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As Our Readers See It

No-Fault Rates Got You Down? Write

IT IS NOT necessary for Rev. Phillip Loving to be jailed in protest of the higher insurance rates ("Priest Jailed in Auto Insurance Protest," April 20). There are other means and methods of getting your point across to the insurance industry and the lawmakers of Michigan who enacted no-fault.

The best approach to use would be to contact your legislators and protest the increased auto insurance rates.

Although Rev. Loving's protest and jailing for refusing to pay his automobile insurance is commendable and somewhat brave, it serves no purpose in getting no-fault changed.

KRIS M. TAYLOR
Grand Rapids

Picturesque Prison

A STATE prison should not be established on the Lake Michigan shoreline south of Holland, Michigan. This particular shoreline is among the finest in the world. Lake frontage is a limited and most valuable asset.

It would not make sense to place a state prison in the middle of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore nor on any of our many fine resort lakes in Michigan. Neither does it make sense to take this Lake Michigan property that is so valuable for recreational purposes and forever remove it from recreational use.

Various air bases are available for conversion to prison use. These are far more suitable from the standpoint that use as a prison would not remove top quality property from our reservoir of recreational property.

Let's not allow pressures of a swelling prison population to dictate a quick decision that will be in the worst interests of the people on the outside of the prison walls.

DON JANDERNOA
Grand Rapids

WE CAN LOOK to an increase in crime in the area, if the state of Michigan's Department of Correction's proposal to purchase the St. Augustine Seminary property on Lake Michigan is approved.

If so, it would behoove every honest, tax-paying citizen to seriously consider changing his lifestyle

Letters to the editor must be originals bearing a true signature and complete address. Names will be withheld only for extraordinary reasons. Letters may be edited.

so he, too, can become a resident in this lovely place equiped with tennis courts, swimming pool and a country club atmosphere with natural wildlife terrain.

MRS. PAUL ROSENBERG
Holland

Keep It Up

THE NEW ROLL CALL section in your newspaper listing the current voting of our congressmen and Michigan legislators is the most responsible action I have recently seen taken by any newspaper.

Even though a lot of people won't be interested, for the few of us concerned folks, keep it up.

JOHN D. WAGNER
Taylor

WE FEEL THAT the Roll Call is a giant step in the right direction. The people have a right to know how their elected officials vote.

Even more important, the people should have a right to know which bills are in the hopper in Lansing and in Washington.

PATT BARBOUR
CONNIE WHITING
MARIE PETERS
Hapiness of Womanhood Inc.
Dearborn Heights

Protect Waters Now

RICHARD H. MILLER, director of environmental affairs for Monsanto Industrial Chemicals Co., states that elimination of phosphates in household laundry detergents will not improve water quality in Michigan (April 16 letter).

Who should we believe—Monsanto or the U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency*, which has determined the ban is a critical step needed to halt eutrophication of waters in the Great Lakes basin? Monsanto supplies phosphates for the soap a detergent industry.

Monsanto states that municipal treatment sewage is the "only action" that will improve t quality of the Great Lakes. Last year's PCB t was action of another sort made necessary Monsanto's shortsighted approach to environmental quality.

PCBs were produced in the U.S. solely Monsanto, have poisoned the Great Lakes tro and salmon fishery, and destroyed what is potentially the greatest commercial fishery in the wor And now they ask us to believe their claims th phosphates are no real problem.

We must question the credibility of these "e perts" with vested financial interests. House B 4023, the bill to ban phosphates in home laund detergents, is needed to protect our most precio natural assets, our waters, and it is needed now

WAYNE A. SCHMIDT
Staff Ecologist
Michigan United Conservation Clubs
Lansing

Representing Self?

UNITED Nations Ambassador Andrew Youn one excellent reason for the U.S. to pull out of UN.

He is an embarrassment to our country represents only his self interests. And he does represent the taxpayers.

AL HYDE

Intercepted Letters

JOB SEEKERS
Utica Trim Plant
Dear Throng:

WHO said people don't want to work?

Pipeline Pete

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