## from our readers

## Tax tactics guestioned

To the editor:

'In 1977 assessor John Sailer blamed the assessment increases on his "coefficient of dispersions," last year assessment changes were on a subdivision or area basis, and this year the computer.

The rationale for what Sailer has

The rationale for what Sailer has done and continues to do in assessing property in Farmington defies explanation. Perhaps he plans it that way. Item: Why, for example, in 1977 was my property valuation raised 57 percent and the property next door to me not raised at all, or the property behind me?

me? Item: Why, for example, in 1980 were the old houses in the Historic Dis-trict raised 20 percent, some newer sqbdivisions such as Farmington Oaks raised 25 percent, yet other newer sub-divisions only raised eight, 10 or 12

place on Shiawassee raised 27 percent, her nearby neighbors 9, 5 and 12 percent and my place one block away's percent?

If Saller, established the correctness of each assessment (and he declared to be compared to be considered to be compared to b

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ington permits its assessor, year in and year out, to foldt upon the tarpaying homeowners valuations which are arrived at by whatever wilin or wham that happens to cross Mr. Saller's mind. I am prepared to make a deal to the city. Here it is: if the city of Farming-ton will, within a reasonable time, say 60 days, send me a check for \$83,000, chetre yet gold bullion) the figure that Saller considers my "true cash value," the property is the city's. I will move elsewhere to a community which holds: its property owners in just a bit more regard. I used to like Farmington very much, but the high property tares, and especially the inequitable manner in which valuations are determined, have soured my feelings for this city. Please do not suggest that there is nothing the city can do about the situation, and that I should take my complaints to the state. In the last several ton, and that I should take my complaints to the state. In the last several years I have not observed that the city has sent one signal to the state. Because of this letter, I'll probably get the 27 percent increase next year and the Leonards eight percent.

Lee Peel

Farmington

## Give sources

To the editor:
After plowing through your cheap
shot artistry of an oil boycott proposal,
I find myself wishing that you had gotten stuck between the sergeant and the
stubborn mule and caught that 2x4 just

ten stuck between the sergeant and the stubborn mule and eaught that 24 just north of your moustache.

Your reliance on emotionalism, innuendo and blind accusations certainly produced the response you needed to impress your editors.

You claim to have just as much documentation from credible sources and can cite as many experts as the next guy. Yet you don't present the facts to your readers. You'd make a hell of a lawyer telling the judge that you've going to keep the facts in your seaders. You'd make a hell of a lawyer telling the judge that you've going to keep the facts in your seaders make a mount of the seaders of the sead

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OPEC HAS biss country right where they want us—addicated to a bad habit, Mr. (Charles) Shipley was correct when he said that the American consumer was spoiled by the cheap old of previous years. Let's face it, this country thinks it has a moral right to gasoline priced under \$1\$ per gallon forever while the set of the world pays \$2\$, \$3\$, \$4\$ per gallon—and that's wishful thinking.

Mr. Shipley was also 'right in his opinion that it is the dealers of the major oil companies that your boycut will burt primarily. Dealers are independent businessmen just like your readers.

Mr. Barnaby, you and your readers.

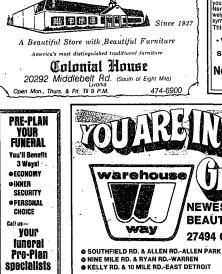
Mr. Barnaby, you and your readers are biundering along saying 'Don't confuse me with the facts." You didn't do your homework before you wrote the articles. But then again, if you do your homework before you wrote the articles. But then again, if you do your homework before you wrote the articles. But then again, if you do your break that you evidently prefer to hide in your briefcase, they wouldn't make as good press, would they?

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