

NEXT GOVERNMENT HAS IMPORTANT ISSUES TO TACKLE

OVERZEALOUS PROMISES DON'T HELP, WRITES PIERREPOINT



TED PIERREPOINT Column

I am, to use an old term, flabbergasted by the controversy, the hype, the mudslinging and the most outrageous promises of millions and billions of dollars that the leaders of all parties are throwing at me.

I am a senior, and like most seniors, we seem to get left behind when the politicians try to recover the cost of their overzealous promises that lack de-

tail.

There are important issues such as affordable housing, clean and safe drinking water for Indigenous peoples, the rising cost of food, heating, property taxes and much more. There was an article recently of a family of five living out of a van in British Columbia... this is the 21st century and this sort of thing should not be happening.

For the most part, we are an intelligent people and should not be falling prey to fear-mongering mostly fuelled by social media.

I am not suggesting that technology should be avoided.

I have been involved for many years with some of the technologies that exist today, and as such understand the complexity and

capabilities of its power.

I can relate to much of the misinformation that is dealt to the unassuming public.

There are many individuals that use technology not for what it was intended, but to defraud and create havoc and panic for us all.

It is said that a little child shall lead them. This was demonstrated recently by a young woman that gave an impassioned speech at the United Nations to a seasoned group of professionals regarding climate change.

Maybe it's time to have an independent body of scientists determine the proper approach to climate change and not leave it to politicians to make that determination.

It might save us all in the long run.

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Stickle and longtime gymnastics coach Janet Campbell, who built up the Milton Springers.

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Enjoy time spent together with family and friends. Let your gratitude be evident to all. Do your best to show appreciation to those persons who have touched your life along the way. I am reminded of a sentimental story...

When Grade One teacher, Mrs. Klein, instructed her young students to draw a picture of something that they were thankful for, she had no idea how personally impacting the exercise would be. She believed that most of her class would draw pictures of turkeys or of beautifully decorated Thanksgiving tables. But she could not predict what Douglas would draw.

Douglas was sad child who did not socialize well. He was often nervous about being around others and lacked confidence in the playground. Many times, Mrs. Klein found him standing close her - almost hiding in her shadow - as they went outside for recess.

Douglas' drawing was of a hand - but whose hand? The class was captivated by this image.

"I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," speculated one student.

"A farmer," postulated another, "because they grow the turkeys."

"It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us."

"I think," said Lavinia, who was always so serious, "that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us. But Douglas could only draw one of them."

Finally, Mrs. Klein asked Douglas to let the class know whose hand it was.

Douglas mumbled, "Why, it's yours, Teacher."

As tears filled her eyes, Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time as she often did with the children. But she didn't realize that it meant so much to Douglas...

This Thanksgiving, remember that you can make a big impact by doing little things for others. Learn more. Visit a local House of Worship this week. Meeting times and locations are published in adjacent ads to help.

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