Editor: I would like to reply to Hank Hogan's column of Dec. 1 concerning the handicapped.
Public Act 177 of 1975 was a long time coming. It was stymied for years by a small but wocal minority like Hogan.
The curb cuts are great for the handicapped, and we are happy to share them with the bicyclist, mothers with strollers and the elderly with shopping carts.

carts..

The prime parking spots are nice, too—when we can beat the insensitive minority of able-bodied to them.

The best improvement of all is to be able to dine out and know that when

able to dine out and know that when nature calls, you will be able to fit your wheelchair through the new 36-inch restroom door.

As for bankrupting the country, let us look to the billions that have been poured overseas to fight senseless

I for one would like to express my I for one would like to express my appreciation to the compassionate legislators in Washington and Lansing who are responsible for this worthy and long-awaited legislation and to the local officials who have worked so hard to implement this program.

JERRY CUNNINGHAM, with my wife BERTHA

I reflected on J. Cameron's cartoon in the Dec. I editorial page and specu-lated on what the next cartoon might be. It could be "The Public Big Foot" stomping on wheelchaired lobbyists

Readers' forum

for the handicapped.

I appreciated Hank Hogan's column
'One worthy but small lobby costs
everyone a lot." It ranks up there with
forimm's Fairstales. Hogan tell us statistically how he arrived at his results
at 1) handicapped parking spaces
are useless and 2) which and how
many buildings have been forced to
install elevators for the handicapped

and how he stood in front of each elevator for days counting how many handicapped did not use them. Finally, I am impressed that histed in specific terms all "the other worthwhile programs" which could use the money being spent on the handicapped.

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Article of 12-1 was terrible.
Phrase of productive people—is your hangup not theirs and it's a great prase to use for blacks, etc.—just shows your typical problem.
Read the article in Time—this is what you wanted to say—except cute little phrases of yours and surface facts wouldn't let you.
You're talking of congressional laws, aren't you? Or just telling us a story? Give me facts and then solutions, if any.

FRANK P. SUTIKA

Oakland location out as prison site

Gov. William Milliken assured a citi-zens group recently that he is not rec-ornmending Commerce Township in western Oakland County as a site for a

western Onkland County as a site for a new state prison.

Milliken met with representatives of Concerned Citizens of the lakes area and received petitins signed by an esti-mated 5,000 asking that a former Nike-site at Proud Lake, now owned by the Department of Natural Resources, not be considered as a prison site. Milliken said that although the state's prison population remains above acceptable levels, the Nike site is not capable of rapid conversion and cannot be considered as a means of alleviating the state's immediate problem. problem.

The state is making progress on

three of the four sites it considered for quick conversion—the St. Augustine Seminary near Holland, the Kincheloe Art Force Base near Sault Ste. Marie and the Detroit House of Corprection in western Wayne County, The Gurth, the J.L. Hudson warehouse in down Detroit, has been withdrawn from consideration by Hudsons. "Our prison population is 2,200 over capacity right now, and the situation is 2.

Traffic group posts warning to drinkers

The last two weeks of December are the most dangerous of the year for traffic fatalities and serious injury traffic fatalities and serious accidents, according to the Safety Association of Detroit.

More hours of darkness and fogged-

"But to meet these pressing demands we need short-term con-vertibility—three to 16 months. The Commerce Township site, because of the needs for sewage and other facilities, could only be considered as a long-term alternative. And there we retaiking about four years from the time we make the decision."

up windows obscuring vision hide traf-fic dangers. Icy, snowy streets make it more difficult to stop. Christmas shop-pers increase pedestrian traffic. And most importantly, more drinking driv-ers are on the road during the holiday season, the association said.

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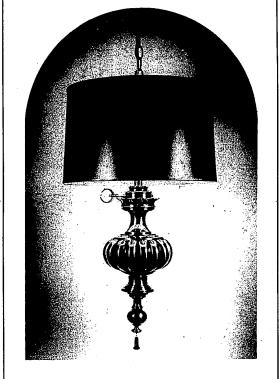


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