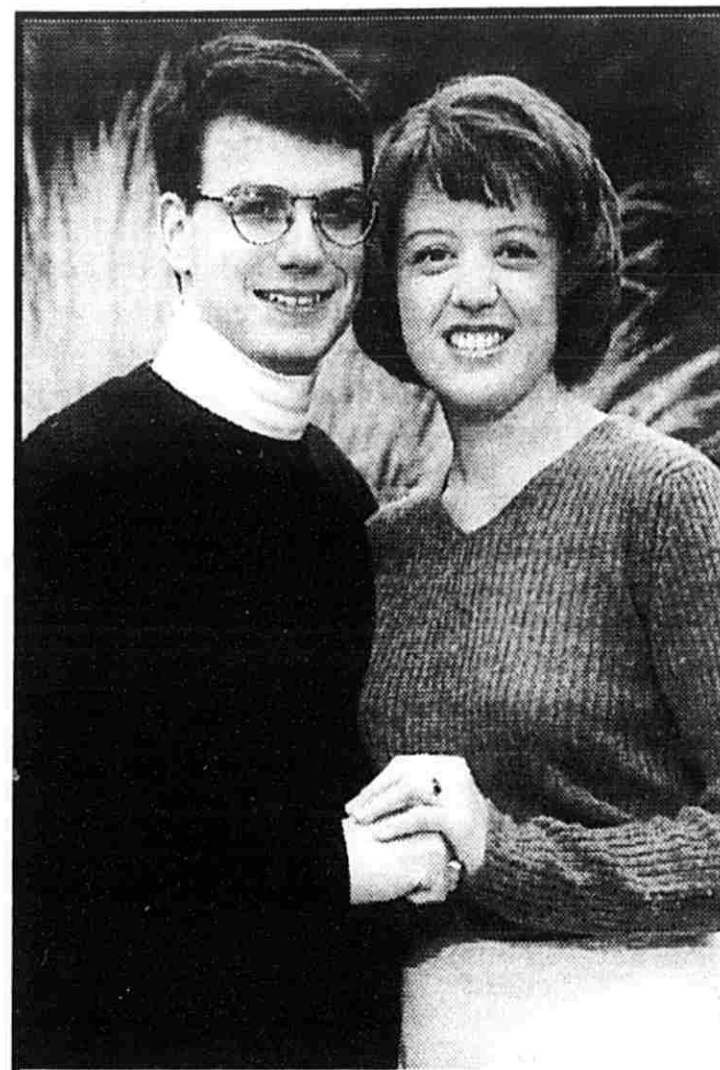
**MON:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce & breadsticks or Fish & cheese/bun, applesauce, green beans.

**TUES:** Crispito w/chips & cheese & roll or 2 ham & cheese on buns, cinnamon apples, mixed vegetables.

**WED:** Turkey gravy w/biscuit or footlong hot dog on bun, whipped potatoes, apricots & cherries.

**THURS:** Pizza wedge or burrito & roll, pineapple, fresh veggies & dip, pasta salad.

**FRI:** 2 beef or chicken tacos in soft or crunchy shells, refried beans, Spanish rice, fresh fruit.



David Louis Rottier and Heidi Jo Maurer

## Maurer/Rottier

Bob and Mary Rottier of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their son David Louis to Heidi Jo Maurer.

The future groom is a 1992 graduate of Lowell High School and received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University. He is currently employed as a development engineer at Caterpillar, Inc. in Peoria, IL.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Maurer of Hopedale, IL. She graduated from Olympia High School in 1994 and received a bachelor of science degree in business management/administration from Bradley University. She is currently employed as a human resource representative at Staff Management, Inc. in Peoria.

The wedding will take place on April 15, 2000 in Washington, IL.



Scott and Audra DeVries

## DeVries and Calhoun wed

Audra M. Calhoun and Scott W. DeVries were married on January 4, 2000 at sunset on the beach in Siesta Key, FL.

The bride is the daughter of Gloria Sattkus and Americo Lopez.

The groom is the son of Scudder and Trudi DeVries.

The maid of honor was Ruth Roundhouse and best man was Todd Lyon.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roudabush, Nicholas Kinsley, Tyler Call.

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**JANUARY 28:** Ryan White, Cher Mastenbrook, Amy Newhouse, Renee DeBold.

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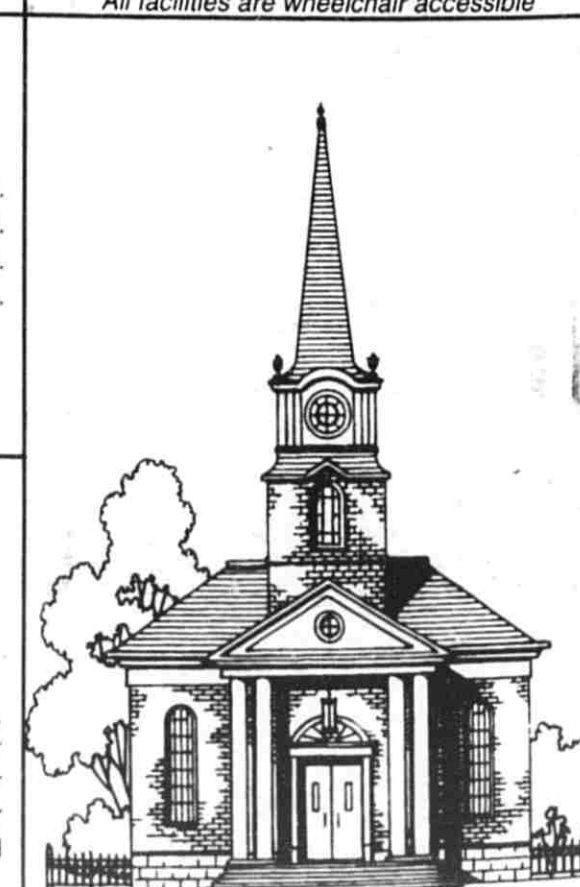
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# Viewpoint . . .



Not About Censorship...Think Again

I don't think the Jerry Springer show upholds the values adopted by this community. Therefore, I'm requesting that the Lowell Cable Television Board remove the channels that carry it from our publicly owned system.

I don't think Harry Potter books uphold the values adopted by this community. Therefore, I'm requesting that our public library remove them from its shelves.

I don't agree that the content of every movie shown on HBO, Cinemax and Showtime upholds the values adopted by this community. Therefore, I'm requesting that Lowell Cable Television remove those choices from our programming options.

I say this is not censorship and there are other ways to bring this entertainment into your home. Buy a dish if you want to

watch Springer. Go to the Grand Rapids Public Library if you want to read a book that glorifies satan. Rent a movie if you want to view violence.

I'm being extreme now! I've gone too far. Actually, I don't think I've gone far enough.

It's time to pressure the Lowell Cable Television Board and the city council to allow adults in the community to make their own choices. My thoughts, after all, do not reflect everyone's views. But the community's values are not necessarily determined by one or two people.

A good argument can be made that the Jerry Springer Show, Harry Potter books, Cinemax, HBO or the nightly news for that matter do not meet with the values set forth by this community. In the case of the Harry Potter books a few people are being allowed to speak for many in some communities.

So where do you draw the line? Who determines when a show or channel doesn't meet up with the values set? Yes, this community did adopt a set of values. But I, and I suspect many others, didn't know that some translate that into relinquishing the right to make our own decisions.

By now you know I'm referring to the controversy about whether Lowell Cable should offer Hot Choice or the Spice channel on a pay per view basis. There is a sector of this community that is comfortable communicating what my or your values are or should be... and what our choices should be.

I have made it clear to many that the First Amendment doesn't allow for that.

The word pornography though, is ideally suited to blur those lines for us.

Very few, when asked, will say they support pornography. Furthermore, even less will say it is all right for their neighbor to speak for them on issues of their values and choices.

Those with opposing opinions will explain that they are not trying to legislate the moral behavior of consumers (translation - you and me)... In fact, they argue they are just trying to influence the corporate behavior of vendors in the community (translation - limit our choices)...like pulling a book off the shelf at our public library.

I respect the choices others make for themselves and the values they uphold and follow.

Why is it so difficult for some to accept that you or I may make different choices and have differing values? That doesn't mean one side is wrong. That means we're a democracy... it means it is okay to be different.

It is not okay to attempt to disguise an effort to impose one's choices or values on others. Not even when arguing against pornography.

Surveys asking for the opinion of roughly 3,300 cable and LL&P customers are slated to be mailed out this week. Customers will have 10 days to respond.

It is vital that you speak up for yourself... because those eager to speak for you are betting that you won't...

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It appears the people of Lowell will have a chance to speak up. At the last city council meeting, we were told that a survey will be sent to all Lowell Light & Power subscribers. I don't know exactly how the question will be worded, but the cable board wants to know what their customers think about the fact that Lowell Cable is providing sexually explicit video programming on a pay-per-view basis.

The new digital service includes two channels, "Spice" and "Hot Choice" and I'm upset about that. It's not that I want to limit consumers as to what they can watch, but I do want the Lowell Cable Board to limit what our cable system will provide. The Lowell cable system has my name on it: as a taxpayer, as a longtime subscriber, as a user of the community bulletin board announcements, as someone who may in the future want to broadcast something through the Community Access channel. Your name is associated with it too. Do we really want our town's cable system to have a digital "back room" that shows dirty movies? Do we want our city to earn an income from such things? I don't want to be ashamed of Lowell.

I commend our cable board for this effort to take the public pulse on this issue. Now it's your turn. When the survey comes, please don't toss it or rush through it. Sit down and read it carefully - give it the careful thought and attention that our city deserves.

Sincerely,  
Joe Fremer, Pastor  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sincerely,  
Blanche Mullen  
art teacher 1956-1972

To the Editor,

An open letter to my community:  
It is not about censorship and it is not about the right of free speech. It is about leadership.

You and I have read about the "Spice" and "Hot Choice" channels that our municipal cable company board have decided to include in the pay for view portion of the cable

Dear Editor,

In the Jan. 5 Ledger, I noticed that the LAHA was seeking

Bowne's drain commissioner has been busy, with the result that three ditches adding up to 2 1/2 miles have drained more than a section of land.

Bills coming before the state legislature this session: adding to industrial and mechanical technology at Michigan Agricultural College; and eliminating the County Superintendent of Schools position.

A shed west of Atkins and Greene's on the bridge fell in last Friday. Ice in the pond raised the spiles (supports). No damage to the machines inside.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 25, 1900

A test shaft is being put down at Maple Rapids in hopes of finding coal.

There were 10 boiler explosions in Michigan last year: 16 were killed and 16 injured.

"A movement is on foot in Lansing which will eventually result in the placing of all wires underground."

The village library has completed its move to the State Bank block. Rooms include a reading room containing a reference library.

Four Bell phones have been installed in Lowell so far this month with 16 more to come.

### THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 22, 1925

Biology is offered for the first time in the high school curriculum.

The Chas. W. Clark Post of the American Legion will present "Bimbo", a musical comedy with a cast of 75 local residents, Feb. 10 and 11.

A record-breaking 16 persons were arraigned in circuit court in Ionia Monday, most for violation of the Prohibition laws.

Attendance at the Public Library is more than double the estimate based on population.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 26, 1950

C.H. Runciman Co. gives its new product, "Ice-Go," to Main Street merchants on a slippery morning. It works.

Milton P. Fuller is elected president of the Michigan Millers Association, the fourth King Milling Company man in that position. Frank T. King, Charles Doyle and William C. Doyle preceded him.

Freezing rain and icy roads close the high school Tuesday, with grades at about 50 percent attendance and no kindergarten because teachers could not get there.

Bill and Everett Wittenbach run into a long freight train in dense fog at Fox's Corners. They report minor injuries; the car is wrecked.



## Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 27, 1875

Sleighting is good. Many people are sick with colds, throat and lung difficulties, and the editor pro tem suggests that Lowell's nine saloons may have a hand in that.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND

Ledger Entries, cont'd., pg. 6

## Lowell students honored in Kendall Scholastic Art Competition

Five Lowell High School art students were among the nearly 200 juniors and seniors honored at the 2000 Scholastic Art Award ceremony on Sunday at the Kendall College of Art and Design.

The juried Scholastic Art competition is open to students from grades seven through 12 each year.

The awards provide recognition for young artists in their own communities at regional competitions.

Three Lowell High School art students received Silver Key awards. They are Nicole Ann Briggs, ceramics; Jamie Linkfield, sculpture; and Ruthie VanderHart, painting.

Honorable mention recognition was given to Stephanie Ellison and Skyler Willett.

Top works from the regional competitions are forwarded to the Scholastic Art Awards National Program in New York City. "We are thrilled to have sponsored a regional Scholastic Art Award competition again," said Oliver Evans, president of Kendall College of Art and Design. "The level of talent and skill demonstrated speaks well for the students and their teachers."

More than 800 entries were submitted to this year's competition with 92 students receiving certificates of honorable mention, 43 students receiving Silver Key awards and 26 receiving Gold Key awards. Five Gold Key recipients were recognized as American award winners.



Silver Key awards went to students, sitting, from left to right: Jamie Linkfield, Nicole Briggs and Ruthie VanderHart; honorable mention winners are Stephanie Ellison and Skyler Willett.

## Ledger Entries, continued...From Page 5

### 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE JANUARY 23, 1975

The city approves the final sewer project payment and figures on rebating \$200 to taxpayers hit with \$1,000-plus in charges.

Sugar prices have come down about 60 cents from their high mark of \$2.85 in December.

The Lowell baseball diamond is available for ice-skating

evenings and weekends. Parents are warned that there is no supervision.

Lowell's professional music group "Stillwater" is engaged for two weeks at the Windjammer in Ada, after an engagement in Battle Creek.

Veterans' bonus instructions tell the how, when and where of the bonus; first checks will be out in March.

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### DIABETES - PART I

Over seven million Americans are currently being treated for Diabetes mellitus and probably another seven million remain undiagnosed and untreated. Diabetes remains a major risk factor for heart disease, strokes, visual loss and renal failure.

Diabetes affects the way we turn glucose into energy. Most of the food we eat is broken down into simple sugars which are transported to the cells and utilized for energy. Insulin is a hormone produced in the pancreas which helps the cells utilize glucose properly. If you have diabetes, either the pancreas doesn't produce the proper amount of insulin or the insulin that is produced is ineffective in allowing the cells to utilize glucose. This results in excessive sugar build-up in the blood, a condition termed hyperglycemia.

There are two major types of diabetes. Type 1, also called insulin dependent diabetes, usually occurs in children or young adults. About 10 percent of people with diabetes have this type. It is due to failure to produce insulin. Treatment of type 1 diabetes always requires daily insulin injections. Type 2 diabetes, also termed non-insulin dependent diabetes, usually strikes people over the age of 40. Obesity is a major factor for this type of diabetes. Type 2 diabetes can often be controlled without the use of insulin injections. In this disorder your pancreas continues to produce insulin but it is not used effectively by the body. Classic symptoms of diabetes include excessive thirst, excessive hunger and frequent urination. In type 1 diabetes,

weight loss, vomiting and serious dehydration requiring hospitalization can occur prior to diagnosis. Many persons with type 2 diabetes may be asymptomatic for years before the disorder is recognized.

The diagnosis of diabetes is confirmed by a simple fasting blood sugar test. If your fasting blood sugar is elevated on two different occasions, you have the disease. With early diagnosis and proper treatment, the majority of patients can lead active, full lives and avoid the complications that have been associated with this common disease. Next week we will continue this topic with current treatment recommendations.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Andrew Graham and Andrea Rickert, both of Lowell, and Holly Byars and Jennifer Reimann, both of Alto, have been named to the dean's list for fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Timothy G. Nash, acting academic dean of the university.

To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Jeffrey Nethercot of Lowell has been named to the president's list for fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Dr. David E. Fry, president of the university.

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## Along Main Street



### HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

*Native Americans: A Historical and Personal Perspective* is the title of a talk to be given by David Hartman at the Lowell Area Historical Association meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

This talk will be held in the lower level of the Lowell Township Hall. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Moose Lodge, E. Main St., Lowell, starting at 8 a.m. Please bring your new benefit amount for 2000.

### YMCA FAMILY SLEDDING PARTY

The Lowell YMCA is hosting a Family Sledding Party at the Lowell High School on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your sleds and help celebrate their 40th birthday.

### SLIDE PRESENTATION OF TRIP TO ETHIOPIA

A slide and video presentation will be shown on Monday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center by Kate Democoeur who traveled to Ethiopia this past fall. It will benefit Lowell Area Youth Development.

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### CLASS OF 2000 ALL NIGHT PARTY

Final payment for this year's May 25, 2000 party is due Feb. 25. If you have not paid your \$100 cost, you may do so during lunch hours on Jan. 27 or 28 and February 24 or 25. Payments may also be made at school to Diana Lyons or Marsha LaHaye. Scholarships are available - see Mr. Vashaw or Mr. Pearson.

## Study, continued... From Page 1

this survey is that if it shows there is not a strong need for a YMCA building, it will show what the community needs and what the YMCA can do to meet those needs," said YMCA executive director, Will Welsh. "We will have an incredible asset, not only for the YMCA but for the community as well, which will help guide our growth."

The phone survey will begin on March 7 and is expected to be completed by the end of June. Approximately 400 people will be surveyed.

Welsh said the survey will address how the YMCA can best serve the Lowell area; to what level the community will

Snapshots for the student video are due Jan. 31. You may mail or drop off pictures to the high school office.

### ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club meeting will be held in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

## Schneider Manor, cont'd... From Page 1

The goal, according to Zandstra, is for the complex to have 100 units and that's it.

"The complex is self-managed and run by the board of directors," Zandstra said. "One hundred units are going to be a lot of units. There has been some talk about having an outside agency run it, but that's a ways off."

Pasquale said the Schneider site could easily have up-

## Trail, cont'd... From Page 1

Paula Wilbur, a Lowell resident who has been working on the project, presented the commission with detailed maps of the entire 4,000-mile trail that covers seven states including New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. She also presented the commission with a proposed route that she has been developing with the aid of the Lowell Parks and Recreation Commission.

"Of course, the main part of this is a scenic trail which we like to be in nature and near the rivers," Wilbur said. "However, it's also a historical view."

What Wilbur is proposing, and will ultimately have to be approved by the Lowell City Council, is a trail that would start on the east side of the city limits at Grand River Drive. It would then turn right on South Hudson and cross the South Hudson Bridge.

Hikers would then turn right after the bridge and cut down into the fairgrounds along Grand River following the Grand River to Flat River and then following the Flat River. Once travelers reached Recreation Park, they would follow the ball park road west to Broadway for a short way, go left on Ottawa with a quick right on South Hudson and a right on Main Street.

Wilbur said by following Main Street, travelers would be able to take in some of the historic sites of Lowell.

It also would hopefully bring in a little business to the merchants in Lowell, Wilbur said, adding that she would like to develop a map that would highlight some of the restaurants and places travelers would need to visit like hardware and grocery stores.

The trail would cross Main Street at the city parking lot and follow the Riverwalk. It would then take a right on Avery and a left on Monroe. Hikers would then take a right on High

wards to 147 units on the property and still be in the zoning requirements. For this current proposal, the manor's plans meet all zoning requirements.

Schneider Manor, which is a nonprofit organization, provides senior housing for Lowell residents. Currently, there is a 15- to 20-year waiting list.

Street and follow it to Jackson, taking a left on Jackson. Finally, they would take a right on Grindle and continue on Grindle past Fun Street to the State Game area, where the trail currently exists.

"The trail is constantly changing," Wilbur said. "As cities decide where they want it, we plan accordingly."

And Wilbur's proposed plan could change as she receives suggestions from various sources. One of those changes could be if the Lowell Township is able to obtain a portion of the old railroad right of way. Wilbur said the trail people are working to help the township acquire the property. The township hopes to extend its bike trail along the route with the North Country Trail officials hoping to run their trail alongside it.

One suggestion came from commissioner James Hall and was very strongly supported by commissioner Daniel Pipe to consider the property located east of the Flat River and north of the Grand River. "I could see where you could come in off of Division and follow the Grand to the Flat River, which is all city property," Hall said.

Wilbur said she had not considered that before and if it doesn't get included in the final plan, the section could be a local loop on the trail.

For those interested, Wilbur said she has marked the trail with blue markers. She also has been looking at how to handle signage and other trail needs.

The trail itself is a hard soil path designed for foot travel only. Various federal, state, and county lands are being used in the project along with some private land, Wilbur said.

The Lowell resident said she has been very pleased by the wonderful response she has received from the city council and other officials.

As commissioner Trudy Cahoon put it: "Who would be against it?"

## Meijer, cont'd... From Page 1

doesn't blend in," said planning commission chairman Dick Bryant.

During a Monday night workshop, Batchelor commended Meijer for doing its homework. "There are just a few minimal things that need to be worked out," he said.

Meijer real estate manager Mike Kinstle described talks with the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission as pretty typical.

"The concerns vary from community to community, but we feel comfortable that its concerns (lighting and signage) will be worked out," Kinstle said.

Meijer will now take a second draft incorporating changes discussed in the workshop meeting to the township engineer.

Once approval is sought from the engineer, it will return to the planning commission for site plan approval. Meijer is eeking approval so it can begin construction this spring.

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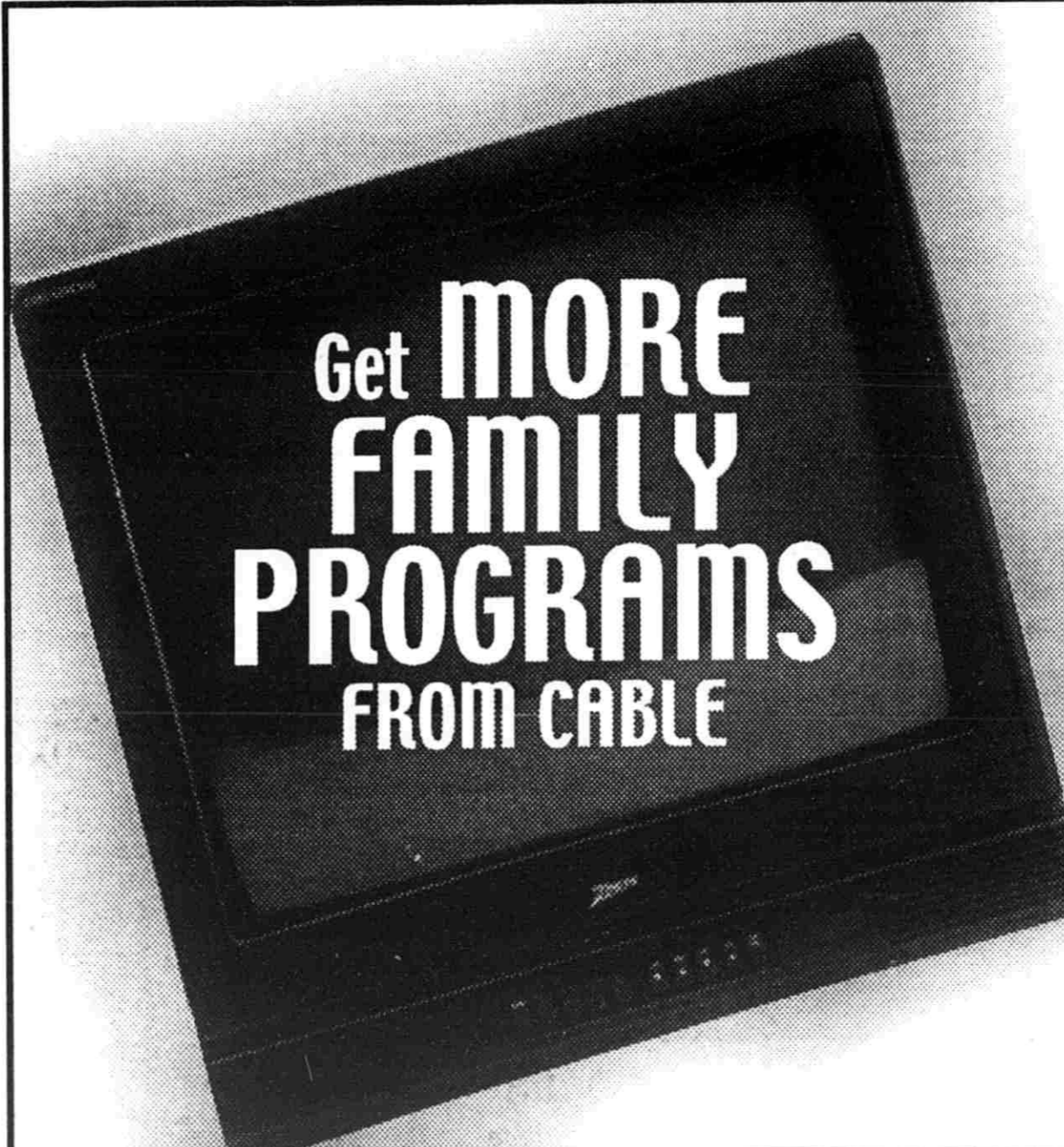
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WVMT CBS Up-Minute	CBS News	News	News	News	Early Show	Jerry Springer	Sally	Price Is Right						FX Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Picket Fences	Beverly Hills, 90210	Beverly Hills, 90210							
WVTV ABC Mid News	ABC Mid News	News	Good Morning America			Martha Stewart Living	Extra	Real TV	The View					FAM Creflo Dollar	Benny Hinn	Life in the Word	Var. Programs	New Addams	Angela Anaconda	Kids-Room 402	Mary-Kate-Ash	Itsy Bitsy Time!	700 Club	CBN Special	Itsy Bitsy Time!						
WGVU Body Electric	Varied Programs	Morning News	Arthur	Zoboomafoo	Barney-Friends	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Instructional Programming						MTV After Hours	Dawn Patrol	News Link	MTV Jams	Music Videos	Return of Rock	Spankin' New											
WXMI Shepherd's Chapel	Kenneth C.	Recess	Doug	Garfield	Recess	Boy Mts. World	700 Club	Nanny	Grace Under	Ricki Lake				VH1 Insomniac Music Theater Cont'd	CardioVideo	Back to Back Videos	Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Almost Perfect	Something So	Pop-Up Video	New Videos	Where Are They Now?							
WOOD News	News	News	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Ainsley Harriott				USA Bloomberg Television																	
WLNS CBS News	News	News	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Ainsley Harriott				DISC Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
WTLJ Praise the Lord Cont'd	TCT Today	Benny Hinn	John Hagee	Life in the Word	James Robison	Victory Christ	Creflo Dollar	Walk-Faith	Digging In	Benny Hinn	Var. Programs			WGN Matlock	Var. Programs	Life in the Word	Var. Programs	Kenneth C.	Charles-Charge	Parent Hood	Wayans Bros.	Night Rider	Matlock								
WKAR (Off Air)	Business Rpt.	Arthur	Zoboomafoo	Barney-Friends	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	Mister Rogers	Puzzle Place	Dragon Tales	Wimzie's House	ESPN Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	
WZZM ABC Mid News	News	News	Good Morning America			Martha Stewart Living	Extra	Real TV	The View					CNN Ahead of the Curve	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition	Early Edition
WSYM Shepherd's Chapel	Magic Bus	Sabrina-Anitmd	Doug	Life in the Word	Bewitched	Dream-Jeanie	Martha Stewart Living	Dr. Joy Browne	Donny & Marie					CNN2 Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
WZPX Worship	Worship	Paid Program	Paid Program	Pokemon	Histerial	Archie's Weird	Life Today	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	NICK Dick Van Dyke	Wonder Years	Var. Programs	Busy World	Franklin	Rocko's Life	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Kipper	Franklin	Gullah Island	Busy World				

MONDAY - FRIDAY AFTERNOONS														JANUARY 28, 2000 - FEBRUARY 3, 2000													
BROADCAST CHANNELS														CABLE CHANNELS													
12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
WVMT News	Young and the Restless	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Oprah Winfrey	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	CBS News	FX Movie	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue	In Living Color	In Living Color	Beverly Hills, 90210	Beverly Hills, 90210						
WVTV Nat'l Enquirer	Port Charles	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	People's Court	Maury	Maury	Maury	Maury	Maury	Maury	Maury	ABC Mid News	FAM Itsy Bitsy Time!	Wiggles	Life With Louie	Donkey Kong	3 Friends, Jerry	Kids-Room 402	Angela Anaconda	Sixth Gr. Alien	Big Wolf-Camp	New Addams	Two of a Kind	Partridge Family	Partridge Family	
WGVU Instructional Programming Cont'd	Instructional Programming	Instructional Programming	Var. Programs	Sit and Be Fit	Mister Rogers	Read, Rainbow	Dragon Tales	Wishbone	Arthur	Kratts Creation	Var. Programs	Business Rpt.	VH1 Varied Programs	Judge Lane	Judge Lane	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	
WOOD News	News	News	Days of Our Lives	Passions	Lezza	Rosie O'Donnell	News	News	News	News	News	NBC News	USA Working	Naked Truth	Single Guy	Boston Com.	Movie	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	
WLNS CBS News	News	News	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	CBS News	DISC Christopher Lowell	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Christopher Lowell	Christopher Lowell	Christopher Lowell	Christopher Lowell	Christopher Lowell	Christopher Lowell	Christopher Lowell	Christopher Lowell	Christopher Lowell	CBS News
WTLJ Var. Programs	Life in the Word	TCT Today	Marvin Gorman	James Robison	Benny Hinn	700 Club	John Hagee	Make Your Day	Praise the Lord	Zoom	Kratts Creation	Var. Programs	NBC News	WGN Hawaii Five-0	News	News	MacGyver	Caroline in-City	Bzzz!	Cosby Show	Full House	Cosby Show	Parent Hood	Wayans Bros.	Fresh Prince	NBC News	
WKAR Noddy	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	NBC News	ESPN Sportscenter	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	NBC News
WZZM News	Port Charles	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	People's Court	Maury	Maury	Maury	Maury	Maury	Maury	Maury	ABC Mid News	CNN NewsDay	Burden of Proof	CNN Today	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
WSYM Lezza	Nanny	Nanny	Power Rangers	Beast Wars	Digimon-Digital	Big-Cartoonie	Batman-Supnm	Pokemon	Batman-Supnm	Touched by an Angel	Varied Programs		NBC News	CNN2 Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
WZPX Paid Program	Paid Program	Eight Is Enough	Bonanza	Big-Cartoonie	Batman-Supnm	Pokemon	Batman-Supnm	Touched by an Angel	Varied Programs				NBC News	NICK Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin	Kipper	Doug	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Garfield-Friend	Rocko's Life	Double Dare	Kenan & Kel	All That	Catdog

FRIDAY EVENING														JANUARY 28, 2000													
BROADCAST CHANNELS														CABLE CHANNELS													
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WVMT College Hockey (Live)										FX 'The Accused' *** (1988, Drama) Jodie Foster, Kelly McGillis, Bernie Coulson. A prosecutor goes after patrons who encouraged rapists.																	
WVTV Star Trek: Voyager "Mortal Coil" Neelix questions the purpose of his life after being "reactivated." (In Stereo) (R)										FAM (6:00) "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" *** (1986, Comedy) Matthew Broderick. A brash teen and his friends have an adventure in Chicago. (In Stereo)																	
WGVU Newshour With Jim Lehrer										MTV News (In Stereo)	Making the Video (R)	Before They Were Rock	Rock 'n' Roll	Rock 'n' Roll	Behind the Music "Russell Simmons" (In Stereo)	Before They Were Stars	Record Breakers	Say What? Karaoke (R)	Making the Video (R)	News (R) (In Stereo)	Choose or Lose: Where						
WXMI Drew Carey "Science Names Sure" Science names sure. (In Stereo) (R)										USA JAG "Pendulous" Harm and Mac face off when Mac is forced to defend an admitted wife-beater. (In Stereo) (R)																	
WOOD Entertainment Tonight (In Stereo) (R)										DISC Wild Discovery "Kangaroos - Faces in the Mob" The story of two peeps in a mob of 60. (R)																	
WLNS Entertainment Tonight (In Stereo) (R)										WGN Full House "Daddy's Home" (In Stereo) (R)																	
WVMT To Be Announced										CNN Moneyline Newshour	Crossfire	World Today	Larry King Live	Newsstand	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)											
WVTV Nash Bridges (In Stereo) (R)										CNN2 Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News						
WVTV News										NICK Henry and June Jam (In Stereo)																	
WVTV Nightline										A&E Law & Order "Vengeance" Filmy evidence and coercion charges hamper the case against a serial killer. (R)																	
WVTV Charlie Rose (In Stereo) (R)										FOXDT Detroit Red Wings Pre-Game	NHL Hockey: Calgary Flames at Detroit Red Wings. Joe Louis Sports Arena. (Live)																
WVTV Frasier "Look Before You Leap" Frasier celebrates the leap year.										TNT ER "Friendly Fire" Dr. Corday's interest in Dr. Ross troubles Hathaway. Dr. Weaver cuts the budget. (R)																	
WVTV Mad About You "Coming Home" Arriving home with the newborn.										TBS Fresh Prince of Bel-Air "Just Intuition" (R)																	
WVTV Change of Heart (In Stereo) (R)										DISN "Genius" ** (1999, Comedy) Trevor Morgan, Emmy Rossum, Charles Fleischer. A brilliant 14-year-old maintains a double life in junior high school and college in an attempt to fit in. (R)																	
WVTV It's a Miracle "Fireman Rescues Girl/Flight 811" Quarterback "Fireman rescues girl, Flight 811." (In Stereo) (R)										TRAV 18 Wheels of Justice "Mr. Invisible" (In Stereo) (R)																	
WVTV X Show Best of the week.										TLC Mega Tech "Below New York" The workings of New York 67 stories below the ground. (R)																	
WVTV 700 Club										SCIFI Brimstone "Poem" Zake Stone tracks an escapee who is killing female immigrants. (In Stereo)																	
WVTV 700 Club										COM Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money	"Ghostbusters" *** (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis. Ghost fighters battle ghouls in a Manhattan high-rise.															
WVTV Choose or Lose: Where										TWC WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter	WeatherCenter						
WVTV Behind the Music (R)										HIST 20th Century First moon landing in 1969 and the destruction of space shuttle Challenger. (R)																	
WVTV "American Ninja" *** (1985) Michael Dudikoff. (In Stereo) (R)										AMC (6:35) "Terror of Mechagodzilla" ** (1975, Science Fiction) Katsuhiko Sasaki. Godzilla comes to the rescue when Mechagodzilla returns. 'NR' (R)																	
WVTV SportsCenter Super Bowl Special Edition.										H&G This Old House (R) (In Stereo)																	
WVTV Behind the Music (R)										LIFE Intimate Portrait "Cybill Shepherd" The career of actress Cybill Shepherd. (R) (In Stereo) (R)																	
WVTV Behind the Music (R)										TOON D "Lapitch" (1997, Adventure) Animated. A runaway mouse helps villagers solve a mystery. (In Stereo) (R)																	
WVTV Behind the Music (R)										MSNBC Hardball	Special Edition	News With Brian Williams	Headliners & Legends	Special Edition (R)													
WVTV Behind the Music (R)										EWTV Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass	Journey Home	Catholic News	Rosary-Land	Prayer Service to Open the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (R)													
WVTV Behind the Music (R)										SHOW (6:30) "A Night at the Roxbury" ** (1998, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Chris Kattan. Two hapless brothers try to open up their own nightclub. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, adult situations) (R)																	
WVTV Behind the Music (R)										HBO Inside the NFL (R) (In Stereo) (R)																	
WVTV Behind the Music (R)										TMC (6:40) "Godzilla" ** (1998, Science Fiction) Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno, Maria Piliro. A giant mutated lizard takes a bite out of the Big Apple. (In Stereo) PG-13 (Violence) (R)																	
WVTV Behind the Music (R)										MAX (6:00) "Stella" ** (1990, Drama) Bette Midler, John Goodman, Trini Alvarado. A determined woman battles to raise her daughter on her own. (In Stereo) (R) (Adult language, nudity, strong sexual content, violence) (R)																	
WVTV Behind the Music (R)																											

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SATURDAY MORNING JANUARY 29, 2000. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

BODYBUILDING: ESPN Sun. 9 p.m. Bodybuilding Fitness America Pageant. BOWLING: ESPN Sun. 2 p.m. PBA Bowling Don Carter Classic. BOXING: SHOW Sat. 10 p.m. Boxing Julius Francis vs. Mike Tyson. EQUESTRIAN: ESPN Sat. 4 p.m. Horse Racing Hutcheson Stakes. FOOTBALL: TNT Fri. 10:30 p.m. Friday Night at the Super Bowl.

GYMNASTICS: ESPN Thu. 2 p.m. Women's College Gymnastics Florida at Alabama. HOCKEY: WWMT Fri. 7 p.m. College Hockey (Live). RODEO: TNN Sun. 9 p.m. PRCA Rodeo National Western rodeo from Denver. SKATING: WOOD Fri. 9 p.m.; WILX Sat. 9 p.m. Figure Skating World Pro Championship.

Edward Jones advertisement for 401(k) rollovers and IRAs. Includes contact information for Christopher J. Bouma and the slogan 'Which IRA is right for you?'.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON JANUARY 29, 2000. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

SATURDAY EVENING / LATENIGHT JANUARY 29, 2000

Table of broadcast channels for Saturday Evening/Latenight, including channels like WWMW, WOVY, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, and WZPX.

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Saturday Evening/Latenight, including channels like FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CN2, NICK, A&E, FOX, TNT, TBS, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON, MSNBC, and CSPAN.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Saturday Evening/Latenight, including channels like SHOW, HBO, TMC, and MAX.

SUNDAY MORNING JANUARY 30, 2000

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Morning, including channels like WWMW, WOVY, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, and WZPX.

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Morning, including channels like FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CN2, NICK, A&E, FOX, TNT, TBS, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON, MSNBC, and CSPAN.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Morning, including channels like SHOW, HBO, TMC, and MAX.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON JANUARY 30, 2000

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Afternoon, including channels like WWMW, WOVY, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, and WZPX.

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Afternoon, including channels like FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CN2, NICK, A&E, FOX, TNT, TBS, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON, MSNBC, and CSPAN.

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Afternoon, including channels like SHOW, HBO, TMC, and MAX.

Advertisement for 'STRETCH YOUR ADVERTISING BUDGET In The Ledger TV Section For Only \$50!' featuring an illustration of a man and a woman.

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SUNDAY EVENING / LATE NIGHT JANUARY 30, 2000. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00-4:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS table with columns for channel numbers (5-60) and channel names (FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS table with columns for channel numbers (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.) and channel names.

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 31, 2000. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS table with columns for channel numbers (5-60) and channel names (FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS table with columns for channel numbers (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.) and channel names.

LOWELL WATER WORKS advertisement. Includes logo, phone number (978) 462-1111, address (1941 West Main), and services (car washes, waxing).

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Little Caesars advertisement. Features a cartoon character, phone number (978) 462-1111, address (1941 West Main), and promotion for \$12.99 pizzas.



Table with columns for THURSDAY EVENING (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and FEBRUARY 3, 2000. It lists broadcast channels (WWMT, WOVU, WGVU, etc.) and premium channels (SHOW, HBO, etc.) with program titles and descriptions.

# 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 MONTH:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse on 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

**SECONDSUNDAY EACH MONTH:** 3:15 to 4:30 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."

**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 SECOND MONDAY:** Attention mothers of preschoolers. MOPS meetings are held at Saranac Community Church, 125 S. Bridge St. Cost is \$3 and meetings are from 9:45 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome. Come enjoy crafts, food, free child care and new friends. For information call Meghan at 616-642-6748 or Trisha at 616-527-1333.

**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.

**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 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & 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 N. Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

**TUESDAYS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M1#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

**TUESDAYS:** Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

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

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

**EVERY TUES.:** Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info, call Linda at 874-5662. Forteen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. All Girls ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Call 897-8694 for information.

**WEDNESDAY:** Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

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

**FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH:** Alzheimer's 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.

**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.

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**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 Rebecca, 897-6734 for more information.

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**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 Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at anytime. 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 THURSDAY :** 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

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

**SAT., JAN. 29:** The Lowell YMCA is hosting a family sledding party at the Lowell High School from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your sleds and help them celebrate their 40th birthday.

**MON., JAN. 31:** A slide and video presentation of travels in Ethiopia will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Low-

ell High School PAC by Kate Dernocoeur: to benefit Lowell Area Youth Development. Refreshments follow.

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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 7, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on a request from Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company to establish an Industrial Development District at 1000 Foreman Road of 19.36 acres, in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 198 of 1974 as amended.

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# Red Arrow defensive efforts key in win and loss

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A defense which limited Zeeland to 46 points three nights earlier found the bigger, taller Chix of Zeeland a loftier challenge.

One the Red Arrows couldn't stand up to, Zeeland, the top team in the OK White, defeated Lowell Friday night 68-46.

The Red Arrows who have been notoriously slow starters this year were beaten by the Chix in every category... including slow starts, but just barely.

The Red Arrows outscored Zeeland 4-0 in the first three minutes of the contest.

"Zeeland gave us an opportunity for an early run. We had four or five possessions where we could have built a 10 or 12 point lead," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said.

Lowell didn't, and Zeeland's Paul Simon made the Arrows pay the price. The Chix hit four consecutive buckets to give Zeeland a 9-4 advantage and the home team never looked back.

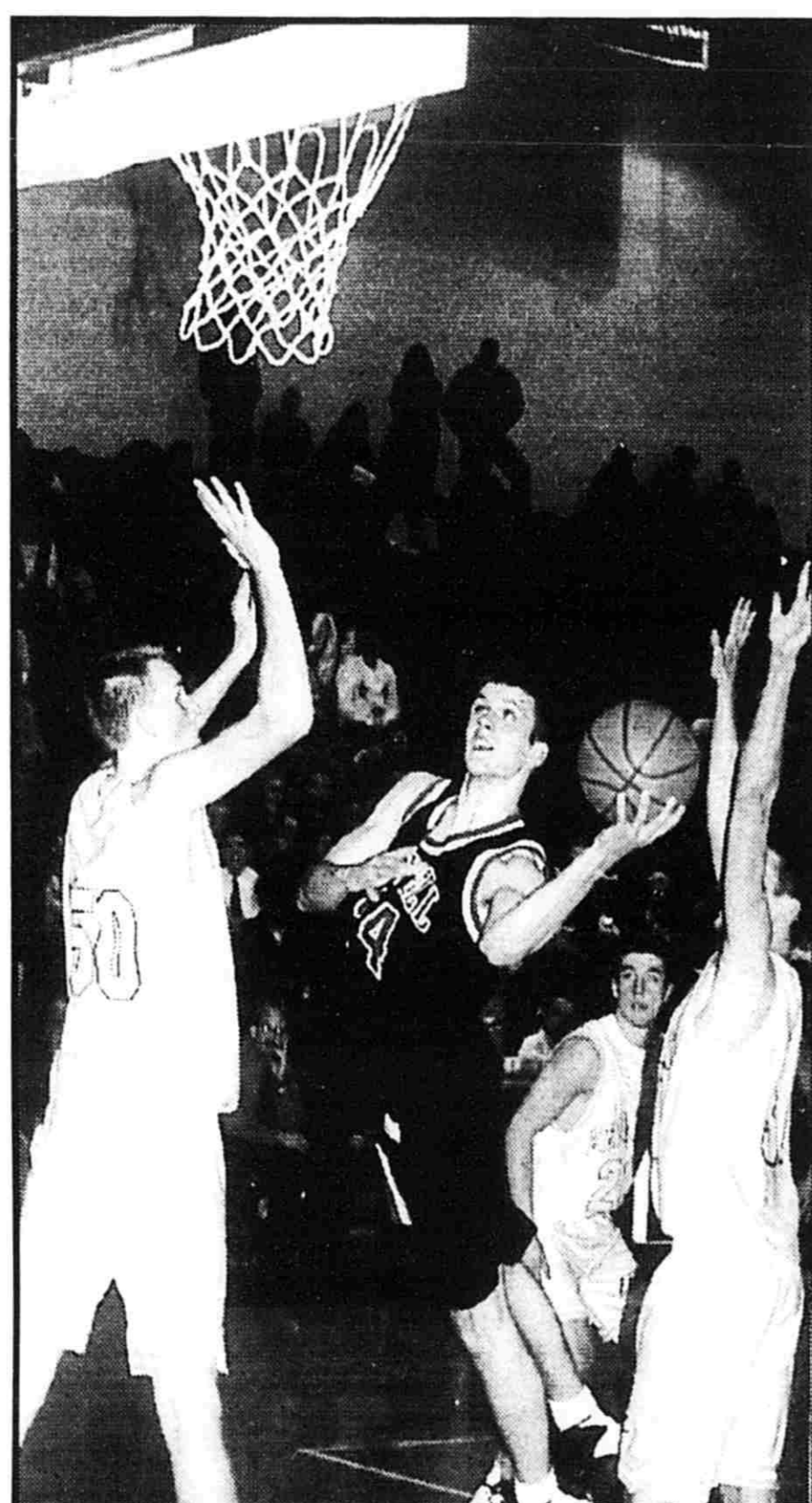
"Paul gave us some leadership out there tonight," said Zeeland coach Mickey Cochran. "He ignited us in that first quarter."

Lowell trailed 12-7 after one quarter and was outscored 19-8 in the second quarter, trailing 31-16 at halftime.

The Red Arrows played better in the second half. Lowell was able to pull to within 12 at 58-46.

"We had a chance to make a run, but made some bad decisions offensively and it wasn't one of our better efforts defensively. Our intensity just wasn't there," Bush said. "We've been keeping teams right around 50 points. Zeeland nearly scored 70 tonight."

Simon led Zeeland in scoring with 15 and Mike Austin



Ryan Mix puts up an off-balance left-hander in traffic against Zeeland.

netted 13. Lowell received a game-high 16 points from Aaron Alsgaard. Steve Adams netted 10. "Lowell has lost some tough games, and they have beaten East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Central, so that means they are a quality team," Cochran said. "We are happy to come out with a win."

**Lowell 49  
Greenville 46**

Just enough offense supported a strong Red Arrow defensive effort in Lowell's three-point decision over the Yellowjackets.

Lowell led 15-13 after one quarter of play, but trailed 24-20 at halftime.

The Red Arrows' 16-10 third quarter advantage gave them a 36-34 lead to start the fourth quarter.

"Our defense played very well," said Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush. "We struggled a little offensively, but got things done."

Troy Gillan led all Lowell scorers with 12 and Aaron Alsgaard added 11.

Lowell finished the week at 3-6 overall and 2-4 in the OK White.

## Snowmobile Safety Training Class graduates 62 students

The results from the Snowmobile Safety Training Classes conducted by the Department of Natural Resources and organized by local DNR officer Paul Anderson showed that 62 students successfully completed the course and were presented their safety certificates.

All people under the age of 17 must have a safety certificate in their possession to ride a snowmobile on their own property.

Prior to the class all students applied for and received the test material from the DNR to study.

Anderson was assisted by three other DNR officers. The classes were held at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Rd.

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## LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING SCORES

•• LOWELL 10.5 • MIDDLEVILLE 19.5 ••

PLAYER (BOYS)	GAME #1	GAME #2	GAME #3	TOTAL
Jason Roth	138	X	192	330
Jim DeWitt	200	159	X	359
D.J. Armstrong	227	179	156	562
John Stuckey	170	182	173	525
Mike Armstrong	161	163	174	498
Nate Sloan	X	193	173	366
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>2460</b>

•• LOWELL 20 • MIDDLEVILLE 10 ••

PLAYER (GIRLS)	GAME #1	GAME #2	GAME #3	TOTAL
Amanda Stouten	148	138	184	470
Shawna Austin	111	115	149	375
Tara Kuipers	144	115	125	384
Erin Kenyon	101	156	143	400
Jamie Roth	157	158	171	486
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>2115</b>

Respectfully submitted by  
Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2000

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.; 7 board members present. Minutes of December 20, 1999 approved.

Approved bills totaling:

General Fund-----\$116,491.78  
Sewer Fund-----\$6,487.82  
Water Fund-----\$8,184.41

Ruth McCrank from the Kent District Library gave a presentation on the library's millage question that will be on the ballot for the February 22, 2000 election.

Business Conducted: Discussed the Gypsy Moth spraying program and advertising for same; accepted the Planning Commission's recommendation and approved the request to rezone property from R-1, Rural Lowell Density and R-3, Medium Density Residential to General Commercial for a new Meijer store and gas station; moved to have Swanson and Associates do a traffic study for the western portion of M-21 to augment the study they have already done on the eastern portion of M-21 west of the City of Lowell; read a letter from the Y.M.C.A. asking for support for a grant request; reappointed David Simmonds and Carol Wells to the township Planning Commission for three-year terms; approved the Trustees' recommendation salaries for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer receive a 5% increase effective April 1, 2000; approved a 5% increase in the Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, and Receptionist wages also effective April 1, 2000; received the December building report.

Adjournment at 8:47 p.m.

Carol L. Wells

## SYNOPSIS GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 10, 2000

Motions Approved:

- Motion to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of #6 adoption of new calendar under new business and moving #5 Landon Holdings vs. Grattan Township to #1 under new business.
- Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.
- Motion to postpone term limits discussion until the next board meeting.
- Motion to approve community development block grant money to be used for master plan and North Kent Transit.
- Motion to approve a resolution to remove \$351.20 from delinquent tax bill on parcel #41-12-10-254-005.
- Motion to provide Grattan Academy with a key to the Township Hall Community Center for access in emergency situations.
- Motion to approve minor construction budget with Kent County Road Commission.
- Motion to approve the calendar for year 2000.
- Motion to endorse a Grattan Township community blood drive with funding.
- Motion to adjourn.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

# Obstacle course challenging and fun for LHS students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The obstacle course became available in the midwest four weeks ago; it was available to Lowell High School students for testing on Wednesday.

Marine Staff Sgt. Ronald S. Olsen and Sgt. Carl Hilton challenged the competitiveness and fitness of all Lowell physical education students, from non-athletes to defending state champion wrestlers.

"The obstacle course is experimental and fun, and it builds a bond between students," Olsen said. "Even the

non-athletic, non-competitive student, after going through the course once, is hooked on the challenge and fun it represents."

The obstacle course has made stops at carnivals, a Grand Rapids Griffins hockey game as well as other big events.

Lowell was the first high school stop for the indoor course.

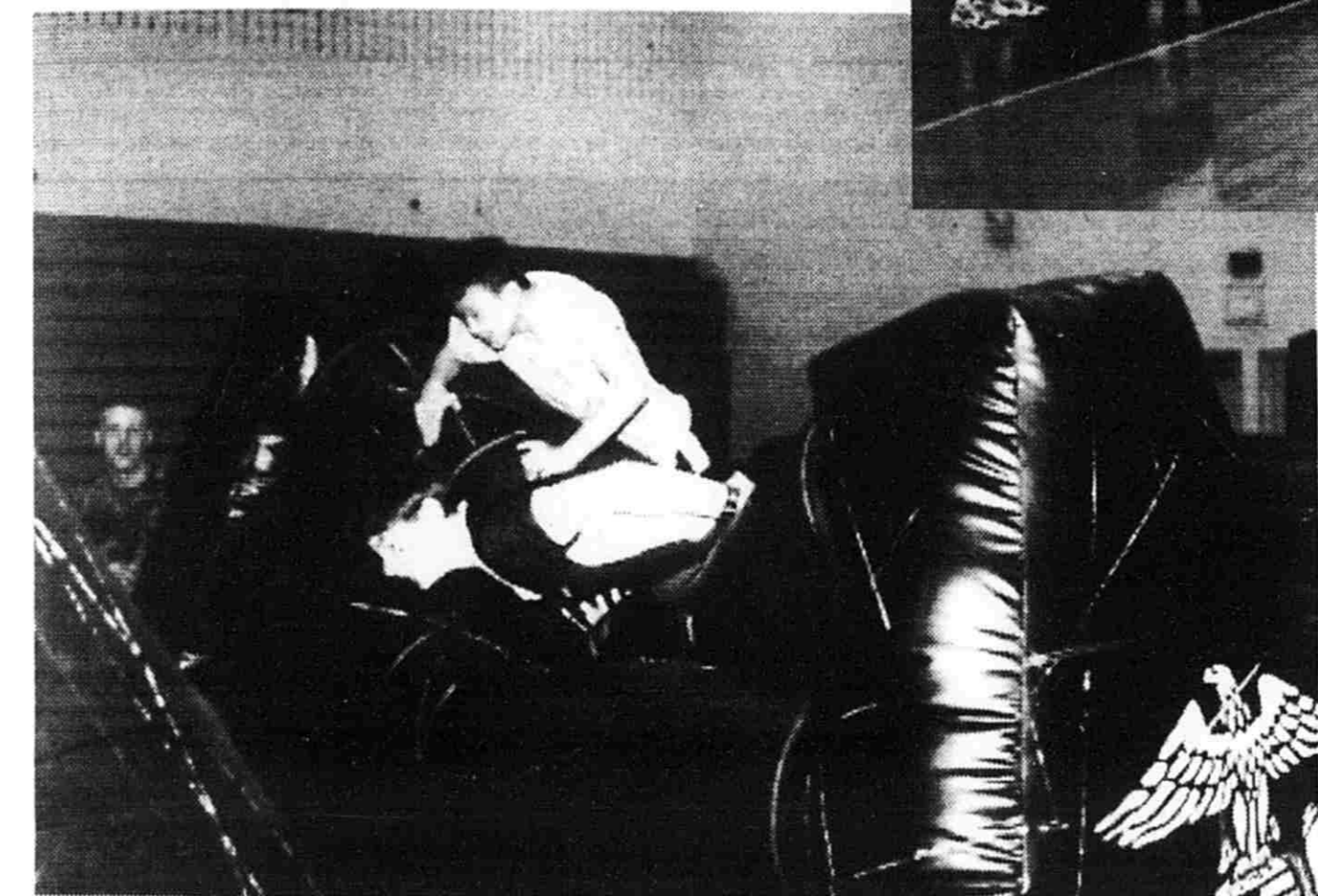
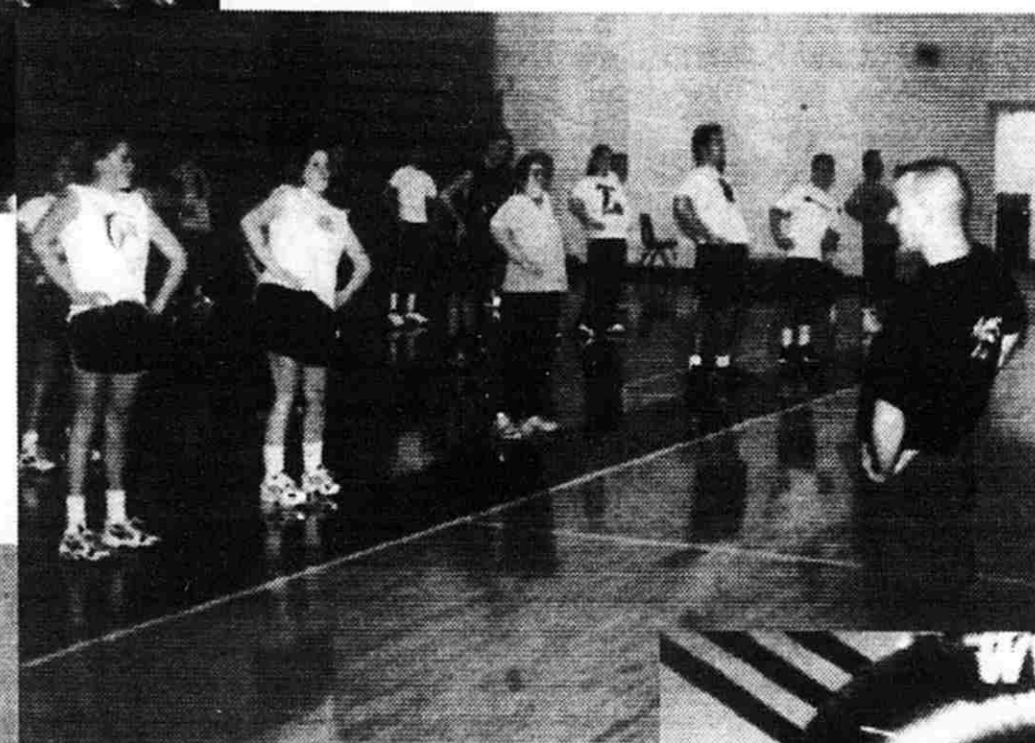
"We were notified less than three weeks ago that it was available and within hours, Sgt. Olsen had booked a stop at Lowell High School," Lowell physical education teacher Bob Rodenhouse said.

Kari Jastifer, a non-athlete, was the quickest of the girls to maneuver her way through the course. "Jumping over the wall was the hardest part," Jastifer said.

Helping Olsen were Lowell seniors, Derrick Harmon, Denny McClure and Dwayne Simpson. All three are in the Marines delayed entry program.

"We train once a week, go on 10-mile hikes and listen to motivational talks," Simpson explains. "We also run and do some physical training."

Simpson said the Marines interested him because he wanted a challenge and more discipline, and it provided him with more opportunity.



## Telman shines on beam in loss to Rockford

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell tallied its highest gymnastics team score against Rockford.

While it continues to illustrate the ever-growing and improving Red Arrow program, Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan knows that it can even be better.

Rockford defeated Lowell 132.50-124.30. "If the girls can minimize their mistakes and increase difficulty, our scores can be even better," DeHaan said.

The Lowell coach points to the vault as an example. "We've maximized the number of points we can score by doing hand springs," DeHaan said. "To improve our scores, Dan (Vosovic) is working with the girls on adding twists to their vaults."

Krystal White led all Red Arrows on the vault with a score of 8.15 (fourth). Holly Plattner and Renee Brower tallied marks of 7.9 and April Telman finished with a 7.5.

On the balance beam, Plattner was the team medalist with an 8.5 (second) and Telman recorded a personal best 8.1 (third).

"It was April's best routine ever. She's worked so hard on her cartwheels and now she's landing them every time," DeHaan explained.

Lowell's other two scores were handed in by Kim Hoogewind (7.4) and White (7.15).

Plattner was Lowell's top performer on the uneven bars as she finished with a 7.75

with a mark of 9.05. Brower and White each tallied a 7.8 and Carmen Datema and Melissa Neubecker recorded 7.75.

"I think all four of our scores can be above 8 if we eliminate some little mistakes," DeHaan said.

Rams' Danielle Courtier took top honors in two of the four events. She

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**Michele DeHaan  
Gymnastics Coach**

(third). Brower and White scored 7.3s (fifth) while Katie Blough finished with a 7.0. In the floor exercise, Plattner was the meet medal-

scored an 8.65 on the vault; 8.45 on the uneven bars.

Michelle Bainbridge scored a meet high 8.8 on the beam.

**April Telman's focus and determination helped the Red Arrow record a personal best mark of 8.1 on the balance beam.**



# Red Arrow grapplers work for tournament championship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It didn't look like inclement weather outside, but Lowell's wrestling team had to weather a major storm inside Saturday at the Gary Rivers Memorial Tournament.

The Red Arrows had to fend off stiff challenges from Richmond and Plainwell in earning its third consecutive tournament championship.

"I'm pleased with the win, but we limped through... the boys weathered the storm," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc said.

The coach wasn't speaking figuratively when using the phrase "limped through." Lowell may have lost Dan Rottier for the year in the Red Arrows' 34-31 win over Richmond. The senior incurred a knee injury while winning his match.

"The tournament was a trial for us and we survived," Strejc said. "It started early in the day when we survived an onslaught by Richmond."

Lowell had a devil of a time against Richmond's lower weights.

The Blue Devils won the first five matches in building a 21-0 lead.

"Richmond's lower weights tore us apart, but our upper weights answered back," Strejc said.

Rottier's pin at 1:35 started Lowell's rally. Richmond didn't stop it until the Red Arrows claimed a 28-21 lead.

Lowell's other wins in Pool A came against Coldwater, 60-15, and Otsego, 40-23.

The Red Arrows defeated Whitehall in the semifinals

46-31 to advance to the finals against Plainwell, who upended Belding 57-21 in the semifinals.

Bobby Gingerich (112), John McKay (119) and John Mendez saw to it that Lowell didn't suffer the same inauspicious beginning against the Trojans that it did against Richmond.

With Lowell trailing 6-0, Gingerich decided Plainwell's Travis Pickett 4-3.

McKay followed with a pin against Adam Gailey at 2:40 of the second period, giving the Red Arrows a 9-6 lead.

Mendez made it 15-6 with a pin at 1:16 of the first period against Matt Green.

J.J. Wilder pinned Mike Hueshen at 3:38 of the second period, giving Lowell a 21-12 lead. The Red Arrows forfeited their match at 1:30.

Brent Lyons' 22-9 decision over Justin Gailey (140) increased Lowell's advantage to 25-12.

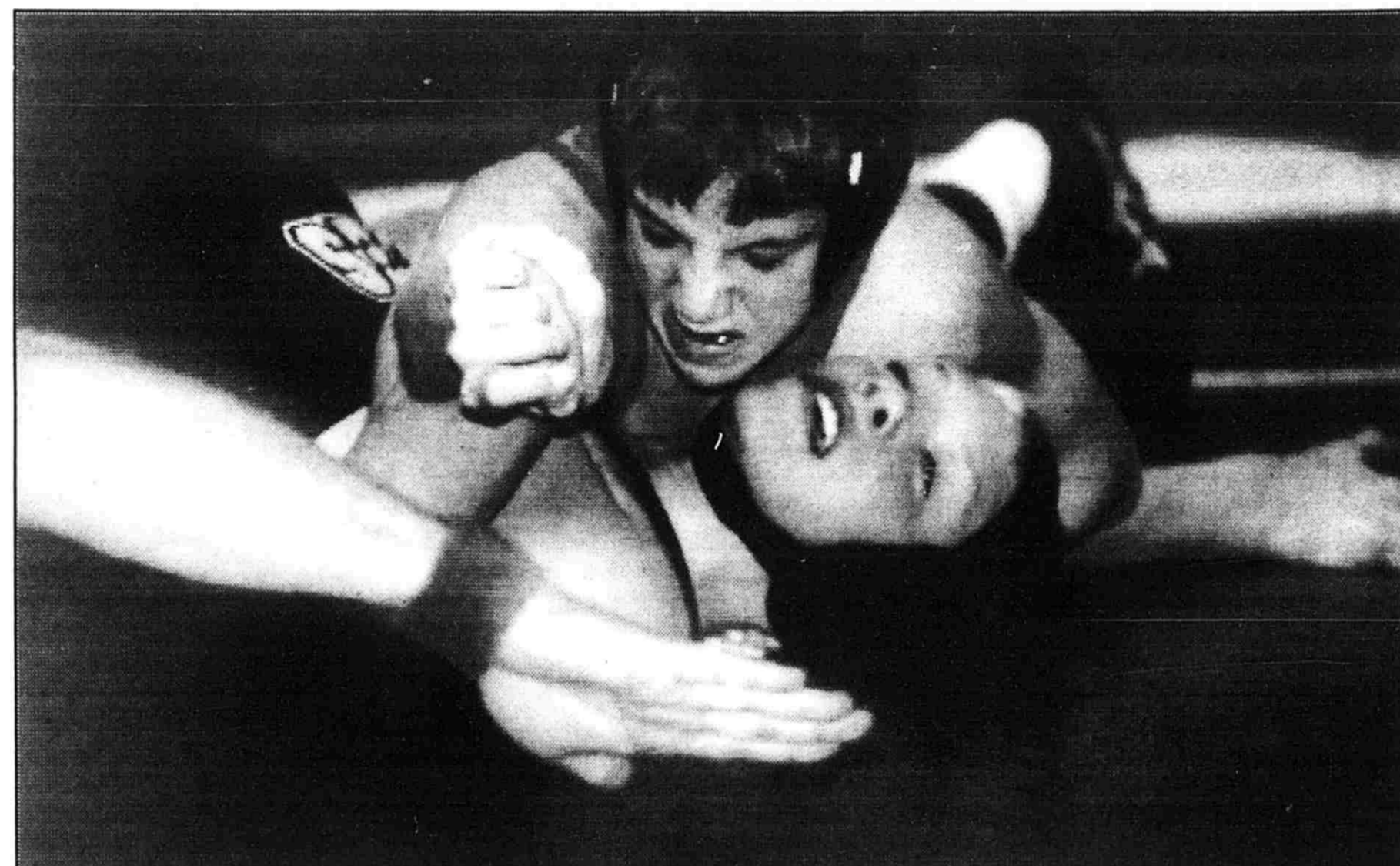
Plainwell wasn't through as it recorded big decisions at 145 and 152 against Caleb O'Boyle and Tom Oesch, reducing its deficit to seven at 25-18.

"Those were quality wins for us by Burd (Marc) and Meert (Kevin)," said Plainwell coach Jeff Steele.

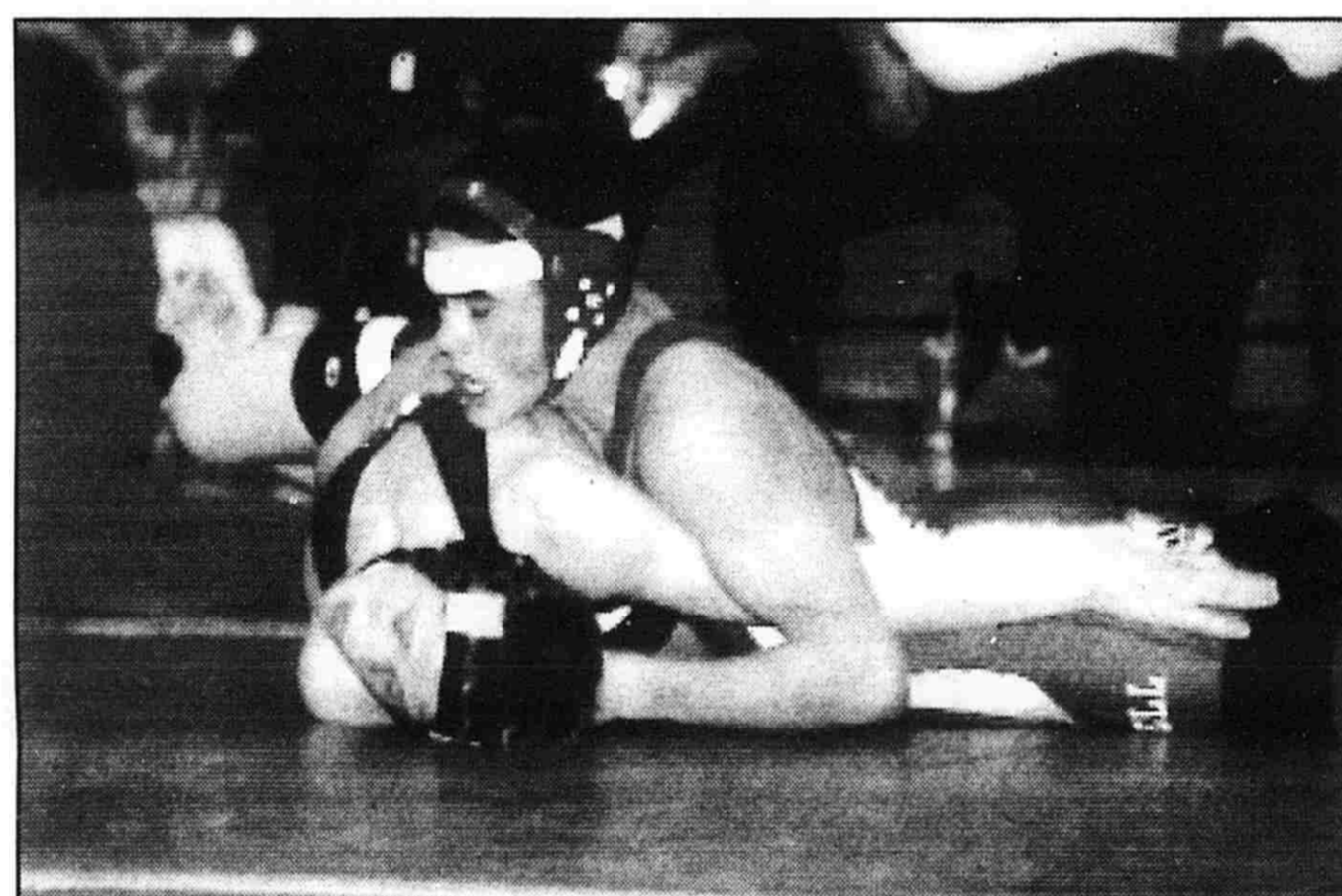
T.J. Forward stopped the Trojan run with a pin at 1:14 of the first period against Ronnie Burns (160).

With Lowell leading 31-18, Plainwell scored six points when Matt Oesch was DQ'd at 1:71 and three more points when Trojan Ryan Summers decided Luke Seitz 6-0.

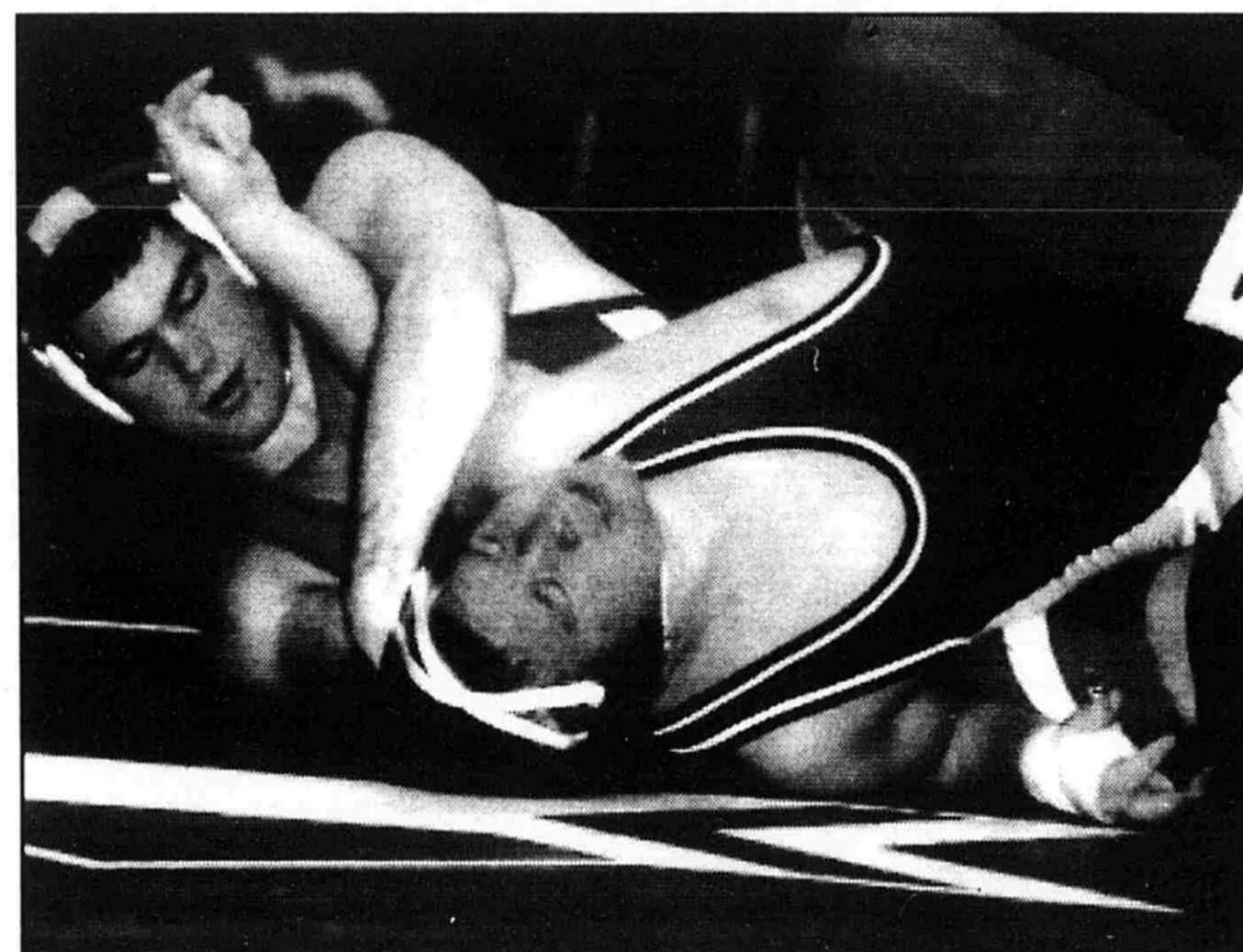
Trailing by four (31-27),



Bobby Gingerich decided Plainwell's Travis Pickett 4-3.



John Mendez pinned Trojan Matt Green in 1:16 of the first period.



Lowell's Bill Stouffer works toward pinning his Whitehall opponent.

Steele chose to forfeit his club's match at 215 against defending state champion Bill Stouffer, sealing the match for the Red Arrows much to the chagrin of the Lowell faithful.

"Josh (Meer) is a little hurt and I have to look at the big picture. Does it make sense to send out a kid who is hurt against the defending state champion?" Steele said in defending his decision.

With match in hand, D.J. Kuiper, Plainwell, pinned Lowell's Ben Vaught (HWT) at 5:43 of the third period, cutting Lowell's final margin of victory to four at 37-33.

"We got pushed to the limit today," Strejc concluded.

## Smith named Y's new sports coordinator

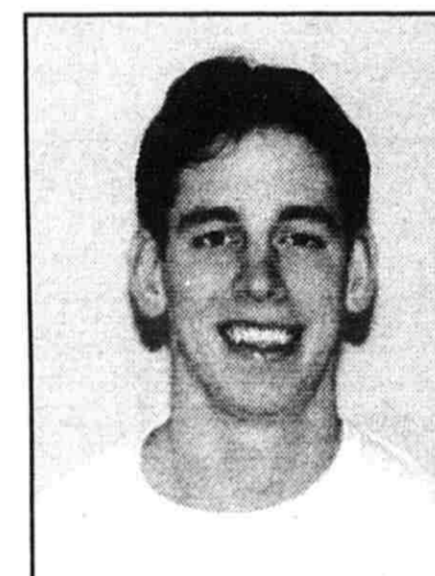
Jonathan Smith has been promoted to the full-time position of sports coordinator for the Lowell YMCA.

The Lowell resident will be directly responsible for supervising youth and adult sports on a day-to-day basis.

"Jonathan grew up in the Lowell community and knows the families, businesses and individuals," said Lowell YMCA program director Clay Summers.

"Smith's promotion will enable Summers to focus on other community collaborations and programs outside of sports such as fitness and teen programming," said YMCA executive director Will Welsh.

The need for a full-time sports coordinator surfaced because of program expansion in all areas. "Our budget has grown by 48 percent," Welsh said.



Jonathan Smith

## Six teams open YMCA's new basketball league

Adult men in Lowell are enjoying one more opportunity for fitness and exercise.

Lowell's YMCA started

a men's 18 and over adult open basketball league on Monday nights.

The league began on Jan. 10. Six teams will compete through February with play-offs beginning on Feb. 28.

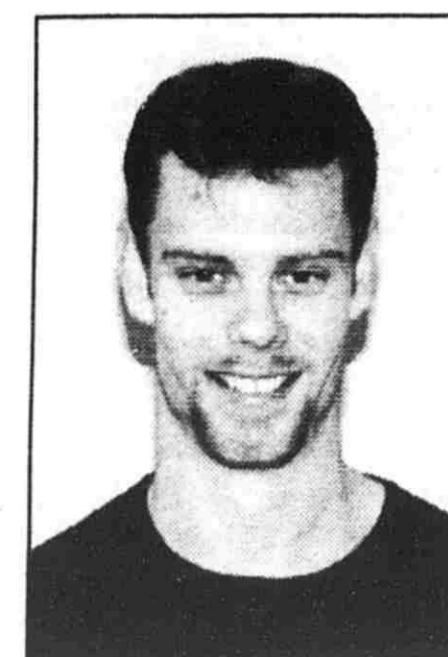
"We looked at what we can do to increase activities for adult men in this community," said YMCA program director Clay Summers. "This is the first time in six years the Y has offered an 18 and over league."

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The Lowell Y also offers 30 and over open gym and summer softball leagues.

Other activities the YMCA program director would like Lowell to offer include adult fitness (weight lifting and aerobics) and volleyball.

"We had six teams sign up this year and hope to double that next year," said YMCA sports coordinator Jonathan Smith.



Clay Summers

Clay Summers  
YMCA Program Director



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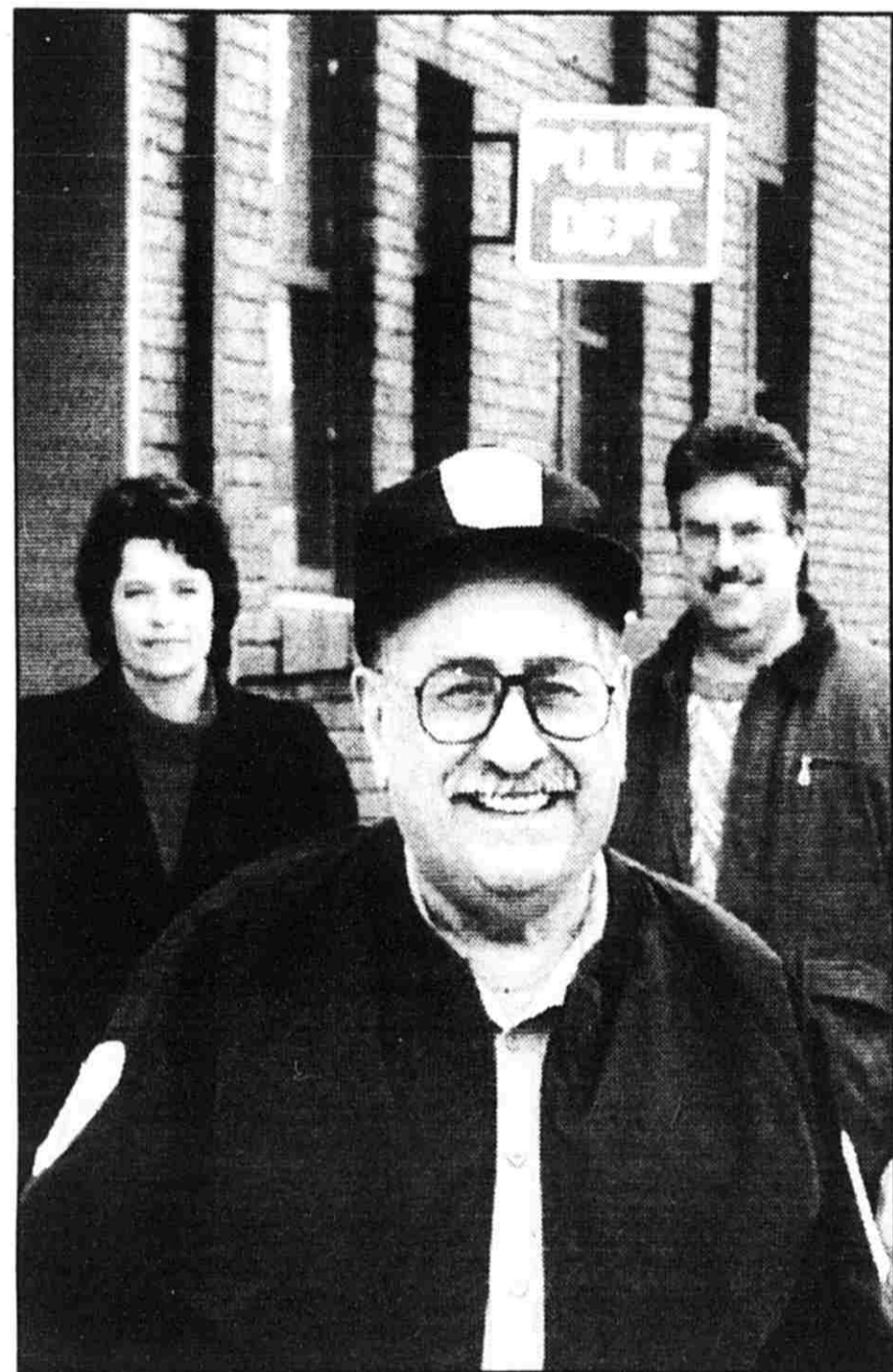
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# Ambassador program the work of cooperative effort



By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

George Mickel is taking the talents Grand Rapids taught the resident and putting them into practice toward the benefit of the community... the community of Lowell.

"A person gains by enriching a community and the community also gains," Mickel said.

Lowell is considerably smaller than Grand Rapids, but its progressive Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP) and police chief are what attracted Mickel.

"When I met chief Jim Valentine and talked to him about the program, I knew Lowell was where I wanted to do my volunteer work," Mickel explained.

The Grand Rapids' resident has been active in the RSVP in Lowell for the past two years.

Through the cooperative efforts of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (Liz Baker) and Valentine, Mickel is ready to embark on the establishment of an ambassador program.

The program will showcase the community through the

creation of an information/awareness center and in developing and selling Lowell pride.

"George has helped us think beyond the basics of what we've been doing," Valentine said.

In doing so, Mickel has also aided Valentine in promoting and carrying out additional services the police department and volunteers from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program can help provide to the community.

"I believe we can establish city services for the city before there is a need or market," Mickel explained. "Through the involvement of the community, we can showcase Lowell and strive toward one goal."

Once the information/awareness center has established itself and has a proven track record, Mickel said funding will be sought to house the center. Current plans are to share space in the new chamber office located on the Riverwalk.

"The ambassador program is a cooperative effort which will assist in community policing," Valentine said.

RSVP volunteer, in cooperation with Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, and Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine will embark on the establishment of an ambassador program.

## City to tackle river water main project first

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Timing, not money, has determined which water main project will be completed first.

Bob Robinson, water distribution supervisor, suggested the South Hudson water main utilize Community Development Block Grant funds since the project is not as urgent as the Flat River water main crossing by North Street.

Funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) will not be available until July.

The city will use the \$70,000 it has budgeted for the South Hudson project to get an earlier start on the Flat River water main project. The CDBG monies will then be used for the South Hudson water main construction from the railroad tracks to Grant Street.

The city will take advantage of an opportunity to borrow ahead from next year's available CDBG funds, requesting \$60,000. "Depending on the number of projects submitted, we encourage some communities to borrow ahead," said Tom Tilma, county public improvement administrator.

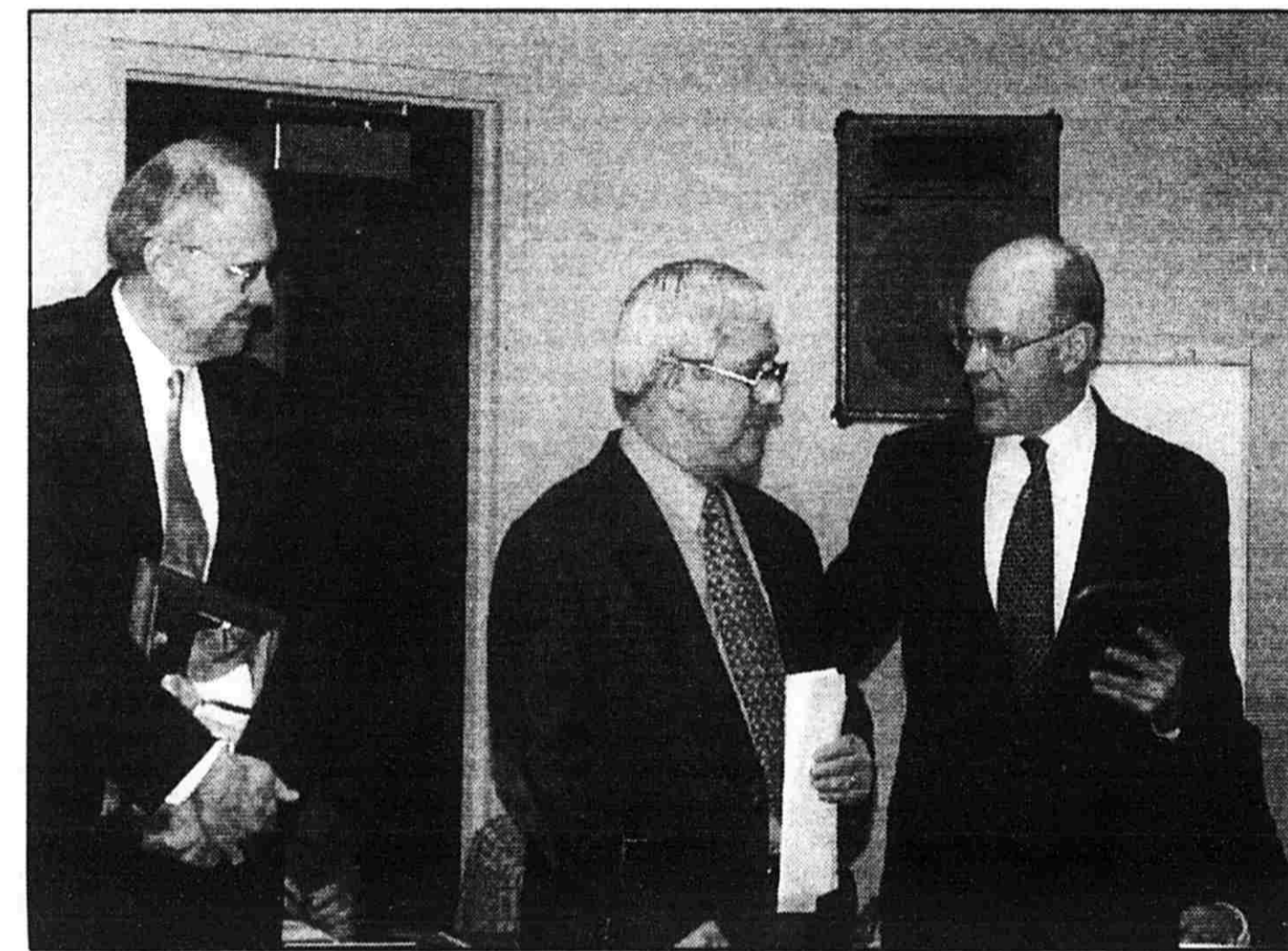
Provided the allocation request is approved, \$58,000 would be used toward the South Hudson project and \$2,000 would be provided to North Kent Transit to assist senior citizens and handicapped riders.

By borrowing ahead, next year unprogrammed CDBG funds available to the city would be approximately \$20,000, according to Tilma.

## Defense leads Red Arrow hockey team to pair of victories

If the expression "Good defense wins games" is a valid one, then the Lowell J.V. hockey team took it to heart this past weekend. In two very intense and physical weekend match ups, Lowell's defense paced the Red Arrows to victories over Grandville and Lansing.

Saturday's match up with Grandville was the second time these teams have played in the past few weeks. The Bulldogs won the first contest by a score of 6-3. In that game, Lowell played a very strong game overall, but Grandville was able to capitalize on several defensive lapses. Coming into this weekend the Red Arrows were focusing on im-



### District Applauds Akers' Efforts

Lowell Middle School teacher Ken Akers was recognized by the Lowell School Board for the 29 years of stellar service he provided the district as a boys and girls basketball coach. The 1999 season was Akers' last as the girls varsity basketball coach. The board also thanked him for helping middle school assistant principal Mark Weber while he is recovering from a summer accident.

## Howard leaves planning commission on his own terms

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Tim Howard, 2626 Parnell Ave., thought he could do better within Vergennes Township government rather than out.

After roughly 14 years as a township planning commissioner, his record indicates he was right and that the time was right to step down from the commission.

"When I first started, the planning commission met quarterly because the state mandated that it do so," Howard explained. "There are many more issues today for a township in transition. There are also many more people involved."

Howard has always found the issues that come before the planning commission to be interesting.

Some of the more important issues have been worked out through ordinances. Howard suggests that several ordinances, of which he has been involved with drafting and approving, are beneficial to the township.

"I believe the livestock, site condominium, private road, planned unit development (PUD) and home based business ordinances will be beneficial to the township. Maybe not now,

but in 10 years they will protect the township from what I call the "yuppies from hell," said the former commissioner.

Howard, for the most part, is happy with the direction the township has taken while serving as a planning commissioner for seven 2-year terms.

"Now it's time for someone else to take my spot. My term was up, and I wanted to leave on my own terms," Howard explained.

During his tenure, the political winds in the township have shifted back and forth. "That's the way the system works. Diversity keeps things from getting stale," Howard said.

He defines a good planning commissioner as one who is open-minded, does not pre-judge an issue, and looks at the facts.

Putting ordinance amendments in place to reflect the recently drafted master plan is a big job facing the planning commission, according to Howard.

"The master plan is a guide. It should change and evolve with growth," Howard suggests.

proving their team defense.

It was the team's offense, however, that rose to the occasion early in the first period. On the first shift of the game, Lowell's Chad Rau scored on assists from Chris Rybicki and Jeremy Hanson to put the Red Arrows up 1-0. Eric Bailey put Lowell up 2-0 at the 6:50 mark on an assist from Eric Austin, and then Andi Larisch scored Lowell's third goal of the period at the 3:36 mark on assists from Tom Fisk and Bailey.

Larisch added his second goal of the game at the 4:56 mark of the second period on an assist from Dustin Hofert, but it was the Red Arrow defense that dominated the second half of the game. Grandville did score one goal in the second period and one in the third, but Lowell's defensive players, including Fick, Hanson, Hofert, Bryan Posthumus and David Maylone were able to keep much of the pressure off goalie, Jay Blair.

Grandville stepped up the pressure in the third period, combined with three Lowell penalties, it looked like the momentum might be changing. Lowell's defensive pairings continued to play a physical, well-positioned game but it was goalie Blair who dominated play the entire period. Blair stopped 20 shots in the third period alone to hold off

the Bulldogs and ensure the team's eighth victory of the year.

"Our offense gave us the goals we needed and we played much better team defense," said head coach Paul Jacobus, "but Jay Blair really made some big saves down the stretch in the third period."

Lowell hosted Lansing on Sunday at Michigan National Ice Center for a key divisional match up. Strong defense and solid goal-tending proved once again to be the difference as the Red Arrows were victorious by a slim margin of 2-1. Defenseman Darrell Cromer opened the scoring at the 8:44 mark of the first period with a slap shot from just inside the red line. Lansing also added their only goal of the game in the first period.

Lowell's Eric Austin scored at the 14:39 mark of the second period on assists from Eric Bailey and Bryan Posthumus to put the Red Arrows up 2-1. Each team traded scoring chances throughout the remainder of the game but neither team was able to score again. Lowell's defense held Lansing to a combined 10 shots in the second and third periods and Jay Blair made several big third-period saves to preserve the victory. "It's challenging to play a morning game after such a

### TRIVIA

Don Aykroyd is a police buff. He collects badges, sometimes rides along in squad cars and rides an Ontario police motorcycle.



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The family of Lyle Ripley wishes to thank the Lowell Police Dept. and Lowell Rescue, the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home and Rev. Gordon Barry. We would also like to thank the Women of the Moose for providing the luncheon, and to everyone else who sent food, cards and their prayers in our hour of need.

Thank you all very much, the Ripley family.

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# New program designed to increase communication between parents and schools

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

No one would dispute that parents and school officials working together help create a better learning experience for a child.

There are national studies

John Hopkins University has developed a National Partnership of Schools program designed to increase learning by connecting schools, communities, and parents together, Cole explained.

"This is a really neat model," said Cole, who has

one put together by John Hopkins University, incorporates six tools:

- Parenting: looking at the basic responsibilities of families.

- Communicating: school officials looking at ways to communicate with families.

- Volunteerism: looking at ways to promote volunteer opportunities within the school.

- Learning at Home: informing parents of academic activities to be done at home.

- Decision-making: creating positions for parents and community members to help in the decision-making process of the school.

Collaborating with the Community: opening up lines of communication for the entire community to offer input to the schools.

"It has been working great," Cole said. "By utilizing these tools, Cherry Creek has been able to create a number of strategies to partner with its parents and the community."

Using these tools, Cherry Creek Elementary School, which served as a pilot school for the program, developed a parent/teacher survey to determine what areas it could improve upon, Cole said. From that survey, the staff learned that parents didn't feel

they had appropriate time during the week to look over their child's homework. From that, Cole said, the staff developed Friday Folders, which are sent home to the parents and on what they need to focus attention.

Also, Cherry Creek developed a family resource center, through which parents could check out information on various topics. Other direct results from the surveys included a curriculum brochure and curriculum nights where parents could learn more about the curriculum

their child was being presented, Cole said.

Cherry Creek has had its program for three years. Cole said the other schools in the Lowell district are currently working on plans for their School Family Community Partnerships. Both Alto and Bushnell have completed surveys and are starting to develop plans. The Lowell Middle School is scheduled to begin working on its partnership in February. Cole said the high school has not given her a starting date, but she expected the staff to begin the process soon.

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Kathy Cole  
TOTS Director

that prove this. The Lowell Area School District believes in it so strongly that school officials have enacted a program called School Family Community Partnerships. Led by Kathy Cole, the program is designed to create more interaction between parents and school officials and foster a better learning environment for the students.

"The research is very clear that if you have partnerships between families, parents, teachers and schools, you increase learning," Cole said.

used it with other schools and met great success with the program. "I have to submit annual reports and samples of what we are doing, which are in turn shared with the other schools in the program."

About 1,114 schools across the nation participate in the John Hopkins program. Cole said the entire Lowell Area School District has been registered with the program. There are about 245 school districts participating in the program.

The program, based on

## Subcommittee formed to seek out board volunteers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

City councilmen Ray Quada and Don Green have accepted the charge of promoting volunteerism on boards and councils in the Lowell community.

Quada suggested at a Jan. 3 city council meeting that a subcommittee be formed to establish how the city may interest people serv-

ing the community. That subcommittee was established by the council at the Jan. 18 meeting. A third member of the community will be appointed to join Quada and Green.

"In addition to that, I believe this subcommittee should develop a program for recognizing and rewarding people who do serve on boards and councils," Quada said.

Lowell mayor Mike Blough applauded the idea

which would give opportunity for others to participate in government.

Mayor pro tem Chuck Myers suggested that the city be proactive and seek out volunteers for appointments as

opposed to waiting until there is a vacancy.

"I also think there needs to be an orientation program in place for volunteers," Myers said.

## School district accepts donation to Alternative Education program

The first gift to the Lowell Area Schools of the new

millennium came from the Michigan Education Association representative in the form of \$100.

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education accepted the gift from Mike Stephens at its regular January board meeting. The money is to be used by the Alternative Education program.

"Mike Stephens, who is the MEA representative, has been working with our alternative education program," said Superintendent Bert Bleke. "He was so impressed with the program he decided to donate \$100."

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The real-life mother of Amy Brenneman (*Judging Amy*) is a superior-court judge and one of the first women to graduate from Harvard.

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PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Charter Township Board **approved** the following:

The Meijer, Inc. request to rezone approximately 21.857 acres of property located in Section 4 of Lowell Township at:

- 11441 Fulton, SE, Lowell, MI (PP#41-20-04-426-002)
- 11847 Fulton, SE, Lowell, MI (PP#41-20-04-426-004)
- 11855 Fulton, SE, Lowell, MI (PP#41-20-04-426-005)
- 11867 Fulton, SE, Lowell, MI (PP#41-20-04-426-023)
- 11899 Fulton, SE, Lowell, MI (PP#41-20-04-426-022) the southern portion
- 11909 Fulton, SE, Lowell, MI (PP#41-20-04-426-024)
- 11917 Fulton, SE, Lowell, MI (PP#41-20-04-426-021) the northern portion from the present zoning classifications of R-1 (Rural Low Density Residential) and R-3 (Medium Density Residential) to General Commercial for a new Meijer store and gas station.

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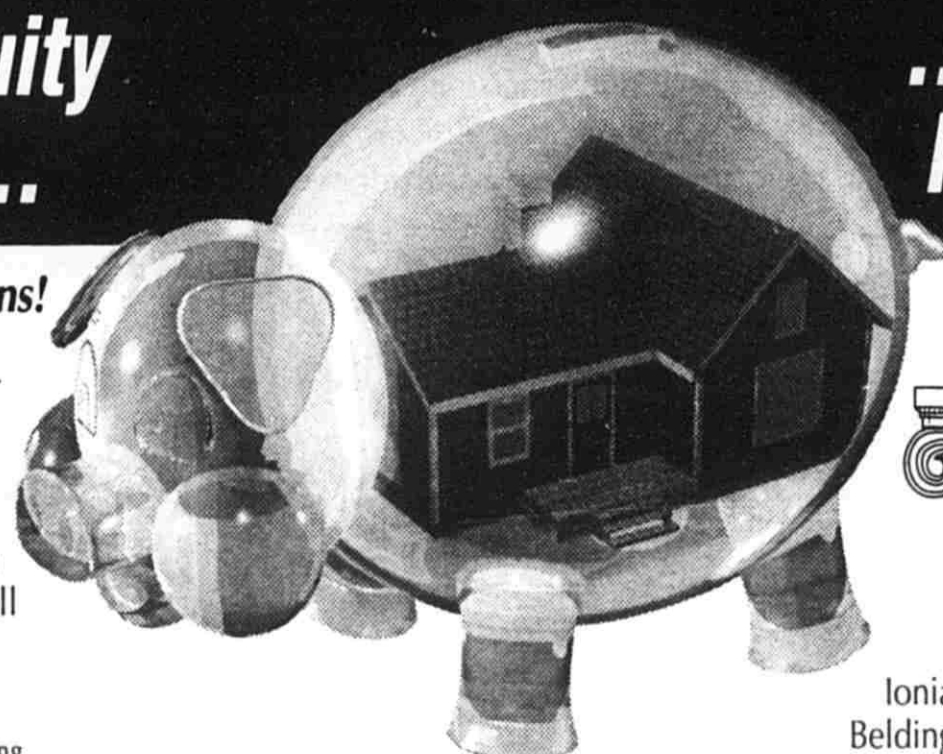
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