

EDITORIAL

THANKS

My name is the *Journal of Behavioral Optometry*, but I'm most often called "JBO." One of my caretakers, Irwin Suchoff, just told me that the Optometric Editors Association has named me the Best National/International Journal for 1993. I really feel good about it, and I thank the Association for the honor.

Now, Suchoff is always getting credit for the good things that happen to me, and he never turns it down; as a matter of fact he basks in the praise that is meant for me. But I'm more gracious and realistic than he is. Both he and I know he's not the reason. There are other people who are really much more important. For instance, Suchoff doesn't provide the means that keep me dressed and fed. The Board of Directors of the Optometric Extension Program Foundation (OEP) can take the major credit for that. Bob Williams sees that I get the support the Board thinks I should have. Further, my other (and really important) caretaker, Sally Corngold, sees that I don't eat too much or too little. She really takes care of me; with the help

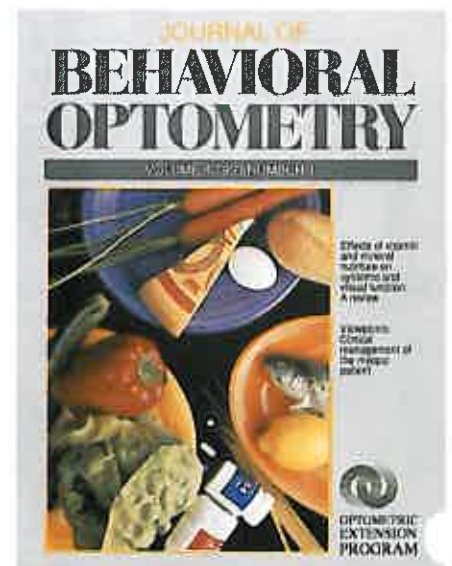
of Carolyn Davis and Julie Ryan, she sees that my clothes fit well, are color coordinated and washed and ironed. And Frances Conkey helps Sally make sure my hair is combed, my nails are clean and that I use proper grammar.

Martin Birnbaum has been very influential in my mental development. He has fostered my ability to see that there are two sides to an issue, and he is never at a loss to identify interesting issues for me to think about. Tim Ramage helps me tell my friends what's going on in optometry and in OEP. All the people who are on my Editorial Board are great; they make sure that what I say is accurate, informative and not too wordy. Some of them have made very special efforts to make me look good. I think of Ingrid Lorch Bacci and Patricia Lemer as my special aunts, and W. C. Maples and Harold Solan as my special uncles.

I also want to give thanks to all the people who make sure I have substance by allowing me to tell of their research, ideas, and the clinical

things they're doing. I know how hard they work on their articles and I'm very proud and pleased that they choose me.

So what does Suchoff do except take a credit that other people really deserve? As far as I'm concerned, he continually tries to put words in my mouth.



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