

Farmington readers' forum

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Article proved very disturbing

To the editor:

I would like to comment on the article, "Lee At Grace An Epidemic," which appeared in the Sept. 12 edition of the Observer. I am disappointed in your newspaper for the lack of taste in publishing this article.

I find no fault with reporting on the topic of pediculosis as it is of public concern and should be reported as a matter of public health. However, it did not deserve headline print with a follow story on Page 4A. Also, the article treated the condition as isolated in the William Grace School population.

More accurate reporting by your staff would determine that few, if any schools escape the problem. Furthermore, does 1 percent of the population affected with pediculosis qualify it as epidemic in proportion?

You have done a great disservice to the William Grace community by making an already sensitive subject more embarrassing for those involved.

The manner in which this subject was reported was highly sensationalized and is more likely to be found in such formats as "The Enquirer."

I have come to expect more of the Observer newspapers and trust that I will not continue to be disappointed.

Mary S. Voisin
Farmington Hills

Set an example for our youths

To the editor:

Welcome to our Farmington Observer. I intended to write this immediately after reading your editorial about Students Against Driving Drunk.

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I was glad to read that there is some hope for our young people but I wish you would write more on the subject. Not just to convince our children not to drink and drive but also to plead with the adults to start setting a good example.

We are the ones who can turn this sad state of affairs around.

For the past three decades, it has become more and more "chic" to drink alcohol at every event whether large or small.

As though one couldn't have a good time without it. We have attended many of these events. For example, at the Silverdome football game, some men in their 20s started fighting in the upper bleachers and falling down on people in front of them. Obviously, they had too much to drink. It was very frightening and made me sad to see them dragged out like animals by the security guards.

Our young people are only imitating us and until the adults change their thinking and drinking I don't believe we're doing all we can to save our children's lives.

They are the most precious treasures so why not

make it a better world for them all the way around.

Mrs. Joseph Ryan
Farmington Hills

Your thoughts appreciated

To the editor:

Thank you very much for your excellent editorial regarding the creation of a district task force.

It is an absolute delight to have the plan adopted by the board of education presented to the community in a coherent supportive fashion.

You help set the stage for community participation and response in our "preparation for the future."

Again many thanks.

Lewis Schulman,
Superintendent of Schools,
Farmington

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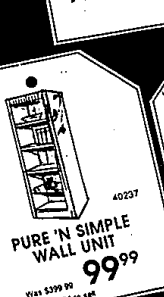
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