



**President's Message**

**In Rem: Support Your Local Jurist, Part II**

The November 7, 1994 issue of the NEW JERSEY LAW JOURNAL carried a front page article entitled "Pursuing Detente in Family Court" by Lisa Brennan. In it, William McGuire, President of the New Jersey

State Bar Association, expressed alarm over attacks against judges. He asked members to "stand up" for family court judges.

While FACE was not specifically mentioned, fathers' right's groups were chastised for speaking up at judges' tenure hearings. Apparently our testimony at the reappointment hearings of Judges Segal and Herman is the shot heard round the retirement trough. No judge would have to look over his retirement fund shoulder if he or she followed the law instead of making it from the bench. To those that do, we offer another bench, early retirement on the one in the Park.

We encourage FACE members to Court Watch. It gives them a feeling for a judge's demeanor, likes and dislikes. It also gives an objective look at the process and how the law works. We observe what some lawyers are successful at doing and what other lawyers fail to do. We observe which laws or rules are invoked by the aggrieved party or the judge. With nothing at risk, it is a safe environment in which to learn. It is also how we build data files on judges.

Fully, over one half of our members that attended Herman's hearings were court room observers, not angry litigants. My personal testimony submitted, in writing, to the Senate Judiciary Committee on the Herman matter was almost two inches thick. It contained transcripts, orders, and certifications of others in his courtroom, not emotional babble, and nothing relating to me personally. It was hard evidence of transgressions and violations which would make the man unsuitable to be a superior court judge.

Mr. McGuire, this is more than First Amendment Rights being invoked. I can't believe that you would be against such proofs being offered in support of the removal of a judge or denial of tenure. Just where do you stand?

Page 1, paragraph 4, of the NJ Law Journal article states "McGuire said last week that he intends to speak out on the issue whenever possible but is unwilling to get more specific." To that end sir, I challenge you to a verbal duel **ON THE RECORD**.

Larry Stuelpnagel, Senior News Correspondent for New Jersey Network News hosts **ON THE RECORD**. It is a 30 minute taped TV show, rebroadcast several times on channels 23 and 52.

To the man who advocates "Support your local jurist," instead of detente, I am ready for a showdown. Shall we say High Noon?

*Michael Edward Fox, President*

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**S-924 and A-454  
Revocation of licenses  
Emergency call to action!**

On Thursday, November 10, 1994, the New Jersey Senate passed bill S-924 by a vote of 32 to 1. This bill, sponsored by Senators Richard Codey (D) of West Orange and Wynona Lipman (D) of Newark, calls for the **revocation of professional licenses and drivers licenses** of anyone six months in arrears in child support. Our congratulations to Senator C. William Haines (R) of Mount Laurel, the only Senator with the courage to vote against this outrageous bill.

The current draft of the corresponding Assembly bill, A-454 sponsored by Alan Augustine (R) of New Providence, Union County, calls for license revocation when child support is in arrears by only two weeks!

If passed into law, this would make even less sense than jailing parents who are unable to pay financial child support. If the non-custodial parent can't pay now, how will he ever be able to if he can't work in his licensed trade or profession or even drive to commute to work?

The radical feminist groups who support this legislation would have you believe that there are fathers who have the financial ability to support their children, but choose not to thus driving their children into poverty and welfare. If this were true, we could immediately lift millions of children out of poverty and save billions of dollars in welfare simply by giving custody to the fathers.

A U.S. Census Bureau survey has shown that, when custodial parents - mostly mothers - who were not receiving all the child support they were supposed to were asked why the fathers were not paying, the answer they gave most frequently was 'he doesn't have the money.' If he doesn't have the money now, how will he be able to get it when he is prohibited from working in his trade or profession, and even from commuting to work?

If the state wants to promote the payment of financial child support, they should make it easier to pay, not harder: Require employers, including government, to give hiring priority to parents who have child support obligations. Provide low-cost housing and food stamps to parents who have to choose to either pay the rent and eat, or pay the child support. (Child support obligations are not considered when determining eligibility for present programs.) Provide education and job training benefits so parents can increase their earning capability.

The same Census Bureau survey also showed that child support compliance is highest (90%) for non-custodial parents who have joint custody and frequent contact with their children, high (over 75%) for parents who have some contact with their children, and low (less than 50%) only for those with no contact. This proves that parents who emotionally support their children, have a say in how their child support dollars are used and see that their children are benefiting from their support pay their fair share. The parents who don't pay are those who

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## Revocation of licenses

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have been driven away from their children by a vengeful ex-mate.


This is supposed to be a land of freedom. No American likes or needs to be forced to do something he would be doing on his own if just left alone. Only slaves are forced to work without having any say in how the fruits of their labor are used. The solution is to eliminate sole custody, and guarantee every New Jersey child the right to enjoy shared custody by both parents.

Governor Whitman, although said to be generally supportive of the concept, has not yet expressed an opinion about this legislation.

FACE will be tracking the progress of this legislation. It will probably soon be discussed in committee in the Assembly. We will be organizing witnesses to testify in opposition.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO WRITE!

Write to your State Assemblyperson. (Check the blue pages of your new phone directory for the address.) Write to Governor Whitman (at The State House, Trenton, NJ 08625). Write a letter to the editor. Let your elected officials know you are opposed to license revocation.

Don't worry about your grammar or spelling. Hand written letters or even postcards will be fine. Be brief. Try to keep it to not more than one side of one page. 

## About FACE NJ

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## Court Watching In New Jersey

(or Beware of The Great Whites)

commentary by Joe Perretta

Another day of court watching in Burlington County proved to be more like an episode of jaws than a day in divorce court. There were lawyers circling and bumping in to each other asking the Judge to be removed from the divorce proceeding after the family assets were devoured by these highly specialized eating machines. In the sea of divorce off the great reef of human misery, lawyers were again set free to pursue new prey with family assets to gorge.

The willingness of Judges to allow attorneys to engage in feeding frenzies on family assets, then swim away after the last buck is gobbled up with dorsal fins riding high above the water line gives the legal system a bad name. One must be amazed by the lawyers' ability to escape these feeding frenzies without biting each other.

Unsuspected prey coming to the sea of divorce are seeking justice, fairness and a quick end. Not while the great whites are lurking in these dark waters! The smell of houses, the trail of bank accounts and pension plans send these lawyers into a rage. The savage attacks on the opposition are carefully orchestrated to last as long as there are family assets. Small prey who wanders into the sea of divorce have nothing to fear. Lawyers are trained at sizing up assets and can't live off puny prey. Lawyers never let the big ones get away!

The sea of divorce should be protected by a vigilant seaworthy court. After all, no self respecting seaman would stand by while these killers roamed the deep. Judges should do more than post ineffective "no feeding" signs for these hungry killers of the deep. No lawyer should be allowed to feed in the sea of divorce, then with the courts' blessing go in search of other victims without putting its first kill to rest. Judges must rein in these marauders of the deep and not let them off the hook until all family matters in a divorce action along with the family assets are resting in Davy Lawyer's locker!

Who knows, some day it maybe be safe to go in the water again???

## McBoycott!

by Christopher Pedrick

Early this year, McDonald's franchises began distributing "McMom" questionnaires. Although exclusively addressing issues related to parenting, these questionnaires refer only to mothers, disregarding fathers entirely. Those that respond to the questionnaire receive a "McMom's" newsletter containing information relating to parenting, but which is exclusively directed toward women.

FACE members, joining with a coalition of fathers' and children's rights groups nationwide, will be boycotting McDonald's restaurants until they drop this marketing campaign or make it gender neutral.

Undoubtedly, the public response to the boycott will be that we are being unreasonably hypersensitive to relatively unimportant commercial activities. McDonald's own response to fathers' complaints is that they have no intention of excluding any group, but that is exactly what they are doing - they are excluding men who assume an active parenting role.


We are being no more sensitive to this issue than other groups would be if McDonald's were to have a McWhite campaign focusing on white supremacy without also having a corresponding McBlack campaign (and McAsian, McLatino, etc., etc.).

The "McMom's" campaign also reinforces stereotypes about women. Excluding men in marketing regarding parenting indicates that McDonald's feels that only women should be involved parents. This reinforces the stay-at-home Mom model which discourages mothers from pursuing professional careers away from the home, and discourages girls from aspiring for professional success. We oppose any attitude or activity that tends to pigeonhole anyone into a social role based solely upon gender.

McDonald's claims this is not so since it wishes to include fathers, too. But the "McMom's" campaign contradicts this by excluding fathers from its title as well as its content.

We do not intend to injure McDonald's in any way, but only to vocalize our objection to the "McMom's" marketing campaign. Ideally, we would like to see a similar McDonald's program without the sexist overtones. A simple solution would be to remove all gender-specific references and change the name of this campaign to "McParents". Until that happens, we urge our friends and members who feel that the "McMom's" campaign challenges their role as involved parents to avoid patronizing McDonald's.

Daniel Norton and Stuart Miller  
contributed to this article. 

**WE ARE NOT LAWYERS. WE CAN NOT AND DO NOT REPRESENT ANYONE IN COURT.** If you find a competent, capable lawyer who understands your and your children's rights, who is willing and able to tenaciously fight to secure those rights, who completely understands the facts in your case, and who you can afford to pay, you should hire that person. If you can not find or afford to pay such a lawyer, we urge you to seek out all available resources to aid yourself in securing these rights. 

## JUVENILE JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM CALLS FOR STRONGER FAMILY VALUES

### Judge Sweeney can't understand why youth crime is rising

On Monday, September 12, 1994 the Burlington County Youth Services Advisory Council and Burlington County freeholders sponsored a symposium on crimes committed by youths. According to the Courier Post, it was attended by more than 100 "experts" in the field, including police officers, prosecutors, educators, mental health professionals, including Burlington County Family Court Judge John A. Sweeney.

In addition to presiding over divorces and custody matters, Family Court is where youthful offenders go to court. Sweeney said "It's not breaking windows anymore, it's not throwing eggs at cars. These kids - 11, 12, 13 - are committing major crimes" like armed robbery and murder. "It's up to you, folks, to come up with solutions for judges to base decisions on."


Assistant prosecutor Martin Mooney said that serious juvenile crimes have increased by almost 300 percent in the last six years, even though the population of 10 to 16 year olds dropped in the same period.

Since you asked, here's a solution for

you, Judge Sweeney: Stop putting our children at risk by creating fatherless families. Children have a civil right to a parent-child relationship with *both* of their parents *regardless of the parents' marital status*. Far more children are abused by their mothers, their mothers' paramours or their stepfathers than are abused by their natural fathers. 80 percent of the children in detention or in mental hospitals come from fatherless homes. There is a significant relationship between the rates of violent crimes and burglaries and the percentage of fatherless homes.

The increasing youth crime rate is not an inexplicable phenomenon. Why is it so hard for judges to understand and so easy for us non-

custodial fathers? It was caused by Judge Sweeney and his colleagues in Family Court! The divorce rate began skyrocketing when today's teenagers were toddlers. Every time he awarded sole custody and reduced the other parent to a mere paycheck and visitor in the child's life or, worse yet, drove the non-custodial parent away, he and his colleagues were putting another child at risk of becoming a teen delinquent by depriving him of the love, affection, guidance and care of one of his natural parents.

The solution is joint legal and shared physical custody of children for every parent who wants it. 

"A parent's interest in the companionship, care, custody and management of his or her children rises to constitutionally-secured right, given the centrality of family life as the focus for personal meaning and responsibility."

*Stanley v. Illinois* 92 S.Ct. 1208 (1972)



### Fathers' And Children's Equality, Inc. - NJ MISSION STATEMENT



Fathers' and Children's Equality is a non-profit children's advocacy organization, and a self-help and support group for non-custodial parents. Our Mission is to:

**minimize the emotional upheaval experienced by children during and after parental separation, and**

**promote every child's Civil Right to equal access to both parents and extended families regardless of the parents' marital status, and**

**end the adversarial process in divorce and custody matters.**

#### **Our Goals are to:**

promote equal parental responsibility for children's nurturing,  
promote equal parental responsibility for children's financial needs,  
encourage alternatives to divorce,  
promote the position that children are not property,  
end parental alienation,  
eliminate profit motivation in custody disputes,  
provide positive parenting role models for separating families,  
prevent the use of false child and/or spousal abuse allegations as leverage in custody disputes,  
establish mandatory penalties for false allegations of child and/or spousal abuse,  
promote equal treatment of Family Court litigants, and  
enforce existing laws providing gender equality in Family Court.

Adopted September 27, 1993 by the Board of Directors

## SPECIAL REPORT

## MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN FAMILY COURT

by Jeffrey Golden

There's a scene in the Mel Brooks film, "High Anxiety," where Brooks, portraying Dr. Richard Thorndyke, the new and highly respected head of the Psycho Neurotic Institute for the Very Very Nervous, is addressing the American Psychiatric Convention. Standing at the podium in front of giant portraits of Freud, Jung, Adler, and even Dr. Joyce Brothers, he says "One hundred years ago psychology was akin to witchcraft. But some of these great people, these giants behind me, gave us . . . [pause] . . . a nice living."

The so called mental health "experts" on the courts' lists of approved custody evaluators could stand in front of pictures of Judges Herman, Page, Segal, Sweeney and others and say the same thing.

One practitioner we know of, who is on the list of approved custody evaluators in at least four counties, has testified in court that he does fifty such evaluations per year. We know that, between his initial charge, the additional charge he surprises you with later for writing his report, and witness fees for appearing in court, he gets about \$10,000 for each evaluation. That's a half million dollars a year just for custody evaluations, and does not include his additional income from business referred to him by the Division of Youth and Family Services (he's on DYFS's list, too) or from his private practice. And this man is not even a psychologist - his degree is in education! That certainly is "a nice living."

**WHY CUSTODY EVALUATIONS?**

Why do the courts use psychologists and psychiatrists for custody and other evaluations? The judges don't have the time or the desire to do their own homework and find out what is really best for your children and you. The court's position, based upon legal precedents established in the dark ages of divorce and custody decisions when the "tender years doctrine" (which held that to develop properly, children, particularly small children, need the nurturing of their mother) was the norm, is that joint custody can not be awarded unless there is an amicable relationship between the parents and both are willing to cooperate with each other in decisions effecting the children. No one ever considers that, if joint legal and shared physical custody is awarded, the parents will have to become cooperative with each other.

This is a Catch-22 because people who find themselves litigating against each other in Family Court are not usually the best and most cooperative of friends. In fact, these two people who once loved and were intimate with each

other now don't even like each other and can't wait for the day when they will never have to see or speak to each other again. Even if only one feels that way, that still prevents them from acting and communication cooperatively in the best interest of the children.

To make matters even worse, one or both of them have hired lawyers, the modern day courtroom equivalents of the hired gunslingers of the old west. The lawyers fan the flames of conflict by advising their clients not to communicate with each other, to get the other out of the home with false or contrived allegations of domestic violence, and, if the client has temporary custody of the children, to withhold the children to promote even more conflict. Don't let this upset you. It's just part of the game. The lawyer is just doing his job. For him, this is self preservation. Remember, this is an "adversarial process." If there's no conflict, there's no need for lawyers.

In court, the parties will each present themselves as Mother Theresa or the Pope John Paul, and the other as the devil reincarnate. Both sides present their parents and other relatives as witnesses in support of their positions. In this he said/she said atmosphere, how is the judge to make a decision? He feels he needs the assistance of an impartial professional - the psychologist. But why? There are other knowledgeable impartial witnesses who can testify as to each parent's parenting skills, including teachers, neighbors and the children's friends' parents.

Married people do not have to subject themselves to psychological testing before they are allowed to have children. If there is no separation or conflict between the parents, they no one will ever force them to see a psychologist. Why should divorced or never wed parents be discriminated against and forced to undergo this scrutiny?

**WHO ARE THEY?**

What would make someone want to be a psychologist? When you were a young child, you saw firemen, police officers, doctors and others, and these looked like fun jobs. You may have wanted to be a fireman when you were a child. But who sees and wants to emulate a psychologist? People with problems. Psychologists have to sit patiently and listen while unhappy people complain about everything that is wrong with their lives? Who would want to do that? No one likes to listen to complaints. The only people who would want to be psychologists are people who were (or are still) themselves troubled and who may

have been or believe they were helped by a psychologist.

A psychologist is someone who is paid to be your friend. If you are so obnoxious that no one will be your friend unless they are paid to do so, then maybe you need to pay a psychologist to listen to you. But if you are a comparatively normal human being, you probably have friends who will listen to your problems and help you resolve them. Even if you don't have any friends, or they are not nearby when you need them, you could tell your problems to a bartender or your barber for a fraction of the cost. Not only that but, when you leave his place of business, you will have a nice haircut. It is unfair to subject people who do not feel they have any problems or never felt the need to see a psychologist to a psychologist's poking, prodding and testing.

For the psychologist, custody evaluations are the goose that lays the golden egg. Instead of having patients who may at any time decide that he is not right for them and leave, he has a patient who is court ordered to go only to him. His payment is guaranteed, even if the patient's home must be sold to do it.

The patient is not so fortunate. Whether or not he feels that the psychologist understands and is sympathetic to his concerns, the patient, or subject of the evaluation, has no choice. He is stuck with him.

Psychologists are people too and, as do all other humans, they have their own biases and prejudices, usually influenced by their own background. What is your psychologist's background? Was he raised by a single parent? Subjected to parental alienation? Was she once in an abusive relationship with an ex-mate? "Psychologists do not allow their own values and opinions concerning child-rearing to contaminate their clinical evaluations."\*

**HOW ARE THEY CHOSEN?**

Each county's Family Court maintains a list of "approved custody evaluators." How does a psychologist get on the list? By writing custody reports that make the judge's job easy. For example, if he submits a report that says that both are excellent parents, and that the children have and should continue to spend as much time with both parents as possible, he probably will not be called on again. If, on the other hand, he reports that Mom should have sole custody and Dad's contact with the children should be limited to "traditional visitation" of Wednesday evenings and every other weekend, he will find a lucrative career in Family Court.

In one case I am familiar with, that was

exactly what the evaluator recommended. I later had the opportunity to ask him why he decided custody in such a one-sided manner. He replied that he did not decide custody; the judge did. All he did was make a recommendation. I also later spoke to the judge and asked him why he gave sole custody to the mother. He said he did not decide custody; he just did what the psychologist recommended. No one is willing to take responsibility for his actions. Everyone wants to blame someone else.

In another case, the parties were referred to an agency that does many evaluations for the courts. At the first meeting, the evaluator, who worked at the agency for only about three months and had only done one previous evaluation, asked the father what he wanted. He told her that he wanted joint legal and equal shared physical custody of the children. The evaluator said the agency could not recommend that. He gave several reasons why that was appropriate for his family, and asked why they could not recommend it. She replied that, regardless of what was appropriate for this family, they would not recommend joint custody because Family Court in that county does not award joint custody. She could not afford to jeopardize the agency's future custody evaluation business by doing what is right for this family. The recommendation in this case too was sole custody for the mother and visitation for the father, even though the father had a more flexible work schedule and had been deeply involved in the children's upbringing prior to the separation.

How does a particular psychologist get selected to perform a particular evaluation? The lawyers may be asked to come to an agreement on one, or the judge may select one himself. The lawyers, who are familiar with the evaluators on the list, will try to select one who has written favorable reports for his clients in the past. The psychologist owes allegiance to the busiest divorce lawyers who refer this very lucrative business to him, and may be inclined to continue writing reports favorable to their clients.

Even if the judge selects the psychologist, that does not guarantee a fair evaluation. Remember, the judge gave up a \$300,000 a year job as a lawyer to become a \$106,000 a year judge, and the psychologist's practice is a \$500,000 per year business. It could be considered good business practice to pay finder's fees to people who refer business to them.

Money paid for the evaluation is virtually untraceable. The psychologist is not on the

court's payroll. He does not get a W-2 at the end of the year. He is not even paid through the probation department. The psychologist is paid directly by the parents. There is ample opportunity for financial shenanigans.

Always remember, although he may ACT like your friend because he is being PAID to be your friend, the psychologist is NOT your friend. He is in business. He is being paid to do a job, and he wants to do that job in such a way that more jobs will be referred to him. You are not a source of future business for him; the lawyers and judges are.



Student pranks in 1907.

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**THE EVALUATION**

In court, the psychologist is an expert witness as opposed to a fact witness. That means that he can testify as to his professional *opinion* instead of just facts about that he witnessed. But psychology is not an exact science, and the psychologist's opinion will not necessarily be correct.

The same characteristics that have made you successful at your job or profession disqualify you from having custody of your children. If you are competitive, you are "combative." If you are tenacious, you are "unyielding." If you get up at 6:00 o'clock every morning and go to work, you are "inflexible."

Your friend, the custody evaluator, may lull you into a feeling of confidence that he is on your side by indicating to you that he agrees that your soon to be ex-wife is in some way deficient, and encourage you to verbalize this. Resist the urge to do this. If you don't, his report

will say that you "harbor deep seated animosity toward family members." Concentrate on the positives about you, and avoid her negatives.

In one case I am familiar with, during his time with his father, a 1 1/2 year old boy who was just beginning to talk said "Daddy bastard!" The father questioned an older sibling, and found that this is what the mother and her family, with whom she and the children were living, called the father. During a meeting with the custody evaluator a few days later, the father asked the boy "What does Mommy call Daddy?" The boy replied "Daddy bastard!"

The evaluator made some notes. When the father received a copy of the evaluator's report, it said "Mr. X encourages [his son] to say "Daddy bastard."

If your soon to be ex-wife is having an extra-marital affair, the report will say that she "makes friends easily" and "is developing a healthy relationship with a significant other." Remember, it is not illegal, or even psychologically detrimental, to be immoral.

If the results of your psychological testing do not neatly fit into one of the categories defined, you will be diagnosed as having "mixed personality disorder." There is no such abnormality. All that this means is that you are a unique individual.

If you chose to avoid fights by ignoring your ex-spouse when she was trying to pick fights with you, you will be diagnosed as uncaring and a "passive-aggressive" personality.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO? ... AND NOT DO?**

First and foremost, avoid a custody evaluation altogether. If there is no evaluation, there is no professional opinion against you.

Refuse to use any evaluator on the court's list. You do not want to use anyone who is part of your county's old boy network. You should be able to use any psychologist licensed in the state of New Jersey. Consult with FACE for recommendations.

If a custody evaluator is selected, interview the evaluator to determine if he is willing to make the recommendation you feel is best for your family. If he is not, do not participate in an evaluation with him. You should get this information from him before you give him any information about yourself or your family.

Find out about the evaluator's own background. Is there anything in his background that may make him biased against

custody for fathers? If so, find someone else.

If you find yourself trapped in a custody evaluation with a psychologist, court appointed or not, that you don't trust, immediately make a motion for a second evaluation.

Tell the unacceptable evaluator that you can't afford to pay him. "Psychologists decline a case and make appropriate referrals if mutually satisfactory fee arrangements cannot be made in advance."\*

If you are forced to proceed, demand that the evaluator gives you his federal taxpayer ID number. Since you will be paying him more than \$600, you are entitled to this information so you can fulfill your obligation to file a form 1099 for him with the IRS.

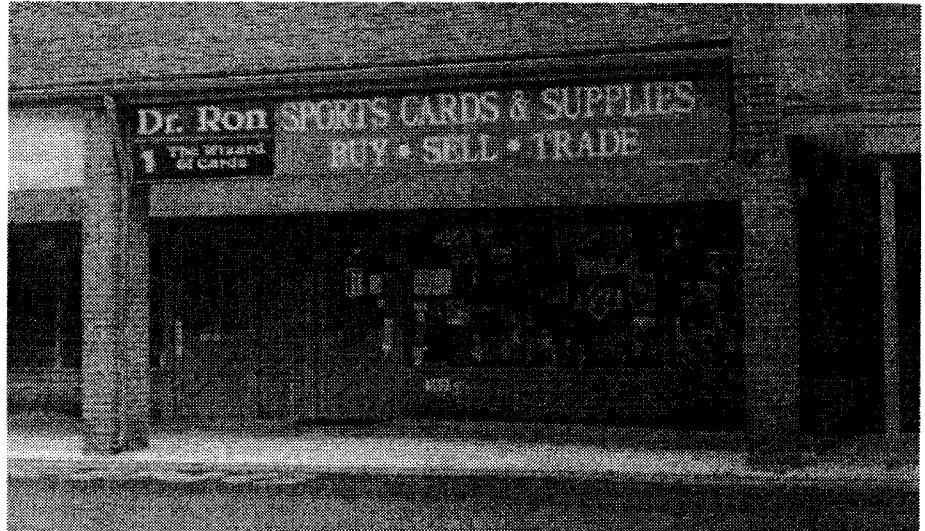
Ask him if there have been any complaints against him filed with the Board of Psychological Examiners and to explain them. You may also wish to check with others who have used his services about complaints against him that they may know of. FACE may be able to help you find others who have used him. Be sure to question him thoroughly on the nature of these complaints.

Is the psychologist communicating directly with your opponent's lawyer? or yours? "All communication with parents or attorneys is conducted in such a manner as to avoid bias or other impropriety or the appearance thereof."\*

"Selective amnesia" seems to be a common ailment among psychologists. They seem to have a tendency to forget things that may be favorable to you, or turn them around and use them against you. To avoid this, make sure that you have a record of everything that is said during the evaluation process. Use your micro-cassette recorder, surreptitiously if necessary. If the psychologist objects, ask him if he plans to say anything that he will not want to have repeated later.

The evaluation process should include all people the children will have significant relationships or contact with. There should be sessions with you alone, your soon to be ex-wife alone, you and the children, her and the children, and all of you together. If she is living with anyone else (a paramour, grandparents, etc.), they should also be included in the evaluation process.

Avoid all standardized psychological tests. Many tests regularly used in custody evaluations are not intended for that purpose. All of them are scored by comparing your results to those of a control group of thousands of people. If you have been ejected from your home by a restraining order, are involuntarily separated from your children, or have been suddenly forced to try to exist on a fraction of your income, you are suffering from depression, or post traumatic stress syndrome, or at least an adjustment disorder, and your results will be skewed. The members of the control group were not under this stress. "Psychologists do



## PSYCHOLOGIST FINDS HONEST WORK

We had heard rumors that former psychologist Dr. Ronald Galinski, formerly one of Family Court's custody evaluation darlings who was recently defrocked by the Board of Psychological Examiners, had found a new career selling baseball cards. We searched and, there in a sparsely occupied Cherry Hill shopping center, between the high priced consumer finance company and a vacant store, we found it - Dr. Ron The Wizard of Cards. No longer will Dr. Ron be performing "parentectomies" on children. The most danger he can now be to families will be to take kids' pennies for baseball cards that don't even come with any bubble gum.

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not rely solely upon the results of computerized narrative reports of assessment devices without exercising an independent capacity to interpret scores yielded by the measure."\*

There are no right or wrong answers in the Rorschach inkblot test. The purpose of the inkblots is just to get you talking. Make sure that all of the inkblots look like very light, cheerful, pleasant things, like bunny rabbits happily hopping across a field. Try to avoid finding any alligators or ferocious lions.

If you receive an unfavorable evaluation report, subpoena the psychologist's notes and raw test data, and have the whole evaluation process reviewed by another psychologist. "Psychologists maintain detailed written records."\* Since psychology is not an exact science, you can always find another psychologist who can either find the opposite

results from the same input data, or invalidate the original evaluation.

If, following an evaluation, you are encouraged, forced or ordered to return to the same psychologist for treatment, do not go. "Under no circumstances should a treating psychologist agree to assume the role of evaluator."\* This is also why, even though you may have already paid thousands of dollars to a psychologist who is already very familiar with your case, he will not, should not and can not be the evaluator.

\* Quoted from "Specialty Guidelines for Psychologists Custody/ Visitation Evaluations" published by Board of Psychological Examiners, Division of Consumer Affairs, NJ Department of Law & Public Safety, 124 Halsey St., 6th floor, PO Box 45017, Newark, NJ 07101, (201) 504-6470

## COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LAWS OF DIVORCE

by Barbara LaMarra and Jeffrey Golden

The last two public hearings by the Commission to Study the Laws of Divorce were on September 20, 1994 in Wayne, NJ and on November 2, 1994 in Trenton. If you did not testify before the commission, the only way to do so now is in writing, but you had better act quickly because the Commission is now writing the first draft of its report to the Governor and the Legislature. Send fifteen copies of your testimony to:

Ms. Patricia K. Nagle  
Commission to Study the Laws of Divorce  
Legislative Office Building  
135 West Hanover St.  
CN-067  
Trenton, NJ 08625

### SEPTEMBER, 1994 HEARING:

Dr. Block testified that Bergen County Judge Sween permitted his ex-wife's lawyer to "turn [him] into an annuity for the firm".

William Hess said he is a former Wayne, NJ school board member, but has "rarely seen" his three sons in the last three years since his divorce. He called Family Court a tool for "government kidnapping and robbery."

Richard Martin, president of New Jersey Council for Children's Rights said that the League of Women Voters proposals are band-aids and do not get to the root of the problem, which is violations of access to children. He cited a U.S. Census Bureau survey that says that 90 percent of fathers with joint custody pay financial child support, 80 percent of fathers with significant visitation pay child support, and only 45% of fathers who have no contact with their children pay. The solution is for the Courts to enforce ALL parts of domestic relations orders, not just the financial issues, equally and fairly.

Dean Rosner is a lawyer and the president of the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators. He said that our present adversarial system fosters destructive communication and bitterness, and that mediation is more efficient and less costly. A trained professional helps the couple work out a plan for the future, while the attorney becomes an advisor, rather than an advocate. He refuted the position that the woman comes to mediation with less power by saying that the mediator controls the process and evens things out.

Diane Trahune said she was married for 22 years to a doctor from Iran, and that Dr. Judith Greif awarded him custody. (Whose job is it to decide custody. We thought that's what the judge is supposed to do.)

Dr. Bernier Lauredan, a pediatrician from Newark, said there is an illegal takeover

of children by government, DYFS and the courts. Quoting Dr. Louis Sullivan, former U.S. Secretary of Health Education and Welfare, he said that "one of the most pressing issues facing our nation is a perilous rise in the fatherless families." (See sidebar for the complete text of Dr. Lauredan's testimony.)

Peter Stauts, a police officer, testified that he had been married for 17 years and has two children. He has split custody. He said "the system is not in step with reality," and "the only purpose for a CIS [case information statement] is for the attorney to see how much he can get from the family."

Lisa Marie Vogel testified that divorce in New Jersey has become a drain on resources, on the family and on the courts. She said she lost custody of her children because she ran out of money and lost her home. She could not afford an attorney and could not get legal aid. A middle class person can not afford representation. She also said that custody evaluators should be paid by the state.

Tom Wysniewski testified that he was divorced in Monmouth County. Judge Lehrer used duress to force him to accept a child support obligation in excess of the guidelines.

Ann \_\_\_\_\_, a non-custodial mother, displayed photos of her children that were taken by her parents who got to see them for only ten minutes. She said she had called 31 lawyers in Passaic and Morris counties, but none would help her. The only help she got was from a parents' and children's rights group.

Barry Weinstein said that this is a revolution, and accused every Family Court judge of gender bias.

Bill French called Judge Bloom of Essex county arrogant, abusive and unprofessional. (We've heard this before about other judges. This must be a prerequisite for the job.)

Irwin Eisenstein of Brooklyn, NY asked the Commission to "Hang the crooked judges."

Bruce Eden of NJCCR told of ten years fighting in courts. He is disabled and has been assaulted by his ex-wife. He has spent \$70,000 in legal fees and paid thousands of dollars in support, but the court won't enforce his visitation order.

Robert Balon said that joint legal custody means nothing. He has spent five years and \$100,000 just to get Fathers Day visitation with his child.

Mat Matero said that the divorce rate is increasing because we have fallen away from God. He wasn't seen his daughter in a year. He asked for mandatory penalties for false allegations of child abuse and sexual abuse, and that visitation orders should be enforced by

jailing custodial parents who will not cooperate. He cited the finding in the Pascale case that the amount of time the child spends with the non-custodial parent should be considered when setting child support.

Michael Silvia testified that while he was in jail for non-payment, he was forced to turn over everything that he owned, including a home with \$50,000 equity and his tax refund, to his ex-wife.

Joe Perretta of FACE reminded the Commission that "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." He said that litigants should be allowed to sue judges, and that the so called "experts" used by the courts don't have as much knowledge of the facts in a case as the litigants.

### THE ATTACK OF THE RADICAL FEMINISTS

We had wondered why so few women were testifying at these hearings. We assumed that it was because they already got everything they could from Family Court, and there was nothing more to ask for or get. More women were present at this hearing than any other. Many testified, but most seemed to be there only to jeer at other witnesses. We believe that this was the result of an effort by some radical feminist groups to rally all of their people to this meeting. Our responses to their testimony are in parentheses.

Barbara Bowie of the League of Women Voters made several recommendations: Give the Probation Department the power to execute on liquid assets and enforce spousal support by income withholding and diverting tax refunds. Interface Family Court's and ACES computer systems. Require employers to enroll children in health insurance. (This position by the League of Women Voters is very disturbing to FACE. They do an excellent job of informing the public of candidate's positions at election time and publishing directories of legislators. Our advise to the League of Women Voters: Stay out of the Courts.)

Rochelle Castelano said that, through a NOW divorce clinic, she knows 50 to 60 women who are "cut out" of the legal system for lack of a retainer fee for a lawyer. We agree. Simplify divorce or get it out of the courts. (This is not unique to women. Men too are financially devastated by the present Family Court system.)

Hara Leitman, an attorney, testified against term alimony.

Gloria Robinson said that the Court did not uphold it's own orders. (This sounds familiar. Our members say that every day.) She told of a 20 year marriage to an "abusive husband and father" and said she lost her home and representation. (That sounds familiar, too.) She said "stop using the children as hostages."

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE STATE COMMISSION  
TO STUDY THE LAW OF DIVORCE

Honorable chairperson, distinguished members of the commission, members of elected officials and participants at large:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to address this Commission on the sensitive issues surrounding the most defenseless members of our society, our children.

On behalf of all children, please allow me to congratulate the New Jersey State Legislature, the National Council for Children Rights, the New Jersey Council for Children Rights and all the other organizations for accepting the challenge to deal with the emotional, political and legal aspect of the issue of divorce and the rights of children.

As a Pediatrician in the inner city of Newark, I constantly deal with the well known phenomenon of "babies having babies", the counselling of children of divorced mothers, and on occasions the unpleasant task of attending the funeral of a teenager killed by another lost teenager.

There is increasing evidence that poverty, racial prejudice and lack of education lead to crime, drug abuse and violence. However, an even bigger factor is the illegal take over of parental rights by the government. An example is the separation of children from their families such as in the case of divorce whereby sole custody of a child is awarded to one parent.

The following statistics are from the households of single parents or sole custody homes: 85% of the youth incarcerations, 90% of the homeless and runaways, 75% of the chemical dependence and abuse, 71% of the high school dropouts, 71% of the teenage pregnancies, 63% of the teenage suicides.

These are disturbing statistics to any man or woman of good conscience. Dr. Louis Sullivan, a former Secretary of Health and Education set the stage when he stated and I quote:

"What I consider to be one of the most pressing issues facing our nation is a perilous rise in the fatherless families."

This crisis results mainly from the failure of the system to support a coordinated and rational effort to diffuse the disintegration of families, to stop the discriminatory process of the courts in which one parent usually the mother is declared the sole custodian and the other parent usually the father the open wallet visitor.

Honorable chairperson and members of the commission, the family Division of the Courts should be renamed "the failing children Division". This is perhaps the most visible part of the Courts where someone usually a man is considered guilty without a hearing, where the most malicious lawyer with the blessing of the Courts hemorrhages the party's assets at the expense of the children. Unfortunately, we are still asking why so many children are living in poverty. Shouldn't everyone be considered innocent until proven guilty?

According to most recent knowledge, of the two chromosomes which are united to form a baby, one comes from a man and other from a woman. One can then deduct that a child belongs to two parents with equal rights to nurture, to love and to support emotionally and economically to the best of their abilities. Therefore misnomers such as sole custody, residential custody, full custody should be erased from the book unless one of the parents is declared unfit.

For the sake of our children, the future of the nation, the archaic and adversarial process of divorce established under nonscientific grounds must be scrapped and replaced by a more modern mediation system headed by well seasoned and independent teams of Psychiatrists and Psychologists dedicated to the service of the best interest of children not everyone else.

Thank You, Bernier Lauredan, MD

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(Again we are saying the same thing. The system is morally bankrupt and must be changed.)

Dolores Jordan asked for a state databank of men who have a history of being abusers. (Why not also a databank of women who claim to have been abused so men can avoid any contact with these women who enjoy portraying themselves as victims?)

Kathy Cociola testified that she can't collect child support, and that her children are losing their dignity because they have to wear

hand-me-down clothes and sometimes go hungry. She asked that, to eliminate "buddyism," a three judge panel should decide custody. (This would be three times worse than what we have now. How could it possibly be in these children's best interest to put them into poverty with their mother who is obviously incapable of financially supporting them. Give them to their father!)

Vivian Herr said she was divorced in 1980. She has three children. She was not allowed to leave the state with the children. (That's the way it should be. If she wants to leave the state, give the children to their father.)

Joan Brezenda of the Women's Rights Information Center in Engelwood, NJ DEMANDED to speak today because she could not come to Trenton and she was "from Bergen County and paying a VERY expensive babysitter."

Joan Patee, a job placement counsellor in Morris and Passaic counties asked for legal clinics where women can get information on family law. (Why be biased only toward women? Why not clinics where everyone, regardless of gender, can get information?)

There was also testimony by two women that we found quite disturbing. Marianne Falcione of Passaic County is Bruce Eden's ex-wife. She began her testimony with a laundrylist of unsubstantiated accusations against her ex-husband, and closed by saying that the only purpose for the non-custodial parents' and children's groups is to "concentrate on how to get out of their financial obligations." (Get a life, lady. No one ever promised you a free lunch. Your daughter has two parents and deserves to know and be loved by both of them. She is not your property or your personal meal ticket.)

Esther Bauman is the ex-wife of Marty Rodetsky of PACT. She too used this committee hearing as a forum to air a personal attack against her ex-husband.

We feel that the dignity of the committee hearings was compromised by allowing these two witnesses to personally attack other witnesses. The chair should not have allowed their testimony or, having allowed it, should have allowed the victims of these attacks equal time to respond. Both Mr. Eden and Mr. Rodetsky did request and were allowed to respond, but this came at the end of the meeting when most people had already left, and each was only allowed 30 seconds.

**NOVEMBER, 1994 HEARING:**

Because this was the last public hearing and a large number of people had signed up to speak, ground rules were established that new witnesses could speak for five minutes, and those who had spoken before could only speak for two minutes.

Although he had done so at a prior hearing, Marty Rodetsky again played the tape of Commission member ex-judge Marianne Espinoza-Murphy screaming at him in court in a most undignified, disrespectful and arrogant way. This is the tape that led to her not being reappointed to the bench. The difference is that this time Mrs. Murphy was present, and the tape was played in front of her and all the other Committee members.

Kathleen Huffman, the custodial parent of two teenagers, testified that she and her children are survivors, not victims, of Family Court. She advised mediation as a less costly non-adversarial system, and advocated compromise.



Dr. Thomas Graves complained of continued judicial adherence to the "tender years doctrine" even though it is outlawed by N.J.S. 9:2-4. He asked the Commission to monitor Family Court decisions, keep statistics, and publish an annual report so we can see if the laws are being upheld.

Charles Forberg testified about joint custody, holidays, and some financial and income tax issues.

Joan Pennington, executive director of the National Center for Protective Parents, a domestic violence specialist, testified that New Jersey is one of the five worst states for protecting children from incest. When her allotted time ran out she said she will file a formal complaint about the biased way these hearings have been conducted. (How was it biased? Everyone was allotted the same time.)

Melonie Griffith of the Commission on Sex Discrimination in the legislature, testified about differences in property law between probate law and divorce law. She said that in cases of sexual abuse and incest, men should not have custody or visitation. (How about if the perpetrator is a woman? Should the man still not be allowed to be a father?) She said that no one should be forced into mediation involuntarily.

Ida Sanders told of her ex-husband divorcing not only her, but their children, too, and that children need the emotional support of both parents. She said "Children should have love and commitment from both parents, whether living together or not."

Harry Moganson discussed alimony reform. He said current laws are "not in pace with reality." He advocates a new category - "term alimony."

John McCarthy of Monmouth county has been involved with Family Court since 1986. He testified about his two year divorce trial and 3 1/2 years to modify alimony. He said men are guilty until proven innocent, the judges are out of touch with reality, and the lawyers are the biggest obstacle to a settlement.

His wife, Julie McCarthy said that her personal pre-marital assets were seized and turned over to his ex-wife. "The second wife has absolutely no rights."

Dr. Geibel, a lawyer and soon-to-be ex-husband, complained of delaying tactics. He said if one spouse wants to hurt the other, everyone loses except the lawyers.

Robert Matorano of Fathers United for Equal Rights and Women's Coalition testified of his experiences as a court volunteer in Ocean county working with domestic violence.

Robert Braid, a college economics teacher and president of the NJCCR-PAC, testified about the process for determining child support and that nobody has ever defined what child support is.

Dominic LoMano of NJCCR read a letter from his daughter.

John McGowen testified that the courtrooms are ours, not the judges. We citizens and taxpayers own the courts; the judges are our employees.

The following people who had spoken at previous hearings were allowed only two minutes to testify:

Stuart Wed spoke of the book "Child Support Guidelines - The Next Generation" published by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement. He advocates the position presented in chapter 11.

Jeff Golden of FACE had prepared a summation of the hearings, but was only allowed to speak for two minutes, too little time for his whole presentation. The complete text of his testimony is available from FACE.

Dr. Jeff Barnes said that he had previously testified that he personally had no problems with his divorce or custody, but that now problems have developed.

David John Hudson Sr. and Jr. (who is about two years old) testified about non-prosecution of violations of N.J.S. 2C:13-4 - Interference with visitation.

Bob Dass presented a petition with over 1,000 signatures asking the legislature to establish a legal presumption of joint custody.

Rich Gorish recommended mandatory mediation.

Thomas Wysniewski, Dr. Klock, Andy Kozak and Michael Mayo were each allowed only two minutes to talk.

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## JUDICIAL REAPPOINTMENTS

Family Court judges scheduled for reappointment in 1995:

Initial term ends	Judge	County
January 29, 1995	Paul F. Chaiet	Monmouth
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June 29, 1995	George L. Seltzer	Atlantic
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December 22, 1995	Richard P. Plechner	Middlesex

If you have any information that can assist the Judiciary Committee in determining whether or not any of these judges deserve to be reappointed to lifetime tenure, mark your calendar to testify at their public reappointment hearings. To do so, at least two months before the initial term ends, contact:

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Ask him to notify you of when and where it will be (most likely at the Legislative Office Building on Hanover Street in Trenton). Prepare your testimony in writing, and bring at least ten copies with you to distribute to the committee and the press.

Judiciary Committee reappointment hearings are the only opportunity members of the public have to voice their opinion about the performance of judges. In the past, some lawyers as well as Family Court litigants have been reluctant to testify against judges for fear of reprisals from the judge if he is reappointed. Do not be afraid. Testimony against a judge could be grounds for the judge's recusal, or for a change of venue. Your civic obligation to testify is just as strong as your civic duty to vote.

## Letters To Legislators

by Richard Gorish (RICHG79801@AOL.COM)

This new column "Letters to Legislators" is a prime opportunity for you to express your legislative and judicial opinions and suggestions to a large audience. The price of one stamp to FACE will afford you communication to all legislators and judges. I will also forward your letter to the New Jersey Politics newsgroup and Fathers' Rights Equality Exchange (FREE-L, an internet mailing list) if it is appropriate to do so.

This is not a "Back Talk" column. We are seeking your sincere letters which are important for our officials to read. Of course you can "vent your spleen"; however, your suggestions for improvement are desired. FACE does reserve the right to edit the letters that are submitted.

Send your letters to: Richard Gorish, FACE, 44 River Bank Drive, Roebing, NJ 08505. It is easier if you can e-mail to Richg79801@aol.com. You must include your town and phone number so I can call you to verify your letter.

### An open letter to all legislators:

Here is an opportunity for you to obtain recognition and credibility by endorsing future legislation which reduces the hardships of divorce. Please read on.

I have been following the hearings of the Committee to study the laws of divorce and have the following conclusions.

Each gender had specific agendas. Women wanted more support and efficient methods of support collection for "their" children (Immaculate conceptions). Men wanted more access enforcement and orders for support which are fair and justifiable. Many good suggestions were made.

The point of this letter is that BOTH genders agreed that divorce litigation should be removed from the courts as possible and there exists a severe need for lawyer and judicial accountability. Mediation efforts help avoid the problems created by lawyers and judges.

There were many complaints of financial destruction (Legal fees) and judges that did not come even close to enforcing existing laws as they are written. There WILL be proposals (within the next year) that relate to attorney and judicial accountability.

There will be need for sponsors of these proposals and this is where you as a legislator can benefit your constituents. I can not end this letter without giving an example of how judges often perform their duties.

It is the intent of our divorce laws to provide fairness and equality to all litigents, encourage parent/child relationships after divorces (public policy), and to ensure a "comparable" standard of living.

Judge Scholsser (Burlington Co.) granted me four hours a week to be with my child (there is NO justification) and gave my wife 2 1/2 times the net salary that I was to live on. Judge LeBon, also in Burlington Co., refused to release (split) escrowed monies (sale of home) only because of the objection of my wife! There was an IRS deadline for reinvestment or pay a lot of capital gains tax. (no appeal time possible) Today I am receiving threats of tax liens with no possibility to pay

and home ownership a future impossibility. None of this was necessary.

Judge Schlosser ended my fatherhood access and did not provide me and my child equal protection of the law. Judge LeBon made a totally illogical decision that devastated me financially. (Giving the money to IRS rather than reinvest in equity)

Judges receive no feedback on the destruction they cause. They can not be sued in court because of judicial immunity. They are not held accountable for their actions.

What is truly sad is that my example is only typical of family courts in NJ. Vindictive wives get their windfall.

Richard Gorish

### Sen. Codey :

Fathers Have No Divorce Rights

It never ceases to astonish me how there is always a new law that targets fathers, but a father cannot even get his basic rights recognized let alone enforced. I am referring to the revocation or suspension of a professional,

occupational or drivers' license for those who fail or fall behind in so-called child support. What about the establishment of a Senate Fathers' As Parents Issues—Children and Family Services Committee to address and offer legislation concerning the victimization of fathers and the resulting irreparable injury it causes the children? When are one of these lawmakers going to present a bill sponsoring economic child support based on actual disposable income and real cost of living rather than speculative or what-amount-would-be-nice-to-award policies? Would Senator Codey please inform me how do you go about DEMANDING an administrative hearing? Whenever you call an administrative office all you get is an answering machine and ultimate denials. I am still trying to get an "administrative hearing" contesting the fraudulent welfare benefits collected unilaterally by my children's mother which ended up as a judgment and lien against me. Senator Codey and all your constituents—your bill reeks of November election time pandering and need serious revisions and safeguards. Why not an administrative hearing BEFORE the oppressions since the penalty is so drastic. A lot of due process is going to go right down the drain. What about the low income working obligor who goes into arrears as soon as the obligee cashes the first welfare check? Better yet, enact legislation that upon separation or divorce that it is going to be joint and equal physical, legal, residential custody with no money changing hands—the divorce rate would plummet—GUARANTEED!

Abdulaziz Faruq  
Camden, NJ



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 29, 1995:

Super-Bowl Party at the home of one of our favorite judges.

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Meet at Bob Evans Restaurant, Route 73 at Fellowship Road (at New Jersey Turnpike Exit 4), Mount Laurel, NJ.

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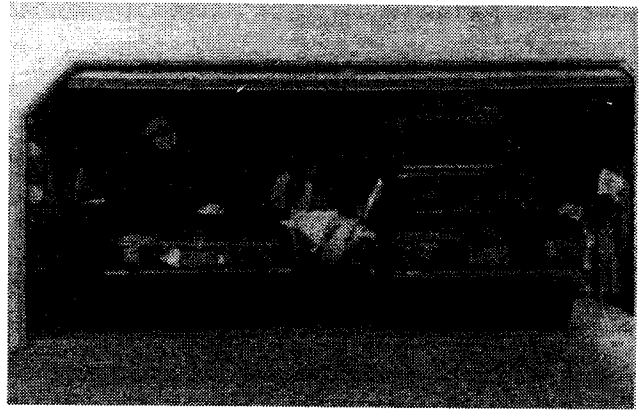
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FACE Cherry Hill General Meeting

The Cherry Hill Free Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week from April 8th through 15th, 1995. The meeting room that we usually use will not be available. Phone the FACE hotline, 609/786-FACE, for meeting location this month. Meeting

# HALLOWEEN DEMONSTRATIONS



On Sunday, October 30, 1994, FACE celebrated its third annual Halloween at Judge Vincent D. Segal's house. Yes, we know that the last edition of AboutFACE-NJ only said there would be a demonstration on Halloween day, Monday, October 31st, but judge Segal is slick, and we expected him to have state police security there after our announcement.

About a dozen FACE demonstrators caught Vince off guard. The garage door was open with both Mercedes Benzs inside. (It looks like he took down the ostentatious chandelier in the garage.) His front door was open on this warm fall day, but it was quickly closed after we began picketing.



Half a dozen neighbors stopped to ask why we were there, and we advised them that their neighbor is dangerous to their children. As long as he prevents us from enjoying Halloween with our children, we will continue to make it difficult for him to enjoy Halloween with his kids.

Lots of kids came by on their bikes, including Vince and Linda's daughter Allison's babysitter. We told one boy on a bike why we were there, and he and his friends rode away. They came back a few minutes later and he said "I guess what you are really saying is 'Segal sucks.'" We told him that we would not say that exactly in that way, but if he wanted to we respect his First Amendment right to do so.

FACE planned to demonstrate in front of another judge's house on Halloween day, but rainy weather and poor attendance on a Monday workday cancelled that. We will try again next year.



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