#### Prefer Scholle In 18th District Race

# Our Endorsements Go To Harris, Esch, Ford

These newspapers serve four congressional districts. One (the 18th) is Republican: one (the 18th) is Democratic: two (the 2nd and the 18th) are generally regarded as swing districts, but now held by the GOP.

All are to a greater or lesser extent suburban in character. They are linked by having the kinds of problems specific to the suburbs; exploding population:

kinds of problems specific to the suburbs; exploding population; insufficient money for education; planning and industrial growth; racial and income patterns; pollu-tion; transportation; drugs. This year's campaign has not been particularly illuminating in the degree to which candidates of either party have faced in to

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reflect the degree to which candidates have either performed or spoken out on the issues pertinent to the suburbs-now the single-largest population group in the nation. Our choices have been determined by the men and their stance on the issues, rather than by their party or their campaign eigminder.

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NINETEENTH DISTRICT -Incumbent Rep. Jack McDonald
is favored to defeat his Democratic challenger Fred L. Harris
next Tuesday. This newspaper is
not entirely happy over the prosnect.

pect.

To be fair, it's hard to accuse
McDonald of being a poor representative for his constituents in
Livonia, Farmington and Redford
Township.

He has become somewhat more liberal in his voting record during the past two years, has pushed the federal government to fork over money for district needs, and has been solid behind muchneeded rules changes in the Congress

McDonald has pitched his cam-paign around the theme of com-munication, citing the polls he has taken in the district and then enumerating the things he has done to express the will of the people.

But somehow, opposition to crime and hostility to pollution seems awfully generalized. What many people hoped when Mc-Donald was elected—that he would become a strong voice for searching legislative solution to prob-lems that hit us here in suburbia-has not happened. Instead, be has chosen to lie low on controversial

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We find, however, in Harris-an attorney with a lot of ability to search through to the heart of a problem-the intellectual ability to be a top-rate congressman to represent the unique problems of the 19th district.

Harris, in our view, is the bet

Broomfield has a well-deserved reputation as a good political who serves his district well, sends out lots of newsletters, keeps his political fences mended — and ducksmost controversial issues. He is solid, pleasant, afrankly, a little bit boring. Scholle is quite the opposite. Controversial, passionate, and a fierce lover of a political flight, he has received an undeserved bad press during his long career. Behind the scenes, Scholle is a thoughtful and deeply concerned Broomfield has a well-deserved

thoughtful and deeply concerned man; in the area of conservation,

man; in the area of conservation, for example, he has quietly established a record as one of the two or three most effective fighters for preservation of our natural resources in the state.

On the issues, the differences are the standard partisan ones. Broomfield has swung over and nowopposesthe war in Vietnam, although he argues that until the war is finished resources should not be directed to domestic concerns. Scholle has long opposed the war, and asserts that overwhelming social needs dictate renewed federal efforts against pollution, crime and lack of housing.

ing. On balance we prefer Scholle because of his guts, but we recognize that Broomfield's middle-of-the-road style probably reflects accurately the preferences of his

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT

Rep. William D. Ford, a Taylor
Democrat who has represented,
the district since 1994, should be
returned for a fourth term next
Tuesday.
Ford's district including Westland and Garden City, is solidly
Democratic, but his record goes
well beyond narrow partisan concerns. Known as an energetic and
imaginative member of the
House Education and Labor
Committee, Ford has fought for
more funds, for public schools in
his district.

his district. He has shown a solid and con-He has shown a solid and con-structive awareness of the prob-lems of the average shopper, and has worked for measures to give the little guy a better break in the market place. Ford's Republican opponent, Ernest Fackler of Dearborn Heights, has campaigned hard against heavy olds. However, his

against heavy odds. However, his campaign platform lists only the problems of which we are all aware and fails to come up with any solutions to these problems. Like the auto company bearing the same name, Ford has consistently come up with better ideas for the people in his district. He deserves re-lection

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SECOND DISTRICT— The Wayne County segment of this district includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township, but is really an appendix to the bulk of the dis-trict in Washtenaw and Monroe Counties

Counties.

Despite this, Wayne II. as it's called, has enjoyed during the two-term incumbency of Republican Marvin L. Esch the kind of representation that has matched well the will of the people in this

area.

Thoughtful, intelligent and articulate, Esch is a good politician in the real sense of the term. He has preached congressional re-

two per cent who are SDS or Panther radicals, either, who are buying it. At least a majority are buying it.

SOME TIME AGO, one of the underground papers-or, perhaps with a stricte on "The Student as Nigger." The point was that in the same way society's institutions were stacked against the black marbit hey were also stacked against hey were also stack

we urge our readers to return Marvin Esch to his third term in

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## Support Proposals A,B; Urge 'No' On Proposal C

Three proposals — two of sem of some social significance will be on the state ballot Nov.

PROPOSAL A, which merits voter approval, is for a \$100 million housing bond issue. Purpose is to achieve the construction of 50,000 houses for low and moderate income families as part of anoverall net increase in the state's housing "stock" of 500,000 units.

The program would be financed by the issuance of general

nanced by the issuance of general obligation bonds. The State Housobligation bonds. The State Hous-ing Development Authority would then make grants to cities to un-dertake housing construction. The grants would be made in several forms:

Grants to "write down" land costs, which could reduce the cost of undeveloped land; relocation grants; assistance in such "off-site" services as sewer and water lines; loans and grants for neighborhood conservation and such billitation, grants to eities to

neighborhood conservation and rehabilitation; grants to clies to cover tax exemption losses; aid in establishing federal grants offices; and reat supplements.

It sounds complicated, and it is, but this much is certain: Current housing construction is failing to keep pace with new family formations; costs are leaping so tremendously that low and middle income families are being priced out of the market. Proposal A offers some chance of improvement. It deserves your "yes" vote.

PROPOSAL B is to lower the minimum voting age to 18. The time is long over due for passage of this proposal.

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Age 21 as the age of maturity
can be dated back to the 11th century, when it was felt that a man
wasn't physically strong enough
to bear armor until that age.
One regrettable side of this
proposal is that it comes at a

proposal is that it comes at a time when a state commission is studying all laws with an age of maturity--business, probate, criminal, driving, drinking, everything. It would have been better

to undertake revision of all the

to undertake revision of all the laws all at once.

But the facts of life are that persons in the 18-21 age group are subject to criminal laws, they're subject to the draft (which few are dodging), subject to getting shot in a war, subject to taxes, able to marry and bear children, and able to campaign for adult

and able to campaign for adult politicians.

The time has come, then, to brush away the 900-year-old cob-webs that prohibit them from voting. Proposal B deserves your

PROPOSAL C is sometimes called the "anti-parochiaid" proposal, which it isn't really. Whether you are for or against state aid for the salaries of teach-

ers in non-public schools, that isn't entirely the question here. What has happened is that the anti-parochiaid forces, in their zeal, wrote a constitutional

amendment proposal that was too broad--it was a meat ax instead of a paring knife.

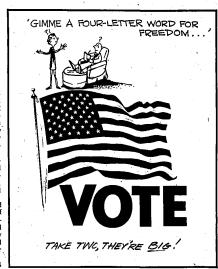
It appears the meat ax would do away with auxiliary school services (health and nursing services (health and nursing services, speech correction, rem-edial reading, diagnostic services and many more); it would likely cut into driver education, library services and shared time ar-

rangements.
Both Gov. Milliken, a Republican who favors parochiaid, and Sen. Levin, his Democratic oppo-nent who opposes parochiaid, agree that Proposal C is a bad

one.

Voters would be well advised to say "no" to Proposal C. If the opponents of state aid for nonpublic teachers' salaries still think they have a case, then they can try a more limited proposal two years from now or take their case to the courts.

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#### R.T. Thompson writes

### Time For Halt When Fun Hurts

There isn't any time like the present to make an evaluation of what is good natured fun. What may be termed "fun" by the participants actually is anything but when it results in serious injury. The case at hand happened at Livonia Stevenson High and Livonia Churchill High Last week

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The reason we are bringing up the issue is because it could well happen at any of the high schools in the suburban communities served by these newspapers.

In the high schools, there is considerable rivalry between the clubs and the classes for the tro-phies awarded for the best floats

phies awarded for the best floats in the homecoming parade. This rivalry often results in one group raiding another at a time when work is being done on a float and often brings scuffles,

egg throwing and sometimes a few harder missiles.

BUT THE STEVENSON incident would lead one to believe that perhaps it would be better for the schools to drop all pregame activities and confine the program to the events on the field the night of the big event.

It was a raid by some 20 to 50 students on a group putting a float together that all but cost a Stevenson student sight in one

The raiders jumped out of cars and started throwing eggs at the workers. One of the youngsters

turned to see who was doing the throwing after getting an egg on the back of his head. As he

eye.

Perhaps it was only in fun, but
the fact remains that it wasn't a
bit funny for the youth who had
to be rushed to the hospital where

to be rushed to the hospital where be underwent emergency treatment, "and for a while doctors weren't sure he would have sight in the eye.

As it turned out, he was forced to wear bandages over both eyes for a few days and must wear dark glasses until the eye regains its strength.

THE CHURCHILL incident was

similar in that workers on a float

similar in that workers on a float were peppered with eggs and other things.

We think it's high time that school officials cracked down on such incidents, that the matter be turned over to the police for investigation and that school boards begin thinking in terms of eliminating the homecoming cele-

If acts of this type are common events, then the best answer is to eliminate the cause—in these cases, the cause is the homeco parade which finds students gathering at homes to build the floats. It's simple-no floats, no raids, no incidents.

### Tim Richard writes

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### 18-Year-Olds Deserve Chance

It sounds one way when you ask: Should 18-year-olds be extended the right to vote? Should 18-year-olds be held financially responsible? Should they be allowed to drink? Should students be represented on college boards? It sounds a little different, however, when you word it this way: Should the kids be allowed to vote? Should kids be held financially responsible and allowed

to vote? Should kids be held fin-ancially responsible and allowed to drink and serve as trustees? The difference is the word "kids," and it's what those of us who write for a living call a "loaded" word-it has all sorts of implications and evokes emo-tional responses beyond the dic-tionary definition. tionary definition.

"KIDS" NO LONGER is a slang term referring to young children. It probably ought to be capitalized and used as the name of a political party or cult, like

"Republicans" or "Christian Scientists" or something like that. In the Ann Arbor that I knew

In the Ann Arbor that I knew the mid-1850s, students thought of themselves as young engineers, young nurses, young teachers or politicians. They identified with the economic occupation they intended to hold after graduation.

There were many attempts to sell students the idea of class-consciousness, but they didn't buy it.

consciousness, but they didn't buy it.

Today, if I'm listening to the subtleties of young people's conversation correctly, they are buying the notion that "kids" are a separate social class. Who are the downtrodden? "The blacks, the poor, the young." Great cheers in one student rally after another.

another.

The Kids have bought the idea that they are a separate so-cial class. It's not just the one or

But the Kids, as a seit-conscious social class, are something new in history.

All in favor can say "aye" on Nov. 3. The 18-year-old vote proposal will be on the ballot.