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City Council to create committee to study cable business

••• A nine-member committee will be formed to conduct a comprehensive review of the desirability of continuing to offer cable television in the community

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Many of the people in the Lowell City Council's audience were expecting to hear a definite decision on what the council was going to do about adult programming on the Lowell Cable TV. Instead, they got another study.

After almost an hour and a half of debate over how the adult channels arrived on Lowell Cable, whether they could be removed, and that the results of the survey indicated residents wanted the channels removed, the council unanimously decided to place a moratorium on the addition of any new adult cable channels and (if technically possible) any new pay-per-view customers for the existing channels. The moratorium would exist for about three months while Mayor Mike Blough and a councilmember put together a committee of nine people from the community to determine whether the city of Lowell should even be in the cable business.

"This is a different day and age from 13 years ago when we decided to bring cable into this community," said councilor Ray Quada who proposed the resolution for the moratorium and creation of a new committee.

Quada said when looking at the quality of television, it isn't just adult channels carrying adult programs, but other stations that are carrying specific adult programming. He believed the entire system needed to be reviewed with a committee holding public forums for people to voice their concerns about what is available on Lowell Cable.

"There is equally offensive material on the TV that our children can watch tomorrow without any lockouts," Quada said, adding that he felt it was time for the city to consider whether it should still be in the cable business at all.

For councilor Don Greene, however, the main issue was whether the adult channels should even be offered by Lowell Cable. He asked for an amendment to Quada's motion putting a moratorium on all existing and future adult pay-per-view channels until the committee had a chance to make its recommendation. The amendment failed.

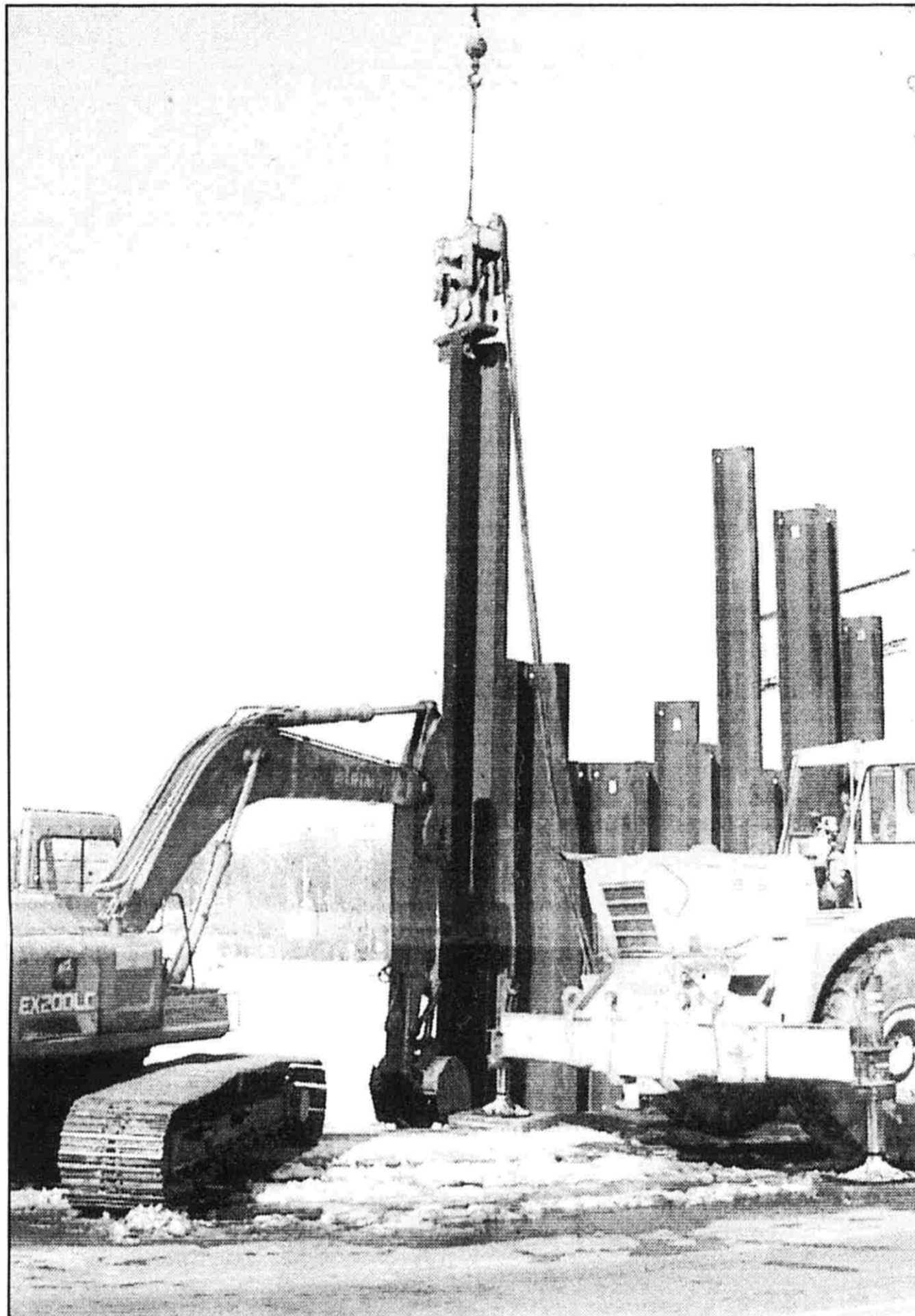
The council did approve Quada's resolution along with having the committee report back to the board by May 1 and the board making a final decision on the matter by June 1.

All of which went against what the Lowell Cable Board proposed, which was to keep everything status quo. Lowell Cable chairperson Norman Borgerson presented a letter to the council, which was read by Lowell Cable general manager Ron Holcomb. He offered the following reasons for keeping Lowell Cable's current line-up: Competition - by not offering it the cable company could lose shares in the cable market; customer-supported enterprise - the cable company is supported solely by those who subscribe and not by the taxpayers; customer/subscriber survey - the survey was inconclusive since only about 22 percent of Lowell Cable subscribers responded; and reception of controversial programming - customers have to make three conscious steps to make a pay-per-view purchase.

Councilor Jeanne Shores did disagree over one point: the survey had 443 people vote to remove adult programming to 417 people who voted to not remove the programming. About 3,019 subscribers did not respond to the survey.

"What do I say to those who say I voiced my opinion and the city didn't care about what I said?" Shores questioned. Several members of the audience got up to say they felt like

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Driving Home Steel Sheet Piling

Davis Construction, of Grand Rapids, began the sheet piling work on the Main Street Bridge. The sheet piling will help brace and stabilize the retaining wall. Once approximately 70 feet of sheet piling is driven into the river bed, a bridge railing will be put up and the damaged sidewalk will be replaced when weather permits. The bridge has been without a rail for roughly two years.

Annual meeting to be given test run before November ballot

••• Vergennes Township will hold an annual meeting in March so that voters can get a flavor for what such a meeting entails.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in eight-10 years, Vergennes Township will hold an annual meeting.

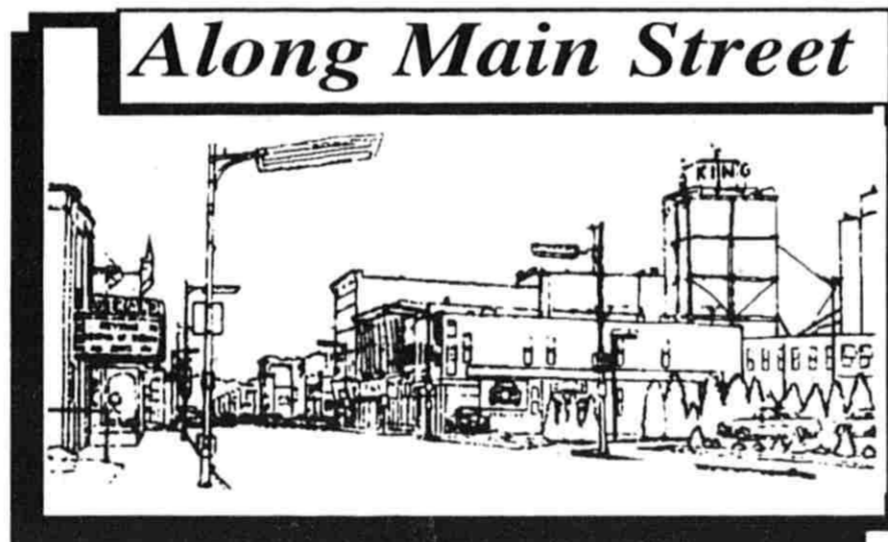
It will serve as a precursor to the November ballot in which voters will be asked if they favor the township holding such a meeting on an annual basis.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. at Vergennes Township Hall.

"This will give township residents a chance to experience what an annual meeting is like," said township clerk Mari Stone. "In the fall they will be able to vote whether they want one or not."

An annual meeting is intended to provide opportunity for officials to report to citizens on board decisions and on progress or lack of it. Citizens are also given the opportunity to question and criticize elected officials. It is also an opportunity to review the budget.

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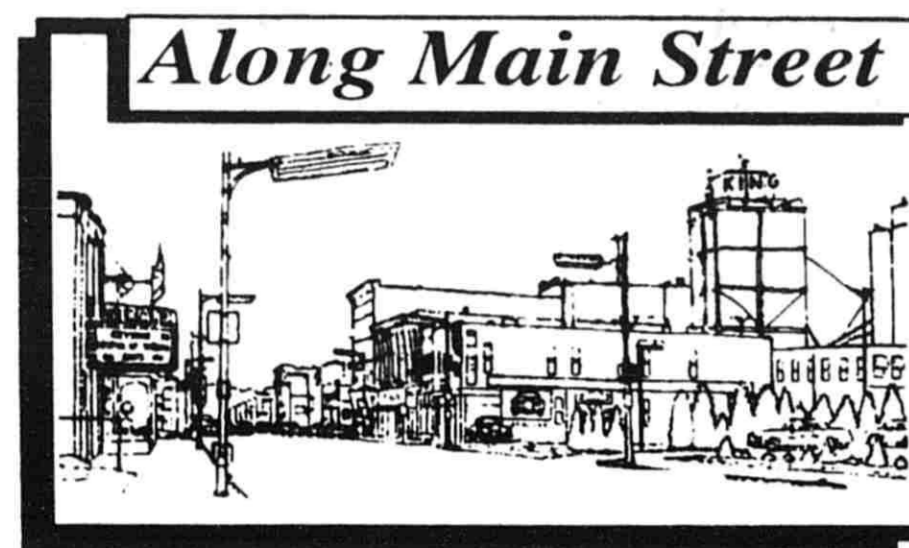
CHRISTIAN ROCK CONCERT
Fishers Net will be coming to the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 26. Tickets are \$5 and available by calling 897-0728. Showtime is 7 p.m.
This is a family and youth event sponsored by St. Patrick Church in Ada.

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING
Lowell United Methodist Church parking lot at 621 E. Main is the site for drop-off of used phone books. These books go to Nu-Wool and are processed into insulation for Habitat For Humanity.
Please note: this is for phone books only. Other print material cannot be used and is not acceptable. The container will be on site until March 1.

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LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, March 1 from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

BENEFIT FOR PEGGY BOWDEN

A fundraiser to benefit Peggy Bowden will be held at Larkin's Other Place on Saturday, March 4 at 6 p.m. There will be music, food, cash bar and a silent auction. A \$10 donation is requested at the door.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Willingness-to-serve letters of application for the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Review of Lowell Cable Television (LCTV) should be addressed to: Mayor Mike Blough c/o Lowell City Hall

The purpose of this committee is to conduct a comprehensive review of the desirability of continuing to offer Cable Television in the community.

Interested parties are to apply in writing no later than March 3, 2000.

LOWELL DAY IN LAKELAND
Lakeland, FL. will be the site for Lowell Day on Sunday, March 5 at 1 p.m. A buffet brunch will be held at Huntington Hill Country Club, corner of 98 & Duff Rd., then west 3 or 4 miles. A head count is being requested so please RSVP by Feb. 29 to either Barb at 863-682-7136 or Mary 863-683-6336.

COMMUNITY EXPO 2000
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is planning the Lowell Community Expo 2000 for Saturday, March 25. If you

would like to spotlight your business, church or organization, call Liz at 897-9161.

CLASS OF 2000 ALL-NIGHT PARTY
Final payments are due Feb. 25 for the all-night party. Payments will be collected during lunch hours on Feb. 24 and 25. Payments may also be made at school to Diana Lyons or Marsha LaHaye. Scholarships are available - see Mr. Vashaw or Mr. Pearson.
Also, pictures for the senior video may still be turned in at the high school office until March 1.

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their opinions were being ignored.

Mayor Blough said that the adult programming issue was one of the more difficult issues to come before the council in awhile.

"It is important for everyone to take an active role in this," Blough said, adding that he hopes the new committee will be able to get a better response from the public than the survey did.

Nature has always had more power than education. —Voltaire

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City Council Minutes, cont'd.... From Page 7

NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by QUADA to return to open session at 9:15 p.m.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by QUADA to approve a sale price of \$175,000 for the purchase of the VFW building and parking lot (307 E. Main and 302

Avery). This price includes the City covering all closing costs, providing the VFW one year's free rent of the building and six months usage of the parking lot.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.
DATE APPROVED: February 21, 2000

Michael K. Blough, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of February 14, 2000

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Keith Valentine, Student Council President and Representative to the Board of Education, reported that Student Council's Christmas dance was a success. \$800 was raised for "Make A Wish" Foundation and 90 toys were collected for Toys for TOTS. The Student Council will be taking leadership in helping all students feel welcome and respected at Lowell High School. The Council will be sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, March 17 at Lowell High School.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION - Kathy Cole presented Karen Burd, Bushnell Elementary Principal, with a framed certificate for her building's involvement in the school Family Community Partnership program.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC - Tom Rhine, elementary music instructor, along with several of his 1st grade students demonstrated how music is an integral part of our student's learning process.

COMPUTER AWARDS - Randy Bassin, a Lowell resident discussed the technology contest he sponsored for Lowell and Grand Rapids school students. The contest resulted in students from both Grand Rapids and Lowell winning personal computers.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following gifts to the district:
• Gerald Persha donation of \$250 to the Science Tub Project WINGS program.
• Knights of Columbus donation of \$492 to the Special Education students.
• Lowell Granite Company donation of a computer and two color monitors valued at \$450 to be used by the Lowell Middle School computer lab.
• Lowell Granite Company donation of \$1,445 to be used by the Lowell Middle School Technology Education Class.
• Craig & Melissa Lorenz donation of a Hewlett Packard printer valued at \$1,980 to be used by the Lowell Area Schools.

Adopted the Civil Rights Compliance Plan for Vocational Education and the grievance procedures.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:
• January 10, 2000 regular meeting minutes and January 24, 2000 Workshop session minutes.
• The following payment of bills:
GENERAL FUND \$666,038.32
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund \$57,986.65
B. Athletic Fund \$9,702.73
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND \$17,919.37
SCHOLARSHIPS \$1,500.00
HEADLEE UNDERFUNDING \$89,033.00

Food service accretion to the LESPA group.
First reading of Board Policies #5020 entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination" and #8010 entitled "Equal Educational Opportunity."

Overnight student trips to San Jose, Costa Rica from June 9-22, France/England from June 15-26, and Lansing, MI from July 10-14.

Annual election resolution calling for the annual election to be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

DEMOGRAPHICS UPDATE - Bert Bleke explained the logic that has driven the decision making process to accommodate student growth. Connie Gillette explained how the district would finance new construction and renovations if voters pass a bond issue, and Jim White explained 3 building options that are being considered. Community forums are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2000 - Alto Elementary School - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
6150 Bancroft, Alto
Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000 -

Runciman Board of Education Office - 10 a.m.-12 Noon
300 High St., Lowell
Monday, Feb. 28, 2000 - Cherry Creek Elementary School - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
12675 Foreman Rd., Lowell
Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000 - Runciman Board of Education Office - 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
300 High St., Lowell

PERSONNEL UPDATE - Connie Gillette announced the retirement notices from three employees: Paula Edgar, Norma Peterson and Dottie Roth who will be retiring at the end of the school year.

RUNCIMAN PARKING LOT TRANSFER OF PROPERTY - Bert Bleke explained the request received from the City to transfer a portion of the Runciman parking lot in order to accommodate the City's effort to create a new City Hall complex. This request will come back for Board consideration at the March meeting.

FOREST HILLS ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL - Bert Bleke explained the request from the Forest Hills Public School District to consider a transfer of property in order to accommodate the development of an environmental center in conjunction with the Kent County Parks Department. This request will come back for Board consideration at the March meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke introduced Jenny Rode who is the new Grand Rapids Press reporter for the Lowell Area Schools.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Regular Board Meeting -
Monday, March 13, 2000 - 7:30 p.m.
Runciman Admin. Building - Board Room

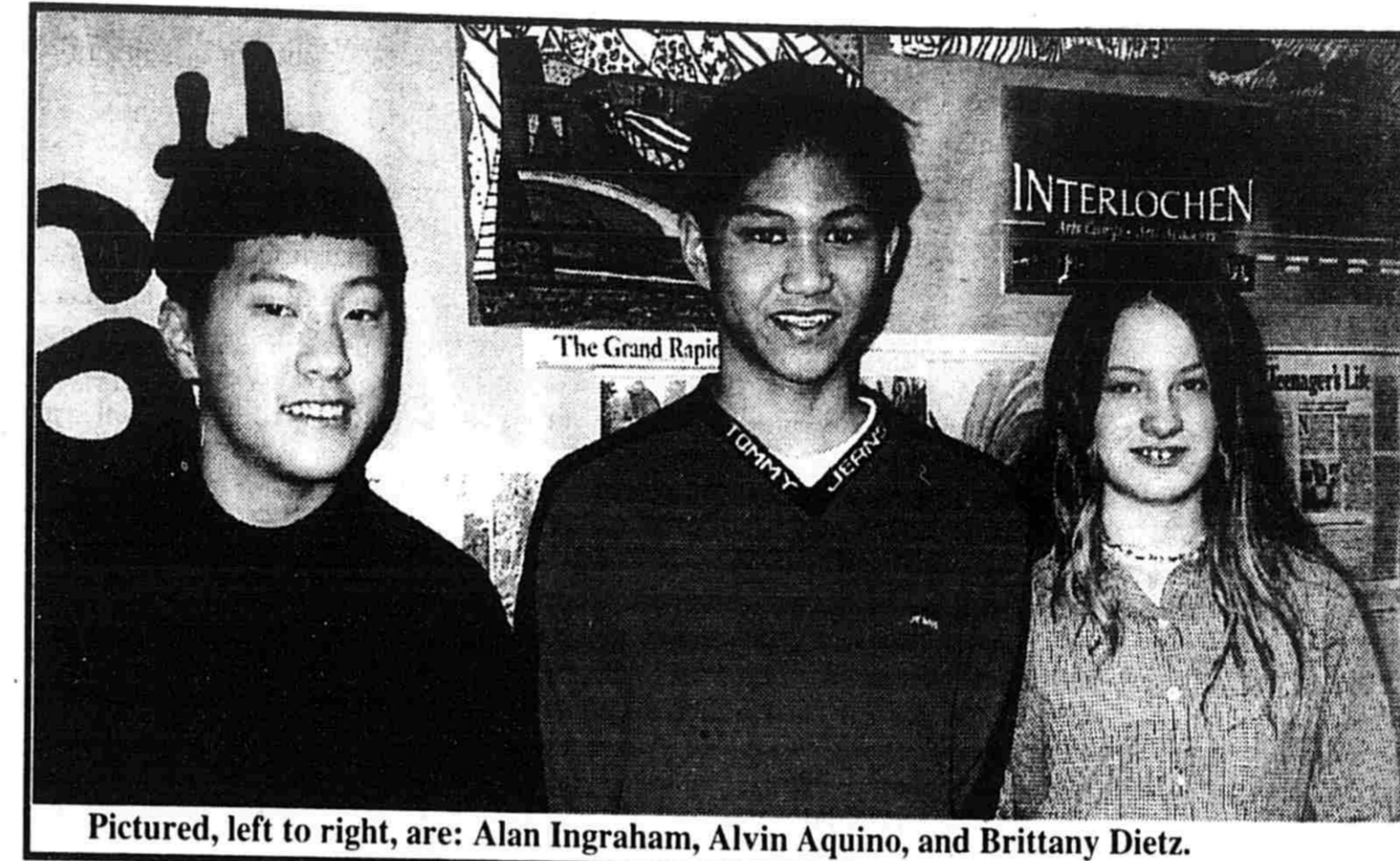
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LMS art students honored at Calvin College

Three Lowell Middle School students were honored on Thursday at Calvin College's Fine Arts Center. Their artworks were a part of the Region 9 Exhibition of the Michigan Art Education Association. A reception was held and each participant was photographed with their artwork.
Alan Ingraham, grade 6, created a tempera painting titled "This Is Where I Live."
Alvin Aquino, grade 7, turned his classmate's portrait into a "Russian Icon - LMS Style" complete with designed

halo and three examples of symbolism. His work was selected to go to the state adjudication for the middle school art exhibition in Lansing on March 11.
Brittany Dietz, grade 6, changed her shoe drawing into a "Hiding Shoe Lizard." Her assignment covered all of the elements of art. Her lizard was also selected to go to the state adjudication in Lansing.

These students participated in M. Karen Thomure's art classes.



Pictured, left to right, are: Alan Ingraham, Alvin Aquino, and Brittany Dietz.

Whitecaps D.A.R.E. Day May 2

The West Michigan Whitecaps will be hosting West Michigan DARE Day on Tuesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. All current and former DARE students along with parents are invited.

Tickets are on sale now for the low cost of \$6 for reserve seating and \$4 for bleacher seats and can be purchased through your DARE officers, or at Lowell Police Department. All students are encouraged to wear DARE T-shirts or any DARE items (buttons, pins, etc.)

Ticket purchase deadline is March 31 at noon and they'll be delivered shortly after this date. Remember, this shows your support for your local

DARE program. If you have any questions, please contact officers Steve Bukala or Chris Hurst.

I never put off till tomorrow what I can possibly do the day after. —Oscar Wilde

FishersNet

To Sing At Performing Arts Center

The Christian rock band "FishersNet" will be performing at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center

SATURDAY, FEB. 26 AT 7 PM

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at St. Patrick's spirit store, religious education office or phone 897-0728

Sponsored By The Youth Of St. Patrick Of Ada. The FishersNet CD is available for \$14.95

The show is suggested for kids ages 10 and older.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE
Independent Probate

FILE NO. 00-168-900-IE

Estate of RUTH ANN HALL, deceased
SSN: 379-86-5399

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:
The decedent, whose last known address was 4588-13 Mile Road N.E., Rockford, MI 49341 died 1/2/00.
Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, MICHAEL C. & FRAN MAZZUKELLY, 4588 Wakefield N.E., Comstock Park, MI 49321, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court 320 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.
Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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- Salary range is \$25,000-\$35,000

Horizons is a nonprofit organization providing mental health services throughout Michigan in a rewarding environment. If interested, send/fax your resume, including salary requirements to:

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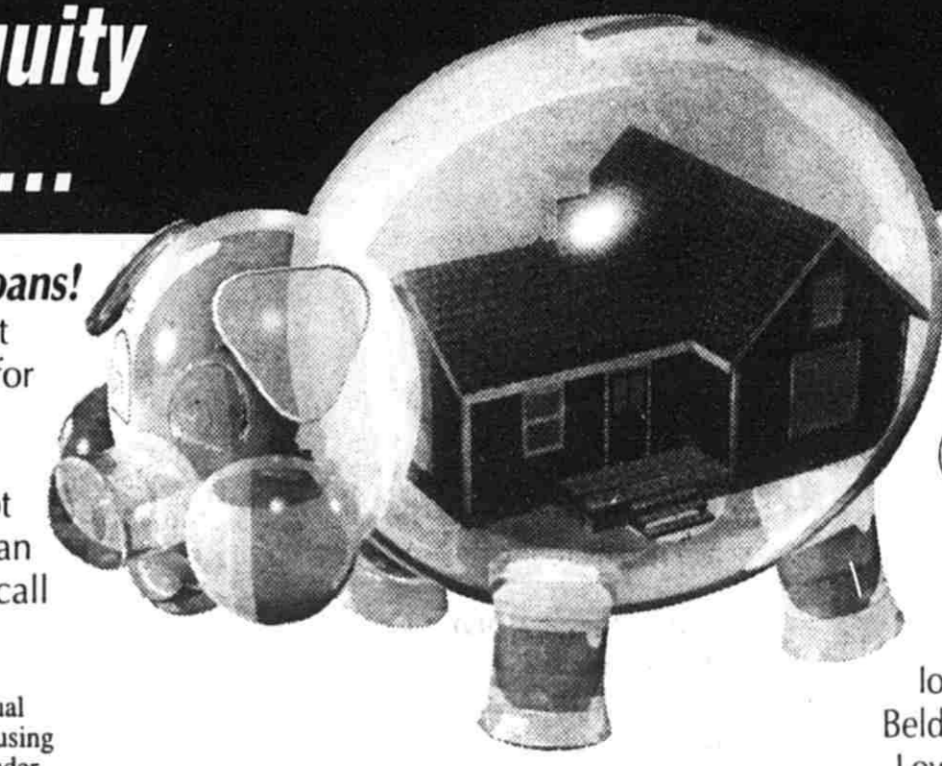
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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 1, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning proposed amendments in the Township Zoning Ordinance. Such amendments include provisions relating to minimum required lot area and minimum lot width in the A Agricultural District; minimum lot area and minimum lot width in the R-R Rural Residential District; and provisions concerning the minimum development area in Rural Residential planned unit developments, the density thereof and certain of the permitted uses therein and other matters.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office at the above address up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: February 7, 2000

Planning Commission
of the Township of Grattan

Spouse Retiring Before You? Better Plan Ahead

You and your spouse probably share many of the same dreams for retirement. You may want to start a small business together, or travel around the world, or just relax with your family at your vacation home. To achieve your retirement goals, you will need to do some comprehensive planning. And one of the things you may need to plan for is the possibility of one spouse retiring before the other.

If it seems likely that one of you will retire several years before the other, consider taking the following steps:

Make needed changes to your portfolios. Of course, you and your spouse will own some investments in common. But you may also want to maintain separate portfolios, with each one containing different types of investments. This will result in greater overall diversification — always an advantage to investors.

If you're going to retire at different ages, then you might need to adjust your individual investment portfolios accordingly. For example, if you are the older spouse, or at least the one who is going to retire sooner, you may want to shift some of your assets from growth stocks to fixed-income securities.

However, given the fact that you may spend 20 to 30 years in retirement, you will want to maintain some elements of growth in your portfolio; otherwise, you risk losing purchasing power to inflation.

On the other hand, the younger spouse will have more working years left, and can better afford to take a bit more risk

in exchange for potentially higher returns.

Decide when you'll take your retirement plan distributions. If you have a 401(k) or other retirement plan where you work, you will probably have several options for collecting the money when you retire. If your spouse is still working, you may not need to tap your retirement funds right away. Instead, you could keep your money in your employer's plan, if allowed. Or, if you're eligible, you could roll the funds over to an IRA. If your spouse has already retired, you may have a greater income need, so you might want to start taking your distribution as soon as you retire. Before you accept any distributions, however, consider how they will affect your taxes.

Update your health care and disability coverage. If your spouse retires before you, and he or she carried the health care coverage through work, you'll need to assume this responsibility. And if you're the spouse who's still working, you should consider purchasing disability insurance to protect your income.

Plan ahead — and take action.

By taking the appropriate steps, you can ensure a smooth transition period between the times that you and your spouse retire. So, get started soon. One day, you'll be glad you planned ahead.

Rec's home run fence soon to be "Looong Gone"

Going ... going ... gone!

The old, dilapidated home run fence at Recreation Park will soon be but a distant memory.

A six foot high, 440 foot chain link fence will be its replacement.

Lowell's Parks and Recreation Commission proposed the fence be put in this spring.

Cedar Springs Fence has been contracted to do the work at a cost of \$4,156.74.

The funds will be allocated from the Lee Fund.

In a related matter, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Don Green noted that the proposal to reorient Recreation Field has been dropped because of its costliness (\$150,000).

There was discussion about switching the field around so that hitters would look into the northern sky when batting.

The proposal did not have a strong endorsement among players.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL, 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD, BELDING, MICHIGAN ON

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2000

between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000

between the hours of 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation in person or by letter addressed to Frank Buckley, Grattan Township Assessor, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, 48809. Written appeals must be received by March 10, 2000. Those wishing to appeal in person should call the Township offices between March 6 and March 9 to prearrange an appointment at 691-8450.

Frank Buckley
Assessor, Grattan Township

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing for a Special Exception Use Application will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the **Vergennes Township Planning Commission on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell for the purpose of receiving comment from the public.

The following application concerns 2 property locations described below.

Kent County Road Commission, 1500 Scribner Ave. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504, owner of 1000 Cumberland Ave. N.E. Lowell, in the SW 1/4 of Section 33, parcel #41-16-33-301-001, is requesting a Special Exception Use Permit to produce and store 40,000 cubic yards of gravel for maintenance and construction of gravel roads in Vergennes Township and neighboring townships. This site is located on the east side of Cumberland between Foreman and Bennett. The Road Commission expects the processing to take approximately 60 days.

The second site is owned by Kent County and is located at 13800 McPherson St. N.E. Lowell, in the SW 1/4 of Section 13, parcel #41-16-13-300-003 and the NW 1/4 of Section 24, parcel #41-16-24-100-031. This site is located across the bridge east and north of Fallasburg Park. The request for a Special Exception Use Permit at this site is also to produce and store 40,000 cubic yards of gravel for maintenance and construction of gravel roads in Vergennes Township and neighboring townships. The processing is expected to take approximately 60 days.

The applications are available for public inspection at the Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will be considered if received by the Township Clerk or Planning Coordinator before 7:00 p.m. on March 6, 2000.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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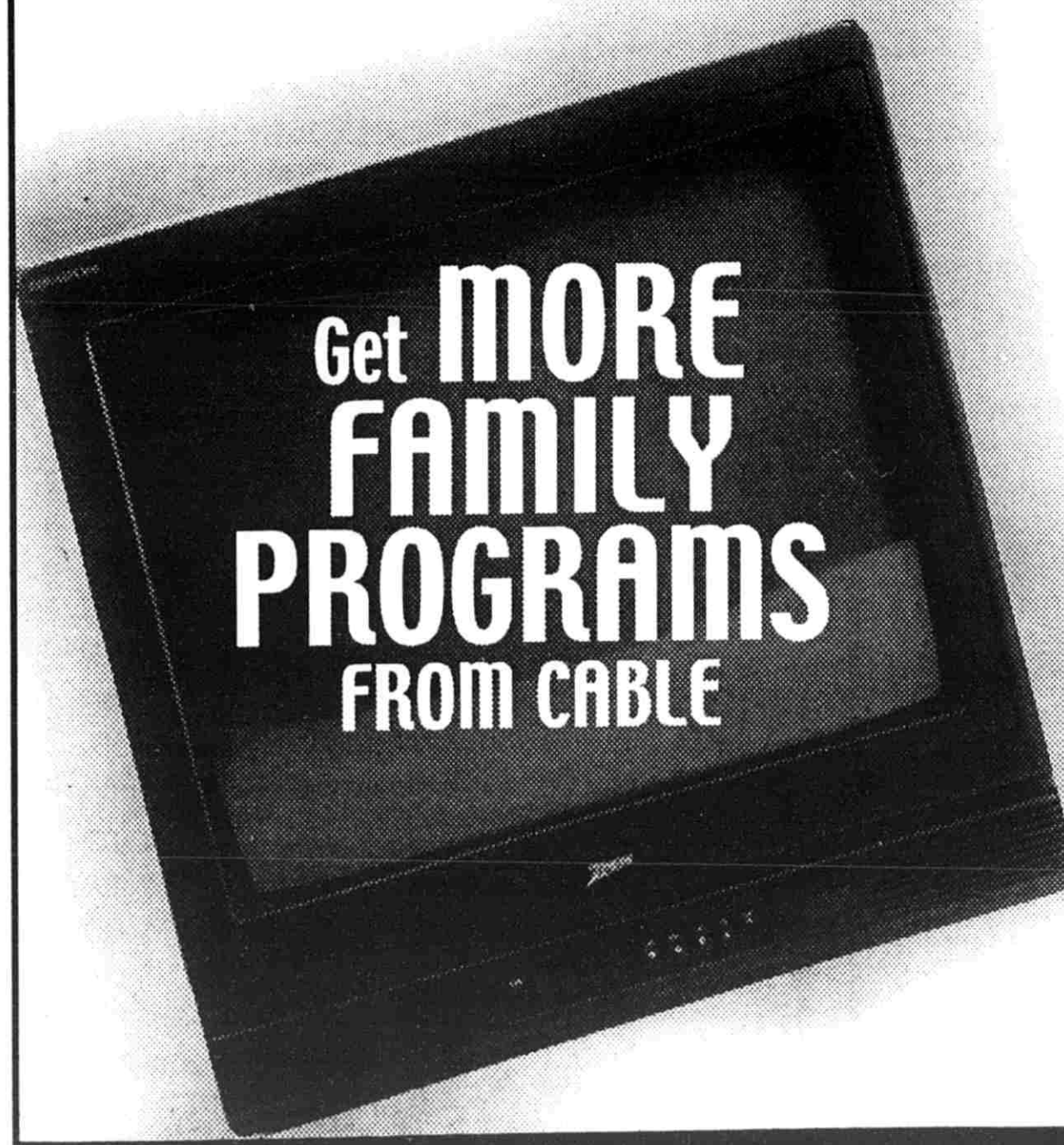
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10	WILX-10
11	WTLJ-54
12	WKAR-23
13	WZZM-13
14*	SHOWTIME
15	WSYM-47
16*	HBO
17*	THE MOVIE CHANNEL
18*	C-MAX
19	FAM
20	LOCAL PROG./WEATHER
21	MTV
22	VH-1
23	USA
24	DISCOVERY
25	WGN
26	ESPN
27	CNN
28	HN
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34	DISNEY
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36	TRAVEL
37	LEARNING
38	SCI-FI
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42	AMC
43	WZPX-43
44	HOME & GARDEN
45	LIFETIME
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47	MSNBC
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* Denotes Premium Channels



FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25 THRU MARCH 2

Marg Helgenberger and Ronny Cox turn in terrific performances as grieving parents Patsy and John Ramsey in *Perfect Murder, Perfect Town*, a new two-part TV movie that looks at the turmoil created by the battle between the local police and the district attorney's office. It airs Sunday and Wednesday on CBS.



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SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

BILLIARDS: ESPN Sun. 4:30 p.m. Billiards Women's Tournament of Champions Semifinal. From Atlantic City, N.J. (Taped)
BOWLING: ESPN Sun. 12:30 p.m. PBA Bowling Touring Players Championship. From Akron, Ohio. (Live)
BOXING: WOOD Sat. 2:30 p.m.; WILX Sun. 2:30 p.m. Boxing U.S. Olympic Trials Box-Offs. From Foxwoods Casino in Manshan-tucket, Conn. (Live)
HBO Sat. 9 p.m. Boxing WCB Doubleheader. Derrell Coley vs. Oscar De La Hoya in a welter-weight fight; Joey Gamache vs. Arturo Gatti in a 10-round junior welterweight clash. (Live)
FOXTD Sun. 1 a.m. Boxing Sunday Night Fights. From Miami. (Taped)

AUTO RACING: TNN Sat. 1 p.m. Auto Racing NASCAR Grand National -- ALL-TEL 200. From North Carolina Motor Speedway in Rockingham, N.C. (Live)
TNN Sun. 12 p.m. Dura-Lube/KMart 400 Preview. Previewing the Dura-Lube/KMart 400 from North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham, N.C. (Live)
TNN Sun. 12:30 p.m. Auto Racing NASCAR Winston Cup -- Dura-Lube/KMart 400. From North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham, N.C. (Live)
FOXTD Thu. 8 p.m. Drag Racing NHRA Championship Series. From Phoenix. (Taped)
BASKETBALL: FOXTD Fri. 8 p.m. NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Detroit Pistons. From the Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, Mich. (Live)
TNT Fri. 8 p.m. NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at New York Knicks. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live)
WWMT Sat. 12 p.m.; WLNS Sat. 12 p.m. College Basketball Regional Coverage -- Arkansas at Kentucky or Navy at Army. (Live)
WXMI Sat. 12 p.m. College Basketball Michigan at North-western. (Live)

GYMNASICS: WOOD Sat. 4 p.m.; WILX Sun. 4 p.m. Gymnastics American Cup. From Orlando, Fla. (Live)
HOCKEY: ESPN Fri. 8 p.m. NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues. From Kiel Center in St. Louis. (Live)
FOXTD Sat. 7:30 p.m. College Hockey Michigan vs. Michigan State. (Live)
WWMT Sun. 3 p.m. IHL Hockey Cincinnati Cyclones at Grand Rapids Griffins. (Live)
ESPN Sun. 8 p.m. NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars. From Reunion Arena in Dallas. (Live)
RODEO: TNN Sun. 9 p.m. PRC A Rodeo Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo from Rapid City, S.D. (Taped)
ESPN Wed. 4 p.m. Snowmobile Racing Snocross World-wide Championship. From Syracuse, N.Y. (Taped)
ESPN Thu. 4:30 p.m. Snow-boarding Vans Triple Crown. From Mount Seymour, B.C. (Taped)
RUGBY: FOXTD Wed. 1 p.m. Rugby Six Nations: Ireland vs. Scotland. (Taped)
SKATING: TNN Fri. 9 p.m. Rollerjam Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
WOTV Sat. 1 p.m.; WZZM Sat. 1 p.m. Speed Skating World All-Around Championships. From Milwaukee. (Taped)

SOCCER: FOXTD Sun. 5 p.m. English Premier League Soccer Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
TENNIS: FOXTD Sat. 1 a.m. ATP Tennis Axa Cup -- Semifinal. From London. (Same-day Tape)
FOXTD Sat. 3 a.m. ATP Tennis Axa Cup -- Semifinal. From London. (Same-day Tape)
FOXTD Sun. 1 p.m. ATP Tennis Axa Cup -- Final. From London. (Same-day Tape)
WINTER SPORTS: WXMI Sat. 4 p.m. Skiing Downhill Series. (Taped)
WSYM Sat. 4 p.m. Skiing Downhill Series. From Sugar-bush, Vt. (Taped)
ESPN Mon. 3 p.m. Skiing Extreme Freeskier Championship. From Vail, Colo. (Taped)
ESPN Wed. 4 p.m. Snowmobile Racing Snocross World-wide Championship. From Syracuse, N.Y. (Taped)
ESPN Thu. 4:30 p.m. Snow-boarding Vans Triple Crown. From Mount Seymour, B.C. (Taped)
WRESTLING: TNT Mon. 8 p.m. WCW Monday Nitro (Live)
MISCELLANEOUS: FOXTD Fri. 1 p.m. Swimming and Diving Big 12 Women's Championship. From College Station, Texas. (Taped)
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City steps forward to help Showboat with insurance and bank payments

... The Lowell City Council agrees to pay two months of bank and insurance fees totaling \$685.54.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Hoping to get a quick fix to its money problems, officials from the Lowell Showboat approached the Lowell City Council Monday night requesting almost \$700 to cover insurance and bank loan payments.

"All you have to do is look at the city logo and see that the boat is there," said councilor Ray Quada. "It is an important part of this community."

Quada said he has been working with the Lowell Showboat Board to help the organization eliminate its \$24,000 debt, which it has carried over the past seven years. The current bank debt is \$9,129.45.

"This is a short-term answer to a bigger problem that will be solved in the next 30 days or so," Quada explained. Showboat board president Karen Hample said at this time she could not comment on

what was taking place to reduce the group's debt. She did mention, however, that the Showboat Board had hoped to turn over the Robert E. Lee showboat to another group like the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. It was discovered the Chamber is not the same type of nonprofit group as the Showboat Board, which means a transfer could not take place, Hample said.

"We have no revenue coming in," Hample said. In a letter to the council, she pointed out that the group only has \$9,435 and would not be able to pay its insurance payment of \$192.77 and its bank payment of \$150.

"This is the first year we have had the Showboat insured year-round," Hample said. "The Showboat was moved closer to the main part of downtown last year. Since the boat is not behind a gate anymore, the Showboat Board felt it was important to keep up the insurance."

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Showboat President

The council approved, 4-0, the request to pay two months of bank payments and insurance fees totaling \$685.54 to help give the Showboat Board time to work on its financial situation. Councilor Charles Myers abstained.

Toward the end of the meeting, Gordon Barry, from First United Method-

ist Church, said his group had conducted some dances at the boat to help cover the cost of repainting it. He said there was some money left over and would be happy to donate it to the city or the Showboat Board to help out the organization. Barry said he needed to check to see how much was there and would discuss it with Quada.

Lowell Little League and YMCA reach agreement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell YMCA and Lowell Little League have agreed to restructure their T-ball and Little League programs to avoid overlapping each other.

The proposal being adopted will allow the Little League organization to run all of the baseball and softball programs for boys and girls ages seven and up.

The YMCA will handle all of the T-ball programs for children ages four thru six. "The YMCA and Lowell Little League have offered the same type of programs for the

same age groups of children," said Lowell YMCA program director Clay Summers. "This will eliminate the competition between the two and create one program which will benefit all."

The advantages from the agreement include the following:

- It provides stability for the high school program and enables it to work directly with one organization to make sure proper skills are being taught at the different levels.
- It gives a chain of events and/or steps which will help create better people and players out of children.

- It minimizes the problems of field availability.
- There will be one philosophy across the board for the different age groups.
- The programs will be promoted as one which will open the door to further collaborations, benefiting both

programs in the future. "I think this will be a great benefit to all," Summers concluded.

If there are questions, Summers can be contacted at the YMCA office at 897-8445.

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Township reviews drainage and sewer issues with Meijer

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An easement purchase agreement with Noon Equipment owner Sam Noon, of 11930 Fulton, will enable Meijer to make certain improvements to handle the increased runoff flow from its

property in a safe manner. Improvements are not only needed when more storm water runoff is generated but also when there is potential damage to a neighboring property, according to the Kent County Drain Commission senior staff engineer, Dick Connel.

In order for Meijer to control the additional runoff, it needed a 50-foot easement from Noon, thus allowing the runoff to flow downstream approximately 1,300 feet to the river. Meijer has proposed re-

taining all accelerated runoff caused by the roof and pavement traffic in a large detention basin where it will be metered out slowly in an eight-inch line leading to the natural drainage course, as well as a 24-inch culvert under M-21 leading to a ditch to the river. Because the runoff system is designed to meter the water to less than pre-development runoff levels, Gary Voogt, of Moore & Bruggink, said the drainage appears adequate.

An effort will be made to encourage plat and apartment traffic to use the Meijer signal at M-21 rather than having non-Meijer traffic migrating through the store parking lot. Making the Meijer drive a public road would allow construction to be coordinated. Voogt also recommended that the sanitary sewer service on the south side of M-21 be an extension of the existing main at the Hunan Gar-

den restaurant since laterals across the state highway would not be feasible. He added that the recommended sanitary sewer service to the west by gravity flow into a new sewage pumping station which will be connected to the existing eight-inch force main. The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled to vote on approval of the site plan at a special meeting on Feb. 28.

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School district accepts gifts

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A Hewlett Packard desk jet color printer was among the half dozen gifts accepted into the Lowell School District by the Lowell Board of Education.

Craig and Melissa Lorentz donated the printer valued at \$1,980 for student and faculty use.

Lowell Granite Company donated an electricity module for the Lowell Middle School technology center valued at \$1,445. Also donated to the middle school by the company was a computer and two color monitors valued at \$450 for use in their computer lab.

The Knights of Columbus made a monetary donation of \$492 to the Lowell Special Education Department. Gerald Persha gave \$250 to the district toward its science gifted program (Science Tub Project WINGS).

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Lowell derails #1; Red Arrow wrestlers claim fifth straight district title

••• Caleb Grummet's win at heavyweight decides match; however lower-weight wins key Lowell's success.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell has earned a reputation of winning big wrestling matches. The Red Arrows added another chapter to their storied program in the Division II Team District Tournament in Lowell Thursday night.

"Our kids traditionally seem to have the ability to rise to the occasion in big matches," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc said.

The Red Arrows defeated the state's number one ranked Division II Lakewood Vikings 30-26 in a highly charged, emotional, controversial and "breath-taking" semifinal match.

"Coach Rivers (Gary) always said that's why they call it wrestling," Lakewood coach Robert Veitch said afterwards. Lowell, 31-5, appeared in control after Tom Oesch (145

pounds) decided Lakewood's Ron Wierckz 13-7 giving the Red Arrows a safe 21-9 advantage.

Safe, however, turned scary when Lowell's all-state 152-pound wrestler Caleb O'Boyle had his breathing impeded by a Tony Harmer headlock.

The fact that it momentarily took O'Boyle into an unconscious state had Strejc arguing it was an illegal hold. "By definition Harmer's hold was illegal because it restricted one's breathing."

Veitch said afterwards it was a potentially dangerous hold and the official should have stopped the action sooner.

The Lakewood coach successfully argued during stoppage in the match that because Lowell did not have in writing a doctor's permission for O'Boyle to continue within a minute and a-half, as the rules state, Harmer should be awarded the win via injury default.

The referee ruled with Veitch and a lead which seemed comfortable was now in jeopardy.

Harmer's win cut Lowell's lead to six at 21-15. It was also the first of four consecutive Viking decisions which would result in Lakewood taking a 26-21 lead.

Andy Eastridge followed Harmer with an 11-10 win over T.J. Forward (160); Shawn Veitch (171) defeated Luke Seitz 7-5; and Jarrod LaRoche major decised Ben Fleet 20-5.

"Seitz did a great job against Shawn (Veitch)," Veitch said.

Trailing by five, Lowell's Bill Stouffer (215) major decised Viking Corey Meyers, tying the match at 26-26 and leaving the outcome to heavyweights Ben Hake (Lakewood) and Red Arrow Caleb Grummet.

The Red Arrow senior was in control throughout in handing Meyers a 12-4 defeat and sending Lowell to its fifth straight district title.

"I told my assistants that I thought it would come down to heavyweight; I wish it wouldn't have," Strejc said. "The boys, however, came through and took their wrestling to another level of excellence tonight."

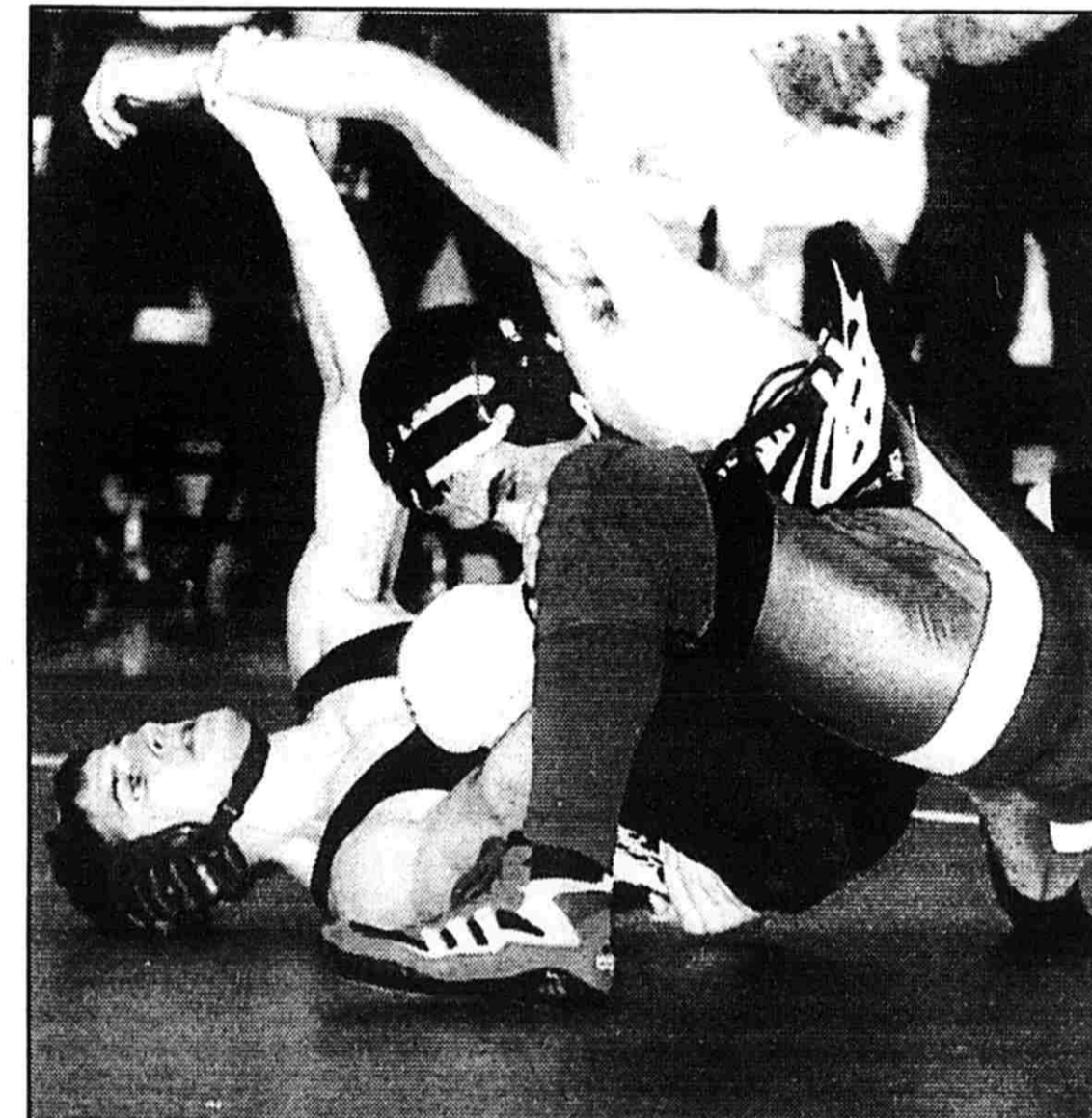
The Lowell coach commended Grummet's effort. "He handled himself with poise and dignity out there tonight."

It could be argued easily that Lowell's biggest wins came

at 112 and 119. Bobby Gingerich decised Aaron Stahl 16-3 and John McKay (119) defeated Phil Plowman 6-4. It was the Viking's first loss of the season.

"Lowell did a nice job at 112 and 119. We should have won 119 and wrestled defensively at 112," Veitch explained.

The two decisions gave Lowell a 7-6 lead. John Mendez (125) followed with a 10-3 win over Nathan Boucher, pushing Lowell's lead to 10-6.

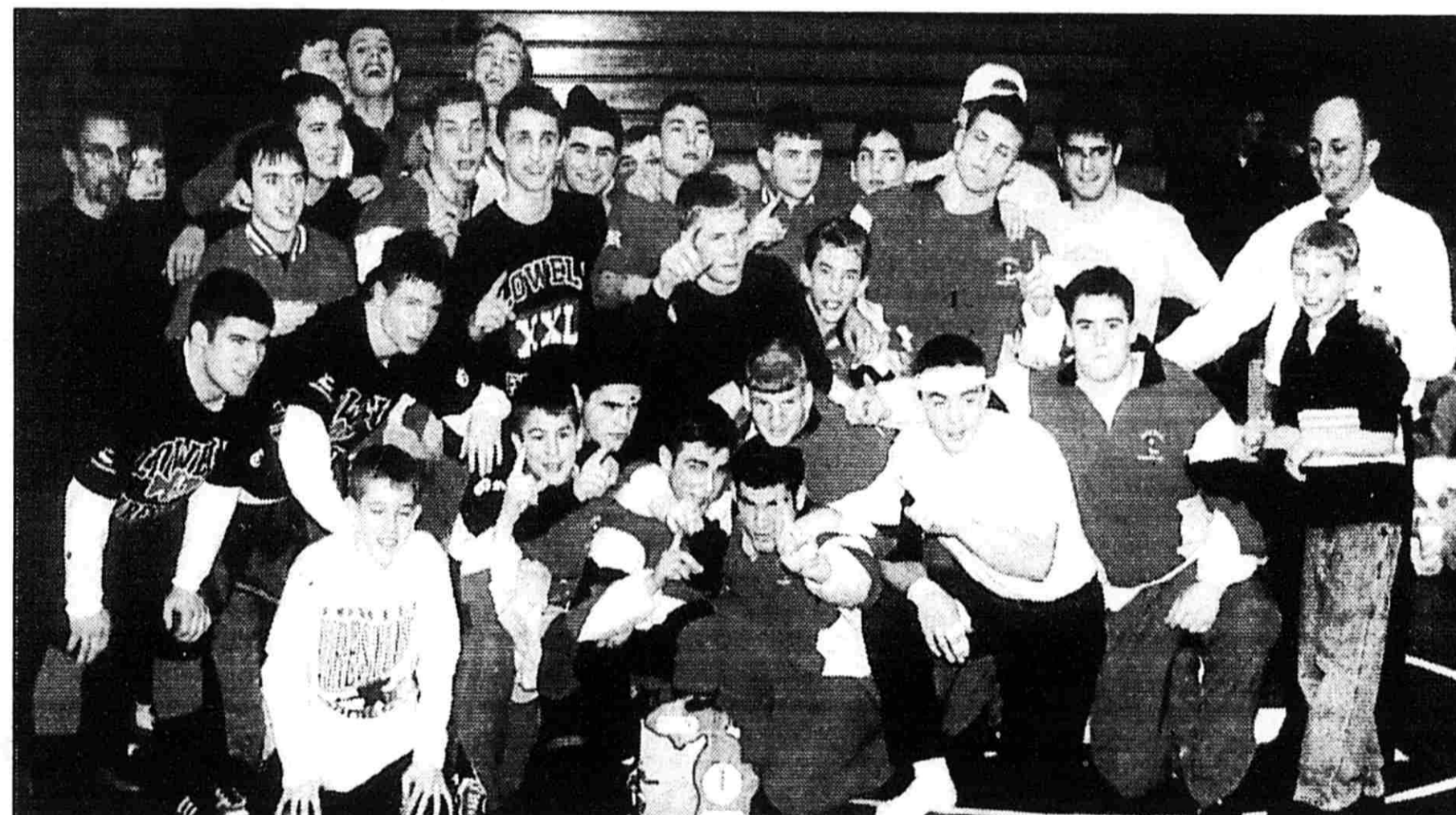


John Mendez attempts to free his arm in his 125-pound match against Lakewood.

J.J. Wilder lost a 6-4 decision at 130 pounds before Lowell strung together wins at 135 and 140.

Dan Rottier, 135, beat Tom Pett 12-2; Brent Lyons up-ended Nick Hummel (140) 17-8.

The win advanced Lowell to the District finals against Ionia. The Red Arrows defeated the Bulldogs 60-17.



Lowell's wrestling team celebrates its district championship following a 30-26 win over Lakewood.

Lowell qualifies 12 wrestlers for individual regional

••• Five Red Arrows win district championships at Mona Shores

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jeremy Goff, first-year wrestler at 103 pounds, knew it was unlikely that he would advance out of the individual district.

So the freshman offered his spot in the individual district to senior Doug Ford.

"That was a classy thing for Jeremy to do," said Lowell

wrestling coach Dave Strejc.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class advanced to the regional. Ford, 160 pounds, was 1-2 and did not place.

Lowell, however, has 12 of its 14 wrestlers advance to the individual regional on Saturday (Feb. 26) at 10 a.m. at Lowell High School. LHS passes are not allowed because it is a MHSAA sanc-

tioned event. Admission is \$4. "That was beyond my expectation," Strejc said. "It will be a culmination to a great season for some of the kids."

Of those who advanced, five were crowned district champions Saturday at Mona Shores.

John McKay, 119, pinned Zealand's Kyle Samuels at 2:49 of the second period.

John Mendez, 125, recorded an 18-2 technical fall against Fruitport's Josh Schultz.

Caleb O'Boyle, 140, earned a district champion-

ship with a 12-4 decision against Wyoming Park's Adam Johnson.

Tom Oesch defeated Grand Rapids Christian's Ted Fackler 8-6.

Bill Stouffer claimed a championship at 215 pounds by injury default over Christian's Ross Vandenberg.

Lowell's Dan Rottier, 135, advanced to the championship match before injury defaulting to Wyoming Park's Jimmy Lewis.

Placing third in their respective weight classes were J.J. Wilder (130), T.J. For-

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Cindy Marsman
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Feb. 26th - Saturday 10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 1, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Paul A. Blattner for a special land use under Section 13.09, so as to permit the construction and use of two additional seasonal dwellings for the housing of migrant farm workers, and to install a driveway and parking area accessory to such seasonal dwellings, on lands commonly described as 12268 Five Mile Road and legally described as follows:

The East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 34, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except that part thereof described as commencing on the North section line 150 feet East from the centerline of Byrne Avenue, thence West 50 feet, thence South along said centerline 150 feet, thence Northeasterly 212.1 feet to the point of beginning, and also except the West 132 feet of the South 330 feet of the North 480 feet and also except the North 50 feet of said lands, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: February 21, 2000

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Annual Meeting, cont'd... From Page 1

Those opposed to such a meeting have argued that the practice is simply outdated and that there already is an opportunity for citizens to give comment at budget meetings.

Vergennes Township planning commissioner Al Baird spearheaded an effort to get the annual meeting on the November ballot. A petition of 60 signatures (5 percent of voter turnout at the last election) was needed. Baird and others garnered the signature of 227 township residents. "I wanted people to know I was serious about this issue," he said.

Baird said his interest in re-establishing an annual meeting has nothing to do with elected officials' salaries. "I want something where residents can make comments and ask questions and the board and township officials are there to listen to and answer questions. It is a way to hold officials responsible to the community," Baird said.

Township trustee Mark Weber said he was in favor of annual meetings as long as wage issues are not discussed. "I think the meeting should be a chance for citizens to meet and discuss the township's vision," he explained.

Weber recalled a previous annual meeting roughly eight-10 years ago when a group of people came in, voted in a raise for one official, and then left.

Baird also recalled the same meeting. "I too left the meeting not feeling very good about what happened," he explained. "I would hope that sort of thing would not happen again."

Annual meetings initially gave inhabitants the legislative power and established township officers as ministerial or administrative officials. Citizens were permitted to exercise any power, allowed townships, by state legislature. Since then, township boards have been turned into legislative bodies and annual meetings converted into an advisory session.

Carlson Farms development gets township okay

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Faber Inc. developer Pete Faber got final approval for his 125-acre, 37-parcel development on the corner of Alden Nash and Lally.

The Carlson Farms condo development will be filled with freestanding homes of a minimum of 1,200 square feet and will include 33 1/2 acres of open space which cannot be developed.

The lots will sell for between \$29,900 and \$39,900. Each parcel will be between one and three acres.

Faber said beginning in the spring when good weather hits, he will begin building roads.

Faber filed an application for the development in September of '99 and five months later received final approval.

"I want to thank Pete (Faber) for working with the planning commission in get-

ting this development approved." Vergennes Township trustee Mark Weber said.

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—Aldous Huxley

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Independent Probate

FILE NO. 00-168-991-IE

Estate of WALTER P. HOFFMANN, deceased SSN: 380-52-2475

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 95 West Beech, Cedar Springs, MI 49319 died 2/7/00.

An instrument dated 8/20/91 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, CAROLINE E. GALLE, 5859 Becker N.E., Cedar Springs, MI 49319 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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SYNOPSIS GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2000

MOTION APPROVED:
MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS IT STANDS.
MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.
MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FOUR CONSECUTIVE 2-YEAR TERMS FOR COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS AND ELIMINATE ITEM #4.
MOTION TO FORWARD SAMPLE LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE TO JIM BROWN FOR REVIEW.
MOTION TO ADJOURN
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber

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(616) 897-5900 • Fax (616) 897-5954
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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS COMMUNITY FORUMS

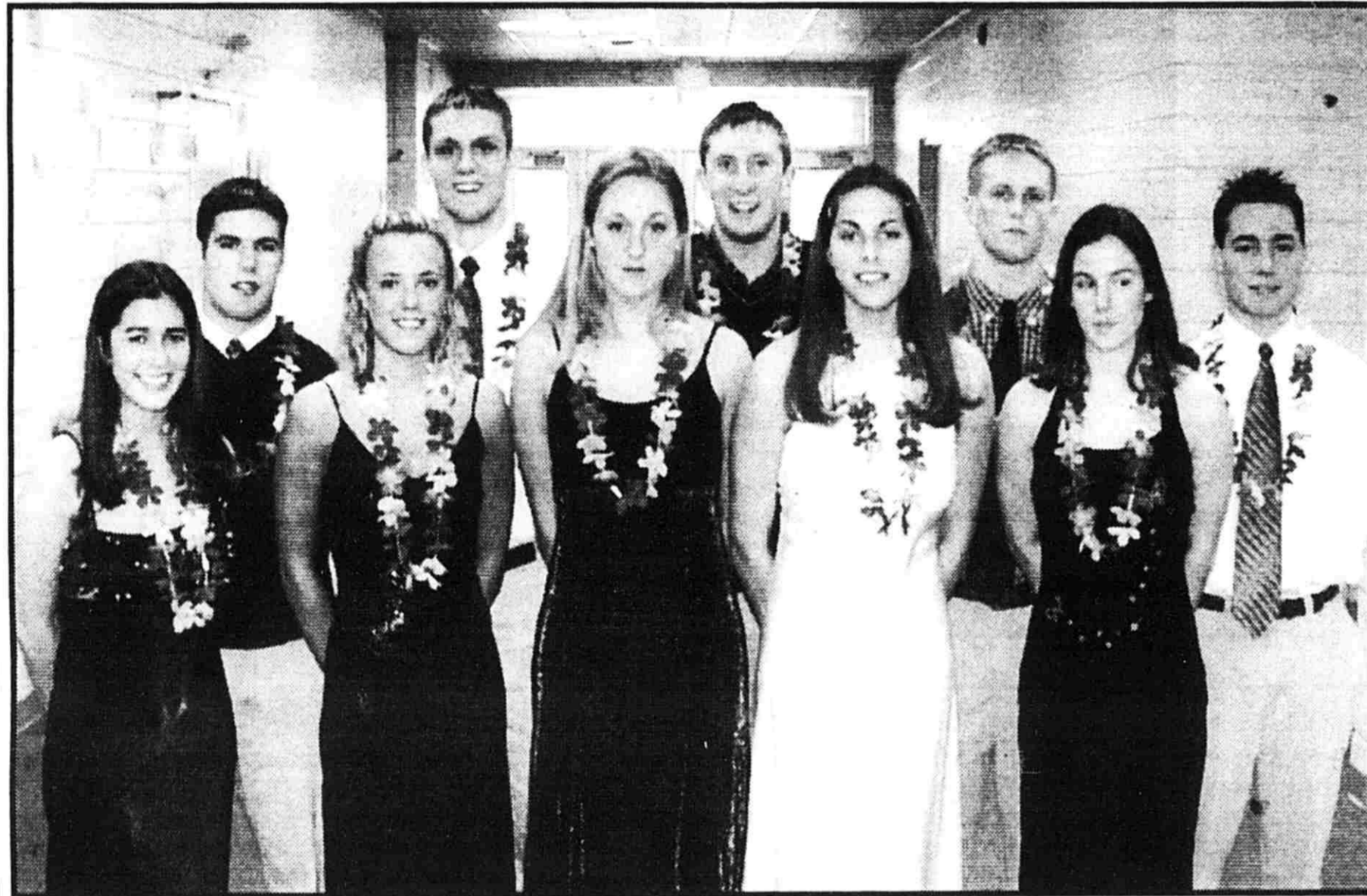
The Lowell Area Schools will be conducting Community Forums. The purpose of the community forums is to discuss potential options that will allow the school district to accommodate current and future student growth.

<p>Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2000 - Saturday, Feb. 26, 2000 - Monday, Feb. 28, 2000 - Tuesday, Feb. 29, 2000 -</p>	<p>Alto Elementary School - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 6150 Bancroft, Alto Runciman Board of Education Office - 10 a.m. - 12 Noon 300 High St., Lowell Cherry Creek Elementary School - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 12675 Foreman Rd., Lowell Runciman Board of Education Office - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 300 High St., Lowell</p>
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Your attendance at one of these forums would be greatly appreciated.

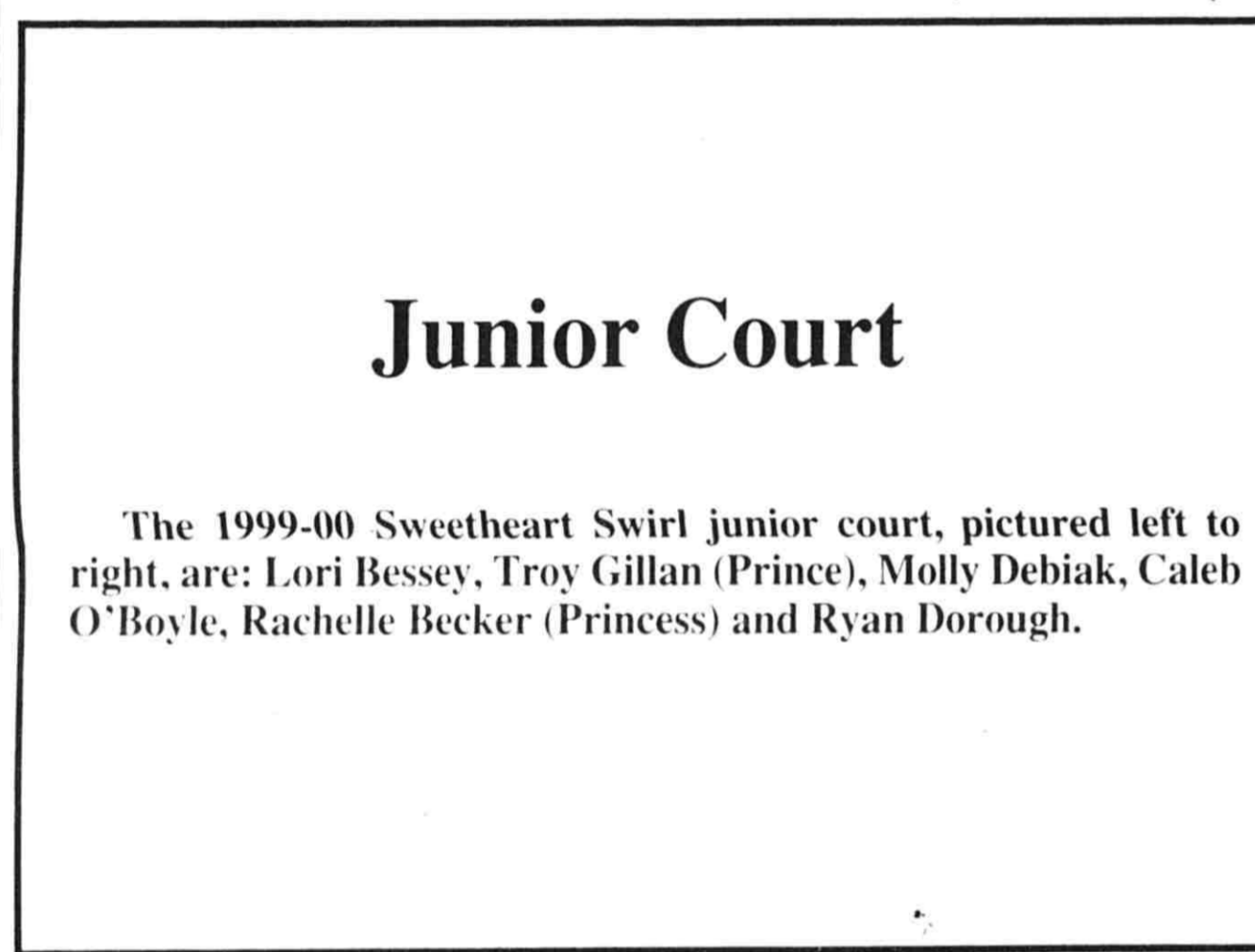
LHS Sweetheart Swirl

... Seniors Tom Oesch and Tina Delamar are crowned this year's king and queen.



Senior Court

The 1999-00 Sweetheart Swirl senior court, pictured front row, left to right, are: Tina Delamar (Queen), Megan Gillett, Annie Zalokar, Laura Douglass and Kelly Kemen; back row, left to right, are: Tom Oesch (King), Ryan Mix, Scott Pullen, Doug Ford and Brian Fitzpatrick.



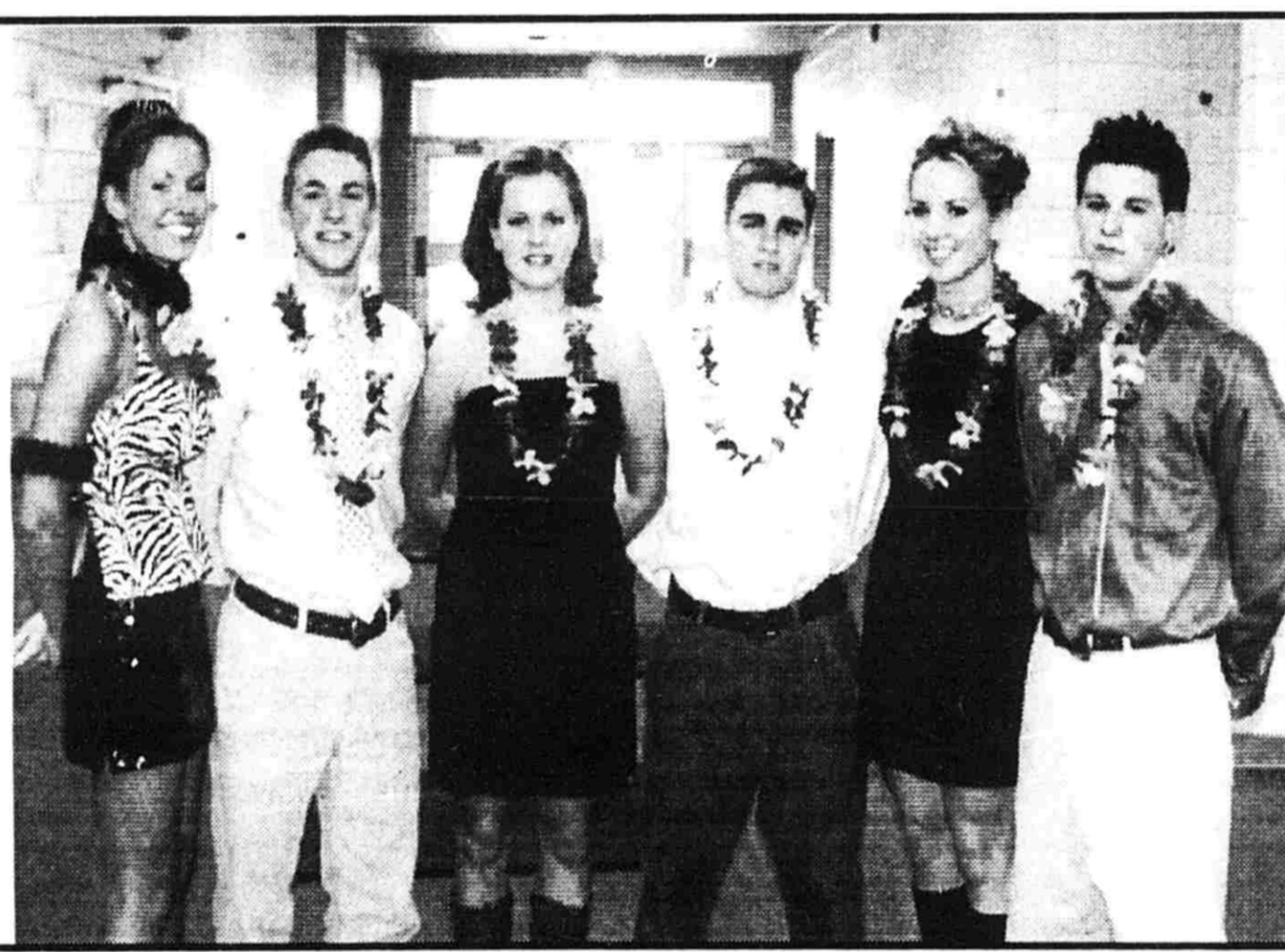
Junior Court

The 1999-00 Sweetheart Swirl junior court, pictured left to right, are: Lori Bessey, Troy Gillan (Prince), Molly Debiak, Caleb O'Boyle, Rachelle Becker (Princess) and Ryan Dorough.



Sophomore Court

The 1999-00 Sweetheart Swirl sophomore court, pictured left to right, are: Stacey Onan, Jeff Telman, Megan Liszewski (Princess), Nicholas Baker (Prince) and April Telman. Travis DeVoid (sitting).



Freshman Court

The 1999-00 Sweetheart Swirl freshman court, pictured left to right, are: Matt Tomko (Prince), Holly Plattner (Princess), Landon Trierweiler, Kelsey Capps, Marc Catlin and Abby Vos.



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CARD OF THANKS The family of Frank L. Baker would like to thank all our friends and neighbors for all the cards, prayers, food and donations during our time of loss. Your comfort and understanding have been invaluable to us. Also, thank you to Rev. Gordon Barry of the First United Methodist Church, Ray Quada, Lowell Fire Department, Lowell Moose Lodge, Lowell Ledger, Vicki English and Rosemary McCaul.

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