

# MORE LETTERS

## They object to teaching birth control

To the Editor of "The Flint Voice":

I just recently read an article in the May issue of your paper.

I don't get the "Flint Journal" or any other paper. I obtained this issue from a friend.

I was very disappointed on your front page article about Birth Control being taught in Genesee County.

I am not involved in any group or committee on this issue. I am a parent voicing my own personal opinion.

I have 5 children, one is not of school age yet. I have seen some of the material used to teach public school children a so-called Sex Education class. Where are the Morals which should be taught to these children??? To teach a child about Sex without morals, is saying it is all right. If it feels good, do it. So these children are.

I don't want my 12 year old child to walk into a Drug Store to buy Condoms, or the "pill," or anything else without consulting me first. I am the parent. I am paying for his or her education. This child is in my care, and I am responsible for everything this child does.

It is the parents' job to teach their children, especially about Sex. Too many parents are either too "naive," or too embarrassed to talk about it. So, the result has been Government intervention. Now, Sex is taught by teachers with no morals of what is right and what is wrong.

I am a Catholic. Big Deal!!! So, label me a Catholic Extremist! If my children have to be taught Sex, I want it taught right. I don't want my children to think it is okay to have intercourse with anyone before they are Married.

I suppose you tell your children (if you have any) that they should use Birth Control pills or Condoms when they date?! If you are not married you are probably thinking that Sex is all right, and just a part of dating. Because I am a Catholic, I am imposing my views on others. I suppose you are not?! What do you call your opinions???

Most of the material I have seen for these classes, is senseless pornography material, and has nothing to do with Sex Education. I'll give you an example: How to "Jack-off" in a corner. (With pictures!) That is supposed to be Sex Education!!

I will not permit any of my children to sit in any Sex Education class. I am one parent who will teach my children properly, and I am not afraid to talk about it openly to them. And they know it.

So, please quit labeling the Catholics. Just because someone is a Catholic, they are told they are imposing their views on others. Well, what do you call your views on others?!!

It has been proven that Sex Education has not made a drop on promiscuity. Read the statistics, they speak for themselves. As they show, promiscuity has risen, and so has Venereal Disease. Why?? All because no morals are taught. Look up the word Morals in a dictionary. Then you will know what I am talking about.

Your article was biased, and it made me angry. I don't like being labeled. Your article only proves that you don't want parent involvement, and would rather push this article onto the children. It's a terrible shame, but that's the way it is.

A couple of my friend and I would like to know if you received and read this letter. Please reply. Too many times our correspondence is thrown in the basket.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Claire Minarick  
Jennie Lazowski  
Joyce McCartney

## Sticking up

To You Who Care,

We have been following *The Voice* for a few months, attended your anti-draft rally and sat-in on five of your alternative flicks, and I'd like to take this opportunity to stick up for your motivations. By following the political tides, (economic or bureaucratic), you have at least the guts to have an opinion. Very few people in this world care, or even keep up with anything this crummy system dishes out. Right or wrong you don't turn your backs, and it's coolly commendable.

This country (world?) has been on the edge of a rather sharp blade, waiting for a chance to again make a statement of any kind. The 60's gave us a chance, and the youth of the 70's have been learning and growing into an apathy. ("What can we do?"), and a hopeless complacency that will be their downfall (while they scream, "It's the system's fault"). They don't even take the time to learn what or who the so called "system" is. What's even stranger, most teens of today actually are enjoying and believing that system, the one that gives us all those wonderful benefits (ROTC, draft, censorship, radiation poisoning, shall we go on?...). We'd like to say we see it happening and we can't believe it.

When the youth give in, there's nothing left. Keep on flashing your signs, maybe someone will wise up and open their eyes. We have.

Peace,  
From a New-Wave hangout,  
Viscious Vinnie and Pretzel,  
and a host of others  
Burton

## Don't cut the military

Dear Editor of the Voice,

The people that are advocating a ballot measure to tell the Carter Administration that the voters of Flint are opposed to an increase in defense spending is in my view based on false assumptions and is dangerous to the National security of the Nation.

The first assumption that seems to be accepted by the writer of this article is that defending the nation from external enemies does not benefit the taxpayer. Do the supporters of this resolution believe that allowing this country to get into a weakened position Militarily will not serve the people of Flint and the nation better than having a

I WAS DISPIRITED INFLATED SUFFERING FROM LOW ENERGY AND INTERNAL DISORDER.



I JUST COULDN'T PULL MYSELF TOGETHER.



THEN I TRIED AFGHANISTAN!



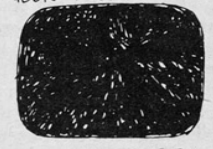
AFGHANISTAN GAVE ME GET-UP-AND-GO! ADDED ZING! AFGHANISTAN ROLLED ME TOGETHER!



SO TRY AFGHANISTAN WITH ITS SECRET INGREDIENT, XENOPHOBIA!



IF SYMPTOMS PERSIST INTO NUCLEAR WAR, CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR.



strong defense that will deter the Soviets from taking aggressive action around the world?

Another very dangerous assumption that the supporters of this resolution are making is that the Soviet Union is not improving their defensive capability at this very moment. History shows that when nations disarm unilaterally it will lead to a War and not prevent one. This is what helped lead to World War II, because while Europe was disarming Germany was arming. Some people believe that if the United States cuts defense spending we will be setting an example for other nations to follow, but the Soviet Union policy has always been to do which is in the interest of the Soviet Union and not what is in the best interest of the World.

So if this resolution is put on the ballot I will vote against it an will get as many of my friends to vote against it as I can. My opinion of the advocates of this resolution is that they are either ill-informed or if they are informed they must be in league with the enemies of our country, because they can not possibly be or do what is in the best interest of the people of Flint or the nation as a whole.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Piercey, Flint

## Appreciates Voice

Dear Publishers:

I would like to say with all honesty that your publication, *The Flint Voice* is indeed an alternative newspaper. But much more than that it is entertaining, humorous, unbiased and much more.

Last issue you were criticized; some say that you neglect black entertainers and other talented artists in your music and art section. My advice is do the best that you can since you are a non-profit operation.

I am black. I have been a citizen of Flint since my childhood. You said last issue that you feel you have failed in reaching black people. One reason may be that whenever black readers consider other literature besides the local daily paper, it is black oriented material in some cases.

I read your article on planned parenthood and agree with the proponents of it. I believe each and every one

of us are free moral agents and should determine our own contraceptives to be used if any. I feel sex education should involve the discussion of V.D., conception, the physiological aspects of the male and female sexual anatomy, and personal hygiene thereof. However, if religion is not taught in the schools then I feel abortion, homosexuality, fornication and post-adolescent masturbation can be defined but not advocated the slightest iota. The reason? Many parents believe the Bible is the Word of God and is a true guide to human living. It adamantly condemns such practices! As you say, 'ignorance not information' is the cause of many of our children being encompassed in fear and distrust. Yet it is a terrible shame we have adults running around forming groups to keep the subject of sex from the ears of our young. Masquerading ministers up and down the country trying to jam religion down someone's throat. No wonder today's society is inundated in corruption; these facade preachers and community leaders are somehow overshadowing the honest-hearted.

In my opinion abortion is not contraception. When the male sperm and the female ovum unite it is a whole new ball game: life or matter that is to become a breathing human creature commence it's advancement. So, I'm totally against abortion that does not have to do with the preservation of the mother's life. But, I have no right to force others to comply to my Bible-based convictions.

May I express my deepest appreciation and respect for your publication. May it set an example of truth and honesty for all men and women to observe. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Lester L. Henry, Jr., Flint

## We Like Letters

We like getting letters. As a community newspaper, we consider this to be a very important section in our paper. These pages are for our readers, and we encourage you to respond to what you read in the *Voice* or what you see happening in society. We print all letters, unedited (although you stand a better chance of having your letter read if it's short and to the point). Please feel free to send us a letter for publication in the *Voice*. Our address is 5005 Lapeer Road, Flint, Michigan 48509.

