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**EARTH DAY  
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**HOW A GUY FROM THE BRONX  
MADE IT TO THE ACADEMY AWARDS**

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vides special education, day treatment and foster care for emotionally disturbed and learning disabled children. And, if her song turns a profit, the proceeds will go toward the establishment of a foundation to improve the lives of children.

### FOR LOVE AND MONEY

As co-chairs for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica 1995, **Bobby Nystrom**, director of amateur hockey development/alumni relations for the New York Islanders, and **Carol Silva**, anchor at News 12, will lead participants on the road to healthier babies on Sunday, April 30. This year marks the silver anniversary of the event, and 10,000 Long Islanders are expected to turn out and "Walk for Someone They Love."

March of Dimes WalkAmerica was the first walking event in the nation. Proceeds benefit the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies to fight birth defects and reduce the incidence of low birthweight and infant mortality. According to **Eileen Hattersley** of the Long Island chapter, April 12 marks 40 years since the development of the Salk vaccine, a research project supported by the March of Dimes. Hattersley also reports that the March of Dimes, the force behind the establishment of neo-natal units, is currently funding research on a drug to inflate the lungs of premature infants. For more information on WalkAmerica and the March of Dimes, call (516) 496-2100.

### POLITICAL PORTRAIT

Noted artist **Fran Lew** of White Plains, New York, has been commissioned by former New York Governor **Mario Cuomo** to paint his official portrait which will hang in the Hall of Governors in Albany, New York. "I'm honored that the Governor selected me," Lew says. "I very



Fran Lew, chosen to paint Mario Cuomo's official portrait.

much look forward to painting him in the coming year, and I'm also thrilled to know that my work will hang in such an historic gallery." Lew's artwork, contemporary in vision, has also been exhibited at many galleries, including the Palazzo Grassi in Venice, Italy, the John Pence Gallery in San Francisco, and Grand Central Art Galleries in Manhattan.

"I see my work as part of American Realism," she notes, describing a movement associated with the late Frank Reilly, regarded as a master teacher of American Realism, "so my vision is intensely focused on capturing those deep, human qualities that make an individual unique."

Lew, who received a B.A. with honors in art from Brooklyn College and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Boston University, has also painted such heads of state as **Golda Meir**, public figures such as **Matilda Cuomo**, the former First Lady of New York State, executives of corporations, a Nobel Laureate, and members of the clergy and medical professions.

Working from her White Plains studio, the artist expects to complete Governor Cuomo's portrait in about a year. The unveiling ceremony is expected to take place in 1996.

### CONFERENCE ON AGING

**Janet B. Walsh**, chairman of the board of the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation and a member of former Governor **Mario Cuomo's** Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, has been

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