

# Neglected Cats--A Cruel Sacrifice Of Lives

2-Day Drug Session Set At Madonna

**EDITOR:**  
Why do so many people have animals and abuse them? I am speaking of the countless animals which just run loose.

Especially now with warmer weather coming, this problem gets worse. Cats can also be confined to a yard by a leash. (I have always done this, and my cats have never been loose to wander around the neighborhood.)

We have all seen cats and dogs lying dead on the road. This needless and cruel sacrifice of animal life is the fault of a negligent or stupid owner.

Last Monday I picked up a beautiful grey and white female cat that had just been hit by a car at Beech and Lyndon. I took her to my friend, Mrs. Sherrill of the Humane Rescue League. This nice cat had to be put to sleep.

This is such a shame and with proper care for a pet, so very unnecessary.

Also cats really should be spayed or castrated. This will make a better pet (no yowling or spraying). But most important of all, it will guarantee that no unwanted kittens are produced.

There are truly too many cats to find homes. These unwanted cats are strays or have to be put to sleep because the surplus is so great. It isn't right to allow so many kittens to be born.

People leave their uncastrated male cats out all night and then they wonder why they disappear. If a cat is wanted as a pet, he should be taken care of properly and this includes not being a toy for small children. Any pet deserves love and care, or they should not have a pet.

CAROL LOCKER  
Redford

## Livonia Shows Poor Values

**EDITOR:**  
March 29 the citizens of Livonia laid their values on the line. The clear and unmistakable message from the voting booth: we are not will-

ing to pay even to maintain the present level of education in our schools; we are willing to reduce the quality of our children's education by one-third.

This is an affluent community. What are you spending your money on, Mr. and Mrs. Livonia? What is more important to you than your children's education? You have your snowmobiles, power mowers, color TVs, cigarettes and booze. Will these things really make up for the learning your children lose?

You are supposed to be fed up with taxes and voting against your children's schools is your way of protesting. More than \$500 million of your tax money goes to Vietnam every week. If you want to protest against taxes, why don't you write to your representatives in Washington and tell them you don't want to pay taxes for fruitless wars, planes that won't fly, ABMs that might not work, subsidies to wealthy farmers, airlines, oil companies and other favored groups.

Why do you punish your children by voting against the one kind of tax that benefits you, your children, your community and your country--directly and with tangible benefits--preparing the next generation for college, work and life.

MARJORIE L. ARNETT  
Livonia

## Firemen Save Appliances

**EDITOR:**  
My husband and I want to publicly express our extreme gratitude to the men of the Farmington Township Fire Department--specifically to Chief Button and the men of Station No. 4--for their services to us during the past winter season.

The particular occasion was the night during a severe rainstorm and sudden thaw when some two feet of water elected to enter our basement via a very undesirable source.

One of the men came

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quickly after our call and radioed the crew of seven who appeared at our house with a "beautiful" floating gas-engine pump. We very certainly felt those men and the pump saved the motors of our various appliances--particularly the furnace--and gave us a real jump on the cleanup by helping us get rid of the water just as soon as it was possible.

It was an extremely damp and cold night and a miserable task; we admired the fine, uncomplaining attitude of the men. Furthermore, while waiting for the water to go down, we enjoyed their fellowship over coffee in the garage while we watched the moon landing on the portable television on top of the car.

GEORGE KETTUNEN  
Livonia  
Former GOP school board advisory council delegate

impact of this act at the bargaining table of other public employ groups, as valid reasons to assume a serious deficit in the Livonia School District without the millage renewal.

This position is not the result of "brainwashing," nor is it a political flip-flop. It is merely an assessment of facts. I hereby urge the voters in the Livonia School District to support the millage renewal question when it comes to another vote which it must if we are to avoid disastrous dismemberment of our school system next fall.

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## The Record On Our Parks

**EDITOR:**  
I read with interest and sardonic amusement Tim Richard's editorial "Time Running Out on Parks" in the Observer of April 7.

Tim Richard makes a good point. However, it had been made before in 1962, 1964, 1966 and 1968.

Selling the \$4 million parks and recreation bond issue to Livonia was one of many significant achievements of the previous administration, and what a wonderful thing this program has been for Livonia. In fact, the phrase "open space" was first heard in our town during the Moelke administration and was the key to all the city

planning done by his administration.  
Power's Observer aligned itself, and many readers and voters, against Moelke in his bid for re-election in March 1970, and was certainly a major factor in his defeat.

How ironic that the Observer now embraces the principles of open space planning, which obviously haven't been followed during the past year!

JOHN R. MIQUELON  
Livonia

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The parks-recreation bond issue received Observer Newspaper editorial support, as have such proposals as the state bond issue, better Wayne and Oakland county parks, a state park for the Maybury site and Huron-Clinton parks expansion. Our stand has been consistent for years.

## School Board Loses A Vote

**EDITOR:**  
Quit passing the buck, Mr. Craft (Livonia school board president). Forget about the State Legislature and listen to the words of Mr. Schlup who wrote last week, "In-

stead of talking about new taxes or raising existing ones, all public officials should start tightening the belt."

On the front page of the

Observer we read, "Livonia schools to Act Monday on Budget Cuts." Then we turn to page 7A, "Minutes of Livonia Board of Education Meeting." Lo and behold, they are really cutting costs when they approve air conditioning equipment for Franklin High School. But what the heck, it's only \$43,390.

The board's logic in financial matters eludes me. We need capable administrators.

Mine was a "yes" vote for the millage renewal. However, after the negative reaction of the school administrators and board members to the will of the majority, I am glad that so many had the wisdom to vote no.

Never fear, they will be back again in June, confident that they have coerced us into voting yes. Well, I for one have changed my vote to no.

Livonians, let's give the administrators and board the message again.

J. CHAPMAN  
Westland

## Money From Hell

**EDITOR:**  
We recently moved from 9010 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, Michigan and are enclosing some money and would appreciate your giving it to the newsboy who served our area. We moved before the month of March was up

and were therefore unable to pay him directly.  
We would like to continue our subscription to the Observer here at Hell, Mich.

A.E. CULP  
Hell

## Hypocrisy In The Yard

**EDITOR:**  
I am a student of Thurston High School and very conscious about what happens to our natural resources.

Having read much on beautification in your paper, I find the same old hypocrisy exists with our Redford Township establishment.

Township officials leave all kinds of junk in their yards.

DEBBIE SHACKETT  
Redford

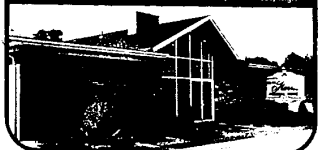


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