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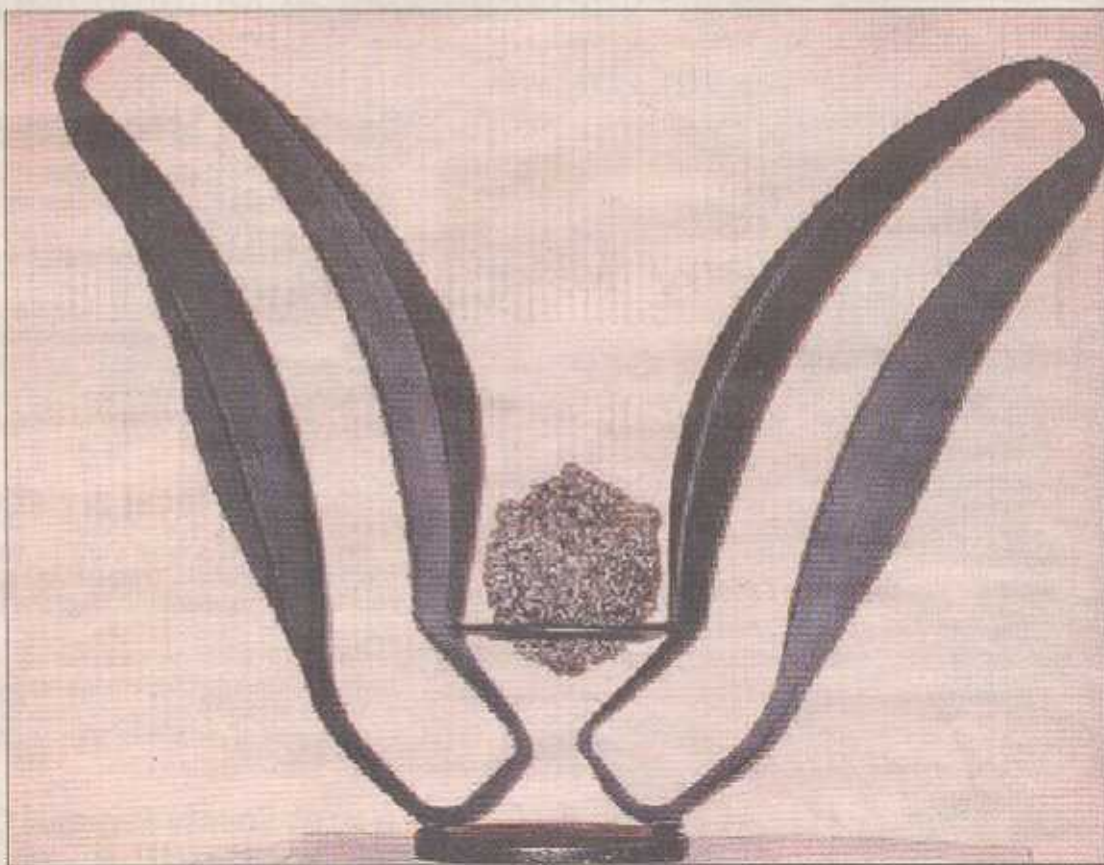
equipment kids can come, too!

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at the Fitness Club

Local artist has monumental success



Steel sculpture titled 'Victory'

BY SHARON L. LONGO

When John Proaño was six years old, he realized he had a talent for drawing. He began to experiment with colored pencils, drawing animals and cartoon figures. As a teenager, he became fascinated with charcoal drawings because of the simplicity and the unique characteristics. From there he focused on creating metal sculptures out of sheet metal, metal rods, and discarded industrial pieces, turning them into fine works of art.

Born in Cali, Colombia, Proaño attended the County College of Morris and the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He is a member of the Myhelan Artist Network and the Arts Council of the Morris Area. He has visited many galleries and museums around the world in order to see the works of many

of the great artists, including Picasso.

His works have been displayed in two student exhibitions at the County College of Morris in 1996 and 1997 and in several group exhibitions at Arts off Main and the Myhelan Artist Network in 2006. He was also the featured artist at an exhibition at Arts off Main and at a Myhelan Artist Demonstration, both in 2006. Many corporate, private, and public collections house his artwork including County College of Morris, Med-EX Advertising Agency, and ANADIGICS.

Proaño is currently working on his first large scale "monumental" sculpture which measures ten feet high by six feet wide and is completely fabricated. This will be his first commissioned piece. His personal goal is to further his artistic knowledge, while also finding new techniques in order to express his creativity.