Letters to the Editor

Misuse of Disability Placards

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to all of you using your deceased Aunt Rosa’s accessible parking placard. You know who you are. You tell your friends that you only use it when you’re driving an athletic field that is not always dry. The case and either way, it’s illegal. As it was right on the placard, you must also be carrying a current, valid Disabled Person’s ID card.

And I also see some people jogging out of LA Fitness and bounce up into our Exclusives in the accessible parking area. Yes, ‘all disabilities aren’t visible,’ but you people are killing us.

And the last word for all of you is that the MVC (Motor Vehicles Commission) changed the law effective Aug. 1, 2013. But all persons using placards or plates must be medically recorded every three years as continuing to have a serious medical condition. The MVC website describes these conditions. Being overweight or having an occasional ‘bad back’ are not listed, since these affect between 60 and 80 percent of the population at some time.

The M.D. must also execute a current prescription with a diagnostic code. When the new paper work is submitted to the MVC, they will issue a new Disabled Person’s ID, as well as a new placard or plate, which will be in a different format.

So, for all you ‘joggers’ on those three-placard plates will expire in two years, 1, 2015. That is why you constantly are ascribed that M.D. Aunt Rosa is ‘still good.’

Also, the New Jersey police should start asking people using the accessible parking area, especially when they’re jogging out of the gym or appear unusually fit, for their current Disabled Person’s ID. The police are probably hesitant to do so for fear of offending a legitimately disabled person. But the opposite is true. Those who truly are legible will gladly assist that someone is checking for the jogger.

Michael S. Mann

Kudos to Army Corps of Engineers, NJ DEP

To the Editor:

As summer comes to an end, we extend our thanks to the Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for their role in providing an outstanding season for New Jersey’s beaches.

The entire shoreline from Sandy Hook to Cape May Point has never looked better as a result of the Corps post-Sandy beach replenishment projects. Thanks also to Gov. Christie and our Congressional representatives whose advocacy on behalf of our coastal development and let your elected officials know you appreciate their efforts to bring needed resources to support our beaches.

Marge Welsh

Supporting Healthier Lives for All

To the Editor:

As a busy working mother, I often ask myself, why do I volunteer? There aren’t enough hours in the day to do it all, so why do I add one more thing to my plate?

The answer is simple: Life is Why.

As a board member for the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, I believe that I’m supporting something important healthier lives. And just as true at my own site. The American Heart Association, strives toward healthier families, healthier communities and a healthier country. From holding the charity’s strongest, to funding cardiovascular research to providing educational and informative programs to the public, N JVFPM presents diverse events of the views and decisions that took place during the triumphant Vietnam Era. School faculty members gain professional credibility and expanding horizons.

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We are fully aware that the future of this New Jersey treasure is reliant on support by those who served in Vietnam and those who served in Vietnam, and those who served in Vietnam.

We are grateful for your ongoing support of the organization and your participation in our programs and offerings.

Bob Lockwood

Kortney Rose Foundation Raises $42,000 at Walk

To the Editor:

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The KRF was established to provide information to parents whose children are diagnosed with brain tumors.

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