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ing the banning of free cigarette sample giveaways on Cleveland city streets. This local initiative can go a long way to decreasing the ease with which young people and past smokers get access to tobacco and nicotine. It is also very timely that on Feb. 20, Sen. Edward Kennedy began hearings on his proposed Tobacco Products Education and Health Protection Act of 1990 (S 1883). It proposes a new national effort to reduce smoking and tobacco use in the United States by establishing a Center for Tobacco Products that the federal Centers for Disease Control will oversee a $50 million counteradvertising campaign and have authority over tobacco product additives. Residents of Cleveland and Ohio must call on our senators to support this proposed legislation.

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Cleveland

Teaching self-esteem

I am writing this letter as a concerned parent and a concerned resident of our great city. I envision Cleveland on the rise, being a community in which one can take pride. We have yet, however, a few issues that must be addressed. Among them are education, self-esteem and drugs. I asked the past president of our school board, in a system that has a majority of black students, about black history in order to lift their self-esteem.

I was told that those were things that should begin at home. I asked the same question of our current president. He said it begins at home and in the church. How can the parents of our children today teach them history that you have not taught in your system since the late '30s? I would like to share with your board of education a law that was passed by the Ohio legislature: ORC 3313.60.

■ She will be guaranteed protection of her identity from everyone except the defendant if she decides to sue because of any loss or injury resulting from the abortion. Up till this time women have been required by abortionists to sign a paper releasing them from all responsibility in performing the abortion.

■ She would be assured of knowing the many choices available to her from Social Service agencies as well as other support groups through her pregnancy.

If you really care about the well-being and health of our mothers, please insure them the opportunity to make the best possible judgments through passage of "Woman's Right to Know Act." Please write to Rep. Ross Boggs and House Speaker Vern Riffe today, asking them to support this most vital piece of legislation.

RITA SARELL
Jefferson

Sarell is president of the Ashtabula County Right to Life Society.

In Shaker's defense

My good friend Brent Larkin told your readers a story about Shaker Heights, its mayor and the attitude of its citizens and/or political officials, i.e. councilmen (Metro commentary, March 1).

Larkin spoke of Shaker Heights as though it once was a fine community and is now just ordinary and run by selfish, backward and self-serving politicians.

As a 26-year resident of Shaker Heights, I would like to state that Shaker Heights is still a fine and very beautiful community. There are homes that vary from the very ordinary to magnificent. It is a community that is proud of the reputation it has achieved, not only throughout the country but through-

It took a lot of guts for Alfred a
Shaker Heights city council
stand up to the impressive and n
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at Shaker Heights.

Congratulations to Alfred ar
Shaker Heights city council f
their courage to demonstrate Har
Truman's well-known saying, "
you can't stand the heat stay out
the kitchen."

SHELDON D. SCHECTER
Shaker Heights

REGARDING Brent Larkin
commentary of March 1:

"For the sake of a few duc
ponds," says Larkin, "Shake
Heights officials threatened to ki
a $500 million development projec
... It was a blatant attempt b
(Mayor) Alfred to use his leverag
over the Figgie deal to win a ne
lease for the lakes."

Now I'm no great fan of poli
ticians, but what is politics if it isn'
the use of leverage to achieve end
beneficial to the constituents whon
you represent? This hardly seems
damning charge to level at any poli
tician.

My second point is this: If all thi
was merely, as Larkin implies, a
attempt by Shaker Heights to mak
Cleveland jump through the hoops
don't you think Shaker would hav
played for higher stakes? An ex
tended lease on "a few duck ponds
is not a lot to ask for.

It seems there were three othe
alternatives to Shaker's actions re
garding approval for the Figgi
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asking for nothing in return. (Ar