

# 'American Wilderness' Film Called 'Revolting'

**EDITOR:**  
This letter is a warning to prospective moviegoers who love nature and are duped into seeing "The American Wilderness," thinking they will see beauty. The advertisement promises "From Alaska to Baja," rated "G" for all the family. What could be more appealing? We looked forward to seeing all the gorgeous scenery.

We were revolted and repelled by what was shown. When we couldn't stomach any more of the cruel slaughtering of beautiful, innocent animals by a so-called "sportsman," we walked out, sick to our souls. Some of the animals didn't even try to escape, never having seen a "man" before - if he could be called that. A real man shows love for all creatures.

As a woman who reveres life above all things, I just don't understand how such cruelty can be rated "G" for our children to see. Do we want children to be cruel?

Movies showing a male and a female are rated "X." I'm mystified by this. I'd much rather my children saw this than wanton killing and violence. At least, it's a natural thing we all expect, if we're lucky. May I quote a few lines? It says it so much better than I can.

"Man is not born wicked, he becomes so as he becomes sick."

What is the meaning of human life, or for that matter, of the life of any creature? To know an answer to this question means to be truly religious. You ask: Does it make any sense then to pose

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this question? I answer: "The man who regards his own life and that of his fellow creatures as meaningless is not merely unhappy but hardly fit for life." I have quoted the late Albert Einstein. Amen.

LORETTA L. MCCARTNEY  
Westland

## Hunting Film 'Disgusting'

**EDITOR:**  
I agree with your outdoors editor, Lem Meece, on his article about the movie "The American Wilderness." Wish I had read it before going to see the movie. My husband and I were very disappointed - and disgusted. It did not in any way live up to our expectations.

An ad in another paper reads, in part, "will appeal to animal lovers." What animal lover wants to see animals killed? Be hung on a trophy wall? Not I.

The way they tried to justify the killing of these animals was shameful. They said that the animals were old, and would not have lived another year anyway.

The advertising for this movie was false. Were we duped? You bet.

PEG KAZMER  
Livonia

## No Cutbacks In Legislature

**EDITOR:**  
The writers sent the following letter to State Rep. Marvin Stempien, Democrat majority floor leader in the House whose district includes Livonia.

I cannot tell you how angered my husband and I are since we have learned how this present legislative body has abused its privileges as elected officials of the people of Michigan.

During these days when the State of Michigan is curtailing vital services to the people, the legislators seem to feel that they cannot only give themselves a raise of \$2,000 a year, but now they think that they can stick the people for their own and their children's dental expenses.

How dare you people think you can get away with this! You may not be aware of this, sir, but we are pretty near the point of a taxpayers revolt and I for one will, if this silly legislation goes through, start

a petition for a recall of our elected officials.

I would like to suggest for this coming session that the legislators:

1-Cancel their raise, since the people did not sanction it.

2-Curtail all travel budgets outside of the U.S.

3-Restore the budget cuts from education, social services and mental health.

4-Stop acting as though the people whom they supposedly serve are close to dim-wits who do not realize that they are being had.

KARL AND DOROTHY SJOGREN  
LIVONIA

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The State Executive Officers Compensation Commission recommended the \$2,000 - a year pay increases for state senators and representatives. The pay hikes, which raised the legislators' salaries to \$17,000 a year, became reality when the House and Senate did not reject them before Feb. 1, 1971. The dental program for legislators and their families mentioned by Mr. and Mrs. Sjogren would have paid up to 80 per cent of dental costs for our state senators, their spouses and children. The public and the news media raise such a loud cry at this trip to the public trough, however, that the legislators reluctantly rescinded the program that would have fired their teeth largely at public expense.)

**EDITOR:**  
In relation to the City of Livonia court suit against the state racing commissioner and the DRC and in regard to problems created by the DRC to Livonia residents, the official position of the Federation of Livonia Civic Assn. taken by a unanimous vote of the 26 civic associations represented at our Feb. 9, 1971, meeting is as follows:

"Resolved, that the Federation of Livonia Civic Assns. opposes any extension of the present racing season (150 days) and requests a solution of the problems and nuisance created by the present length of season."

As to existing problems, traffic is often solid along main thoroughfares even though traffic lights are operated to favor race track traffic, which causes Livonia residents difficulty in entering main streets. Residential streets are then heavily used

as shortcuts by race track users.

Furthermore, a documented Livonia Police Dept. report included in the federation's race track report, shows that accidents almost double on Schoolcraft and more than double on Middle Belt during the racing season, with the season with the best driving conditions most daylight. It is therefore quite obvious that a traffic situation which is moderate to heavy under normal conditions becomes very dangerous during the racing season.

MARTIN F. SEITZ,  
president  
Federation of Livonia Civic Associations

## Couple Praise Nurse, Officer

**EDITOR:**  
We lost our dear friend and neighbor, Scott Edward Nelson, in a tragic accident the night of Jan. 27. Words cannot express the kindness and helpfulness shown us by Cpl. Thomas Wilson of the Livonia Police and Miss Ruby Yeager, supervisor of the emergency room at St. Mary Hospital of Livonia.

May God bless both of them.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH WILSON  
Farmington

## Slow Mail Irks Mother

**EDITOR:**  
Would you believe a letter my husband in London mailed to me Tuesday, Feb. 16 (via Holland because of the British mail strike) arrived on Friday, and a letter I mailed the same Tuesday from a Livonia post office didn't reach the box office of Olympia Stadium until Saturday? Hard to believe, but that's what happened.

It nearly caused five little boys to miss Disney on Parade. Not a big thing to some but a very big disappointment for them. Luckily there were other tickets available so things worked out all right this time.

The point is, why should this happen? Where was that letter all that time? This is not the only such incident I've encountered. It takes four or five days for a letter to reach the western side of this state. I know. I send them regularly to my parents.

Yet the U.S. Post Office Dept. is raising our rates again plus closing the windows on Saturday. Somehow I can't see how we are going to benefit. We aren't! Why can't all this junk mail that constitutes at least 50 per cent of each delivery be banned or the rate raised so high that the advertiser can't

afford to send it? All it does is make more garbage, as I doubt that many people even bother to open it.

Where do we write to complain? I know I'm not the only one who feels this way. Maybe if we all wrote and registered our opinion, the voice of the little people could be heard.

MRS. W.S.D. LIVONIA

## Jet Pollution Stirs Debate

**EDITOR:**  
This letter was sent to the Livonia Environmental Awareness Center.

I read with interest the article on Page 2B of the Livonia Observer of Wednesday, Feb. 10, which stated in part: "According to the center, the jet (the SST) affects a 50-mile radius by dropping a ton of pollution for every half mile of travel."

Could you please either provide me with substantiating facts to back up this statement or describe where I could dig up these facts for myself? I find it extremely difficult to believe that an aircraft which loaded somewhere in the neighborhood of 800 tons or so could discharge 3,600 tons of pollution per hour (at its forecast speed of 1,800 mph) or almost 7,000 tons in a New York - London flight (3,465 miles).

If these figures are indeed true, the situation is certainly as drastic as you proclaim. However, Boeing states that an SST emits only four-tenths of a pound of pollutants per mile - one ten-thousandth of the amount your statement credits it with.

Someone - either your organization or the Boeing Co. - is apparently stretching a point for the dubious purpose of sensationalism. And I'd like to find out who this someone really is!

R. S. MELTON  
Livonia

## Schools Asked To Hold Line

**EDITOR:**  
The Observer has brought to my attention that another Livonia school election date has been set and that they, the school board, could not make up their minds as to what to put before the people.

That you can chalk up as the number one joke of the year. I am quite sure that they will think of enough issues to confuse the voter into giving them something of the package.

For instance, in a later edition, they want to tell the voter we take bond money for the junior high school and with additional bond or money we can have that which you voted down the last time around. I have always had my doubts as to when the people would get wise to the board's insistent methods.

Maybe the Junta to Lake St. Clair at our expense have built courage into the already overbalanced ego that they can put one over on the voter. It is quite evident to me now that we didn't need that school and there is still probably a lot of dead wood in our school system that needs trimming out. I am interested in a sound education for each and every child in Livonia School District without frills.

We in Livonia can start now to set an example to our state and the nation on economy. The raises you get do not increase our purchasing power. It can never surpass the price of commodities, believe me. I know. I have written and negotiated contracts all my life.

So I say to the school board, no more one-year contracts. Hold the line on fringe benefits. Stop building schools that look like bomb craters instead of buildings of education. Be interested in the cost of maintenance after it is built. If you haven't the capabilities, please bow out.

I hope the voters hold the line on March 29.

JACK BURGESS  
Livonia

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As of this writing, the Livonia school board has placed two issues on the March 29 ballot - renewal of a \$3.5 mill operating tax and a \$7.4 million bond issue for a vocational-technical high school.

## Remember The POWs

**EDITOR:**  
Did you know American service men are being killed every day in Vietnam? Did you know 1,600 men are missing - in action or prisoners of war? Did you know more than 10,000 American - wives, children, parents, brothers and sisters - every day pray for the return of these men?

Are you aware these men are giving their lives for you? Has it occurred to you it could be your husband, son, brother, nephew, uncle or friend?

Regardless of how you feel

about the war, can you honestly ignore the facts?

Did you know the first week of February had been declared Prisoner of War Week in Livonia by Mayor McNamara? Did you read the articles in the newspapers? Did you see the red, white and blue drop boxes in city hall, all fire stations, bowling alleys, banks and libraries?

While shopping at Livonia Mall, did you stop and read the posters about POW Week and see two more drop boxes? Did you read the marquee at Wonderland Shopping Center - "Release War Prisoners. Write Now!"

Did you write a letter asking

for the release of our prisoners of war? Or were you one of the people who dropped candy wrappers in the boxes? Why couldn't you have written a letter, addressed to Paris Peace Talks and put it in a drop box with 13 cents postage?

Do you stand in long lines to see "X" rated films? Do you wait to be seated and then wait to be served in your favorite restaurant? Then why couldn't you have taken 15 minutes of your "precious" time to write a letter?

If and when our prisoners of war are released, I hope they "thank" you for your concern.

PAT DAVEY  
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