

Readers Speak Up

Readers Get 'Hot' In Spite of the Weather

Idea on Handicapped Editor:

Having devoted the major portion of my professional career serving physically handicapped children, I feel the recent editorial titled "Excellent Thought, But" by Emory Daniels deserves a few comments. Universal legislation requiring public buildings to provide easy access for physically handicapped persons has been long overdue. Antiquated means of access has forced such individuals to literally fight their way back door or delivery door citizens in order to gain entrance. Buildings with unmanageable steps and inadequate entrances must be circumvented, although an urgent need for admission may exist.

Unfold hardships have been heaped upon adults participating daily in our society. The impression Mr. Daniels' article creates is he wishes to assure each physically handicapped student similar indignities only at an earlier age. Must these children be delivery door students in our modern society?

The editorial writer states school health specialists report medical advances have decreased the incidence of orthopedic cases in the past couple of years and the trend is expected to continue. Overlooked are the facts, numerous casual factors appear beyond present day technology and will still require considerable investigation. Children by nature of their exuberance and daring are most accident prone, a fact which continually plagues school authorities and responsible families. The question remains, not when will such problems be totally eradicated, however, what may we as citizens do to assist those in need until our millennium is evidenced.

The "cluster program," where one school district provides care and education for a specific disability on the surface appears as a plausible solution. Scratch beneath the surface and an artificial atmosphere has been created for many youngsters, whose right to be treated and considered equal to their peers is denied. As recommended in the report, such physically handicapped children, in many instances, would be bussed for greater distances

than parents allow school boards to bus normal students.

On the horizon, we must all be mindful of this student's future role as an adult and citizen. Will society eventually force him to "cluster" in his living and work habits or will he occupy a rightful place along side each of us. To deprive him of an integrated opportunity merely due to the added expense of wider doors, would be a sad commentary on our present day values.

I, for one, urge our legislators to pass legislation requiring all new school construction to incorporate designs providing means of easy access and egress in all necessary areas. Won't you do the same?

George Andrews, Chairman, Division of Physical Therapy

In Defense Of Panackia Open Letter to Peter Ventura, President Livonia City Council:

It seems that every Wednesday night, when I pick up our fine local newspaper, The Livonia Observer, I find the builder of my

house, The Panackia Building Co., receiving a lot of adverse publicity.

I don't know anything about the problems the complaining parties are having and I don't want to know. My purpose in writing to you is to tell you of my experience with the above named builder and the members of his company.

I have found that when requesting service or some adjustment from any member of their organization or one of their many sub-contractors in a gentlemanly and business like manner, I have received the requested service in the same prompt, efficient, business like way. Never have we been refused a reasonable request.

I moved my wife and two children from Omaha, Nebraska to Detroit after selling our house quicker than we had anticipated. We were living in a local motel while attempting to find a house in a very tight "Seller's Market". We luckily found our present house on an unfurnished condition. After explaining our uncomfortable circumstances to Joe and Bob Panackia, they promised to complete the house for us in record time. This they did

and in even less time than they had promised. It was obvious to me that they were paying overtime wages in an effort to accommodate us.

We have had many problems with our new home, as most everyone does. We have not been at all reluctant to request service or repairs on even the most minute of these problems. In every instance The Panackia Building Co. has completed the requested service in their very efficient and acceptable manner.

I know "the grass is always greener on the other side of the street." I also know that there are many problems experienced in operating a business such as The Panackia Building Co., particularly with our tight labor market and the many material shortages.

To conclude, I simply would like you and the members of Council to know that in my opinion, The Panackia Building Co. and all of their associates, have always made an honest and conscientious effort to provide my family and myself every service that we requested on our new readers waste their time.

home. The Panackia Building Co. has fulfilled their contract with me to my complete satisfaction.

M. Larry Morgan
Livonia

Look Who's Talking Editor:

The letter in The Observer of 2 weeks ago criticizing Meri-Lyn Subdivisions opposition to the expressway cross-over was a classic example of a selfish, self-centered and mobbish attitude with which all of us who live in Kimberly Oaks do not want to be identified.

The writer of the letter I refer to sounded very much like someone who is trying desperately to get elected to office in the next civic association election. He apparently lacked the integrity to tell the readers that he lives just around the corner from Hubbard and would be directly affected if the cross-over were placed at that street instead of Berwick.

In reference to his suggestions that people take a ride and look us over, may I suggest that before too many we requested on our new readers waste their time.

looking at Kimberly Oaks boulevards, (which were placed there by the developer and sodded by the City with taxpayer money) on trances (which were also built by the developer) and "special sign boards" (including the one at London and Westmore which was immediately knocked over apparently by vandals, and as of today, still has not been repaired) that they look elsewhere for examples of what can be done. Burton Hollow, Woodcreek Farms and Brookwood, all built at about the same time with similar homes would seem far better examples to follow.

Did you know Mr. Malik that at least one past president of Meri-Lyn Civic Association gave generously of his time and talents to help us from Civic Association?

I only hope that all of us in Kimberly Oaks will not be judged by your letter or some of the less prudent actions taken by our civic association?

Resident

Meddling Nuisance Editor:

It is rather difficult to

understand the motive of the Mayor and Council of Garden City, relative to enacting some of the amendments to the general licensing ordinance. A good deal of the subject matter was adopted many years ago and in 1963 was amended primarily to regulate in orderly fashion the business of transient merchants.

The Mayor has said that the ordinance is not designed as a revenue ordinance. If this be true why raise the license fees? I would think that the most important facet of this ordinance relative to finances would be to see that the city's actual expenses be covered for the service of registering and licensing, etc. What is more important is the bonding and insurance of certain types of business necessary for the protection of foreign visitors lately, Mr. Berry's "Lock your filing case, it doesn't sound like you."

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TOM POLLARD
Garden City

the city and business has now been amended into a "Peek-a-Boo" meddlesome nuisance. There should be no place in a general licensing ordinance for examination of books and records.

Why should it be necessary to take a loyalty oath to sell ice cream, candy, or bread and milk? I thought all of us were more sophisticated than the days of the late Senator McCarthy.

The particular section on moral character I think was adequately covered in the old ordinance. I'm sure there are plenty of bones in the closet to rattle around but you can accomplish your purpose by not rattling them so loud and let the police department do bad but some of it reminds me of something I might find outside the country. Had any of our foreign visitors lately, Mr. Berry's "Lock your filing case, it doesn't sound like you."

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