

How To Save On Paper Bags

EDITOR:

In regard to the list of excuses printed in Margaret Miller's "m.m. memos" (Aug. 9), all I can say is lame ... very lame. (Mrs. Miller wrote about the difficulty of giving up paper bags.) I write not so much to condemn you, but to answer all those who truly feel those excuses justified.

As to needing seven or eight bags to carry a week's groceries, you might cut that down by considering each purchase (e.g., buying juice concentrates rather than canned juices.) For those who want to economize, we make a bag without handles for \$3 which is used primarily for grocery shopping.

You would probably want one with handles for incidental shopping so to provide for your shopping needs would cost \$25. This sounds like a lot of money until you consider that each of those paper bags costs you two cents and that each canvas bag will do the work of at least 200 paper bags.

If the practice of carrying your own bag became popular enough, I am sure, a grocery store competition being what it is, you would see what those savings reflected in lower food prices.

Merchants are more than happy to give you their used boxes for hauling things to the rummage sale.

Our bags are very good for carrying cans and bottles to be recycled. Stop by the recycling bins on the way to the store.

No. 4 daughter's name and phone number written on a Tree Saver will help it from getting lost.

A few layers of newspaper do a marvelous job of wrapping the wet, nasty garbage if you don't compost it, and the rest of the garbage (cans, bottles, paper, plastic) either don't have to be wrapped or can be recycled.

Finally, when it all comes down, I'll bet your cat would rather climb a tree than into a paper bag and I'll bet, in fact I have bet, that you would rather your children have a forest to walk in when they're

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- Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause.
- The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

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CLAYTON H. MILLER
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Teachers Shun The Bus

EDITOR:

The entry of the Michigan Education Assn., parent organization of the Garden City Education Assn., into the busing appeal is remarkable both for its audacity and its contemptible hypocrisy.

Entering the appeal for the ostensible purpose of protecting local teacher rights, this teachers' union has the gall to remind the court that while it has no objection to the idea of busing students, it cannot abide the inclusion of teachers in these transfer plans.

Any organization confused and cowardly enough to simultaneously approve the busing of elementary children and oppose the inclusion of adult teachers deserves not the respect but the scorn and contempt of the taxpaying public.

LYNWOOD DAY,
Disgusted Teacher
Garden City

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Why Taxpayer Is Revolting

EDITOR:

This is, I hope, an objective, though belated, rebuttal to your front page editorial about three editions ago where you urged us to vote "yes" for a millage increase to build new parks and recreational facilities.

Mayor McNamara's article

That sounds to me like a mixture of childish frustration and admission of inadequacy on the part of the McNamara administration.

After 55 years on this mortal coil, I voted in my very first primary last week. And I voted "no" on every city and county proposal that advocated a raise in taxes. Your front-page editorial, so provocative to a buying homeowner - prompted me to do so, even if it was raining that day.

I also voted for John Markes, candidate for the 36th District House seat because he spoke out for tax reform, no fault insurance, and tax relief for disabled veterans and senior citizens.

You see, Mr. Editor, I'm a 100 per cent service-connected disabled veteran, WWII and Korean campaign, and have been unemployed since March 1971. Yet the Livonia tax assessor and his stacked-deck board of review tell me that I'm not eligible for that exemption benefit afforded disabled Michigan veterans.

I am buying a modest 15-year-old home, worth about \$28,500 and my monthly mortgage payment is \$192. I make the monthly payment out of my VA compensation. And, out of the \$192 each month, \$53.66 is taken for property taxes.

MILTON I. BUCKINGHAM
Livonia

A Bad Day At The Park

EDITOR:

I kept reading in the papers that Mayor Edward McNamara of Livonia blames busing as the reason people didn't vote for more parks.

Why doesn't he take his head out of the sand and really ask the people? I for one voted against it twice - and that really burns me that my vote didn't count the first time.

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I took my four children to a park by Ford Field one pretty summer day, and to my surprise nobody was using it. Well, I soon found out why.

About five or six 12-year-olds were sure having a time hallooing with water and letting it go all over, breaking bottles. The language was awful. I tried to read a magazine, and my kids tried to play on the park equipment with no luck. We left after 15 minutes.

So you will get a NO vote every time from me on any park proposed in the future.

MRS. DALE REILLY
Livonia

Gangs Fight For Thrills

EDITOR:

I've been reading the installments on the fate of the parks with a great deal of interest. I've seen what's happening now coming for about six years, when it first became unsafe to go just because anywhere in some parks, anytime.

A great many of the problems are caused by two elements; the organized motorcycle "clubs" and juvenile gangs. The cyclists, of course, are not usually juveniles.

They've added a new twist to park land outside of violent "thrill fisting" or mob assault for the fun of it. Unlike mugging, no profit motive is involved; a noticeably fat wallet may be deliberately overlooked, and if the victim offers money to his assailants, they may take it and throw it away!

The cycle gangs can be combatted partially. As adults, charges can be pressed against them. Their knowledge of this had led to an abandonment of rape as a pastime in favor of beating, assault and battery" if enforced, is a three months

Anyone agreeing with this, we suggest you write your U.S. senator and congressman urging some action along this line.

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Morrison Honored On Retirement

A 35-year career as chief estimator for Michigan's largest general contracting firm officially ends this week for Harold Morrison, 3100 Pointe de Woods Drive, Farmington.

Described as one of the Detroit area's best known contractors and construction men, Morrison will be honored at a retirement dinner this evening (Wednesday) at Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills.

MORRISON, WHO is stepping down from his post as vice president in charge of estimating at Darin & Armstrong, Inc., has been with the company for over 35 years. He long has been the company's chief estimator and held his present title for almost 20 years.

The number of servicemen being discharged, is rising substantially each month, and if the planned withdrawal from Viet Nam continues on schedule, most of them will be looking for jobs.

Has Congress considered the possibility of voluntary retirement with social security benefits available to any who desire to retire at a younger age than 62? Many persons currently employed would retire at 50 or 55 if social security benefits were available.

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He has slated Sept. 1 as the target date for his retirement. Born in Toronto, Morrison entered the construction industry during the depression years, joining Darin and Armstrong in Detroit in 1937.

Active in professional groups and societies, he served on the construction activities committee of the Engineering Society of Detroit and the industry relation committee of the Associated General Contractors of America.

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LETHA THUMME - Services for former Plymouth resident Mrs. Thumme, 81, of 5124 Hoffman, Eastland, Mich. died Aug. 19 in the Schroeder Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Paul Carigo. Mrs. Thumme died on Aug. 19 and was buried in the Riverside Cemetery.

ROLIE ALDEN - Services for Mr. Alden, 50, of 8537 Hubbard, Westland, were held Aug. 23 in the Apostolic Gospel Church. Officiating was the Rev. Paul Leaman. Mr. Alden died Aug. 19 and was buried in the Fairview Cemetery.

MABEL F. DONOHUE - Services for Mrs. Donohue, 78, of 683 Kellogg, Plymouth, were held Aug. 19 in the Schroeder Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Francis Katsouris. Mrs. Donohue died on Aug. 17 and has been buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

JOHN ADAMS - Services for Mr. Adams, 59, of 12316 Riaman, Plymouth, were held Aug. 19 in St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. Francis Katsouris. Mr. Adams died Aug. 15 and was buried in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

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