

“ I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. ”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to those who shoveled paths to homes during storm

To the Editor:
A word of thanks to all the unsung heroes who helped a frail neighbor or someone down the street by digging out a driveway or shoveling a path to their home. This can be a lifesaver for emergency crews and can make a huge difference to our volunteers who deliver meals to home-bound seniors.

We do not want to put our volunteers in harm's way and navigable driveways, sidewalks and stairs are very important to those who deliver our meals. Fortunately, last Thursday we were able to deliver an emergency food package in the event that our hot meals could not be delivered Monday. We ended up having to cancel our meals on wheels Monday primarily due to driving conditions on some side streets and county roads and lack of driveway access to homes. Each of our clients received a call Monday morn-

ing inquiring of their condition and we are working hard to make arrangements to have driveways and sidewalks cleaned off for them.

Of course, when it snows everyone is in need of this service and there are only so many shovels and plows to go around. This is why it is so important to help a neighbor or someone that you know who may not be able to take on this task themselves. We know that many of you do provide this assistance and please know that we greatly appreciate your efforts. If you don't know anyone who needs your assistance in this way, give us a call and we will get you connected. You can reach the Council for Older Adults at 740-363-6677 or 800-994-2255 or on our Web site at www.growingolder.org.

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Concord Township sewer plant an 'underhanded operation'

To the Editor:
This letter is in response to the article written requesting that the lawsuit be dropped by the Friends of Concord Township because they didn't fight the Community Authority in its beginning. A "Community Authority" is formed to fund the infrastructure of a "New Community." Since there is no "New Community," how can this "Authority" be formed? It could only be passed through by our current county commissioners.

If you watch the streaming videos on the Web, you'll see the people pour their hearts out in regard to this sewage treatment plant long before the first shovel of dirt was lifted. They also attended many meetings and begged them not to proceed. They met with the developer, trustees and commissioners. This did not happen in just one meeting, there were many meetings. There were many calls, sifting through papers and papers for answers with no help from (guess who?) the commissioners.

Our township trustees tried to help our township but had no say with the commissioners. These same commissioners are helping the same developer who helped fund their elections. This developer will be paid \$3 million or more to oversee this project. We taxpay-

ers will pay for this. If you take the time to follow the links, you will see what an underhanded operation this sewage treatment plant has been. The developer sells an interrelated golf community, school, fire station and nice homes to the landowners. The developer signs these same landowners up to be in the new "Community Authority" so they cannot escape it. The developer changes his "Community Plans" to a "Treatment Plant" and passes it through the commissioners. The developer has the "Community Authority" formed without having a "New Community." He could not do this without the commissioners.

Now the commissioners can use the taxpayers' money for their attorney and the residents of the county have to pay their own way. The developer is off and running and the fields are being blasted with explosives. How is this American? You tell me. It seems to be a county problem; why not have the county judge decide? If you want me to send you the links just e-mail me at Betsy7070@aol.com; I'd be happy to. If anyone would like to help in any way, please do.

Betsy Moffitt
Delaware

Reader upset that Gazette used space to promote John Birch event

To the Editor:

I was taken aback to see in Thursday's *Gazette* what amounted to a free advertisement for a meeting of the John Birch Society. It was a shock to find that this xenophobic, isolationist organization of gun nuts who advocate withdrawal from the United Nations and oppose public education still exists. (If readers want more information about their bizarre ideas, check their Web site.) The ideals professed by this hate-mongering, right-wing, Bible thumping blot on the body politic are offensive to decent people, and while even folks this deeply disturbed have a right to meet, only the ignorant would host them. And shame on the *Gazette* for running this ad

as if it were news. It shows where your editors stand.

R. Bruce Wright
Delaware

(Editor's note: The Gazette did not run this item as a news story, but as an event happening in the community. We do the same for other groups wishing to promote events, meetings, open houses, etc. As a newspaper, it is our job to inform the public of what's happening in the community and let them decide what to support and not support. Electing not to run something because we may not agree with a particular group's views damages our objectivity and means we aren't doing our job as a source of community information.)



Hide and seek

The campaign manager for Sen. Barack Obama has a point. David Plouffe wants Hillary Clinton to release her income tax returns for the last several years and couple that with a speedier process for releasing papers from the Clinton White House years. That's so voters will be able to judge whether Mrs. Clinton's claims of experience are justified by what she says she did as a virtual "co-president."

Plouffe told reporters last week that Mrs. Clinton is "one of the most secretive politicians in America today." Who would disagree, other than Mrs. Clinton? There does seem to be some inconsistency, if not outright duplicity. On one hand, we are supposed to accept at face value that she is, as former Rep. Dan Rostenkowski is said to have once called her, "the smartest woman in the world." On the other hand, we are to think nothing of her inability to find records, or produce records in a timely fashion, or get records released from the Clinton Presidential Library.

One would think that if the records validated her claim of experience in being part of so many international and domestic policy decisions, she would rush to produce documents that back up those claims. And if her income tax returns contain nothing that could cause embarrassment, those, too, should be coming off the copying machine at Kinko's to be handed out to reporters.

The Clintons have always had a fascination with money and how to make more of it. According to *Forbes.com*, on his 1986 return, "Bill Clinton deducted \$6 for three pairs of underwear and \$75 for a suit with ripped pants given to the Salvation Army." Neither Clinton has to worry about money now, but the country ought to know where the millions they have vacuumed up in recent years came from, and if that money has strings attached.

Last week, *The Washington Times* reported that in May 2006 (the spring before his wife began her campaign for the White House) Bill Clinton made "\$700,000 for his foundation by selling stock he had been given from an Internet search company that was co-founded by a convicted felon and backed by the Chinese government." Mr. Clinton had received the non-publicly traded stock from Accoona Corporation in 2004 as a gift for giving a speech at a company



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event. His windfall came when he sold the 200,000 shares to an undisclosed (naturally) buyer. Clinton got \$3.50 a share at a time when the company was reporting millions of dollars in losses.

Perhaps Mrs. Clinton should start invoking her husband's name when she criticizes CEOs for their golden parachutes, as they flee sinking companies or layoff employees. Too bad Mr. Clinton wasn't among those testifying before a Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hearing last week about huge salaries and bonuses paid to corporate CEOs, while their employees suffer layoffs.

In a related story, *USA Today* reports archivists at the Clinton Presidential Library are blocking release of hundreds of pages of White House papers related to pardons approved by the former president. These include clemency documents for the fugitive commodities trader Marc Rich.

There are the familiar explanations — there always are with the Clintons — about why they can't be more forthcoming with documents and records. When asked about her tax returns during a recent debate, Mrs. Clinton said she hadn't gotten it done yet because she's "a little busy right now." The question was not about the 2007 return, but those from previous years. Surely those earlier returns are available, or have they been misplaced like disappearing documents at the Rose Law Firm, which magically materialized in the White House residence after Ken Starr and a Senate committee subpoenaed them?

As for the documents at the Clinton Presidential Library, both Clintons say they have asked the library to release materials as quickly as possible. But when the Clintons' agent, former Deputy White House Counsel Bruce Lindsey, chooses not to review the withheld documents, it makes one question their sincerity.

This game of they hide while everyone else seeks is familiar to all Clinton observers. Barack Obama should take advantage of the questions of character that have always been asked of the Clintons and the public doubts about their honesty and sincerity in anything that does not promote their personal, political and financial interests.

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