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Operation Home Front:

Support For Soldiers Evident In Hicksville

By Rita Langdon

As part of the Illustrated's coverage of the Persian Gulf war, we will continue to highlight the many events that take place on Hicksville's homefront during the crisis. As always, we ask our readers to contact us if they know of any Hicksville resident serving overseas.

Drivers traveling down Hicksville streets can not help but notice the outpouring of support for soldiers overseas. The overabundance of American flags and yellow ribbons create a new facade for Hicksville.

Old glory waves proudly at Kenny Brady's home on Eighth Street in honor of all the soldiers. But the flag is also in honor of someone very dear to Kenny; his son, 19-year-old Daniel, who recently learned that he is being deployed to Saudi Arabia next month.

Daniel, a resident of California, joined the Marines shortly before conflict arose in the Middle East.

"Ever since the war started, I realized he'd have to go over there," said Kenny. "I am nervous about it, but I know it's something we had to do."

The American flag is also prominent at

the Lopardo home on Bridle Lane as are three white candles burning brightly in the windows.

When the Lopardo family learned that 21-year-old Darren was being sent to Saudi Arabia, a yellow ribbon was placed in the front yard in October. Since then, the amount has been increasing, said Darren's brother, Dean.

"We have yellow ribbons on the front door, the tree, the lamp pole and we're thinking of putting up more."

Darren, a Hicksville High School graduate, joined the military about two years ago. Today he is serving in the military police (MP) assigned to the 82nd Airborne and 102nd Airborne.

Although his family is not exactly sure of his location, Darren is believed to be "isolated" from the war. That is, he is not required to do any war fighting, but acts as a patrolman and guard of equipment.

His mother, Lynn, said that the government advises the soldiers not to reveal their location. In addition, his troop is constantly being relocated.

When the news of the war was announced, Dean said he was concerned, "But I have a good idea of where he is. I know there's really nothing to worry about." Lynn said that the entire family "sat up all night glued to the TV."

When Bob Hope entertained the troops, Lynn said she "scanned the audience" hoping to see Darren, but did not.

Darren originally enlisted to help finance his college education. He recently told his mother that despite bad times, "I'm determined to come out from this learning something from everything I do," Lynn added. "He has a positive attitude... he's a good kid." His brother, Dean, describes him as a real "hussler."

He has also indicated (through letters, that "the support from the U.S. has boosted [the soldiers'] morale," Lynn said.

Darren has touched the hearts of many in



Darren Lopardo during his last Christmas home in 1989.



Darren Lopardo in Panama



SUPPORTS TROOPS: Kenny Brady display his American flag at his home on Eighth Street. His son, Daniel, 19, is scheduled to be deployed to Saudi Arabia next month.

(Illustrated Photo By Cathy Greenfield)

the Hicksville community. Lynn said that he corresponds with veterans from the William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211 on South Broadway, neighbors and family.

The most recent call the Lopardos received from Darren was on Thursday night. "Darren filled us in, the best that he was allowed, as to what was happening," Lynn said. "They keep moving the troops around, but he still sounded great. If only I could have pulled him through the phone!"

Also waiting patiently at home for his safe return is Darren's dad, Carmine (Skip) and 16-year-old brother, Joseph, who attends Hicksville High School.

Gregg Lynch, son of Kathleen and Jack Lynch of Hicksville, was also deployed to Saudi Arabia in early August. A graduate of Our Lady of Mercy and Hicksville High School, Gregg is a sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division.



Gregg Lynch

HOMETOWN PEOPLE

Surprise Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blazo of Hicksville and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Veselak of Bayville are happy to announce the engagement of their children William and Gwenn.

Bill popped the question on Christmas Day. No date has been set, but October 1992 has been mentioned.

Both moms and dads send best of luck wishes to the special couple.



William Blazo and Gwenn Veselak.

Their First Grandchild

Pete and Jean Johnson of Hicksville are just thrilled. They became grandparents for the first time on October 22. Bradley James made his debut on October 22 and weighed in at 7 lbs., 14 ozs. He is the son of Sheridan and Jim Johnson of Locust Valley.



Bradley James Johnson

Guess Who I Met?

I recently met up with Mary (Ellis) Schnepf whom I haven't see in many years. The Ellis family are lifelong residents of Hicksville. Mary's husband is the late "Red" Schnepf.

What a happy, fun person Mary is. She was telling me that her grandson, Adam LaVorgna, son of Sandy and Joe, will be acting in a new movie 29th Street which will be released in the fall.

Nine-year-old Adam will be playing the part of an actor as a young boy. He will also be seen in the new Jordache commercial—the one with the southern girl.

Needless to say, Mary is very proud of him.

It was great talking with her. She also told me that she has a picture of an "old man" named Yacob who was Hicksville's first "homeless man." Many of our readers will remember him.

Also with Mary that day was Eleanor (Finnegan) Kramer, who has promised to write a story for the *Illustrated* on that nice old gentleman. I also think Eleanor (Weyer) Hever would be able to write a story about him too.

So how about it, girls? Many would enjoy reading about "Yacob."



Hometown People is written by Flo Criss, a lifelong Hicksville resident. She loves receiving all your wedding, engagement, birthday and family news. You can write to Flo at 135 Liberty Avenue, Mineola, N.Y. 11501, or drop off information at 9 California Street (white mailboxes in driveway). All photos will be returned if you include a SASE.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Pauling

Janet M. Stengl Marries Brian Pauling

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Stengl of Hicksville, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Janet Marie, to Brian David Pauling on Saturday, August 11, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville.

The matron of honor was Cheryl Benner. Serving as maid of honor was Bridget Delano and bridesmaids were Lori Bethge and Michele Bethge, cousins of the bride and Diane Pauling, sister of the groom.

Best man was Randy Donkochick. Ushers were Bon Stengl, brother of the bride, Ken Bethge, cousin of the bride, David Williams and Terry Oakes.

A cocktail hour and reception for family and friends was held at the Knights of Columbus in Oyster Bay.

After a honeymoon cruise on the Mexican Riviera and California, the bride and groom made their home in Levittown.

Karate Medal

We received the following note: "To our grandson, Dominick Mezzapesa, congratulations on your Student Achievement Medal in karate. For your 7 years, you are doing a beautiful job. We are very proud of you."

"Also happy birthday to you and your brother Matthew. Love, Poppy and Nana."



Tom Liebau and Susan Coyle

Susan Coyle Engaged

Ethel and James Coyle of Hicksville are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Thomas Liebau of North Bergen, N.J.

Both Sue and Tom are employed by D.M.B. & B., Inc., an advertising agency in Manhattan.

Tom is the son of Eileen and David Liebau of North Bergen. An autumn 1991 wedding is planned.

Our Service File

• Airman Johnny Senise has graduated from the ground radio communications specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

During this course he has learned to install and maintain high-powered ground communications equipment, including transmitters, single and multichannel receivers, transceivers and recorders.

John, a 1987 graduate of Hicksville High School, is the son of John T. and Hilda Senise of Hicksville.

• Navy Seaman Recruit Philip Anglin, a 1989 graduate of Hicksville High School has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During his eight-week training cycle he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kathleen A. Martin, a 1980 graduate of Hicksville High School, recently completed the Basic Dental Laboratory Technology Course at the Naval School of Dental Assisting and Technology, Naval Health and Science Education and Training Command, San Diego.

During the course, Kathleen was provided with the knowledge and skills required to make selected artificial dental replacements. She joined the Navy in February 1983.

Photo Contest Winner

Linda Salvo-Polito of Hicksville was the third place winner in the Long Island State Park's Winter Arts Festival Photo Contest sponsored by the Roslyn Savings Bank.

Linda entered into the "Animals—black and white" category.

Our Condolences

We're sending our condolences, again, to the Calandrillo family on the death of their brother, "Mikey" Michael Calandrillo, who died suddenly January 6. Mikey's mother, Julia Calandrillo died three weeks before Mikey.

Surviving are brothers Thomas, Frankie and Gerry, sisters, Antoinette Masters, Frances Calandrillo, Rose Watson and Marie Alcock.

He was reposed at Stock Funeral Home. Interment was at Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury.

They're Engaged

Steve Jankowski of Hicksville was with his best girl, Fran Collura of New Hyde Park, seated in front of the fireplace at the Maine Maid Inn, when he offered her a proposal of marriage and a beautiful diamond ring. Fran happily accepted both.

Steve and Fran first met while attending Adelphi University. He chose a career in law enforcement, while Fran, who majored in mathematics, became a teacher. She just recently completed her master's degree at Adelphi and is teaching at Mineola High School.

They will be married at Notre Dame Church in New Hyde Park in June 1991 and will honeymoon in Bermuda.



Steve Jankowski and Fran Collura

Happy 98th Birthday

Happy 98th birthday to mom, Josephine Heinemann on February 1. Love, Olga and Joseph.

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Residents Crowd School Board Meeting

Meeting Site Moved 3 Times

By Peggy Theis

The start of the January 23 Hicksville School Board meeting, scheduled to begin at 8:15 in the Administration Building, was delayed until 9:20 due to the unexpectedly large turnout. Capacity in the Administration Building Board Room is limited to 58, so the packed crowd was moved to the Little Theatre with the capacity to hold 105. Before the meeting began, however, residents were standing in the aisles and the decision was made to move the assembly to the High School Auditorium. Board President Carole Wolf apologized for the cold temperature in the auditorium and the delay of over an hour caused by the time needed to set up microphones and recording equipment.

When the meeting ended at 2 a.m., attendance was well under 58.

The first public session began at 10:44 p.m. Trustee William Bennett and residents asked that the first public session be moved up in the agenda so that the community had the opportunity to express their concerns before any Board action was taken, as well as to afford residents who could not stay late the chance to speak. After her election as President, Wolf changed the agenda order because, according to Wolf, she "was told it was the intent of individuals to stop the workings of the Board." Wolf said she would take "under advisement" the request to revert to the former procedure.

Commissioner of Education

Thomas Voss has filed a petition with the Commissioner of Education seeking a review of the Board's decision to close Willet Avenue and to have the existing Board removed. Two affidavits from the Board in response to the petition were filed on January 23 and thus became available under the Freedom of Information Law. Trustees William Collins, James Martillo, Rudin and Wolf signed a joint affidavit while Bennett signed a separate affidavit.

Persistent questioning by resident Carolyn Gee as to the petition caused Wolf to read a portion of the affidavit outlining the Board majority's reasons for closing Willet, which said that in voting for the closing of Willet the "deponents had accepted that portion of the Superintendent's original recommendation which called for the closing of Willet Avenue School."

Wolf went on to read facts which she said the board considered in making its decision: enrollment of 178 students at Willet, one class per grade on five levels at Willet which was the smallest building with only 12 classrooms and thus the least efficient; the original purpose of Willet was to serve as an overflow school for grades K-3 only, enrollment at neighboring Woodland with 20 classrooms was only 220 with singletons on four of the seven levels, all of Willet could be accommodated in Woodland and eliminate singletons, any other closing would require splitting of enrollments among two or more schools, savings of approximately \$370,000 would be achieved, only school closing that would not cause children to cross additional major thoroughfares and children would remain in the northeast section of Hicksville within their own neighborhood.

Bennett did not have his affidavit available as he believed the matter was confidential. Wolf replied that she had not yet seen his final affidavit, to which Bennett replied "you're going to be surprised." Among other items, Bennett said he had commented on the "very distinct possibility" that there was a conflict of interest between one Board member and the President of the East Street PTA. He concluded by saying that "Mr. Thomas Voss has done a great service to this school district."

Gee said that it was a "disgrace that this is what it takes to get a rationale from" the Board.

While it is hoped that the Commissioner will make a ruling shortly, it is not known when that decision will occur. A request for oral arguments could further delay the ruling.

Carolyn Kelly expressed her concern with the "animosity and innuendos" over the Board's recent decisions. She urged the community to save its energies in order to get off austerity.

Leasing of Willet Avenue

By a vote of 4-1 (Bennett voting no), the Board established a committee to review leasing of the Willet Avenue School, which will no longer be needed by the district for educational purposes effective September 1, 1991. The committee will be informed of all correspondence concerning this property and will inform the Board of community suggestions or concerns.

Fenton will send letters to six community

associations (Civics: Jericho Gardens, Northwest, North East, Duffy Park, Giese Park and the Hicksville Community Council) asking for one representative to sit on the committee. Midland Civic Association, which covers to Willet Avenue Area, will be asked to send three representatives. In addition, nine PTA units will be asked to send representatives and Willet Avenue PTA will be asked to send three. The committee will, therefore, total 21.

In objecting, Bennett voiced concerns over the limitations set on the committee to consider only leasing. He expressed interest in a community center or senior citizen usage.

In addition to previous requests from the North Shore University Hospital Pre-School program, the Board has received a letter of interest from The Other Vic Theatre Company regarding 3000 sq. ft. of space at Willet.

Board Action

The Board ratified a memorandum of agreement between the district and the custodial union for the period July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1994. The contract calls for raises of 7 percent, 6.75 percent, 7 percent and 6 percent in each of the four years of the contract, as well as additional increments and steps.

The Board established S.A.T. review courses and a Regents Workshop Program in Mathematics and Science at the High School. Michael Dunn, currently principal of Willet Avenue School, was appointed principal of Burns Avenue effective July 1, 1991. Dr. Manus Clancy, principal of Woodland Avenue will coordinate necessary steps for the merger of Willet into Woodland. Teacher assignments will not take place until April after retirements and other changes are known.

Budget Review

The agenda called for a review of Codes 7000, 8000, and 9000 of the preliminary budget in order to provide direction to administration for amounts to be included under line items. Rudin, chairman of the Board's Finance Committee, did not wish to review Code 9000 (which includes fringe benefits, insurance and capital projects) until further information was obtained from an insurance consultant at a meeting scheduled during the week of January 28.

A disagreement amongst board members and Fenton over the preparation of the budget ensued. Fenton, who had in the past prepared a "Superintendent's Budget," did not do so this year. While Wolf said she had asked for the "usual procedures," Fenton said she had assembled data necessary for the board to vote on every line item as directed by the board in September. Rudin, saying she was sorry there was a misunderstanding, complimented Fenton on the back-up material to the board. Fenton said while she had made judgments on budget items in prior years, but did not do so this year because those decisions were going to be "as shared responsibility" between the board and the superintendent.

After Fenton called for comments from the rest of the board, trustee James Martillo said as long as everybody works together he had no problem. He further commented that the budget process seemed slower this year. The board's contemplation of a third budget vote in September delayed the 1991-92 budget preparation by 1½ months. Additionally, the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee request taking a different approach to the budget preparation process. That committee began making recommendations at the January 16th budget advisory meeting and will continue to do so at further budget meetings.

No decisions were made by the Board as to any budget lines. Resident Janet Von Bergen commented on the public's confusion over the budget discussion. She said it didn't look as if Board members were "doing their homework . . . I can't figure out if the Board wanted to make a Board budget and leave Dr. Fenton out of it and pat themselves on the back or if they wanted Dr. Fenton to present a budget, then cut it back and then pat themselves on the back because it was less than what Dr. Fenton said." She concluded by saying the Board should get away from politics and get down to the business of getting a budget together in a timely fashion.

Next Meeting

The Board is scheduled to hold Committee meetings on Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building. A Budget Review meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the High School Cafeteria. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 8:15 in a location to be announced.

Fenton Lauded: Concern Over Successor

By Peggy Theis

Hicksville Superintendent Dr. Catherine Fenton's decision to retire effective August 31 was officially announced at the School Board's January 23 meeting by President Carole Wolf.

Fenton will serve in a consultative capacity for 5 years in order to assist in an orderly transition as well as to provide other assistance. After Wolf congratulated Fenton, many in the audience stood and applauded in appreciation of Fenton's years of service to the community.

Fenton was visibly moved by the outpouring of support. She thanked the public for giving her the opportunity to serve Hicksville. "It's been an exciting twelve years. A lot has happened!" Commenting that when she first arrived the Class of 1991 was just beginning their education, Fenton spoke with pride as to the increased quality of programs available to these students during her tenure. Summarizing her career in Hicksville as "wonderful," Fenton concluded by saying "I thank you very much as a community."

Trustee William Bennett spoke of the many years he has worked with Fenton. Bennett, who has served as a Board member for 13 of the last 14 years, was on the Board when Fenton was hired as Assistant Superintendent. She was, however, named Superintendent during his "off" year, an appointment he called a "very good decision."

In remarks interrupted twice by applause, Bennett spoke highly of Fenton saying she was "one of the best superintendents we have in New York State, if not the nation!" He based his opinion on conferences and



DR. CATHERINE FENTON

seminars he has attended as well as Fenton's commitment to the community and guidance to the Board.

Many controversial issues have arisen during Fenton's years in Hicksville. Calling Dr. Fenton a "flexible individual," Bennett said she was "not confrontational" and stressed her ability to present issues, listen to concerns and adapt plans in order to reflect Hicksville's viewpoints.

Residents Speak

Fenton received good wishes from several residents during the public session. Helen Lafferty said she hadn't always agreed with Fenton, but that "I have never ever questioned her dedication to our children and to raising the standards of education in Hicksville which she has done very successfully." Lafferty commented that Dr. Fenton's decision "could not have happened at

a worse time with the current School Board in complete disarray."

Concern was expressed by residents as to how and when the Board chooses a successor. Lafferty said it would be difficult to find a candidate "because of the chaos created... by the Martillo/Collins/Rudin/Hicksville Congress of Teachers faction." Saying she believed Fenton was "badly used by this group," Lafferty continued, "I cannot help but feel that this contributed to her decision."

The Board should not, according to Lafferty, "lower its standards" in choosing a new superintendent because of the availability of Fenton as a consultant. She said a search should be conducted from the ranks of senior administrators, not school principals and expressed a preference for an individual with experience in school closings.

Saying the Board lacked educational expertise, Janet Von Bergen asked that a consultant be employed to conduct the search and that an interim superintendent be appointed if necessary. Wolf commented that she taught several classes, as well as having experience in recruiting. Lafferty and Von Bergen said a decision on a superintendent should be made only after the Board was at its full complement of seven members. (The Board is currently operating with only five members because of the November 28 resignations of then President Jo Ann Miltenberg and Vice President Patricia Rooney. The community will vote in May for three Board trustees including the seat currently held by Bennett. Two terms will be for three years and one for two years.)

Von Bergen advised against appointing a

new superintendent when incoming Board members may disagree with the selection. Such an event could cost the district money, according to Von Bergen, in "buying out" a contract.

Next Meeting

Discussion on the procedures the Board will follow in selecting a new superintendent will be publicly discussed at the Board's February 26 meeting.

GULF UPDATE:

—Week ending Jan. 29—

Iraqi Scud attacks continued on Israel. Several scuds evaded US Patriot missiles, leaving three dead and more than 60 injured. Israel responded favorably to Allied requests not to retaliate immediately, but reserved the right to do so in the future. Allied air bombardment continued at a record pace. A small island off Kuwait was taken back from Iraq after an attack and surrender. Allied officials accused Iraq of "environmental terrorism," but the Iraqis denied causing an oil slick, estimated at 30 miles by 8 miles. Allied POWs appeared on Iraqi television, denouncing the war and prompting the US to charge Hussein with violating the Geneva Convention. Japan agreed to add \$9 billion to its \$4 billion commitment to the Allied effort. Pentagon officials said that the Allies have begun preparing for ground war.

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High Schools Start Mock Trials

The 1991 mock trial tournament, which begins Feb. 5, will find 37 Nassau high schools—a new record—vying for best school in the county. The winner, to be determined by eliminations, competes against Suffolk's best school. A state-wide final is to take place in Albany in May.

Under the mock trial rules, each school fields a team of "attorneys" that researches and argues, in an actual court setting, a real case. The schools are scored not on whether they win or lose the litigation, but on how effective their presentations, including examination and cross-examination of witnesses, were made.

Among the schools that signed up are North Shore High School in Glen Head, Locust Valley, Syosset, Farmingdale, Friends Academy in Locust Valley, Great Neck North and South, Jericho, Port Washington, Roslyn, Mineola, Hicksville, New Hyde Park, Wheatley, St. Dominic's in Oyster Bay, Carle Place, Manhasset, Massapequa, Oyster Bay, Sewanhaka, Bethpage and Glen Cove.

A real attorney with offices in Garden City, Harvey S. Barer, has for several years volunteered to co-ordinate the activities of the entrants. The Nassau County Bar Association sponsors the mock trial tournament.

LIRR Branch Line Managers

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The managers will supervise ticket sellers and employees providing cleaning services at stations and on tracks within their jurisdiction. They will conduct safety and cleaning inspections and investigate customer complaints. In addition, they will be responsible for ensuring that ticket vending machines are in good working condition.

Help for Military Families

The Nassau County Department of Social Services has announced the appointment of a special liaison to help ease access to social services for families of Nassau County military serving in the Persian Gulf.

"This is certainly an extremely emotional time for all residents, but it is even more difficult for the families of our brave men and women serving the United States in the Middle East," said County Executive Thomas Gulotta. "By establishing a special Social Services liaison, families of military service personnel will be able to obtain information on certain services they may now qualify to receive, due to decreased family income."

To contact the liaison, residents should call 535-5164 from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Hard-of-Hearing Support

A new, free support group for hard-of-hearing young adults is beginning at the Adelphi University Social Services Center in Garden City. People between the ages of 17 and 24 will be able to meet regularly with others like them for support, guidance, and encouragement.

The group begins on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and meets for eight consecutive Tuesdays.

At the same time, a new group for parents of a hard-of-hearing child will meet. This group is open to parents regardless of the age of the child.

For information or to register, call (516) 877-4318 or 877-4332.

BOCES: Giving High-Schoolers Skills

By Dave Mock

You can't get the skills unless you have the job. But you can't get the job unless you have the skills.

Where do you turn?

For hundreds of Nassau high school students, the road to a future career starts with programs offered by the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). From its headquarters in a former elementary school in South Westbury, Nassau BOCES coordinates occupational-education programs for more than 1,250 high-school students in the county's 56 school districts.

"For a school district to set up (the programs) would be too costly," said Vincent La Sala, executive administrator at BOCES.

The organization operates the Nassau Technological Center program at four sites—the State University at Old Westbury, the Westbury Center on Prospect Avenue in New Cassel, the Bethpage Center on Hicksville Road and the Carle Place Center on Glen Cove Road at Westbury Avenue.

Nassau Tech offers 30 courses in different skills, all in an environment similar to those people would find on the job. That's by design—because the skills they will learn in class are those they often take with them if they pursue that vocation.

Hairdressing class is taught in a room equipped the same way as a beauty parlor. Food preparation is taught in a working kitchen. Carpentry is taught in a shop.

BOCES students spend a portion of their day at their local high schools and come to one of the Nassau Tech centers for the balance. To support the program, BOCES raises no taxes, but receives tuition from the students' home school districts.

"It's as good as college here," said student Chris Antonacci, a high-school student from Oceanside who was working in one corner of the trade-electricity shop at the Carle Place Center one recent weekday. Mr. Antonacci intends to go into the field after graduating from high school.

Lou Magera of Lynbrook was next to him, working on another system. Magera said he intended to go to Adelphi University after graduation, then "get a job somewhere."

BOCES official Barbara Behrens said that about 50 percent of last year's Nassau Tech graduates went on to two- or four-year colleges. "There's got to be work," she said. "We have to make sure that the programs we offer are real."

Two doors down from the trade electricity class, several students were working on wishing wells they constructed as part of a first-year carpentry class. The wells they constructed look simple, but the methods used to construct them incorporate dozens of skills—46 of them, according to instructor Vincent DeSalvo.

In addition to those skills, the first-year students learn roofing, flashing water out, installing locks and hinges, making mouldings and other skills—all completed



Students learn the skills of dental assistance at a Nassau Tech class.

with hand tools. The last project for first-year students involves the construction of a six-by-10 house, with four students working on a house.

And everything starts with the basics—constructing two-by-fours, learning how to make a 45-degree angle and building tote benches that are used throughout the first year, Mr. DeSalvo said.

That's all in the first year. Second-year students learn to do more advanced work, this time with power tools, he added.

Commercial food preparation operates on a similar level. The students learn everything from cold food to hot food—salads, soups, meat products and other foods that would be featured on a typical menu.

"Kids, when they leave, are going to start making good money," said instructor

William Jenkins. The students—28 in the morning session and 18 in the afternoon session—change areas every two weeks, said Mr. Jenkins, who added that the food-preparation students use all major machinery.

Mr. Jenkins, who has been involved in food preparation for nearly 40 years, cited the success of one former BOCES student who he said went on to purchase a bakery in New York City.

On the other side of the Nassau Tech kitchen, another group of students, supervised by Doc Marcus, was making stuffed mushrooms, creole gumbo soup, and a delicacy they created by stuffing phyllo dough, ricotta, spinach and Parmesan cheese.

BOCES officials cite the advantage that Nassau Tech graduates have over those who don't have the skills, yet try to go into the same fields. In addition, they say, those who decide to attend post-secondary school or other similar programs can improve their foundation even more.

In addition to the above programs, other offerings include those in animal care, computers, graphic arts, health and personal services like child development and fashion technology. By state mandate, BOCES can only provide programs for which there is a market.

In addition, each program allows students to learn skills in becoming part of the job market—getting the job, conducting themselves in an interview, preparing a resume, solving problems and working well with others.

Which Nassau Tech center the student attends depends on the program chosen and the home address of the student. Bus transportation is provided between the home school and Nassau Tech.

Each year students complete at Nassau Tech gives them four units of credit toward a high-school diploma. When they get to college, the students may obtain advanced credit.

For more information about Nassau Tech, call 997-5410 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Bernadette McKenzie learned commercial printing last year as a Nassau Tech student.

(Photos courtesy Nassau BOCES)

Local Parochial Students Are Kept Busy

Hicksville's three parochial schools—St. Ignatius, Holy Family and Our Lady of Mercy—have been kept busy with very full agendas. Here is a summary of the schools' latest activities.

St. Ignatius

St. Ignatius students in Mrs. Spevy and Mrs. Seminario's class recently visited the Hicksville Fire Department. They were greeted by Captain Larry Krummenacker who is a St. Ignatius graduate.

The children saw a movie on fire prevention and were taught safety practices that they could apply in their own homes. The children were most impressed with the sparkling, red fire engines. The highlight of the trip came when Captain Krummenacker demonstrated how the firefighters slide down the pole.

Also at St. Ignatius, Dr. Sharon Essner of Hicksville presented dental health programs for nursery through eighth grade. Dr. Essner discussed the importance of good dental health habits. Each child received a dental health kit after the presentation.

Children in kindergarten at St. Ignatius performed a play about the birth of Jesus during the December holidays. The children presented the play for their parents and for students. The children were directed by their teacher, Veronica Semanario and assisted by their aide, Genevieve Sullivan.

Our Lady of Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy School began the holidays with its annual Christmas concert featuring the talented band and glee club. Under the direction of Paul Eifman, the dedication and hard work of the young musicians were apparent to the audience.

The Glee Club, under the direction of Sister Mary Beth and Miss Pardini, provided Christmas songs. Sister Mary Winifred accompanied the Glee Club in their presentation. The audience enjoyed singing "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer" along with the Glee Club and band.

The Christmas plays at Our Lady of Mercy were also a success. Sister Mary Beth and Mrs. Russo brought out the talents of many first grade students in the story "This Is Christmas."



Our Lady of Mercy kindergarten children enjoyed Hicksville fireman Larry's talk on equipment that is used fighting a fire.

Sister Jeannine and her cast brought the story of *Alice in Wonderland* to the stage. Playing Alice was Judy Karazin, Frank Giannuzzi was the White Rabbit, and Maria Saccardi was the Queen.

Santa paid a special visit to Our Lady for a "Snack With Santa" celebration with the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes.

Our Lady of Mercy announces its December Students of the Month. They are:

- Kindergarten I A.M.—Andrew O'Connell
- Kindergarten I P.M.—Robert Braun
- Kindergarten II A.M.—Robert Faderl
- Kindergarten II P.M.—Mallou Reus
- 1A—Dereck Wilkins
- 1B—Michael Zuccaro
- 2A—Nicholas Imperature
- 2B—Nathalie Moise
- 3A—Jonathan Prussman
- 3B—Jamie Steuer
- 4A—Douglas Naumann
- 4B—Joseph Stella
- 5A—Ronald Ng
- 5B—Larissa Budnick
- 5C—Tracy Ferrero
- 6A—Karen Burkel
- 6B—Jill Lott
- 7A—Joseph Bruton
- 8A—Kelly Sullivan
- 8B—Douglas Thomas
- 8C—Anetta Szumowski

As part of OLM's Phase III of the Growing Healthy curriculum—Happiness is MY Happy Health Helpers and Me—the children in Ms. Pardini and Mrs. Buckley's kindergarten classes hosted two special Community Helpers: Officer William Byrnes from the New York Police Department 107th Precinct and fireman Larry from the Hicksville Fire Department.

Both officer Byrnes and fireman Larry spoke to the children about their jobs and about ways that they can be safe at home and in school. A highlight of Fireman Larry's visit was a tour of the Hook and Ladder truck in the schoolyard.

The eighth grade students gave a group presentation to their class about topics such as Women's Suffrage, The Spanish American War, Hawaii, Theodore Roosevelt and political cartoons.

The activity was a review of the period in history called Reform. Progressives wanted to control trusts, to get rid of city

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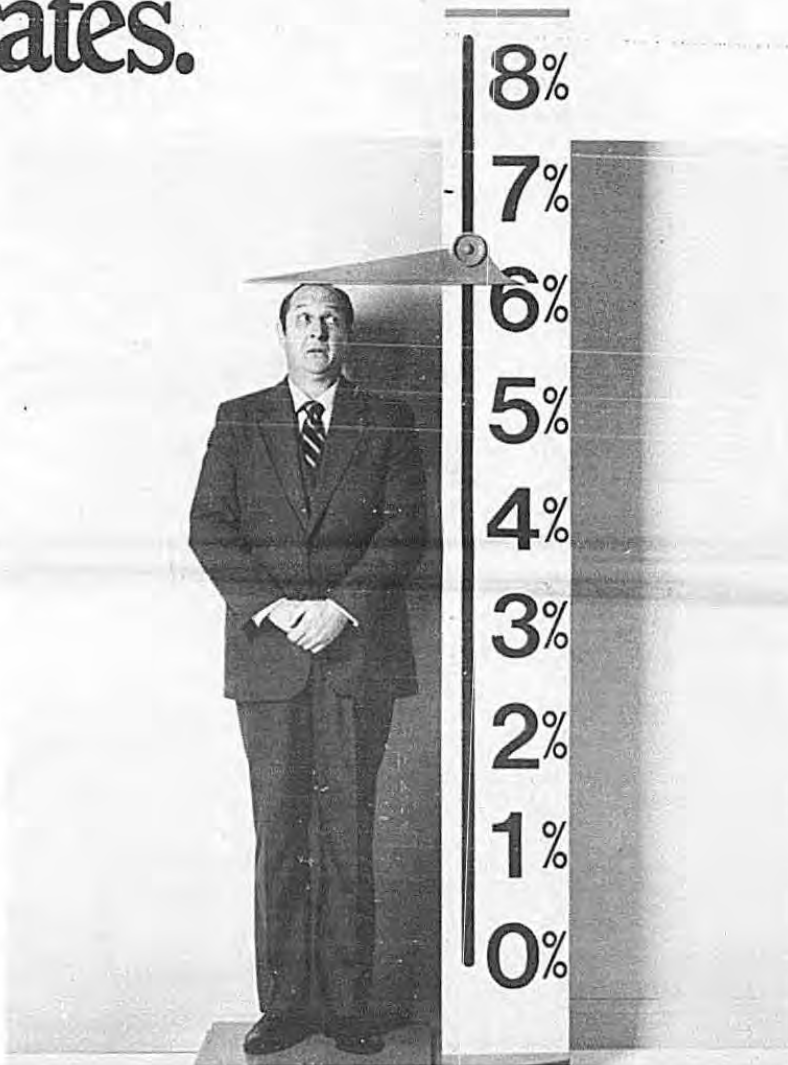
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HISTORY IN ACTION: Our Lady of Mercy student Jackie Raha explains to her classmates the progress history has made in machinery. The group shared ideas and research materials which helped them understand the topics in a new way. The students' teacher is Jane Brendell.

Local Parochial Students Are Kept Busy

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bosses, give voters more power and protect consumers.
Another activity was related to how America looked overseas. The children expressed ideas about Hawaii and the effects of the Spanish-American war.

The groups shared ideas and research materials which helped them understand the topics in a different way. Teacher Jane Brendell enjoyed the presentation that her students gave because of their great creativity concerning the assigned topics.

Many OLM students participated in the Diocesan Christmas Poster Contest. The posters were judged on criteria, such as theme, appealing and intriguing picture and workmanship.

First Place Winners
Tara Veneziano—kindergarten
Marisa Volpe—first grade
Michael Izzo—second grade
James Heelan—fourth grade
Jennifer Intindoli—fifth grade
Lorraine Strawsacker—sixth grade
Sally Ann Yodice—seventh grade
Michael Intindoli—eighth grade

Second Place Winners
Katie Considine—kindergarten
Robert Welk—first grade
Anthony DiMari—third grade
Ryan Pingitore—fourth grade
Theresa Saccardi—fifth grade
Tara Hellan—sixth grade
Jennifer Dowes—seventh grade
Timothy Blaire—eighth grade

Third Place Winners
Michelle Calderone—kindergarten
Peter Janson—first grade
Nora Healy and Jeannine Tedesco—third grade (tie)
Joanna Welk and Megan Brown—fifth grade (tie)
Denise Rutsky—sixth grade
Marie Saccardi—eighth grade

Honorable Mention
Michelle Epstein and Christina DiMari—kindergarten
Kimberly Alloggio and Katelyn Beaudette—first grade
Andrew Cherry and Debra Sands—fifth grade

Holy Family

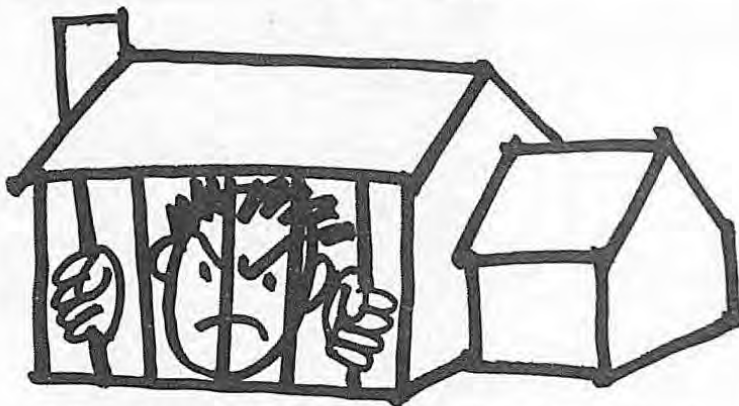
The staff and faculty of Holy Family had a day of prayer at Our Lady of Grace House of Prayer in Manhasset. The day was planned by Sister Angela Gannon, C.S.J., who focused on the ministry of being a Catholic school teacher in the 1990s.

The sixth grade classes went to the police headquarters of Nassau County police headquarters where they learned about the history and present day activities of Nassau County. They saw videos and visited the police museum. By the end of the tour the children had learned how the police do their jobs at headquarters and outside. Safety policeman Mike Prochillo visited the school and spoke to the children about pedestrian safety. He also showed a film and answered many questions from the children about how to keep safe while crossing streets.

Father Edward Donnelly, Holy Family's pastor, officiated at a Christmas prayer service attended by all the students of the school. A pageant was put on by the seventh graders and Christmas hymns were sung by all the students.

The faculty and entire student body are now preparing events for Catholic School Week (January 27—February 1). Open house will be on Sunday, Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to visit the school. For further information call 938-1211.

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Non-Fiction

A Life on the Road—Charles Kuralt, *The Cat and the Curmudgeon*—Cleveland Amory, *Darkness Visible*—, *Get to the Heart*—Barbara Mandrell, *Sudden*—George F. Will.

Videos

RoboCop 2, *Love At Large*, *Gremlins 2*, *Dick Tracy*, *Men at Work*.

Local Seniors Clubs Celebrate Holidays



The Hicksville/Levittown Seniors celebrated the holidays with a luncheon party last month at the festively decorated Coral House in Baldwin. Director Edna Crews, president, Carmela DePace and Jean Musacchio arrived before the group to add their own decorations and favors to the tables. Holy Family Players, Al Lippman, Irene Coony and Charlie Coederer, who are also club members, entertained the group with Christmas carols. (From left, back row) Anglina Hock, Edna Crews, Mary Dunne, Betty Bosco, Irene Coony, Mary Jane Goederer.



Hicksville-Mid Island Seniors enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at Anton's in Hicksville. Pictured is (from left) Irma DeStefano, director, Stephen Aronowitz, director of continuing education for Hicksville High School, and Clare Smyth, president of the senior club.

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Wednesdays: AARP, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursdays: Nassau Community College, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Fridays: St. John's University, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Pursuant to the provisions of Article I, Division 3, Section 67 of the Building Zone Ordinance, Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing in the Town Hall (East Building) Meeting Room, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, New York, on February 7, 1991, at 7:00 P.M., to consider the following appeals:

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Nationally, Keith notes, the number of personal bankruptcies filed under Chapter 13 rose from 149,000 in 1988 to 167,000 in 1989. Since August, the New York Times reports, bankruptcy filings have increased to a record 1300 a week.

One reason for the rise, Keith says,

is the realization that the bankruptcy laws "aren't designed to wipe you out. They're designed to take creditors off your back and to enable you to become financially stable again. The laws allow you to reorganize your business so you can repay debts in a realistic fashion."

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A Homeless Story

To The Editor:

On pleasant summer days I often walk to the stores. One day I saw a woman sitting on the bench in the West Green Park in Levittown. Next to her stood a supermarket carriage with a few bags. The woman told me she was sleeping on the bare floor on somebody's porch. She had no money and was asking for a cup of coffee at the store. She told me that she had worked for 9 years as a nun and 20 years as a secretary. Ill health had brought her to her present situation. I gave the woman some money, took her

to the Soup Kitchen and called charities. I found a room for her and drove her to the welfare office. She received two months assistance and then was terminated. Several months later she was evicted and all her belongings were put in the street. A volunteer from St. Bernard's of Levittown then drove the woman to a hotel and to welfare and gave her a job.

If you would like to help the homeless, please send donations to the Hicksville INN at Redeemer Lutheran, Hicksville.

Karin Frey

Superintendent Search

To The Editor:

I was shocked and dismayed by the news that Dr. Catherine Fenton is retiring. It is a sad day for the children of Hicksville. This could not have happened at a worse time with the current school board in complete disarray. Dr. Fenton has been an asset to this district and has performed a great service to the children of our community as Superintendent of Schools for the past nine years.

I haven't always agreed with Dr. Fenton, but I have never, ever, questioned her dedication to our children and to raising the standards of education in Hicksville, which she has done very successfully.

Dr. Fenton will be hard to replace because of the chaos created in our school district by the Martillo, Collins, Rudin, Hicksville Congress of Teachers faction. Dr. Fenton has been badly used by this group and I can't but feel that their actions may have contributed to her decision to retire.

The parents and taxpayers of Hicksville should be extremely wary of anyone who the Martillo, Collins, Rudin, HCT group might attempt to foist upon us as the new Superintendent of Schools. By keeping Dr. Fenton as a consultant for five years, I hope that the Board is not planning to use this as a reason to lower its standards in searching for a new superintendent. We must search diligently for a suitable candidate, an experienced senior administrator, not a school principal, and preferably someone who has had some experience with school closings.

There should be no final vote on a new superintendent until we have a Full school board.

I am personally very, very, sorry to see Dr. Fenton leave and I wish to say thank you Dr. Fenton, most sincerely, for all your efforts, your time and all you have done educationally for the children of Hicksville.

Helen M. Lafferty



Old Country Road School PTA mom Terri Perkowski helps students Matthew Rosado, Sal Mecariello, William Sanchez and Bob Becker at the school's annual book fair.

Hicksville Community Council

February Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 7
7:30 p.m.,
Hicksville Public Library
Community Room

Program:

- Slide Presentation By Jim Mulligan
Nassau Co. Dept. of Public Works

Topic - Nassau Co. Water Supply

- Quantity
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- Source

- Town of Oyster Bay Report
Councilman Tom Clark
Please Come Early

Letters From Our Readers

Letters to the editor are welcomed by the editors and publishers of the *Anton Community Newspapers*. However, they must follow certain guidelines in order for us to print them: they should be as short as possible; we reserve the right to edit in the interest of space; they MUST be signed (a typed name at the bottom will not suffice); they must include an address and telephone number so that we can verify their authenticity. We receive many fine letters which we would like to share with our readers, but we are unable to use them because they are unsigned or have a typewritten name only.

We cannot publish every letter we receive because of space limitations, but we try to present both sides of all issues. Personal attacks and letters considered to be in poor taste will not be printed.

Newspaper Recycling

To The Editor:

As a follow-up to your "New Re-cycling" article of January 17th, you may wish to provide the readership with a few pointers on twine for re-cycling.

The reason for twine use, instead of bags, in newspaper recycling, is to expedite the "cleaning" of the paper before it goes to the re-cycler who will now be paying the Town of Oyster Bay instead of charging for processing. As the cleaning occurs the twine will have to be disposed of in some way by the Town of Oyster Bay. Bags had just produced more waste to be carted. Twine that is biodegradable can be included in composted matter.

We have recommended to the Town of Oyster Bay that the homeowner use only sisal or jute for tying papers as they are: visible and easy to cut from papers during cleaning; re-cyclable; soft on the hands during tying but easy and firm to knot; and they are available in reasonable-sized packages for use. The small tubes of twine with only 100 to 200 feet on them would be gone in no

time, considering that 6 to 9 feet of twine will be used for each bundle. Jute and sisal are available in tubes containing from 250 to 3000 feet of twine.

Other twines available through the normal supply outlets, such as cotton/polyester, polypropylene, or nylon twines, do not offer the benefits mentioned above for jute and sisal.

As background to our knowledge of twine, I've been in this business for 15 years, Schermerhorn for 92 years, and we have been in touch with the Town of Oyster Bay people and re-cycler to discuss product use. We gain only from a better environment by suggesting a proper product since we supply all types of bundling material through distributors in large quantities across the U.S.A.

I hope this information will be of value and you will pass its essence on to your readership.

Yours for a better world,
Kenneth Rice - Account Manager N.E.
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Community Donates Goods

To The Editor:

Shortly before Christmas, the Hicksville Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) put out a call to the community of Hicksville for donations of hats, scarfs and gloves for the guests of the INN. With only three weeks until Christmas, the community responded so generously that all the guests of the INN received presents with enough left to hold in reserve for the long winter ahead.

To those who live on the street, even a small amount of extra clothing helps in their fight to survive and maintain their dignity. To the elderly, poor and lonely, a gift eases the way and shows someone cares.

The INN thanks all in the community for their donations with hope of remaining "good neighbors" in the coming year.

Hicksville INN Board

Honoring Dr. Rev. Theodore Grant

To The Editor:

In a worship service on January 13 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, followed by a reception at the congregation's facility, the myriads of friends and associates bid a tearful farewell to the congregation's beloved pastor of twenty-three years, Dr. Grant has problems with his health, which will limit his ability to sustain the rigors of a congregational ministry, and he announced his retirement late in 1990.

The officiating clergyman for the meaningful worship service was the Rev. Henry J. Wuerz, pastor of First Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie. The Rev. Wuerz is a former member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, one of Dr. Grant's so-called proteges, and one of seven people who have gone into the Lord's service from Redeemer

of the Board of Directors of the Hicksville I.N.N. (the local Soup Kitchen with headquarters at Redeemer Church), and is a well-known and recognized authority in his field. Dr. Grant is also the Chaplain for the Hicksville Fire Department. The Grant family will continue to reside in Hicksville, but he will be sorely missed at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Following the worship service, a reception was held to further honor Pastor and Mrs. Grant. Dr. Grant was presented with a suitably inscribed gold pocket watch, gold-plated keys to the church and accolades from his flock, so to speak.

The picture is a candid one, showing Dr. Grant, having received one of his farewell gifts, with Mrs. Grant shown at the left con-



Church. "Hank" Wuerz is married to the former Lorelle Krogmann of Hicksville.

Dr. Grant, the honoree has been a strong influence in the community on behalf of the homeless and hungry. He has headed the Ecumenical Counselling Center, was a professor at Yeshiva University, the Chairman

ferring with Effie Krogmann, next to Dr. Grant, all surrounded by friends who filled the sanctuary and auditorium for the occasion.

Effie Krogmann
Longtime Friend of Pastor Grant

The Investor's Corner

By Dr. Joseph P. Frey

Go With The Flow

We have heard all sorts of dire predictions for 1991. Everything was down the tubes. Stay away from this, or that, Retailers were



Dr. Joseph P. Frey

not selling, airlines would not fly, etc. GNP was going to fall drastically. This writer has felt we are in a recession and have been for more than 6 months. The GNP numbers for the first time have indicated that we are there. Even the administration and the Federal Reserve seem to agree with what we have known for awhile.

This article is not about joining the negative sayers. It is about what to look for in a stock in these circumstances. You look for FREE CASH FLOW in a company if you want to be reasonably sure that your company will not go bankrupt. Free cash flow is an additional insurance that a firm can ride out tough times and be ready for the rebound. Free cash flow is a gauge of how well a company has been managed, how much debt is on the books, how healthy it is for the long pull.

Now everybody knows that too many firms took on too much debt. There are some very good companies with growing revenues (sales) that are in deep trouble because they paid too much for the company with too much debt when the banks were too free and easy with loans. They have no free cash flow. They are in trouble. If you hold any of that debt, you are in trouble. If your high yield mutual fund holds any of that debt, you are in trouble. Free cash flow is important to know about.

Todd Shipyards followed a good investment pattern. It had a low Price to Earnings ratio (PE) and a high return on equity. It went bankrupt because it had a negative Free cash flow because the firm was highly leveraged with debt.

Free Cash flow is the ultimate bottom line. It gives financial flexibility. It gives the ability to react to change. It is ultimately a good leading indicator for the value of a company. It is very similar to your disposable (after tax) income for a company. It means that there are extra dollars for increasing dividends which is always good. It means that the firm has the money to repurchase its stock or do R&D or expand its business.

With the recession, more and more companies will be looking to repurchase the stock as its value falls. What this means is that "cash is king". So what is this wonderful number?

To answer that question we have to look at what we consider regular cash flow for a company. There are many definitions of cash flow. In its broad sense we take net earnings and add back non cash expenses, like depreciation. All of the definitions are similar. They all have the deficiency of not being able to assess whether the company can repay its debt, or acquire companies or spend for capital improvements. An income statement does not tell us whether a firm has cash. It tells us if a firm has profits. Profits and cash are two different things.

Free cash flow takes into consideration, and includes, many possible sources of cash. For instance, overspending on R&D, pension fund surpluses, and earnings of subsidiaries that are reported but not transmitted to the parent company. All of these can be sources of cash. The beauty of free cash flow is that it puts all companies on an even keel, on the same playing field. Straight PE ratio do not tell you the cash position of a company.

To find out about a company's free cash flow you must look at the balance sheet and the footnotes of those balance sheets. There in the footnotes of the balance sheets is where companies bury the negatives. Compare 3 to 4 years. Look for the things mentioned above. Estimate the free cash flow. Then take your figure and divide it by the stock price. This gives you the Free cash flow multiple. From year to year, is it rising or falling? You want it to rise. You want companies with more Free cash flow. A good number is about 20-1, free cash flow to the stock price.

Compare the free cash flow to the debt of the company. Can the company pay all of its debt in 5 years? Only about 25 percent of all public (listed) companies can do that. The average of free cash flow is about \$.70 to each \$1.00 of debt.

In all of this you want to avoid high debt and negative free cash flow. What you want is a company with consistent free cash flow. You will find as a general rule that capital intensive companies (lot of Plant and equipment) have low free cash flow. Firms with a lot of free cash flow have a tendency to be the winners over the long run.

So you say to yourself, this is a lot of work. Yes, it is. It's your money. It took you a long time and a lot of work to make it. Do not invest without spending time to invest it wisely. Free cash flow analysis is not free.

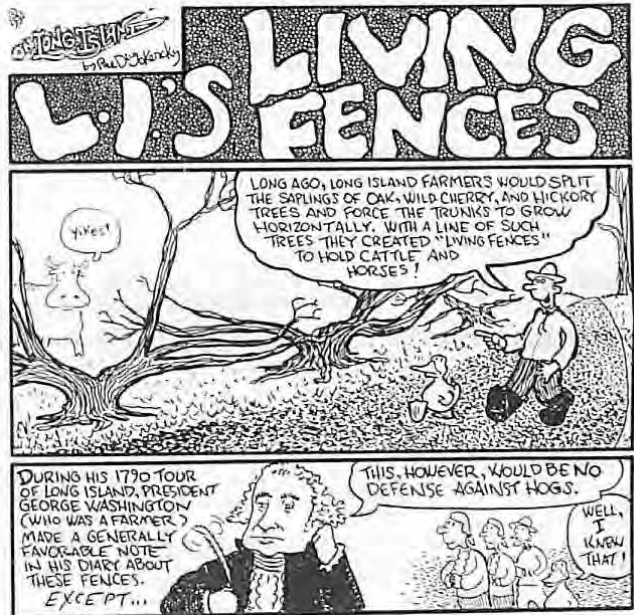
Doctor Frey is a professor of investments and finance at LIU/C.W. Post campus and a personal financial planner with offices in Garden City and New York.

A Letter from Lulabelle...

...How do you feel about moving your furniture around?...Are you one of those people who like to come in, in the dark, and leap on the bed knowing that it will be there because it always was in that exact spot—or do you like to have a new look from time to time?...My Mother was a furniture mover...Not only did she rearrange everything as the seasons changed—take up the rugs and roll them in moth balls—(will you ever forget that smell!!)—take down all the drapes and put up light summer tie-backs—cover all the furniture with cretonne slip covers—(you have heard of cretonne, of course?)—have my Father put up the awnings—that was a lovely change to make the rooms seem cool and dark and pleasant all summer long—and put away all the knick-knacks that usually cluttered the tables and the mantel and remove the "wall pockets" which were really little china vases that hung on the wall and were filled in our house with fake flowers...but, in addition, my Mother could rearrange a room in a flash—the sofa where the piano had been—which was a good trick since our living room had hardly any wall space—the best reading chair on the other side of the fireplace...and, in the bedrooms—the bed went from one catty-corner to another and the dresser followed its peregrinations...The sewing machine could travel without regard for the electric plugs because it was a treadle that we pumped back and forth...The only thing I recall which never moved was a bamboo bookcase that was behind the door in my Brother's room and I never saw it anywhere else—I wonder why?...Even poor Ginger, our faithful mutt, had to survey the rooms before jumping onto some furniture he was not allowed on, anyway...But, I must admit, it does give a lift to see a different arrangement—just not too often.

Yours, Lulabelle

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AT YOUR SERVICE

CHADD Educational Forum Feb 4

CHADD (Children with Attention Deficit Disorder and/or Hyperactivity) will hold its next educational forum on Monday, February 4th, at Temple Israel, 2655 Clubhouse Road, Merrick. Michael Simon, PhD, will discuss the importance of family, group and/or individual therapy for the ADD/ADHD child. The session is open to non-members. \$2 at the door. Call 433-5321 for details.

Fostering Self-Esteem In Your Children

Mercy Hospital says that self-esteem is one of the most important gifts you can give your child. A lack of self-esteem can have a pro-

found effect on their lives as adults.

In response to this recognition, the Rockville Centre hospital is holding a Fostering Self-esteem workshop on February 6 at 7:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person, but there are special rates for couples and parents who attend more than one workshop in the hospital's Responsive Parenting series.

Future topics: Single Parenting; and You and Your Adolescent.

For further information or to register, call the Social Work Department at 255-2242.

Home Health Aide Training In Hicksville

The Nassau County Office of Family Aides, Inc., will be sponsoring its fifth in a series of free training programs for certified Home Health Aides. To be held in Hicksville, Feb 25-Mar 9, it will provide

trainees with free medical exams and eligibility to receive financial assistance towards costs associated with taking the course.

No prior nursing care experience is required.

Called Project "PULSE", recruitment for the program is aimed at people interested in starting a new career or looking to re-enter the workplace in the health care field, including recent high school grads, mothers of young children, and senior citizens. There is job placement following training.

To see how you qualify or to register, call 681-2300.

Help For Retarded Children

The Nassau Association for the Help for Retarded Children together with other chapters of the statewide organization is marking the week before Valentine's Day to remind the public of the care and love given

to the mentally ill year-round. The largest unit in NYS, it will hold open houses during the period Feb 7-14.

The statewide effort is being called "Legacy of Love"

In Nassau County about twelve hundred mentally retarded children and adults are served every day in programs sponsored by the Nassau AHRC. Those activities include a school on AHRC's Brookville campus, which also houses a day treatment center and horticultural program. In Plainview and Freeport, the organization has vocational centers and sheltered workshops as well as training facilities for community job placement. An intermediate care facility is also located in Plainview; and scattered throughout Nassau County are community residences and supportive living apartments.

In addition to a year-round recreation program, AHRC also runs a summer program at Brookville, and a residential camp upstate at Hunter.



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By Marc Herbst

Since the January general membership meeting of the Hicksville Republican Club was cancelled due to a snowstorm, the in-

stallation of officers and directors for 1991 has been rescheduled for the February general membership meeting.

The February meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 8, at the Hicksville V.F.W. Hall, 320 South Broadway, Hicksville, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Nassau County Court Judge Marc Mogil will serve as the evening's Installing Officer. In addition to installing John Marks as the club's new president, Judge Mogil will install all of the other new officers and directors. The 1991 officers and directors are:

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Friday, February 1 And Sunday, February 3

Gaslight will be performed at Bayway Arts Center in East Islip. For more information, call 581-2700.

Friday, February 1 And Saturday, February 2

The Marriage of Figaro will be presented by the New York City Opera National Company at Tilles Center at 8. For more information, call 626-3100.

Saturday, February 2

Randy Weston and Trio will give a Concert at 8 at the Staller Center at University at Stony Brook. Tickets are \$17.50/\$15.50. For more information, call 632-6590.

A free Cross Country Skiing Clinic, sponsored by Nassau County will be held at Eisenhower Park from 10-Noon. For more information, call 542-4434.

A Botany Lecture "Winter Weeds and Seed Pods" will be given from 9:30-1 at Garvies Point Museum, Glen Cove. Advance registration is required; Call 671-0300.

A "Winter Trek" will be held at Mutton-town Preserve, East Norwich from 10-Noon. To register for this free program, call 922-3123.

Saturday, February 2 Through March 2

The Art League of Nassau County will present a Membership Exhibit and Sale at Kellenberg Hall at Malloy College.

Saturday, February 2 Through March 31

"Ballads, Legends, Couples and Myths: Painting and Drawings by Lee Hill" is an Art Exhibit on display at the African American Museum in Hempstead. For more information, call 485-0470.

Saturday, February 2 And Sunday, February 3

The film *The More Abundant Lifewill* be shown at Garvies Point Museum at 11, 2, and 3. Admission is 25¢. For more information, call 671-0300.

Sunday, February 3

A free Lecture "Africa Before Slavery" will be given at the African American Museum in Hempstead at 2. For more information, call 485-0470.

A traditional Valentine Making program will be held at Old Bethpage Village Restoration from 12:30-3:30. For more information, call 420-5280.

The Charleston String Quartet will appear in Concert at 2:30 in Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Tickets are \$12.50. For more information, call 922-0061.

Boston, Massachusetts—Vose Galleries of Boston will open the first of three exhibitions featuring American Impressionist and National Academician Walter Farndon (1873-1964) on Feb. 6th. Over 90 of his canvases are included in the commencement show, depicting landscapes and familiar marine views throughout the Northeast and Nova Scotia.

For long-time residents of the area who have followed the career of noted local painters, Farndon will be remembered as a nationally prominent artist who spent the last few years of his life living in Valley Stream in the 1960s.

Living and working in an era of passionate and often controversial changes in the art world, Walter Farndon managed to retain the essential personal pleasure of creation. Young Farndon's artistic inclination came naturally; his maternal grandmother was a stained glass designer, and his father, Amos Farndon, a silk weaver and designer. Just after Walter's eleventh birthday, the family emigrated from Coventry, England, to settle in Yonkers.

Expected to contribute to the support of his brothers and sister, and following in his relatives' footsteps, Farndon found a job in the designing room of Abe Smith Carpet Company. There, working in opaque water-colors, his first experience with the creative process fostered his desire to spend his life ex-

ploring the many facets of color.

Farndon was encouraged by his supervisor, Ernest Parton, who later became a National Academician, and especially by George Stengel, who became a well-respected landscape painter. Determined to follow in his mentors' footsteps, Farndon left the carpet factory to enroll in the National Academy of Design in 1898 and the Mechanics Institute in 1900.

During Farndon's years at the Academy, the artist persuaded Jonas Lie to join his art class, alongside Maurice Sterne, John Costigan, George Elmer Browne and Ivan Olinsky. The class was one of the most famous gatherings of talent the Academy had ever seen; and some of its members banded together and became known as the "Outlaws" or "Insurgents." Out of the loose organization of the Insurgents evolved the Country Sketch Club, founded in early 1897. Its members practiced direct observation of nature in an informal, non-academic environment.

Farndon, living in this bohemian paradise, regarded the Sketch Club years as some of his happiest. During this period, he worked as a sculptor for the Edwin Shuttleworth Marble Company, and created works that graced the Plaza Hotel, Radio City, and Western Union building in New York.

After ten years in New Jersey, Farndon

sought other sources of inspiration, most often from seaside locations. Favorite areas included: Rockport, Boothbay Harbor and Monhegan Island, Maine; northern Vermont; Gloucester and Eastport, Massachusetts; Long Island and the Hudson Valley, New York; and Nova Scotia.

A rapid painter who clutched his brush in his fist, Farndon captured spontaneous, fresh impressions on canvas with thick impasto. Using his technical training as a base, he emphasized the importance of approaching nature openly, rather than focusing on individual details. This fluid yet refined technique was hailed by critics who loved Farndon's energetic style.

On October 11, 1933, he was elected by the National Academy to the highest honor an artist can hope for: National Academician.

With Farndon's death in Valley Stream in 1964, America lost a great Impressionist painter, one who felt a love of free expression, enthusiasm for nature, and continual delight in painting.

The Vose Galleries welcome the public to enjoy the exhibition which will run from February 6 through April, 1991. Telephone inquiries are welcome. Catalogues including a more detailed account of the artist's career, as well as a full listing of paintings in the exhibition are also available.

Call 617-536-6176 for more information.



VALLEY STREAM LAKESIDE POOL (LONG ISLAND), an oil on panel painting by Walter Farndon, is one of 90 pieces on display at the Vose Gallery in Boston.



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Huntington's IMAC presents New York Voices, jazz vocalists, Feb 2 9pm (549-ARTS)...Manhasset's Americana presents 4th annual Ice Carving Fest—Valentine Celebration Feb 9, 10 (627-6700)...Mozart: 200 years of research and analysis" at Hofstra Feb 8-10 (463-5663)...Czech Orchestra Plays Staller Center, Stony Brook Feb 9 8pm (TicketMaster 888-9000)...Islip Art Museum presents "Ancestors Known and Unknown" organized by the National Women Artists of Color, from Feb 3 til Mar 31 (224-5402)...The Other Vic presents Goodbye Charlie around LI this month—the 2, 8-10, and 15th (561-0620)...



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Friday, February 1

- Hicksville Public Library will present a second lecture by psychic Deanna Davino. Topic: "Developing Your Psychic Gifts." Takes place February 1. Learn about psychic abilities and talents. Some individual readings will take place. Tickets required. Ask at circulation desk.

Saturday, February 2

- Children's Program: "Be A Star" at the Hicksville Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2 p.m. Have you ever wanted to sing in front of an audience? Here's your chance. Elementary age children (k-6) invited to participate. Younger siblings and family members welcome in the audience. The program will be lead by a local music teacher.

- Hicksville Public Library will sponsor a workshop for grades 7 through 12. "African Textile Art." 11 a.m. in the Young Adult Department. Roda Graham will speak about African Adinkra stamped cloth from Ghana. Participants will use authentic supplies and patterns to stamp cloth. Class size is limited, so register early at the circulation desk. Adults and non-residents welcome to attend this program.

- Flea market/bake sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lutheran Church of St. Stephen, 270 South Broadway. Sponsored by the church's youth group. Proceeds go to the Church Building Fund. Sale will be in the lounge directly under the church. For information call 9-12, weekdays at 931-0710.

Tuesday, February 5

- Register now for a jewelry workshop, 8 p.m. at the Hicksville Public Library. Decorate wood bracelets and earrings. Materials fee is \$5.50 for a set. Bring a number 4 round artist brush.

Wednesday, February 6

- Blood drive, 3:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at Holy Family Church, 20 Fordham Avenue, Hicksville. Sponsored by Long Island Blood Services. To schedule an appointment to donate call 800-933-BLOOD.

Thursday, February 7

- Homemakers Councils of Nassau County will hold its monthly meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Church, Stewart Avenue, Hicksville. Regular business meeting with program planning.

Friday, February 8

- Registration today at 10 a.m. for the AARP Driving Course, "55 Alive," will be given at the Hicksville Public Library in two sessions, March 19 and 22 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring check for \$10 made out to AARP on Feb. 8.

- St. Francis of Assisi Hicksville-Levittown Chapter of the Catholic Golden Age will meet at 1:15 p.m. at Levittown Hall, Levittown Parkway, Hicksville. All welcome. For information call 334-6725.

- Hicksville Republican Club meets at 8:30 p.m. at Hicksville VFW Hall, 320 South Broadway.

Sunday, February 10

- Long Island Blood Services will sponsor a community blood drive at St. Ignatius Church in Hicksville 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. The donation site will be held in the Old School Building located on East Nicholas Street. To schedule an appointment call John Bishop at 796-3341.

- Soly Sombra, the Spanish Dance Company, will perform at the Hicksville Library at 3 p.m. All welcome.

Wednesday, February 13

- Book discussion: *With Malice Toward* (continued on page 3B)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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None, by Stephen Oates, led by Fred Krahn. 1 p.m. at the Hicksville Public Library. Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. All readers are welcome to join. Books discussed are available at the circulation desk.

Thursday, February 14

• Hicksville Public Library Children's Room is sponsoring a program: "Valentine Fun" with Donna and Ellen. There will be two sessions. 1 to 2 p.m. for 2½ to 3½ year olds and 2 to 3 p.m. for 4, 5 and 6. Registration is free and begins Monday, February 4 at 10 a.m. Parents are welcome to participate

or watch. No younger siblings please.

A Look Ahead

• Play: *Goodbye Charlie* by George Axelrod. 8 p.m. at the Hicksville Public Library on Friday, February 15. The Other Vic Theatre Company will be performing this hilarious, romantic comedy. All are welcome.

• John Peter Zenger Unit of the Steuben Society of America will meet on Monday, February 18 at the VFW Hall, 320 South Broadway, Hicksville. The German-based group meets the third Monday of every month. New members are always welcome. For information call Louise at 938-2216.
• The Hicksville Public Library offers free, confidential career counseling. Call 931-1417 for an appointment.

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♠ 3 2
♥ K 8 7 4
♦ J 8 7 2
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The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — queen of spades.
It is not unusual for a declarer, after the play is over, to realize that he could have made a contract he failed to make. This is all the more annoying if it turns out that the correct method of play, regardless of how unusual it might be, was called for by the situation he faced.
Consider this case where West led a spade against three notrump. South took West's queen with the king and cashed the A-Q of diamonds. When West discarded a club on the second diamond lead, declarer continued with a diamond to the king and

next led dummy's ten of diamonds, establishing the nine as a trick.
East took the diamond with the jack and led a spade to dummy's ace. After cashing the nine of diamonds, declarer tried a heart finesse which succeeded, but he had to go down one because he could not return to dummy to repeat the heart finesse. All in all, South scored eight tricks — consisting of two spades, two hearts and four diamonds.
Declarer quickly acknowledged that he had goofed and should have made the contract. When West showed out on the queen of diamonds at trick three, South should have overtaken the queen with the king and taken a heart finesse. After the finesse succeeded, he would next play a diamond toward dummy's 10-9-6 and later take a second heart finesse to make the contract.
Granting that this series of plays is much easier to make if one sees all four hands, the fact remains that it is the right line of play on its merits. It is true that overtaking the diamond queen with the king seems wasteful, but that is the play the situation clearly demands.
Declarer should reason that he must find East with the king of hearts to make the contract, and he should adapt his play to conform to that possibility.

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L.I. Early Fliers Track Aviation History

By Miriam Ravad

The Long Island Early Fliers Club is based in Bethpage, but attracts members from throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties as well as nationally, according to Jack Gifford, executive secretary in charge of membership a former Bethpage resident who is a member of the Bethpage Historical Society.

He said the club has about 532 current members, most of whom were fliers or associated with aviation, "people who work for Grumman Corp., aviation teachers or retired airline employees." The club, founded by famous wing walker Carl "Slim" Hennecke, originally was made up of "just early fliers," Gifford added, but now includes people who are interested in aviation.

Lois Lovisolo, of Bethpage, the club's treasurer, is an archivist/historian in Public Affairs at Grumman.

The non-profit organization, which Hennecke started in 1956, is dedicated to preserving all facets of aviation history, especially Long Island's.

Plainview resident Norman G. Mernoff, a new member, taught business at Hicksville High School and Nassau Community College, and is now retired. During World War II, Mernoff served as an airborne infantryman and a glider co-pilot. His hobbies include early aircraft.

President Edward J. Gardyan, a resident of Melville, has been a member for 30 years. He said the club has leased land from Suffolk County and hopes to start its own aviation museum by the end of 1991. Meanwhile, early aircraft belonging to the club is on loan to the Cradle of Aviation Museum at Mitchell Field.

Susan T. Currie, also of Melville, is a club executive secretary and co-editor of the newsletter. She said she had earned an aviator's license and looked forward to becoming a Navy pilot, but when she realized the service would not let her fly, she joined the WAVES instead.

Several members are themselves part of L.I. aviation history, and they all have stories to relate. Hennecke was among the cast and designer and helicopter pioneer, Igor Sikorsky.

Hennecke, at 88, continues to regularly attend club meetings held at different locations in N.S.

Member Sig Uyldert, of Hicksville, ran a flying school at Zahn's Airport, was a Navy pilot during WW. II and an instructor at Roosevelt Field. Now retired, he recently returned from a squadron reunion in San Diego.

At the Jan. 13 meeting, member Cliff Robbins spoke of his involvement in aviation over the past 62 years. He was 81 years old in November. After being forced into retirement as a jet pilot for Eastern Airlines, at age 60, Robbins said he began a long career as a military flying instructor and FAA flight examiner.

He described how a man carrying a knife attempted to hijack one of his Eastern flights to Cuba, but Robbins was able to disarm the hijacker by threatening "to bash his head in" with a fire extinguisher. It turned out that a second man, with a 45 revolver, was on standby and never got on the flight, Robbins said.

The guest speaker at the meeting, which took place at the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow, was a distant cousin of Nungesser, a decorated WW. I fighter pilot, who attempted to fly from Paris to New York on May 8, 1927. William Nungesser said Charles and Coli, "one of the best French navigators," left in a "well tested" French-built plane, which translates as "White Bird," in English.

The plane disappeared without a trace, and according to Bill Nungesser, was last sighted over the East Machias area in the southeastern corner of Maine. If the remains of "The White Bird" could be found in Maine, it would show that Nungesser and Coli were the first to fly across the Atlantic, before Lindbergh.

With the help of TIGHAR (The International Group for Historical Aircraft Recovery), Nungesser has been trying to find remnants of the French aircraft. "Many witnesses say the plane made it across the Atlantic and went down somewhere in the



SIG UYLDERT, a former fighter pilot and flight instructor.

U.S.," he said, noting that despite various difficulties, he would return to Maine and continue searching.

The program at the next meeting will be about Sikorsky. Information about the L.I. Early Fliers Club can be obtained by writing to them at P.O. Box 221, Bethpage, N.Y. 11714.

HBA 1991 Baseball/Softball Registration

Registration will be held for all children ages 6 through 15 years of age for the 1991 Hicksville Baseball Association season.

Parents/guardians may register children on February 2, 9 and 16 at Levittown Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$53 for the first child, \$65 for two or more per family. New players must show their birth certificate or proof of age. HBA will accept mail registration for children who played during 1990 baseball/softball season. Fill out and

mail ad below to Rosemary Rodriguez, Hicksville Baseball Association, 4 Elmire Street, Hicksville 822-6419.

The Hicksville Baseball Association is run strictly by volunteers and is need of help as team managers, coaches, team mothers, shed duty, etc.

The HBA is also in urgent need of umpires. Teens (14 years and older) and adults can sign up and train as umpires for the HBA teams.

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CUB SCOUT PACK 293, which meets at the Hicksville United Methodist Church, recently enjoyed a Christmas party with Santa Claus as the main attraction. The scouts involved were: Zachary Corley, Justin Hueppl, Adam Scoria, Michael Haley, Michael Rodgers, James Murphy, Erik Nerdalen, Douglas Chiz, Jason Joseph, David Kani, Christopher Rooney, Ernest Perez, Jonathan Fein, Brian Trotta, Jody Durkin, Mark Radi, Matthew McNiff, Joel Joseph, David Liciana, Salvatore Strazzeri, Daniel Kani, Justin Fusco, Fred Harvey, Matthew Leone, Bryan Murphy, Glen Notaro, John O'Connor, Adam Tabrys, Cubmaster Anthony Notaro and Ass. Cubmaster Gary Tietjen.

Lamb Council Hosts Basketball Contest

By Frank Jopp

Fifty-nine boys and girls from Our Lady of Mercy parish took part in the Joseph F. Lamb Council's annual "Free Throw" basketball competition on Jan. 13.

The contest, which is part of the Knights of Columbus Council, District, Regional and eventually state-wide competitions, was held in the school gym.

Winners of this competition—open to 10 through 14-year-olds—will represent the Joseph Lamb Council as they compete in further eliminations.

The "Free Throw" basketball competition works as follows:

Winners of the council competition in the 10 through 14-year old classes go on to further competition at the District Level. (They will compete with winners from two other councils in the district.) Then the winners will go on to compete at the regional level. Finally, the remaining winners will compete at the top New York State level.

The winners of the January 13 competi-

tion who will represent the Lamb Council are:

- 10-year-old class—boys: Brian Anello
- 10-year-old class—girls: Susanne Kelly
- 11-year-old class—boys: Michael Logan
- 11-year-old class—girls: Laurie Blair
- 12-year-old class—boys: Brian Jingleleski
- 12-year-old class—girls: Maureen Jingleleski

The winner of the 13-year-old class—boys was Michael Kelly. There were no girls competing in the 13-year-old girls competition. The winner of the 14-year-old class—boys—was Dan Marciano. No girls competed in the 14-year-old girls' competition.

The winners of the Lamb Council "Free Throw" competition will be presented with special certificates of achievement at the Lamb Council meeting on Thursday evening, Feb. 21.

The chairman for this "Free Throw" competition is one of the newest knights of the council, Pat Anello.

Youth In Action

The Hicksville Youth Council is sponsoring the following trips and activities. Sign up at the council, 175 West Old Country Road. For more information call John at 822-KIDS.

• Bowling at Woodbury Lanes, Monday, Feb. 4, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 for two games and transportation is included.

• Watch the fabulous Harlem Globetrotters perform, Sunday, Feb. 17 at Nassau Coliseum. Cost is \$15 which includes transportation.

• One day ski trip to Catamount Moun-

tain on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 5 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$58.50 with rentals, \$48.50 without rentals.

• Roller skating at United Skates on Friday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Cost: \$6 with rentals and \$4.50 without rentals. Transportation is included.

• Witness the exciting rivalry between the N.Y. Islanders and the N.Y. Rangers at the Nassau Coliseum on Saturday, March 9 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes transportation.