

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Sometimes snow days really are necessary

Did you not see it coming?

This letter is directed at those superintendents of the schools who did not cancel class (Avon, Avon Lake) on Tuesday. Did you not see or listen to the weather? It is very distressing to think my children will be docked with an "absence" if I choose to keep them home due to weather. Yet, with all the illness going around, I do not want to use up their sick time, so off to school these kids go.

I am a working mother, so snow days are not convenient, but to ensure the SAFETY of the children and teachers 110 percent, they are necessary. The weather is getting worse as I write, not to mention colder!

On behalf of all concerned parents, I ask those in charge to consider the entire situation, not just what you see. My child's bus driver is very conscientious; I would hate to see anything happen to her or the children on the bus.

JOAN RICHVALSKY KONYA  
Avon

## There's nothing that another tax can't fix

In a Jan. 21 article titled "Can Midway Mall survive?", I was shocked to learn of the increase in vacant storefronts now scattered throughout our venerable shopping mecca. This sad state of affairs was perhaps best summed up by a quote from a 17-year-old who said, "This mall doesn't have anything here for me. I come here to hang out, but I shop at Great Northern

Mall."

We citizens of Elyria cannot let a travesty like this continue, so I would like to suggest a solution, one that fits in perfectly with the apparent spirit of the times. After adding a property tax for a new high school and maintenance of the new high school, one for teacher raises (sure to come), one for a new jail, one or two for whatever Mayor Grace can dream up next, and a sales tax increase for, well, I don't know what — just because, I guess — that we then add a real whopper of a property tax and build a new mall. Brilliant, no?

Best part is that if anyone should argue against this solution, they can quickly be made to seem a non-civic-minded, mean-spirited penny pincher by use of the phrase that works every time: Do it for the children.

RUSS WHATLEY  
Elyria

## Tell us what's wrong with Elyria West

I am still waiting for someone on the school board to step up to the plate and explain why the NEWER Elyria West High School was closed and all the students transferred to the CRUMBLING old Elyria High School downtown.

They can take all the surveys they want, but until I hear this explanation, don't expect me to vote for a school levy.

I am not the only voter in Elyria waiting for this answer.

MARY ANN BASTIK  
Elyria

## Strange behavior in NFL worth noting

I'm sure that the NFL could produce a more entertaining and sane halftime Super Bowl show. This last one had two dancing females slinging their graceless, neurotic bodies around crazily.

The year before, some singing guitarist, seemingly saturated with drugs, was heaving his body wildly around.

There are other obnoxious underings: A punt receiver catches the ball in the end zone, takes a knee and you have most of the opposite team running in at him yet.

Another one is the touchdown maker — he doesn't know what to do with his body, so he goes into some kind of duck waddle or some kind of fandango.

Lastly, when a player is tackled, players go into frenzied leaps upon one another like it was a game-winning tackle.

EMIL KSENICH  
Lorain

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