



BENTLEY HIGH art students are shown making panels that will be entered in competition against groups from Franklin and Clarenceville High Schools at the Livonia Mall. The trio includes: (from left) Bonnie Matuszewski, 18217 Norwich; Kandy Regan, 34717 Six Mile Road; and Susan Eggers, 34441 Six Mile Road.

Bentley Senior Nominated for Naval Academy

Congressman Billie S. Farman announced the appointment of Stephen Woodard, 17, 15663 Oporto, Livonia, as principal nominee for an opening at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Woodard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woodard, was born November 17, 1947, in Bangor, Maine. He is a senior at Bentley High in Livonia.

Woodard has been active in the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the high school marching band, high school concert band, a private dance band and he also had a paper route.

Aids in Celebration

Seaman Jim E. Carver, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carver, 14745 Auburndale, Livonia, helped celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the Navy's Amphibious Force, while serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Ashland.

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Mis-statements

Editor:
In reading Dr. Allen's Council Comments in the January 20th Observer, I was struck by the amount of mis-information that could be placed in two columns.

To label as "Brainwashing" the legitimate reporting of local school news is, an example of far-out thinking and certainly belittles the intelligence of the reading public.

The statement that "in the last few years God has been thrown out of the classrooms and sex substituted," without one bit of clarification leaves it as a very emotion packed statement.

Emotion however, is no substitute for facts or intelligent thinking. If Dr. Allen has facts related to that statement he should bring them to the public's attention and not just depend on a John Birch quote.

Dr. Allen suggests dropping that part of our school district that lies outside of Livonia and says that this is legally possible. If he would check the law he would see that this is not legally possible and certainly not very desirable. I cannot conceive of how Dr. Allen can decide that children living in a certain part of our school district are not entitled to the same quality of education he would seek for his children.

A simple phone call to our board of education would have saved him the embarrassment of at least two of his mis-statements. Our schools do indeed have written policy and a complete list of all textbooks used in Livonia is available to any interested citizen.

It's not very likely that Dr. Allen would conclude that because a person has been to a dentist he is an expert on dental health. He apparently concludes however, that because he has been to school he is an expert on education.

The schools of Livonia along with many other outstanding school systems in our country are doing an excellent job of educating our youth and they are doing it in the face of the

Censorship

Editor:
Myra Chandler's recent editorial on parental censorship struck a grateful chord in me. This type of article has been long overdue. Parents say they love their children, yet they are too rushed to take that minute to ask them exactly what show they are going to see and what it is about.

So next time you wrap up the garbage, don't use that part of the paper where the movie ratings are listed without having read them first.

HARBARA McDONALD
MADONNA COLLEGE

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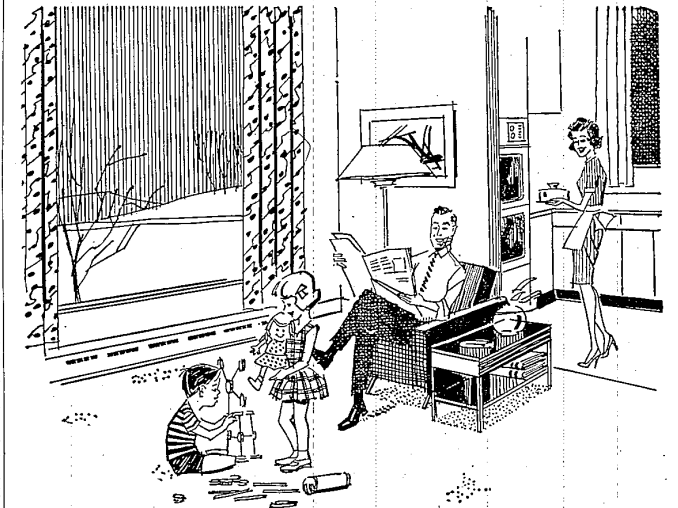
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