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What does this building look like to you? ...an old firehouse.
What does this building look like to me?

by Jeff Golden

DAD'S HOUSE! FACE's Shelter for Men & Children

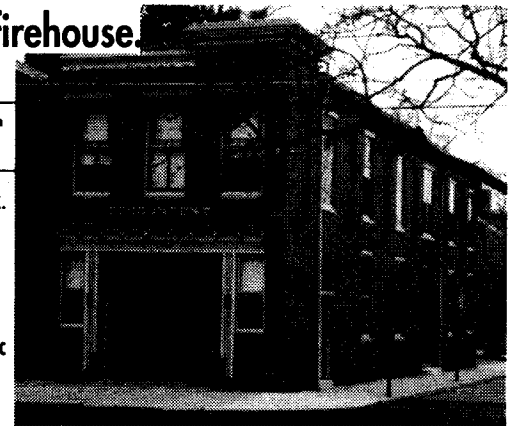
It would have a supervised parenting time (visitation) room and a neutral parenting time drop-off facility downstairs where the fire trucks once were, temporary emergency living accommodations with a communal dining/community room upstairs where the firefighters once slept, a mediation/counseling facility and FACE's headquarters office in the rear where there are now underused fire department offices, and a large parking area across the street where the volunteers once parked their cars.

This is the Good Intent fire station, at the corner of Garden and Buttonwood Streets in Mount Holly. A news article about three years ago reported that Mount Holly was decommissioning it, and it's equipment and personnel were being transferred to other nearby more modern facilities. FACE made initial inquiries then, but Mount Holly was not inclined to welcome any more shelters or nonprofits into the community.

Is Dad's House needed? Parents are ordered to have supervised parenting time with their children, but court supervision is only available during business hours when the

courthouse is open and when the parents also have to work. Other parents need a safe place where children can be exchanged for parenting time, but doing this at a police station has a negative impact on the children and the parent-child relationship. Women commit at least fifty percent of the acts defined in New Jersey's laws as domestic abuse, but there are no abused men's shelters in New Jersey. The largest demographic groups of abused children are those that either live only with their mothers, or with their mothers and the mothers' boyfriends, yet there are no emergency living facilities for fathers and children. Men are ejected from their homes every day on false or questionable accusations of domestic violence, but they have nowhere to go. Dad's House would address all of these problems.

In preliminary inquiries during a recent trip to Mount Holly, I found that this building is now being used only as storage for one fire truck and one ambulance. It was never really fully "decommissioned." Their plan is that, if there is a very large fire, personnel will be dispatched from another fire station a quarter mile away to get this truck. The



ambulance can't be used for an emergency because the fire truck would first have to be moved out of the way. This equipment hasn't been used for any emergencies in years. It could be used more efficiently if it were located at or nearer to another fire station.

FACE wants this building. It is in good condition. The present floor plan will make it easy to convert to our purposes. It is located in a residential neighborhood of mostly large middle-class homes, with schools and shopping within walking distance. It is two blocks from the Burlington County Courthouse, and an easy drive to the county courthouses in Camden (west on Route 38),

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Q: *Is court ordered child support doing more harm than good?*
A: *Yes. This engine of the divorce industry is destroying families and the Constitution.*

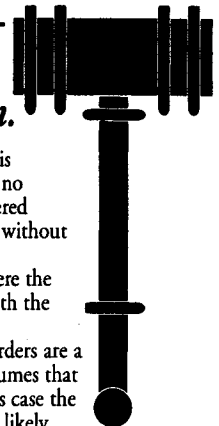
by Stephen Baskerville

Geoff came home one day to find a note on the kitchen table saying his wife had taken their two children to live with their grandparents. He quit his job as head of his department in a university and followed. He was summoned to court on eight-hours' notice and, without a lawyer and without being permitted to speak, was stripped of custody rights and ordered to stay away from his wife and children most of the time. Because he had no job, no car and no place to live, his mother cancelled a pending sale of her house, and he moved in with her. Geoff and his mother now pay about \$1,200 a month to his wife and her wealthy parents, and he is left to live and care for his two children on about \$700 a month. A judge also threatened him with jail if he did not pay a lawyer he had not hired. When his temporary job ends, the payments must continue, and he is not permitted to care for the children while unemployed. He also expects to be coerced into paying more legal fees. He has never been charged with any wrongdoing, either criminal or civil.

Geoff's experience increasingly is common. In fact, it is epidemic. Massive numbers of fathers who are accused of no wrongdoing now are separated from their children, plundered for everything they have, publicly vilified and incarcerated without trial.

About 24 million American children live in homes where the father is not present, with devastating consequences for both the children and society. Crime, drug and alcohol abuse, truancy, teenage pregnancy, suicide and psychological disorders are a few of the tragic consequences. Conventional wisdom assumes that the fathers of these children have abandoned them. In this case the conventional wisdom is dangerously wrong. It is far more likely that an "absent" father is forced away rather than leaving voluntarily.

In his new study, *Divorced Dads: Shattering the Myths*, Sanford Braver of Arizona State University has shown conclusively that - Continued page 8



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A C T I N G

President's ★★ ★★ message

"Children are the purpose of life. We were once children and someone cared for us. Now it is our time to care."

-- A Cree Elder

There have been several organizational changes here at FACE, and the title of this column is just a hint of one of them.

FACE president Michael Fox resigned his position at our December, 1999 Board of Directors meeting. In his resignation, Mike said that, since FACE is now a healthier organization than ever, he felt that resigning now would have a minimum impact. He also needs to devote more time to his own business, and had some health problems to attend to.

We will all miss Michael. He was the driving force behind the establishment of FACE in New Jersey. At our first organizational meeting in 1990 in his office, we became the New Jersey chapter of FACE of Pennsylvania. During his tenure, we grew from that original group of eight people to have nearly 2,000 members and other supporters and contacts, and we incorporated as an independent nonprofit organization in 1995.

Many of our members benefited from Michael's pro se support. He was proud of the

fact that, because of his assistance to others, he was accused of unauthorized practice of law. When he cited Supreme Court precedents exempting members of self-help groups from the UPL prohibition, the matter was dropped.

We will be honoring Michael and other active FACE members for their years of dedication and service at a banquet at The Pub, in Pennsauken, N.J. on Thursday, March 23, 2000. See the announcement on page 11 of this newsletter.

We haven't seen too much of FACE director Everett Simpson for the past three years. That's because he was working in Lansing, Michigan and attending the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Ed graduated this year, passed the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams (making him the third lawyer that FACE has spawned), and his employer transferred him back to New Jersey. We welcome Ed home, and congratulate him on his new law career.

Even with Ed Simpson's return, Mike Fox's resignation left us with only four directors. At our January, 2000 meeting, the Board of Directors elected four new directors: Sondra Lippi, Ron Neely, Mark Sowinski and Ron Svitak.

Sondra Lippi, divorced noncustodial mother of one daughter, has been a FACE member since 1996. She is a strong supporter of shared custody of children and fairness to all in family court, and an outspoken opponent of false accusations of domestic abuse. She is the owner of Sondra's Travel in Haddonfield.

Ron Neely is the divorced father of three children. He first joined FACE in 1993, but left our area to work in Silicon Valley for a few years. In 1999, he returned to New Jersey to strengthen his relationship with his children. He now hosts our Camden County workgroup meeting and is our co-webmaster. Ron brings great organizational skills to our Board of Directors.

Mark Sowinski is the separated father of three children. He was an independent fathers' rights activist until learning of FACE while participating in the 1999 Fathers Day demonstration on the U.S. Capitol steps in Washington. Mark, a native of Poland, brings to FACE his familiarity with international child custody disputes and immigration law.

Ron Svitak is our youngest director. Although he is not married to his child's mother, he is married, and his lovely wife Ulrikka is stepmother to his one son. Ron is a professional child care provider for special needs children at the Bancroft School. He volunteered to be our Membership Chairman, and he brings his youthful creativity and enthusiasm to our board.

We congratulate all of our new directors on

their election, and extend our best wishes to them all.

And last, the reason for the title of this column: As FACE vice president, I became the acting president upon Mike Fox's resignation. We will discuss candidates for FACE presidency at the February, 2000 board meeting, the first to include all of our new directors.

Even though we doubled the size of our Board of Directors, there is always room on the board for more dedicated FACE members who can volunteer their time and their efforts to promote the Right of every child to a loving, meaningful parent-child relationship with both of their parents, regardless of the parents' marital status. Get involved! Get active! Come to a meeting and let us know what YOU can do.

— Jeff Golden, Acting President

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Letter to the Editor

Gentlemen:

I cannot but note that the increases in tolls proposed on the Turnpike and Parkway seem timed to coincide with proposed pay increases for judges and legislators. Though not a resident of the Garden State, it seems you guys merit a raise but I have yet to meet a New Jersey judge who is a worth a dime yet alone the massive pay increases proposed.

As one who has suffered at length from judicial incompetence, rudeness and repeated violations of constitutional and state law, not to mention flagrant violations of human and civil rights at the hands of judges in Morristown, I can only suggest that Judge Weinstein could not be as poor a judge as Judges Gannon, Schaeffer and Friend, all of whom should have been removed from the bench long ago.

In considering the situation, an astute Virginia observer noted:

1. The Governor is a woman.
2. The President of the Bar is a woman.
3. The two judges who have been approved for re-appointment are women.
4. The reason for not re-appointing a male judge is his alleged "insensitivity to women."
5. The Supreme Court is headed by a woman.
6. Senator Cafiero has declined to rename his subcommittee on Women's Issues which handles domestic relations matters.

Something is very fishy smelling here. As Mrs. Slocum on "Are You Being Served" would say: "Has anyone seen my pussy?"

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Don't Move Out!

by Robert B Gidding, Esq.

I am shocked by the number of fathers who, when asked by their wives to leave, say "okay," and just leave. Studies have shown that women ask men to leave the house far more often than men ask women to leave the house. Fathers often voluntarily abandon their homes, their possessions, and worst of all, their children. By moving out, they disadvantage themselves terribly in any custody, alimony, and equitable distribution dispute.

Are fathers just sheep who passively do what they are told by wives who no longer want them? Why do they do this?

My experience reveals several reasons:

1. Fathers unnecessarily blame themselves for the difficulties in the marriage and therefore mistakenly believe they should be the ones to leave when things get difficult.

2. Fathers sometimes see themselves and their mates in stereotypical terms: Men are tougher and women weaker, so they think fathers should leave the house and find temporary shelter while women should stay in a secure environment.

3. Fathers mistakenly regard the mother as more essential to the well-being of the children than fathers. They decide that the children should remain with the mother at the time of separation.

4. Some fathers are scared off by mothers' threats of domestic violence.

5. Fathers naively and mistakenly believe the mother when she says "I need some space. Please leave and we'll work things out. Then you can come back."

None of these reasons justify a father abandoning his home and children when asked to do so by his wife, except one: A father should leave only if it is the only way to avoid bloodshed (i.e., death or serious bodily harm). If the father thinks he probably will kill or maim his wife, or that the mother will kill or maim him, then he should leave to preserve life. That is

the only reason.

Unfortunately, fathers can be their own worst enemies. Here's why the above five justifications for leaving are wrong:

1. The death of a relationship or difficulties between two people is rarely, if ever, caused solely by the fault of one person. Both people should be blamed for a breakdown in a relationship.

2. Men are not "tougher" than women or vice-versa. There is no rule of thumb here. Statistics indicate that

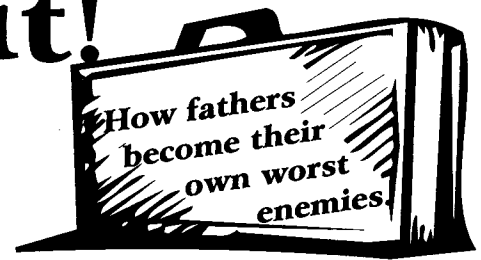
By moving out without any agreement, dads put themselves at the mercy of the mother when it comes to the kids.

women live longer than men, that is clear. The personality characteristics of men and women differ from person to person. One cannot generalize this point.

3. Fathers are just as essential as mothers to the welfare and health of children. Countless books and articles describe how children need strong, nurturing, present fathers to ensure their healthy psycho-sexual development. One cannot generalize on this point either.

4. Lots of mothers threaten domestic violence against fathers or threaten to file false allegations of domestic violence in order to run them out of the marital home. Indeed, many mothers do actually file false allegations of domestic violence in the courts. These threats should not compel fathers to abandon their homes and children when the marriage turns sour.

If the mother makes these threats, then the father needs to act cautiously and stay away from the mother while inside the marital home. This may mean sleeping in different bedrooms or floors of the home, setting meal schedules so that spouses do not share



meals, and generally avoiding each other as much as possible. It will be difficult, but it can be done. It may put a strain on the children, but it is far worse for the children to see their father leave with no guarantees of seeing him regularly.

5. Wives often trick the husband into leaving by saying, "I need some space. Please leave and we'll work things out, and then you can come back." In my years of family practice, I can't remember one case in which the couple reconciled after the separation. I'm sure it happens once in a while, but it is extremely rare. If the parties really want to work at reconciliation, they can do it while living under the same roof, but in different bedrooms or levels of the house. A wife frequently has no intention to reconcile, or, she may have the intention at first, but quickly changes her mind.

Fathers should never leave the marital home and their children unless the parties have entered into a binding written agreement with respect to custody and parenting time of the children. This agreement should be

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Mercer (north on I-295), Gloucester (south on I-295), and Monmouth (east on Route 537).

How do we get it? That's where you come in.

First, we need FACE members and supporters in Burlington County, and particularly in and near Mount Holly, to contact their elected officials and let them know of the need for Dad's House, and that FACE is in a position to develop this facility. We'll help you with who to contact and what to propose to them.

Second, we need volunteers to help renovate the building. Among FACE members, there are carpenters, electricians, plumbers, HVAC mechanics, roofers, home remodelers, and all the other skills that will be needed. We can also use our business contacts to get materials donated and get the work done for which we don't have the skills.

Third, we need people to write grant applications and help us get corporate sponsorships. The New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts has received "access and visitation" grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Child Support Enforcement, but there are no neutral programs in New Jersey for them to fund. Corporate philanthropic programs have lots of money for "politically correct" women's shelters, but there are no programs for men and children. By donating to Dad's House, they will demonstrate that they do not discriminate based on gender. If you have grant-writing experience or are an employee or stockholder of a major corporation, we need you.

And last, we need people who will volunteer their time to help us operate Dad's House. FACE members already informally provide training in parenting skills. Some FACE members are already qualified as mediators. FACE members already assist parents in how to prove their case in court. We will need all of these people to staff Dad's House, plus parenting-time supervisors, exchange monitors, cooks, housekeepers, and round-the-clock "house fathers."

Once we have all of these people in place, we will be able to show Mount Holly officials and funding providers that we will be able to operate Dad's House as we propose to.

What will you do? Let FACE know by calling 856-786-FACE, or emailing info@facenj.org.

"The germ of destruction of our nation is in the power of the judiciary, an irresponsible body - working like gravity by night and by day, gaining a little today and a little tomorrow, and advancing its noiseless step like a thief over the field of jurisdiction, until all shall render powerless the checks of one branch over the other and will become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated."

- Thomas Jefferson, 1821

DISAPPEARING FATHERS

and How FACE's Dad's House Can Stop Them.

by Jeff Golden

As we do each quarter, in December, 1999 we mailed out 2,200 copies of About FACE. About 1,700 of them go to noncustodial parents and their families; the rest go to legislators, judges and other public policy-makers. Within three weeks, fifty-one of them were returned to us by the U.S. Postal Service. Some had new addresses, but twenty-two of them were undeliverable. They were marked "Moved, Left No Address" or "P.O. Box Closed - No Forwarding Order," and we expect to get back about twenty more like them.

Having worked with divorced and disenfranchised parents, FACE has learned they are very mobile. Sometimes about ten percent of our mailing list has address changes in a single quarter. For some, the new address is Mom's house or another relative. Some have forwarding addresses to a Post Office box. These are frequently the disenfranchised fathers not fortunate enough to have family or friends who can offer them a sofa to sleep on, and are now living in their cars. Currently, about ten percent of our contacts have P.O. Box addresses.

But our real concern is the two percent-or-so who just disappear each quarter. Where did they go? Have uncaring judges kicked them out of their own homes? Have the pressures of impossible support orders and being deadbolted out of their children's lives made them just run away? Are they in homeless shelters somewhere? Are they in jail? These are hard working people who once paid mortgages and supported families. Are they now scraping out a living in the underground economy? How can driving their fathers away be, as judges so often say, "in the best interest of the child?"

Adequate shelter is paramount to survival. We all know about the publicly funded women's shelters that will welcome any woman and her children if she comes to them with a sad story about being abused, or if she just says "I'm afraid," or even only if says she has nowhere else to go. They will provide food, shelter, information on applying for welfare benefits, health care and free legal services.

But where can a displaced husband go? The only similar services for men are homeless shelters -- dangerous dormitory-style accommodations, populated by former mental patients, drunks, drug addicts and criminals. You have to sleep with your shoes under your pillow and your money in your shorts to prevent them from being stolen, and you risk being attacked or murdered in your sleep. Instead of providing a warm, home-like setting during the day, homeless shelter residents are forced to clear out at 7:00 AM, regardless of the weather, and told to go look for work. This is not appropriate housing for someone trying to recover from the stress of family dissolution, and get back on his feet and on with his life.

One of FACE's long-term goals is to establish Dad's House -- a shelter for displaced fathers, with or without their children. Some men, under New Jersey's laws, are victims of acts defined as "domestic violence," but very few recognize this, and existing abuse shelters provide no services for men. Some are denied parenting time with their children because they don't have adequate accommodations for them. Some have been falsely accused of domestic abuse or substance abuse by their ex-spouses in an effort to prevent them from getting custody of their children, and are now required to have "supervised" parenting time (visitation).

The Dad's House we envision would provide services for all of these fathers. We would provide temporary living accommodations for displaced men. Some units would be single sleeping rooms; some would be multi-room suites for fathers with children. The common area would be warm and home-like, with a kitchen for preparing meals. Fathers and their children could enjoy their parenting time together there under the supervision of FACE staff, who would also provide parenting classes, substance abuse counseling, and care for children while Dad works or goes to school.

What would it take to make Dad's House a reality? First, we need a building. Ideally, it should be large enough to accommodate our plans, in a centrally located residential area, and near one of the courthouses. Next, we will need to remodel the building for our proposed use and to meet building codes. Much of this work could be done by FACE. Our members include carpenters, electricians, plumbers, drywall mechanics, roofers, engineers, project managers, and all the other trades necessary, and, as a nonprofit organization, we could get materials and services donated, or at substantial discounts. And last, we would need to train volunteers to staff Dad's House, teach classes and provide counseling.

You can help. Do you know anyone who owns an appropriate building and would donate use of it to a nonprofit organization? Do you know of an appropriately located publicly owned building? Tell us about it. Does your employer fund similar social service projects, including women's shelters? Tell us about it, and who in the company to contact. Are you experienced at writing grant applications? Let us know about it. But this doesn't address the needs of the "disappearing fathers" on our mailing list who need services NOW. If you are one of them, let us know about that, too. FACE has assisted members in securing affordable housing by referring them to local social service agencies. Don't disappear. You don't need to run away. If you are experiencing a housing emergency, talk to FACE.

Lessons Learned from the

DRUG WAR

By Brad Ingram

Every 48 minutes another American child takes their life because their parents are getting a divorce or getting remarried. That's far more than die from drug overdoses. Maybe its time for parents to act like adults and begin to take seriously the effects of divorce on our children, like we have with drugs. In fact, maybe we should take a close look at the "war on drugs," as we look for solutions to teen suicide, depression, and violence.

Think about the way we view drugs in society. Drugs hurt those that are abusing them and they hurt those who love the abuser. Of course we don't blame the drugs, we attack the drug dealers of the world with ferocity. We go to every possible length to catch them, and give the dealers stiffer penalties when they're caught. As of a few years ago, the government even began to seize the assets of drug dealers. After all, why should they profit from this "blood money," right? Throw them in jail, throw the key away, and hit them where it hurts ... in the bank account. Anything else would be un-American: they're killing our kids.

All that sounds pretty good doesn't it? Really it seems to be having an effect on the number of kids dying from drugs, so let's see if we can apply it divorce. Do we go after these parents who walk away from their family responsibilities? That's what most people seem to think. After all, aren't the parents the ones causing this? Like the drug abusers they make their own decisions right? Not really.

The parents are the equivalent to the drug abusers, and how do we treat drug abusers? We put them in treatment programs to teach them that there are alternatives. Life doesn't have to be a nightmare for you or your family anymore. But we don't do that with parents. In fact every time over the last few years that such educational and treatment programs have been before the General Assembly they seem to get shot down. Why? Because of the "dealers." They want to protect their "turf."

The dealers are the judges, lawyers, case workers, etc., that have turned the American divorce industry into a 258 billion dollar a year business. Check out Fortune 500 to see how many other industries have had the same growth, in the same three decades. Ever thought about how many "college funds" go to pay for divorces? Is it more than the number of kids that don't go to college because they become "druggies"? I'll bet the Lawyer's (dealer's) kids could go to school forever.

And it doesn't stop there either. I remember my parents telling me, when I was a teen, about how if I started off trying marijuana it would soon lead into heavier stuff. The truth is that most drug dealers do exactly that hook kids on stronger stuff. They want you hooked on the hard stuff so they get repeat business (at least until you die).

Let's look again at the "divorce dealers." If they fan the flames high enough you'll be back in court every year till your kids go off to college. Of course

your kids will go on government grants now. It's kind of like welfare for lawyers when you think about it, except that it's tax free because they "launder" it through your house. (Hey, that's just like drug dealers!) And there are other benefits too. Think of all the business from your kids. All studies show that most teenage criminals come from divorced (or never married) homes. For that matter most adult criminals do too. Just think of the financial hit the "dealers" would suffer from that.

Now I don't want to make it look like all attorneys are bad. A very few are great people who fight for change until they get disbarred. Some just stick their heads in the sand while their comrades do the dirty deeds, and we like to overlook them as innocents. But remember that lawyers are self policing. Where do you take your complaints? To the Virginia State Bar of lawyers, so your case might go before the Virginia Supreme Court of lawyers. Think about it. If you were on your brother's jury, would you convict?

Yet we expect them to be "self-policing."

Let's do that for the drug dealers too. Oh, that's right. When drug dealers are "self policing" we call it gang wars, and write new laws to stop it.

Family law now comprises almost 50% of legal work. If we get tough on divorce, those "family" lawyers are going to be

stepping on every other lawyers' toes. There's only so muchwork to go around. Not to mention that if we suddenly see a tremendous drop in crime because parents are being educated, and children are being raised in healthy, intact homes, then what are all the criminal lawyers going to do? We know that we would see a tremendous drop in crime, and crime doesn't pay ... unless you're an attorney. Then it pays pretty well. Ever heard of assets being seized before the lawyer got paid? Of course due process applies to drug dealers, not divorce courts. Heck, we might even have to lay off a few judges and magistrates.

But don't worry too much about the judges and lawyers. As Americans we take a stand against drugs, but we won't take a stand against divorce, which makes it five times more likely that your child will become addicted to drugs. Come to think of it, don't lawyers make money representing the drug dealers too? Nothing beats a "win, win" situation.

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GENDER BIAS *in Child Support Enforcement*

We have all seen the news reports of "deadbeat dads" roundups. Sheriffs officers, dressed as SWAT teams, sometimes accompanied by publicity-hungry politicians, swoop down at 3:00 AM on the home of some unsuspecting, unemployed noncustodial father, and lead him out in handcuffs, bleary-eyed in front of the glare of the TV cameras. When the news around the State House was slow, even Governor Whitman dressed in black and went along on these raids.

Although occasionally a token child support obligor woman is picked up in one of these raids, only men are paraded in front of the cameras. Child support enforcement authorities would have you believe that these are the guys who dumped the ex-wife and kiddies to take up a life of luxury yachts, flashy sports cars and sunny beaches with a new, shapely blond bimbo. The only problem with that is, in the pictures I see, the guy is being taken out of a run-down house in the poorest part of town. There are no sports cars or bimbos in sight; only his beat-up jalopy.

What the news reports don't say is that the vast majority of these arrested fathers have been ordered to pay exorbitant support that has no relationship to their income or the actual cost of raising children, and simply can't comply. They are locked up for a few days -- at taxpayers' expense. While incarcerated, they lose their jobs -- if they had any. When the judge finally figures out that they have no way to pay, and it's costing more to keep them in jail than they are trying to collect, they are released, sometimes for a token payment, and the whole futile cycle starts all over again with the now-unemployed father less able to pay and deeper in debt.

The real losers are the children. They don't have the love, nurturing and guidance of their father. Often, fathers are driven away from their children to avoid being arrested again.

The New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts says that 93 percent of the parents picked up in their raids are men, but according to a U.S. Census Bureau survey, noncustodial mothers have a child support default rate three times higher than fathers. Why don't we see these irresponsible noncustodial mothers being arrested? We believe it's because of widespread gender bias in child support enforcement.



Here are the facts in one case that was recently brought to our attention:

A child was born to an unmarried couple in 1992. Mom was awarded custody, and Dad was ordered to pay child support. Dad paid in full and on time, as ordered, until 1996, when custody was transferred to Dad. Mom was then ordered to pay a whopping \$15 a week. (Support was later minimally increased.)

She never paid anything directly. In 1997, a wage garnishment was ordered. Dad received two checks via garnishment, then the garnishment mysteriously stopped even though Mom was still working full time for the same employer.

In January, 1998, Dad phoned the county Probation department. It took them until June, 1998 to schedule an enforcement hearing. Mom didn't show up, and an arrest warrant was issued. Mom then phoned Probation and, based on whatever it was that she said in that phone call, Probation had the warrant recalled.

Mom made no further payments and no enforcement action was taken until a hearing in September, 1999, when Probation increased her payment to include \$10 a week toward arrears, and put her on "one week warrant status."

Within a week, and contrary to the written court order, the automatic warrant status was dropped. Next, Mom's weekly child support obligation was mysteriously reduced to zero in Probation's computer, and only the arrears were garnished.

Then, when Dad didn't receive any support for two weeks and no warrant was issued, he called Probation. He was told that there must have been an error inputting the information in the computer, and it would be fixed.

A month later, having still received nothing toward current support, Dad phoned Probation again. This time a supervisor reviewed the court order and assured him that he would personally fix the computer entry.

Now, months since the September enforcement hearing, Dad checked with Probation again and

learned that the computer problem has never been fixed, only the \$10 arrears are being garnished from Mom, weeks of child support payments have been missed, and no warrant has been issued.

Do you think there is gender bias among the mostly female child support workers in the Probation department? Did they "make a mistake" in the computer because their "sister" gave them a sad story? Do you think this would have happened if Mom was the custodial parent and Dad was the child support obligor? Or, if it was Mom waiting for her support checks, would the inefficient boob-robot-clerks at probation have been fired, and maybe even criminally prosecuted?

Regardless of whether the "mistakes" in this case are corrected, how many other custodial fathers are receiving similar treatment in enforcing the child support due them? It took years for New Jersey's practices of racial profiling in traffic stops to be uncovered. Maybe it's time for the sheriff to break down the doors of some Probation workers in middle-of-the-night raids.

If you have evidence that can help support a case proving a widespread gender profiling practice in child support enforcement by New Jersey family courts and probation departments, let us know. Contact FACE at 856-786-FACE or info@facenj.org.

The author has verified the facts in this case by reviewing the court orders and checking the state's computer through 1-800-621-KIDS. Although the father wishes the parties to remain anonymous, he is hopeful that the legislators, judges, and other authorities who read this newsletter will act to resolve this matter. So they can verify the facts, he wishes us to report that the child support case number is 41370355A.

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filed in court as a consent order.

By abandoning the marital home, fathers send a terrible message to the children (especially young ones) that the children do not matter to them. By leaving, fathers lose practically all their negotiating leverage when it comes to custody, equitable distribution, and alimony. For example, once the mother asks the father to leave, he should say, "I'd be delighted to leave, but I want a binding written separation agreement. I want that agreement to at least guarantee me adequate parenting time with the children and impose a reasonable interim support amount. If you are unwilling to do this, I am not moving out. I suggest that you leave."

By simply leaving without any custody agreement, fathers put themselves at a terrible disadvantage later in any custody dispute. Let's suppose dad leaves, gets a new apartment, and calls the mother asking, "I'd like to see the kids and have them stay at my place." The mother may be cooperative, but may not. She may try to obstruct visits by claiming that the kids don't want to see dad overnight, that dad's new apartment isn't good enough, or that the kids are "too busy," etc., etc. Leaving the kids behind presents the mother with the opportunity to bad-mouth dad without dad being present to combat that alienation. By moving out without any agreement, dads put themselves at the mercy of the mother when it comes to the kids.

Once dad leaves the marital home and the children behind, and sees the children infrequently or every other weekend, then he probably will never be able to increase his time later. Judges employ the theory of the "status quo" and "primary parent." This means that absent some emergency situation, judges always favor the current parenting schedule and favor the parent who has the children more time. If time passes and the children visit the father only every other weekend, then the father will have a difficult or impossible time trying to increase this time later.

So, don't ever leave. Insist that she leave if she wants a separation so badly. Hang in there until you and your wife

Fathers' and Children's Equality, Inc.

Mission Statement

Father's and Children's Equality is an all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)(3) children's advocacy organization, and a self-help, educational and support group for non-custodial parents and their families.

Our Mission is to:

minimize the emotional upheaval experienced by children during and after parental separation,
promote every child's Civil Right to equal access to both parents and extended families
regardless of the parent's 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 abuse and spousal abuse allegations as leverage in
custody disputes,
establish mandatory penalties for false allegations of child abuse and spousal abuse,
promote equal treatment of Family Court litigants,
enforce existing laws providing for gender equality in Family Court, and
establish a shelter for displaced fathers and children.

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make a written agreement filed in court that guarantees you the parenting time you need to sustain a healthy father-child relationship.

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"The people are the rightful masters of both congresses and courts -not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert it."

-- Abraham Lincoln

"Is Court Ordered Child Support Doing More Harm Than Good?" Continued from page 1

called "deadbeat dad," one who deserts his children and evades child support," does not exist in significant numbers." Braver confirms that, contrary to popular belief, at least two-thirds of divorces are filed by mothers, who have virtual certainty of getting the children and a huge portion of the fathers' income, regardless of any fault on their part. The title of Ashton Applewhite's 1997 book says it succinctly: *Cutting Loose: Why Women Who End Their Marriages Do So Well.*

Other studies have found even higher percentages of divorces filed by mothers, and lawyers report that, when children are involved, divorce is the initiative of the mother in virtually all instances. Moreover, few of these divorces involve grounds such as desertion, adultery or violence. The most frequent reasons given are "growing apart" or "not feeling loved or appreciated." (Surveys consistently show that fathers are much more likely than mothers to believe parents should remain married.) Yet, as Braver reports, despite this involuntary loss of their children, 90 percent of these deserted fathers regularly pay court-ordered child support (unemployment being the main reason for nonpayment), often at exorbitant levels and many without any rights to see their children. Most make heroic efforts to stay in contact with the children from whom they are forcibly separated.

The plight of unmarried inner-city fathers is harder to quantify, but there is no reason to assume they love their children any less. A recent study conducted in Washington with low-income fathers ages 16 to 25 found that 63 percent had only one child; 82 percent had children by only one mother; 50 percent had been in a serious relationship with the mother at the time of pregnancy; only 3 percent knew the mother of their child only a little; 75 percent visited their child in the hospital; 70 percent saw their children at least once a week; 50 percent took their child to the doctor; large percentages reported bathing, feeding, dressing and playing with their children; and 85 percent provided informal child support in the form of cash or purchased goods such as diapers, clothing and toys. University of Texas anthropologist Laura Lein and Rutgers University professor Kathryn Edin recently found that low-income fathers often are far worse off than their government-assisted families, "but economically and emotionally marginal as many of these fathers are, they still represent a large proportion of low-income fathers who continue to make contributions to their children's households and to maintain at least some level of relationship with those children."

Yet the voices of these fathers rarely are heard in the public arena. Instead we hear the imprecations of a government conducting what may be the most massive witch-hunt in this country's history. Never before have we seen the spectacle of the highest officials in the land - including the president, the attorney general and other Cabinet secretaries, and leading members of Congress from both parties - using their offices as platforms from which publicly to vilify private citizens who have been convicted of nothing and who have no opportunity to reply.

Under the guise of pursuing deadbeat dads, we now are seeing mass incarcerations without trial, without charge and without counsel, while the media and civil libertarians look the other way. We also have government officials freely entering the homes and raiding the bank accounts of citizens who are accused of nothing and simply helping themselves to whatever they want - including their children, their life savings and their private papers and effects, all with hardly a word of protest noted.

And these are fathers who are accused of nothing. Those who face trumped-up accusations of child abuse also must prove their innocence before they can

hope to see their children. Yet now it is well established that most child abuse takes place in the homes of single mothers. A recent study from the Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS, found that "almost two-thirds [of child abusers] were females." Given that male perpetrators are not necessarily fathers but much more likely to be boyfriends and stepfathers, fathers emerge as the least likely child abusers. A British study by Robert Whelan in 1993 titled *Broken Homes and Battered Children* concluded that a child living with a single mother is up to 33 times more likely to be abused than a child living in an intact family. The argument of many men legally separated from their families is that the real abusers have thrown the father out of the family so they can abuse his children with impunity.

In Virginia alone the state Division of Child Support Enforcement now is "pursuing" 428,000 parents for up to \$1.6 billion, according to its director, Nick Young. In a state of fewer than 7 million people, the parents of 552,000 children are

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being "pursued." That is the parents of roughly half the state's minor dependent children. HHS claims that almost 20 million fathers in the nation are being pursued for something close to \$50 billion. We are being asked to believe that half the fathers in America have abandoned their children willfully.

These figures essentially are meaningless. If they indicate anything it is the scale on which families are being taken over by a destructive and dangerous machine consisting of judges, lawyers, psychotherapists, social workers, bureaucrats and women's groups - all of whom have a direct financial interest in separating as many children from their fathers as possible, vilifying and plundering the fathers and turning them into criminals. The machine is so riddled with conflicts of interest that it is little less than a system of organized crime.

Here is how it works: Judges are appointed and promoted by the lawyers and "custody evaluators," into whose pockets they funnel fees; the judges also are influenced with payments of federal funds from child-support enforcement bureaucracies that depend on a constant supply of ejected fathers; child-support guidelines are written by the bureaucracies that enforce them and by private collection companies that have a financial stake in creating as many arrearages and "deadbeat dads" as possible. These guidelines are then enacted by legislators, some of whom divert the enforcement contracts to their own firms, sometimes even taking personal kickbacks (as charged in a recent federal indictment in Arkansas). Legislators who control judicial appointments also get contracts (and kickbacks, again the case in Arkansas) for providing legal services at government expense in the courts of their appointees. And, of course, custody decisions

and child-support awards must be generous enough to entice more mothers to take the children and run, thus bringing a fresh supply of fathers into the system. In short, child support is the financial fuel of the divorce industry. It has very little to do with the needs of children and everything to do with the power and profit of large numbers of adults.

For their part, politicians can register their concern for fatherless children relatively cheaply by endlessly (and futilely) stepping up "child-support" collection while creating programs ostensibly designed to "reunite" fathers with their children. Even some fatherhood advocates jump on the bandwagon, attacking "absent" fathers while holding their tongues about the judicial kidnapping of their children. Though almost everyone now acknowledges the importance of fathers, for too many there are more political and financial rewards in targeting them as scapegoats than in the more costly task of upholding the constitutional rights of fathers and their children not to be ripped apart.

There is no evidence that endless "crackdowns" on evicted fathers serve any purpose other than enriching those in the cracking-down business. With child-support enforcement now a \$3 billion national industry, the pursuit of the elusive deadbeat yields substantial profits, mostly at public expense. "In Florida last year," writes Kathleen Parker in the Orlando Sentinel, "taxpayers paid \$4.5 million for the state to collect \$162,000 from fathers"; and the story is the same elsewhere.

Instead of the easy fiction that massive numbers of fathers are suddenly and inexplicably abandoning their children, perhaps what we should believe instead is that a lucrative racket now is cynically using our children as weapons and tools to enrich lawyers and provide employment for judges and bureaucrats. Rather than pursuing ever greater numbers of fathers with ever more Draconian punishments, the Justice Department should be investigating the kind of crimes it was created to pursue -- such as kidnapping, extortion and racketeering -- in the nation's family courts.

The author, Stephen Baskerville, is a professor of political science at Howard University. This article was originally published August 2, 1999 in Insight magazine, Washington Times.

"In Germany they first came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. They came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me ... and by that time no one was left to speak up."

*-- Martin Niemöller,
Protestant Minister,
Seven Year Nazi Death Camp Survivor*

Superbowl Sunday 2000



while parking.

It started snowing again, so we decided to end the demonstration early. About ten minutes before we left, two Cherry Hill Police cruisers arrived. The officers asked about FACE. We told them that we help family court litigants. We gave them FACE brochures, asked them to tell divorced officers about us, and invited them to come to our meetings. They were concerned because the road was getting slippery and cars were driving by. We pointed out Segal's snow covered sidewalks, and asked them to issue a citation for failing to shovel them, but they declined.

We're surprised that Segal called the police. The only way we were hassled there during past demonstrations was a few years ago, when Segal's wife Linda threatened to turn the in-ground lawn sprinkler on us. We guess that wouldn't have worked in the snow.

As we were packing up the picket signs, a police sergeant arrived, and we had a philosophical discussion about First Amendment Rights to Freedom of Expression.

The game was about to begin, so we adjourned to Champ's sports bar to warm up, have dinner, and watch the game.

About a dozen dedicated FACE members and supporters braved snow, sleet, and temperatures in the 20s to march in a picket line outside Atlantic County family court judge Vincent D. Segal's Cherry Hill house on Superbowl Sunday, January 30th. Carrying signs with slogans like "Give Family Court Back To The People" and "Take A Bite Out Of Crime - Impeach A Judge," the demonstrators offered information on anti-father bias in family court to his guests, neighbors, and passers-by who slowed down to see what was going on.

Some of you may remember Segal from Camden County, where he was well known for taking good care of his favorite lawyers and psychologists. Some of them have since left their professions; at least one is now in jail (for stealing millions of dollars from his female matrimonial clients). Largely because of complaints from FACE members and others, Segal was transferred to Atlantic City.

Segal used to be known for his flashy red Mercedes-Benz convertible. Well, its gone, replaced in his garage by a Honda. Now that he has to drive an extra fifty miles each way to work, even with his \$115,000 a year (soon to go up to \$140,000) paycheck, he must have gotten tired of gassing up the Mercedes.

We had about ten inches of snow earlier in the week, and Segal didn't shovel his sidewalk. We were concerned that someone might slip and fall, and get hurt, and have to sue. Rather than risk that, we walked in the street close to the snow bank. Even so, one of Segal's arriving guests tried to intimidate the demonstrators with his vehicle



Who do you nominate for Worst Family Court Judge in New Jersey?

The deadline is extended, but time is running out. Is your judge one of the good, the bad, or the ugly? Tell us before April 15, 2000 on the nomination form below. The results of this contest will be published in the next edition of About FACE. We will also issue a press release, and the ten judges receiving the most nominations will receive personal notification of what the people think of them.

Here are the Rules:

1. Nominate as many judges as you wish for the "Worst Judges" list, but each nomination must be on a separate sheet of paper. Nominations may be made on the Official Nomination Form, a photocopy of it, or on a blank 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of paper.
2. Judges nominated must currently be on the New Jersey family court bench.
3. Each nomination must include the judge's name and county, and a brief (100 words or less) narrative of why you are nominating him. Cite specific examples. (Generalizations like "He's a moron" will not be acceptable.)
4. Nominations may be submitted by mail or Email, and must include your name, address, and phone number. Anyone may make a nomination. (You need not be a FACE member.) No anonymous nominations will be considered. FACE will maintain the confidentiality of the authors.
5. To be considered, nominations must be received by FACE by April 15, 2000.
6. FACE retains the right to reject or omit any nomination if, in FACE's sole judgement, the nomination is part of an effort to "stuff the ballot box" or otherwise influence the outcome of this survey, or if the nomination is based upon erroneous information or otherwise not made in good faith.

-OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM-
WORST FAMILY COURT JUDGE
IN NEW JERSEY

Judge's name: _____ County: _____

I nominate this judge because: _____

My name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Mail to: FACE Judges • P.O. Box 2471 • Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
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FACE MEETINGS



Second Tuesday of each month *except April and August.*

FACE GENERAL MEETING 7:00-9:00PM

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Cherry Hill Free Public Library Meeting Room A
1100 Kings Highway North
Cherry Hill, NJ
(856) 667-0300

This is FACE's monthly "business meeting," and is open to the public. We usually have a guest speaker, or present some other kind of program. Membership information is available, and this meeting is a good place to become familiar with FACE. We request that you *do not* discuss your own personal case at this meeting.

Second Tuesday of each month, "MEETING AFTER THE MEETING"

9:00 PM* to 11:00 PM,

Diamond Diner
eastbound Route 70 at Haddonfield Road,
Cherry Hill, NJ,
(856) 665-0990

The library asks that we vacate the meeting room promptly at 9:00 PM so, immediately following the monthly General Meeting, please join us at the diner for coffee and informal conversation.

*In months in which we do not meet at the library, this meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

WORK GROUP MEETINGS

FACE has four workgroup meetings each month where we help members strategize how to handle their own cases. These meetings are held at FACE members' private residences. Please be courteous to the hosts by phoning in advance to let them know you plan to attend and get directions. Workgroup meetings may be canceled if no calls have been received 24 hours prior to the meeting. Non-members are usually welcome to observe at workgroup meetings, but some of our work with members may be confidential.

First Monday of each month, 7:00PM: Third Monday of each month, 7:00PM:

Mercer County
Hamilton Township, NJ
Contact: Charles Forberg
forbergc@aol.com
(856) 584-1887

Camden County
Collingswood, NJ
Contact: Ron Neely
(856) 854-5567

First Tuesday of each month, 7:00PM:

Burlington County
Mt. Laurel, NJ
Contact: Dave Cantera
(609) 361-1063

Fourth Tuesday of each month:

Gloucester/Salem County
Mullica Hill, NJ
Contact: Cliff Wenrick
(856) 223-0434

"If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got."

- Jackie "Moms" Mabley

SPECIAL PURPOSE MEETINGS

Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FACE members are welcome to attend and observe. Location may vary. For location, phone the FACE hotline in advance at 856-786-FACE.

Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

BUSINESS/PLANNING MEETING

All FACE members are welcome at the Business/Planning meeting. This is a meeting for volunteers who create and maintain resources for fellow members. Contact Dave Cantera at (609) 361-1063 for location and agenda. Current projects include:

- FACE New Members' Manual
- Pro Se Resources,
- FACE Website
- Noncustodial parents' statistical data

Fourth Wednesday of each month *except November and December,* and the first Wednesday in December.

FAMILY LAW REFORM POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

7:00 PM,

Prestige Diner, Route 33 (one mile east of N.J. Turnpike exit 8), Heightstown, NJ, 609-443-1211.

FLR-PAC is not a part of FACE. It is a separate, independent organization. FLR-PAC's membership is open to all persons concerned with family law reform. Although some of FACE's members, acting as individuals or as members of FLR-PAC, may engage in lobbying or other political activities, FACE does not. FLR-PAC's meeting schedule is listed here only as a convenience for individuals who may wish to become politically active.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committees appointed by the FACE Board of Directors may meet informally, or may have formal meetings. Meetings will be scheduled by the committee chairman. Contact the committee chairman for more information.

FACE CLASSES

FACE is planning a series of classes on topics of interest to noncustodial parents and family court litigants. Topics currently under consideration include:

- Parental Alienation Syndrome,
- Pro Se Workshop — Nuts and Bolts of How to Represent Yourself

To learn more about attending these classes, or to suggest other class topics, contact Dave Cantera at (609) 361-1063.

FACE MEETING RULES:

1. No alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances are allowed at any FACE activities. If you have consumed or are under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances, please do not attend.
2. Workgroup meetings are usually held at FACE members' private residences. Please extend to the hosts the courtesy of phoning in advance to let them know you plan to attend and get directions. Workgroup meetings may be canceled if no calls have been received 24 hours prior to the meeting.
3. Every effort will be made to accommodate children at FACE meetings, but be aware that issues discussed may be inappropriate for children.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 23, 2000 7:00PM

FACE Awards Banquet The Pub, Airport Circle, Pennsauken, NJ

Join fellow FACE members and their families bidding farewell to outgoing founding president, Michael Fox, and other active FACE members and supporters.

Please R.S.V.P. by March 16th. Choose from Sirloin Steak, Charbroiled Seakabob or Grilled Marinated Chicken. Price is \$30.00 per person or \$55.00 per couple.

The Pub is located at the Airport circle (where Routes 30, 38, 70 and 130 meet) in Pennsauken, NJ

R.S.V.P: FACE Hotline (856) 786-FACE or info@facenj.org for further details.

Thursday June 15 and Friday, June 16, 2000

"Fatherless Day" Trenton, NJ and other locations

Friday is "motion day" in New Jersey family courts, when the courthouses are crowded with family court litigants. Traditionally, on the Friday before Fathers Day, FACE members and supporters have conducted public "Fatherless Day" demonstrations at courthouses to spotlight that family court discriminates against males, ignores fathers' importance to their children's well-being, and makes a meaningless hypocrisy of Fathers Day (June 18th).

Last year, we moved our demonstration to the State House in Trenton on the Thursday before Fathers Day. (The legislature is in session on Thursdays.) In 2000, plan to be at both the State House and a county courthouse.

Meet at 11:30 AM in the vestpocket Veterans Park on State St., across the street from the State House in Trenton. The demonstration will begin at 12:00 noon.

A courthouse will be selected by Monday, June 12th, and time and location will be announced.

If you can, arrive early or stay late for both demonstrations. Prepare your own sign (no sticks, please) for family law issues important to you, or carry one of ours. FACE will supply handbills to give to passersby. Be prepared to be interviewed by the news media.

Contact: FACE Hotline (856) 786-FACE or info@faceni.org for further details.

Sunday, June 18, 2000

Fathers Day 2000 March and Rally Washington, DC

This year David Wilson's and Greg Romeo's annual Fathers Day demonstration in Washington will be the biggest ever. David has been demonstrating in Washington for ten years; Greg joined forces with him last year. They have seen the number of participants grow exponentially each year.

For 2000, they plan to begin the demonstration at 8:00 AM on The Ellipse behind the White House with a program of speakers and entertainment. At 12:00 noon, the demonstrators will march down Constitution Ave. To the west steps of the U.S. Capitol Building, where the rally and celebration of Fathers Day will continue. Additional activities will be planned for the week leading up to Fathers Day. Permits have been secured to accommodate thousands of participants.

Contact: See website www.fathersday2000.org

Thursday, July 6 to Wednesday, July 12, 2000

American Bar Association Millennium Convention New York Hilton, New York, NY

To celebrate the millennium, the American Bar Association's annual meeting will be held in two cities -- first New York, then London from July 15th to 20th. That means that, in addition to New York's normal population of vermin and rodents, the city will be lousy with lawyers from July 6th to 12th. The New York Hilton will be the meeting headquarters. The Family Law Section will be in the Crowne Plaza hotel from Friday, July 7th to Sunday, the 9th. (See the full schedule at www.abanet.org/annual/2000/home/html)

Noncustodial parents' rights and legal reform organizations will undoubtedly be conducting demonstrations against these varmints who destroy families and convert family assets for their own use. Mark your calendar now, and plan to be in New York.

FACE will publicize upcoming anti-lawyer events as soon as plans are firm.



Clip and mail completed application to:



FACE membership APPLICATION



Fathers' and Children's Equality, Inc.
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e-mail address _____

Are you registered to vote? Yes No

If not, are you eligible? Yes No I don't know

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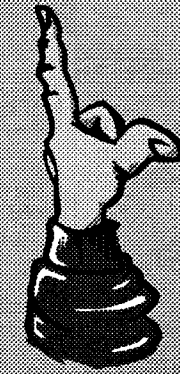
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You have never seen a bigger pain in the ass than the father who wants to get involved; he can be repulsive. He wants to meet the kid after school at three o'clock, take the kid out to dinner during the week, have the kid on his own birthday, talk to the kid on the phone every evening, go to every open school night, take the kid away for a whole weekend so they can be alone together. This type of father is pathological.

— Judge Richard Hennes, former chief judge of Kings County (Brooklyn) Family Court, member of New York State Commission on Child Support