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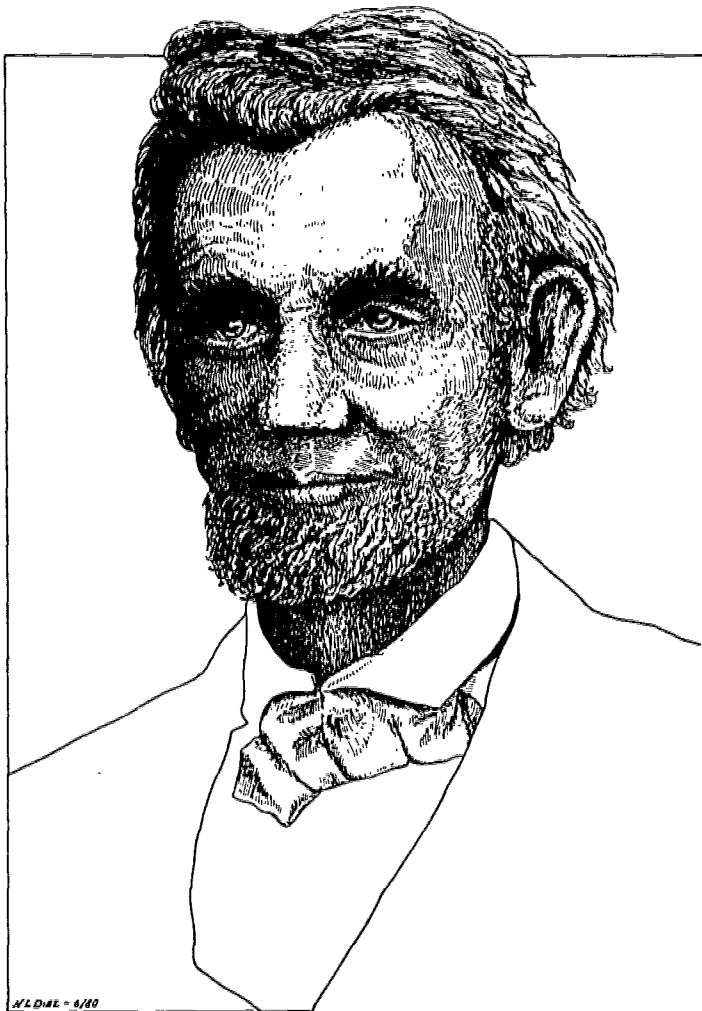
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HAPPY 173RD BIRTHDAY, ABE



LINCOLN'S LEGACY

Tomorrow (February 12) marks the 173rd anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln who, in the aftermath of the fiery trail of Gettysburg, dedicated this nation to a "new birth of freedom."

Although it has been said with good reason that Lincoln, like the founders of the nation, number among the "great men of the earth," it is nevertheless true that he was in many ways more characteristically American than most of our other heroes. The quiet and remote dignity of Washington, the intellectual precocity of Madison and Hamilton, the abiding grace and personal charm of Jefferson, all remind us, as do their laced and bewigged portraits, of the ancient regime they so successfully opposed.

The nation that they founded, however, was in significant ways different from themselves. It was less urbane, less gracious, more robust and earthy than anything they knew. Abraham Lincoln, with his rustic humor and deeply democratic instincts, embodied the soul of an America founded in freedom by others.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

This is your special invitation to join the most prestigious group of people in the world. The right to save a human life is a privilege you can share with other conscientious and humanitarian individuals. Blood is needed every day in hospitals for transfusions, which may be the difference between life and death. Someone like yourself must furnish it. There is no substitute for blood.

You are being asked to become a lifesaver - a human being with true compassion. You are being asked to join and enlarge the contributions of the caring people in the community.

Your opportunity to join this group - Wednesday, February 17, 1982, from 3-8 pm, Fanwood Rescue Squad Building, Watson Road in Fanwood. For further information and details call William Mathews 322-7789 or Ann Henry at the Plainfield Red Cross 756-6414.

Thank you for being a very special silent hero.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

To all lovers we say,  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Every one is twice blessed,

'Tis the time for love's quest.  
If we only remember  
Many times in the year,  
Each to the other...  
Say "I love you, my dear."

Did your love send you a Valentine? Check page 18 to find out.

## Mayor celebrates birthday with cupcake & controversy

by Sheela Peace Zipern  
Besides celebrating Mayor James Flinn's 50th birthday with a surprise cupcake and candle, what else did the Township Council do at Tuesday night's meeting? Well, they waived the usual procedures of their regular work agenda session to listen to a public discussion on the leased sale of of Shackamax-on School to JACY (Jewish Association of Centers and Y's of Central New Jersey) without equal representation from the homeowners.

Mayor Flinn told those assembled that he had been contacted by Board of Education President Leonia Reilly for his consent to speak at the meeting. "I also asked for a representative from JACY to describe the facilities and programs they would like to introduce," he explained. He stated that he did "not intend to tolerate anything that, in my opinion, is out of order."

Leonia Reilly outlined procedures the Board of Ed had taken regarding Shackamax-on School over the last year and distributed information sheets on "all points of interest" to Council members. She summed up, "If this building is not sold, it is boarded up. Should the Board be forced to go out for bids again? Personally, I think it may be power politics or pure prejudice."

Penny Margulies, Executive Director of JACY, was introduced and gave the Board additional information. She explained that the JACY has existed in Plainfield for 55 years with a branch in Westfield for 5 years and that membership is very high in Fanwood-Scotch Plains and Westfield. "There would be small group activities, cultural events, senior citizen programs as well as pre-school activities. There will be no outdoor swim club and no resale of

the property," she went on. Mayor Flinn read a letter from Charles Coronella of the YMCA on Martine Avenue supporting the JACY programs. Alan Augustine expressed concern over "the lack of communication," and offered the idea "to sit down

and have a dialogue at an informal get-together."

Southside resident, Jim Gomes, declared that he didn't think it was right to bring in the JACY and Board of Ed, "Southside residents didn't have a fair shake, he

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## New trunks for old



Dean Cherrington of Scotch Plains displays the fabric-lined interior of a trunk he has refinished.

by Claire Martin

If you ever happen to find a wonderful old truck, and feel the itch to restore it to its original beauty, "Don't let your friends find out," says Dean Cherrington with a smile, "or you will end up with so many requests that you won't have time to watch the weekend football games. I know, it happened to me."

About five years ago, Cherrington was rummaging around in the attic of his parents' farmhouse in Catawissa, Pennsylvania, and saw an old trunk. "I could remember it being there when I was a little kid and, according to my parents, it had been there for three generations." He thought maybe he could do something with it, and set about refinishing it. "It turned out pretty nicely," said Dean. "When I had that done, my daughter wanted one. When people saw hers, they wanted one, too." And so it went, until by now Cherrington has restored more than 250 trunks.

Each trunk takes from 25-40 hours of work, which is the reason Dean doesn't get to watch much football any more. Besides the time spent on restoration, there are outings into Pennsylvania to check out trunks antique dealers now save for Dean. He also enjoys hanging around auctions. "Estate sales are a very popular thing in the rural areas," Dean said. "I spend a lot of my Saturdays doing that in the spring and summer." When asked what his wife, Mary, thinks of his hobby, Cherrington answered, "It keeps me out of mischief, I guess. No, actually, Mary has her

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## Listening Post hears snow, school & drainage woes

Several persons visited Scotch Plain's Listening Post Saturday to express their concerns about the Shackamax-on School rezoning. More precisely their concerns were that the objectors to the sale and rezoning were not accurate in comments made at the most recent Council meeting. The point was raised several times that the School Board had given ample notice that the school property would be sold, and that the current purchaser was the sole bidder although some 20 prospective purchasers had contacted the School Board.

Councilman Larry Newcomb, who conducted the session in Town Hall, was asked what would happen next on the rezoning issue. Newcomb said "Tuesday night it appeared there was a disagreement between the successful bidder, who wanted the property rezoned immediately, if not sooner; and the objectors who didn't want the town to rezone at all, and really wanted to see the sale voided. Compromise in such a situation is difficult" Newcomb added.

He went on to say the Council would be discussing the rezoning at its next work session. At that time he expected the Council would get legal advice as to what the Township can or should consider in deciding the zoning issue and when they should do so. He added further that he would expect the Council to start action on this issue fairly soon unless the objectors' attorney was to obtain

an injunction halting consideration. He also reminded those present that before any zoning change could take place, the public would have two Council meetings to express their opinions. Once when, or if, an ordinance is introduced, and two weeks later, when a public hearing would be held.

One citizen from the area near Town Hall commented that some of the discussion

Tuesday night had heavy ethnic or religious overtones. Councilman Newcomb said he hoped this was not the case, noting the very legitimate concerns of the immediate neighbors and the position the YMCA had taken strongly supporting the proposed ones.

The same citizen expressed concerns about the poor road conditions that had existed in

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## "Winter Storm Warning" down on the farm in Indiana

by Ruth Ott Lewman  
"Blizzard", "Ice Storm" and "Tornado" are words that strike terror into the hearts of many Indiana residents--especially this one. Ever since the severe winters of 1977 and 1978, the women in this area get very nervous when the Weather Service posts a "Winter Storm Warning". We had a "Near Blizzard" two weeks ago. The "Near" meant that the temp and wind were right but we had blowing snow rather than falling snow. Our grocery stores were literally emptied that day. The managers reported that day set a new record for income -- and the following day set a record for low receipts. We had 10 days in January below 0° which also set a record.

We have been among the lucky ones whose water pipes have survived so far. We had a near miss when a piece of plastic broken in an automatic waterer during one

thawing session. The whole water system had to be turned off for about 7 hours but when we turned it back on everything was still running. There are no guarantees at -5°.

Just now we are trying to navigate in a "Near" ice storm. We have about 6" of snow with an inch of ice on top of it. Four miles East and ten miles South and points in between suffered the real thing. I don't remember this type of storm in SP. The water freezes as it hits a surface--wires, limbs, doors, etc. The weight of the ice on trees bends them down and, of course, breaks a lot of branches. Each branch seems to take at least one electric wire as it goes by. Then when the ice starts to melt, the water goes to the low point on the wires between each pole resulting in some more broken wires. We were without electricity for three

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