

# The Lowell Ledger

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## Success at the bargaining table

"I feel like both sides have worked hard to come to a resolution." — Shari Miller

By Dan Schneider

**B**argaining teams announced Friday that a tentative contract agreement has been reached for Lowell Area Schools teachers and support staff.

"We have a meeting of the minds, I think we're there, we just have a few details to iron out yet," said Connie Gillette, Lowell Area Schools assistant superintendent for finance and personnel.

According to a joint press release, representatives of the Lowell Education Association (LEA), the Lowell Educational Support Personnel Association (LESPA) and the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education accepted a

mediator's recommendation for a settlement at last Wednesday's mediation session.

"We have gone through the bargaining process and we have a tentative agreement between the two teams that we will present to our members—our constituency—for them to review," said Willie Suber, Michigan Education Association Uniserve director and representative for LEA and LESPA. "We hope to have the process completed within the next two weeks."

Details of the agreement will not be available until union members and school board officials have been

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LAS assistant superintendent for finance and personnel Connie Gillette and Michigan Education Association Uniserve director Willie Suber examine and approve items in the tentative contract agreement reached last week between LAS and union bargaining teams.

## Charitable gaming approved by council

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Athletic Boosters are taking a gamble on a new event in hopes of raising money for team uniforms.

At the Lowell City Council meeting on Sept. 7, the Boosters met to discuss the granting of a charitable gaming license for the purpose of hosting a Las Vegas night at Larkin's.

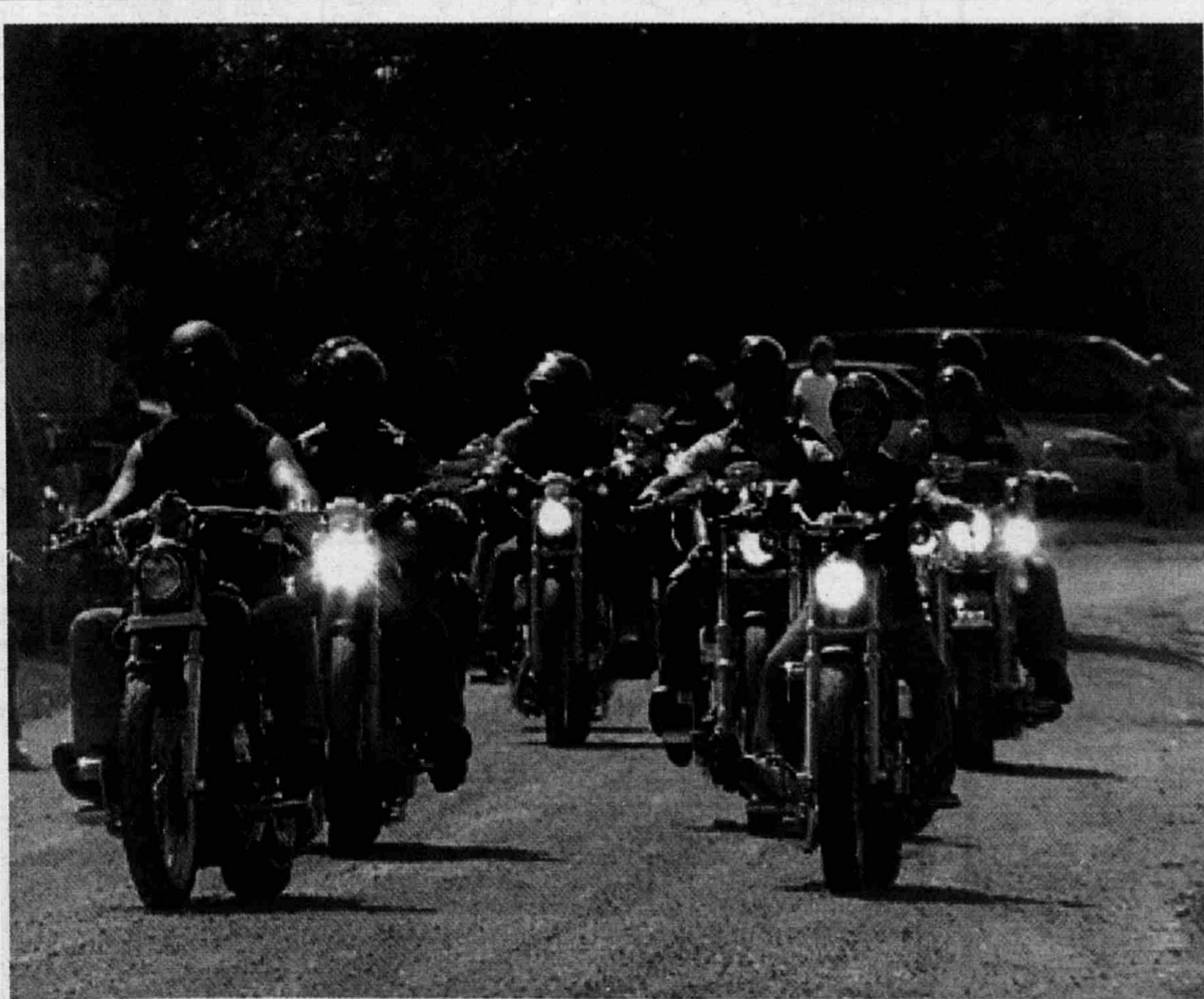
With the amount of school budget cuts that have taken place, one of the areas

has been athletics, said John (Bucky) Curtis, representing the Boosters. This has left no money for team uniforms, which can get costly, he added.

"This is just one of the ways we are looking to fundraise," he said.

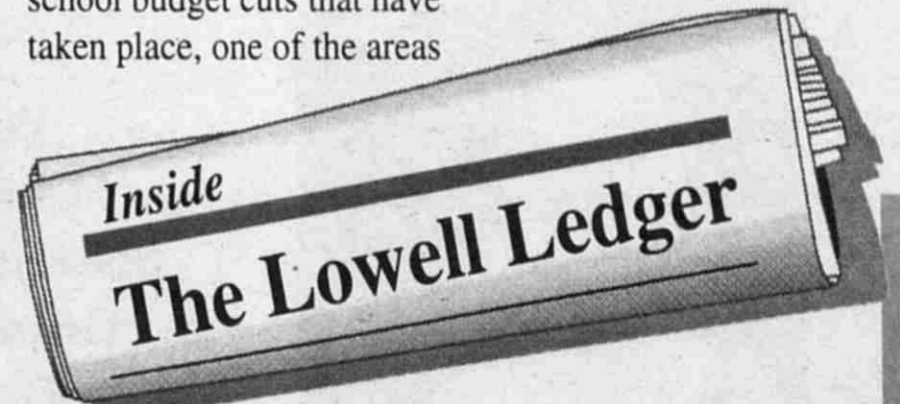
The event, Curtis explained, is called a Texas holding tournament which has gotten quite popular in the last year due to televised

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## Toy Run rumbles through Lowell

Motorcycles rolled into the Lowell Fairgrounds at the end of Sunday's Toy Run. This is the 10th year bikers have converged on Lowell bringing toys to be donated to children in hospitals around the West Michigan area this Christmas. Last year, nearly 1,200 bikers rode in the run. Organizers had no exact count of this year's turnout, but guessed the numbers were similar to last year.



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## OBITUARIES

**BURT** - Susan I. Burt, aged 56, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 after her courageous battle with cancer. She had a long career in teaching and over the last several years worked as a district representative for the Michigan Education Association. She is survived by her daughter Kristan Knola of Grand Rapids; her son David Knola, his wife Janine and daughter Emerson of Blacksburg, VA; her mother Patricia Burt of Port Orange, FL; her sister Christine Burt of Arlington, MA; her brothers James Burt, his wife Nancy and their children of Canton, MI, and John and his wife Kris Ann of Portage, MI. She will be remembered as a most loving mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. Others will remember her as a committed friend, co-worker, and champion of those who needed her. She was inspirational to her children, family and friends. Her legacy will be her caring and compassionate nature, and her dedication to making others feel important. Visiting hours will be held Friday, Sept. 17 from 5-8 p.m. at Zaagman Memorial Chapel North. A memorial service is scheduled

for Saturday, Sept. 18 at 12 p.m. at Frederik Meijer Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to a charity of choice in memory of Susan Burt. In that, the contribution will be of most meaning to the donor and will impact the greatest number of people.

**COVELL** - Roger Allen Covell passed away Wednesday, September 8, 2004. Roger was born July 12, 1949 to Harvey and Eloise Covell, the second oldest sibling of four. He was preceded in death by his father Harvey. Roger served with distinction in the Vietnam War earning three Purple Hearts for being wounded in action. Roger married Cynthia Louise Makarewicz in 1973 and fathered two children, Cameron Allen Covell and Clayton John Covell. In life, Roger was known for his free spirited personality and his devotion to his family. He was as quick to lend a helping hand as he was to bring a smile to the faces of those around him. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Cindy; his sons Cameron, his wife Robin, and Clayton; his

mother Eloise; his brother Richard Covell; sisters Carla Mercer, Deanna Covell; brother-in-law David (Kathy Damstra) Makarewicz; sister-in-law Nancy Helinka; his cat "Mikey." Roger will be dearly missed by his family, friends, many nieces and nephews. We wish him farewell and God-speed - husband, father, son, brother, friend. Mass of Christian burial was offered Friday at St. Patrick Church, Parnell, Rev. Rock Badgerow presiding. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or American Lung Association of Michigan, 25900 Greenfield Rd. Ste. 401, Oak Park, MI 48237.

**DYKSTRA** - Ruth M. Dykstra, aged 81, of Belding, passed away September 12, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward Jr. and grandson John Edward Dykstra, Jr. She is survived by her children John (Shirley) Dykstra of Wyoming, Gerald (Linda) Dykstra of Lowell, Elaine (Daniel) Bowman of Vestaburg, James Dykstra of Belding; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Private family services are being held.

**KING** - Harvey King Jr., aged 83, of Lowell, passed away September 9, 2004 in Grand Rapids. He was born August 16, 1921 in Flint, the son of Harvey and Bertha (Kilbreath) King Sr. He was a member of The Church of the Nazarene of Lowell and the National Guard for six years. He is survived by his son Curtis and Jasmine King of Toronto, Canada; four

grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice, two sisters and three brothers. A memorial service was held Monday at The Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Tim Deshaw officiating.

**WALLING** - Ronald Walling, Sr., aged 63, formerly of Lowell, passed away sud-

denly September 4, 2004 in Florida. He is survived by his wife Sharyl; two sons Ronald (Sue), Roger (Teresa) Walling; four grandsons; one granddaughter; brothers Robert (Barbara) Lucas, Clifford (Fran) Walling; several nieces and nephews, all of Lowell. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is pending.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### THE AMERICAN RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF FUND

The American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund needs your help, especially now, as it tries to meet the demands of hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan. If you would like to make a donation, Fifth Third Bank is accepting contributions at branches including the branch in Lowell in the name of the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. You can also call 1-800-HELP NOW or contact your local chapter at 456-8661.

### FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC.

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. appreciates all the shopping the Lowell community did in August at the Thrift Store. It helped feed 54 families and provided \$6,544 worth of emergency services for rents, prescriptions, utilities, etc. to community members.

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 180 Ottawa NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503

CASE NO. 04-06961-DO  
STEPHANIE MCCARTY (aka WILCOX) 7874 Wilson Ave., SW Byron Center, MI 49315 (616) 878-3638

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

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V ERIC MCCARTY 837 Thomas St., SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506 (616) 856-0216 (last known address)

TO DEFENDANT, ERIC MCCARTY IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before October 22, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint file in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in THE LOWELL LEDGER of three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. The publication costs shall be paid by Kent County pursuant to MCR 2.002(F).

A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, ERIC MCCARTY, at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

August 23, 2004 ROBERT A. BENSON Acting for KATHLEEN A. FEENEY 10702

# Lowell City Council changes rules on selling of firearms within city

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

"It shows government can work," said Lowell city business owner and Lowell Township resident Simon Rosenbaum after the city council unanimously approved a recommendation to allow the selling of AirSoft guns.

Rosenbaum brought up the selling of guns within the city limits when he discovered that through the city's ordinance, the selling of firearms was not permitted. The ordinance's definition of firearms includes sling shots, toy guns, BB guns and AirSoft guns which use air pressure to shoot a BB-like pellet that can hit a target up to 50 feet away.

This would put several local businesses in violation with the city's ordinance, Rosenbaum said, adding that in Lowell Charter Township, many of the items listed are permitted to be sold, putting

city businesses at a disadvantage.

After holding a public hearing, with no comments from the public, the council unanimously approved the recommendations at its Sept. 7 meeting from Lowell police chief Jim Valentine. The changes would allow for the sale of air rifles, BB guns and sling shots along with the discharging of such items in shooting ranges approved by the police department.

Councilman James Hodges felt Rosenbaum should be thanked for bringing this to the city council's attention so that changes could be made instead of opening the store and then discovering he was in violation.

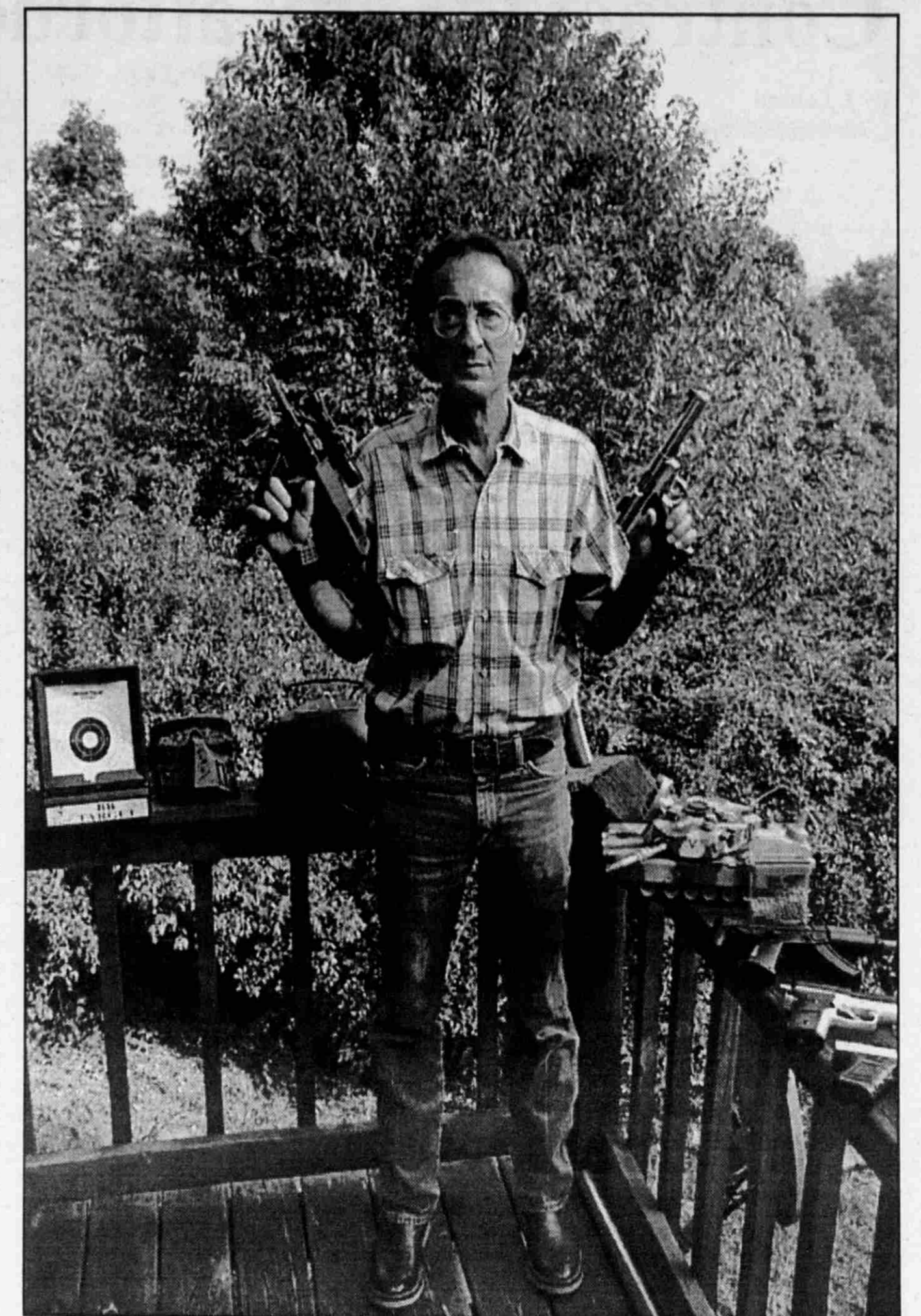
Rosenbaum, the former owner of The Dam Store, currently has AirSoft guns available at MC Sporting Goods and several other businesses.

He said he is planning to open a store in the city of Lowell.

The AirSoft guns are very realistic. When hit with a BB, it feels much like a sting or someone pinching you, Rosenbaum explained, adding that because there is potential for the guns to take out an eye, his company emphasizes safety, recommending full face protection.

The AirSoft guns are made of plastic; hence, they are not able to shoot real ammunition nor are they designed for regular BB ammunition. The guns do come in several different styles from rifles to pistols with prices starting around \$30.

Rosenbaum reported at an earlier council meeting that several law enforcement agencies have been using the guns for practice, while most of the use is for shooting games.



Local businessman Simon Rosenbaum holds an AirSoft replica of a Ruger .22 and an AirSoft mini-electric machine gun.

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given a chance to review it. LEA president Dorann Truax said the agreement is a compromise.

"I think that both sides gave," Truax said. "I think that this is workable until we find out what's going to happen at the state level."

But it isn't the result she hoped for when contract negotiations began in the spring of 2003.

"It's certainly not what I would have expected," Truax said. "I didn't expect to get the lowest settlement in Kent County but it will give us some time to find out what is going to happen on the state level as far as funding."

If the Kent County Education Association approves the agreement later this week, the LEA and LSPA members will vote on whether to ratify the contract. Then the school

board will vote on the contract's ratification. The teachers' previous contract expired Aug. 31, 2003. The support staff's contract expired June 30, 2003.

"I feel like both sides have worked hard to come to a resolution," said LAS superintendent Shari Miller. "I think it's a fair settlement that is the result of both sides finding some common ground."

Prolonged contract negotiations had stalled repeatedly on issues of insurance payment, and planning time for middle school teachers. District proposals required caps on district payment of insurance premiums while union proposals resisted them.

On March 26, the school board declared an impasse in negotiations related to middle school planning time. This allowed the district to estab-

lish a pilot program for reading and math instruction.

Lowell's school board proposed declaring an impasse on negotiations related to insurance premiums at its June 12 meeting. The board narrowly defeated the proposal.

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—Sherwood Anderson

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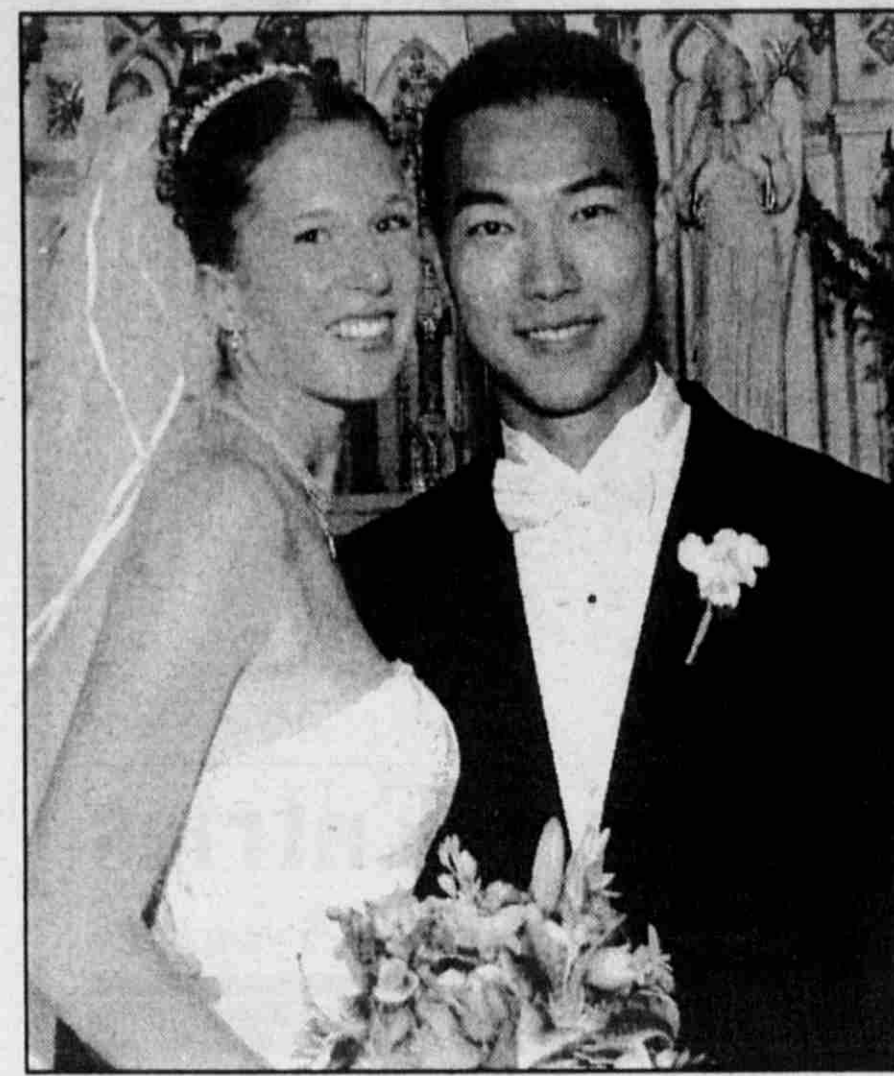
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#### Land/Scigliano



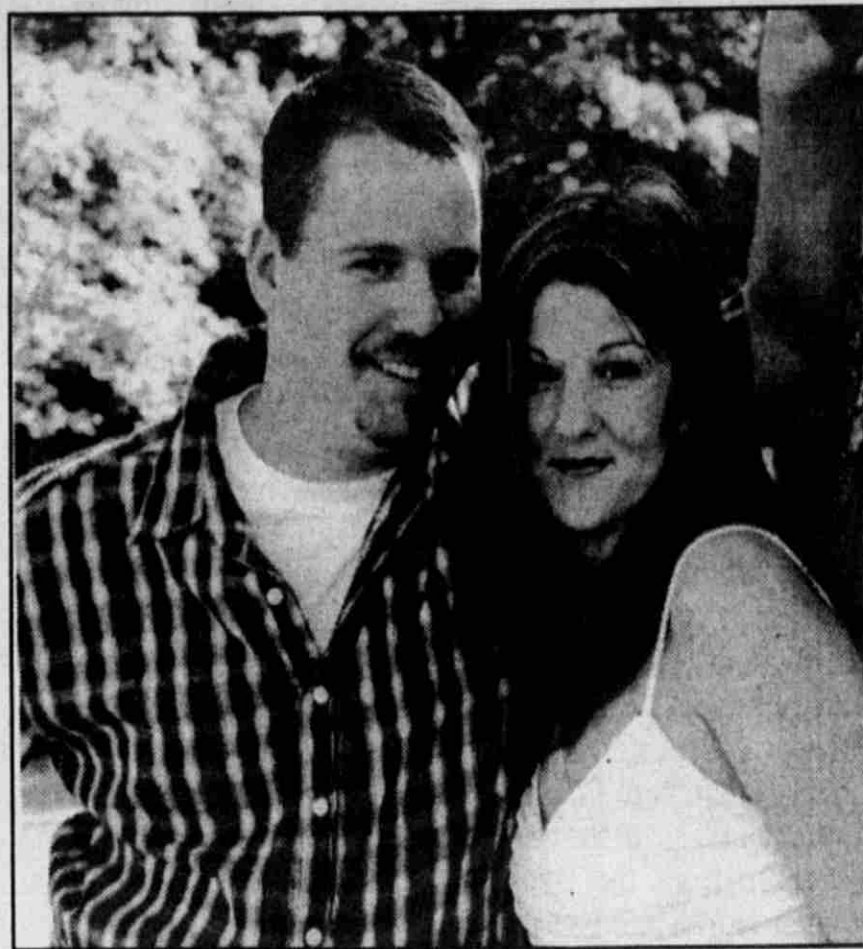
Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Land

The August 14, 2004 wedding of Lindsay Scigliano and Trevor Land took place at St. Patrick's Parish, Pamel. Parents of the couple are Dave and Nancy Scigliano and Peter and Debra Land. Maids of honor were Laura Francisco and Kate Schafer. Bridesmaids were Cory Land, Katie McPherson and Stephanie Ellison.

Tollen Ebens and Matt Sremba served as best men. Groomsman were Lee Dial, Pete Siudara and Ryan Kremer. Mike Scigliano, Joel Land and Eric Land were ushers. Kate Hampton and Heather James were mistresses of ceremonies. The couple honeymooned in Alaska.

### ENGAGEMENTS

#### VanEnk/Gauw



James A. Gauw Jr. and Jennifer K. VanEnk

A September 25, 2004 wedding is planned by Jennifer K. VanEnk and James A. Gauw Jr.

The bride-elect, of Caledonia, is the daughter of Lynn and Joanne Hillard of Lowell.

The future groom, of Lowell, is the son of James Gauw Sr. and Sandy Gauw of Lowell.

### Reflections

#### Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre  
First Congregational Church

There is a poster, available from the Church Ad Project of Winsted, MN, that caught my attention some years ago. It showed a rather solemn, gloomy picture of Jesus, the kind we have been used to seeing hanging in church hallways. Above the picture was a statement that captured my attention - in bold print: He died to take away your sins, not your mind. Wow! What a true statement! It was something that a young man (me, back then), who had been raised in a church that seemed to have all the an-

swers to life (answers that raised more questions for me), needed to hear. Maybe it is something that you need to hear also.

It seems to me that too many Christians have chosen to stop thinking about the complexity of life and have sought, instead, to follow the thinking of this group or that. We want easy answers to complex issues and circumstances. If we can generalize, too many times we do. It is a way of not having to take a stand. We can get it out of our minds and off our agendas, drawing our conclusions from something someone else has said.

I remember reading in Colossians (chapter 3) "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above." There is that word again - "mind." Focus your mind on the things that are of real, eternal significance. God not only wants you to think and seek. God has given you encouragement to think in ways that reflect the power and vision of God, to think in ways that bring justice and peace, ways that are inclusive of all people and by which you are linked to the needy, the struggling, the down-and-out pilgrims who, like you and me, sail the troubled seas of life seeking their promised land.

I remember reading in Romans 12, "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind (that word again), that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." There is no way on earth that you can be Christian by following someone else's thinking or doctrine. You have to be a thinker. You need to be a thinker. Thinking is the only way that love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith in God, gentleness, or self-control make any sense in today's hard hectic and violent society. To be a thinking Christian is what God intended for you. So, keep on thinking and questioning. Stay away from religions that have all the answers and don't listen to questions. And, get yourself back to being part of a community of faith - a church that also challenges you and some of your thinking. Faith and thought do exist best together.

### Health



#### VACCINATIONS FOR TRAVEL

Travel vaccines are shots you get before traveling to another country. In many countries, especially developing

countries, certain diseases are common among the people. Typical diseases of emerging countries are transmitted by water or by bugs. Vaccinations are recommended to protect you from getting these diseases.

You should seek advice on any vaccinations that are needed at least four months before you depart. This should give you plenty of time to be educated about any vaccines or pills that are needed, depending on your destination.

In most cases, there are no serious side effects from travel vaccines. They may cause mild pain and swelling at the vaccination site, but serious reactions are rare.

The most common vaccines recommended are chicken pox, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B, influenza (flu) tetanus, typhoid fever, yellow fever, MMR (measles, mumps and rubeolla).

Our local county health departments are excellent sources of information on what vaccines you may need prior to travel.

### Silver anniversary



Dan and Karla (Burton) Shores

Dan and Karla (Burton) Shores, of Lowell, will observe 25 years of marriage on September 15, 2004.

They have three children:

James, Caleb and David. The couple will celebrate their anniversary with a trip to the West.

### Sept. 17 deadline for ACT registration

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on Oct. 23, the next national test date. The deadline for postmark registration is this Friday, Sept. 17. Late registration deadline is Oct. 1 (an additional \$15 fee is required). Students can get

registration materials from their guidance counselor or they can register online at www.actstudent.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation. There is a fee of \$28 for the three-hour test. Free sample tests are available from high school counselors and sample questions can be found on ACT's website.

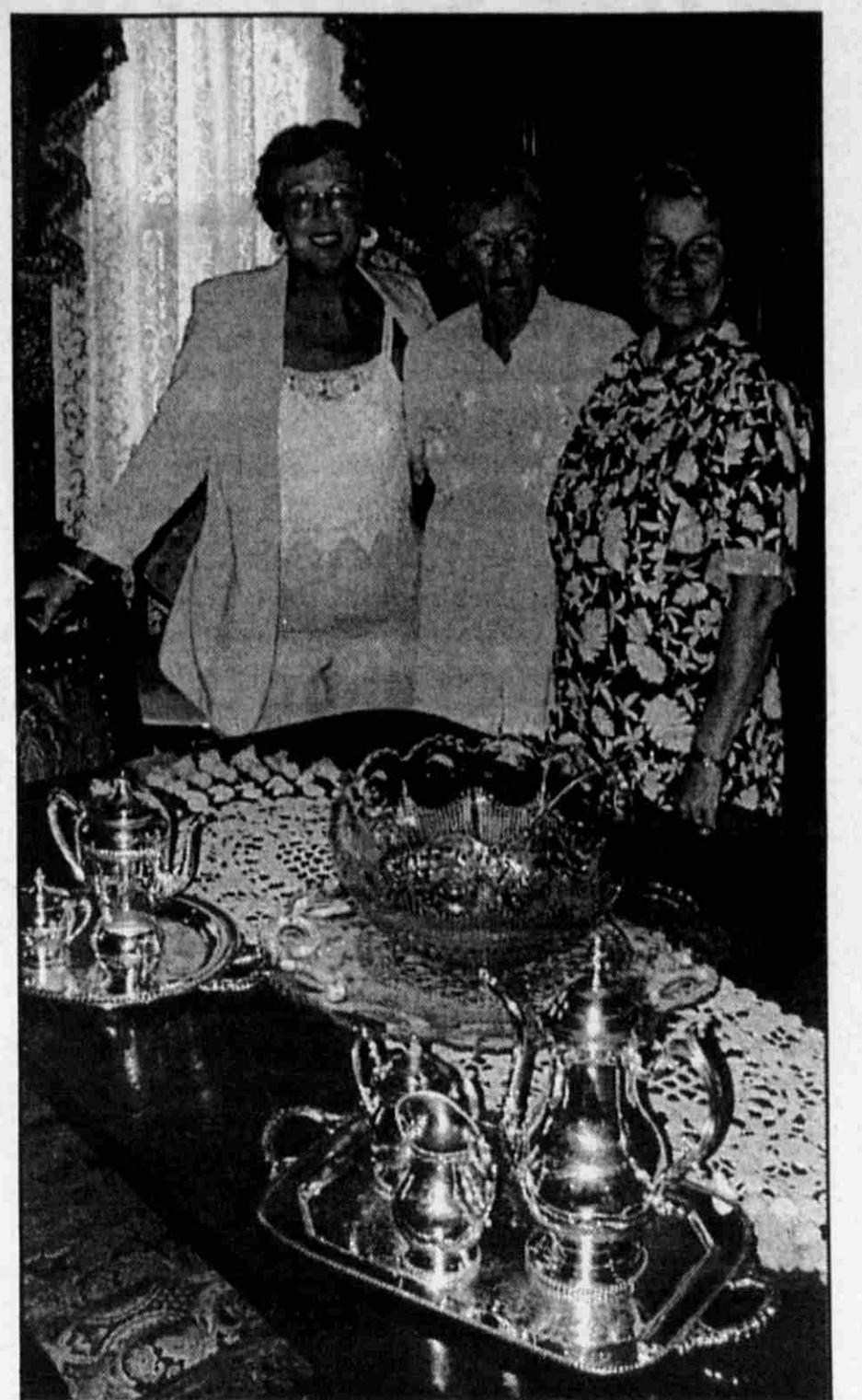
Beginning in February, 2005, an optional writing test will be added to the ACT Assessment. Since many colleges will not require a writing score, students will only have to take the writing test if their college requires it. Otherwise, they may opt for the regular ACT Assessment without the writing test.

#### COLLEGE NEWS

Matt Scheider, a 2004 graduate of Lowell High School, is a member of the men's golf team at Albion College.

Under the direction of Mike Turner, the Britons will compete in Michigan Inter-collegiate Athletic Association jamborees during the month of September and in October.

Scheider, a freshman, is the son of Michael and Marcia Scheider of Lowell.



### Anyone for tea?

The Cyclamen Chapter #94 of the Order of the Eastern Star recently donated an antique silver tea service and crystal punch bowl to the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Pictured are Judy Straub (right), director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, with Cyclamen Chapter #94 members Nancy Wood (left) and Carolyn Jane Blough.

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# A tree's fate, continued...From Page 4

Mayor Jeanne Shores was concerned that because the city now knows the tree could be a potential hazard and if a sudden windstorm were to blow branches down causing damage or hurting someone, the city's insurance company might not pay on any claims. "We're up a river," Shores

said, if that should happen. Shores also expressed concern over the cost of continually testing the tree. DesJarden said the structural test would be around \$648; the removal, about \$1,000. The council agreed to have Poortenga's results reviewed by an outside inde-

pendent source and make a final decision at its upcoming Sept. 20 meeting. McKenzie noted that re-inforcing the tree with cable or rods could be done but that Poortenga would not want anything to do with that project. At the meeting, he said, such measures are taken

to trees with a v-crotch to help prevent splitting, not for decaying trees.

McKenzie also estimated about 25 percent of the full crown of the tree was gone,

which also plays a factor in determining how a tree is doing.

# Gaming ordinance, continued...From Page 1

programs. It would be used to raise money for uniforms for Lowell's varsity football team. Curtis estimates that each uniform costs \$60 - \$70 and there are about 40 members on the team.

If the event is successful, the Boosters hope to buy the uniforms yet this year. Curtis said success of the event also means there could be more such gaming activities hosted by the Boosters to help raise

money for other athletic programs. "Everyone is just sitting back to see how this happens," Curtis said.

The event is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 2, but it will depend on when the paperwork and forms are completed and turned into the Michigan Lottery Commission. Curtis said it can take up to a month for approval, which could push the night back to

mid-October. Once the Boosters, however, has made the initial application for such an event, the state keeps a file on the group, making it easier to get future events up and running.

The Lowell City Council gave its unanimous approval for the license, which will be sent on to the Michigan Lottery Commission for final approval.

# Fallfest bluegrass music this weekend at Fairgrounds

The Fallfest bluegrass music festival kicks off this Friday at the Lowell Fairgrounds with 10 acts on the bill.

This is the second year of the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association's fall blue-

grass event in Lowell. The association has also held annual Mayfests here.

Music starts at 6 p.m. Friday and lasts until 10:30 p.m. The festival goes from noon to 10:45 p.m. Saturday and from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

on Sunday. Bands typically play multiple sets over the course of the weekend. This fall, the festival mainly features Michigan bands. The bluegrass bands are: Patchwork, Heart to Heart, Backburner, White River Bluegrass, North-

ern Accent, 23, Lare Williams, the Raisin Pickers and Apple Blossom. Also performing will be the Thunderfloor Cloggers, a troupe of traditional clog dancers.

Admission prices are \$7 Friday and Sunday, \$12 Saturday, and \$22 for a weekend pass. A weekend pass is \$18 for members of the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association.

In the event of rain, the performances will be moved into one of the barns at the fairgrounds. Camping is available with a \$10 fee for electric hookup.

# Lowell historical museum grand opening this Saturday

After a year of preparation and building work, the Lowell Area Historical Museum opens the doors to its Victorian-era wing and changing exhibits space Saturday.

The grand opening celebration begins at 10:45 a.m. with music by the 126th Army Band Brass Ensemble. There will be a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, then

remarks by Lowell Area Historical Museum president Jim Doyle and a Lowell city dignitary. This will take place in the garden and porch outside the museum.

Admission is free that day and the museum will be open until 4 p.m. Volunteers, some dressed in Victorian garb, will give tours of the museum throughout the day.

In addition to the newly restored Victorian rooms in the former Graham building, the grand opening will feature its first changing exhibit at the

museum. It is called "In Service of Our Country: Lowell's Participation in the United States Armed Forces." The exhibit includes several arti-

facts from local men and women who served in the military during peacetime and conflict. There is also a computer

database in the exhibit, searchable by name, to find information on local people who served in the military.

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# "The Art of the Theatre" explored at LAAC

By Dan Schneider

A new exhibition at the Lowell Area Arts Council opens Sunday with the intent of energizing community theater in the Lowell area and beyond.

It's called "The Art of the Theatre." The idea of the show is to help promote community theaters in this area of Michigan," said arts council executive director Lorain Smalligan.

West Michigan seems to have a high per capita number of people active in community theater—including actors, directors and producers as well as set builders and stage hands.

"We really, in this area, are fortunate to have a lot of opportunity to attend theater and to participate in it, so that is really what we were looking at when we put together the show," Thebes Players producer Deb Duiven said. "It's fun for me to look back at it and see different shows that different people have participated in, whether acting in

the shows or doing the actual sewing (of costumes)."

One purpose of the show is to explore the essential aspect of community theater—that everyone can participate.

"You don't have to be this big Broadway star to kind of shine and have this place," Duiven said.

Another goal of the show is to display the artistic elements of theater aside from the scripts and the actors.

"We want to showcase the visual elements of theater, which can include props and unusual costumes," Smalligan said.

The show will have at least one unusual costume from outer space. It's the upper torso and head of a Roby the Robot costume from a Grand Rapids Civic Theatre production of "Return to the Forbidden Planet." Space suits and space villain outfits for the Thebes Players' production of "Father's Been to Mars" were being located for the exhibit.

The main part of the

show, focusing on Lowell's Thebes Players, will be video footage of their past productions.

"They've done shows 25, going on 30 years now," Duiven said. "That's the part that I'm kind of excited about because some of those people in the videos who were in those plays are no longer with us so it's kind of nostalgic."

The Thebes Players have

an extensive collection of play programs from past productions, with artwork by several local artists.

The show is also intended to get people interested in local theater—to help them find ways to participate.

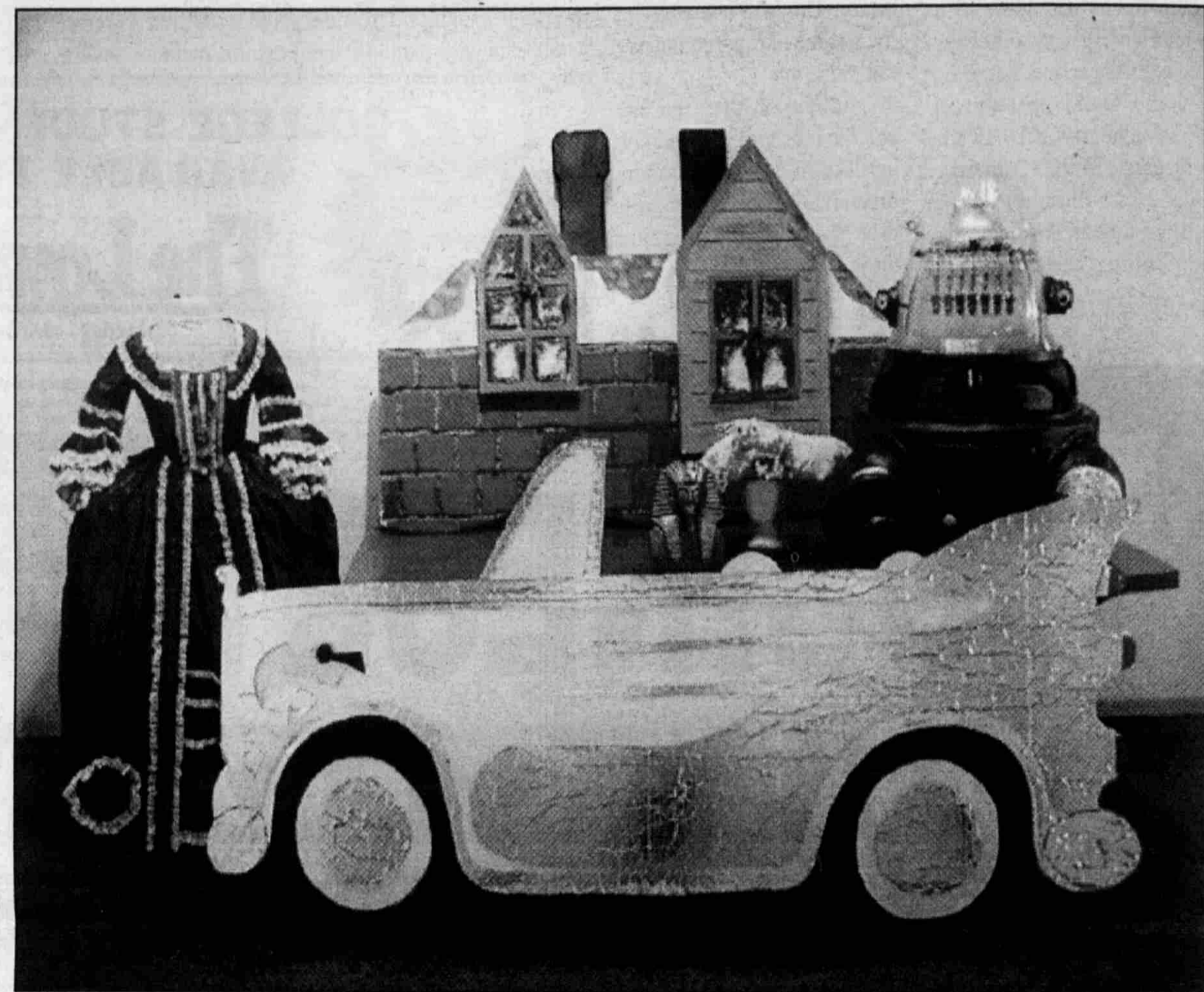
"There might be some people who are new in the theater field and don't even know that these companies exist," Smalligan said.

Besides the Thebes Players and Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, participating theaters and organizations include the Actors' Theatre, the Community Theatre Association of Michigan, Jewish Theatre GR, the Thornapple Players, the Broadway Theater Guild, the Flat River Players, Ionia Community Theatre and Master Arts Theatre.

Most theaters will have

promotions for their current seasons at the show, making it a good chance to find out what productions are going on around West Michigan.

There will be an opening reception for "The Art of the Theatre" from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery at 149 S. Hudson. The show runs through Oct. 30.



The new art exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council focuses on visual aspects of theater. Pictured are a dress from the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre's production of "Amadeus," part of Roby the Robot from their production of "Return to the Forbidden Planet," a car from the Ionia Community Theatre's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," rooftops from Master Arts Theatre's "A Christmas Carol," and a hat from their production of "My Fair Lady."

# Purple pelicans and handmade paper featured at Huntington/Chamber shows

By Dan Schneider

Huntington Galleria is currently featuring artwork with colors not consistent with nature—like a purple pelican and a sunset painted in yellows brighter than reality.

It's work by local artist

Pam Schlosser. There are 14 pieces done in watercolor and pastels. They depict mostly nature scenes—landscapes—and flowers.

"I like using the color to make things different," Schlosser said. "They're not

really what they appear to be."

One sunset is deep purple and another is lemon meringue-colored. The purple one has some larger-than-life, jagged-angular sunbeams.

"That sunset is not really those colors, but using those

colors makes it more exciting," Schlosser said.

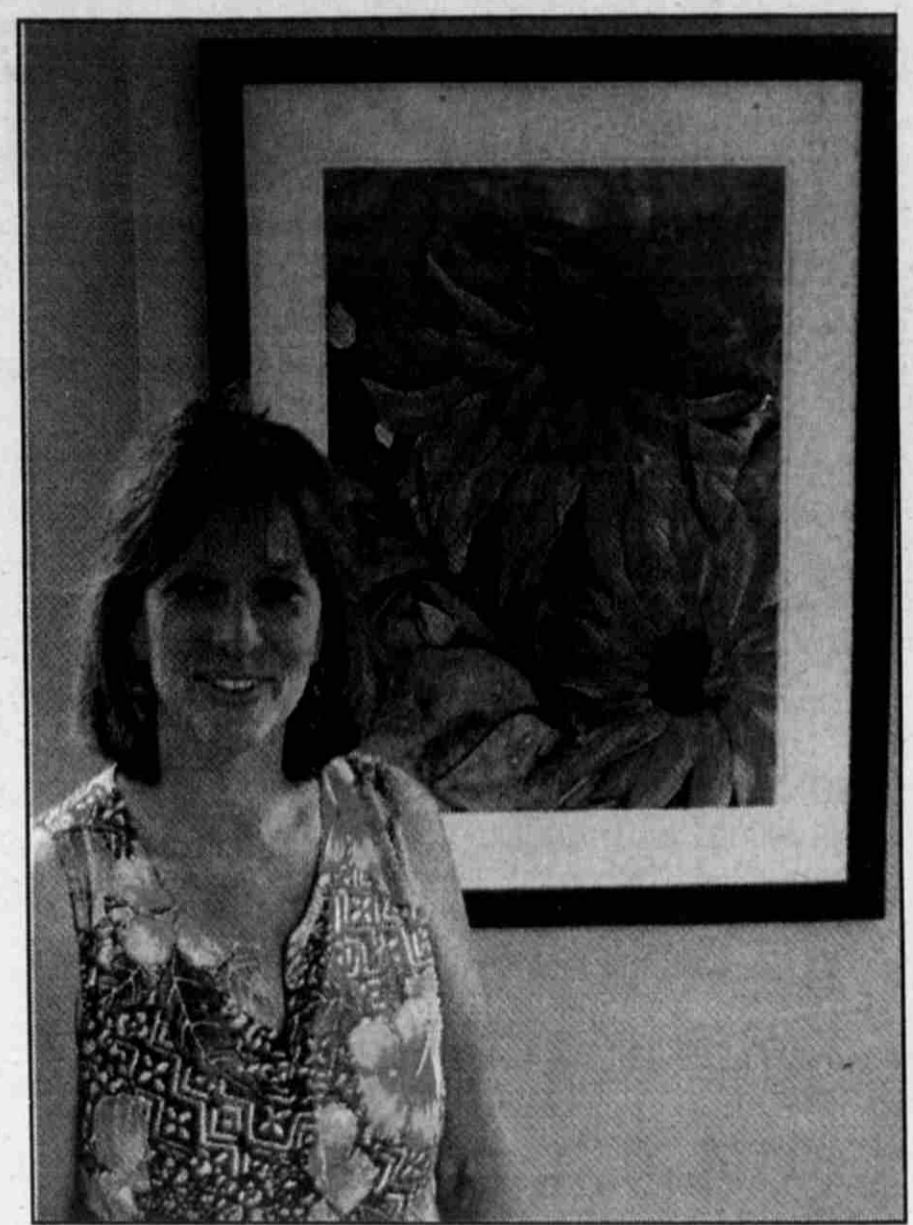
Also painting in watercolor is Leslie Stougaard. Some of her paintings are currently on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. There are a few landscapes at the chamber but mostly it's florals and abstract compositions.

"I like the florals because they're so colorful," Stougaard said.

She uses various elements to create different effects—like salt that absorbs colors into its grains and makes grainy textures on some of the paintings. She also achieves different textures using tissue paper and cut-up, homemade paper.

Schlosser has been painting since she was 10 and has been taking art more seriously for the past three years. It's the same story with Stougaard, except she mainly did sketches and drawings before learning to watercolor paint.

Schlosser said she likes the freedom of watercolor painting—the medium's ability to quickly transmit ideas



Leslie Stougaard with her painting of sunflowers, currently on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

onto paper. It's less meticulous, she said, than more representational forms of illustration. Stougaard has similar feelings about the medium.

"I like the fluidity of watercolor," Stougaard said. "You can create stuff that you want but it kind of does things on its own."

The artworks at Huntington will be on display through Sept. 27. Stougaard's work will be on display at the chamber through Oct. 12. She will have an artist's reception Sunday, Sept. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the chamber.

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## Birthday party benefits Spinal Muscular Atrophy

By Dan Schneider

At the age of almost-two, Malorie Fox enjoys coloring...her favorite color is purple, blowing bubbles and running over the family Boxer.

"She knows not to run people over but she thinks it's funny to run Scoobie over," Malorie's mother, Michelle Fox, said.

Malorie is getting used to her new power wheelchair. She's had it for about two

weeks and uses it to cruise around the house.

When she was 10 months old, Malorie was diagnosed with type two Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). The disease attacks her muscles and keeps her from crawling, walking, even rolling. She goes to physical and occupational therapy, and swims frequently.

"We do a lot of stuff to keep her as strong as possible

as long as possible," Fox said.

Malorie's neighbors are throwing a birthday party for her this Sunday, Sept. 19. The party is to celebrate Malorie's birthday and to raise awareness of SMA. The party is from 3 to 8 p.m. at Tracey Ligman's house, 10648 Settlewood Drive in Lowell. It's a family event including

food, raffles of items from local businesses, a 50/50 drawing and kids' games.

Donations collected at the door will go to Families of SMA, an organization that supports families coping with the disease and is helping to find a cure. The party hosts are also having a pop can drive. People can bring the

cans to the party or have them picked up from their house.

For more information about the party, or to arrange for pop-can pick up, call Ligman at 897-7694.

Children with type one SMA seldom live past the age of two. Children with type two SMA, like Malorie, can live longer if they don't catch

a cold. As the disease progresses, the lung muscles become too weak to cough, which make the common cold fatal.

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# OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



## FINDING YOUR WAY

Camping, hiking, hunting and other outdoor activities often draw us off the pavement into the mountains and forests. Without roads or well-marked trails, it is up to the individual to find the way in and, most importantly, find the way out.

Even with the luxury of trails and roads, one can use maps to stay orientated. You have to know where you are in order to get to where you want to go.

A state highway map will work if a person is hiking near a highway or major road. By noting the location of a road and using a compass to determine the direction of travel from that

road, returning is just a matter of turning around 180 degrees and following your back-trail to the starting point.

County maps will provide enough detail to show secondary roads, water features like streams and small lakes, and public ownership of land. These maps give enough information for traveling by vehicle through an area or hiking near roads and watercourses.

Special trail maps are printed for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. The Department of Natural Resources distributes maps of state recreation and game areas.

If traveling into more remote regions on foot, by watercraft, or on horseback, topographic maps are more useful. They use contour lines to indicate the height above sea level of the locations through which a line is drawn.

A series of these lines combines to show rises and drops in elevation. With this kind of information, one can use the maps to plan routes that avoid swamps, steep terrain and other land features that could make travel difficult.

Topographic maps come in a variety of scales, such as 1:24,000 or approximately 2 1/2 inches equals 1 mile. Detail and the size of the map will vary with scale.

Always have a compass when visiting unfamiliar areas. Using a map and compass in combination allows for efficient and safe travel through unfamiliar terrain. An orienteering compass has a dial that is divided into degrees and can be rotated so the direction of travel can be read on the base.

A global positioning system (GPS) gives the same information as a compass and, in addition, will locate coordinates, plot a trail, save waypoints and calculate the ground speed of the user. It is dependent on electrical power which can fail, and may not function in heavily forested areas, so always have a compass for back up.

Using these navigation tools is not particularly difficult, but one should become familiar with the process and practice before venturing into the outdoors.

Maps can be obtained from federal and state agencies or through the internet for other sources. Most sporting goods stores sell GPS units, maps, and compasses.

There are still some remote natural areas out there to be discovered and enjoyed if you are able to find your own way.

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### Saving for the Short Term

You'll need to save money for two main objectives:

- Emergencies**—You'll want to have six months to a year's worth of living expenses readily available for emergencies—a big car repair, a new appliance, an unexpected dental bill, etc. You may want to keep these funds in a money market account, which offers liquidity and a rate of return that's typically higher than that of a normal "passbook" savings account.
- Major purchases within the next few years**—Do you plan on making a down payment on a first home or a vacation home within the next few years? Or are you thinking about taking a long (and expensive) trip during that time? If so, you'll want to choose the right type of savings vehicle. You'll want to be pretty confident that your principal can be preserved, given that you'll need the money in a relatively short time. Consequently, you may want to look at certificates of deposit (CDs) and other short-term holdings, such as investment-grade corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury securities.

### Investing for the Future ...

If you're investing to achieve a long-term goal, such as

college for your children or a comfortable retirement, you probably cannot afford to "play it safe" as you did when you socked away money for emergencies or a near-term purchase. Now, your chief goal is *growth*—and you may need lots of it.

To get this growth potential, consider investing in *stocks*; over the long term, stocks have historically outperformed all other types of financial assets. Of course, when you invest in stocks, you will incur some risk, because stock prices constantly move up and down—and strong performances in the past cannot guarantee future success.

You can't control the volatility of stocks—but you can cut your risk. Here are a few suggestions for doing just that:

- Put time on your side.** The longer you invest, the greater your chances of overcoming short-term price drops and getting the type of growth you need.
- Diversify.** If you own *only* stocks, you'll probably be taking on too much risk. That's why you'll need to diversify your portfolio by purchasing bonds, Treasury securities and

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- Look for quality.** Generally speaking, you can get the greatest opportunities for growth from those stocks issued by fast-growing or "start-up" companies. And yet, these same stocks are often among the riskiest. Fortunately, you can still get strong long-term growth opportunities by investing in proven, high-quality companies with long track records of profits and earnings. These stocks are not risk-free, either, but over time they should prove considerably less "dicey" than their less-established peers.

**Save First, Then Invest**

Obviously, it's important for you to save *and* invest—in that order. If you fail to build up your savings, you'll end up raiding your investments to cover emergencies and purchases. So, save diligently and invest wisely. That's a formula for success.

## Area teens compete for Miss Junior Teen

Miranda E. Grimm and Kelli M. Kowalski, both of Lowell, were recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2004 Miss Jr. Teen Grand Rapids pageant competition on Sept. 26.

The two local girls submitted applications and took part in an interview session. They are competing for over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and specialty gifts in



Kelli M. Kowalski

the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of three divisions that will have young ladies between

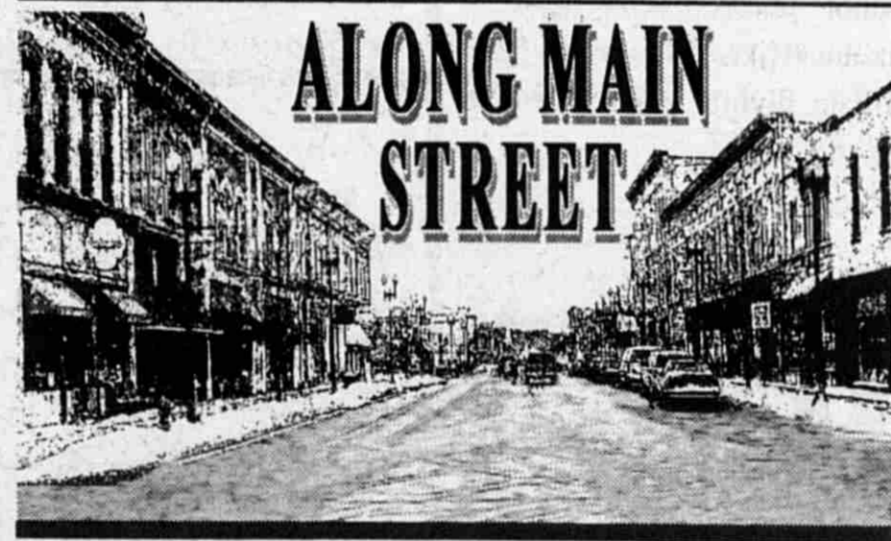
10 and 19 competing in modeling routines, personality and interviewing skills.

If one of these two girls were to win the title, she would represent Grand Rapids and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition in Orlando.

Any business, organization or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor may contact Patty Neiderth, this year's Grand Rapids Pageant coordinator, at 1-800-569-2487.



Miranda E. Grimm



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strations from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day at the Fallsburg Festival.

**FLOWERS FOR FALLS-BURG**

The Decoration Committee for Fallsburg Fall Festival needs flowers, ornamental grasses, cattails and gourds to help decorate the park for the Sept. 25 and 26 event. If you have zinnias, sunflowers, celosia, etc., please call Carol Briggs at 897-5501. Pick up is available.

**PICTURE RETAKES**

High school pictures will be retaken on Monday, Sept. 27 from 9-11 a.m.

**THEBES PLAYERS AUDITIONS**

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players will present "BABE" at the Lowell Performing Arts Center Feb. 10-13. Auditions are Dec. 11 and 12, 3 p.m. at Englehardt Library. Call 897-8545 for a script or more information.

**LOWELL/EGR FOOTBALL TICKETS**

Football tickets for the East Grand Rapids game will be sold Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the high school athletic office and (Friday at the middle school during lunch hours). Tickets (\$4) are required for kindergarteners on up; gates open at 5:30 p.m.

**MUSIC BOOSTERS**

There will be a Lowell Music Boosters meeting on Monday, Sept. 20 from 7-8 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School Band Room.

**LHS OPEN HOUSE**

The high school open house will be held Monday, Sept. 20 with dinner at 6 p.m.; open house at 7 p.m.

**CLASS OF '79 REUNION**

It's too late to RSVP for dinner on Sept. 25, but you can still join the class of 1979 for drinks and entertainment; cover charge is \$20. Call 897-9537 by Sept. 20 to attend.

**FALLS-BURG FESTIVAL**

Plan to visit Fallsburg Park the weekend of Sept. 25-26 and enjoy a variety of foods, music, juried artwork, even some old-fashioned demon-

# Football stomps Spartans, faces East Friday

By Dan Schneider

Sparta began last Friday's football game by creating the toughest opening drive Lowell has faced so far this season.

A big hit on the kick-off, holding Lowell to short-yardage gains, they had Lowell at third down and nine at the Sparta 43. Red Arrow quarterback Keith Nichol kept the ball and was stopped with no gain. Lowell had to punt.

Sparta ended up with the ball on their own 10. Stopped with no gain on their first run, Sparta then made the first of several mistakes that hurt them early in the game: a fumble Lowell recovered at the 12 yard line.

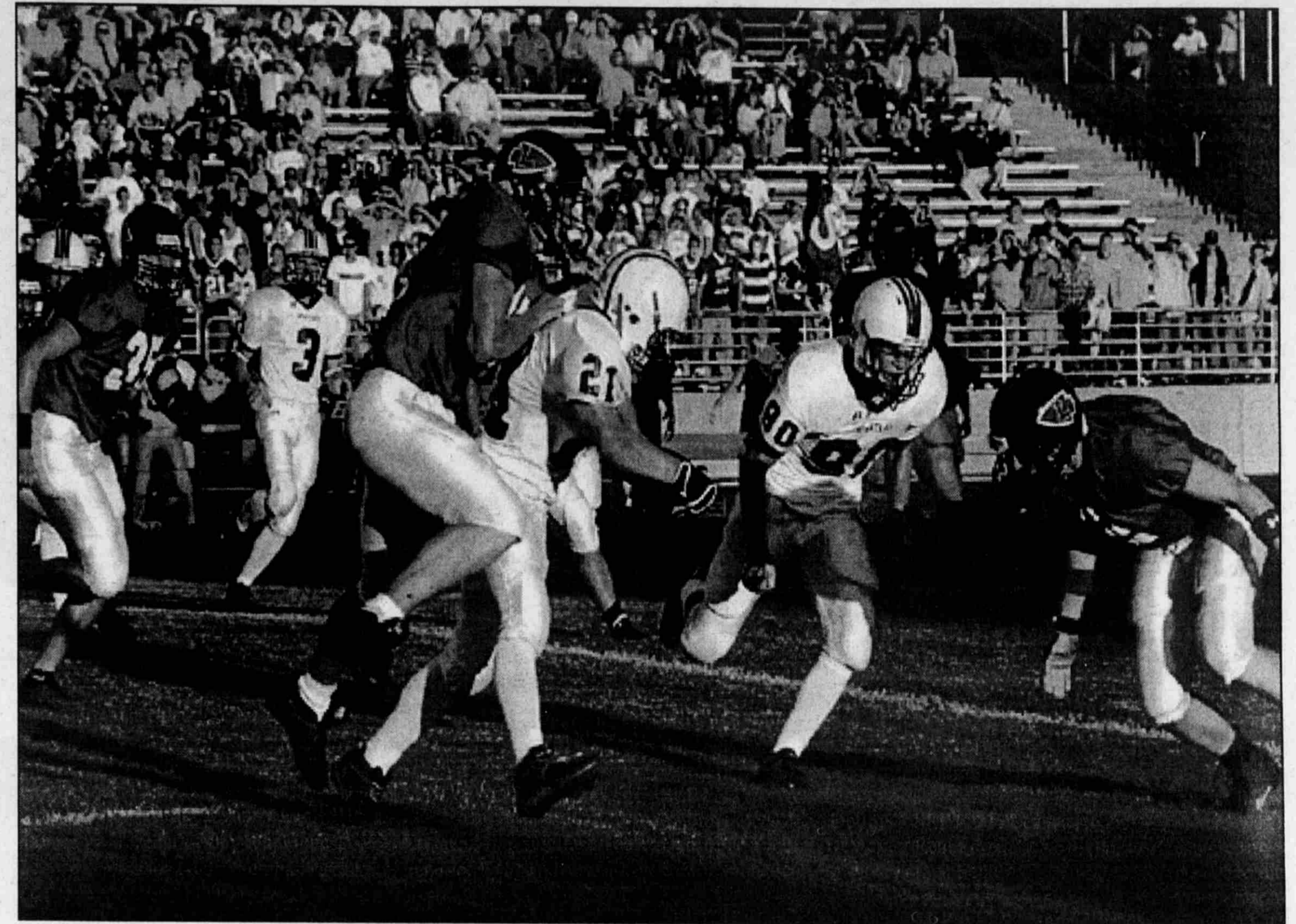
Lowell's Ryan Esbaugh and Gabe Delnick traded short runs, Esbaugh finishing with a one-yard run to the end zone. Ramsey Charrouf's extra point kick dead-centered the uprights and Lowell was up 7-0, on the way to a 44-0 final score.

Sparta came back with an uninspiring drive: short gain, offsides penalty, incomplete pass, pass knocked down by Lowell's Frank Mulder. Sparta had to punt at fourth and 12. They would get only four first downs in the game, and none on this drive.

On the punt came the next mistake for Sparta. The punter's knee touched the ground and possession went to Lowell deep in Sparta territory. Lowell ended up having to go for a field goal and the score was 10-0.

Lowell scored a touchdown on the next drive, then was hobbled by penalties on the next two drives. Sparta, meanwhile, was not doing much until they put together a decent passing drive at the end of the half. But Lowell sacked their quarterback and put an end to that.

Sparta's mistakes weren't the whole story in Lowell's victory.



Lowell's defense closes in on a Sparta running back. The Red Arrows held Sparta to 23 yards rushing on 27 attempts.

"They're good enough to beat anyone without helping them out," Sparta coach Dave Ceshen said. "We kind of jumped them tonight with some of our mistakes."

And Sparta wasn't the only team making mistakes.

"We made some critical errors in the first half of this game, too," Lowell coach Noel Dean said, referring to penalties that on one occasion pulled Lowell back out of touchdown range and on another called back a touchdown completely.

The Red Arrows scored a touchdown on their first drive in the second half. It was on a Nichol pass from eight yards out, and Mike Koster made a brilliant diving catch in the

back left corner of the end zone. Lowell's offense scored more touchdowns while the defense held the Spartans scoreless. The defense also scored the last touchdown of the game when Mike McElroy pulled in an interception and ran it back to the end zone.

Against Lowell, Ceshen said, "You've got to play a perfect game and you've got to get some breaks to beat a team of this caliber."

Nichol had 12 completions in 20 attempts for 121 yards and one touchdown in the game. He also made two short touchdown runs.

Esbaugh ran for 64 of

Lowell's 141 total rushing yards. The Red Arrows held Sparta to 23 yards rushing and 76 yards passing.

Chris Meeuwesen had six tackles for Lowell, and Scott Perdaris had one and a half sacks.

Lowell will undoubtedly get its toughest challenge so far this season when the East Grand Rapids Pioneers come to Red Arrow Stadium.

"If you want to win state titles, you have to be playing against teams that are winning them," Dean said.

Both teams are 3-0 going into the contest.

## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 16, 2004

Minutes of the August 2, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to support the 10th annual Motorcycle Toy Run at the fairgrounds on Sunday, September 12, 2004.

- Motion to approve the closure of Broadway from Main Street to the alley next to the Buyers Guide as well as recommend a temporary authorization to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission be issued for the area involved.

- Motion to establish a public hearing for September 7, 2004 to amend Section 13-107 of the ordinance concerning BB guns, air rifles and slingshots.

- Motion to approve the fee schedule for sign permits (\$25), temporary sign permits (\$225, \$200 refundable) and site plan review (\$25).

- Motion to install an additional street light on Grant Street near the intersection of North Monroe.

- Motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk  
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## Tennis rebounds after loss to Unity Christian

By Dan Schneider

Lowell tennis shut out Sparta Monday night, winning all eight flights.

Lowell's Haley Irwin won her third-flight singles match without losing a game to Nicole Leiter. The first doubles team of Becky Plummer and Kelly Koning did the same against Sparta's Jennifer Konkle and Tamara Ring.

The only flight that went to three sets was Rachelle Levinston's second-flight singles match against Tara Trimble. Levinston won the first set 6-2, then lost the second, 1-6 before coming back to win the third set 6-1.

"She had a little letdown in the second set and then she bounced back," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said.

On Saturday, the Arrows placed first in a quad-tournament at Northview. They scored the same number of points (26) as host Northview, but beat the Wildcats in five out of eight flights to take the

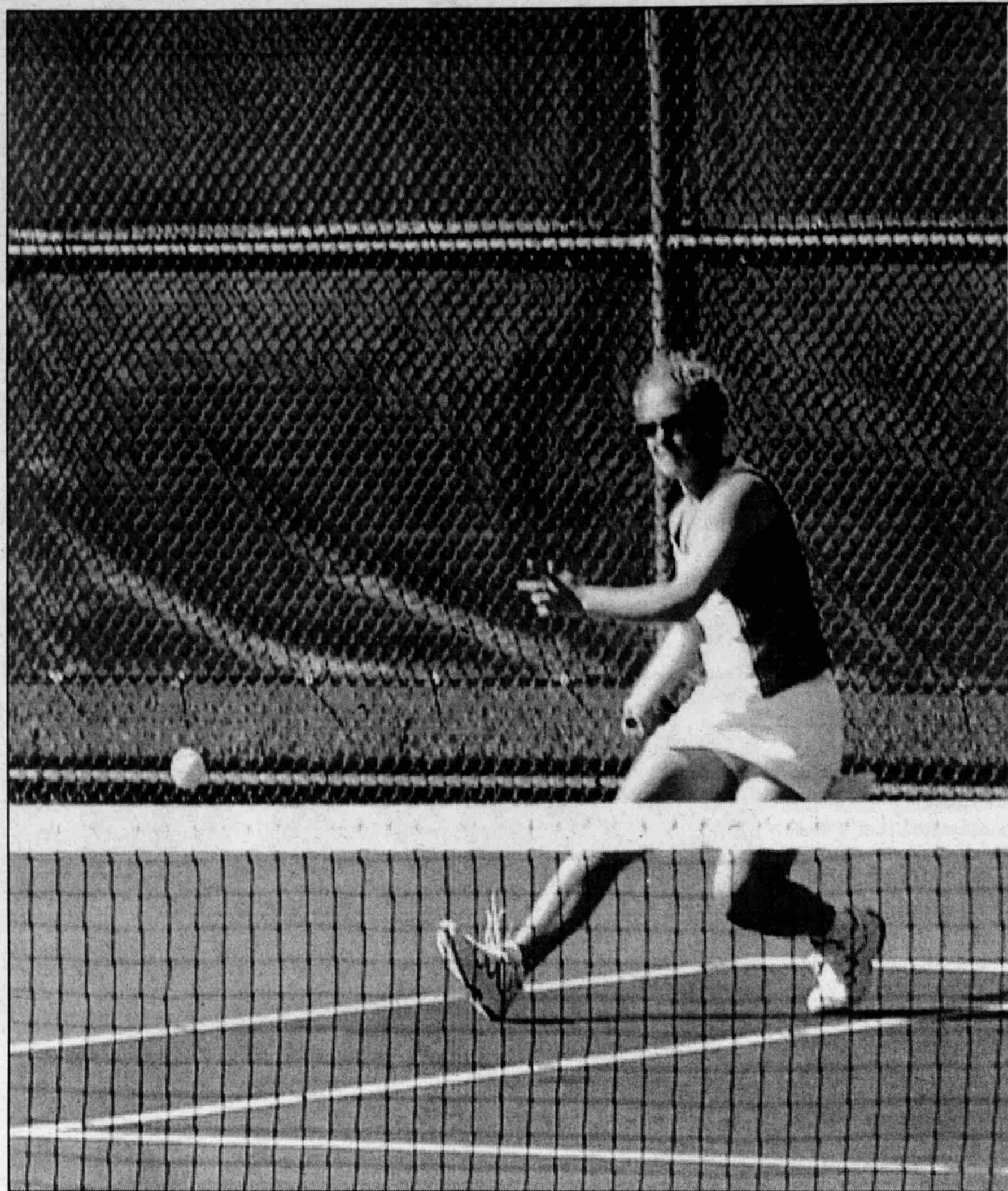
championship. Grand Rapids West Catholic had 15 points and Fremont had 13.

There were some close matches for Lowell at the tournament. An unexpected one was against Fremont in first doubles. Plummer and Koning had already beaten Northview's first doubles team. The Wildcats had put away Fremont. But when Fremont played Lowell, the match went to a super tie breaker. Northview went up 8-4 in the tie breaker before Plummer and Koning rallied back for the win.

The third doubles team of Shelly Wernet and Kayla Irwin was dominant at the tournament, winning in two sets in each of three matches. They beat Northview 6-2, 6-1 and Fremont 6-1, 6-0.

The wins at the tournament and against Sparta helped Lowell bounce back from a lopsided loss against Unity Christian last Wednesday. The Crusaders won that match six flights to two.

Lowell's Becky Plummer returns the ball in the first doubles flight of last Wednesday's home match against Unity Christian.



## Red Arrow soccer crushes East, Sparta

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity soccer team recorded its fourth and fifth-straight shut-outs last week. So far this season, all of Lowell's victories have involved their opponents putting no points on the scoreboard.

First, they beat Sparta Tuesday, Sept. 7. The score in that game was 3-0.

On Thursday, the Arrows stomped the Pioneers, 5-0, at East Grand Rapids. Lowell set the tempo for the game: fast, which is just how coach Paul Legge likes to see them play.

"The faster the pace of the game, the better we play and we definitely got it going tonight," Legge said. "The guys were pretty pumped up for the game."

Lowell worked into an offense built on running and passing—spanning distances

with the passes, touch the ball and go.

"We take the dribble out of our game and the ball does all the work," Legge said.

Red Arrow Shane Stokes scored their first goal about halfway into the first half; Ben Hanson had the assist. The second goal came soon after, 18:16 into the game. Alex Carpenter passed the ball across the front to Kevin Gillman whose kick ricocheted off the back of a Pioneer defender and into the goal.

Zach Ligman had the third goal off an assist from Ramsey Charrouf. He also put the ball in the goal 56 seconds into the second half off an assist from Stokes. Gillman scored the fifth and final goal for the Arrows on a penalty kick with 27:07 left in the game.

Lowell kept the ball in East's territory for the majority of the game, putting repeated pressure on the Pio-

neers' goalie. The Arrows' shots on goal outnumbered East's, 21-8. When East got the ball near Lowell's goal, they had a hard time getting off shots.

"I think we had opportunities but we didn't capitalize," East Grand Rapids coach Pat Doyle said. "We're rebuilding and this was a good learning experience for us."

He also said his defenders had a lot to contend with against Lowell. "They have a lot of offensive firepower," Doyle said.

The wins put Lowell's record at 6-2. On Saturday, they defeated Petoskey Northern, 2-1. Two games into the OK White season, they're undefeated in conference and tied for first place with Unity Christian. The Red Arrows face the Crusaders at home Sept. 23. They played Kenowa Hills Tuesday and face Northview at home on Thurs-

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## Lowell equestrian team well-seated at first meet

The Lowell Equestrian team finished first in two out of three divisions Saturday in its first District V competition.

The Division A team led Rockford 321-235 to win that division. It had been neck and neck between the two teams until Lowell won 98 of the possible 99 points in the speed events.

The Division C team finished in first place (151 points) ahead of Kent City (132 points). Two first-place runs in the final two classes of the day by Kim Vandenberg allowed Lowell to pull away.

All of Lowell's Division B riders finished in the top 10 in the competition, though the team finished in sixth place. Lowell is among the larg-

est equestrian teams in the state this year. Lowell has 17 riders competing on the Division A team, nine on Division B and five in Division C. There are two more District V meets this year, Sept. 18 and 25 at Cedar Springs. The top teams in each division advance to the state championships in October.



Pictured in competition are, Andrea Kulhawik, left and Collette Benmark, above.

### 'HARDT HAPPENINGS



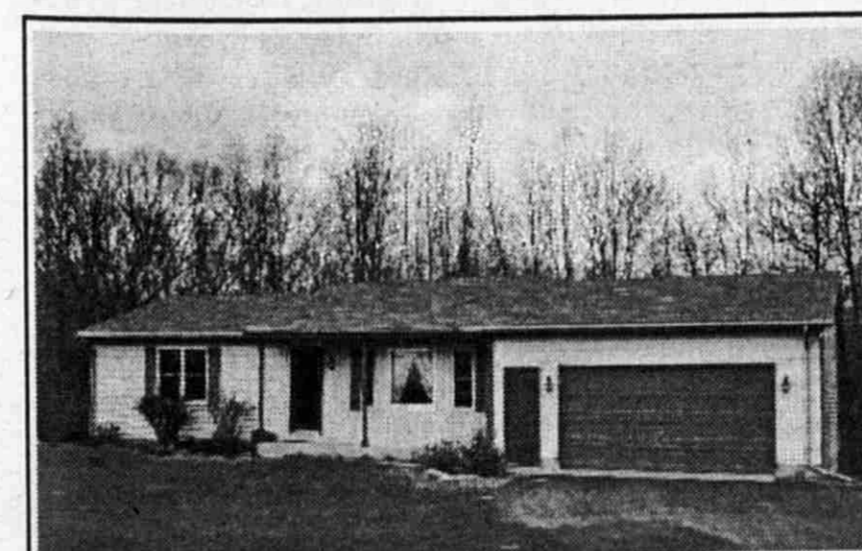
#### PAJAMA STORYTIME

The Englehardt branch will host Pajama Storytime on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Books, poems, songs and activities will center on a theme and children, ages 6 and under, may come with their favorite stuffed animal and wear their pajamas. Registration is required; call 647-3920 to sign up.

#### THE SMARTEST CARD

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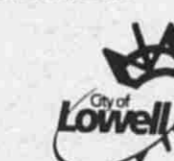
## CITY OF LOWELL

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### NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO SECTION 13-107 OF CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL.

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 04-4 amending Section 13-107 of Chapter 13, "Offenses Against Public Safety," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell on September 7, 2004. Ordinance No. 04-4 removes the prohibition against the sale or the offer for sale of any BB gun, air rifle, toy pistol, bow and arrow, slingshot, catapult or other toy shooting apparatus, gun or implement that might result in damage or destruction of life or property and requires their use, operation and discharge in shooting ranges approved by the City police department.

Ordinance No. 04-4 is effective ten days after this publication.



Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

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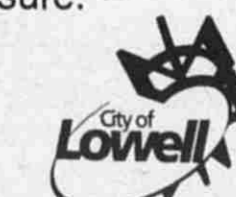
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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

### ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant-flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin on Monday, September 20 through Friday, October 8, 2004.

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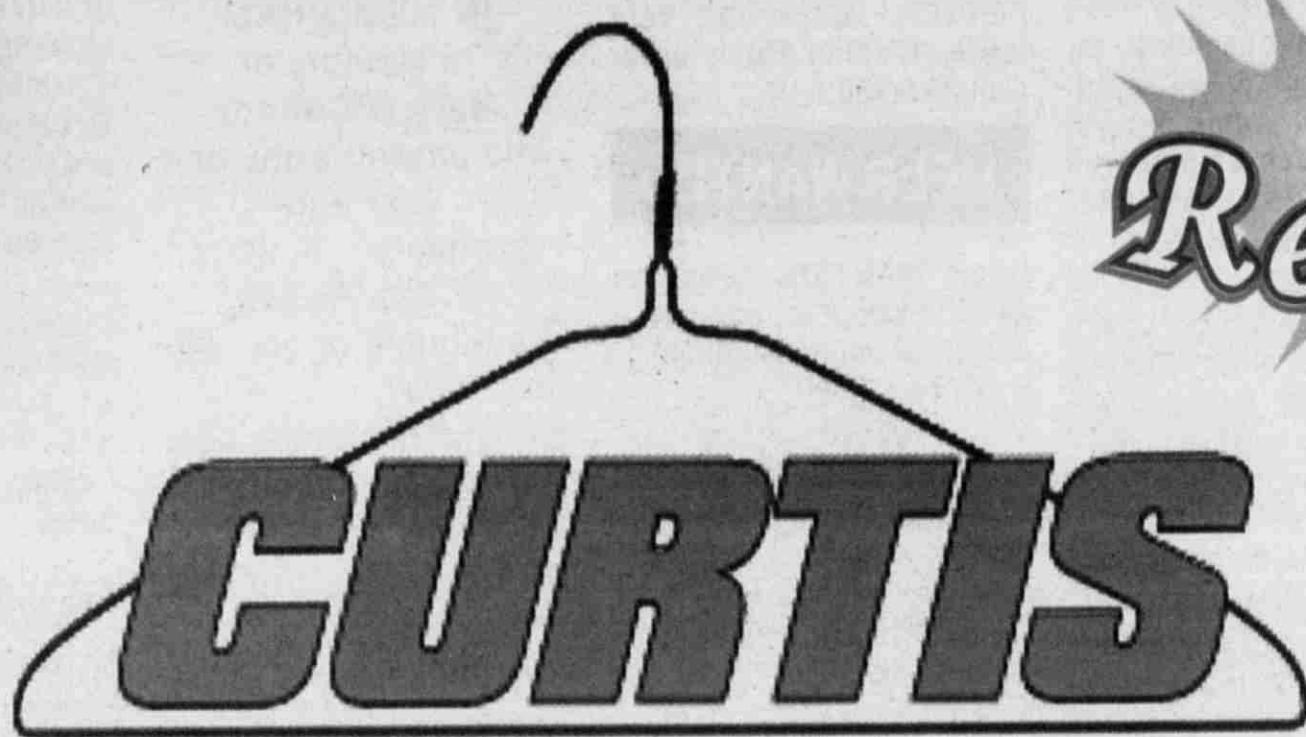
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