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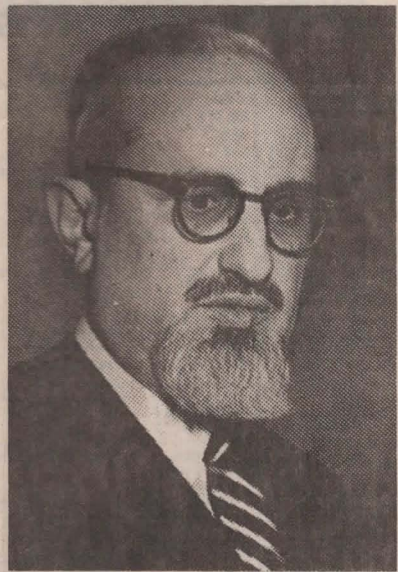
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HANLON—Janet. On April 9, 1993. Beloved mother of Thomas, Jill and Suzanne. Loving sister of the late William C. and J. Gerald Meagher, M.D. Reposing M.A. Connell F.H., 934 New York Ave., Huntington Station, NY 11746, Sunday 7-9 P.M. and Monday 2-5 P.M. and 7-9P.M. Mass on Tuesday, St. Patrick's R.C. Church at 9:45AM. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Little Flower Children's Services, POB 1000, Wading River, NY 11792.

HOFFMAN—Arnold. (Attorney) Father of Daniel, Margaret and Matthew. Died peacefully on April 9, 1993. A funeral service will be held at The Nagel Funeral Home, 352 East 87th Street (corner 1st Avenue), N.Y.C., on Sunday, April 11th, at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society.

HOLZKA—Joseph J. The Board of Trustees, the Central Administration, the College President, faculty, students, and staff of The City University of New York mourn the passing of Joseph Holzka, distinguished attorney, honored colleague, and friend of the City University. Appointed in 1973, Mr. Holzka served as a member of the Board of Higher Education, demonstrating his commitment to access and academic excellence. His dedication to higher education will long be remembered. Joseph Holzka's leadership will be sorely missed. We extend our sincere condolences to his family.

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KATZ—Benjamin. On April 9, 1993 of South Nyack, New York and St. Croix U.S. Virginia Islands. Longtime friend and companion of Edith Maidman, husband of the late Helen Karminsky Katz and the late Helen Sanwick Katz, father of Robert and Monroe Katz, brother of Rose Saposnik, also survived by seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral service on Sunday, 12 noon, at Congregation Sons of Israel, 300 North Broadway, Upper Nyack, New York. Interment Temple Israel Memorial Park, Blauvelt, N.Y. It is suggested memorial contributions be made to Congregation Sons of Israel, 300 North Broadway, Upper Nyack, New York 10960.

KORAN—Anne Friedlander, 78, a native of N.Y.C., died April 8 in Charlottesville, Va. Wife of the late Vincent Koran. Mother of Phyllis Leffler of Charlottesville, Emily Snitow of Westfield, NJ; sister of Rashelle Trefousse of NY, Isaac Friedlander of Silver Spring, MD, and grandmother of four. Funeral service and interment were held on April 9 in Charlottesville.

LUBITZ—Burton. Beloved husband of Millicent, father of Shelly Nevard and Barbara, father-in-law of Lance, Brother Jesse. Services Sunday, 10AM at Park West-Riverside Memorial Chapel, 76 Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Interment at Best Moses Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island.

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LUBITZ—Burton. The Officers, friends and associates of A. Bohrer Inc, Maple Leaf Foods and affiliated companies regret the loss of their associate and friend, **Burt Lubitz**. Services Sunday, April 11, 10 A.M., Park West-Riverside Memorial Chapel, 76th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.
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LUDWIG—Gertrude Virginia, on April 8, 1993. Wife of the late Daniel K. Ludwig. Beloved mother of Joseph H. Higgins and William A. Higgins. Devoted sister of Florence Haas. Loving grandmother of eight and great grandmother of eight. Friends may call at Frank E. Campbell, 1076 Madison Ave at 81 St, Tuesday 2-5 and 7-9 PM with services Wednesday, 11 AM. Interment private.

LYONS—Eileen (nee Callan), beloved wife of Edward. Reposing Jere J. Cronin Inc. 115 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn Heights until Monday 9 AM, Mass Assumption R.C. Church 9:30 A.M. Viewing Sunday only 12-3 P.M.

MCALLISTER—Marjorie Buckley, born in New York, New York, on March 17, 1900, died in Palm Beach, Florida, on April 4, 1993.

Mrs. McAllister was the widow of Anthony J. McAllister, Chairman of the Board of McAllister Brothers, Inc., the New York-based international marine transportation company founded by Mr. McAllister's grandfather in 1864. Mrs. McAllister graduated from Maxwell Training School in New York and taught in the New York City public school system. Marjorie and Anthony McAllister were married on June 28, 1924. Marjorie McAllister is survived by her daughters Patrice M. Guiney of Radnor, Pennsylvania; Marjorie McAllister of Palm Beach, Florida; Eileen F. Donovan of Tenafly, New Jersey; by her sons Anthony J. McAllister of Havertown, Pennsylvania; Donald G. McAllister of Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Brian A. McAllister of New York, New York; Bruce A. McAllister of Palm Beach, Florida; Michael J. McAllister of Bronxville, New York; by twenty-six grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Friends may call at O.B. Davis Funeral Home, Port Jefferson, NY, on Saturday and Sunday, April 10th and 11th, from 3-7 P.M. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. James R.C. Church, Setauket, Long Island, NY, at 10 A.M. on Mon, April 12, 1993. Interment will follow in St. James Cemetery.

MELTZER — Dorothy. Beloved mother to Ellen and Steven. Beloved grandmother to Jack, and loving daughter Molly, and dearest husband Robert. Funeral services Sunday, 12:00 Noon, at Riverside Grameray, 152 Second Ave.

MURPHY—Anne Noble, of Bay Shore, L.I. On April 9, 1993. Loving wife of the late Charles C. Murphy, M.D. Beloved aunt of Ramsay Alexander Moran and Ann Lord Newburger. Religious service Tuesday, 11 A.M., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bay Shore, LI.

OWEN—Henry, on April 6 at age 88 in Royal Palm Beach, Florida. Resident of Eastchester, New York. Beloved husband of Betty for 63 years. Devoted father of Phyllis and Peter Elbe of Scarsdale, New York. Most loving grandfather of Michael Owen Elbe, Barbara and Barry Relfer and Susan and Lloyd Lowy. Adoring great grandfather of Parker Owen Elbe, Matthew Relfer and Alexander Lowy. Our lives were all enriched by his love and devotion to his family. Donations may be made to White Plains Hospital. Friends may call in Scarsdale April 11 from 3-5 PM and 7-9 P.M.

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ROBUSTO—Dr. Carl C. On April 7, 1993. Retired Executive Vice President, St. John's University. Beloved husband of the late Dorothea, loving father of Jeanne H. DeLorenzo and Edward J. Robusto, father-in-law of Edward and Jennifer, dear grandfather of Christopher, Jeanne Ward, Edward, Laura and Jed, great-grandfather of Christiana. Funeral Tuesday, 10AM from McLaughlin & Sons Funeral Home, Third Avenue at 97 St, Brooklyn, Mass of Christian Burial, 10:30AM, St. Patrick's Church. Visiting hours Sunday and Monday 2-5 and 7-9 P.M.

ROBUSTO—Carl C. Dr. The Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Staff of St. John's University note with profound sorrow the death of Dr. Carl C. Robusto, beloved colleague and retired Executive Vice President of the University. We share in the sorrow of his family. May he rest in peace.
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SCHLENGER—Joan (nee Zimmerman). Of South Orange, N.J., on Friday, April 9, 1993. Beloved wife of Robert D., devoted mother of Julie Adell and Nancy Schlenger; adoring grandmother of Nicholas Adell. Graveside service Sunday, April 11, at 1 P.M., in B'Nai Abraham Memorial Park, Route 22, Union, N.J. Period of mourning at the family residence Sunday and Monday. For further information please call Bernheim-Apter-Goldsticker at 201-763-3505.

SCHMIECHEN—Richard. Our dear friend. A kind and generous colleague. You will be deeply missed and loved. To his beloved David, we send our heartfelt sympathy.
Debbie Hoffmann, Frances Reid

SCHMIECHEN—Richard. Our firm will forever be a testimony to your compassion and intelligence. I'll always treasure all you gave me as a friend, a partner, a mentor.
Rob Epstein

SHERWOOD—Richard. The Officers, members, and staff of the American Jewish Committee are deeply saddened by the death of Richard Sherwood, a prominent attorney, generous benefactor of the arts, and a devoted friend of the Jewish people. Mr. Sherwood served AJC as a national vice president and as president of its Los Angeles Chapter. Always seeking to break down the barriers between people of different races, religions and nationalities, he was the first Jewish partner in the prestigious Los Angeles law firm of O'Melveny & Myers. He was also active in helping to foster improved Japanese-American relations, a goal which AJC shares through the work of its Pacific Rim Institute. The legal community, the arts, the Jewish people, and indeed all people of good will have lost a trusted leader whose wisdom and guidance will be sorely missed. We send our sincere condolences to his wife, Dorothy, his daughter, Elizabeth, and his son Benjamin.
Alfred H. Moses, President
David A. Harris, Executive Vice President

Deaths

SHERWOOD—Richard. The Board of Directors and the Staff of The Santa Fe Opera mourn with deep sorrow the passing of our fellow trustee and dear friend, Richard Sherwood. A devoted champion of the arts and a dedicated lover of opera, he joined the Board of Directors of The Santa Fe Opera in 1991 where his wisdom, his concern and his unflinching commitment to the mission of the Opera made him an invaluable member. As Vice President of the Board and chairman of the planning committee, he demonstrated a profound understanding of the complicated issues facing our company. His quick wit, his insights and his reassuring presence will be deeply missed by all of us who knew him. We extend our deep sympathy to his wife, Dee and to his children.
Nancy Zeckendorf, Chairman
Greg Porter, President
John Crosby, General Director

SOLOVEITCHIK—Joseph B. A giant of Torah has been taken. Teacher, mentor and inspiration to hundreds of rabbis, the Rav's influence will be an eternal blessing and a light to all.
Rabbi Jeremiah Wohlberg, Pres
Rabbi G.S. Rosenthal, Exec. V.P.
Mortimer Propp, Council Pres
Allan Rodolitz, Chairman
Jack D. Weiler, Honorary Pres

ST. GOAR—Curt. Beloved father of Susan St. Goar-Burgos, brother-in-law of Resi Rosenberg, father-in-law of Antonio Burgos, grandfather of Alexandra Burgos passed away after being ill for a short period of time in his 92nd year on April 8, 1993. Services to be held at Hirsch & Sons Funeral Home, 167 Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx, Sunday, April 11th, at 9:30 AM.

TURNER—Beulah Sperring. Age 98. Died March 28 at the Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich, CT. Born Oct. 27, 1894 in Benzinger, PA. Daughter of a lumber industry executive. She graduated from Miss Mason School (The Castle) at Tarrytown, NY and later from the Roosevelt Hospital, NYC School of Nursing. She had a long career in nursing at Roosevelt Hospital and in private practice. She was a resident of NYC for over 50 years and was a resident of the Greenwich Woods Health Care Center in Greenwich, Ct. the last 4 years. She is survived by her sister Ruth Turner Mandeville and three nephews, Ernest W., Hubert T. and Michael L. Mandeville. Any memorial service will be private.

WATERS—James Edward. Of Mt. Vernon, NY. On April 9, 1993. Son of the late Anne Kennedy and Edward Waters, brother of the late Edward, Thomas, John, Joseph, Frederick, and Anne. Calling hours at Fred H. McGrath & Son Funeral Home, Bronxville, between 2-4 and 7-9 P.M. Saturday, 2-4 PM Sunday. Mass of Christian Burial Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Fleetwood, on Monday, April 12, at 10 A.M.

In Memoriam

CERTNER—Joel. In loving memory of our beloved Joel, killed 27 years ago today.

Mother, Naomi and Jerry

CHERRY—Herman. April 10, 1992. No day passes without your spirit present.

Regina

CIRKER—Sol. April 10, 1950. In loving memory of a dear and devoted father and grandfather.

Children

LUTZER—Millicent Avrutis. A precious angel. Happy Birthday! We miss you so much.

Love, Mother and Jim

MITCHELL—Scott Thomas. December 4, 1970-10/01/1991. "All things excellent are as difficult as they are rare." - B. Spinoza

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