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Statue of Liberty Torch Relighting Ceremony July 4, 1986



Created by French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, using his mother as a model, the majestic Statue of Liberty has welcomed visitors to The Big Apple since 1886, when it was presented to the U.S. by the people of France. The seven spikes of the Lady's crown represent the seven seas and the seven continents.

Have A Safe And Happy Fourth Of July

The New Jersey State Safety Council says that, according to the National Safety Council, between 500 and 600 persons may die in traffic accidents during the upcoming Fourth of July holiday weekend.

It is also estimated that between 24,000 and 28,000 persons may suffer injuries in traffic accidents during this holiday period.

last year, 492 persons died and 21,700 persons suffered serious injury in motor-vehicle accidents.

The Safety Council urges motorists to follow a number of tips to make driving safer during this holiday weekend:

• Whether you travel crosstown or cross-country, fasten your safety belts and place children in child safety seats. Highway safety researchers estimate that bet-

ween 12,000 and 16,000 people who died in motor vehicle accidents last year would be alive today had they buckled up.

- If you plan on driving, don't drink alcohol.
- If you are going out with friends, select one person to be the "designated driver" who will abstain from drinking alcohol and drive the others home safely.

• Conversely, be on the lookout for drivers who are intoxicated. A person driving too fast or too slow, changing lanes frequently, or disregarding traffic signs or road conditions, may be under the influence of alcohol and other drugs. Maneuver your vehicle away from the suspected vehicle, preferably behind it, and notify local authorities.

• Drive defensively and watch out for the other driver.

• Be on the lookout for pedestrians and bicyclists, who may be outdoors enjoying the summer weather.



In 1985, 10,300 persons were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries relating to fireworks! Over half of these injuries were burn related and 42% of those injured were under 15 years of age.

In a conversation with Richard Swackhammer, Regional Director of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CSPC) and a resident of Cranford, Ellen Bloom, Director of the Union County Division of Consumer Affairs has learned of 27 deaths in the past year that were fireworks related.

"How sad to associate deaths, blindings and severe burns with Holiday weekends. Fireworks are not toys," states Bloom. "We must all understand that even the sparkler, improperly considered by many as the ideal safe firework for the young, burns at an extraordinarily high temperature and can easily ignite clothing. Children do not appreciate the danger involved and will not act appropriately in case of emergency."

The CPSC has issued still another alert warning consumers of the dangers of using mail ordered chemicals and other fireworks. Although the Postal Authorities prohibit the mailing of fireworks, youngsters are receiving such orders by mail, and as a result are experiencing injuries.

The CPSC describes a recent critical injury to a 14 year-old boy resulting from an explosion in his home that occurred while he was mixing fireworks purchased by mail order. The boy mixed two chemicals together causing a violent explosion, severely

injury to himself and damaging three rooms in the house where he was working. Imagine the power of the blast and the injury to this youngster.

Fireworks are illegal in New Jersey! Most of the injuries reported involved children, and should have never happened! Parental supervision is always the most important factor in keeping our children safe. Urge your children to obey the law! The Union County Division of Consumer Affairs warns the public of the continuing tragedies experienced by those who play with fireworks.

"Every year we issue warnings to the public," says Bloom, "but somehow or another, there is an unfortunate connection between fun and fireworks and a feeling that it will never happen to me, or mine."

There is a reason that laws are passed for the safety of the public. Every one of us is urged to

cooperate in preventing the continuance of these tragedies to our children and neighbors. If you know or hear someone using fireworks, immediately report it to the local authorities. You will be doing your part in the prevention of injury.

The CPSC believes that fireworks devices continue to be associated with a large number of preventable injuries each year. We urge you to examine all packages received at home and alert the Postal Authorities of the receipt of such dangerous items. Above all, parents should discuss this warning with their children.

If you have been unable to successfully resolve a problem with a retail transaction, write to Union County Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 186, Westfield, New Jersey, 07091, including a brief letter and copies of receipts or contracts.

Fan. P.B.A. to offer \$500. scholarship

Fanwood Patrolman Thomas Jedic, President of the Fanwood Policemen's Benevolent Association, announced that a \$500.00 scholarship grant will be offered to a Fanwood student.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, the student must currently reside in Fanwood and be enrolled or planning to enroll in a college or university and major in Criminal Justice.

Patrolman Jedic, in making the announcement, said, "The demands for police service have encountered many changes, particularly in the past few years. Now our police officers have to be well educated and physically fit. The P.B.A., in offering this scholarship, is displaying our sincere commitment to improve the quality of the police profession, thus better serving our community." Applicants may apply by sending their name, address, phone number and proof of enrollment in a Criminal Justice program to Patrolman Thomas Jedic, 75 Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023, Attention: Scholarship Committee. The scholarship will be awarded based on current academic standing and financial need.

WHY COOK NEXT THURSDAY?

Watch for our new dining directory starting July 10th. Feast your eyes on our new section - it's sure to whet your appetite for the real thing.

MONTHLY BP CLINIC

The Township of Scotch Plains will hold the monthly Hypertension (High Blood Pressure) Screening Clinic on Wednesday, July 9, 1986.

The Clinic will be held in the Scotch Plains Public Library Community Room from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. and is free. The intent of the clinic is to identify new cases of High Blood Pressure. Those persons who are over the age of thirty and smoke or are overweight or have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.