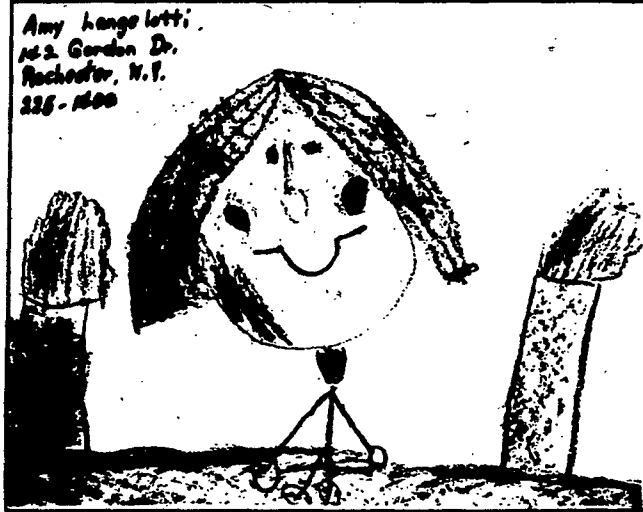
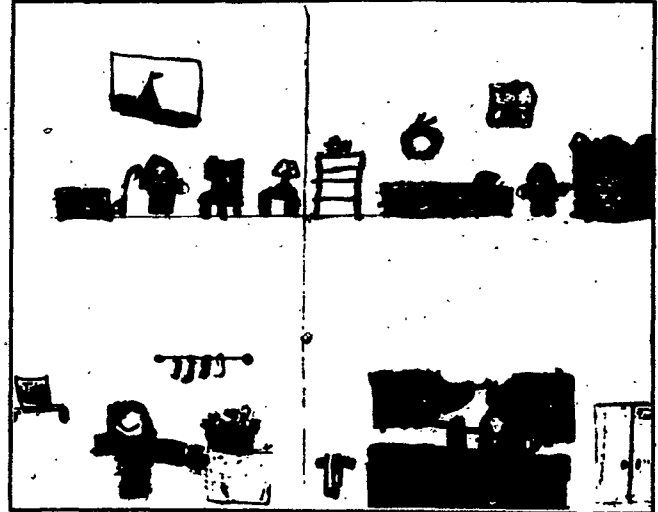


Patrick Doran, 9, Rochester



Amy Langelotti, Rochester



David Stapleton, 7, Auburn

Courier-Journal Mother of the Year

Deborah Martello

Mt. Morris — Teri Latona, a sixth grader at Mt. Morris Central School, "never really wrote anything for the paper before," which explains her puzzlement over winning a runner-up designation of Mother of the Year for her mother, Mrs. Deborah Martello.

Teri's entry, which stated, "She's more than just a mother to me. She's kind of like my best friend. That's why I love her," was selected from among hundreds of entries.

Teri, her mother, and her little brother, Joseph Martello, 3, live in a white house high on Chapel Street, a few blocks from St. Patrick's Church here.

Nobody in the parish yet knows of



MRS. MARTELLO



Teri and her mother, the award, Mrs. Martello said last week.

Mrs. Martello, a widow, works for the Livingston County Board of Supervisors in nearby Geneseo. She and her family have been long-time residents of the Mt. Morris area. She chuckled when she said that her in-laws live right next door, and her mother lives only a few blocks away.

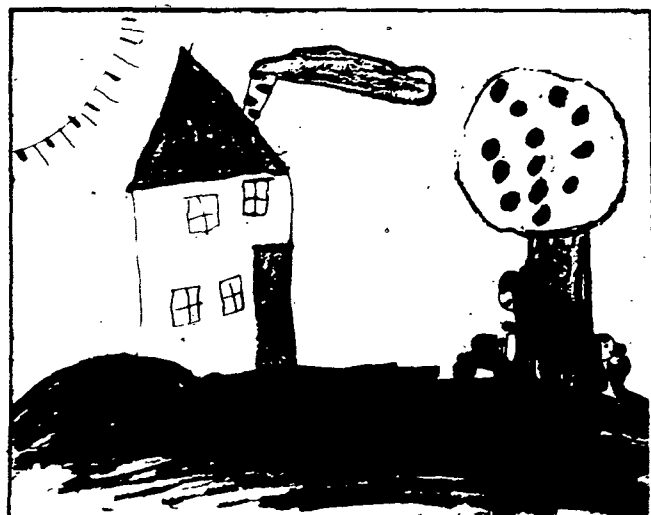
A feature of Teri's letter was the spelling of "rein," as in "She holds in the reins." Teri admits that her English teacher, Larry Thompson, has an unusual way of answering spelling problems in class, "d-i-c-t-i-o-n-a-r-y." Teri said last week that she looked "all over" for the proper spelling of rein.

Teri's Entry

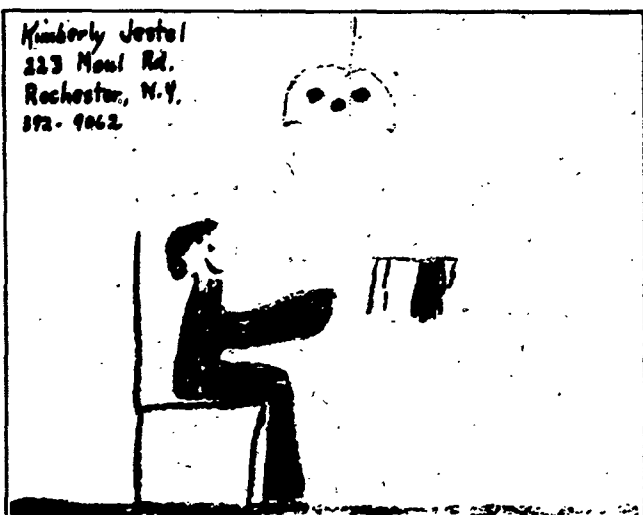
"Every boy and girl thinks their mother is the best mother in the whole world. And I'm one of them. My mother teaches me what is right and wrong. She keeps me away from wrong things, and shows me what's right. She holds in the reins, but yet I have my freedom. She's also always there when I need her. She's more than just a mother to me. She's kind of like my best friend. That's why I love her."



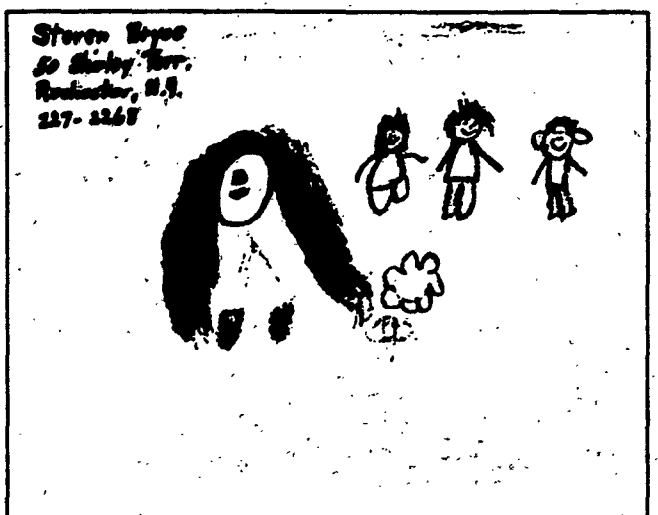
Joseph and Deborah Martello and Teri Latona.



Kimberly David, 8, Auburn



Kimberly Jestel, Rochester



Steven Bryce, Rochester