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ZENS OF THE COUNTY WHO WERE ADMINISTERED  
vital shots, including myself, as plaintiffs  
in the county's lawsuit (against Aventis  
and others for allegedly failing to deliver  
contracted vaccine to the county.)

These drug companies must be held  
accountable for their underhanded and  
devious ploys. I now wonder who may  
have greased their palms to get these flu  
shots that we so desperately need.

**GERI ALESSANDRINI**  
Woodbury Heights

## Make teachers live up to testing standards

To the Editor:

We live in a double-standard academic  
world. In many states, students are tested  
on what they are expected to know and  
how to apply knowledge. If they don't per-  
form well, it may require repeating an  
academic year.  
Yet, in most states, teachers are not

tested on their teaching competency or  
content knowledge. The only requirement  
expected of teachers is involvement in pro-  
fessional activities for a particular amount  
of hours over a period of specific years.  
This doesn't escalate professional compe-  
tency.

The main purpose of measuring profes-  
sional proficiency is not to evaluate teach-  
ers for new contracts or tenure, but for  
direction for self-evaluation and perform-  
ance improvement. Teachers and students  
will both benefit.

Teachers should be held to certain stan-  
dards. It is a case of "Physician heal thy-  
self."

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## Police can look unfit, but still perform well

To the Editor:

I know everyone has a right to their  
own opinion, but I feel the need to express  
mine about Gary Friedland's Nov. 2 letter,  
"If cops won't shape up, ship them out."

I also knew that when I read the Oct. 31  
*Times* article ("Strong arm of the law")  
and saw the photographs of the cops  
working out that this would leave a big  
opening for those who are not very fond of  
the police. To me, such criticism of police  
officers is unfair.

I know police employees and they work  
very hard at their jobs. Yes, not all are  
perfect. They do make mistakes, and some  
are bad and go the wrong way, but we  
must all remember that the police are  
only human beings. All human beings  
make mistakes, and at times they make  
the wrong choices in life. I don't feel they  
should be attacked or condemned for this.

I've been around a lot of police officers  
and staff and even tried out as a dispatch-  
er in Haddonfield, but failed because I