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Small immediate cuts preparing district for anticipated 2002-03 deficit budget woes

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

With the realization that Michigan is experiencing a recession and with the prevailing wisdom coming from Lansing, the Lowell School District will begin taking steps Monday in preparation for the worst.

Since the inception of Proposal A, Michigan has gone from using property tax to sales tax to fund education.

"The recession, therefore, profoundly affects school funding in Michigan, since the majority of our funding is derived through sales tax," said Bert Bleke, Lowell superintendent.

Monies available for schools for the upcoming 2002-03 school year have been reduced from what had been expected due to the recession.

Bleke and Connie Gillette, Lowell assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, will begin laying out a planning process identifying reductions in next year's school budget. Suggestions will be taken from administrators and staff. That list is expected to be completed by April.

"By having a plan in place, I think we will be more able to make logical decisions on reductions," Bleke said.

Based on an anticipated freeze in its current student foundation grant and a loss in some or all of its categoricals (e.g., School Readiness program, At-Risk and small class

size reduction), the Lowell School District could be staring at a \$1.5 million deficit budget next year.

"That's the worst case scenario, however, I think it's prudent to plan for the worst while hoping for the best possible financial news," Bleke explained.

With that in mind, Bleke recommended, and the school board approved, a proposal to reduce spending for the second semester of the current school year, even though the district projects a budget in the black (roughly \$50,000) for this year.

"We wish to further increase our savings knowing that every penny we save this year will make our job of maintaining quality programs for the upcoming school year more plausible," Bleke said.

The board authorized reductions for the second semester with the goal of saving approximately \$100,000 additional dollars.

The reductions will eliminate the following:

- All out-of-district field trips unless previously approved.
- All teacher and administrative conferences unless previously approved and funds already expended.
- Substitutes for para-educators unless mandated or necessary for reasons of safety.
- Substitutes for custodians.
- Media Center substitutes.

• Office assistant substitutes.

• One temporary spring-season grounds person.

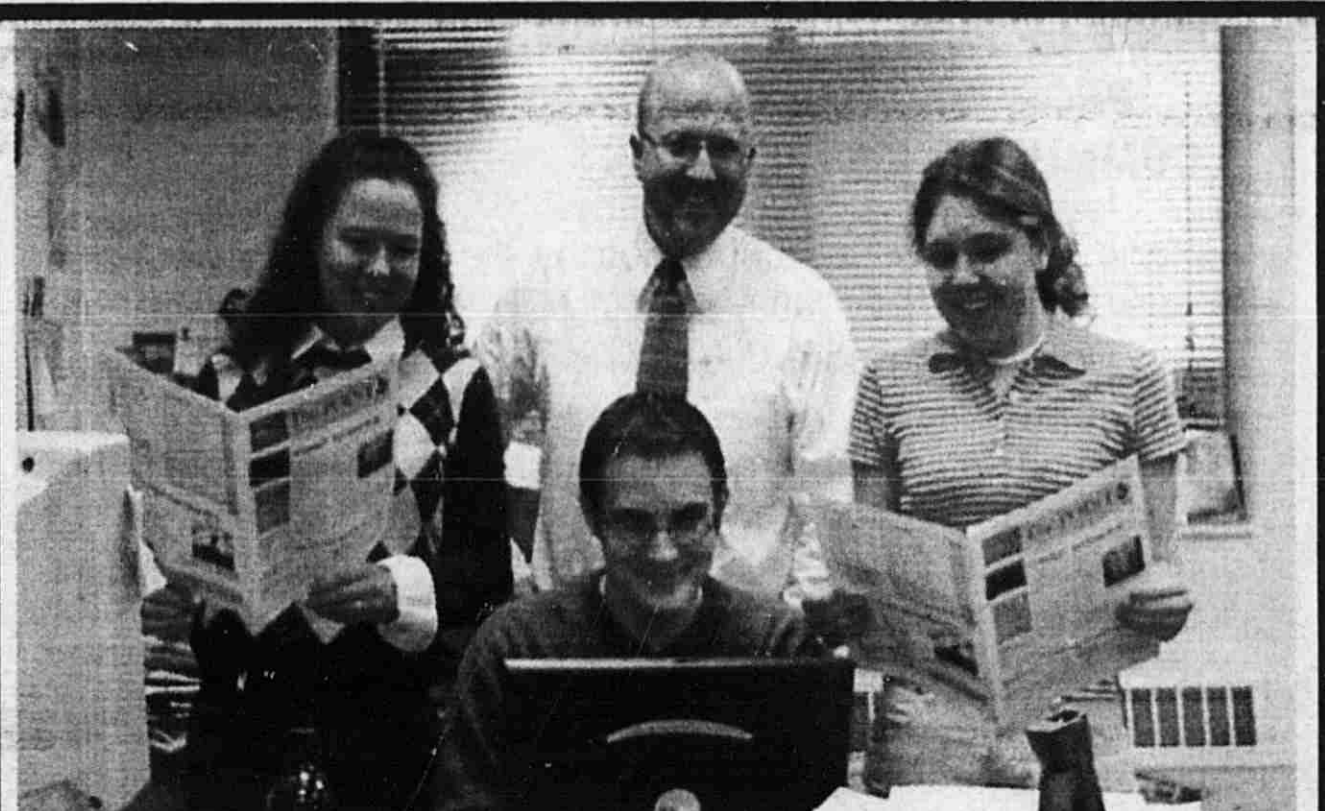
• Food purchase for administrative, teaching and support staff meetings unless scheduled from 5 until 7 p.m. Any food purchase will be through the district's food service.

Also included is a 10 percent reduction of all utilities in all buildings. This includes: heat being set at 68 degrees and cooling to 74 degrees; heat being turned off in all areas not used; setting weekend and evening temperatures at 55 degrees (unless an organization has completed a building-use form); lights will be turned off if a gymnasium, classroom or office is without use for an hour or more.

The district is also offering a voluntary retirement/resignation incentive next year for Lowell Education Association members with 30 or more years of service.

There are currently 22 LEA employees who will have 30 or more years. Gillette said it is a one-time incentive. The maximum number the district could accept is 12. The deadline is 45 days from Jan. 21.

"You can only enjoy wonderful times for so long. Our fund equity (approximately \$3 million) will protect us a little, but we can't spend it all," Bleke explained. "Our decisions have to protect the quality of education for kids now and the integrity of education of kids in the future."



Pictured above is LHS newspaper supervisor Jeff Larson along with (from left to right, Kristi Anderson, David Johnson and Jamey Sadlak.

Getting 'The Point'

••• Lowell High School journalism students' news stories identify their peers' point of interest.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

David Johnson has enjoyed the short time he has spent as editor in chief of Lowell High School's newspaper *The Point*.

"It's been a good experience thus far. Our first edition was pretty good and the next edition will be better," Johnson explains. "The most difficult part is getting everything to fit together correctly on the page."

Along with layout responsibilities, Johnson also writes and edits staff copy. "They've been pretty good. For the most part, they have met the deadlines and have turned in their stories on time."

After taking last year off, high school students are back in the publishing business, under the supervision of Lowell English teacher, Jeff Larsen.

The struggle has been finding the right time block to offer the class.

The course is offered three days a week during seminar period (50 minutes). Students receive a half credit for participating in the class for a full year. It's a credit - no credit course.

"We've struggled with finding the right place to offer the class. Seminar seems to be working," said Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw. "I was pleased with the quality of work and the finished product of the first edition."

As an administrator, Vashaw's only request is that any controversial story be brought to his attention before it goes to press.

"It's not because I want to stop the story from running. I just want to make sure the story is fair and that the student has done his/

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Parked cement trucks/new curb cuts on Shepard Drive a developing situation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Laurie Summerfield and her neighbors attended the Lowell City Council meeting in search of a release for their frustration with a Shepard Drive housing development project.

"The day I looked out my window and saw this huge cement truck mixer [in my driveway] I thought this cannot be good for my driveway," Summerfield explained.

Driving down Shepard there will be two curb cuts on the side of traffic going one way and two others on the side of traffic going the other way. It is not safe.

Lloyd Ritzema
Shepard Drive Resident

That's when the Lowell resident decided it was time to start documenting the days and times cement trucks were pulling in and out of her driveway or parked in it.

To date, that number has reached 12. On four of those times, the truck blocked Summerfield's ability to pull out of her own driveway.

Other concerns include a variance which waives the

need for sidewalks; the number of curb cuts and the safety issues they create; heavy-load trucks using residential driveways; and the number of trees which will be lost due to the development.

"No one ever asked permission if it was all right to use the driveway. Had they, I'd probably have said 'yes,'" Summerfield explained.

The Shepard Drive residents went before the council wondering how they should deal with their frustrations.

The result from a lengthy dialogue will bring forth a meeting with Greg Holwerda, of Holwerda Builders, and Dan DesJarden, Department of Public Works director, to discuss a solution to their concerns and complaints. Following that meeting they will report back to the council.

Holwerda said he is trying to achieve a nice development. "I was unaware of the

problems with the cement trucks. I will talk to the sub contractors about that," he explained.

Lloyd Ritzema, of 829 Shepard Dr., raised concerns about the number of new curb cuts put in on the street.

Confusion on the number came about from the initial housing development plan. It showed two drives right next to one another (which looked like one driveway to Ritzema and others). "Driving down Shepard there will be two curb cuts on the side of traffic going one way and two others on the side of traffic going the other way," Ritzema said. "It is not safe."

The council granted access easements for the northernmost sites contingent upon DPW review, back on Sept. 17.

A fourth curb cut is on Grindle.

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OBITUARIES

RAVER - Doris L. Raver, aged 92, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Hastings and Middleville, died January 11, 2002. She is survived by daughter Alice (Jerry) Bradley of Alto; granddaughters Cheryl (Andy) Graham of Mattawan, Christina (Chris) Yoder of Watervliet, and Camna (Jeff) Lasch of Hastings; three great-grandsons; one

great-granddaughter; nieces and nephews. Services were held Monday at the Wren Funeral Home in Hastings. Contributions to Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or Alzheimers Disease Foundation.

SHERMAN - Lester L. Sherman, aged 82, of Lowell,

passed away Saturday, January 12, 2002. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Stella; children Gary (Ann) Sherman, Cheryl (Ron) Loughner, Michele (James) Piercefield, Mike (Cindy) Sherman and Scott Sherman; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Frances Sherman and Clara Blazo. He was a member of the Fighting Red Arrows Division in WWII, a life member of Lowell Moose Lodge #809, a life member of the Lowell VFW Post #8303 and a 50-year member of the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Gordie Barry of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Outside cafe idea to go before DDA

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

All that stands between a bistro's realization of an outside cafe at 201 E. Main are the input and support of the Downtown Development Authority.

Greg Gilmore, of Gilmore Enterprises, received support from the city council to purchase city property to square off its lot line and to attain an easement for an outdoor cafe for approximately 50 customers.

"The patio will be fully enclosed with a wrought-iron fence or something approved by the DDA, and it will be

removable," explained Gilmore.

Purchase of city property and an easement would extend the patio out 12 feet from the building, and 80 feet from the northwest corner to the southwest corner.

"This would allow us to have outdoor seating, like we have at all of our establishments," said Gilmore.

While supportive of Gilmore's efforts to provide the downtown district with a new restaurant, the council recommended that Gilmore first obtain input from the Downtown Development Authority.

Gilmore told the council

that demolition of the building's interior is complete.

"It won't take long to rebuild. Regardless of whether we have our liquor license yet or not, we should be open by mid-May," Gilmore said.

Lowell councilman, Mike Blough explained that the bistro is a business which could occupy space in the historic downtown and provide a focal point - a destination that could be used in multiple situations.

Inside, the bistro will seat 80-100 people, Gilmore concluded.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED USE OF 2002-2003 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on Monday, January 21, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

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

- North Hudson Street Sidewalk westside from West Main to North City Limits, replacing inadequate walk (474 lineal feet) and installing new sidewalk (765 lineal feet).

Foreman Road sidewalk south side from North Hudson to Lincoln Lake (288 lineal feet new)

CDBG \$30,000.

- North Kent Transit assistance for senior citizen and handicapped riders.

CDBG \$4,000.

- Graham Building - assistance for new roof. CDBG \$10,000.

The County of Kent has allocated approximately \$30,384.78 of its 2002-2003 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income". Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.



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Reflections

Of Faith

Rev. Dominic A. Tommy
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This article is based on Psalm 119:17-24. I call it "pilgrim's provision" because of how the Psalmist earnestly resolved to cleave steadfastly to the Word of God, even when the sneers of unbelieving are leveled against him. As pilgrims, we are traveling through a world that is not a friend of grace. For pilgrims to survive in the world of tribal, racial and regional conflicts, they must look to God for provision of abounding grace. The pilgrims should never mind the taunts of the skeptics; rather, depend on God's precepts, for only what is done in conformity to the eternal counsels of God's will stands the test of fire at Christ's appearing.

Notice three things in this passage: 1) Recognition that we are pilgrims in this world, and that we have divine appointment with the Creator. Because we are "strangers in the land" (verse 19), we are in desperate need of the Lord's direction and supply which are found in the Word. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Verse 105). Indeed, the "hidden treasures" which contained the Word of God are wondrous to behold, and the Holy Spirit delights to reveal them

of Truth. (see verse 17).
2) Notice that God's testimonies are the delight of the pilgrim (vv. 21, 24). What do the delights or the counsels of the world offer to the pilgrim? Absolutely nothing! To the Christians, God's testimonies are like the streams of living water. It is the longing of the soul, and it can satisfy the soul that thirsts after the Creator (Ps. 42).

3) May our prayer be: "Remove from me reproach and contempt..." (vv. 22-23). The pilgrim's progress will always be attacked. Why? Because circumspect walk will always irritate the wayward, there will be retaliation. This action can bother the pilgrim, and because pilgrims are human, they may be tempted not to turn "the other cheek." Thus, it is only God's shield (meditation in God's statutes) against the barbs of the scorers that can protect the pilgrim. Dependence on God's grace in the next twelve months should be our goal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JANUARY 17:** Kevin Rasch, Joe Potter.
- JANUARY 18:** Margie Potter Sullivan.
- JANUARY 19:** Tim Stencil, Susan Korte, Tim Schuitema, Trevor Mooney, Evelyn Powell.
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- JANUARY 23:** Amanda Wingeier, Zach Stauffer.

Brewer/Homolka



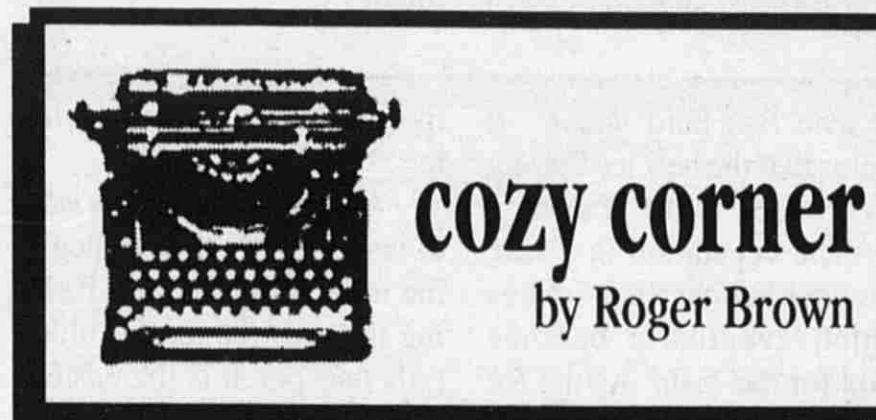
Lynn Ann Homolka and Anthony Robert Brewer were married September 15, 2001 at Hollywood United Methodist Church in Hollywood, Calif.
Parents of the bride are Beverly Homolka of Lowell and the late Milton Homolka. Mother of the groom is Darnell Lewis of Los Angeles.
Matron of honor was Lyndsay Mackler and maid of honor was Susan Gordon.
Bridesmaids were Janet Dixon, Joy Homolka, Monica Brown and Gay Pfaller. Junior bridesmaids were Alex Mackler and Britney Haggood.
Flower girls were Lauren Homolka and Blake Lewis.
Best man was Donell Nelson. Groomsman were Aaron Doty, Phil Haggood, Michael Brewer, Brandon Overstreet and Deon Lewis.
Ring bearers were Anthony Homolka and Braxton Haggood.
The wedding party also included brothers of the bride, Scott Homolka and Mark Homolka, and special friends Mr. and Mrs. Sremla.
Dear grandma Essye L. Brewer also attended.



Landheer/Dukat

Bruce H. Landheer and Jamie L. Dukat, both of Cincinnati, Ohio, were married November 10, 2001 in Hauck Estate, Cincinnati.
The bride is the daughter of James and Diane Dukat of Canton, Ohio.
The groom is the son of Rix and Ellie Landheer, former Jenison residents, now of Lowell.
They were attended by matron of honor, Rayna Herman and best man, James Cooper.

Viewpoint . . .



Terese and I were visiting some friends last night and were asked to stay for pizza. I accepted the invite under the condition we get the order in chop-chop! I explained that I intended to be home and in front of the TV at 8:00. Terese says I'm rude. I say I'm just honest. It comes with age. You can be honest, or rude, as you get older.

Our friends asked what I was so intent on watching. Was it the basketball game? I told them it was nothing they'd be interested in. They pressed me for an answer. I told them it was part one of a two-part Ken Burns documentary on P.B.S. chronicling the life of Mark Twain. My friend said, "You're right... we'll watch the basketball game."

We wolfed down pizza and high-tailed it for home. I had just enough time to run through the shower and put on some comfortable sweats before the program started. Yes... I was excited, and for good reason. Despite the fact my wife subscribes to a host of premium movie channels, as far as I'm concerned, this was the first TV worth watching in months. "Erin Brockovich" was an ok movie, but once was enough for me. It seems to be on some premium channel every night.

I took up my position on the sofa as the opening credits scrolled past. The phone rang. Terese knew better than to dream I might get it.
She answered the phone. I knew it was a tele-marketer when she said, "This is she." The conversation soon ended when Terese blurted, "I don't make contributions over the phone!" and abruptly slammed the remarkably durable cordless phone down into its base unit.

Terese, like all Americans, puts tele-marketers in the same category as lawyers, used car salesmen, rats, head lice, toe jam and other sub-species. In fact, tele-marketers have risen to near the top of Terese's list... they're currently right behind newspaper publishers.

Terese has good reason to dislike tele-marketers. She actually bought something from one of them. True to reputation, the tele-marketer told a few lies to get the sale. The sun rises and sets. The world turns. Cops love Krispy Kremes. Tele-marketers lie.

My wife could fill you in on the details, but I got enough of the story through osmosis and overhearing some of her rants with the company's billing department. It started when a tele-marketer representing some obscure long-distance service got far enough with Terese to quote prices. With our daughter's family living overseas, the price Terese was concerned with was China. To a tele-marketer, anything short of a hang-up is like a high school kid finding the zipper on his prom date's dress. He had an opening.

No matter what my wife would have told this guy her per minute price to China was, he would have beaten it to get the sale. She could have told him AT&T paid her to call China and he would have doubted it. The zipper was on its way down!

We had a pretty good rate of 29 cents per minute with AT&T. The tele-marketer quoted a "too-good-to-be-true" price of 13 cents per minute. Looking for a catch, Terese asked what restrictions applied.

After being repeatedly assured that everything was as good or better than AT&T, at less than half the cost, she agreed to sign on. The dress was off!

A month went by. No bill in the mail. Two months went by. Finally, a bill showed up. I'd be surprised if my wife's reaction didn't register on a regional Richter scale. All her China calls were billed at a dollar-something per minute and the domestic long distance was also more than quoted. The total two-month bill was around a thousand dollars.

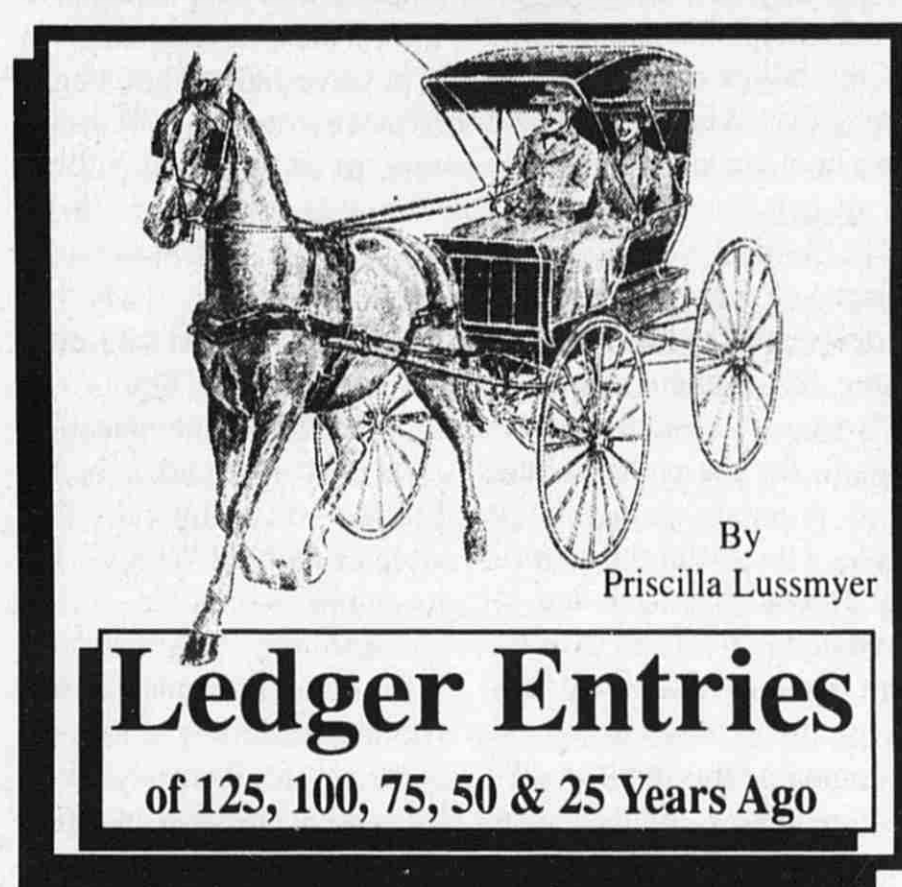
Despite all the smooth assurances, the rabbit had died. Now the thousand-to-one rule came into play. For every thousand tele-marketers on the payroll, a company will have one customer service representative. Only the most tenacious people on the planet can endure in this environment. Fortunately, Terese is one of those people.

The battle began the day the bill arrived. Even when a recording made by an arbitrator confirming the 13-cent quote was found, the company stuck to its higher rate. After weeks of phone calls, endless waits on hold, working through a long list of managers, issuing threats and nearly bursting an aorta, my wife finally gave in and settled for 29 cents per minute. She ultimately paid the adjusted bill.

Frankly, I was a little disappointed that she didn't tell them to take their bill and stuff it. You know, take an "I'll see you in court" attitude. I do know one thing for sure. It will be a long, long time before another tele-marketer finds the zipper on my wife's prom dress.

Yes, I watched the first episode of the Mark Twain documentary.

Among other things, I learned he was a sucker for fast-buck schemes which cost him several fortunes over his lifetime. I also learned he had a big fancy home equipped with voice tubes so that he could summon servants from any room. I'm wondering if I'll learn in the second episode that tele-marketers gained access to those voice tubes and Twain's monetary problems were the result.



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 17, 1877.

This issue is missing; we substitute January 21, 1874

There have been only three days of sleighing thus far this winter.

"Correspondents will oblige us by sending brief items of interest instead of lengthy communications."

The County Board of Supervisors is in session. Lowell's member is C.R. Hine.
Boys who ought to be in school are spending their time throwing their hats through the wood piles behind the stores.
A Ford of Vergennes brings in an egg produced by one of his "small pullets" measuring 6 3/4 by 8 inches.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 16, 1902

This issue is missing, as well as every issue until May, 1902. We substitute columns from first year Ledger Entries was published, 1987-8. Also missing - January 20, 1888

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 20, 1927

The Board of Trade elects Harry Day president and Frank Coons vice president at the annual meeting.

Sheriff Patterson wants four more motorcycle policemen and says that better law enforcement (and the fines) will pay their way.

Walter Kropf, secretary of the Lowell Rod and Gun Club, asks farmers to feed quail and other birds, in view of the heavy snow cover this year.

The U.S. Bureau of Standards says that alcohol is the best antifreeze, over glycerin, calcium chloride, honey, glucose and kerosene.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 17, 1952

At least five contraband sweaters were sold in Lowell last week by salesmen. They are being searched for because they are extremely flammable and dangerous.

Several adult education courses will be offered this semester, due to increased interest, for the first time in many years.
The Lowell phone directory has 12 Roths, followed by Smith, Wittenbach, Ford, Condon, Kropf and Clark.

An air raid alert is held, with some 500 observers reporting in southern Michigan. Lowell's observation post is King Milling Co.

Forecast by finance expert Roger Babson: "If you invest in bonds, buy those that will mature about the time you expect to die."

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JANUARY 20, 1977

The 63rd District Traffic Bureau moves from the Ledger office to the City Clerk's office. Traffic fines will now be paid at City Hall.

Kent County printed so many bicentennial road maps that they'll have plenty for 1977 too.
Fifteen miles of new ski trails between Seidman Park and Townsend Park are opened.

John and Marie McKinley renew their taxi operation license with city council.
The Strand Theatre will show "The Gumball Rally" Friday to Monday; one show at 8 p.m. each night.

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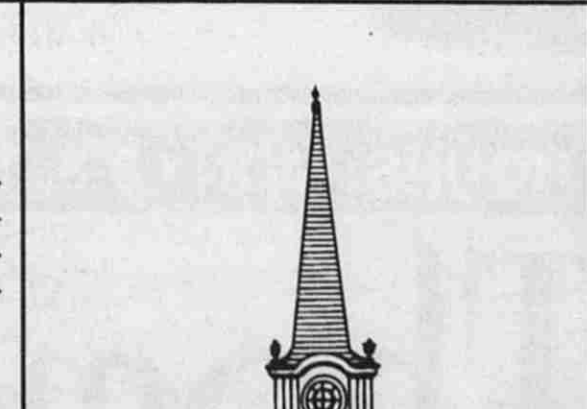
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TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,
I'm wondering how many people in Lowell feel as grateful as I do for Mr. Bleke, our school superintendent.

In 1999, my five-year-old was about to enter school. The number of children in Bushnell was intimidating to me at the time. Should we go with a smaller charter school? I began researching. Then I received a phone call from Mr. Bleke. He'd heard I was searching for answers. Could he help me with my decision? Did I realize all the options available in the Lowell district? Wow! The "super" cared about my son and my concerns. I was impressed.

During the year, I found out Mr. Bleke even came to the kindergarten classes and at one point shared a book with my son. Where did he find time to do that?

This past fall, my husband and I temporarily housed an exchange student. We found out after his arrival that this student would receive no funding from the state of Michigan. We went around and around with the organization who brought him here, trying to get funding for him to go to Lowell High School.

After an entire week in desperation I called Mr. Bleke. "He's in your home now? Enroll him. As long as he's in your home, he can stay at LHS." We were so relieved for this displaced teen.

Later this fall, I bumped into a teacher who had been ill for the start of the school year. I inquired about her health and later told her about our exchange student ordeal. She told me Mr. Bleke had called her personally during her absence telling her, "Just focus on getting well. Don't worry about your job." We both agreed Mr. Bleke was an unusually personable man.

Thank you, Mr. Bleke, for caring about us as individuals in the Lowell School District; for caring for nervous Nellie parents like me, for caring for our teachers and caring for our kids.

Please don't ever consider leaving us (or at least not until my preschooler has graduated from high school). You and the teachers and bus drivers are in my prayers.

Warmest regards, Beth Hovey

Gary Dietzel

Sharing The Vision

Mark Blanding
School Board Trustee

Like most of us, I have been paying special attention to world events lately.

To help understand some of the issues related to religious divisiveness, I picked up a book on tape, to listen to in my car. The book is called "The Battle for God" and is written by Karen Armstrong. It deals with the history of the three "monotheistic" faiths (Christianity, Islam and Judaism) for the past six hundred years. In particular, it looks at the social and historical forces that have led to fundamentalism and extremism in all three faiths. It was very enlightening and I would recommend this book to anyone interested. While listening, I was surprised to learn of circumstances, related to these issues, hundreds of years ago that led to our civil society and our public education system.

The book pointed out that in the 1400s European culture started to develop science and technology, to a degree that they had not before. More importantly, people began to look at these developments in a positive light. They began to move from an agrarian culture, to an industrial culture. They developed a large middle class, with more widespread education. They began to look toward the future as a better place. They looked to technology and education as a way to build a better future. Armstrong calls this style of thought "logos," for its emphasis on logic.

According to Armstrong, at the same time, much of the Islamic world began to look to the past for its ideals. They looked inwardly, in an effort to perfect their society through the teachings of the Koran. She refers to this style of thought as "mythos," for its emphasis on mythology, or

its religious roots. The emphasis on "mythos" is characteristic of fundamentalist movements.

This, of course, grossly oversimplifies, what she had to say, as all societies contain degrees of mythos and logos (and rightly so).

This movement, of west-

ern society, towards a middle class and more education, led, through revolution and evolution, to the civil societies that we refer to as the Western World. It also led to the system of public education that we enjoy today. We encourage and respect individual thought, reason and logic.

I am glad to be a part of a society that cherishes freedom of thought and places its hope for the future in its educational system.

While we face many challenges in public education, I believe that if we face them with trained, educated, open

minds, we can prevail. We can do our part, as did generations before us, to create a better, safer, more accepting future.

To paraphrase a 1983 Timbuk3 hit, "Our Future's So Bright, We Gotta Wear Shades."

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



FIRST ICE

For dedicated ice fishermen, the anticipation of getting out on a favorite lake as soon as the ice is safe gener-

ates as much excitement as the deer opener does for hunters. This phenomenon is known as *first ice* to those of

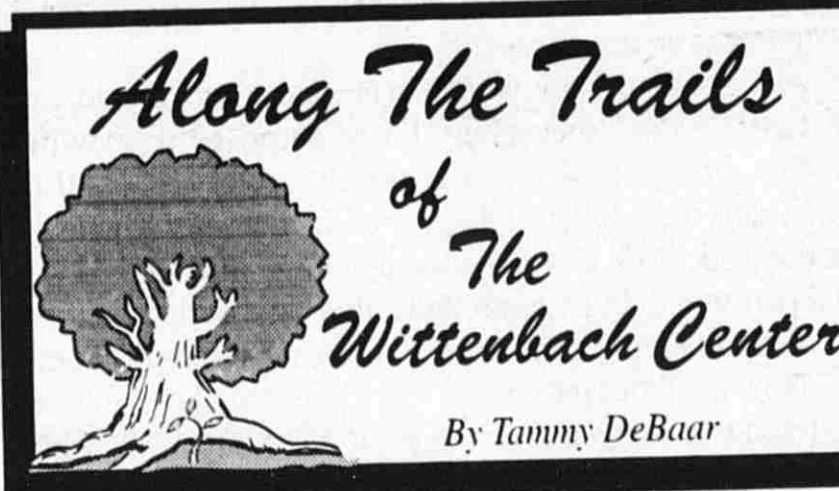
us who fish hard water. It seems that the best ice fishing occurs early in the season.

The vegetation in a lake provides habitat for creatures which eventually become food for the fish. As the ice gets thicker and snow covers the lake, light is blocked out and the vegetation dies off—fish food gets scarce. Fish adapt to the lack of food by reducing their activity and become somewhat dormant. Thus, catching fish becomes

more difficult later in the winter.

As soon as the ice is safe to walk on, it's time to begin the ice fishing season. Fishing through the ice for bluegills and perch is the easiest kind of angling for the beginner to master. By contrast, open water fishing in the summer requires expensive equipment and then you still have to find the fish. When ice

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By Tammy DeBaar

one gasps with awe when setting foot in the pine forest for the first time.

Now that the temperatures are warmer, the snow is heavy and wet, providing perfect tracks, clearly indicating the presence of turkey, white tail deer and even fox squirrel. The trails are continually being added to, soon to provide access through the native prairie grasses and along the ridge to the hidden vernal pond.

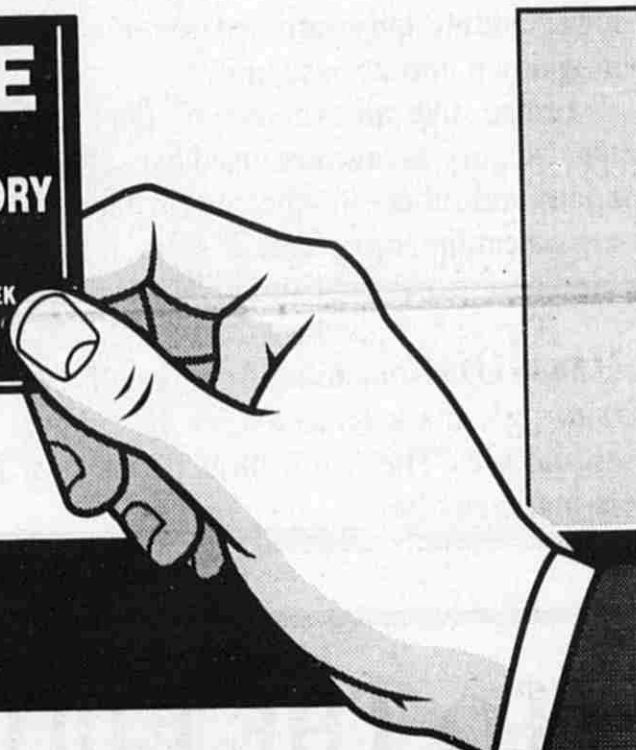
The trails are currently

shared with cross country skiers, snowshoers and an occasional baby jogger. They have recently been lit by the subtle light of luminaries, winding in and out of the pines, to the log cabin and back. Check the Ledger and Directions for advertisements about our increasing number of weekend and family programs, girl and boy scout programs and school group accomplishments.

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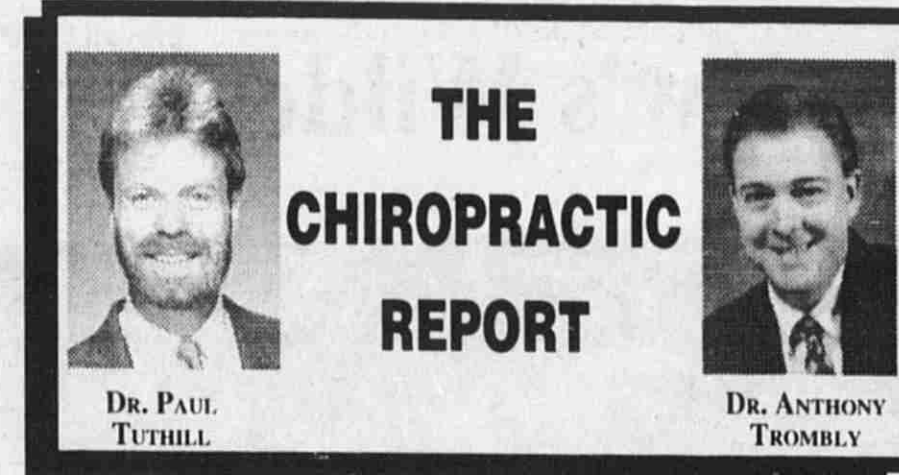
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THE CHIROPRACTIC REPORT

DR. PAUL TUTHILL

DR. ANTHONY TROMBLY

DON'T LET OFFICE WORK BE A PAIN IN THE NECK

If you are not careful, slouching at a desk all day or tapping away at a computer keyboard can lead to painful strains in your wrists, shoulders, elbows and back. The member doctors

of the Michigan Chiropractic Society (MCS) urge you to turn over a new leaf this winter and follow some simple advice that will make your workday a lot more comfortable.

"We used to believe that occupations like construction cause most on-the-job injuries," commented Dr. Paul Tuthill, member of the MCS. "However, someone who works at a computer is putting a lot of stress on their wrists, shoulders, neck and spine, and this can cause some really painful workplace injuries."

Repetitive motion injuries (RMI) such as carpal tunnel syndrome have become increasingly prevalent in recent years, as more and more people spend long hours virtually immobilized in front of a computer screen. According to recent estimates, more than 75 million Americans spend some time using a computer every day, whether it is for work or for play. "Today, it's not just the administrative assistant who uses a computer," Dr. Tuthill added, "Most corporate executives

spend their workdays in front of computers also, and when the workday ends, many people go home and use their own personal computers."

Carpal tunnel syndrome isn't the only problem. Two recent studies of insurance claims show that the combined cost of cumulative trauma disorders, such as repetitive motion injuries and low back pain, is over \$11.5 billion annually. Other injuries include postural and spinal stress and tendonitis. These conditions can affect a person's work, and make life painful.

To reduce the possibility of suffering one of these painful and possibly disabling injuries, Dr. Tuthill suggests you:

- Make sure your chair fits correctly. There should be two inches between the front edge of the seat and the back of your knees. Ideally, the chair should tilt back so you can rest while you are reading what is on the computer screen.
 - Sit with your feet flat on the floor, with your knees at a 90-degree angle. If you cannot sit comfortably that way, use an angled footrest.
 - Arrange your computer so that the center of the screen is at eye level, and make sure you have adequate lighting. Make sure there is no glare - use an antiglare screen if necessary.
 - Keep your wrists in a neutral position, not angled up or down, while you type. Some people find a modified keyboard more comfortable than a standard model. Keep your elbows at a 90-degree angle as you type.
 - Take periodic stretch breaks. Clench your hands in a fist and move your hands 10 circles in, then 10 circles out. Put your hands in a praying position and squeeze for 10 seconds and then put the backs of your hands together, fingers pointed downward for 10 seconds. Spread your fingers apart and then close them one by one. Stand and wrap your arms around your body, and turn as far as you can to the left, then the right.
- "If you do suffer from strain injuries on the job, see a doctor of chiropractic," urges Dr. Tuthill. "A chiropractor can work to alleviate the problem and help you avoid further injury." For more information, please contact Dr. Tuthill at 897-4999.

Every good thought you think is contributing its share to the ultimate result of your life.
—Grenville Kleiser.

City to determine CDBG allocations Monday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell will have in excess of \$30,000 available to it in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds beginning July 1.

Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale recommended the funds be used to replace inadequate sidewalk (474 linear feet) on North Hudson Street's west side from West

Main to the north city limits. Funds will also be used to install 765 linear feet of new sidewalk.

Pasquale proposes that \$4,000 be used to assist North Kent Transit in providing rides for senior citizens and handicapped riders.

Another \$10,000 of the CDBG funds is tentatively to be allocated to assist with replacing the roof at the Graham building (Lowell Area Historical Museum/YMCA

office). The cost to install a new roof is \$40,000. The city is encouraging both Lowell and Vergennes townships to make similar contributions through their block grant funds.

Vergennes Township clerk, Mari Stone noted that Vergennes has roughly \$21,000 in unprogrammed funds. "Up to now the township has not been asked to contribute to putting a new

roof on the Graham building," she said. Vergennes Township will take up the CDBG fund issue at its next meeting (Jan. 21).

In order to meet the proposed needs outlined by Pasquale, the city will have to borrow ahead in next year's allocations.

At its Jan. 7 meeting, the Lowell City Council set a public hearing on this matter for Monday, Jan. 21.

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As a matter of fact, the high school Environmental Club spent Saturday shredding Christmas trees before setting up the community luminary walk.

The club, with the help of Todd Lenneman, Tim Bergy and Jay Vezino, shredded almost 70 Christmas trees. These trees will provide chips for future trails, but most importantly have eliminated several hundred square feet of landfill space.

Also watch for a new community calendar that we at the

Wittenbach Center are proud to be a part of. This is a combined effort between Veen Observatory, Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Kent County Youth Fair, Lowell Area Arts Council and Fallsburg Historical Society to provide you, the community, with information about available programs and events as well as options for family and individual activities.

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fishing, all you need is warm clothing, a short pole, bait, and an auger for drilling a hole, then just follow the crowd. Wax worms, spikes, or wigglers work well as bait for pan fish—check with your local bait dealer to find out what the fish are biting. One can, of course, approach the activity with a much higher degree of sophistication, but it's not necessary unless the fish are moving around or the lake has only a few or no anglers on it. If the fish are there and feeding, there's nothing to it. If not, everyone has to scramble anyway.

Lakes or ponds do not freeze up with safe ice at the same time. Bodies of water protected from wind will usually be the first to freeze over. Snow cover slows the formation of solid ice. Develop a list of possible fishing spots and check them out regularly as the weather turns colder. Ask other fishermen and local bait dealers if they know of any action in the area. Just don't be too eager and take chances with unsafe ice.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

All meetings are held at the Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., at 7:00 pm. For further information, phone 897-5671, or for a calendar of these and other events visit the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org.

THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2002 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

January 21	July 15
February 18	August 19
March 11	September 16
April 15	October 21
May 20	November 18
June 17	December 16

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2002 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

January 7	July 1
February 4	August 5
March 4	September 9
April 8	October 7
May 6	November 4
June 3	December 2

The Zoning Board of Appeals meet as required or requested.

Mari Stone,
Vergennes Township Clerk

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD December 17, 2001 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the November 19, 2001 Regular Meeting Accepted as Read

Motions Approved:

- Motion to approve collection of summer taxes for Lowell Area Schools, Grand Rapids Community College and Kent Intermediate School District
- Motion to approve request by WOOD-TV to override AT&T cable emergency network
- Motion to appoint Scott Jernberg to a three-year term on Construction Board of Appeals
- Motion to appoint Scott Jernberg and Mike Mastrovito to three-year terms on the Planning Commission
- Motion to appoint Scott Jernberg and Pete Gustafson to three-year terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Motion to approve MTA Convention attendance
- Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Next Regularly scheduled meeting January 21, 2002

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Mari Stone,
Vergennes Township Clerk

Lowell grapplers escape wrath of Northview's Wildcats

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Last-second escapes in two of the last four matches enabled Lowell to elude Northview's challenge tested but not defeated.

Northview won four of five swing matches and, with that, nearly derailed the defending O-K White Conference wrestling champions Thursday night.

"I thought they were matches we could have taken, but tonight the outcomes favored Northview's boys," said Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejcek following the Red Arrows' 28-21 win.

Lowell did not grab its first lead (21-18) until Mike Nearing (112 pounds) recorded a last-second escape to post a frenetic 12-11 decision over Northview's Nate Basel.

The Red Arrows went on to win two of the last three matches en route to a 28-21 win over Northview.

Brandon Kinney followed up Nearing's win with a dominating 11-3 major decision against James McGovern.

Ian DeRath, 125 pounds, jumped out to a 4-1 first-period lead and then needed an escape late in the third period to subdue Troy Pitsch 10-9, giving Lowell a 28-18 lead with one match to go.

"Our boys wrestled great tonight. All of them wrestled tough," said Northview coach, B.J. Schroder. "Each team won seven matches - the difference was a couple of pins."

The Red Arrows' first pin was also their first win of the evening as the Wildcats decided Lowell in each of the opening five matches (135-160).

Trailing 15-0, Mike Forward pinned Kevin Hankinson at 50 seconds of the first period.

Lowell's second pin of the evening came four matches later. A Joe Mendez (103) pin against Andrew Wayward at 1:22 of the first period tied the score at 18-18.

"Northview is a much improved and much stronger team than what I saw earlier in the year," Strejcek said. "I expected more from my boys. Northview, however, wrestled tough and with heart. They stepped up tonight and were the reason for our struggles."

In winning six of the last seven matches, Lowell got important wins from Ben Fleet (215) and Ben Vaughn (HWT).

Fleet narrowly defeated Adam Pitsch 2-1, and Vaughn upended David Nezurawski 7-4.

The match started with Zach Schneider (135) defeating Kevin Frazier 4-2; Brad Spoonmaker (140) decisioned Jim Kelly 9-5; Mike Stolsenburg (145) defeated Bobby Gingerich 7-5; Marvin Hayes (152) bested Braton Fredline 10-4; and Jordan Petrovich beat J.J. Wilder 5-3.

Northview's other wins came at 189 where Chris Hankinson defeated Philip Moerdyke 5-2 and Troy Nelson (130) upended Jayme DeLiefde 4-2.

"We're still making basic skills mistakes," Strejcek said. "My job as a coach is to break the boys of those bad habits. I have ways of doing that."

Schroder, despite the defeat, had every reason to remain optimistic.

"We've beaten good

teams (Allegan, Rockford and Middleville). Tonight we barely lost to possibly the best team in the state. Northview has good wrestlers and good sports. Tonight, I also thought we had the better team," said Schroder.

Lowell now prepares for its bout with conference rival, Forest Hills Central on Thursday. The home match begins at 7 p.m.

Clinton Invitational

Ben Fleet came home with two firsts Saturday from the Clinton Wrestling Invitational.

His 4-0 record Saturday earned him a first-place finish. It is the first time in his high school wrestling career that he has won a high school tournament.

Fleet was one of five Red Arrows to claim top honors.

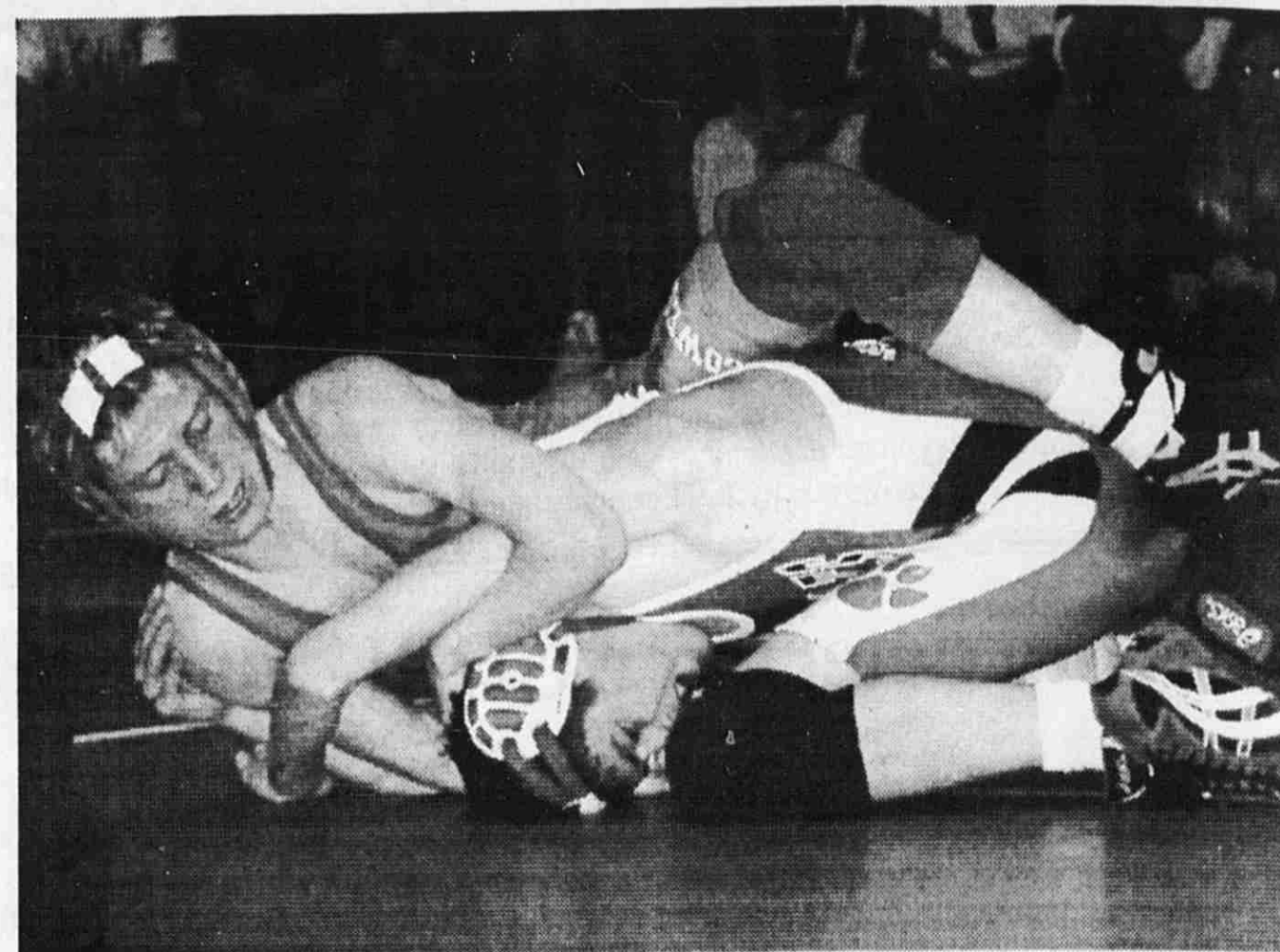
Others included Bobby Gingerich, 140 pounds; Ian DeRath, 125; Brandon Kinney, 119; and Joe Mendez, 103.

Mendez was named the tournament's most valuable wrestler. He defeated Springport's Braton Bernheisel 11-8 in the finals. Gingerich defeated returning Division IV state champion, Curtis Ruddy.

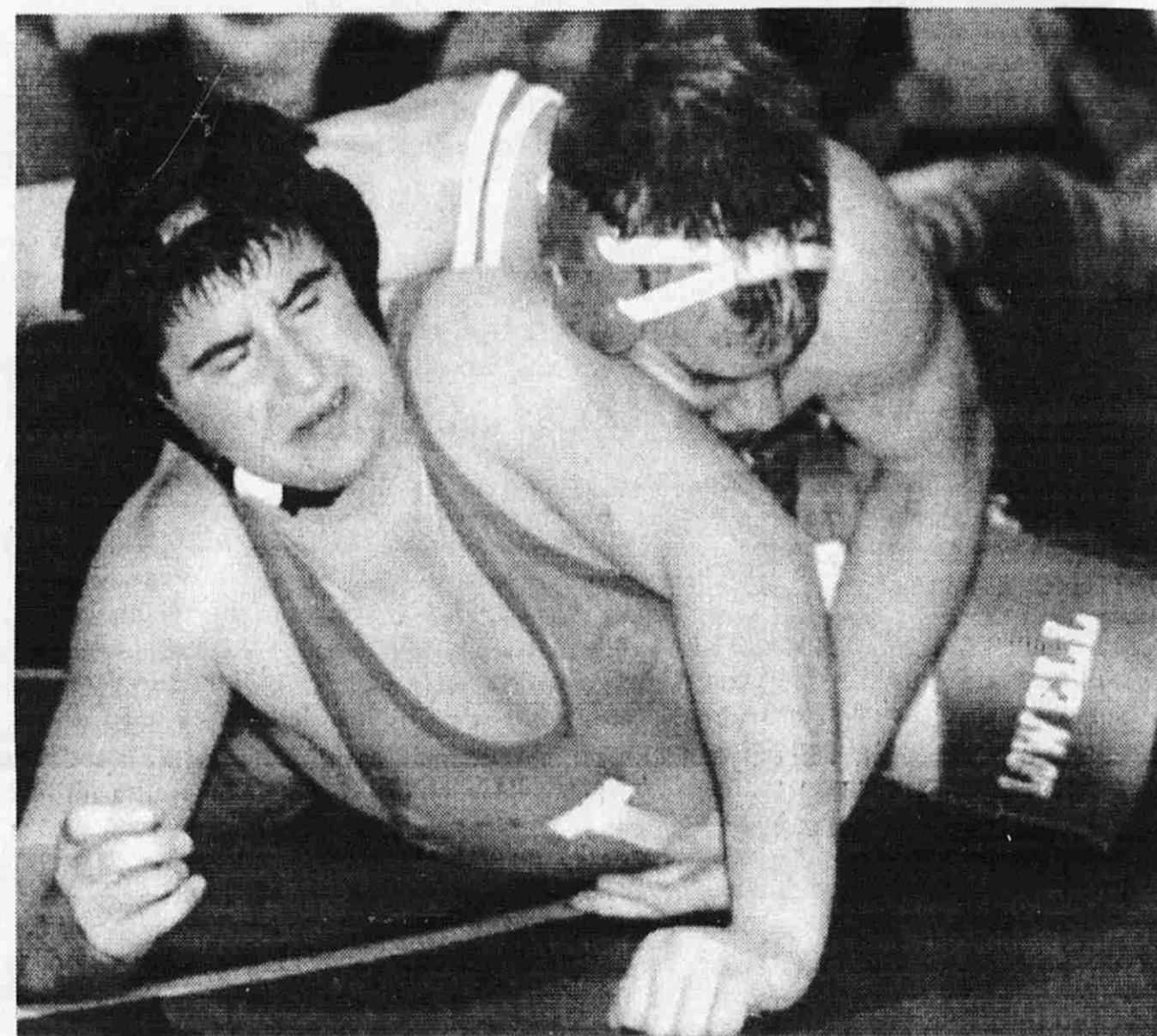
Ben Vaughn, HWT, and J.J. Wilder, 160 pounds, were 3-1 and placed second.

Mike Forward, 171 pounds, placed third with a record of 3-1.

Other Red Arrows who competed on Saturday were Mike Nearing, 112 pounds, 1-2; Jayme DeLiefde, 130, 2-2; Kevin Frazier, 135, 4-1, fifth; Braton Fredline, 145, 3-1, fifth; and Jim Kelly, 140, 1-2.



Lowell's Mike Nearing squeezed out a 12-11 decision over Northview's Nate Basel.



Packing a sore set of ribs, Red Arrow Philip Moerdyke toughed one out for the team in his match Thursday night.

Horian's Pro Shop a new feature for the newly remodeled Lowell Lanes

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The room once was a place where patrons went to pick up their children; now

it's a place where bowlers will pick up their new bowling bag and ball.

Mike Horian's Pro Shop now occupies a 40-by-32

square foot room inside Lowell Lanes.

"With the increasing number of bowlers due to the 41 winter leagues, there's a

demand for the shop," Horian explains.

The pro shop is a dual venture between Horian and Lowell Lanes' owner, Jack Thomet.

"There's more of a maintenance demand. Mike is well known and respected. Because of that, many bowlers come here instead of going into Grand Rapids," Thomet explains.

Horian has been helping out at Lowell Lanes (e.g., drilling holes) a couple days a week for the past 10 years.

"It got to the point where the demand built up and either we had to do something

or do nothing," Horian said.

The pro shop will be open from 2 until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 2 until 6 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday.

"If we don't have something, we can get it within two days," Horian says.

The timeliness of the pro shop could not be better.

In February, Lowell Lanes will host both the singles/doubles, and team Grand Rapids Men's City Tournament.

It's the first time in 50 years that both have been held in the same house.

"It's a big deal," Horian says. "The tournament will play out over a three-month period."

The Grand Rapids Men's City Tournament is the single biggest association tourney in America. It will bring roughly 3,500 people through the doors at Lowell Lanes.

Twice before, Lowell Lanes has hosted the singles/doubles tournament (in '85 and '95).

All of this comes on the heels of new synthetic lanes being installed this past summer.

Frosh spikers second in tourney

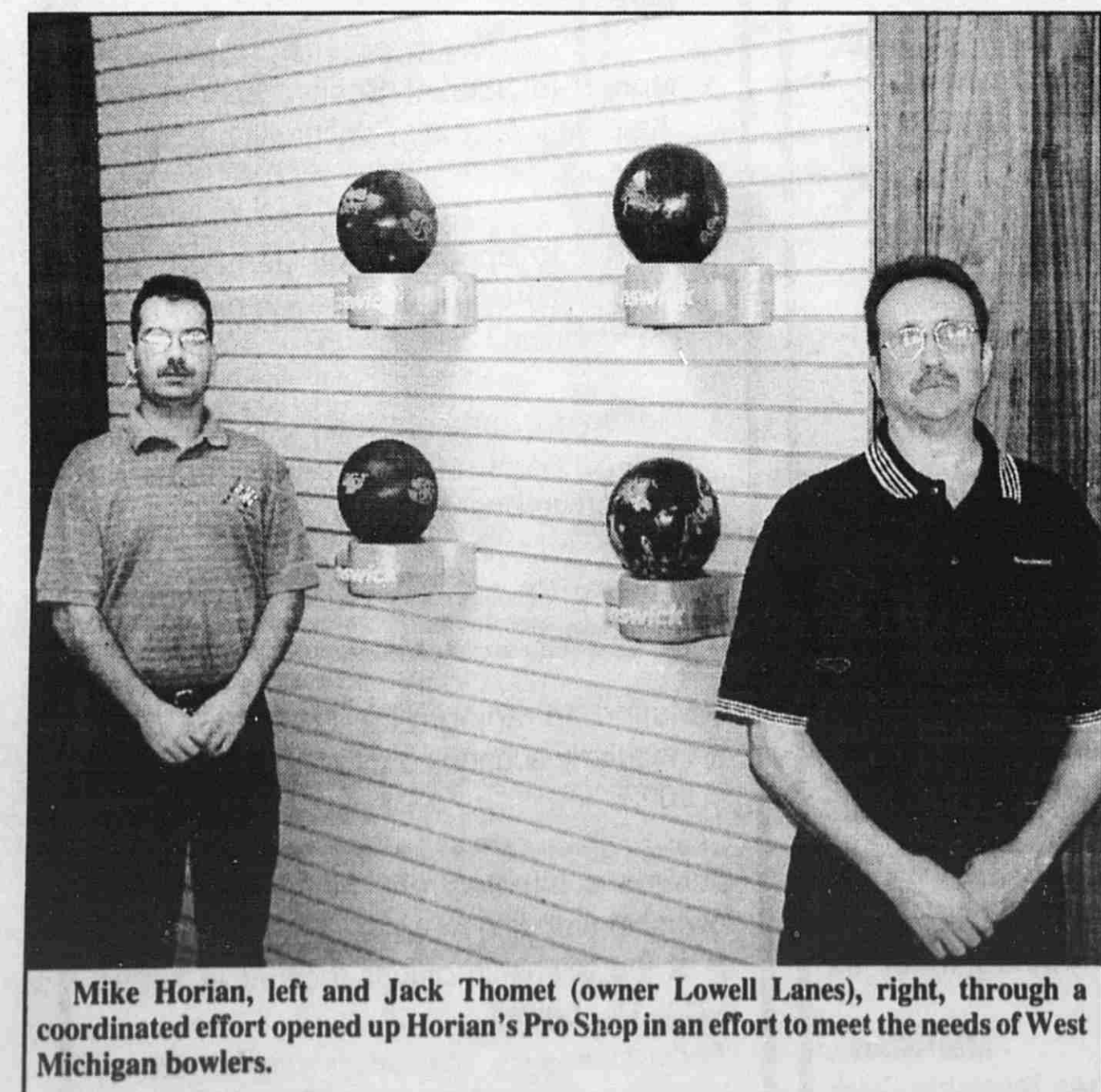
Lowell's freshman volleyball team placed second at its volleyball tournament on Saturday.

The Red Arrows lost in the championship match to Zeeland 6-15, 16-14, 8-15. Lowell advanced to the championship game by defeating Mona Shores in the title game of pool play. The Red Arrows won 15-13, 15-12.

Devon Collins served out game one with eight consecutive points, four of them aces. In the quarterfinal round, Lowell defeated West Ottawa 15-13, 15-8.

Lowell's Nicole Glover recorded 34 total service points for the day, scoring the game point in three games.

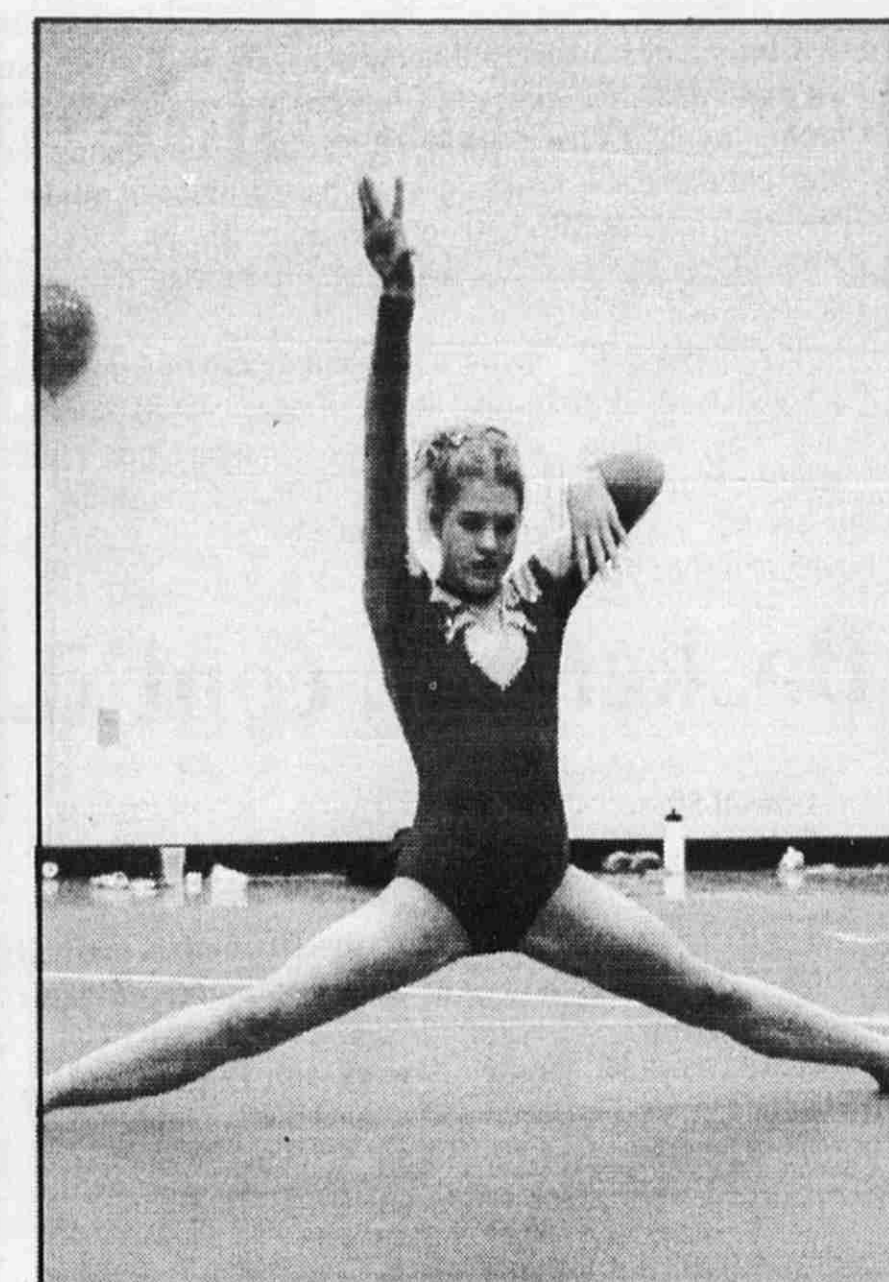
Emily Gerard led the team in kills with 18 while Taylor Verdon tallied 26 assists.



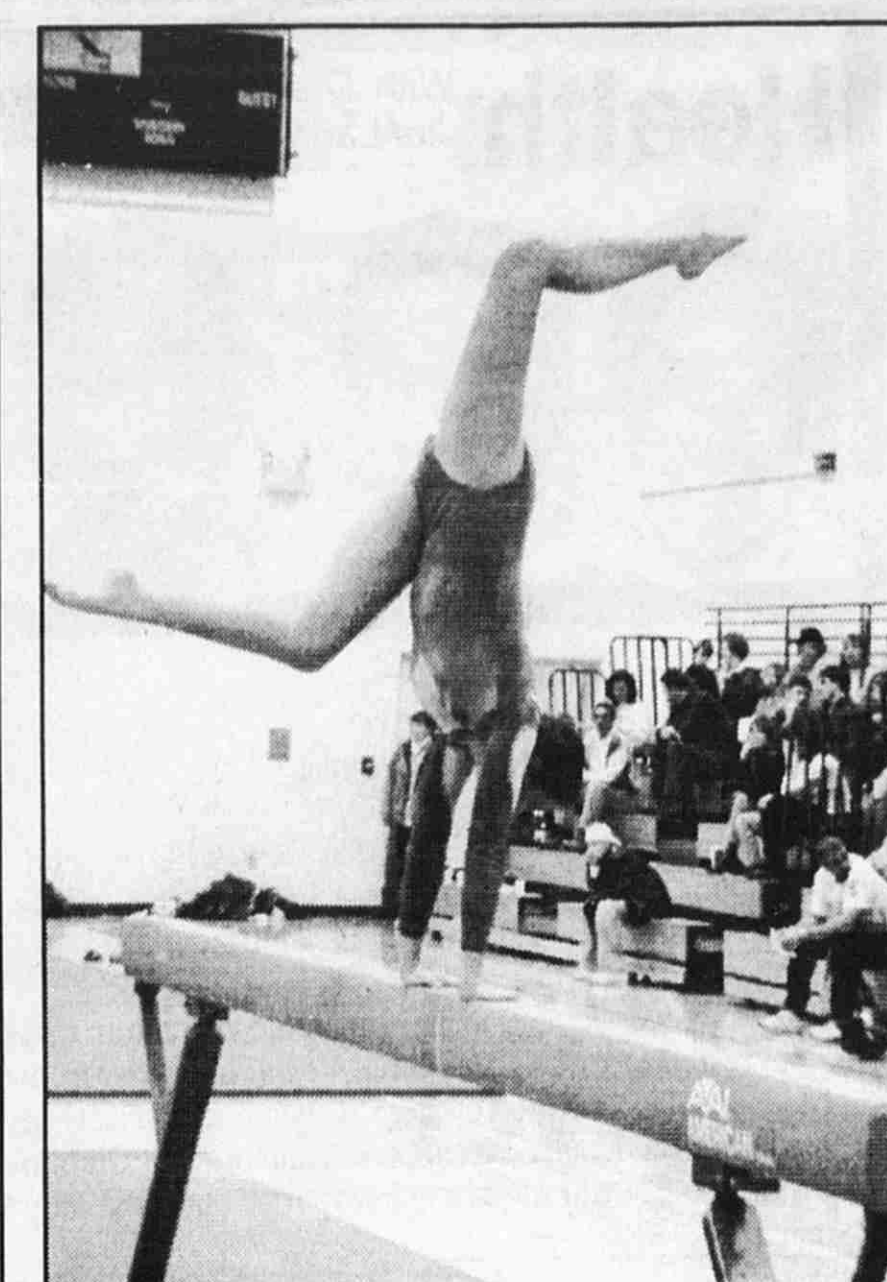
Mike Horian, left and Jack Thomet (owner Lowell Lanes), right, through a coordinated effort opened up Horian's Pro Shop in an effort to meet the needs of West Michigan bowlers.



Consistency enabled Melissa Neubecker to be Lowell's top all around gymnast in the Red Arrow win over East Kentwood.



Krystal White recorded Lowell's second highest score in the floor exercise.



Carisa Sayer gave a strong and balanced performance on the beam.

Neubecker leads Red Arrow gymnasts in win over Falcons

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell scored 31.95 points in the event. White was first overall on the vault with a score of 8.55. Katie Blough and Dickerman were fourth and sixth respectively with scores of 7.95 and 7.85.

The Red Arrows' top team scores came on the balance beam (33.3) and in the floor exercise (33.9). Carisa Sayer's strong performance on the beam earned her an 8.6. Blough, suffering one fall, scored an 8.2. White finished her routine with a 7.75.

"That was a very strong beam routine for Carisa," DeHaan said. White led the way in the floor exercise with an 8.65. Plattner finished with an 8.55 followed by Kim Datema's 8.1.

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Holt Invitational

Lowell gymnasts finished fourth in a field of 14 Saturday at the Holt Invitational. Rochester Adams won the tourney with 147.25 points.

Red Arrows just miss in upset effort against Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the fifth time in nine games, the Lowell boys basketball team tangled with an opposing club ranked in West Michigan's top 10.

Friday night it was the 10th-ranked Chix (7-1) from Zeeland.

"Once again it's another team that combines good size with good shooting," said Lowell basketball coach, Jeff McDonald. "That's a tough combination to beat."

Tough, but not impossible as the undersized Red Arrows' herculean effort nearly proved in its 64-61 loss to Zeeland.

"I think the boys turned the corner tonight in terms of how hard we have to play to compete. We also have to execute and not turn the ball over," McDonald said.

The Red Arrows showed all of those attributes plus

shot 87 percent (20-of-23) from the foul line.

"A team that shoots that well from the line is dangerous," said Zeeland coach, Mickey Cochran. "Give Lowell credit - they hustled and hung around, and got to the line and stayed in the game right down to the end."

Cochran recalled the same sort of game at Lowell two years ago in which the outcome wasn't as kind to Zeeland.

"Two years ago we came in here, tied for the lead in the league, and the same sort of scenario played out. Lowell played hard, hustled and hung around and then their guard hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to beat us."

Cochran watched nervously as Mark Biener's game-tying three-point attempt from near mid-court bounced off the backboard.

Lowell trailed 33-31 at

halftime. Zeeland started the second half with a 10-2 run, giving the Chix a comfortable but sometimes tenuous margin to work from.

The Red Arrows battled back to within six (46-40) before the Chix finished the third period with a 5-2 run to take a 51-42 lead into the final eight minutes.

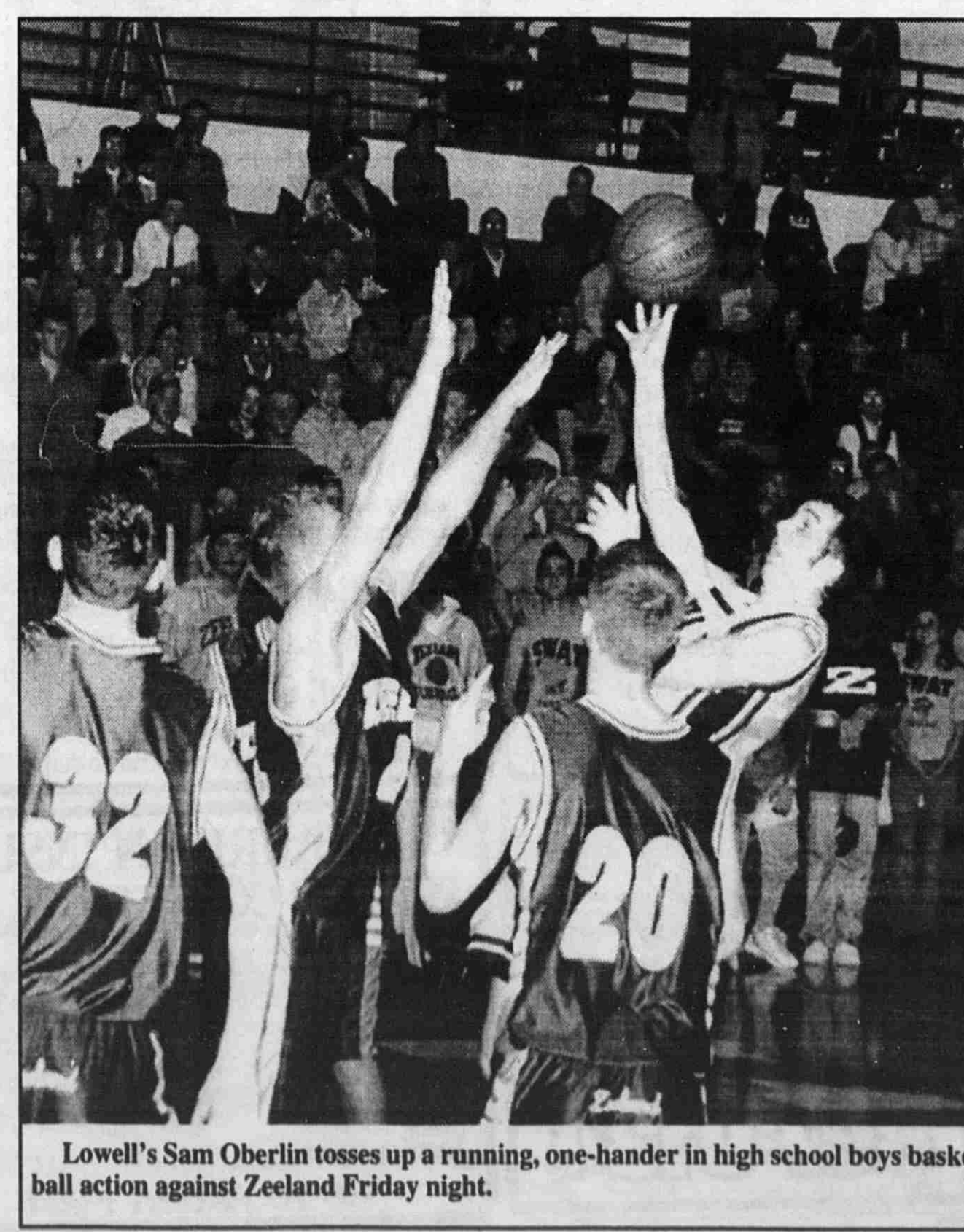
Lowell was able to cut the deficit to as little as three with just under a minute to play, but never got closer.

"There always seemed to be a bad bounce or a tap off the hand or knee that slowed us down," McDonald said.

Sam Oberlin led Lowell (1-4, 3-6) with 23 points. Biener netted 12 and Mark Catlin added seven.

Aaron Kraai and Mike Austin led Zeeland with 12 points apiece.

Basketball, cont'd, p. 10



Lowell's Sam Oberlin tosses up a running, one-hander in high school boys basketball action against Zeeland Friday night.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a condition affecting more than 14 million Americans. It is usually caused by cigarette smoking. People with COPD usually experience shortness of breath and coughing.

COPD involves damage to the bronchial tubes and air sacs within the respiratory tract. Breathing allows air to move from the bronchial tubes into the air sacs. Oxygen is then absorbed into the blood and delivered to the vital organs. Carbon dioxide is taken from the blood and transported out of the body by exhalation.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is divided into two main divisions - chronic bronchitis or emphysema. In chronic bronchitis the bronchial tubes and tissues lining the tubes are damaged, resulting in increased mucous production and inflammation. In emphysema, the air sacs are damaged, resulting in a decreased ability to absorb oxygen into the blood.

COPD is usually diagnosed by pulmonary function testing which is easily performed in the office. You will be asked to take several deep breaths and blow into a machine which measures how rapidly you can move air out of your lungs. A chest X-ray is often ordered to rule out other causes of chronic cough and shortness of breath.

The best treatment for COPD is to quit smoking. Medications are available which may relieve COPD symptoms. These are usually delivered by inhalation. They help dilate the bronchial tubes and decrease mucous production. In more severe cases, oxygen may be needed.

COPD is a severe chronic disease with no "cure." It is almost always caused by smoking. If you smoke, you need to quit. There are many over-the-counter and prescription products available to help you quit smoking. If you need help, see your doctor or call the American Lung Association at 1-800-586-4872.

Basketball, cont'd... From Page 9

Lowell 50
Lakeview 44

The Red Arrows battled back from a 10-point second half deficit to turn back Lakeview in a nonconference game Tuesday night.

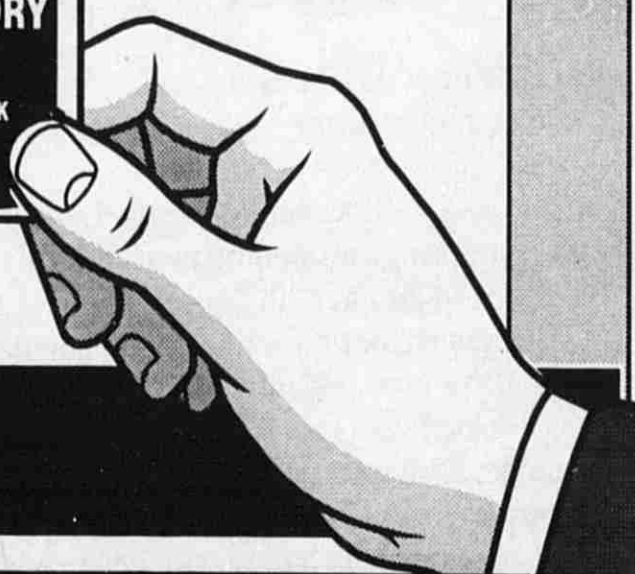
Sam Oberlin led the Red Arrows with 17 points. Mark Biener and Andy McQueen each added nine points.

Lowell trailed 16-7 after one quarter and 21-18 at halftime. Lakeview took a 34-29 lead into the final eight minutes of play before the Red Arrows rallied to outscore the host 21-10 in the fourth quarter.

"The kids played their hearts out. Sam sparked us offensively and Zach Beachum gave us the spark on the defensive end of the floor," said Lowell basketball coach, Jeff McDonald.

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Johnsons to celebrate 60th

Martin and Treva (Rice) Johnson will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on February 21, 2002. Married in Jeffersonville, Ind. in 1942, they have lived in Lowell for 43 years.

Martin retired from General Motors in Grand Rapids. They are members of Lowell First United Methodist Church and part-time members of Miakka Methodist Church in Sarasota, Fla., and the American Legion in Lowell. Treva is also a member of the DAR, Mayflower Society & Genealogy Society.

They have six children: Randy (Ruth) Johnson, Sharyl Seese, Pat Lowery-Klingler, Yvonne (Roger) Wolfe, Keith (Beth) Johnson and Jaclyn Ashla. They have 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. They celebrated the occasion with family and friends in Sarasota, Fla.

Lowell JV skates to 4-4 tie with Huskies

The Lowell JV hockey team battled to a 4-4 tie with rival Forest Hills Northern this past weekend. Brandon John led the way for the Red Arrows with two goals and two assists. Corey Kelly also contributed two goals while Ted McCoy and Jeff Moore each added assists.

Lowell faces a tough schedule this week with a game against Grand Haven on Thursday in Holland and against Rockford on Saturday night (9 p.m.) at Kentwood Arena.

City boat launch moved

As part of the summer Downtown Development Authority improvements, the boat launch was moved from Avery Street to just south of Unity High School.

While the new site is within the High Street right-of-way, parking in the Riverwalk area is within the Lowell Area School's property.

Thus, the city sought and

received an easement from the school.

The documents were prepared by city attorney, Richard Wendt and reviewed by school board president, Peter Gustafson.

The city council approved a resolution accepting public parking and a sidewalk easement from Lowell Area Schools.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 02-172 750-DE

Estate of **PAULINE MARSIGLIA**
Deceased
DATE OF BIRTH: 05/15/1927

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, **PAULINE MARSIGLIA**, who lived at 7242 Zinnia Ct. SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died December 20, 2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **CHARLES O'DOWD**, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand

Rapids, MI 49504 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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1320 Pine Grove N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

FILE NO. 02-172 750-DE

Estate of **PAULINE MARSIGLIA**
Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS: Including the missing brother and sisters of decedent whose names, addresses and whereabouts are unknown.

The decedent, who lived at 7242 Zinnia Ct. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508 died 12/20/01.

An application for informal probate was filed by **CHARLES O'DOWD**, 1320 Pine Grove N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

On 1/8/02 the Kent County Probate Court, 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 granted informal probate.

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AREA BIRTHS

Russ and Kim Race are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Breyden Thomas** on December 6, 2001 at 4:26 a.m. Breyden weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Welcoming home Breyden are big brothers, Logan and Garrett and big sister, Holly.

Grandparents are Jim and Sharon McFall of Lowell and William and Marilyn Race of Indianapolis, Ind.

Great-grandparents are Paul and Eleanor Dintman of Alto.

Natalie Rich and Steven Michael Shepard are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **ShiLeigh Marie Shepard**.

She was born on Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 2:42 a.m. in Metropolitan Hospital.

COLLEGE NEWS

Karen Dykstra of Lowell has been named to the President's list for the fall term at Saginaw Valley State University.

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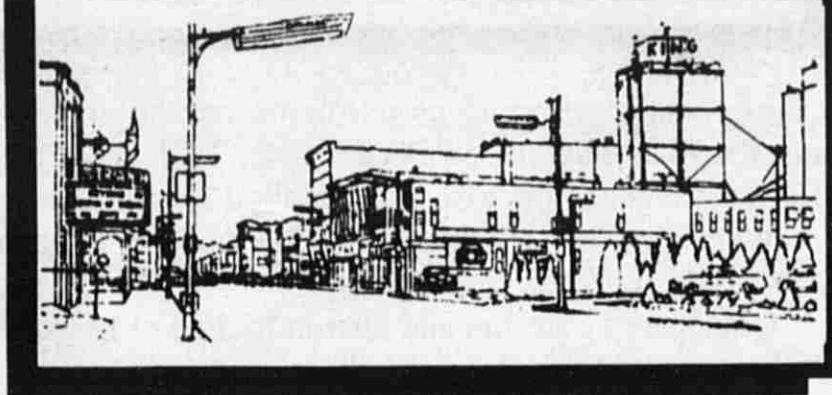
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PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

The First United Methodist Preschool will have an open house and registration for fall 2002 session on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. Call 897-8690 with any questions. Open to everyone.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The 4-H Fairgrounds in the Foreman Bldg. at S. Broadway is the new permanent location for the Foodmobile. Mostly produce will be distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Food is available to anyone; bring your own box or bag.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP SURVEY

Residents of Vergennes Township are reminded to fill out their pre-stamped Open Space/Natural Features survey and return it to the township offices by Monday, Jan. 21. Anyone with questions may call 897-5671.

WRESTLING FREESTYLE SIGN-UPS

Cherry Creek cafeteria will be the location for Lowell wrestling freestyle sign-ups on Tuesday, Jan. 29 and Thursday, Feb. 7 from 6-8 p.m. Please bring your birth certificate.

SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED FOR VIDEO

Parents, if you have photos of your senior that you would like in the senior class of 2002 video, turn them in to Ginny Weber by Thursday, Jan. 31. They may be individual or group shots (as long as they are not too small). Please put your name on the back if you would like them returned.

WILDLIFE WORKSHOP AT WITTENBACH CENTER

A workshop focusing on K-12 education with wildlife issues will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 8:30 - 3 p.m. The cost is \$40, payable in advance, and includes lunch, text and materials. Call Tammy at 987-1002 to register.

LAAC CALLING FOR ENTRIES

The 16th annual West Michigan Regional Competition at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, runs from Feb. 17 - March 23. Opening reception is Sunday, Feb. 17 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 897-8545 to receive an entry form.

'The Point', cont'd... From Page 1

her homework," Vashaw explains. "I enjoy the fact when students challenge the system and put good thought into it."

Larsen added that the purpose of the school newspaper is to provide information more so than draw attention to itself by being controversial.

Story ideas are derived from staff discussion and news events.

"We like to take news events and try to find an angle their classmates will be interested in," Larsen explains.

The Point also provides space for editorials... a place where features editor, Kristi Anderson has found space for her views on the school dress code and how it is not followed.

"Some students didn't like it, but that is okay. It's my opinion and they are free to share their's," Anderson said.

From a news standpoint, Larsen said the staff tries to cover news within the school, features, human interest stories, and events that have an impact on the district.

The staff news editor is Jaimey Sadlak. "The first

edition was okay. I don't think students found it terribly exciting," Sadlak explained. "For me, the most interesting part of the process has been the interview. It seems simple enough, but I find that after going back to my notes later, maybe I'd like to interview the person again."

Larsen has been pleased with the effort put forth by students thus far.

"They have worked hard and have taken the initiative to complete things. It's nice to see them taking ownership in what they do," Larsen said.

Johnson and Sadlak both noted their interest in journalism is something they may continue to pursue following graduation.

Anderson says she will not pursue journalism after high school, but has enjoyed a vehicle which has allowed her to share her thoughts. "I'm opinionated and have a lot to say," she concludes.

Freshman Marie Wade who has an interest in graphic design explained she's enjoyed learning the process of

putting together a newspaper and the opportunity to be involved in its layout design.

This year, the staff will publish five editions of The Point. The paper's name is derived from the mascot "Red Arrow."

"I have been very pleased with the students' hard work and enthusiasm," Larsen said.

Just because some of us can read and write and do a little math, that doesn't mean we deserve to conquer the universe.

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. 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 (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates and times call 897-5015. Guests are welcome.

1ST SUN. OF EACH MON.: Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer group meets at 3 p.m. to discuss enhancing the lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Needlecraft Day at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., 1 p.m. following senior meal. Come knit & crochet or learn the craft. Get to know your neighbors. Call Lana at 691-8450 for info.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

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 MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 (both men & women) meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

TUES.: Walking-exercise program at 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

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 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

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

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY WED.: The "Peppers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Grand Rapids Machine Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. Sara Coates 365-1247 or Bette Frieswyk 949-8655.

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

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in seasonal activities. Times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids. Call 897-9794.

EVERY WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

EVERY THURS.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI No. 333, Saranac, meets at Saranac Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURS.: Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Registration begins 1/2 hour before meetings. New members invited to join. 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: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. Info.: 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Community and Area Music Makers at Saranac High School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Call Kathy at 642-6316/897-5981 for info.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: 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 THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Located at a church in Ada. Please call 752-8300 for more information.

FRI.: Walking-exercise program at 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

SECOND SAT. OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 1 p.m.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club @ Lowell High School 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 11 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appt. Call 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members are free.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs.: noon - 7 p.m.; Sat.: 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

THURS., JAN. 17: 1st United Methodist Preschool open house/registration at 7 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. Call 897-8690 with any questions. Open to everyone.

SAT., JAN. 19: Free food distribution by Flat River Outreach Ministries at 4-H Fairgrounds (Foreman Bldg.) from 10 - noon. Bring own box or bag.

MON., JAN. 21: Last day for Vergennes Twp. residents to turn in their survey to the township. Call 897-5671 with any questions.

Culture is not life in its entirety, but just the moment of security, strength and clarity. —José Ortega y Gasset

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Bible Study.

WED.: Varied activities.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JAN. 16: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:40 p.m. Shop Fam. Fare.

THURS., JAN. 17: 12:40 p.m. Travelogue.

FRI., JAN. 18: 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

MON., JAN. 21: 12:40 p.m. Shop Fam. Fare.

TUES., JAN. 22: 7:20 a.m. Breakfast at Rockford McDonalds; 1 p.m. Bible Study.

WED., JAN. 23: 12:40 p.m. Lunch at Cafe in the Woods, Woodland Mall.

SAT., JAN. 26: An improv workshop with Mary Jane Pories at Franciscan Life Process Center from 9-3 p.m. Cost is \$75; includes workbooks & other handouts. Register with Mary Jane at 458-2476.

TUES., JAN. 29: Wrestling freestyle sign-ups at Cherry Creek from 6-8 p.m. Bring birth certificate.

THURS., JAN. 31: Photos due of seniors or group shots (if not too small) for Senior Class video. Turn in to Ginny Weber; put name on back if you want them returned.

THURS., FEB. 7: Wrestling freestyle sign-ups at Cherry Creek from 6-8 p.m. Bring birth certificate.

FRI., FEB. 8 & SAT., FEB. 9: Franciscan Life Process Center will offer a workshop in collage with Lynn O'Rourke, artist-in-residence. Cost is \$55 for both days. Call John at 897-7842 to register.

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Christopher Durang's "The Actor's Nightmare" and Edward Albee's "The Zoo Story" will be directed by Pat Hobbs.

General admission for the two one-act performances is \$7. Senior citizens, students and LAAC members can get in for \$6.

Cast members for "The Actor's Nightmare" are Sue Bradford (Sarah Siddons), Tory O'Haire (George), Sue Veenema (stage manager - Meg), Kelsey Scheider (Dame Ellen Terry) and Pat Hobbs (Henry Irving).

Cast members for "The Zoo Story" are David Durkee (Peter) and Hobbs (Jerry). Show time for all three evenings is 8 p.m.

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—Harry Truman



Pictured above from the cast of "Actor's Nightmare," from left to right, are: Sue Bradford (Sarah Siddons), Tory O'Haire (George) and Sue Veenema (stage manager - Meg).



Pictured to the right from the cast of "The Zoo Story," from left to right, are: Pat Hobbs (Jerry) and David Durkee (Peter).

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

In response to Sundry Corporation, Inc.'s request to rezone a portion of property situated within the city limits, the City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, January 28, 2002 at 7:00 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 this request.

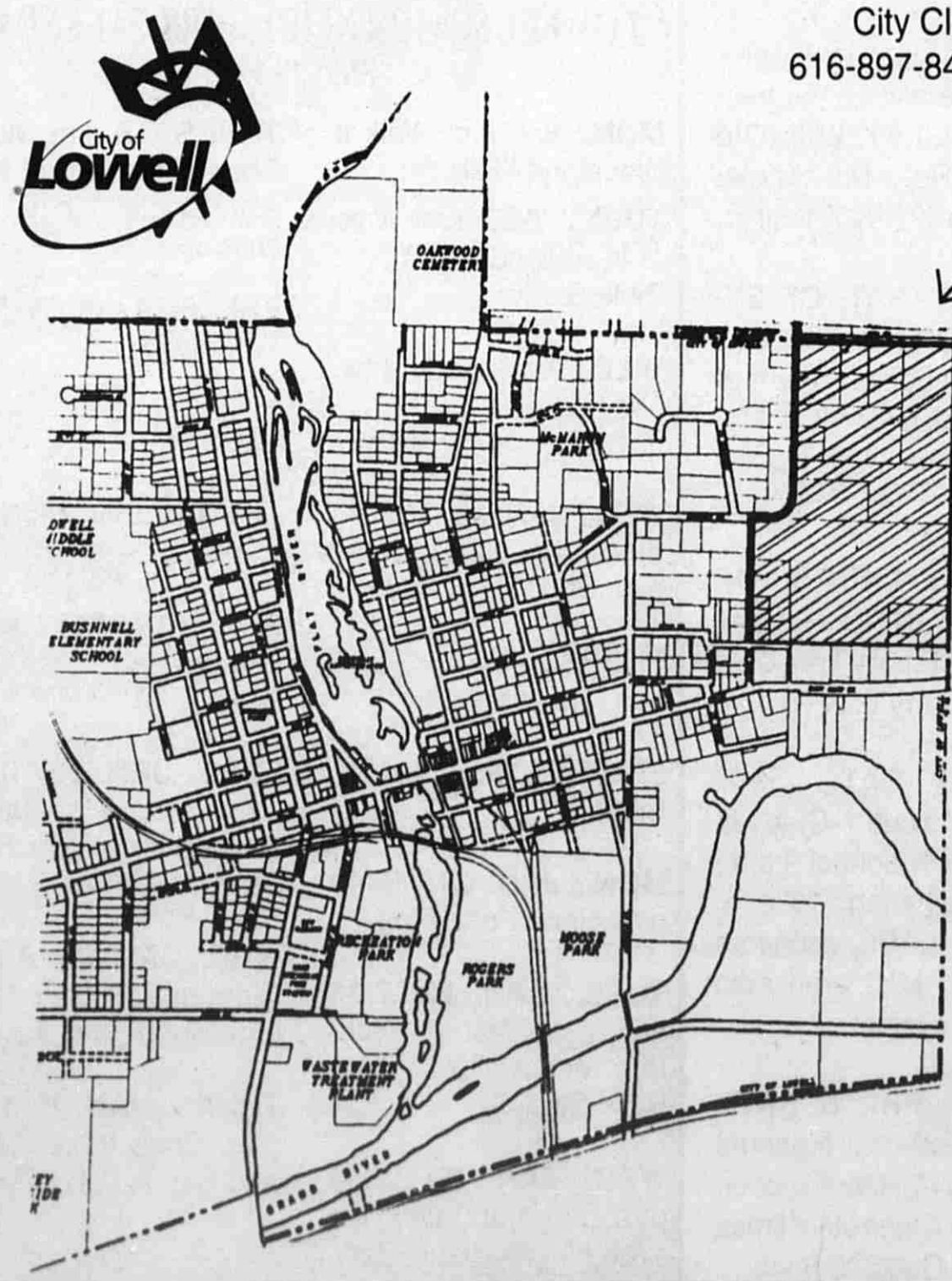
This request is to rezone the said boundaries as described below from SR (Suburban Residential) to R-1 (Residential Single Family) or R-2 (Residential Two Family).

In an effort to eliminate "spot zoning" the City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee expanded the applicants rezoning request boundary. The expanded boundary of this request is as follows:

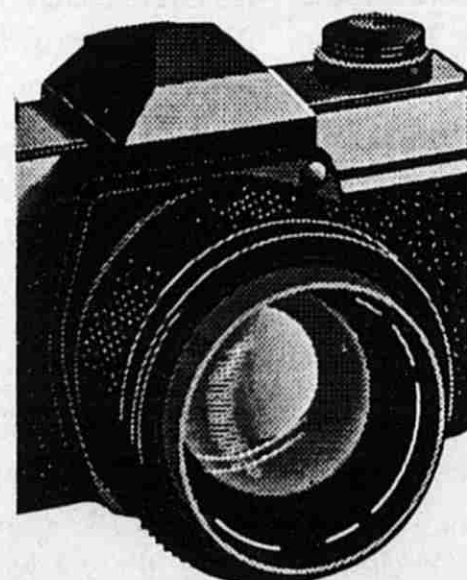
- Commencing at the point of beginning being the intersection of Grindle Drive and Fund Street. Thence East along Fun Street to the East City Limit line. Thence south along said City Limit Line to a point that intersects with High Street "Extended". Then west along High Street "Extended" to James Street. Thence north along James Street to Grindle Drive. Thence east along Grindle Drive. Thence north along Grindle Drive to the Point of Beginning (see map below).

Interested persons may submit written comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.

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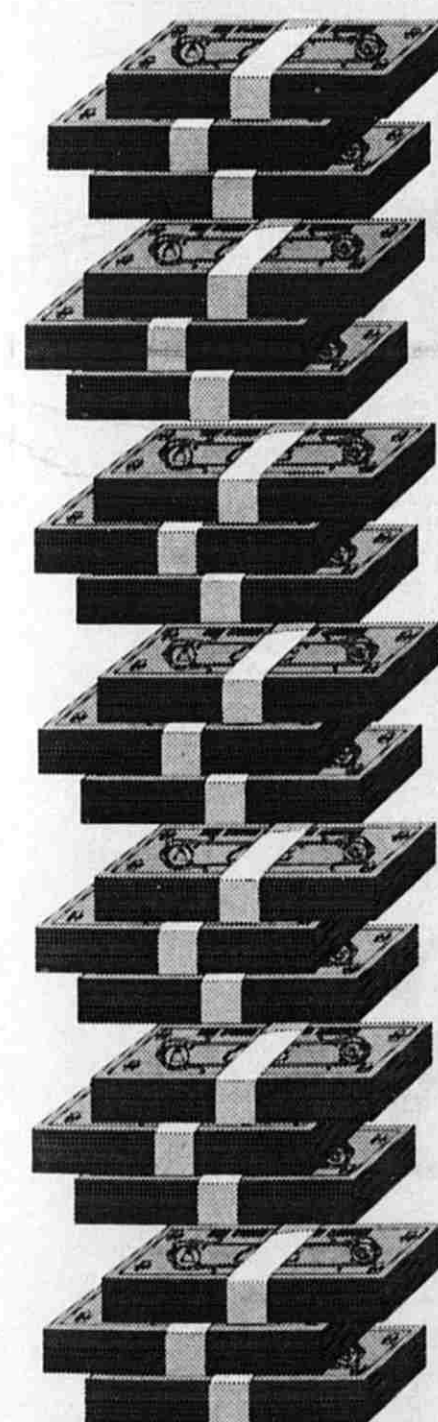
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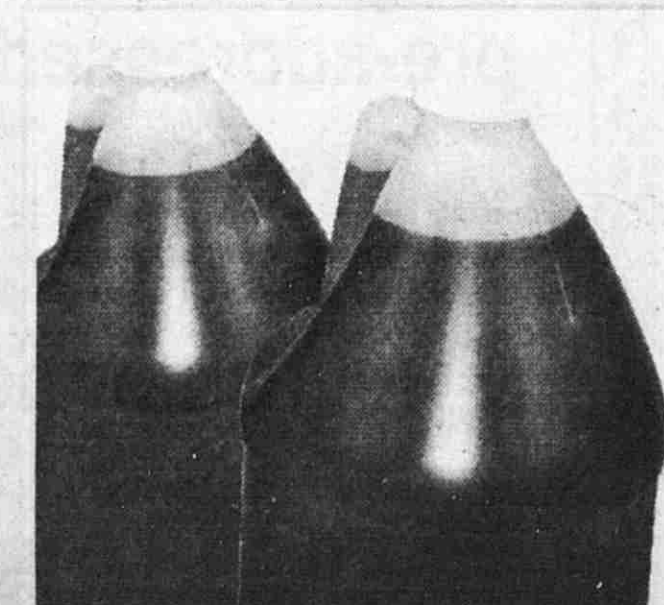
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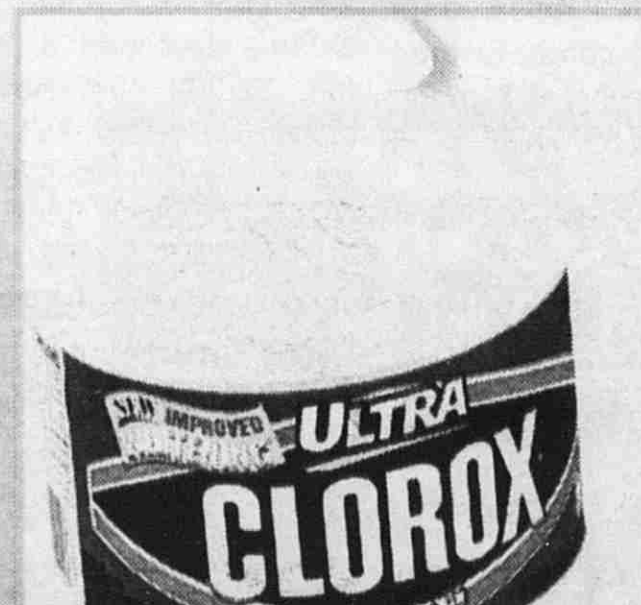
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