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## Lawyers And Doctors Join Forces To Combat Drug And Alcohol Abuse Among Young

At a press conference Elliott C. Winograd, Chairman of the Medical/Legal Committee of The Nassau County Bar Association and Mark J. Cappola, Executive Director of The Nassau County Medical Society announced that the Nassau County Bar Association and the Nassau County Medical Society have joined forces to confront the nation's devastating drug and alcohol problem, and its alarming expansion to adolescents and children. "We have merged our skills and experiences in Lawyer/Doctor Education Teams to teach our young people about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse," said Winograd.

The public schools should be aware of the fact that the nation has two percent of the world's population. But as the decade of the 1990s begins, that population is consuming more than half of the world's supply of illicit drugs. Sixty-six million Americans have tried drugs; nearly 40 percent of them used an illegal drug in the past year; sixty-five percent of new employees entering the work place have used illegal drugs. The cost to the people in the nation is more than 100 billion dollars each year in lost productivity, crime and health care, let alone the cost to the individual user or abuser. "What is more wrenching is that nationwide more than 375

thousand babies are born drug-or alcohol-exposed *in utero* each year—more than one thousand babies everyday. Most are wards of the state. Unfortunately there are additional upsetting facts," noted Winograd who explained that alcohol related car crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-to-19 year olds, with an estimated 8,000 young people dying and 40,000 injured each year; every day, 437 young people are arrested for drinking and drunken driving; every day 211 children are arrested for drug abuse in the United States. Further, almost half of all adolescent suicides are related to the use of alcohol or other drugs.

### What Has Gone Wrong

Decades of effort have failed to reverse the tide of drug and alcohol abuse. Legal, medical and educational systems are strained to the breaking point in dealing with the consequences. Providing information is apparently not enough. It is contended that most substance-abusing people lack a fundamental social bond—a sense of purpose, a sense of belonging, and the social support-necessary to become healthy, responsible and well adjusted adults.

### What Can Be Done

Experience has shown that the most effective strategy to prevent drug and alcohol

abuse is a comprehensive, community-wide approach. It has been successful in other health promotion campaigns, and experts believe its lessons can be applied to adolescent drug and alcohol abuse. Prevention efforts target the roots of a social problem. They call upon all of society to work together to send correct and consistent messages to young people, and to provide support systems that help them develop normally, and lead productive, satisfying lives.

### Role Of Lawyers And Physicians

The legal and medical professions are uniquely equipped to deal with the complex interplay of personal, social and environmental factors in adolescent drug and alcohol abuse. They are ideally matched to carry out the six tasks of effective prevention, to wit: effecting policy; encouraging the involvement of influential community members; providing authoritative and practical information; promoting a healthy lifestyle; strengthening social competencies and peer resistance skills; and acting as positive role models.

The joint legal/medical program proposal would be to present a program in schools



Elliott Winograd

lasting 30-45 minutes (or one-hour class period) and to give to students practical, up-to-date, and reliable information on the health dangers and legal risks of drug and alcohol abuse and to answer their questions; to encourage them in their efforts to keep themselves and other young people out of trouble; and to listen to their views and concerns about the problem of drug and alcohol abuse in your community.

## Bar Association Hosts Seniors' Legal Clinic

On Sept. 12, 1990, the Nassau County Bar Association hosted its fifth in a series of free Senior Citizen Clinics. Approximately 30

At the conclusion of the clinic, many of the seniors expressed their gratitude to our coordinator Caryle Katz. They felt the clinic



## Doctor-Lawyer Team Fights Drug/Alcohol Abuse



**DOCTOR-LAWYER TEAM JOIN DRUG FIGHT** - Psychiatrist Dr. Patrick Carone (third from left) and attorney Elliot Winograd talk with South Side HS students (left to right) Kevin Feiraro, Jennifer Husser, Danielle Tran, and Barnett Agee at a program at the school.

In the first of a series of presentations in local schools, The Nassau County Medical Society and the Nassau County Bar Association teamed up last week to give students at South Side High School a double dose of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

"One out of ten people in this room will suffer from alcoholism in 25 to 30 years," Dr. Patrick Carone, a Rockville Centre psychiatrist told the more than 300 students. "In addition, 12 percent of you will be married to an alcoholic." As for crack, he said, "It increases blood pressure and can cause a stroke that will blow away part of your brain."

Elliot Winograd, an attorney who lives

in Rockville Centre, was equally blunt. "Carrying a fake ID to buy liquor is a felony that could get you five years...and 35 percent of all prisoners are assaulted in one way or another." Mr. Winograd also listed the penalties for buying and selling illegal substances, which range all the way from six months to 15 years. "And remember," he cautioned, "Nassau County is not lenient on alcohol and controlled substance abuse."

Following the presentation, the students, grades 9-12, were encouraged to join in the discussion and ask questions in this first Doctor/Lawyer Education Team series.

## McGrath Denounces Senate Attempt to Increase Air Traffic in New York Area

Congressman Ray McGrath said this week that a Senate provision in the forthcoming budget bill would eliminate the current limit on takeoffs and landings at John F. Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia Airport. If the provision remains, aircraft noise in surrounding communities could increase dramatically.

"This is a diabolical attempt by one Senator to ruin all of the aircraft noise reduction efforts of the last decade," the Congressman stated. "More aircraft in the already crowded Northeast corridor could

also cause significant safety problems."

A last-minute amendment by Senator John McCain would eliminate the high density rule which restricts the number of takeoffs and landings per hour at the nation's busiest airports. In addition to Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports, Chicago's O'Hare International was also included. By allowing more flights to these airports, Congressman McGrath charged, Senator McCain is trying to create an eastern market for Arizona-based America West airline.

reducing spending, the new New York State United Teacher (NYSUT) has formally endorsed State Senator Dean Skelos of Rockville Centre, for reelection.

"I realize how vitally important it is that Nassau County schools continue to receive their fair share of school aid," said the Senator. "This year, once again, the Governor wanted to cut aid to Nassau's school districts. Not just from one or a certain level, but actually cut Nassau's aid between \$14 and \$20 billion! Needless to say, the results to the real property taxpayer would have been devastating.

"Fortunately, the Senate Republican Majority was able to change that, and instead of reducing aid to Nassau, we were able to increase it by \$40 million."

The legislator, a village native, pointed out that there is a certain "big-city"

## Computer and Math

The Rockville Centre School District's Community Education Program has announced openings in the following courses:


- **COMPUTER:** Lotus Advanced beginning on Monday, November 5, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. for six sessions will cover spread sheet options including: using named ranges, combining files, using @ functions and macros. Students will learn how to customize the Lotus program to suit their spread sheet needs.

- **FAMILY MATH:** Parent/Child, Grades 1 - 3, will begin a six session course beginning Monday, November 5, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Family Math activities are designed to supplement the

## Holiday Mail to Desert

Are you planning to mail a holiday letter or package to a loved one in the U.S. Military who is currently involved in Operation Desert Shield in the Mideast?

Letters for servicemen in the Gulf area can be mailed via the American Red Cross by dropping them at any one of the 144 7-Eleven stores on Long Island, but the local chapter suggests you keep in mind the mailing deadlines recommended by the Army Community Services, Space Available Packages, Em



NEIL SIMON'S 'PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE' opens a two weekend run here this month. Performances at the Covert School auditorium on Willow Street and Long Beach Road will be on Saturdays, October 20 and 27 at 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday matinees on October 21 and 28. At a rehearsal for the Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts Community Theatre production are (from the left) Director Bill Bromberg, (seated) Producer and actress Marion Miller, and actresses Sofia Barucco, and Beverly Slott. Standing in the rear are Joe Dobkins and Harriet Seidman, who play the husband and wife leading roles.

Neil Simon's works have delighted audiences for many years with their satirically humorous handling of everyday life situations. The Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts will present his 1971 comedy "The Prisoner of Second Avenue."

William Bromberg is directing and Marion Miller is taking on the responsibilities of producer.

Performances will be at the Covert School auditorium, Willow Street and Long Beach Road on Saturday evenings, October 20 and 27, at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees, October 21 and 28

## Rosa Lee Young Installation by Sen. Skelos

The Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 11 at 8:00 p.m. at the center, 180 N. Village Avenue. Outgoing president, Nonie Muellers, has announced that State Senator Dean Skelos will be on hand to install the new slate of officers and board members. The public is invited to attend.

Ann Peluso, Director of Community Education for the Rockville Centre School District, and Adjunct Professor of Education at Molloy College, will also address the meeting. Ms. Peluso's talk, "Parents as Reading Partners," will focus

p.m. All seats are reserved. The general admission price is \$8; seniors/students are \$6 on Sundays only.

As has been the custom for the past several years, there is a dinner/theatre package for all performances. It is priced at \$28 per person, with a special rate of \$26 for Seniors on Sundays only. There are also special group rates. Scotty's Talk of the Town on Merrick Road will host dinner. Reservations are a must. Call 764-3005.

For ticket information call 678-6669 or 764-3005.

on the parent's crucial role in language development.

The Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center has served children of working parents for the past 18 years. The fully licensed program offers a full day program for nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten children. It also offers an after school program for school-aged children who are picked up at their elementary schools and brought to the center.

For further information about the Annual Meeting, or the center's ongoing program, call 536-5674.

ment is still open in the following classes.

•"How to Beat the High Cost of College" will be held on Tuesday, October 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. You will learn how to get your share of the billions of dollars in grants and loans that are available for student financial aid each year, in addition to step-by-step strategies for filling out the financial aid form. This is an excellent time to plan for parents of juniors as well as seniors.

•"Rape Prevention Demonstration" will be held on Tuesday, October 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The purpose of this demonstration is to help women become aware and learn to protect themselves. This course will not include hands-on training. It is a common sense, practical approach to self defense and does not take years of training to master. This course

## Doctor-Lawyer Team To Fight Drug Abuse

In a first-of-a-kind presentation for Long Island schools, a doctor and lawyer will join forces on Friday, October 12, at 9:30 a.m. in South Side High School to give kids a double dose why they should stay clear of drugs. "The fact is that if it doesn't kill you, it will do worse - it will fry your brain," says Dr. Patrick Carone. The Rockville Centre psychiatrist will speak along with attorney Elliott Winograd also of Rockville Centre, as the Nassau County Medical Society and the Nassau County Bar Association confront the nation's devastating drug and alcohol problem. "My remarks will scare the wits out of these kids," says Mr. Winograd. "I'm going to tell them, especially the guys, what really happens to you in jail." This is the first in a series of Doctor/Lawyer Education Teams that will be

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•"An Overview of Rockville Centre's Whole Language Program" will be held on Wednesday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. This workshop has been designed to foster an understanding of how literacy develops, and how schools and parents can collaboratively promote children's growth as readers, writers and critical thinkers. Information and practical ideas for supporting your child at home will be shared.

The first three courses will be held in the high school; the last at Covert School.

For further information call the Division of Community Education, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. at 255-8953.

visiting schools throughout the country. Their message is sobering: Our nation has two percent of the world's population, but our people consume more than half the world's supply of illicit drugs. Sixty-one million Americans have tried drugs; nearly 40 percent have used an illegal drug in the past year. Sixty-five percent of new employees entering the work place have used illegal drugs. The cost to our nation is more than \$100 billion in lost productivity, crime, and health care. More than 375,000 babies are born drug or alcohol exposed each year

Approximately 200 students grades 9-12 will participate in the doctor-lawyer assembly, where they will be encouraged to ask questions, join in discussion, and get the gory facts.