

# GC Book Burners Hit For Petition On 'Catcher'

**EDITOR:**  
As another Garden City resident I would like to comment on the current activity of a local group of women who are trying to ban the American classic "Catcher in the Rye" from the school library.

I believe it is quite safe to say that a great many who signed this group's petition have never read the book but were willing to sign when the book was obscure.

The book, essentially a tragedy, would never encourage any young person to wander from the straight and narrow.

It seems strange that these very women who fear the book are the ones who approve sending our boys to Vietnam where they will be exposed to dope, prostitutes, and all kinds of Asiatic vices — and not on a printed page.

I wonder also why they have not sought to prevent children from reading the Bible, too, or at least having it expurgated.

Most Garden City residents are proud of their schools and have never voted down a millage increase for them. This fact indicates an interest in first class education and resistance to book burning by the ignorant, bigoted and narrow-minded people.

H. A. S. Garden City.

## Most Object To 'Catcher'

**EDITOR:**  
In reply to Mr. Neville of the Garden City PTA Council who made the ridiculous speech at our last board meeting.

You spoke of parents who object to the "Catcher in the Rye" as a little band of people who has cost our community money.

No. — Let us clarify who those are that you refer to as a "little band": St. Dunstan's priest and the ministers from Merriman Rd. Baptist Church, Baptist Church of Christ, Community Baptist, Temple Baptist, Faith Baptist, Parkview Baptist, Prayer Baptist, St. Matthew Lutheran, Christian Science Church of God, Free Will Baptist, Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormons).

This does not mention the members of the congregations who signed a petition to have "Catcher in the Rye" removed from the schools because it takes up too much of Christ's name in vain 311 times, and uses swear words, all told, over 500 times — including the four-letter word

## READERS' FORUM

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that starts with "F." It also pokes fun at and downgrades ministers, prayers and the Bible.

If you would talk to residents, you would find that approximately 88 per cent of the residents per block agree with the ministers.

No. — You said that we cost the community money. Could it be that you and your friend, Mr. Barselman, are still angry because 3,085 signatures put a moratorium on the Sex Ed program? Could it be that maybe you were on the committee that endorsed much of the fifth therein? Could it be that you are still holding a grudge?

If you will stop and think, the community has saved money. Remember, the Sex Ed program costs \$2000. We pay federal taxes, too. So you see, your argument doesn't hold water. You failed to realize that the "Catcher in the Rye" was under discussion and not the sex ed program.

It appears that the "small band" is the majority, and the minority in Garden City is the school board, the administration and the PTA Council.

ELAINE THOMAS Garden City

## Paul Kadish And The NDC

**EDITOR:**  
Last week there were two news stories in successive issues of the Observer which I believe were misleading and need some clarification.

While I understand that the staff of the Observer was trying to objectively report the news as they saw it, I believe it incumbent upon me as a candidate for the Senate of the State of Michigan to make my position known with clarity and I hope objectively.

The two articles that I refer to stated that (1) I would line up with the New Democratic Coalition on matters of Democratic organization and (2) that I had no ties to the NDC, that I was not a member of the

NDC, however, I had been endorsed by the NDC in my bid for the 14th Senatorial seat now held by Sen. George Kuhn.

I would like to point out that I have always taken an independent position as far as party organization matters are concerned. I have voted on the issues as I see them regardless of what group within the Democratic Party supported or opposed them.

To set the record straight, I am a member of the NDC of Livonia and have been for some time. I am a member of the Insurance Workers International Union Local 15, AFL-CIO, and have been for the past five years. I am also a member of the Livonia Jaycees and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Each of the above mentioned organizations in their own way tries to improve the American way of life, and help solve the problems that face our nation at home and abroad.

However, to say or to lead people to believe that I line up with any of these fine organizations at all times purely by virtue of my membership would be totally inaccurate.

I believe that it is important for a citizen, regardless of whether or not he is a candidate for public office, to be aware of what is going on in his community and the world around him. I believe it is necessary for him to listen to all viewpoints in order to make intelligent decisions.

This is exactly what I have tried to do, and that is exactly what I intend to continue to do, whether it be as the senator representing the people of this district or as Paul Kadish, interested and concerned citizen of this community.

PAUL KADISH Democratic Candidate State Senate

## NDC Tied To Boosters

**EDITOR:**  
As a concerned citizen of Redford Township, I would like to know how the Democratic Party could even consider, let alone pass, a resolution giving amnesty to draft dodgers. As I recall, the primary election for the Democratic State Rep. John Bennett stating that "leadership is the issue."

We have read all this week that the New Democratic Coalition, the far left of the Democratic Party, was responsible for this amnesty resolution. This cannot cover up for the fact that the amnesty resolution was passed by the entire Democratic Convention and is part of this platform plank!

The New Democratic Coalition has identified Robert and Millie Rawlson among their members. Robert Rawlson is the president of John Bennett's Booster Democratic Club. The Booster Democratic Club also

numbers Bill Robbins, Ed Kennedy, Don Christie, Owen Cummings and Roger Handy among its membership.

Patricia HARRIMAN Redford Township

## The Defense Has Its Say

**EDITOR:**  
As the Livonia chairman for the Meadow Brook Music Festival, I feel compelled to answer Tim Richards' immature editorial of Aug. 12 on an evening at Meadow Brook.

In this day and age of smutty forms of entertainment all around us, it is a real shame that I missed the magic of Meadow Brook with the superb quality of concerts and performers that it offers — all because he admitted he arrived too late to find four seats together!

Any thinking adult knows when attending a concert of that size with unreserved seats, one must arrive early. My husband and I have been participants of these concerts for the past five years, many of them sell-outs, and we always managed to find a seat; we were treated courteously and marveled at the tremendous job done by the students from Oakland University in handling thousands of cars and in serving quick and delicious meals.

It has taken years of the combined efforts of hundreds of volunteers plus the staff to promote Meadow Brook and to help make it the success it is today — our first year of record-breaking crowds. There are only two other summer music festivals in the country comparable to Meadow Brook. We are indeed fortunate to have it within our reach.

BARBARA CORE Livonia

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The editorial pointed out (1) the Richards party was on time — not late — for the concert, despite the 25-minute traffic jam outside the gates and (2) there were no seats at all.

## Getting Hooked On The Movies

**EDITOR:**  
At the tender age of 12, many American children take up being "hooked" on the movies. Often it is done with the consent of their parents.

Approaching the neighborhood movie theater they crawl up to the box office on their knees, hoping that only the top of their heads are showing. Or they crowd down to achieve a low profile, or they have their small friends buy the tickets for them.

They proceed to swear on the grave of their great grandmother, or on the homestead at Tiger Stadium, or on anything

else that is sacred and dear to them, that they are really only 11 years old.

For at the age of 12, the price of movie tickets changes so radically that youngsters who since the age of three or four have been seduced into movie addiction by low-priced kiddie shows, now find that they have to lie to support their habit.

If this is a nationwide problem for American children of 12 and over, it is an even greater problem for the children to be observed. For them the price is not only double but almost triple. The only exception to this is the Saturday afternoon show where they can get in for \$1.50 and five or six, which not many of the theaters have.

A survey of this area indicates that the prices charged to these children range from \$2.25 to \$2.75 for an evening show. One would think that singlehandedly the theaters around here were trying to stave off family film-bankruptcy.

At the present rates it would be impossible for a family to see a film for much under \$10. The prospect of dating is pretty grim under these circumstances even with our affluent society and its affluent allowances. Just to get past the ticket-taker, a young man will have to shell out from \$4.50 to \$5.50, say nothing of the popcorn and candy bit. It would be much cheaper to go joyriding in a car.

Other communities around the country are beginning to see the light on this question. On a recent vacation, I noticed some theaters advertising a price of \$1.50 to all those under 18. This seems a much more realistic price and one, which might be more in the realm of possibility for our young people.

In their early teens, however, it will be the users' parents who will probably be paying their film fare. Possibly, therefore, it should be up to us to act first on this question if we are outraged by these prices.

Let us begin by introducing resolutions at any meetings of organizations we belong to, anything from the P.T.A. to the U.A.W. would do just fine. This might get the ball rolling. Perhaps too, the various clubs and organizations at the junior and senior high schools could take similar action as well.

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## Thanks From 5 Young Ladies

**EDITOR:**  
I would like to have a wee bit of a spot in your newspaper for five young ladies ages nine and ten, who would like to thank their neighbors and friends who were so generous when they contributed to the Susie Krehmelmer Fund.

These little ladies would like to acknowledge that the total amount collected was \$22, and this amount was deposited on the Livonia National Bank on Aug. 3.

The streets covered on this campaign were Levan, Fitzgerald and Renwick in the Kingsbury Subdivision No. 3, Livonia. A great big "thank you" comes from:

CATHY CEDAR DEBBIE CEDAR PATTY KINCHSULAR SUSIE MATTHEWS CINDY TAYLOR Livonia

## Write-Ins From Pct. 26

**EDITOR:**  
In regards to Mrs. P. Flynn's complaint as to how she was treated at Livonia Precinct 26 the day of the primary election, she apparently interpreted our explaining the law which covers challengers as rudeness. She informed us that she was unaware of any laws covering this position.

Mrs. Flynn had been more observant while she was sitting with us at the registration table, she would have noticed a total of five pencils placed on the table. These pencils are supplied by City Clerk Bacon for the voter's use, whether it be for application for a ballot or a write-in vote (of which we had none).

Mrs. Bacon said she "didn't like write-in votes," and not one of us remembers Mr. Bacon's name being mentioned.

## Martha Mahan's Good Taste

**EDITOR:**  
I believe at times a newspaper reporter wonders if anyone really reads his stuff.

I think the response to the recent series on Susie Krehmelmer by Martha Mahan was excellently done. Martha presented the history of this little

The number of people and groups that have been motivated to help this unfortunate girl testifies to the fine job Martha Mahan has done.

EDWARD H. McNAMARA Mayor, Livonia

girl in the best of taste. Many people have commented on how objectively and with a minimum of emotion Martha covered that story.

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## AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS

**JOSEPH TREMAIN**-Funeral services for Mr. Tremain, 78, a former Plymouth resident, were held at Merriman Funeral Home, Traverse City, by the Rev. Howard R. Towne officiating.

**MR. TREMAYNE**-Funeral services for Mr. Tremayne, 78, of 2300 Merriman Road, Livonia, were held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth, by Canon David T. Davies officiating. Burial was in Roseclaf Park Cemetery in Berkley.

**RUSSELL R. THOMAS**-Funeral services for Mr. Thomas, 41, of 12077 Merriman Road, Livonia, were held at St. Nicholas Church in Plymouth, by Canon David T. Davies officiating. Burial was in Livonia Cemetery.

**MR. THOMAS**-Funeral services for his mother, Mrs. Caroline Roder, his stepfather, Carl Roder, three daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Trader of Redford Township, Mrs. Linda Woodring, Mrs. Paul Johnson, two step brothers, Edward and Kenneth Roder, and five grandchildren.

**HAZEL B. LOUGHNER**-Services for Mrs. Loughner, 78, of 3028 Dandridge Road, Livonia, were Aug. 25 in the White Chapel Memorial in Troy. Dr. Richard C. Duesenberg of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church officiated with arrangements by Heston-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

**Mrs. Loughner** died Aug. 22 in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia after a short illness. She lived in Livonia with her son for three years after moving from Redford.

She was a member of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church of Livonia and a past member of Women's City Club of Detroit.

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she is survived by a son, John, of Livonia and two grandchildren.

**HARRY J. CHRISTENSEN**-Funeral services for Mr. Christensen, 67, of 2025 Greenwood, Redford Township, were held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth, by Canon David T. Davies officiating. Burial was in Roseclaf Park Cemetery in Berkley.

**Mr. Christensen** died suddenly on Aug. 28.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth L.; his mother, Margareta; a son, Raymond of Plymouth; two sons, Mrs. Rose Baird and Mrs. Esther Klocek; and a brother, Lawrence.

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