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October 21, 2004

Rosemary Kowalchuk, Principal  
Lopatcong Township Elementary School  
263 Route 57  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Dear Ms. Kowalchuk:

I want to congratulate Kayla Krouse on her accomplishment of winning a poetry contest award. She was one of four winners who submitted a poem promoting recycling from Grade Four students from the entire State of New Jersey.

Your winning poem entitled "A Tin Can Man" was one of twelve overall winners, which has been placed on the 2005 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Calendars. These calendars will be distributed to schools and government offices throughout our state.

Your achievement is not only a credit to you, but also to your school, our town and county. Your endeavors will help promote recycling which is necessary for protecting our environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor Camporine".

Victor Camporine  
Warren County Recycling Coordinator  
Lopatcong Township Council President

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c: WC Board of Chosen Freeholders  
William N. King, Superintendent of Schools  
Carl R. Meixsell, Lopatcong Township Recycling Coordinator

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## BRIEFS

### Recycle telephone directories

Old telephone directories can be recycled by dropping them into the special collection bin located at the Belvidere Elementary School on Oxford Street through the month of March. Plastic bags or other materials are not accepted.

This special annual collection is sponsored by Sprint Telephone and benefits student programs at the school as well as the environment by conserving trees, energy, water and reduces air pollution. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this worthwhile recycling project.

VICTOR CAMPORINE

### Pancake and sausage supper

A pancake and sausage supper will be held at St. Mary's Church, 408 Third Street, Belvidere on Tuesday, March 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. (last seating is 6:30 p.m.) Pancakes, sausage and home-made desserts will be offered. Adults, \$6; kids 5-12 and seniors, \$3; 4 and under, free. Advance sales only. Call Fr. Byrum at (908) 475-8042 or Kathy at (908) 475-1573.

### Atlantic City bus trip

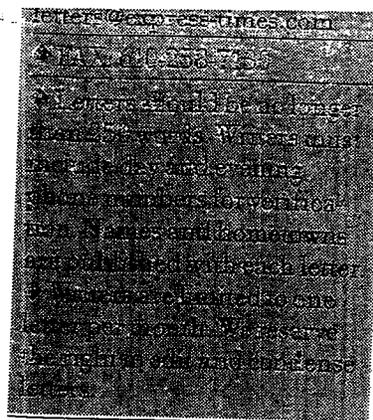


world religion that does not prohibit, denounce, or preach against homosexuality. I should know. I am a Buddhist. We Buddhists welcome gay people into our Sangha, or community of believers; and nowhere in the entire Tipitaka, or body of Buddhist teachings, are homosexuality or gay people denounced or made illicit. As a result, many thousands of lesbians and gay men have converted to Buddhism here in the United States and in Canada. There are active gay Buddhist organizations that meet regularly in large cities throughout the land, such as the Lesbian & Gay Community Center in New York City and the William Way Gay Community Center in Philadelphia. Worldwide there are about 1.5 billion Buddhists, and we are one of the fastest growing religions in the West.

Second, there are many Christian and Jewish denominations that do not share Morris' anti-gay views. Many of these denominations have sanctioned the ordination of gay and lesbian priests, ministers and rabbis. Many have also preached eloquently and forcefully in favor of gay rights. Recently a distinguished rabbi in Allentown criticized Santorum's remarks.

I believe the majority of Americans do not favor government intrusion into our bedrooms. Gay people, like heterosexual people, have a constitutional right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But I suppose there will always be the prejudiced, the ignorant and the bigoted amongst us.

**MARK N. SILBER**  
Easton



### Building doesn't meet KOZ criteria

I attended the Easton City Council meeting Wednesday to better understand the issues surrounding the request for a Keystone Opportunity Zone for the current Cinema Paradiso property. There appear to be two issues concerning this site.

As I understand it, KOZ is to help turn around a property/building that has been unable to be redeveloped due to bad location or condition of building, two criteria that this property does not meet. This building has been vacant for one year, not due to lack of location or condition of building. In fact, within the past two years it received hundreds of thousands of dollars in renovations.

With all respect to the current prospective developer, any competent architect and builder can design and build a building on an empty lot. But those who take on the daunting task of reworking the good bones of an old structure so that it meets city, state and federal codes are truly the developers of our city's future.

The second issue is the new building which is designed for a

fit our streetscape or look elsewhere to build.

This is a good time to ponder the question of an appointed committee to give the city a way to protect the architectural treasures we have and to save our National Register Historic Districts from any bad design decisions in the future.

Thanks to city council for tabling any decision until they may be more educated on the issues.

**PATRICIA EIBES PORTER**  
Easton

### Youths, firefighters saved part of history

On the evening of May 7, a group of juveniles broke in and set fire to our 101-year-old Jersey Central caboose. Fortunately, the fire was spotted early by two young men, Joe Sucameli and Ron Adam, who ran to alert the fire department.

The firefighters responded very quickly and stopped the fire before it did too much serious damage.

On behalf of the Phillipsburg Railroad Historians, I would like to give thanks to both youths and to the members of the Phillipsburg Fire Department; without their quick response, and the firefighters' professional work, a valuable piece of New Jersey railroad history would undoubtedly have been lost.

After the fire, and again yesterday, members of the fire department have helped seal the car from further entry and have offered any help they can give. Phillipsburg can truly be proud to have people like these protecting their community.

**JOHN H. BONER**  
Director  
Phillipsburg Railroad  
Historians Milford

ference in the election if voters knew the increase would be more than twice than what was reported?

**FRED FOTT**  
White Township

### Hazardous material recycling a success

I want to thank all the people who took the time and effort to bring their hazardous material to the Warren County Recycling Center on Saturday, April 26.

In spite of the inclement weather, they brought paint, solvents, asbestos, electronic and computer equipment, etc.

April 26 was the first of two hazardous material collection days in Warren County this year. The next hazmat day will be the last Saturday in October.

Bringing this material to be recycled kept it from being disposed of in the trash and in our landfill.

Their efforts displayed their concern for our environment.

Thanks again to the concerned citizens and the workers who make this endeavor a success.

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Warren County  
Planning Department  
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### UMBT has a friend in Andy Nestor

Does Upper Mount Bethel Township want six years of regression or favorable continued progress? Some of the major ac-

Please see **LETTERS /A-11**

# Saudi Arabia should start reforming now

**DAVID HIRST**

**THE EXPRESS-TIMES**  
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## Save a tree from clogging landfills

One way to preserve disposal capacity in landfills is to recycle Christmas trees. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, there were roughly 14,000 landfills in the U.S. in 1978; today an estimated 1,500 are in operation.

The problem is not a lack of space but rather a lack of public acceptance needed to site new disposal facilities, commonly known as the "NIMBY" syndrome (Not In My Back Yard).

The Warren County Pollution Control Financing Authority is re-

cycling Christmas trees free of charge. Trees may be taken to the convenience center at the landfill at 500 Mount Pisgah Ave., Oxford Township, until Feb. 28, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 7-11 a.m.

People should check with their municipality to see if trees are picked up and if there is any charge. All stands, lights, decorations and tinsel must be removed because real Christmas trees go through wood-chipping machines and anything else on the tree can jam the machine.

Artificial trees cannot be recycled. They must go out with the garbage. Wreaths, real or artificial, must go out in the garbage. Since wreaths are held together with wire and plastic, they cannot go through a wood-chipping machine. For further information, call 908-453-2174.

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TO: All Municipal and School Coordinators  
FROM: Victor Camporine, County Recycling Coordinator *VC*  
DATE: June 15, 2004  
SUBJECT: Warren County is Getting Serious About Recycling

I want to thank all of you who made the June 4, 2004, Warren County Recycling Seminar a great success.

The 100% turnout, the gourmet breakfast prepared by Warren County Vo-Technical School Chef and his students, and to the many eloquent speakers expounding the importance of the new state program.

In attendance were Municipal and School Recycling Coordinators as well as County Officials, including the three Freeholders and County Superintendent of Schools Bill King. All took time from their busy schedules to lend their support.

I would be amiss if I did not thank State DEP Representative Sandra Flite, County Environmental Health Agency Officer Kevin Cavuto, PCFA Executive Director John Carlton, and County Planning Director David Dech for their contributions.

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c: Sandra Flite, NJDEP  
WC Board of Chosen Freeholders  
Steve Marvin  
Kevin Cavuto, Health Dept.  
John Carlton, PCFA

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*(Signature)*

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## New program will revitalize recycling

Recycling once the flagship of the environmental movement has hit the skids.

As of 2003, New Jersey's recycling rate declined for the fifth straight year. As a result, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has mandated that compliance measures will be initiated.

County environmental health officers are to be assisted by the county recycling coordinator from each county to perform inspections at schools, commercial buildings, and multi-unit dwellings. Schools have been given a comprehensive program, which must be adhered to. Thus far, this program has been received with much enthusiasm and will no doubt help revitalize recycling in Warren County, as well as the rest of our state.

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**TO:** Warren County School Administrators  
**FROM:** Victor S. Camporine, District Recycling Coordinator *VC/DKO*  
**DATE:** December 13, 2002  
**SUBJECT:** School Recycling Program

The County of Warren, through the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County, currently recycles glass; aluminum; tin; newspaper; white office paper; mixed paper; cardboard; latex paint; and household batteries at the Recycling Center outside of Belvidere, on Route 519.

We want to assess the level of interest of schools in participating in our Recycling Program. We are particularly interested in knowing if you would like to expand your school-recycling program, if feasible.

The advantages of this Recycling Program include:

- **ECONOMIC** Save \$ on garbage removal fees by making less trash and create a cost-avoidance
- **ENVIRONMENTAL** SAVE TREES and other natural resources
- **ACADEMIC** A recycling program can be incorporated into your math, science or business curriculum

Please copy and distribute this memo and survey to your respective school assistant administrators. I will be available to meet with your staff and provide any necessary information requested by them and the student body. Your feedback, questions and concerns are welcome. Please fill out the attached School Recycling Survey and fax to (908) 475-6537. Please feel free to contact me at (908) 475-6532.

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