

County Times. During Sylvan's tenure as publisher, from 1974 until his untimely death in 1984, the Rockland County Times enjoyed an outstanding reputation as a fair, accurate mirror of the community news. During the tenure of Sylvan Davis as publisher of the Rockland County Times, this newspaper, which was over 100 years old, enjoyed a resurgence as a thought provoking and thorough medium for the issues and news of the day.

Throughout his time as publisher, Sylvan's wife Evelyn was always at his side with sage advice and assistance. The publication of the Times became a joint effort. Accordingly, when Sylvan quite suddenly and unexpectedly passed away in 1984, it was no surprise to any of us that Evelyn agreed to take up his fallen torch.

Evelyn Burtz was born July 14, 1933, in New York City, the daughter of the late Alexander and Gussie Goldstein Burtz. Evelyn attended Pennsylvania State University and earned a degree in journalism from the New York University School of Commerce, now known as the Stern School of Business. Evelyn went to work for Macy's Department Store, and after 15 years of dedicated service, worked her way up to the position of home furnishings coordinator.

Evelyn married Sylvan Davis on November 7, 1965. Their marriage brought about one of the outstanding mergings of intellect. It was during this period that the Davis' became my friends, and I will cherish the memories of that friendship forever.

In addition to her responsibilities as publisher, Evelyn Davis served on the School Board in Old Tappan, NJ, from 1981 to 1987. She was also an outstanding mother to two children: Paul Allen Davis, who now resides in Minneapolis, MN, and Randy Allison Davis, who still resides in Old Tappan.

Since the earliest days of our republic, the press has been a major component of our democratic form of government. Ben Franklin has been the model of the outstanding journalist turned patriot.

Evelyn Davis, like her husband who predeceased her, was just such a patriot. She believed the press existed to educate, to inform, and to stimulate thought.

Mr. Speaker, I shall profoundly miss the insight and thoughtfulness of Evelyn Davis, and I invite all of our colleagues to join with me in extending our condolences to her son, her daughter, her four nieces, and the many employees and community leaders who loved this truly remarkable woman.

#### "SUSPICIOUS CRIME REPORT"

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends to his colleagues the following editorial regarding violent crime rates and the Clinton administration which appeared in the Omaha World Herald on September 20, 1996.

[From the Omaha World Herald, Sept. 20, 1996]

#### SUSPICIOUS CRIME REPORT

The Clinton administration claims that it has significantly reduced violent crime. So why don't Americans feel safer?

For one thing, the administration's claim is based in part on a survey in which the methodology had been changed. For another, even if the crime rate had a one-year decline, a similar survey showed no significant decline in the 1992-94 period. Moreover, the statistics still don't reflect the evidence of the creeping chaos that is encountered by many citizens on their streets and in their neighborhoods.

Researchers at the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics said this week preliminary results of a survey show that an estimated 9.9 million violent crimes were committed in the United States in 1995, a 9 percent drop from the previous year, but a decline of only 3.7 percent from 1992. Attorney General Janet Reno said the figures demonstrated that the Clinton administration had found "solutions that work."

The Justice Department released the survey report at an odd time. Last year, no preliminary estimates at all were released. This year, though spring is the normal release time, the estimates were not made public until this week. It's just a coincidence, we suppose, that the election is only seven weeks away.

President Clinton hailed the report as proof that "we're moving in the right direction," implying that the administration had caused a drop in crime.

However, the numbers don't reflect actual crimes. They are from an estimate based on a survey. Unreported crimes—a wildly speculative notion—are included. Moreover, the survey did not track homicides.

The sharpest decline in violent crimes was in rape. The Justice Department's National Crime Victimization Study included date rape, and in the category of domestic violence and date rape it used "enhanced questions" to get a better estimate. The result was that in spite of reports of increased sexual assaults by rape crisis centers, the Justice Department estimated that rapes declined from 432,700 in 1994 to 354,670 last year. Crime experts were stunned.

If rape figures—either in 1994 or in 1995—are treated with the skepticism that they deserve, and if homicides weren't even included, what is left is at best a slight one-year decline in aggravated assault, simple assault and robbery—as reported by victims, not as reported to the FBI.

Another way to calculate the crime rate is to consolidate the figures from local law enforcement reports. That is the method used in compiling the FBI's annual Uniform Crime Report, made public last May. The dean of the criminal justice college at Northeastern University, noting that the FBI report indicated a 4 percent decline, said the country was experiencing "the calm before the crime storm." Other experts said that as the children of the baby boomers move into the high-crime 15-to-24 age bracket, more violent crime is likely. \* \* \*

Americans are entitled to be annoyed at political rhetoric and rosy statistics purporting to show that violent crime is decreasing sharply. If they now have to barricade themselves inside a car and have a cellular phone in order to drive the streets of Omaha safely at 8 in the morning, government at all levels is failing. And the Clinton administration's claims to have made a major difference are no better than a sick joke.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE BOAT PROTECTION ACT OF 1996

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to stop an increasingly common problem facing America's marine manufacturers. This problem, originally brought to my attention by a boat manufacturer in my congressional district, entails the theft of proprietary designs with respect to the production of boat hulls. Such piracy threatens not only the integrity of the U.S. marine manufacturing industry, but the safety of America boaters as well.

Boat manufacturers invest significant resources in the design and development of safe, structurally sound, and often high performance boat hull designs. Including research and developmental costs, a boat manufacturer often invests as much as \$50,000 to develop a design from which a single line of vessels can be manufactured. When a boat hull is designed, and the engineering and tooling process is completed, engineers then develop a boat plug, from which they construct a boat mold. The manufacturer is then able to produce a particular line of boats from this mold. In contrast, those intent on stealing the original boat design, rather than developing their own, can simply use a finished boat hull in place of the manufacturer's plug to develop or splash a mold. This copied mold can then be used to manufacture a line of vessels with a hull identical to that appropriated from the competitor at a cost well below that of the company that originally designed the hull.

Hull splashing is a significant problem for consumers, as well as manufacturers and boat design firms. Consumers of copied boats are defrauded in the sense that they are not benefiting from the aspects of the hull design, other than shape, that are structurally relevant to safety. It is also more unlikely that consumers are aware that a boat has been copied from an existing design. Moreover, if manufacturers are unable to recoup at least some of their research and development costs, they may no longer be willing to invest in new, innovative boat designs—designs that could lead to safer watercraft for consumers.

The Boat Protection Act of 1996 would work in concert with current Federal law to protect American marine manufacturers from harmful and unfair competition from unscrupulous foreign and domestic rivals.

I urge my colleagues to support the Boat Protection Act of 1996 and stand with me in my effort to protect the American public and the marine manufacturing community from the assault on American ingenuity caused by hull splashing.

#### TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ALBION PLACE MEMORIAL POST NO. 7165

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. MARTINI. I rise today in recognition of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Albion Place

Memorial Post No. 7165. This year marks their 50th anniversary of service to the citizens of Clifton, NJ. They will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on September 21, 1996, with a dinner at the Three Saints Cultural Center in Garfield, NJ.

Mr. Speaker, the history of VFW Post 7165 is a lesson in perseverance and determination. Not only were the original members of the post tested in war, but also in patience.

Without a building or hall to call home, VFW Post 7165 first met in the Clifton Volunteer Fire House. Soon thereafter, they were granted permission to meet in the Acquanonck Gardens Community Center. As luck would have it, Mr. Speaker, the community center was destroyed by a devastating fire before the post was even able to hold its first meeting.

However, the original members of Post 7165 were resolute in their decision not to let this setback ruin their vision of a refuge to honor patriotism. They rebuilt the community center from the ashes of the fire and established the first true home of VFW Post 7165 in the early 1950's. Today, Mr. Speaker, with over 580 members, the post has the largest following in Passaic County,

The large membership of VFW Post 7165 not only selflessly served their country, but continues to donate its time and efforts to help all members of the Clifton community. VFW Post 7165 is involved in a number of charitable and community-oriented activities in Clifton. For example, the post is highly active in the education of young adults. It supports Project Graduation which provides assistance to the Clifton High School graduating class and awards college scholarships to the winners of essay contests. In addition, the post promotes and administers safety program for the youngsters of the city.

VFW Post 7165 also supports and recognizes the police and firefighters for their unyielding allegiance to the community, and champions American patriotism through their appearances at various community functions, marches and parades.

Mr. Speaker, I join Veterans of Foreign Wars Albion Place Memorial Post No. 7165 in their celebration of 50 years of service. I encourage others to emulate their actions and salute their commitment to excellence.

#### DAN CANTU—IN APPRECIATION OF A JOB WELL DONE

HON. JIM LIGHTFOOT

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Speaker, this week the House of Representatives will be losing one of its finest staff members when Dan Cantu leaves us to begin, with his wife Karin, law school at the University of Chicago.

For the past 4 years Dan has served on the professional staff of the House Appropriations Committee, and, specifically, as a staff member on my Treasury Appropriations Subcommittee. Dan Cantu embodies the professionalism and excellence found throughout the entire staff of the House Appropriations Committee. Dan has worked on some of the most difficult, challenging, and technical issues under our subcommittee's jurisdiction. In every instance, he has risen to the challenges pre-

sented him with grace and good humor and helped the Congress reach agreement on what are often extremely difficult fiscal and policy issues.

The House is not only losing an excellent staff member, I am losing someone I have come to rely upon and who has become my friend. All of us on the Treasury Appropriations Subcommittee wish Dan and Karin all the best as they begin their studies.

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a very important anniversary which will be commemorated in my district in October. The Domestic Violence Service Center [DVSC] will observe the 20th anniversary of its founding. I am pleased to have the opportunity to commend the center for its tireless dedication to helping women and children in crisis.

Originally called Womencenter when it was first conceived in October 1976, the DVSC began as an assessment agency to focus on the needs of area women. The pleas for help from battered women in the first 6 months was overwhelming. Because of this the Womencenter refocused its purpose to address the issue of domestic violence and how it affects women and children in the Wyoming Valley. A task force was formed to study the issue. The result of that meeting was the founding of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence [PCADV]. The first coalition of its kind in the United States, the PCADV is still a leader in victims' rights issues in the State and the Nation.

In 1977, the Womencenter received a grant to develop a full-time domestic violence program. Services expanded and a liaison with Legal Services of Northeastern Pennsylvania was established.

A speakers' bureau was begun to promote community awareness. In 1978, the task force established the first shelter for battered women in northeastern Pennsylvania. Within 1 week the unadvertised shelter was completely filled to capacity. That June the Womencenter incorporated as the Domestic Violence Service Center. A board was formed and the first officers were elected.

Mr. Speaker, the Domestic Violence Service Center has served the area as a shelter, an advocacy agency, an outreach center, and a counseling center. The DVSC has been on the forefront of public education of domestic violence and involved with other social service agencies and the District Attorney's office in creating a county wide protocol for the handling of domestic violence cases. The center has coordinated with local police forces to create a common protocol in handling the actual distress calls. This program serves as an example to the entire State of Pennsylvania.

Most importantly, Mr. Speaker, the Domestic Violence Service Center has provided shelter for thousands of battered women who flee their homes often in the middle of the night afraid for their lives and the lives of their children.

Mr. Speaker, the impact of domestic violence affects the entire community. Each year the center conducts a solemn and poignant candlelight vigil at the Luzerne County Courthouse to commemorate Domestic Violence Month. I have had the honor of participating in this event. I am proud to commend the hard-working staff, board of directors, and volunteers on their dedicated effort to help those who would otherwise be trapped indefinitely in a crisis situation. Through their work and dedication they offer a place for women and children to turn to break the cycle of violence. Although this anniversary is not a celebration, it is a call to each of us to help stop this devastation of the American family. Mr. Speaker, I hope this anniversary will expand public awareness of the important work that the DVSC does.

#### A TRIBUTE TO PERSONNELMAN FIRST CLASS CARL JOHN PALMER, JR.

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 24, 1996*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a constituent of mine who has enjoyed an excellent record with the U.S. Naval Reserve is retiring after 20 years of loyal and faithful active service.

Personnelman First Class Carl John Palmer, Jr., began his military career in the U.S. Navy in 1976 at the Recruit Training Center in San Diego, CA. After completion of recruit training in March 1977, he transferred to Attack Squadron Eighty-Two, Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, FL. In June 1978, he was transferred to the Naval Technical Training Center in Meridian, MS, for Personnelman Class "A" School.

Subsequent to graduation from that school, PN1 Palmer enjoyed a distinguished career with the U.S. Navy Training and Administration of Reserve [TAR] program and later transferred to Staff duty at the Naval Reserve Force Management School in New Orleans, LA, and served in a number of other locations, including Orlando, FL, and Boston, MA. In August 1994, he was transferred to the Naval Reserve Center, currently located at the Naval Air Station in South Weymouth, MA, where he remains posted to this day.

Personnelman First Class Carl John Palmer, Jr., has throughout an exemplary career earned two naval Achievement Medals, the Navy Unit Commendation, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, four Good Conduct Medals, the Nation Defense Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Navy Recruiting Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Navy Recruiting Service Ribbon, the Sea Service Ribbon with Bronze Star, the Pistol Marksman Ribbon, six Naval Reserve Recruiting Gold Wreath of Excellence in Recruiting Awards and the Command Career Counseling Badge.

PN1 Palmer is a resident of Pond Eddy, NY. This community, located on the wild and scenic Delaware River, is one of the most breathtaking parts of the beautiful State of New York, and we hope that PN1 Palmer and his family will be staying in our community for a long, long time.

PN1 Palmer will be joined in retirement by his lovely wife, Virginia, also of Pond Eddy. It