

## **A Life Made for Living**

- Jack Krivit

Over the summer, thirty-three hours of my vacation were given to my driver's education program in order to prepare me for my permit test. A couple days later, another summer morning was lost to the line at the Registration of Motor Vehicles in Revere. After countless hours of waiting in the overcrowded, overheated government building, I was finally able to receive what I had spent so long taking practice tests and watching *Fast & Furious* to get: my permit. Almost three months later, with my permit off the checklist and already a few hours of driving with instructors completed from the summer, I should be coasting easily towards the date six months in the future where I'll hopefully receive my license. But in reality, my route is blocked by truckloads of homework, buses of fellow team and club members, and roadblocks created by my parents.

Before being able to learn how to drive, the real difficulty is finding the time. It is suggested by instructors to drive any time when in the car with a parent, just for the sake of practicing. The most frequent example of how to improve is by driving to the high school in the morning (which would most likely be beneficial if you don't live two blocks away like me). After school, most students have clubs to attend or teams to practice with, which only takes away more time. And as soon as they get home, they begin their homework and finally finish when the sun sets and parents believe it is unsafe to go out. Free time usually only opens up during the weekend, and even then, it is still a struggle to convince a parent to just sit in the car and watch. Because of these problems, a student is only able to practice after scheduling a driving hour. But without constantly going over the correct way to turn or understand traffic signals, the precious sixty minutes are not as beneficial because of all the simple (yet important) mistakes being made.

Besides using the toilet, learning how to drive is probably one of the most useful things a person can do, and just like any other skill, it requires a lot of practice. So, how can this problem be solved? Students who are reading this, I strongly encourage you to find within your busy schedules the time to practice and constantly remind your parents of the six months that are quickly passing. And parents (including you, Mom and Dad!), please remember that your children are depending on you to improve. Because the only thing scarier than wasting money on a failed license exam is for your child to be licensed without the proper amount of experience. Once you have successfully reached your destination at the end of the six month journey, it will be easy to turn on your blinker, make a successful right hand turn after waiting for the light to change, and continue on another road leading to something else.