

# Cats 'Should Be Free To Roam'

**EDITOR:**  
I would like to complain about the new law being proposed for cats, requiring them to be licensed and to be put on leashes.

I have two cats, and I am strongly against such a law. It's really ridiculous to put cats on leashes. They should be free to roam, since this is their nature. Cats usually never disturb anyone, and they rarely bite people.

Cats can't be fenced in either, because they can easily jump over a fence.

Soon there will be restrictions put on all our living creatures. Surely our public officials have more important things to do than worry about a few cats running loose.

GORDON WILCOX  
Livonia

## Betty Masson Has Style

**EDITOR:**  
Over a period of seven weeks it has been our pleasure to know and to work with your writer, Betty Masson. Mrs. Masson began our acquaintance with an article in the Farmington Observer for Feb. 26 - 27.

The article was invaluable as publicity not only for our personal efforts as composer and writer of the musical, "Mockinact" but for the Farmington Musical's fund-raising activities. We appreciate particularly Mrs. Masson's adherence to what we had told her during our interview, and the style with which she presented our collaboration in her published article.

A further article written about the production of "Mockinact" in the Observer, April 19, merely confirmed our certainty that she has at heart the best interests of our newspaper side by side with the good of community theater efforts.

Judging from the size of our audiences, the pictures of our cast in rehearsal taken by Fran Evert and published in the April 9 - 9 issue of the Observer along with an article by Mrs. Masson certainly influenced the community.

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3) Has the business manager and board always included revenues, which are not guaranteed, in budgets or budgeted?

4) Could not the school have two millage issues on a ballot, a lower one so it passed to be used only if the higher fails in passing?

5) How much money has the three millage votes cost and what is the projected cost of June's board election? (What is wrong with combining elections, the issues are still there?)

6) Must all schools have the good of community theater efforts?

7) What are the North Central Accrediting

Association minimum requirements of academic acceptance? How close are our schools to losing NCAA approval?

8) How much of our property taxes go to the schools currently?

9) What is our state rep and state senator doing about providing other means of revenue for schools besides property taxes? (I mean action, not just rhetoric to get votes)

These questions are mostly from a business viewpoint. The answers I got from promillage people were all emotional, no solid business logic applied. It seems our board spends with little regard to business logic and practice. I hope my sources were only misinformed.

WARREN G. BERGER  
Farmington

# The Owl

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We truly appreciate such help and consideration by members of your staff.

CHARLENE SLABEY  
JUNE RADO  
Farmington

## Business Logic Was Missing

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## Schools Run By The 'Kids'

The liberal academic community are shedding "alligator tears" over the loss of the Farmington school millage election.

When are these "educators" going to wake up to the fact that the taxpayer is NOT against schools? He is against schools that are run by the "kids" where teachers are practically under the domination of a minority group of "students" whose only aim is to see how much pain, suffering, permissively oriented, administration has.

There is no doubt that school systems must be reimbursed for rising costs of operation. But when these rising costs are a direct result of policies adopted to placate the small group of near revolutionaries, patience and understanding (and pursestrings) have been stretched beyond a reasonable limit.

Give the schools back to the TEACHERS and it will be immediately obvious how cooperative a voting public can be.

J. P. HUGHES  
Farmington

## Hepatitis From Skag Sniffing?

Questions should be sent to the Community Commission on Drug Abuse, P.O. Box 489, Livonia 48151.

Q. Can you get hepatitis from snorting skag?

C.B., Livonia

A. No. However, it is thought by some authorities specializing in liver disease that a different type of liver ailment may result from prolonged use of heroin, even when it is inhaled ("snorted") instead of being injected.

Q. Is it true that you can't get addicted by a drug unless you "shoot it up" (inject it)?

E. D., Livonia

A. No. In fact, addiction was a problem long before the discovery of the hypodermic syringe or needle. This instrument was used in the early stages to administer narcotics because it was then highly but erroneously believed that you could not become addicted by injection.

Q. I've been to three different doctors for help in treating my drug problem but none of them would handle my case without my parents' knowledge. How come? I was told by someone who should be a doctor without my parents finding out.

L.L., Westland

A. What the law says is that if you as a minor so request, a physician may treat you for a drug problem and not advise your parents.



THAT MAKES 30 YEARS as Frank A. Ritchie of 37955 Rhonswold Drive, Farmington, receives a pin marking three decades of Ford Motor Co. employment. Ritchie, manager of Ford's Livonia Transmission plant, was presented the pin by John A. Manoojian, general manager of Ford's Transmission Division. Ritchie has been manager of the local facility since last July.

## Area Students To Inter-Act

DEARBORN Livonia and Garden City will be among five school districts sending students to a "Partners in Learning" conference May 5 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Inkster, Dearborn and Detroit will also send elementary, junior and high school to the day-long conference at the Fair Lane conference center.

In the jargon of a professor of education, the conference will seek to bring about "an interaction between different racial and economic groups which hopefully will develop good inter-personal relationships."

Following welcoming comments from UM-Dearborn Chancellor Leonard E. Goodall, and education department chairman Dr. Richard Morashead, the students will select one of 12 "learning sessions," conducted by UM-Dearborn faculty and personnel from the Dearborn Public School System.

"Learning Sessions" will include: "Let's Pretend" with Greta Lipson, lecturer in education at UM-D; "Vibrations," with Ruth Stolfo of the Dearborn public

schools; "Make It Your Way," with Donald Boughner, also of the Dearborn school system; "What Is His Story?" (What Is Her Story?) with Dr. Donald Proctor, associate professor of history at UM-D; "Architecture of Molecules," Dr. Julia Tai, assistant professor of chemistry; and "What Sees the Eye?" with Evelyn Kachaturoff of the Dearborn Public Schools.

Other sessions include: "Language Generation," conducted by Dr. Paul Carter, UM-D professor of education; "You and the Computer," with Dr. J. Robert Cairns, professor of engineering; "What Does a Psychologist Study?" with Dr. Jeffrey Stern, assistant professor of psychology; "Influential You!" with Dr. Bernard Klein, professor of political science and director of the Center for Urban Studies; "Geometrical Puzzlement," conducted by UM-D mathematics assistant professors Richard Dalke and Stephen Miller; and "Nature Hikes" with Dr. Orin Gelderloos, assistant professor of biology.

Each session will be repeated three times during the day, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

## Boosters Set C'ville Meeting

The final meeting of the presentation of athletic school year of Clarenceville's awards. Athletic Boosters Club will be held on Monday, May 8, at 8 p.m. in the high school introduce members of their gymnasium. Plans will be teams, and refreshments will made concerning the be served.

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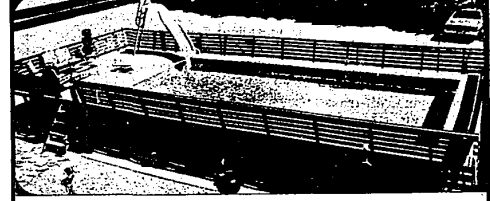
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