

# Readers Speak Up On Controversial Subjects

## Reporting Bias

**EDITOR:**  
Following is a contribution to your column "The Reader Speaks Up." I am under no illusion that you will publish this article as it strikes too close to home.  
By the way, your candidate for state representative Mr. Stempfen has said that he will take down all his campaign signs and not put them up again until mid-September as you so piously reported in your paper. Well, I see that all of his big signs along Five Mile Road are still up. So you think we can trust a man in Lansing when he cannot even keep his word in a small matter like that?  
**DOUBLE STANDARD.**  
Your biased reporting in favor of the professional liberal establishment and its causes

## Credits Police

**EDITOR:**  
We would like to call to your attention an event that gives credit to your force.  
In our capacity as a psychiatric team in the care of the Livonia population over 60 years of age, we were making a house call in your community. We had to proceed to the involuntary hospitalization of the old gentleman, Officer W.R. Hoff responded to the call for assistance.  
We were highly impressed by his kindness, by his remarkable patience, indeed by his gentleness in relating with the old gentleman who did not accept coming to the hospital by himself. Officer Hoff gave our patient all the true he needed in preparing himself,

## Teens Do Bit

**EDITOR:**  
I would like to take this opportunity to let people know that something has been and is being done to help rebuild and maintain Detroit as a beautiful city.  
Whether people know it or not, it is the teens that have taken constructive steps towards making Detroit a nicer place to live.  
The teens make up what is known as the K.D.B. (Keep Detroit Beautiful) Teens for Great Detroit. They number 20,000 presently and it is hoped the number will double by next spring.  
The teens are backed by the Mayor of Detroit and a lot has been accomplished since the beginning of the organization.  
In the 28 zones in Detroit, assigned chairmen have organized numerous cleanups to keep their zones in shape. The kids sweep, rake and eliminate weeds as part of the cleanups.  
Often in big jobs, garbage and litter is piled up and city trucks are summoned to pick it up.  
There's no way to measure all the work and "sweat" of the members of K.D.B. have put into this. They unselfishly give of their time and they take advantage of the opportunity to show others they care.  
One Sunday in July, many teens distributed brochures with information on the correct means of disposal of rubbish and litter, and warnings of fines and punishment for failure to obey city laws regarding this matter.  
All of those who worked and donated time were rewarded with an all-star show at Cobo Hall.  
Much of the equipment needed for clean-ups is donated or loaned by those who care to help. Everyone has the opportunity to help. So some people are trying to do something.  
It may not sound like much, but it's a start of something I'm sure we all want—a clean, beautiful Detroit.  
I am proud to say that I am one of those who are helping through K.D.B.  
PAT WILLIAMSON  
33960 Wadsworth Drive  
Livonia

and even helped him in doing so.  
It is our firm belief that Officer Hoff's operation has made it possible that the delicate and painful procedure of involuntary hospitalization was smooth, dignified, and without undue publicity.  
We also appreciated very deeply, the attention paid by your department in issuing an unmarked patrol car for reaching the domicile of our citizen.  
We are very pleased with the opportunity of working with your department and our wish is to increase this mutual cooperation more every day.  
FULTON M. FEURARI, M.D.  
Staff Psychiatrist  
Northville State Hospital

his children.  
Are you willing to put the mind of your child into the hands of teachers who have no desire to keep pace with the world?  
Education is a business as well as a profession. What business with an eye toward growth and profit, would try to attack only those employees who would be so complacent as to retire no further knowledge of their field than what they knew at 21?  
I agree with you, Mr. Stymieski, the 12 month school year would certainly alleviate many of the current problems. But do you really believe that the 40 hour work week would save money? I know few teachers who work a mere 40 hours a week. At times a half and double time for overtime, we would probably really break your budget.  
In your final point you urge more active participation by citizens to express their views. I wholeheartedly agree. But an uninformed or misinformed citizen cannot really express a view.  
Why don't these concerned citizens visit their schools, talk to their teachers and learn what this profession of teaching is all about.  
Then you could seek ways to meet the rising budget problems without resorting to a complete deterioration of the school system.  
As a taxpayer in Livonia I am concerned about new millage. We do need to assess our way of obtaining money for our children, but let's not jeopardize our children's most prized possession to save money that can be saved in other ways.  
Let's get the minds of our teachers reformed to work on

solutions that will maintain the quality of education for which our city has been noted.  
CAROLE M. GRATES

**Time To Act**  
**EDITOR:**  
An article in the August 11 issue of the Observer indicates that certain candidates for office had stated they would have their election signs taken down was read with considerable interest.  
It has been my practice to remove all signs immediately following the general election and the primary election, by 7:30 a.m. the day following the

primary, the bulk of my signs had been removed, by 10 a.m. only two were still up, by evening only one remained.  
On Monday, one of the candidates, who stated his signs would be removed, still had signs up in a number of spots in the city.  
I wish the Council would consider steps, within the charter provisions and statutes, to reduce the problems resulting from failure to remove signs.  
LOUIS SCHMIDT  
State Representative

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**Teacher Has Answers**  
**EDITOR:**  
As a teacher with the Livonia school system for seven years and a homeowner here for two years, I would like to reply to Mr. Stymieski's letter concerning education in our city.  
He seems to feel that one way of "saving" money is to limit the degree level of the teachers to B.A. His statement that this is sufficient for most areas of instruction shows a definite lack of knowledge of the current field of education.  
We have not stagnated for 50 years. We, in this field, have grown tremendously and continue to grow every year. Limiting the pay scale to Bachelor degrees would only attract inexperienced teachers or teachers who are comfortably complacent in an easy position that offers them no incentive to grow with the field of education and the continuous changes in knowledge.  
I would not want my children attending schools in which this was the culture of the teaching staff. It is a rare first year teacher who does not soon realize that his Bachelor's degree in itself is NOT sufficient, but that it requires continuous updating to give the most to

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