

Letters To The Editor

supervisor a nominal salary and expect him or her to support himself by other than public means. Mr. Moss's contention that if he were not doing a good job he would not have been re-elected would indicate that he, a Republican, has a high regard for the Democrats who control Albany County. Mr. Moss's other arguments that he is required to have other income because of a young family and a large mortgage are not in my opinion relevant responses to the issue.

The question I raise is not Mr. Moss's performance but whether the town of Guilderland should adopt a resolution outlining for the taxpayers of Guilderland and those who seek or hold public office what is expected from that office holder in return for the salary attached to the office?

I feel uneasy about the priorities Mr. Moss may place upon his time and duties when he is at liberty to practice law to the extent he sees fit and in light of the standard practice of lawyers to charge for their time on an hourly basis, with charges of \$75 or more being usual rates. While my views may or may not reflect the opinion of others the issue is one which I hope the citizens of Guilderland will consider and will communicate their feelings upon the issue to the members of the town board and the supervisor.

Bernard H. Reilly
CBS SHOW
IS ANTI LIFE

To the Editor:

Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Inc. (CCHL), a statewide coalition of non-sectarian, non-politically partisan individuals and organizations united to promote respect for life, today expresses deep disappointment at CBS television's decision to broadcast the "Clinic" episode of Cagney and Lacey.

As president of CCHL, I have called the program a piece of political propaganda that trivializes the issue and intended to instill in the viewing audience a clear pro-abortion message.

Unfortunately, that intention succeeded. This show is anti-family, anti-life, and even anti-church. In addition it blatantly stereotypes the pro-life forces as conservative, religious fanatics engaged in criminal activities! By concentrating on this fringe minority, the show neglects to depict

activities such as adoption advocates, Birth Right, and other alternatives to abortion groups which are the mainstream of the movement.

We point to specific dialogue within the episode which manipulated the viewers' sympathies without turning their attention to the essential human rights questions raised by abortion. For example:

"It's not even a person yet." (Relative to the unborn.)

"When you passionately about a moral issue, you don't always act rationally."

"No one should force anybody to have a baby she doesn't want."

CCHL also suggests that this episode is curiously out of context with the usual format of Cagney and Lacey, which has consistently weighed both sides of sensitive issues equally. Concerns such as freedom of speech, gun control and civil rights have all been dealt with fairly in previous episodes. Even the dialogue and the character of Mary Beth Lacey in this particular show have been contrived for the sake of the pro-abortion indoctrination. Fans of the show have been bitterly betrayed.

Mary Larson of the Capital District Chapter of Women Exploited by Abortion (WEBA), member organization of CCHL, also expressed anger and disillusionment about the show. These women believe that the portrayal of the doctor as a compassionate listener is totally out of character with the real-life situations and people which they have experienced.

Virginia M. Horan
President

AGAINST LEG-HOLD TRAPS

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago, on a Wednesday evening, I let my cat Blackie out for his evening stroll. The next morning he did not appear for breakfast, a meal he has not missed in five years. The next several days were spent searching the woods and roadsides around our house trying to locate him, but to no avail.

The following Monday he appeared at our door, in terrible shape and with a badly mangled front leg. Immediately I rushed him to Dr. Ed Becker, who has had much too much experience with animals who have been caught in steel leg traps. At first it was a question of whether Blackie would even live, and then it was a matter of how much of his leg he was going to have to lose. Ultimately all the toes but one had to be amputated.

He is now home recuperating. Luckily he was a healthy cat to begin with, and should be fine.

Apparently Blackie had been caught in a steel leg trap and left there for several days. According to Dr. Becker, from the condition of the wound he had to have been released by someone. Financially it was an expensive experience, but emotionally there is no price tag that can be placed on the trauma that both Blackie and our family suffered.

By law trappers have to check their traps every 24 hours. Evidently, whoever is trapping in our area has no regard for the law, since his trap was not checked for days. These traps are inhumane enough even when used legally, but to leave an animal in one for days is unspeakably cruel. The purpose of this letter is to make people aware of the cruelty of these traps. Presently there are two bills that have been introduced in New York State to ban the use of steel leg hold traps: Bill 479-A, which has been introduced by Assemblyman Alexander Grannis and Bill S.66 and A.20, which has been introduced by Senator Michael J. Tully and Assemblyman Grannis. I strongly urge everyone to let their representatives know that they support the passage of these bills. Let's help protect our pets and our wildlife from this heartless means of trapping.

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Voorheesville



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tion with acronyms, for state government is divided into many different agencies and departments which deal with various functions. OGS manages State real estate, DOT maintains its highways and OMH is responsible for the care of the mentally disabled. NYSERDA is the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority while PASNY stands for Power Authority of the State of New York.

We introduced the plain language bill for insurance policies in 1977 and lived to see it become law. Naturally, the preferred bill went to someone with more seniority than a mere first-year person as I was at the time.

I must admit that even the New York State Public Service Commission forgot its own rules because on page three of this "memo" they themselves started using acronyms. In one paragraph, the Commission stated:

"With the cold weather season fast approaching, now is the time to familiarize yourself with the commission's protections to prevent the termination of essential utility service. In particular the Home Energy Fair Practices Act (HEFPA) provides special protections against utility shutoffs during the cold weather period (Nov. 1-April 15). Generally, HEFPA protections provide for additional notices of termination and direct utilities to attempt personal contact with customers threatened

with loss of heat-related service before shutoff and continue service to a person who has, or is likely to suffer, a serious impairment to health or safety while the local

Twenty Earn Honors At Albany Academy

The names of local students earning academic honors during the first quarter marking period at Albany Academy were recently announced by James F. Manning, headmaster.

They are:

Highest: Form V, Raymond Endres of Feura Bush; Form IV: John Scicchitano of Feura Bush.

High: Form VI, Christopher Cykoski of Glenmont; Form V, John-Eric Amundsen of Delmar; Gregory McQuide of Delmar and James Wood of New Scotland; Form IV, Matthew Fleming of Slingerlands, Eric Pelletier of Slingerlands, Samuel Pickands of Delmar; Form III, Quimby McCaskill of Delmar.

Honors: Form VI, Jay Reed of Delmar and Robert Sponzo of Delmar; Form V, Eric Martin of Slingerlands; Form IV, Kevin Allen of Delmar, Stein Amundsen of Delmar, Alex Buerle of Delmar, Todd Giombetti of Guilderland, William Mosher of Voorheesville, Samuel Pickands of Delmar and James Sanderson of Slingerlands.

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