

# Quaran Doesn't Tell Us To Kill, Says Student

## EDITOR:

I am writing in regard to the "Observation Point" story in the March 11 issue. I would like to correct Justice Douglas on a statement he made.

I am a Moslem and I have been going to the Islamic Center of Detroit every Sunday for the past seven years. It is true we start our Sunday School class with the first verse from the Holy Quran. But the words have nothing to do with the killing. For we believe the Quran is the word of God and He would never tell us to do something as awful as to kill.

Here is a translation of the Opening Chapter:  
"SURAT AL FATIHA  
"In the name of God most gracious, most merciful.  
Praise be to God, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds.  
"Most Gracious. Most Merciful:  
Master of the Day of Judgment."

## 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.

"There do we worship.  
"And Thine did we seek.  
Show us the straight way,  
The way of those on whom  
thou hast bestowed Thy Grace,  
"Amen."

How could Justice Douglas interpret this to be a pledge to kill?

DINA MANSOUR  
Sixth Grade  
Stark Elementary School

## Parochial? No Question

EDITOR:  
I read with interest the Observation Point editorial "Why Can't My Kid Pray in School?" in the March 11 Observer Newspapers.  
I was interested in Justice Douglas' answers at the Washington convention and in your answers from the school superintendents.  
How can there be any questions about parochial? Seems

to me the Supreme Court Justice answers this question.

## Misquoted --Or Not?

EDITOR:  
The editorial of the Livonia Observer I have been misquoted as saying I would support a fifth high school. I want to qualify this statement for the record.  
I do not or have not supported a fifth high school because I am not convinced that a sustained need exists. With children on half-days and the lack of operating funds for the facilities we have now, I do not feel that we can support another addition of such magnitude.

However, if I was convinced that there was a sustained need for a high school, I would support strictly a vocational type school. I want all to understand I am speaking only for myself and no organization.

The committee chairman of the School Board Advisory Building Committee, Arne Seyerson, is the only one authorized to make public statements for that committee. All other statements must be considered as individual statements of private citizens.

CLEM DRAGOVICH  
Livonia  
EDITOR'S NOTE: On March 11 and March 14, we reported that Mr. Dragovich had endorsed statements saying he and others would support a fifth high school if it were "overwhelmingly vocally-technically oriented." The stories were correct as written, and there was no misquotation by this newspaper.

## Tin-Can Haven In Livonia?

EDITOR:  
The voters of Livonia should be aware that some councilmen, including would-be mayor Ed McNamara, who himself owns a travel trailer, are proposing to make the city a greater haven for these tin-can monsters.

They are hoping to revise the city ordinance to allow 35-foot-long, 10-foot-high tin-can trailer monsters of every color to squat in every neighbor's yard on a permanent, year-around basis.

This revised ordinance would further allow these 35-footers, plus those of longer lengths, should they become available, to squat 10-foot-high in full view in front driveways for 48 hours of every week throughout the year.

A city ordinance prohibits privacy fences higher than six feet because of aesthetic implications, but some councilmen apparently see no inconsistency of logic in allowing these 10-foot-high squatters that six-foot fences can't screen to keep your yard from looking like a trailer camp.

In rationalizing the permanent squatting of these 10-foot-high monsters in back yards, Councilman Milligan at the March 9 meeting stated he saw no distinction between these monsters and above-ground swimming pools. Come on Ed, put on your glasses!  
The recreational vehicle industry proudly predicts an increase of 25% annually in the population of these tin-can monsters, whose production for 1969 is estimated at about half a million units.

Obviously if you don't want your city converted into a tin-can alley in the immediate years ahead, now is the time to let your councilmen know this.

I thought I had bought wisely in choosing lovely Livonia, but now there's a 10-foot high blue and white monster squatted 36 inches from my fence and hovering high and ugly all year-around.

JAMES G. CHAVEY  
Livonia

## Moelke Closed Den Of Iniquity

EDITOR:  
We feel that, in response to The Observer's comments about the mayor and McNamara, we must relate an incident that occurred in 1968 in which we were deeply concerned.

We learned of a place called the "Shaggy Lion Lounge" located on Plymouth road at Exiles in Livonia which was literally a "den of iniquity." The owner had hired "Go-Go Girls" to "dance" in this "lounge."  
We knew that this was not what we wanted in our "fair city" of Livonia. So we wrote

to Mayor Moelke asking him to do something about this place.

Never expecting to receive any reply at all, we were surprised when the assistant attorney to the mayor came to our home and asked us what we could do to help eliminate this place. He informed us of the owner's "shady" reputation and that he was operating illegally.

The rest you may have read in The Observer. In brief, Mayor Moelke "cleaned up" this "den of iniquity" before it could corrupt our city.

JAMES SIMMONS  
MRS. LINDA SIMMONS  
Livonia

## Fresh Air, Not Tax Base

EDITOR:  
Schoolcraft College last spring taught a non-credit course on the natural history of Michigan. Although it was announced in the Observer Newspapers, only a dozen or so people enrolled.

It was one of the richest learning experiences in my life. The professors who taught the geology, geography, ecology, bird and wildflower history of Michigan gave much more than their allotted time to the courses, including an all-day Saturday field trip.

A grateful thanks go to them from their students.  
During our bird and wildflower early morning sessions we explored the beautiful beech-maple forest directly across of the college. It is filled with breath-taking vistas of wildflowers and ferns. Not since childhood have I seen hillsides massed with trillium in bloom. All this treasure inside a city of over 100,000 people!

Do you know the future slated for this primeval woods? Down will come massive trees. Up will spring apartments!

Our forward-thinking (?) city planning commission has long since given the green light to allow this to happen. Isn't there anything citizens can do to preserve a woodland spot as exquisite as this for a nature trail for us now and for the generations to follow? Why can't Livonia have beautiful nature centers scattered throughout its 36-square miles, rather than apartments?

Will the tax money acquired be as beneficial as unsullied breathing spaces for its residents?

What can be done, city planners and concerned residents?

MRS. ROBERT B. KING  
Livonia

## Livonia Needs A New Mayor

EDITOR:  
As a resident and voter in Livonia for 34 years, I wish to comment on conditions in the City of Livonia.

Until a few years ago, persons could feel free to speak openly and receive honest responses. It was a pleasure to meet our officials and receive cordial responses: a pleasure to attend board meetings to learn more about Livonia government; a pleasure to ask questions and get straight answers, even though we may not always agree.

In recent years, drastic changes have taken place. Residents and especially city employees are fearful of responding with an honest opinion, lest there be reprisal and possible loss of their jobs. Self-confidence has been drastically undermined.

We need and deserve a top administrator in whom we can have confidence, and not be treated as second class citizens. Note the small number of actual voters during an election. Apathy is present because the confidence in the present mayor is gone.

## Future Depends On Research

The American Cancer Society has financed more than \$200-million of research since 1945. Much has been accomplished. Much remains to be done. The American Cancer Society needs your dollars to help finish the job.

Since he, the present mayor, took office, many of his vague comments are outright abuses of the truth. For proof, try asking specific questions with others around as witnesses. You'll get double talk!

This situation can and should be changed for a better Livonia. A good start is to elect a more capable, qualified, trustworthy man to Livonia's highest office, a man who realizes what is going on, and will

be able to improve present conditions with your help, without constantly raising taxes.

Monday, April 6, 1970, you can make your vote count toward a better Livonia. The present mayor's opponent is the man who can do it.

Conscientious citizenry needs the endorsement of Edward McNamara. Honest leadership is the issue.

I'm writing because I can see what's happening to Livonia and it isn't good, so let's change it.  
Edward McNamara does not know about this letter. I'm concerned about our city of Livonia, as any good citizen should be, and feel that a new administrator can help immensely.

GRACE M. MIDDLEWOOD  
Livonia

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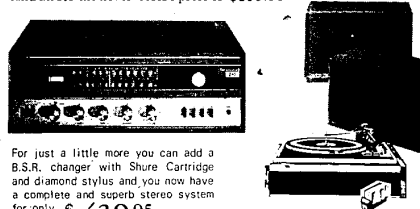
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