

READERS' FORUM

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause. Please type or write plainly. The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

Kids Steal Spirit Of Christmas

EDITOR: This to thank all those parents who live in "affluent" homes in East Lincolnshire subdivision Farmington Township, for raising children who steal Christmas light bulbs.

helped me and my little boys lose the spirit of Christmas. For God's sake, parents, find out what your kids do when you let them out at night. Better yet, why don't you let them stay in?

MARY ANN SENKOWSKI Farmington

It Happened In Livonia

EDITOR: About a week ago I read about the outdoor decorations and lights stolen by some youngster in a neighborhood on the east side of Detroit.

I do have very deep mixed feelings. As far as the Christmas spirit is concerned, I am glad I have the chance to share the lights with people who need them.

Dear friend: Please shine your (my) lights in front of people. Let them see your lights and your good deeds and they will glorify the name of our lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you.

DR. JOY WANG Livonia

Study, Yes; Politics, No!

EDITOR: An open letter to William Brown, president of the Livonia School Board.

Is the purpose of having it in school to get literature produced free and passed out to a captive audience? Utilizing the influence of the schools' name to push a certain extremist point of view?

Political action clubs by their very nature tend to be one-sided. The schools should present issues objectively in classrooms and concentrate on a good foundation. Youth can make their decisions and go into the community for action without school sponsorship.

There are times we must deny youth's wishes not because we do not like them but because we do.

Let Mr. Upton know of your feelings on Political Action Clubs, call the Livonia School Board GA. 2-1200.

DEL LAMB Livonia

A Bureaucrat Goes Public

EDITOR: In another paper, a letter appeared which criticized members of the School Board and the Observer Newspapers.

Obviously such gall should not exist, and appealing directly to the public can no longer be the bureaucrat's prerogative.

PAUL G. REDDY Livonia

Parental Help Needed

EDITOR: The Nov. 26 Observation Point stated that one of the things people could be thankful for was that 1,500 emotionally disturbed children had been helped back to a normal life in the past five years by the Northwestern Child Guidance Clinic.

This is a very interesting situation since the Western Wayne County Chapter of the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children has recently found it necessary to close public meetings due to lack of attendance.

The chapter is designed to aid parents, but since the doctors, clinics and schools do not call these children "emotionally disturbed" and the classrooms are called "Social Adjustment," "Adjusted Study," etc., parents are not aware that their child is disturbed.

The chapter needs these parents to aid in obtaining further services for disturbed children. Interested individuals may call 531-6642.

MYLES AND PHYLLIS ARMOUR Redford Township

What--No Protest?



Dear Congressman: I Hope You Do Something

WASHINGTON What are you doing for Michigan, Jack McDonald? The 19th District congressman got that forthright question, not from the opposition Democrats or a hard-nosed newsman.

Here are some samples: DEAR MR. McDONALD: Our fifth grade class wrote to Michigan Congressmen. We are making a bulletin board of their answers.

I also hope you will try to lower the taxes. Please send me some speeches and pictures. Sincerely yours, Earl Campbell Berkley, Michigan

DEAR CONGRESSMAN: I am doing a report on school taxes. I was wondering if you would please send me any available information. Thank you for your gracious magnanimity. Sincerely, Bev. 6th Grade Farmington, Michigan

DEAR MR. McDONALD: I am ten years old and my name is Kim Kruger and I want to do a commercial and I live in Waterford Michigan I want to know where do I go to learn some parts and where they make commercials please

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He got it from a youngster in his district. A lot of other youngsters write for everything on information on taxes to the constitution, on how to make a commercial to Project Gemini.

Thank you Carol Livonia, Michigan

DEAR MR. McDONALD: I have a Pen-Pal from Scotland I was wondering if you would be kind enough to send me some pamphlets or small booklets about Michigan that I could send her I would appreciate it a lot. I want to show her what a beautiful place Michigan is.

Thank you very much, Debbie Howe Livonia, Michigan

DEAR SIR: I am a government minded boy. I'm interested in the first laws by the way who are 13 people who wrote the constitution. Will you send me some pamphlets on the constitution.

I think the Water Pollution in Michigan should stop. Tons of oil, sewage, etc., has been dumped on the Great Lakes. Lake Erie is the most polluted lake on the Great Lakes. It is also the nearest of them towards us.

Please read the clippings I sent you. Will you send me some pamphlets on Water Pollution.

Yours truly, Joe Richardson Drayton Plains, Michigan

DEAR MR. McDONALD, My civic's teacher said that your the best information source a student could have and I need your help. In World History for my term project I am doing it on Project Gemini but I need some information on it. We have pictures of White's walk in space but they don't tell the whole story. I would appreciate any literature or pictures on Project Gemini.

I think you for your time and cooperation. Kim Dart Farmington, Michigan

DEAR SIR, I am very concerned about the situation in Biafra Can You do something about it?

I am in the 7th grade at Madison Jr. High School I'm hoping that you could send me some information about how I could help.

Please send this information to Theresa Pizola Pontiac, Michigan

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Long Ballot Puzzles County

Wayne County officials are puzzling over a 1970 election ballot that looms so long it might not fit on election machines.

supervisors the power to fill vacancies in county elective offices. A special three-member commission now fills such vacancies.

Members of the legislative committee are, in addition to Beadie: James DeSusa, Wyandotte, (D-Dist. 23); Edmund Bisek, Romulus, (D-Dist. 24); Freddie S. Burton, Detroit, (D-Dist. 5); Joseph Cardinal, Dearborn (D-Dist. 21); John S. Cook, Jr., Detroit, (D-Dist. 17); N. Frank Cykowski, Detroit, (D-Dist. 16); William L. Dumar, Detroit, (D-Dist. 10); Rudy Hickey, Ecorse (D-Dist. 15); John Lesinski, Dearborn (D-Dist. 20); Carl D. Pursell, Plymouth (R-Dist. 26); Eugene A. Sikora, Detroit (D-Dist. 7); Jerome K. Szymanski, Detroit (D-Dist. 8); Ralph Patrick Turco, Westland (D-Dist. 22); and Frederick Yates, Detroit (D-Dist. 9).

THE COUNTY is responsible for preparing the ballots in such elections.

The threatened lack of space on the voting machines would be confined to the City of Detroit, but would have county-wide impact because any changes in the state election laws to solve the problem would apply state-wide, according to Joseph Martina, county elections director.

On that basis, the legislative committee of the County Board of Supervisors rejected one solution suggested by the Board of Election Commissioners.

Members of the supervisors legislative committee opposed that solution, however.

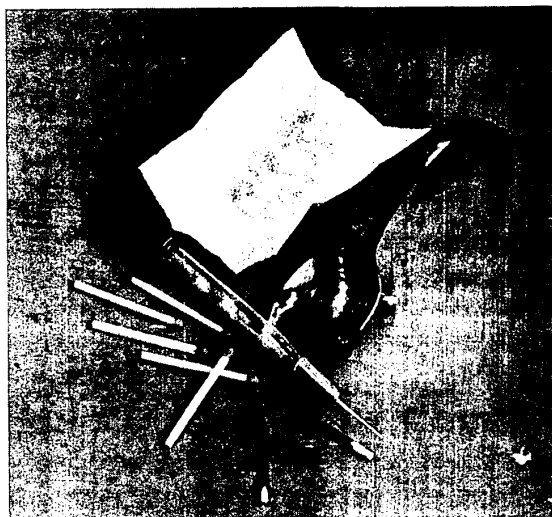
"THIS WOULD force school board elections onto the ballot with municipal elections throughout the county, and the school boards are strongly opposed to this," said Harvey J. Beadie, of Redford (D-District 19), the chairman of the legislative committee.

"School officials feel it is very important that they have their own elections. We have instructed the county elections director to meet with his Detroit counterpart and the Detroit Common Council, and see if they can come up with another solution."

IN OTHER ACTIONS, the supervisors legislative committee endorsed various proposed state laws which would increase state grants to the county for various types of hospital and psychiatric care, and foster care of children.

Also endorsed was a bill which would give the board of

The Strung-out Generation



HEROIN in the SUBURBS

The use of heroin in Detroit's suburbs has reached epidemic proportions. Most users are only in their teens and early twenties. Who are these youthful addicts? How do they get started? Where do they get their "smack"? What can parents do? NEWS-4 reporter Charles Lord probes this mounting drug crisis in a special hour-long report.

7:30 PM FRIDAY
WINJ-TV 4

Bands, Bows Popular

For Christmas, delight a teenager with a wardrobe of bands and bows for her hair.

For headbands, use any washable cotton like velvet, corduroy, or a vivid print. To make, cut strips of fabric about two inches wide and 12 inches long. Fold the fabric with right sides together and stitch, leaving both ends open. Turn right side out and hem the ends. Then gather them and attach to a strip of elastic.

For one of the headbands, you might use jumbo cotton rick rack, stitched to a backing of nonwoven interfacing. Alternate red, white, and blue rick rack for a colorful effect.

Kitchen Caddy

A rimmed cookie sheet makes a good boot caddy to keep inside the front door. Line it with old terrycloth towels, or color-coordinated terry yard goods, to soak up melting snow.

Easily removable, the liner can be machine laundered as frequently as weather condition demands.