

Our Readers Speak Up On Varied Community Issues

Help! We're Stuck On Newburg Road

Editor:
The bottom fell out of Newburg Rd. again and is now virtually impassable. We have been using this road at least twice daily for the past five years and have silently suffered, knowing that the finances of the City did not permit improvements. This argument is no longer valid.

Apparently it is the squeaky wheel that gets the grease in this town regardless of necessity and we think the time has arrived to make Newburg Road a loud squeaky wheel. The money spent in grading and filling this gravel road in the past year alone would have paved a substantial portion of it.

Our City Council recently saw fit to raise their own salaries, in violation of the City Charter, calling it "expenses." We invite these gentlemen to use some of their so-called expenses to travel Newburg to see for themselves the condition of this main mile road.

Newburg is far more heavily traveled than the newly paved Amritien Road.

The new Section 17 Junior High, whose access is Newburg, is now open. New stores are being built on the corners of 5 and 6 Mile. This road

also carries school bus traffic to St. Edith's Church and school, and the two public schools in Castle Gardens.

The main entrance to Ladywood High School is on Newburg.

The citizens have suffered long enough. Newburg Road is not only dangerous—it is costly in terms of private expenses of people paying for broken shocks, springs and tires.

Gentlemen of the City Council, you have taken care of yourselves and many other of our city officials. It is now time to take care of your constituents.

For those of you who travel Newburg Road and feel as frustrated as we do, why not call your elected representatives and express your complaints. They will be most pleased to hear from you.

Their names and phone numbers are as follows: Peter Ventura, GA 2-8404; Robert Nash, GA 1-7253; Rudolf Kleinert, GA 1-8532; Edward McNamara, GA 2-9173; Edward Milligan, GA 7-3158; Jerry Raymond, GA 2-0381; and Jack Salvatore, GA 5-1518.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Shirley
Castle Gardens, Livonia

On JBS Meeting

Editor:
The program sponsored by the JBS on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at Bentley High School should once again reaffirm our belief that freedom of speech is a necessary ingredient for a free society.

It appears that people, by listening to various divergent political opinions, are able to arrive at their own conclusion. The people at this program immediately saw through the irrational introduction to the film. They also clearly noticed the guilt by association, half truths, innuendos, and misinformation that the JBS is notorious for.

To the great many young people who were there, the JBS is no longer a mystery. They now see its one-sided bigoted point of view. The Livonia School System should be commended for allowing this type of public forum. It can only be hoped that organization from the left is granted the same courtesy.

Ed. Note: The Observer agrees wholeheartedly with writer's point of view.

Gordon A. Bell
Livonia

Tongue In Cheek, History of Progress

Editor:
As a newcomer to Livonia may I compliment the founders of this fine city who, in the 1950's, fled the horrors of Detroit, and, following the advice of Horace Greely, moved westward to carve a metropolitan wonder out of a corn field wilderness.

These were men of vision who, despite their secondary city educations, held tightly to their UAW union cards and augged forward into the unknown.

They were true Americans—hardworking and exceedingly practical, who preferred handling a smoothly operating drill press to studying the useless intricacies of existentialism, and rolling a 500 series to reading a Baldwin novel.

However, despite their own lack of formal education, our founding fathers understood that education is a very valuable thing. Therefore, they began constructing schools—schools like no one had ever seen before. Schools with lighted football fields and olympic size swimming pools, for everyone knows that football and swimming are exceedingly educational.

Who knows, Livonia might

turn out another Johnny Weissmuller, and look how intelligent he is! But, just in case the offspring of our pragmatic founders were not interested in becoming Bart Sturrs or Johnny Weissmullers, our founding fathers constructed welding shops, automobile repair shops, wood shops, and metal shops in order that their sons could have the opportunity that they themselves never had—the chance to learn to work a drill press in a modern, fully equipped ivory tower.

Of course, our founding fathers also had the foresight to equip our schools with books. They installed great libraries, "the largest high school libraries in the entire state of Michigan." However, obviously they put restrictions on the books those libraries would contain; for who knows what might happen if their children were allowed to read such trash as Catcher in the Rye.

Their innocent offspring might end up like those perverted, un-washed peace creeps who protest out at Berkeley—and all good Livonia people know that you cannot carry a placard and operate a drill press at the same time.

MICHAEL NELSON
Livonia

Appreciates Doctor

Editor:
A note of praise where one seldom hears any given is to a doctor. Mostly we hear of the doctor who doesn't make house calls, keeps the patients waiting, high fees, no time to listen to the numerous complaints of the patient and just too busy for the occasional office phone call we all need to make at times.

There is one doctor that doesn't fit in the above group, not only is he a good doctor, but in my opinion is a compassionate and kind person.

This conversation was overheard by a lady patient in a hospital a few months ago. The doctor had an elderly gentleman patient he just released from the hospital. He asked the old gent if anyone was coming for him, to which the reply was, no, he would have to call a cab. The doctor

said, "No, you don't. You wait and I'll drive you home."

Which he proceeded to do. The lady who heard this conversation knew from the doctor's name and my description of him that it was the doctor (we, as a family, have been going to for the past several years).

Another time, our son got upset over news of a friend being killed in an accident and he had to go to this doctor. He gave him medication and he was fine in a day or two. This doctor called our

Drives Illegally

Jack D. Holly, 37, of 3053 E. Eighth St., Warren pleaded guilty last week to driving his car in violation of the State Financial Responsibility Act and paid a fine of \$82.50 in Livonia Municipal Court.

home to see how our boy was doing the next day, an unusual concern now-a-days.

Dr. John H. Weidner, not only a word of praise, but a long life and a thank-you from one of your many patients. It's nice to know there are doctors like you around.

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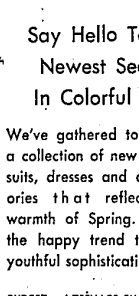
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