

# No 'Witch Doctors' In The Schools County Asks Lottery Share

EDITOR: This is in reply to the letter from Howard R. Davis (May 10) in which he declared: "I join and support the noble endeavors to rid our school offices and classrooms of old world witch doctors who enjoy practicing intellectual medicine on the minds of our children."

While attempting to endorse a recommendation by Martin Seitz for psychology and social science staff reductions, Mr. Davis has pulled bits of information out of various psychology, history and education books. With this information, Mr. Davis created the serious allegation that our high cost and poor quality schools are the direct result of "Wundt-Devey 'progressive education' techniques that have perverted the American schoolroom..."

In the first place, Mr. Davis never clearly established what the poor quality of schools due to "progressive education" has to do with the proposed staff reduction of psychologists and social scientists.

Secondly, the name of Wilhelm Wundt is usually not used in conjunction with Devey and "progressive education" since this educational movement applied pedagogical principles related to many sources of psychology and social science research.

Furthermore, the philosophy of "progressive education" centers upon improving the plight of the individual, which is especially beneficial to the early 20th century, urban-industrial society. To accomplish this aim, the schools set up programs with primary emphasis upon health, vocations, culture and the arts, family and community, therefore tailoring education to fit the child.

Finally, I would like to question the author's educational analysis in view of my own experience as a student in the Livonia public school system for six years. During that time, I was reacting to and interacting with a staff and educational programs which were a blending of "progressive" and academic.

As a senior at Eastern Michigan University who is planning to teach, I can see that this blending still exists along with some new elements of the "open classroom" technique.

## Are Teachers Qualified?

EDITOR: I am against busing, but I am all for every child to get a good education, but I get so tired of hearing about the Detroit children not getting a good education, and why aren't they?

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## READERS' FORUM

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● Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause.

● The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

These teachers are paid thousands of dollars a year (excuse me, nine months of work). How in hell did these teachers ever graduate from college and receive their teaching certificates if they weren't qualified?

Wake up, people! MRS. CAROL A. REILLY Livonia

## Indians Say Thanks

EDITOR: Last Monday, Indian Enterprises received a shipment of clothing, food and toys through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Chrushal and the Western Wayne County Conservation Assn.

We would like to thank all the persons in the area who either donated the articles or helped package, etc. for this shipment. Our people received many new articles of clothing. There were some 70 bikes which the children of the families we serve were very happy to get. Also, 10 more boxes of new toys for the early 20th century, urban-industrial society.

We are so grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Chrushal and the association for all they are doing for our people and the many others who are involved also.

ARDITH PIERSON Secretary, Indian Enterprises, Inc. Rothbury

## Pick It Up --Or Else!

EDITOR: To the young man with glasses and the mustache who was driving the red pickup truck on Drake Rd. between 13 Mile and 12 Mile roads on Sunday night, May 14, at 11:10 p.m.:

If the old tires which your friend in the back of the truck threw out all along that stretch of road are picked up within the next week, I will not notify the police of your description and license number and description of the pick-up.

Since you were driving the truck, I would imagine you and the individual who sent you out would be held responsible for the littering fine.

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had a picture of us in your paper. I am glad that someone finally told the truth of what happened.

In my opinion, part of the disturbance could have been avoided had Channel 7 refrained from turning their cameras on the section of students that caused most of the problem.

Many people have condemned Mrs. Kenney for becoming so distraught at this function. I can understand her feelings because I too broke down and started crying with her. When you work so hard for something and it turns out so wrong, how can people expect her to be anything but upset?

The fiasco at Harrison has not stopped us from furthering our fight against busing; it has only encouraged us to fight harder.

Once again I would like to thank the Observer for their fine reporting of the function. I hope you will continue to keep up the good work.

KAREN DIEHL Farmington

## Don't Revise Constitution

EDITOR: In no way can we fight race or sex discrimination by reducing a person to a physical appearance only, in the eyes of the law. How long are freedom loving Americans going to continue trading in their God-given human individuality for some superficial group equality before waking up to the facts?

Our Michigan constitution

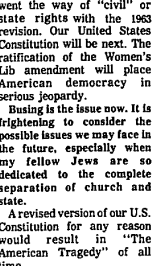
went the way of "civil" or state rights with the 1963 revision. Our United States Constitution will be next. The ratification of the Women's Lib amendment will place American democracy in serious jeopardy.

Busing is the issue now. It is frightening to consider the possible issues we may face in the future, especially when my fellow Jews are so dedicated to the complete separation of church and state.

A revised version of our U.S. Constitution for any reason would result in "The American Tragedy" of all time.

No one has to destroy America for us. Unsuspecting, decent, law-abiding American citizens are doing a good enough job from within.

JOAN M. WEINER Livonia



CHARLES R. BETTS of 32755 Barkley, Livonia, has been promoted to general manager of Lobb Humidifier Co., Detroit, originators and manufacturers of drum-type by-pass power humidifiers.

## ONI Prizes No Surprise

EDITOR: Congratulations on winning No. 1 positions as well as two honorable mentions in the national contest conducted by the Suburban Newspapers of America.

For those of us here in Observant, this did not come as any particular surprise. Recognition from your peers must be the most satisfying thing that can happen to a newspaper publisher.

Best of luck for continued success.

BILL J. ROBBINS Supervisor Redford Township

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## Area Deaths

FRANCES LUNSFORD, Services for Mrs. Lunsford, 62 of 14235 Berkwood, Livonia, were held at R. G. & H. Harris Funeral Home with Rev. Arnold S. Datzert officiating. She died May 14 in Wayne County General Hospital and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Lunsford was a registered nurse and a member of St. Paul's United Presbyterian Church. She lived in Livonia 27 years. She is survived by a son, Jerry Lunsford, a brother, Charles Brown, and two grandchildren, Debra and David.

EMMA SILER -- Services for Mrs. Siler, 87, of 7301 Cavell Westland, were held in Baraga, Mich. through arrangements with Charles R. Siler Funeral Home. She died May 14 in her home and was buried in Baraga Cemetery.

Mrs. Siler was a Westland resident for 20 years and has no survivors.

IRENE BELCHER, Services were held for Mrs. Belcher, 59, in the Schwartz Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalamazoo, following her death at Kalamazoo Memorial Health Center after a long illness.

Survivors include two sons, Michael and Cary, both of Kalamazoo, and one brother, James H. Belcher, of Plymouth, where he formerly was superintendent of schools. Mrs. Belcher had been preceded in death by her husband and two other children.

Rev. Orel Carline and Rev. Lorrain Cuppen officiated at her services and burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

PETER KOBANE, Services for Mr. Kobane, 64, of 19800 Maxwell St., Northville Township, were held in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with Rev. John Laro officiating. He died May 18 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, and was buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was employed as a time study supervisor and was a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. He moved to Northville in 1971 from Livonia.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. John Daniel Potomka of Livonia, Mrs. Donald Eugene Crain of Livonia, four brothers, Walter Kobane of Detroit, William Kobane of Livonia, Nick Kobane of Livonia and Donald Kobane of Dearborn.

Funeral arrangements were made through Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth.

ANNA E. HEINZ, Services for Mrs. Heinz, 74, of 824 Forest St., Plymouth, were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Rev. Leonard J. Koenniger officiating. Funeral arrangements were made through Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth. She died May 17 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

She came to Plymouth in 1932 from Northville and was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Margaret) Frutcher of Wayne, Mrs. Harvey (Virginia) Shaw of Plymouth, and Mrs. William (Lillian) ...

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In a resolution adopted May 18, the Commissioners asked to be invited to participate in the planning and conduct of the lottery in return for a proportionate share of lottery revenues derived from Wayne County. The resolution notes the county is "clothed by law with the powers and duties of the state at the local level."

"The people of Wayne County are proportionately entitled to a fair share of said revenues for their public needs," the resolution states.

The county bid for participation was recommended by the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners. The final resolution also incorporated lottery-related proposals made in separate resolutions by two Detroit commissioners—Paul Silver and Eugene A. Sikora.

Also approved was a Public Works Committee resolution urging the State Legislature to permit parimutuel dog racing in Michigan as another revenue source.



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