

Crisis management

Back when they were sitting in the Opposition seats, the Ontario Liberals were quick to jump on former Education Minister John Snobelen for his infamous 'creating a crisis' comment when he attempted to pick a fight with Ontario teachers.

Two decades later we can't help but wonder if Premier Kathleen Wynne's Liberals are adopting a similar strategy of creating a problem, only to come up with a solution in a bid to have us think they know what they're doing.

For example, last week Wynne trumpeted the fact the Province and the horse racing industry had reached a deal that will keep horse racing, while not flourishing, at least alive.

Under the new plan, racetracks will no longer get a share of slot machine revenue, but rather, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission will pay rent for housing the machines, in addition to an unspecified top-up from the Province for purses.

Racetracks and breeders will likely see half of what they had received under the sharing program that had been in place since 1998.

However, let's not forget that it was the Liberals who 'created the crisis' last year by cancelling the income sharing program that pumped \$345 million into the horse racing industry.

The Liberals were told the spinoff effect to veterinarians, trainers, breeders and slew of others would be devastating, yet they held firm.

We agree the former program was no longer sustainable with the Province buckling under a huge debt, however, simply cancelling the program and not offering a viable solution caused undue chaos for many.

The new deal will at least keep the industry alive in Ontario—and save jobs. It's a plan that should have been brought forward at the time of scrapping the income sharing deal.

And thus, a 'crisis' would have been averted.

WEB POLL RESULTS (Go to www.theifp.ca)

Will you (or your kids) be taking part in any of the Town-run March Break activities or events put on at other Halton Hills facilities?

- No (81%)
- Yes (19%)

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Letters to the editor

Show patience; the plow will come

Dear editor,

Kudos to the driver of snowplow 209.

On the morning of February 27, just about everyone who lives at or near the intersection of Union and Albert Streets in one of Georgetown's older neighbourhoods were out shovelling the most heaviest and wettest snow that I can recall.

The streets were not plowed yet and I personally did not expect to see a snowplow until later in the evening, or later. The thought on the family's mind was how long it would take us to shovel all the snow that the plow would leave at the bottom of our driveway.

We no sooner finished talking about it when we saw this monstrous snowplow driving along Albert Street. As it approached us, the amount of snow that the plow was leaving at the curb was mind-

boggling. When the plow got to the intersection, the driver not only did an excellent job of clearing it, but he took extra time to ensure our driveways were not overly plowed in.

For that, driver of snowplow 209, my family thanks you. For those of you who complain about the time it takes for a snowplow to clear your street, be patient, take your time shovelling and enjoy the beautiful scenery that a Canadian snowstorm gives us. The snowplow will eventually get there.

Bill Lamb & family, Georgetown

Price not always right

Dear editor,

In response to J.M. Graham's Feb. 21 letter concerning pricing errors in local stores.

All consumers should be aware of the "scanning code of practice" which many grocery stores and drug store chains subscribe to. If there is a pricing discrepancy between the shelf or advertised price

and the scanned price, you receive the item "free" (to a maximum of \$10).

Don't just settle for getting the item at the lower price. In some instances the store cashiers aren't aware of this policy so make sure you ask.

*Marguerite Edgar,
Georgetown*

Local service is best

Dear editor,

I would like to send a big "thank you" to Lee and Pete at Bulldog Appliances.

After several attempts with dealing with the manufacturer directly and getting nowhere—Lee and Pete stepped in and helped resolve the issue.

It's service like this that you can't afford not to deal with local businesses. I can guarantee you wouldn't get this service anywhere else.

*M. Brown,
Georgetown*