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#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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Reap the rewards of a nursing career

The current nursing shortage has been reported in newspapers and journals. The number of students enrolled in nursing programs is not sufficient to fill the registered nurse positions that are open. The average age of a nurse is 45, and as nurses begin to retire, the shortage is expected to worsen. Hard work, long hours, stress and low wages are often used to describe the nursing profession.

I am proud to be a registered nurse. I work with and care for wonderful people. I enjoy my work, I am constantly learning and I am never bored. The nursing profession is exciting and rewarding. Benefits include a flexible work schedule, paid vacation time, tuition reimbursement, health and dental insurance, retirement funds and more.

I encourage anyone who has thought of pursuing a career in nursing to contact colleges and apply now. Grant, loan and reimbursement programs may be available. Rewarding opportunities in hospitals, the community and even around the world await you.

LAURIE STONE

HONEOYE

War debt to burden future generations

The young people who fought our wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have sacrificed a great deal to serve our country. Hundreds of them have given their lives or were injured and crippled. Those of us at home, however, have made few sacrifices. For instance, we did not sacrifice to pay for the wars. Instead we are paying for the wars by borrowing huge amounts of money that our young people will have to pay back as taxes in the future.

Our unwillingness to sacrifice is being made even more obvious by President Bush's plan to reduce income taxes. The amount of money that we now pay as taxes is not enough to pay for military equipment, Medicare, highways and other government expenses so we must continually borrow money.

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By reducing income taxes further, we will have to borrow even greater amounts in the future. Our children and grandchildren will have to pay back these loans. Surely we shouldn't saddle our loved ones with such huge debts.

HUBERT ALLINGER

GREECE

Family businesses thrive in Midtown

Family businesses that provide a desirable product or service succeed downtown. Case in point: Valvo's Shoe Repair Plus in Midtown, where I recently purchased my seventh or eighth pair of genuine leather arch supports. Its owners make you feel like family.

Abbott's Frozen Custard nearby has made its famous turtle pie sugar-free, even nut-free, on request for friends on special diets. The owner has a gracious way of greeting and serving customers.

Fauna's, on Midtown's second level, tantalizes shoppers with windows full of toys and gifts unavailable elsewhere. The good-hearted owner went out of her way to box a pitcher and bowl for a parcel-post trip to Maine.

Sweet Dawn, tucked inside the lobby of Clinton Square, offers fresh lunches. That, plus a mix of family and longtime employees, makes a simple little shop feel like home.

KATHLEEN C. FRANCIS

IRONDEQUOIT

Tune in to dangers of TV deregulation

In less than a month, the Federal Communications Commission is to vote on proposed rules for deregulation of the TV industry.

This would open up ownership of multiple stations in one city, along with ownership of other media such as radio and newspapers. It is likely to result in greatly increased concentration and reduced competition, according to FCC Commissioner Michael Copps. The requirement that TV stations use the airwaves in the public interest will essentially be eliminated.

This is being done very quietly, with little notice to the public and no provision for public comment. The present procedure for renewing licenses for TV stations would be weakened further. Independently produced TV programs would become rare. The stifling effect on public involvement in vital decisions is frightening.

Become informed by going to [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) on the Internet. Make your voice heard by insisting on more public input and discussion of probable effects by the commission.

If you like what happened to radio with ownership concentration (cookie-cutter station programming, no local program production), you'll love what's going to happen to television.

BILL BURKS

IRONDEQUOIT

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Wonders if nation's soldiers were misled

It was inspiring to see the young soldiers on TV voicing their desire and determination to defend our country. They clearly believed what we had all been told - that Iraq had an arsenal of weapons of mass destruction that posed a direct threat to our nation. So we went to war, and about 125 of these brave young people gave up their lives. But so far, no weapons of mass destruction have been found. It defies logic to believe that if Saddam Hussein had them that he would not have used them to attempt to save his regime.

Were we and those young soldiers given bogus information? If so, then someone's conscience should be bothering him.

ARTHUR J. CONNORS

ROCHESTER

Bittersweet victory by U.S. in Iraq

Congratulations to our troops and to a military that with a minimum loss of life and destruction of property have removed the Saddam Hussein regime from Iraq.

I cannot congratulate our president and leadership for misleading us with trumped-up reasons for an invasion that has cost many lives on both sides. If the Iraq regime really presented a threat, I cannot find any evidence to support the pre-invasion arguments in the way Iraq crumbled. The oil fields were not destroyed, a simple task; there were no weapons of mass destruction used although there was certainly time and opportunity.

There is a great deal of evidence that we could have waited for and received greater support by working further with the U.N. It would have legitimized the invasion.

Let us hope that the peace is managed by a leadership not intent on deceiving the American people and by a leadership willing to work in the context of the world community. Saddam was bad and his removal good, but the rest of the process was unnecessary. The U.N., not the military might displayed by the U.S., is the future of peace in the world.

DONALD RAINES

NAPLES

New recycling aids planet, taxpayers

An April 22 front page headline was one of the most positive I've seen in a long time: "Monroe expanding its recycling program." The program now includes throwaways such as cereal, cracker and tissue boxes; clean pizza boxes that have been flattened; unwanted mail, advertisements and brochures; home office paper, files and shredded paper; all kinds of envelopes, paperback and hardcover books; school papers; gift paper and tubes; and tubes from paper towels and toilet paper.

I am grateful that the county is making such good headway in its recycling efforts - good news for taxpayers because this program is saving us money and good news for Mother Earth for obvious reasons.

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Now if we could just educate everyone about the long-term benefits of effective recycling and get them to be active and enthusiastic participants of the curbside recycling program. And, Monroe County, since we avid recyclers always want more, how about expanding our program to include more plastics and Styrofoam packaging, egg cartons, etc., that simply end up as toxic non-biodegradeables in our landfills?

ANDREA EHMANN

ROCHESTER

PATS ON THE BACK

Sunshine, fiddlers, barbecue chicken

We went to the Old Fashion Days at Honey Locust Farm on April 27 and had a great time. My wife and I and our daughter and two grandchildren enjoyed the horses, oxen, face painting and the barbecue chicken dinner. The Niagara Fiddlers provided the fine country music, along with some fine vocals and guitar and banjo pickin'. What else could you ask for on such a lovely spring day? We all look forward to next year.

JERRY ENGLERTH

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