

## Here's more daring solutions

AS I SAID before, we don't have any problems that can't be solved by new solutions. All we have to do is put our thinking caps on and dare to be different.

**BONUSES** — Take all the yammering over how much money auto executives earn. Union members squawk that it isn't fair. Union leaders say the inequity stifles incentive for their members, who resent previous concessions.

Let's combine the principles of bargaining with one of the newer principles of government — gambling. How about instituting an Employee Lotto game?

Every year, each of the Big 3 can pick out of a hat the name of an hourly employee who will receive the equivalent of the chairman's yearly salary and benefits.

Chrysler drive shaft expert Joe Glotz would pick up a cool \$1.3 million at the end of the year — Lee Iacocca's yearly reward — if his name were drawn. Glotz, of course, would never work another day in his life. Every other worker would become content with his miserable lot in life by telling himself that even if he is not making what he should, he might be able to win at Employee Lotto just like Joe Glotz did.

Each employee could increase his or her chances by such things as working 32 Fridays in a row, filing no grievances in a six-month period,

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leaving no chewing gum in the piston chamber, etc.

**FARMERS IN NEED** — Much is being made of the plight of farmers. The government is sliding away from providing the underpinning that farmers have grown to expect. A way of life is going down the drain.

How about turning the farm problem over to the richest industry in the USA — entertainment? Entertainers have done a marvelous job of raising money for political purposes, and lately they have made tons of money to help the famine relief effort in Ethiopia.

Why not have them raise money for the Save Our Farms effort? An album with Frank Sinatra singing "Des Moines, Des Moines, it's a wonderful town." Or Perry Como doing "How are you going to keep 'em in Paris once they've seen the farm?"

**THE DEFICIT** — Congress and the president continue to jaw about the national deficit, but still nothing gets done. What we should do is turn the problem over to experts adept at dealing with deadbeats — a professional collection agency.

The agency can play those recorded messages they use nowadays to remind Congressmen and the administration of the problem. I can hear it now: "Hello, this is Hal from the World-

wide Collection Agency. We realize that it might have slipped your mind but you owe one trillion dollars. Will you please take care of this immediately before more severe action is required? Please give your response at the tone, it will be a part of your permanent record."

After a few doses of that kind of message the government leaders will be anxious to take care of the deficit.

**STUDENT LOANS** — Every doctor, lawyer, engineer and professional person who went to college by borrowing government money and refuses to make even a token effort to repay it shall be required by law to have a sign in his office.

The law — the Truth in Government Borrowing Act — would require a sign, readable at 20 yards, which explains when the doctor, lawyer, etc. borrowed the money, how much time has elapsed with no payment and how much is still owed.

Certainly, a sign will give his or her clients the impression that office calls need not be paid for immediately. The professional person can clean up his act by making payments to the government, allowing the sign to come down. That will allow him to continue to charge outrageously and demand immediate payment without feeling even a slight bit squeamish — just like before.

## oral quarrel

### No bleachers OK with callers

This week's Oral Quarrel asked readers: What do you think of the decision to close the bleachers at Tiger Stadium? Following are the responses:

I support the decision to close the bleachers 100 percent. Since Coleman Young and the police department can't seem to handle the situation, as witness the riots in last year's series, I am fully in favor of this move. Keep the bums out all summer and maybe they'll learn some manners.

I think the management definitely did the right thing.

I don't think they should have closed the bleachers. It was a bad decision. For one thing they are not making any money and another thing it's going to raise a lot of madness and people might not come after they open it.

I am all for closing the bleachers until the foul language and rowdiness is stopped. Baseball is a family sport and many times there are children involved. They hear too much of this language as it is. Hurray for the Detroit Tigers and the management.

I think Farmington and Farmington Hills should be more concerned with other things

on the front page such as the teenage fake ID and buying liquor. They should check into all the party stores in the Farmington area that sell booze and drugs to teenagers.

I recently saw a woman being asked by a reporter if they should reopen the bleachers and she screamed, "Hell, yes." To me that says it all.

It's about time they closed them so that those of us that are true Tiger fans can enjoy the game without obnoxious people.

Unfortunately I have to admit that I was one of the people that was saying these vulgar responses in the stands. I think it's a good idea for them to close the bleachers because that woke me up to how stupid I was to do that. But now I think they can open them because I realize it.

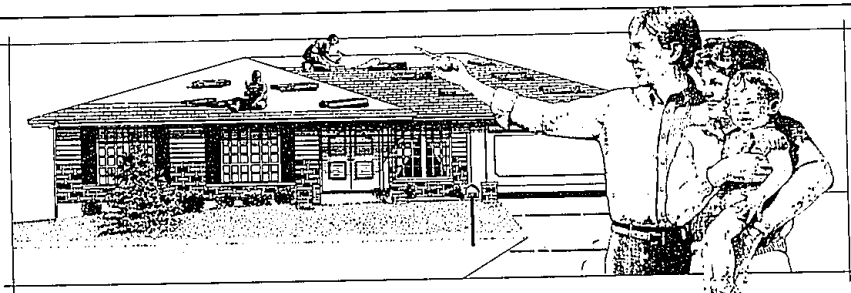
I say that it is great that they closed the bleachers. They should take all of the people that come to the bleachers right to jail and put them in for a while. That will calm them down a little bit.

I agree 100 percent with what Mr. Campbell did. I don't think decent people should be subjected to such vulgar language when they are public.

## discover Michigan

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Bentley Historical Library in Ann Arbor contains the papers of Alfred P. Noble? Who was Noble? He was the engineer who designed the Panama Canal, made major changes in Michigan's Soo Canal and helped build the George Washington Bridge in New York City as well as many other bridges, railroads and tunnels across the nation.

**DID YOU KNOW** that Detroit's Belle Isle was at one time in the 1700s purchased from the Indians for \$1,000 worth of rum, tobacco, paint and wampum? The Indians called the island "Wah-nah-bee," which meant White Swan. This was far better than the island's later name, the Island of the Hogs.



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