

# Evangelicals Don't Deserve Jokes

**EDITOR:**  
Rev. Lester Kinsolving's article ("Religion Update") in your April 29 issue distresses me.

Rev. Kinsolving is certainly not being objective in his reporting when he polarizes all mankind everywhere into two distinct populations: At one pole, the Rev. Dr. Fresser, and at the other, Mr. Kinsolving and all the rest of us.

I personally believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and my way to heaven, and it seems that Mr. Kinsolving is unaware that there are others who do not share his view that evangelical Christians are stupid and engage in medieval antics.

Mr. Kinsolving writes with vast sarcasm about the "great" Lutheran leader. I am not Lutheran, but I hesitate to jest about the greatness or lack of it, in another. The Bible tells us not to judge, and I hope that I am not judging Mr. Kinsolving.

My reason for writing this letter is to restate with him for haphazardly including me in his egocentricity. I am entitled to my own beliefs, and one of those beliefs is that Christ died on Calvary vicariously, for my sins, and I don't think that a minister should be sitting somewhere hilariously joking about my naïveté.

It is a reflection not only on me and on other evangelicals, but (what is more important)

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### Muffle The Mower!

**EDITOR:**  
Guess what? Spring! and the voice of the golden - (?) - throated lawnmower will once again drift across the suburb at six o'clock Saturday morning.

So when, I pray, is the Livonia City Council going to get around to passing a better noise control ordinance?

Some time ago I tried to interest the Compton Village Civic Association in an idea whereby residents would encourage each other to cut down on the mashing noise by having their gasoline lawnmowers fitted with special mufflers.

To bolster my argument, I researched the problem. Most gasoline lawnmowers on the market are capable of putting out 80-100 decibels (power

ratings vary) which is enough not only to damage the ears of persons using them but to cause physiological changes, say Readers' Digest articles. Good enough?

Installed at the place of purchase, a special muffler like the Briggs "Silentone" (\$1.15) runs \$8 or thereabouts and the warranty may remain in effect, which is of no consequence to those whose warranties already expired. It doesn't cut down on the efficiency of the engine if properly installed and saves everyone a lot of trouble, including the hearing-aid manufacturers.

So, somebody, do something NOW. A noise control ordinance is far and away the best thing we could ask for.

WAYNE LARCINESI  
Livonia

### Strange Set of Values

**EDITOR:**  
Our men in Vietnam have waited long enough for our support; too long to be shot down by a macabre ballot of death for the unborn. At least these men have the courage to accept freedom's responsibilities. How unlike the Americans (?) at home who are discarding all. A strong set of values to say the least.

JOAN M. WEINER  
Livonia

### An Excellent Track Meet

**EDITOR:**  
Your support of the area's

biggest sporting event, the Observerland Relays is truly appreciated. School officials, coaches, parents, students, and local citizens have all complimented us on this meet.

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Much credit goes to Tom Donoghue for his fine reporting - it added considerable interest to this meet. Thus for 1973, we plan to schedule this meet the first Saturday in May. I hope our joint efforts will make the 1973 meet bigger and better than ever.

JOHN B. MACKENZIE  
Meet Director and  
Head Track Coach  
Redford Union High School

**Use Funds On Teaching**

**EDITOR:**  
It seems to me that proponents of cross-city busing are forgetting the main purpose of education, namely that of obtaining the best possible schooling for all children.

When confronted by the expense involved in transporting a chosen few to schools in the suburbs, busing is of questionable value. Additional teaching staff would be required to administer remedial reading and other skills necessary in bringing these children up to grade level at the bused suburban school.

How much wiser then, to allocate the funds necessary to city schools, together with close supervision, and thus give all the children the quality education we all want for them.

NANCY B. MORROW  
Farmington

### Sports Editor Is Great!

**EDITOR:**  
Tom Donoghue, sports editor for the Observer Newspapers, does a great job covering ball games. He's very thorough and dedicated to his profession. He gives us great write-ups and I hope he continues to do so in the future.

JIM BRISKY  
Head Varsity Baseball  
Coach, Borgess High

### Busing Isn't Educating

**EDITOR:**  
To the article on the LWV (League of Women Voters) in the May 3 paper: these well-meaning people do not have education as a goal, but rather integration.

The statement that "busing is not an educational system, but transportation," doesn't hold water. A school is just a building with rooms regardless of where it's located. It's

what transpires in the rooms that counts. With a lot less money, the same things can be taught in Detroit as in Livonia. For those who want integration, blame them, they can move to Detroit and help in a thousand ways. As for me, I'll live in the suburbs and pay the high taxes and suffer the inconvenience because this is the way for me.

Stop trying to force your views and desires on me. I won't force mine on you. You can move anytime, and I will do if you have your way.

MARGARET FRANK  
Ex-Detroit

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### 'Poor Example of Humor'

**EDITOR:**  
I object to the article by Tim Richard on April 26 on busing. Considering it was written in jest (it must have been), it is a poor example of humor, comparable to an ethnic joke.

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