

This 'n That



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Leon Levine, chairman of Family Dollar Stores, was among 12 national executives named top managers by Financial World magazine in its April 3 issue. The selections for the awards, presented in New York, were made by securities analysts and other chief executive officers.

Howard Levine, senior vice president for merchandising, advertising and distribution, Family Dollar Stores, and son of Leon Levine, was named to Charlotte city board of directors, NCNB National Bank, Charlotte.

Charlotte Sales and Marketing Executives, Inc. honored 25 salespeople at their annual gala banquet at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Among them was David M. Pliner, who received the Distinguished Sales Award for the second consecutive year.

Twenty-two teams of students from schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and Gaston County traveled to Raleigh on April 26 to compete in the N.C. finals of the "National Olympics of the Mind" competition. (As of this writing, results are not in).

They won that opportunity by finishing first or second in the central region competition held at UNCC on Feb. 23. Among them were Ben Melenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melenson, whose team from McClintock Jr. High (grades 6-8) won first place in the "ecology vehicle". Mark Lewis, son of Mrs. Betsy Lewis, and Ron Malin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Malin, were on the East Mecklenburg High School team's "high tech robot", which placed second.

Several math contests were held recently. Mitchell Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Sanders, and Jeff Klein, son of Dr. Deysy Klein and Robert Klein, were winners in the Regional Math Competition. Eric Lerner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lerner, a senior at Charlotte Country Day School, was the first place winner in comprehensive at the regional math competition at Wingate College. He will go to state competition in Raleigh, May 2.

David Craig, son of Marcia Solomon, is the recipient of the William A. Atkinson Award, a scholastic achievement award for his senior year of studies at UNC.

David Barman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Barman, was selected as second chair tuba of the N.C. All State Honors Band. He was also awarded first place in the Charlotte Music Club's brass competition. As a winner, he has been invited to play at a recital for the Charlotte Music Club. David is a senior at East Mecklenburg High.

Fall dean's lists are still appearing...Making the dean's list at UNC are: Andrew Fink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fink; Avi Rocklin, daughter of Marilyn Perlman and Rabbi Richard Rocklin; Benjamin Sutker, son of Judy Sutker and Steve Sutker; Deborah Tager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tager; Bruce Twery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Twery. Cynthia Farbman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Farbman, is on the dean's list at UNC-G. Randy Newman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Newman, is on the dean's list at Vanderbilt University.

Adam Cohen, a senior at East Mecklenburg High School, and the son of Ruth Cohen and Melville Cohen, has had his cartoons featured in his school newspaper, *The Eagle*. His cartoons now will be appearing regularly in the Mecklenburg Neighbors section of *The Charlotte Observer*. That's terrific for a 17-year-old!

Linda Klein won "Woman of the Year" at the International Women's Day celebration here in Charlotte recently. A partner with the Klein and Rawls law firm, she earned this title by having her clients, who could not pay their fees, do as many hours of volunteer work as she does on their case.

Cantor Frank Birnbaum, Temple Israel, has been awarded the degree of Honorary Fellow of the Jewish Theological Seminary. This award is given to cantors for their dedication to the Cantorial Institute, the Seminary, and to the field of Jewish music and their congregation (s) for 25 years.

Tracy Josephson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Josephson, a junior at Myers Park High School, has been inducted into the National Honor Society.

Sue Alvarez will be represented in the Quilt National '85, an exhibition of contemporary quilts in Athens, Ohio, in June and July. Her work was chosen from more than 900 pieces submitted by artists from 44 states and eight foreign countries. The exhibition will include 83 works by artists from the U.S., England, Canada, France, Australia, Japan and Switzerland.

Teaching Germans About The Holocaust

By Dr. Susan E. Cernyak

On March 11 and 12, Dr. Susan Cernyak, Professor of German at UNCC, a survivor of the Holocaust and an active and innovative teacher about the Holocaust, participated in a unique Institute held for German school teachers. Her participation was made possible by grants from the Charlotte Jewish Federation and the Governor's Council on the Holocaust. The following is her report to our community on her experience.

Article in the Darmstadt Echo (newspaper of the City of Darmstadt, Germany) dated March 8, 1985:

Teachers Talk About Auschwitz
Dateline: Seeheim-Jugenheim

The Hessian Institute for Continuing Education is holding a seminar on Monday, March 11, and Tuesday, March 12, in Castle Heiligenberg. The intent of the seminar is to talk about Auschwitz and about persecution during the Nazi period and to exchange views and experiences gathered by the various participants, while dealing with the subject in secondary schools in the district. The seminar is headed by Adj. Professor Lilli Kopecki (Tel-Aviv), Secretary General of the Committee of Survivors of Auschwitz and other Concentration Camps.

This was the first notice the citizens of Darmstadt received of the impending seminar. It is a first in the Federal Republic of Germany, and grew out of a single incident which bears repeating here: When my colleague, Professor Kopecki, spoke at a junior high school in Darmstadt last fall, the only question posed her by the students after her lecture was "And what did they feed

you?" Professor Kopecki was outraged about the callous ignorance of the students, and with the help of a remarkable woman, Mrs. Marlis Heinz (one of the very active members of the Christian-Israelite Friendship group of Darmstadt), invaded the mayor's office and asked for an interview. In that interview she voiced her concerns with the lack of knowledge about events of the Holocaust, arising, as it seemed to her, from a lack of information or lack of methodology on the part of the teachers. Mayor Peter Benz was immediately interested in the problem, and out of the conversation grew the plans for a pioneering seminar to give teachers a chance to learn from Holocaust survivors firsthand, to receive some bibliographical information, and advice on methodology on how to teach the Holocaust. It seems the bureaucratic mills of the Federal Republic of Germany grind very very slowly, and a request for funding of such a seminar would take about one year of advance work. In order to expedite the matter, Professor Kopecki used funds from her organization for travel and urged that I seek funding to participate in this pioneer effort. Thanks to the generosity of the Charlotte Jewish Federation, I have

been able to do just that. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my career.

Approximately sixty teachers of the South Hessian School District made arrangements to participate in the seminar. Their ages ranged from 65 downward; backgrounds and experiences varied, but all were there because they were interested and wanted to learn. I have never seen any printed material grabbed up as fast as was my paper and bibliography; frankly, I believe that the results of this distribution will do more good than if the paper had been published in the most prestigious professional journal. I had prepared a 15-page paper on the educational gap in the teaching of World War II and the Hitler period. It focused on the importance of the contributions of the professions to the Final Solution. My paper also contained a proposal for a curriculum geared to professional fields, including the knowledge of a specific profession's participation in the Holocaust, as well as suggestions for a compulsory segment of information in all history classes.

Discussions after the papers seemed unstoppable. Each session went at least 1½ hours past its allotted time because not merely were ques-

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LET'S KEEP IT IN THE MISHPOCHEH

When my wife Sharon and I moved to Charlotte in 1977, we needed professional service people: doctor, lawyer, realtor, etc. We looked to the Jewish community to obtain these services. I expect that most of you do the same.

My name is RICK LITTMAN. I have been a residential Real Estate Broker in Charlotte for more than 7 years. I have recently associated with the largest and most successful CENTURY-21 agency in Charlotte, CENTURY-21 American.

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