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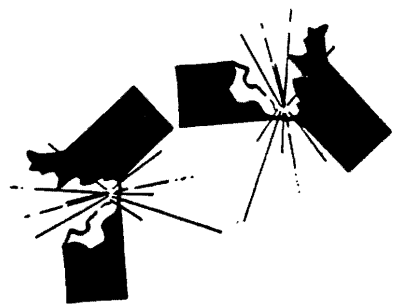
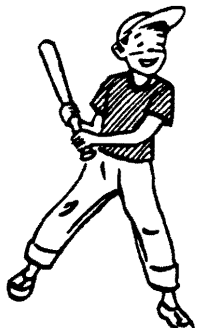
From the ever familiar sounds of "Batter Up" to the smell of hot dogs with mustard served in the shade of a tall tulip tree. The taste of lemonade and the excitement of a fireworks display, this is what makes "Americana".

On June 8, 1985 the Vineland Developmental Center/Hospital will be inviting family, friends and the surrounding community to partake in a center wide Open House with the theme "Americana '85". The whole day has been set aside to celebrate the Vineland Developmental Center's excellent care and quality standard of human service for the past 97 years.

The day begins with a four team coed softball tournament at the Main Road Athletic Complex. Each team, comprised of VDC employees, will play throughout the day for the entertainment of all. The afternoon will find music, games, refreshments, prizes and hayrides to be held at each campus from 1 to 4 p.m. All of our cottages will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. with refreshments for visitors.

The whole day of activity will be climaxed with a spectacular fireworks display out beyond the athletic complex at 9 p.m. We are looking forward to an exciting day and hope you will join us.

Look For Our Agenda On The Last Page



Dear Friends and Fellow Employees:

I am sure you have all heard the expression, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". This is SO true, in any field, any subject, from medicine to maintenance. To make the point, I'd like to share with you one of my favorite poems which is by Joseph Malins.

A Fence or an Ambulance?

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
 Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;
 But over its terrible edge there had slipped
 A duke and full many a peasant.
 So the people said something would have to be done,
 But their projects did not at all tally;
 Some said, "Put a fence around the edge of the cliff,"
 Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,
 For it spread through the neighboring city;
 A fence may be useful or not, it is true,
 But each heart became brimful of pity
 For those who slipped over that dangerous cliff;
 And the dwellers in highway and alley
 Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence,
 But an ambulance down in the valley.

"For the cliff is all right, if you're careful," they said,
 "And, if folks even slip and are dropping,
 It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much,
 As the shock down below when they're stopping."
 So day after day, as these mishaps occurred,
 Quick forth would these rescuers sally
 To pick up the victims who fell off the cliff,
 With their ambulance down in the valley.

Then an old sage remarked: "It's a marvel to me
 That people give far more attention
 To repairing results than to stopping the cause,
 When they'd much better aim at prevention.
 "Let us stop at its source all this mischief," cried he,
 "Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally;
 If the cliff we will fence we might almost dispense
 With the ambulance down in the valley."

*Dr. Miguel D. Cruz
 Superintendent*

On Thursday, May 9, the Central Recreation Department hosted an all day Client Art Exhibit and Reception.

Each and every entry was a special work of art and all should be commended for their effort. The judges task was not an easy one, but selections for awards were finally made.



Best of Show	Margaret Conti	Pond Cottage
Best of Chalk	Margaret Conti	Pond
Best Pencil Sketch	Charlotte Archut	Lee
Best Crayon Sketch	Cheryl Stout	Pond
Best Finger Paint	Doris Schneider	Reeves
Best Brush Tempera	Anna McCloskey	Reeves
Best Marker Sketch	Doris Norcross	North
Most Original Work	Isabelle Nixon	Lee
Most Colorful	Mary Meinke	Reeves
Best Abstract	Martha Loper	North
Best Print	Helen Truitt	Cross
Best Collage	Margaret Stryker	Lee
Best Paint Blot	Helen Walachy	Cross
Best of Oils	Jessie Forrest	West

The show was a great success and in the near future we hope to put together a crafts exhibition for everyone's pleasure.

A NOTE OF THANKS

To all who have known our lovable Susie Chase of the Campus Almond Rd. and the Hospital, we acknowledge our deep appreciation for your many kindnesses and hugs.

Father and Step-mother

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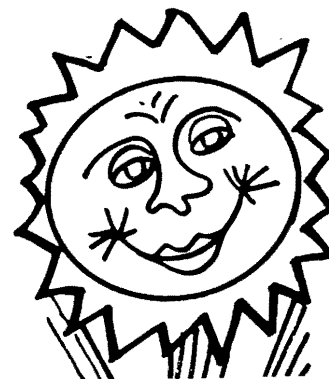
Glenn Franzoi, Adm.Sys.Rev., a boy
 Jennifer Hoffman, Speech Therapy, a girl
 Laura Hoffman, North, a boy
 Aurelia Jones, Allen, a girl
 Cheryl Justis, Morton Ave. Group Home, a boy
 Thelma Mack, Emerle, a girl
 Darrell Owens, Housekeeping, a girl
 Carolyn Trader, Regan, a boy
 Paulette Williams, Regan, a boy

WEDDING BELLS RANG RECENTLY FOR:

John Downey-Vocational C/LA
 Sheila (DeLucia) Fuller-Hosp.X-Ray
 Eunice (Hamilton) Grey-Landis
 Belinda (Serrano) Ramos-FGP Office

BEST WISHES FOR RETIREMENT TO:

Bessie Jackson, Main Cottage - 8 yrs.
 Sandora King, Food Service - 17 yrs.
 John Montemurro, Paint Shop -14 yrs.
 Isaias Sanchez, Food Service, C/AR - 12 yrs.



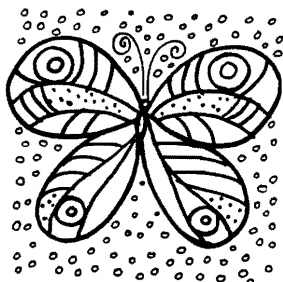
SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:

Veronica Bell, Allen, on the loss of her mother
 Mildred Huff, West, on the loss of her sister
 Mary Irrera, Regan, on the loss of her mother
 Leona Jones, Ireland, on the loss of her mother
 Rosetta Jones, Ireland, on the loss of her father
 Dorothea Keim, Hospital, on the loss of her mother and father
 Henrietta Kirby, Ed. C/AR, on the loss of her mother
 Margaret Lombardo, Sewing Rm., on the loss of her mother
 Diane Mathews, Grisco, on the loss of her brother
 Annette McIntosh, Res.Serv., on the loss of her mother
 Bertha Moye, Grisco, on the loss of her brother
 Darlynn Nichols, Housekeeping, on the loss of her father
 Otello Nizzi, Housekeeping, on the loss of his father
 Irma Paschall, West, on the loss of her husband
 Mary Redfern, Landis, on the loss of her father
 Lucille Williams, Grisco, on the loss of her brother

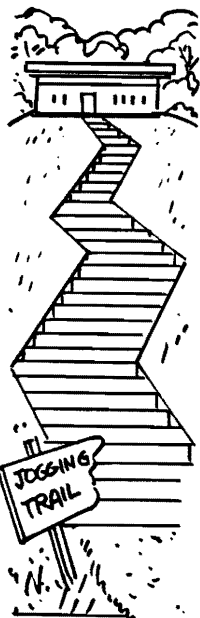
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Cynthia Ann Godown, Teacher I C/AR, on being selected by the Board of Advisors for inclusion in the 1984 edition of the Outstanding Young Women of America.

The Outstanding Young Women of America program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in their homes, their professions and their communities. Accomplishments such as these are the result of dedication, service and leadership - qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.



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WALKAMERICA '85

Nearly 500 persons participated in Cumberland County's walk-a-thon for the South Jersey Chapter of the March of Dimes Saturday, April 27, raising more than \$36,000.

The 486 participants began and ended the 30-kilometer walk (18.6 miles) at Bridgeton High School early Saturday.

The walkers raised \$36,253, a jump over last year's total of \$34,500.

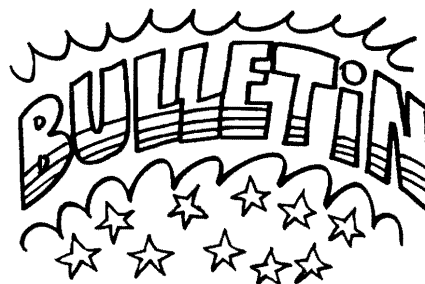
The effort was part of a nationwide "WalkAmerica" program to raise funds for the March of Dimes Birth Defect Foundation.

Among those participating was Catherine Williams, 3rd Shift CTS of Ireland Cottage. Ms. Williams completed 30 kilometers and thus helped raise money for the March of Dimes.

TEAMWORK IN ACTION

On May 3rd a client from West Cottage began choking while eating her evening meal.

Quick action on the part of Irene Murphy, H.S.A., averted a potential tragedy. Irene delivered 3 back blows while calling for assistance. Debbie Monroe, C.T.S. responded to the call and administered the Heimlich Maneuver.



Team effort saved a life. Congratulations to these ladies for keeping cool, utilizing their skills and demonstrating once again how our employees care.

The key to maintaining a safe environment is intervention. Knowing when to step in and how to avert danger is our business, and these two employees demonstrated they know their stuff!!

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EDUCATION

By Harriet Levin, Ed. Dept., C/AR

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVES OUTSTANDING REVIEW

The SFEA Department of Vineland Developmental Center received a Level I Monitoring from the Department of Education, Trenton (February 14, 1985). Mrs. Marjorie Jones, Supervisor from the County Superintendent's Office spent the day reviewing educational programs, policies, procedures and directives. In addition, she reviewed the students records including Individual Education Programs (IEP's).

Mrs. Jones responsibility is to conduct an audit that insures compliance with laws governing educational services.



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The SFEA program is funded through the State Facilities Education Act 1979 and PL 97-35. The Education Consolidation Improvement Act, Chapter I, "to insure a free and appropriate education to all handicapped students: under the provisions of PL 94-142, the Education for all Handicapped Children Act of 1975.

The program was found to be in full compliance and rated outstanding with all the requirements of NJPI, 1979, Chapter 207 and the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act, Chapter I.

Mrs. Levin, Supervisor of Educational Programs and Mrs. Doty, Assistant Supervisor, expressed appreciation to the staff for continuing to work hard to provide a caring, positive environment and make the Vineland Developmental Center's educational program, a program of excellence.

LUNCH TIME AT T.L.C.

The Education Department at the Vineland Developmental Center was selected by the New Jersey Office of Education to participate as a presenter at the State Supervisory Education Exchange held April 17, 1985. The presentation focused on "Integrating a Lunch Program in an Education Day."

Mrs. Harriet Levin and Mrs. Audrey Doty presented an overview of the lunch program and all of the services that help to contribute to make the program a success. A narrated film was shown of the program in action.

The presentation received a very positive reaction from those in attendance.

O.R. DENTAL CARE PROGRAM

By Donn H. Winokur, D.D.S. - Pedodontist

For the past eight years Vineland Developmental Center/Hospital has provided comprehensive dental O.R. care for its own clients as well as clients referred from other state institutions. A complete dental health care program including both clinical and operating room facilities has been successfully preventing our clients from a life of edentulism.

Clients are seen on a regular basis on both campuses by Dr. Norman Rubin and Dr. Mary Zelanis, staff dentists, for routine dental care. Hygiene is provided by Mrs. Vera Mink and Mrs. Jacqueline Berman, registered dental hygienists. If these examinations determine that extensive dental care is necessary, the client is referred to Dr. Donn Winokur, pedodontist consultant, who arranges with the Admissions Office for consent and scheduling in the operating room with anesthesia. The patient is admitted three days prior to the scheduled procedure for a full work-up to include lab work, physical and medical clearance. The day of the procedure the client is pre-medicated, brought to the operating room and given general anesthesia. At this time a full set of diagnostic dental x-rays are taken so that Dr. Winokur can determine the extent of dental disease. The operating room staff is fully trained under the guidance of Dr. Winokur to provide every phase of dental care to include periodontal surgery, fillings, extractions, root canal therapy, crown and bridge and impressions for dentures. All of these procedures are done while the patient is anesthetized so that the maximum amount of dental care can be provided in a relatively short period of time and with a minimal amount of discomfort to the patient. After surgery the patient is monitored in the recovery room and has a one day post-op stay. In a two-step procedure, such as crown and bridge, the

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patient is usually seen two weeks later in the dental clinic for insertion.

When the client is returned to the cottage or referring institution, he/she is evaluated for post-surgical healing on a regular basis and is rescheduled into the clinical hygiene program for maintenance.

We have found that this provides an excellent service for our clients and our referral clients to provide optimum dental care in an efficient and cost effective manner.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

By Joan Achey, FGP

The Foster Grandparent Program's goals are twofold. The intent is to bring together senior citizens and developmentally disabled children. The hope is that they will develop a warm, loving relationship that benefits both individuals.

Over the years the program has had many, many instances where this hope has become a reality. This article is about one such instance.

One of our grandparents has had a long and varied life. He was married many years ago but lost his wife after a very short time. After his wife's death he never put down roots. He traveled the world as a seaman and the country as a tractor trailer driver. He was a loner and over the years he lost touch with his family.

When he retired and returned to New Jersey he found that his family had all passed away. He went to live in a boarding home but began to have some problems which eventually led to his being hospitalized. While at the hospital he was introduced to the Foster Grandparent Program that operates there. He eventually began to work in the program while still a patient.

About two years ago we received a call from a Social Worker at the hospital. They told us about a patient who was being discharged and was going to be living in Vineland. They explained that he had been working as a Foster Grandparent and loved it so much that he would only live where he could continue to work in the program.

"Grandpop" came to our program highly recommended and we have not been disappointed. He is an excellent grandparent. He has developed a close relationship with his "girls" and they wait for him to arrive each morning.

"Grandpop" loves his job and says he hopes to continue working as long as possible. These girls are the family he no longer has. They give him a reason to go on. As he says, no matter how bad things in his life may seem, all he has to do is think about his girls and he realizes that he is needed and has a reason to get up each morning.

VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

By Mary Dought Vocational

The Art Activity Program has been busy the past few months. An order for 150 baskets was completed and picked up by A. Schiff Enterprises. These baskets will be placed in stores in Atlantic City, NJ and LasVegas, Nevada.

Clients are busy making various craft items to be sold at the Second Annual Community Fair that will be held at Cumberland Mall on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18, 1985. Items are being made at both campuses for this fair.

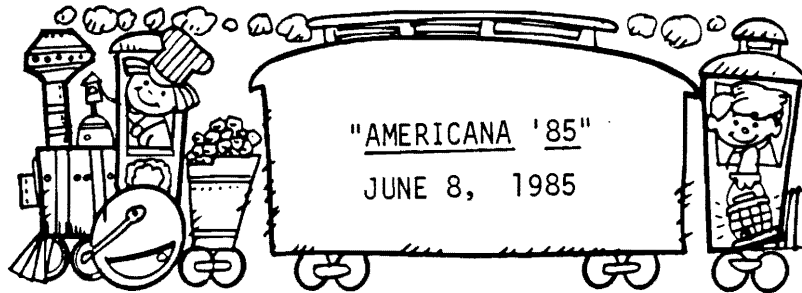
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Craft items will be displayed at the 7th Annual South Jersey Very Special Arts Festival. This will be held on Friday, May 31, 1985 at Glassboro State College. Ms. Force, Art Therapist, will give a Spin Art demonstration workshop at this Festival.

The staff and clients in the Art Activity program are also busy making items to be sold at June Open House. The sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 8th.

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9 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Employees Coed Softball
Landis Campus Baseball Field

10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Arts & Crafts Sale - Downstairs in
Vocational Center - Landis Campus

1 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Arts & Crafts Sale - Room 128 - The
Learning Center - Almond Road Campus

1 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Multi-Purpose Building Lawn - Landis
Campus
Donahue Cottage Lawn - Almond Campus

Carnival Games
Face Painting
Live Music
Refreshments
Bake Sale

1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

All Cottages Open to Visitors

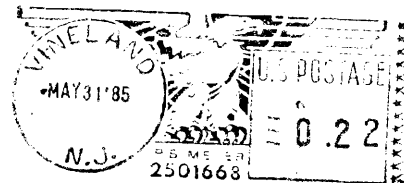
9 P.M.

Fireworks Display on Landis Campus -
Beyond Ball Fields



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