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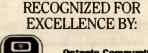
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Editorials

Give them a home

Members of The Salvation Army are not fortune tellers. But when one of their number says there will be homeless people on the streets of Oakville unless something is done, you'd better listen.

And that's just what the Town of Oakville has done after hearing Maj. Ray Braddock tell them that unless some kind of accommodation was found, homeless people would be sleeping in downtown doorways.

Braddock is under no illusion that a permanent solution is at hand, but he was right in having the Town look at opening the old Grace House facility on Old Mill Road, as a temporary housing solution during the winter months.

It's not like the people who would use this facility are the kind of traditional 'street people' as seen in larger centres such as Toronto. Instead, they include the working poor who have trouble finding suitable accommodation, abused women or teens estranged from their fam-

A special zoning by-law amendment is needed to use the Grace House until the end of March when more permanent accommodation must be found. Hopefully the vote will be a mere formality.

Never forgotten

Some of our touchstones with the past are fast disappearing. They are the veterans of World War I. Only a handful of these men are left and over the next couple of years, they will fade into history. The same fate awaits their brothers and sisters who survived World War II.

But on one day a year we remember not only them but also their fallen comrades who gave all they had in a bid to keep us free.

That day is tomorrow, Nov. 11th and at 11 a.m., turn off the phone, shut off the radio or television, put your head down for two minutes and remember those who fought and died for our way of life. Do this, Lest We Forget.

Letters to the Editor

The Oakville Beaver welcomes your comments. All letters must be typed, signed and include the writer's address and phone number. Send to: Letters to the Editor, The Oakville Beaver 467 Speers Rd., Oakville, Ont. L6K 3S4

IT'S OKAY GRAMPA ... WE'RE ALL FREE TO CRY.

Residents made difference at OMB

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Glen Abbey for their participation in the Home Depot OMB public participation evening. There was an overwhelming show of support and I think the residents of our community effectively and passionately communicated our concerns and issues to the OMB chair. Our thanks to those of you who handed out flyers, made phone calls, attended the meeting, spoke at the meeting, and contributed financially to support STOP and its efforts to give the community a coherent voice for its objections to Home Depot's appeal of the Town of Oakville's decision regarding its applications for re-zoning this site.

There are only a few more days left of the formal OMB hearing. Several representatives

Halloween was too scary

To the adult on Ballantry Road that thinks it's funny to dress up on Hallowe'en and act like a statue until small children are near, then jumps out and screams at them, thanks for ruining my son's Hallowe'en. My five-year-old son was so frightened, he wouldn't continue to trick or treat. He came straight home and that is all he talked about all night. He was so scare, he couldn't sleep alone and even this morning, he talked about the mean man who scared all the kids. He is already worried about passing by your place next year.

Hallowe'en is for children. Let's make it safe and fun.

Cathy Goderson

to STOP and GARA will be eloquently as the members of the speaking at the hearing; they will set out their specific objections, and will summarize the community's many objections to the Home Depot appeal, hopefully, as though, the residents made a dif-

community have done Monday at the public session of the OMB

Whatever the final decision,

Steven's parents gave ultimate gift

Most of us have heard about the tragic death of 11-year-old Steven Hawke and have privately mourned with his family and friends.

What most of us may not know is that Brad and Yvonne Hawke and son Bryon, made the courageous decision to donate Steven's organs so others might see and live.

They made a terrible tragedy into an occasion of hope. I want to publicly thank them.

God bless the whole Hawke family.

Colleen Francisci

ference. Neighbours came together as a community and stood up for what they believed in. It felt good to be a part of that. In today's world, one often wonders if one individual can make a difference. The members of STOP think that it is possible, and we believe it does make a difference. We encourage each member of this community to continue to get involved in the issues that are important to them, and to stand up and support issues that they

> Renee Sandelowsky, on behalf of STOP

Linked pathways could help ease town's transportation woes

design an integrated non-motorized transportation route system.

A linked system of pathways through our community could allow people to walk or use bicycles to move freely within the community.

Currently, some pathways plan should be considered timely

I believe that Oakville needs to exist, but the focus seems to be on recreation, and north-south access across the O.E.W. is difficult.

> I would suggest that the system of integrated pathways that exist in the city of Ottawa could be used as a model.

I believe this transportation

due to the rapid growth of our town and the beneficial effects to our environment

If such a plan was implemented now as new construction proceeds, it would prove more costeffective than changing existing systems.

Henry Harris

System should work equally...even for Karla

the unfettered right to due process.

No more rigorous test regarding Canada's status in this regard can be found than in Karla Homolka's affadavit of appeal regarding her application for escorted temporary absence.

Judging from the venomous response to Homolka's request for due process, particularly in the press, it would appear Canadians have a long way to go before proclaiming themselves members of a just society. What passed off as journalism this past week, was both an insult to the profession and an affront to the general pub-

In accordance with Corrections Canada regulations, Karla Homolka applied for escorted temporary absence from the Joliette Institute, and was subsequently refused by Warden Marie-Andree Cyrenne. According to law, she had two

A just society accords each and every citizen avenues of appeal. One was an internal assessment through Corrections Canada itself, the other by way of a judicial review.

She opted for the latter.

In other words, a judge and thankfully not the court of public opinion, will determine the appeal's validity.

Bad enough the press degenerated into a feeding frenzy rant over Homolka's appeal, (possibly jeopardizing her right to a fair hearing). Worse, that Corrections Canada programs aimed at rehabilitating inmates were unjustly denigrated in the process. Surely, rehabilitation remains the ned goal of incarceration.

Even for Karla Homolka.

At issue is process, not outcome. Regardless of how Canadians feel about Karla Homolka's release, she possesses a fundamental right to be heard-a right that must never be denied.

Peter Pellier

Town Budget on verge of expanding Well, it's budget time again at the Town of Oakville-

Letter of the Week

got your cheque book open?

Take a look at the Year 2000 budget and it's easy to sense that this is only a windup, a precursor to what's coming over the next few years (this budget should be light because there's an election coming next year but the prospects of the 2001 budget deliberations could be scary). That's not to argue with what needs to be done and the costs of those requirements for it does need to be acknowledged that the restraint of the past few years involved deferrals and Band-Aid solutions. Naturally, there's been a build-up of deferrals, half-measures and ignored maintenance and replacement costs that will also be cumulatively greater than what timely action

would have required. But this all brings back the nagging and core question of what is the business of a municipal government body or agency? Is it to be a coordinating body to facilitate forms of community activity as well as to provide a set of public safety services such as fire, police rescue, public health and safety or, is it a creator and purveyor of all that and diverse other services (i.e. recreational)?

The Oakville population is growing and the bureaucracy is growing. With the issues of growth comes growth in the activities of government. The cost attachments will have the same rate of roaring growth.

During the Sat. Nov. 6th discussion of Budget 2000 items, one of the budget committee members, Coun. Stephen Sparling, wondered why, at a time of provincial tax reductions and impending federal tax reductions, was the Town of Oakville going in the other direction?

So, again the public taxpayer and voter, is faced with the question of what a government is in the business to provide. If the community wants more, then it better be prepared to line up with cheque book in hand, because the tax demand here is getting ready to grow again.

If the choice is for more or only according to what we want to afford, then we'd all better get out there, start asking questions and be prepared to make some hard choices. Arguably, that's going to take time and the patience to sit through incredibly boring discussions and tedious monologues; it's work we'd all rather pass up. But then, there's got to be some truth to that old saw that work is the only thing you can eat on

Simon Dann

Pud by Steve Nease







Carousel supporters want more

I, along with several friends, was among the crowd attending "Carousel of Nations" on Oct. 23rd.

Congratulations are due to all concerned in the time and effort required to stage this highly interesting firsttime event. We visited several pavilions: Greece, Latin America, Caribbean, the Arabian countries and, of course, the wonderful Canadian presentation. We attended the opening ceremony at the latter and were impressed by the inclusion of the First Nations' peoples, the children's music - and the Town Crier.

Our one disappointment, true of all such events, was that we could not see everything and sample the food at all the pavillions. We decided that means we have to

come back next year! Again, congratulations to all who made this event

come to life.

Patricia Baird