

# Rezoning action delayed

WEST BURLINGTON — The city council wants more time to investigate a proposed rezoning of property for mobile home use.

The council Tuesday night at city hall postponed action on an appeal from Mike LaVeine. The planning and zoning commission has recommended against allowing LaVeine to rezone property for mobile homes.

LaVeine wants to put six mobile homes on the southwest corner of Prairie and Meadow, but the area must be rezoned from two-family residential, R-2, to R-4, which allows three families or more.

Planning and zoning rejected his request, 4-3, after a public hearing last Thursday.

LaVeine told the council the proposed mobile home park would serve older people who cannot afford to pay property taxes on their homes. He insisted it will be well maintained, and said, "The minute they tell me I can't control who's going to live there, I'll take a jackhammer and break up the concrete."

Two citizens who live near the property, Allen Pygott and Pauline Richardson, said they are against the rezoning.

Pete Hamilton, streets commissioner, said it "deserves a little more looking into." LaVeine agreed to give council members a tour of the area, and action was postponed.

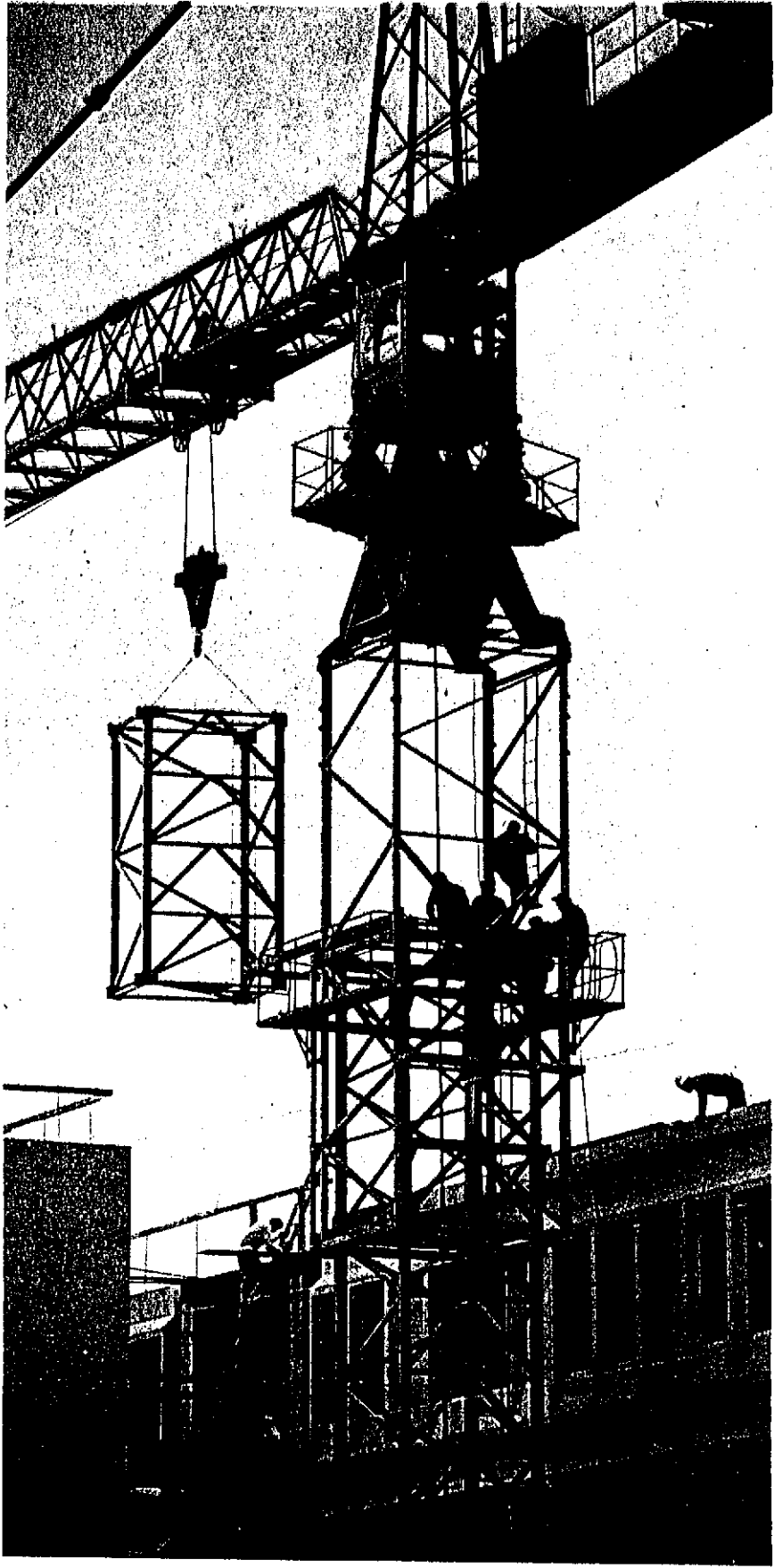
The council refused a request for a 30-day extension for Roland Keitzer to move his house, which is on the fire station site at Broadway and Glasgow. Construction is being delayed, but councilman Bill Bloomberg said the city "really did not have a lot of choice," and would wait a week to consider action.

A special meeting to accept bids to sell shrubs and trees on that property was scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Councilman LaVerne Sandberg said there is a chance they will be destroyed when the house is moved. In that case, money will be refunded.

The council unanimously adopted a resolution accepting the Pennington street paving project work. A public hearing on levying the assessment, \$25,495, was scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22. Total cost of the project was \$34,350.

In other business, the council opted to be billed when an unemployment claim is filed against them, rather than paying out money regularly to insure against claims; will ask the health department to take action about rats that have been spotted at West Burlington Ave. and the 200 block of Swan; and said city offices will be closed Friday for Veteran's day. The clerk's office will be open Thursday until 6 p.m.

CHOOSY VANDALS broke out sideview mirrors, but only on the driver's side, of seven vehicles parked on South Hill Tuesday night. Mirrors were reportedly smashed on a car parked at the home of John Wiebler, 238 S. Sixth, five vehicles at the Don Balston residence, 232 S. Sixth, and a car owned by Peter Thompson, 315 1/2 S. Sixth.



Disassembling

Beginning to pick itself apart, the large overhead crane used to construct the \$18 million Burlington Medical Center addition lifts out a section of the tower beneath its control box Tuesday afternoon. BMC spokesman Bill Kineer said the crane should be enroute to its home in Newport News, Va., sometime next week.

# New WB mayor expects conflicts with council

By ELIZABETH SHERO

WEST BURLINGTON — Because neither of the two major campaign groups here could sweep all their candidates into office, there will be conflicts between the mayor and new councilmen, according to mayor-elect Jim Gahn.

Gahn, who received 474 votes (48.4%) of the 980 votes cast for mayor, was supported by a group that backed defeated city council candidates Bill Bloomberg, 462 votes, an incumbent, and Richard Korschgen, 411 votes.

Citizens for Independent Government (CIG) saw both of their council candidates, Alan Kuntz, 489, and Robert "Bud" Wollam, 552, elected, but their mayoral candidate, Richard Logan, 416, lost to Gahn by 58 votes.

Incumbent Mayor Carl Jackson, who did not actively campaign, received 90 votes.

Lee Boughton, 660, won a 4-year seat on the park board; William Asfalk, 36, a write-in candidate, won the board's 6-year term.

Of the 1,787 registered voters here, 984 cast ballots, or 55%.

Gahn said he is anticipating difficulty in getting cooperation from new council members because of their affiliation with CIG. "I have the problem of getting them on my side. If things would have gone my way, it would have been easy," he said.

He did not know what issues would cause disagreement, but said he has "to find out whether these boys (Kuntz and Wollam) are going to work with me or against me."

Gahn said he definitely feels his problems on the council "will be strictly from the CIG," adding that they "just got on the wrong bus."

Kuntz and Wollam disagreed. "I don't anticipate any problems with Jim Gahn as mayor. He runs the

meetings and the council has the vote," said Kuntz.

"I'm not going to say we're going to agree on everything. We're going to have differing ideas and opinions, but I don't think that's bad. The only thing I'm going to strive for is efficient city spending... I don't owe any favors to anybody."

"From what I've heard, Jim Gahn has some misconceptions about his powers as mayor, but this council will straighten him out pretty fast. I'm not taking anything away from him, but I'm sure he'll wise up pretty fast," Kuntz said.

Wollam said he "would try every way I know how to get along. We're all working for the same reason; to make West Burlington a better place to live."

Logan agreed there would be problems. "It will be very difficult for them to work together if Mr. Gahn continues to make the statements he has made since he has won the election," he said.

But, Logan noted, a future election could solve any conflicts. "If you can't work together and resolve something, then people will realize it and get somebody in who can," he said.

Earlier accusations that the CIG was supporting candidates who would vote for the benefit of the fire department were repeated by Bloomberg and Korschgen. Bloomberg said he was defeated by a "better machine, a machine consisting of the fire department."

"The CIG and the fire department are one and the same," said Korschgen, adding that "the city has elected a council that has and will answer to the fire department in all their decisions."

Wollam said he was "not going to deny that two or three firemen were working for CIG, but certainly not the whole fire department." He emphasized that "on anything I think is right in my mind, I would vote for or against the fire department."

He admitted the CIG "definitely helped, and I'm glad to be a part of it, but that part is over with as far as I'm concerned."

Kuntz thought the issue that firemen were running CIG was "a ploy used to help them (Gahn, Bloomberg and Korschgen). The firemen aren't going to bother with anything. I don't think it was ever an issue. It's over with and that's the way I'm going to handle it."

Wollam attributed his victory and large vote total to knowing many people in his job as a truck driver. "I meet a lot of people in my day to day work. It's one of the things that helped so much," he said.

Knowing people didn't help him, Logan said, who traced his loss to a defeat in a school board election two years ago. "The fact that I have stepped on people's toes and called a spade a spade perhaps did defeat me," he said.

The citizens "have showed their dissatisfaction again. A lot of people were unhappy with the things I've done in the past and they expressed it" Logan said, noting that he is "through with political life."

# Autopsy still leaves Miller death mystery

Lisa Elaine Miller died an estimated 30-36 hours before her body was found about 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, according to an autopsy report received by Des Moines county medical examiner Dr. Joseph Stoikovic.

The 7 1/2-page report, inconclusive as to cause of death, was prepared by Macomb, Ill., pathologist Dr. Edward Harrow who performed the autopsy on Miller, 15, of 648 S. Central.

The final report did little to clarify the mystery of Miller's death.

The autopsy said death was attributed to "circulatory failure of unknown etiology" — meaning that Miller died when her heart and other vital organs stopped functioning for an undetermined reason.

The autopsy found evidence of hypothermia, or low body temperature, due to exposure, Stoikovic said, which may have contributed to her death.

Officials have refused public viewing of the autopsy results because they are considered by law as confidential. County attorney Steve Hoth said autopsy results could be revealed only by permission of Miller's parents, who have declined to give that permission.

Hoth allowed the Hawk Eye to see state Bureau of Criminal Investigation lab reports of tests done on the content of Miller's blood, stomach, liver and kidneys.

Technicians found that Miller had eaten a meal about three hours before her death, but because of the investigation, Hoth would not allow release of what type of food was consumed.

Blood analysis found .011% alcohol in her bloodstream, one-tenth the legal intoxication level, Hoth said. No discernible traces of other drugs were found.

Sheriff Bob Glick, who earlier said there was no indication of alcohol in Miller's blood, said he based his statement on his knowledge of preliminary lab results and was "not aware" that there was any alcohol content.

The amount of alcohol found could have been contributed by a half can of beer or to body deterioration and "wasn't seen as a key" to the cause of death, Glick said.

Investigation continues, but no new developments were reported by Glick.

# Band levy defeat creates a hot potato

Burlington's new city council has a ready-made hot potato waiting for them to deal with in January.

Tuesday's rejection by voters of the special levy for the municipal band leaves the council with a question of whether it should fund the band.

City attorney Charles Garretson said Tuesday's vote, 2,801 against to 2,449 in favor, eliminates the option the council had to finance the band with the special tax. That authority came from a referendum passed in 1926 but which hasn't been imposed since the 1960s.

The present council put the question on Tuesday's ballot to determine voter feeling on the band although the authority was still there.

The band, which marked its 50th anniversary

this year, plays summer concerts at the Crapo park bandshell. Concerts this year were funded by \$14,000 of federal revenue sharing money.

Band financing will now have to either come from regular general fund revenues or revenue sharing.

Mayor-elect Tom Diwold said he would consider funding the band in general expenses. "We'll listen to arguments when we get to them," he said.

Doug Worden, who will replace present finance commissioner Jack Waldhoff, said he hasn't given the band question much thought.

Streets commissioner Rod Ralston suggested that other expenses might take priority over the band in the general fund. "I can't see how it can be funded under the general fund. If it goes any way,

it will have to come out of revenue sharing."

There were 5,250 votes cast on the band question out of the total of 9,146 votes in the election, which prompted long-time bandmaster Maury Wright to point out that he thinks residents "were confused" about the issue and aren't necessarily opposed to the band.

Parks commissioner Tom Martin said some people didn't know where to look on the ballot for the band question which may have led to the low vote total there. He isn't sure whether the "no" vote indicates that residents are against financing a band.

Public safety commissioner-elect Chuck Griffin could not be reached Wednesday morning for comment.

# Slim victories, write-in winners around area

Two incumbent councilmen in Mt. Pleasant were defeated by write-in candidates in Tuesday's election.

New London faces a runoff for a council seat that ended in a dead heat. Wayland is waiting for vote canvass to find out who will be mayor.

In Oakville, a woman will take the mayor's chair, while voters in Wapello turned out the incumbent.

Here are Hawk Eyeland's election results:

**DANVILLE** — Mayor Dan Anderson scored a narrow 89-81 victory over challenger Leroy Lippart. Elected to two council seats without opposition were Harold Fraise, 136, and Roger Kelley, 134. It had been reported earlier that incumbents Robert Hessler and Charles Goodwin, both appointed to fill unexpired terms, would have to stand for election, but that wasn't necessary.

**MEDIAPOLIS** — Elected to the council unopposed were Ron Hollingsworth, 98, John Vose, 91, and Larry Nelson, 90.

**MIDDLETOWN** — All candidates were unopposed. Re-elected mayor was James Wahl, 47, and named to the council were Norbert Cross, 48, Robert Feil, 45, and Carolyn Nickell, 41.

**MT. PLEASANT** — Two incumbent councilmen were unseated by write-in candidates. William Follas lost to Donald Dupree, 97-52, in the second ward, and in the third ward Ed McQuiston was unseated by Richard Fields, 208-62. Mayor Edd King, 548, and councilman-at-large Morton Dodds, 496, ran unopposed.

**NEW LONDON** — Council candidates Michael Henderson and Robert Thorington tied at 154 votes each, which will require a runoff. Elected to the council were Michael Westerbeck, 243, and Larry Miller, incumbent, 236. Also-runs were incumbent Gerhard Kannegieser, 150, William J. Brown, 102, and Robert Buyers, 68.

**HILLSBORO** — M.M. Doan, 43, won a write-in for mayor. On the council, Roger Helling, 4, and David Johnson, 2, both on the ballot, lost to write-ins Mark Frank, 43, Roberta Boitscha, 41, Charles Stanley, 38, Robert Moothart, 34, and Glen Helterbran, 33.

**WAYLAND** — The Henry county board of supervisors will canvass votes at 1 p.m. Thursday to determine if a runoff is necessary between mayoral candidates Kenneth Miller, on the ballot, 71, and Rick Adrian, who polled 67 write-in votes. Elected to the council by write-in were Richard Schlatter, 94, and Emery McGuire, 84.

**OLDS** — Mayor Ronald DeYarman, 44, won re-election, but ballot candidate Leo Hollowell, 20, was swamped by incumbents who won on write-ins: Robert Finke, 46, Kenneth Reschly, 42, Vernon Kaufman, 41, Virgil Johnson, 40, and Donald Messer, 31.

**COPPOCK** — Elected by write-in were Lester Hill, mayor, 8, and, for the council, Kenneth Hesser, 9, Harold Ricks, 6, and Arlis Van Sant, George Ricks, and Perl Messer, 8 each.

**MT. UNION** — Unopposed were Mayor Lewis Venghaus, 22, and three council members, Daniel Johnson, 25, Earl Elliott, 24, and Lloyd Harris, 21.

**WINFIELD** — Three newcomers were named to the council without opposition: James Stromer, 61, Robert Royer, 55, and James Almelien, 48.

**SALIM** — All candidates were elected without opposition. For mayor, Nelson Sullivan got 47 votes. For the council, Michael Strait, 51, Donald Glanzman, 49, Neil Lyon, 46, Maurice Kramer, 45, and Merald Bailey, 43.

**ROME** — Chosen by write-in were Dennis Potter, mayor, 15, and, for the council, Samuel Krieger, 17, Darrell Potter and John Lanfer-

man, 14 each, Dennis Sammons, 13, and Clifford Shaffer, 10.

**WAPELLO** — Mayor Arthur Bolton, 184, was unseated by L.J. (Tom) Thompson, 283. Karen Schantz, 25, ran third. For council: Carolyn Hicklin 93, David McKinney, 134, first ward; Wayne McConahay 136, Ralph L. Stone, 115, second ward; John Stanfle 156, Merton Askren (write-in) 68, third ward. Treasurer: Lyle D. Cover 278, beat E. Ann Thompson, wife of the mayor-elect, 207. Recorder (city clerk): Jeanette J. Humphrey, 464. Parks board: Roger Noble, 454. A proposal to allow revision of the city charter was approved, 332-128.

**MORNING SUN** — Arthur Carpenter defeated Larry Minnis, 140-64, for a 2-year term as mayor, succeeding Robert Carr who chose not to run. Council: Richard E. McElhinney, 202, Robert B. Buckman, 200, Verl Hall, 193, four-year terms; Delmer H. Johnston, 190, Robert L. Patton, 170, 2-year terms.

**OAKVILLE** — Dorothy Mitchell defeated Donovan Patterson, 79-23, in the mayoral race. Cody Grooms chose not to run. Council: Bill B. Brown, 104, Jeff Gerst, 103, Richard E. Poffenbarger, 98, James C. Swafford, 97, Linda Sue Metcalf, 94. Brown, Gerst and Poffenbarger will serve 4-year terms, the others, 2-year terms.

**LETTS** — Mayor Robert A. Barnes, 51, was unopposed. Council: Marvin Thomas, 46, and Keith Clark, 36, elected. Larry D. Haller had 14.

**COTTER** — Mayor LeRoy Owens was re-elected with 14 votes. Council: Ronald Baird, 16, Bill Hawkins, 15, Ronald Lee Lewis, 16, William C. Peters, 16, Marvin Prior (write-in), 11.

**COLUMBUS JUNCTION** — Council: Lawrence B. Everett, 45, and Russell H. Speth, 66, were elected.

**COLUMBUS CITY** — Mayor Delmore Evans, unopposed, was re-elected with 38 votes. Council: Jack B. Best, 42, Jack B. Cecil, 42, Richard M. Houseal, 39, Warren L. McConahay, 40, Arthur D. Pugh, 39.

**GRANDVIEW** — William Beard outran Danny Reed, 102-38, for mayor; Glen Schlutz didn't seek re-election. Five council winners in a 13-person race: Lois Bonnichsen, 90, Charles W. Ketter Jr., 67, Gale Mace, 66, Lawrence Rowe, 77, and Paul Stineman, 107.

**FREDONIA** — Dick Clevenger beat John E. Ibbotson, 45-11, in the mayor race. Dale Powers didn't seek re-election. Council: Delbert Jay, 44, Earl Johnson, 34, Robert E. Watson, 52, Vernon C. Snyder, 33, Lyle E. Wasson, 51.

**WEST POINT** — Victor Schierbrock ran unopposed as mayor with a vote of 95. Elected to council were Vernon Benjamin, 119, Jerry Berns, 120, Edward Blindt Jr., 121, Francis Harvey, 107, and Delbert Moeller, 57.

**DONNELLSON** — Incumbent Carroll Redfern won the post of mayor with 81 votes. Council members elected were Kenneth Woodley, 91, Kenneth Schenkel, 92, and Lawrence Geils, 94. Challenger Joel Taube had 32.

**ST. PAUL** — Elected by write-in were David Menke, mayor, 35, and councilmen Marvin Merschman, 33, Gene Merschman, 30, Frank Kempker, 27, Dan Schwartz, 25, and Don Sporkman, 24.

**HOUGHTON** — Write-in winners were Jim Baker, 27, mayor, and council members Mike Kruse, 23, Ronald Stuckerjurgan, 33, Mike Perenoud, 21, Gene Brune, 23, and Gene Hunold, 23.

**KEOSAUQUA** — Incumbent Byron Hervey, 119, and Wayne Boley, 108, were elected to two

council seats. Leo Boley, 42, ran third. **MILTON** — Named to five council seats were Dr. James Zeidler, 118, Kenneth Lough, 110, and incumbents Theodore Peterson, 111, Bomar Bell, 87, and Jane Hargrove. Glen Willier finished with 78. Gary Harrelson, 98, was re-elected mayor.

**BONAPARTE** — Gerald Burns, 90, won the mayor's race over Dennis Troutman, 46. Named to the council were Charles Easter, 97, Donald Wallingford, 79, Barbara Troutman, 66. Losers were Neva North, 63, Ivan Mitchell, 56, and Barbara Proper, 39.

**FARMINGTON** — Voters turned down, 62-54, a proposal to deed Indian Lake park to the Van Buren County conservation board. Glenn Halbrook was elected mayor, 82. Incumbent councilmen re-elected were LaVaughn Hope, 105, Forrest Medaris, 103, incumbents and W.G. Taube, 100.

**BIRMINGHAM** — Mayor Ernest Hinkle Jr. was re-elected with 42 votes. Elected to the council were Caroline Perel, 41, Gene Stine, 36, incumbents, and three newcomers, Dean Bass, 44, Robert Carlton, 46, and Lester McKee, 44.

**CANTRIL** — Mayor Charles Morris, 36, was re-elected along with council members Terry Martin, Ronald Robinson, Billy Smith, each with 39, William Sullivan, 36, incumbents, and Dwight Short, 38.

**STOCKPORT** — Re-elected were mayor Paul Kiso, 33, and all council incumbents, Eberly Dodds Jr., 35, Donald Hoffer, 34, Harley Peck, 32, Jack Thornton, 34, and Harold Webber, 35.

**MT. STERLING** — Elected by write-in were Chester Thommen, mayor, 13, who outpolled long-time Mayor Max Mudden, 10 votes. Named to the council by write-in were Dan McCarty, 14, Rex Thommen, 14, incumbents, Charles Claman, 14, Garland Judd, 17, and Lois Slocum, 13.