



FATHER AND SON, Charles and Sandy Best both died within a week of each other. Sandy, Halton's Conservative MP from 1957 to 1962, died March 25 at the age of 46 with a heart attack. His father Charles Best, co-discoverer of insulin, died March 31. They are pictured celebrating Sandy's victory at the polls in 1958.

## Best family well-known

The famed co-discoverer of insulin, Dr. Charles Best died in Toronto General Hospital Friday at the age of 79. His son Alexander (Sandy) Best had died suddenly of a heart attack just a few days before.

The Bests are well-known in this area.

Sandy Best was Member of Parliament for Halton for several years.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Best had a farm in Nassagaweya, which they sold several years ago to their son Henry. Since Henry has been president of Laurentian University in Sudbury, the farm has been rented.

Dr. Best gained fame at the age of 22 when he worked with Dr. Banting to produce the substance which would save the lives of thousands who suffered from diabetes.

Honors were heaped upon him in the following years. He became a Companion of Honor in 1971, the 50th anniversary of the discovery of insulin.

Dr. Best made other contributions to the world of medicine. Included in later projects are the development of a system for drying and storing blood serum as well as the creation of the drugs histamine, heparine and a remedy for seasickness.

A memorial service for Sandy Best was held in Toronto Saturday, and for his father on Monday in Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Best leaves his widow Margaret and son Henry.

## No action on complaints

Ontario's Education Relations Commission isn't going to do anything about Halton Separate School Board's complaints about teacher votes.

After teachers voted last February 3 to reject a board contract offer, trustees complained about the vote being taken during school hours.

The board complained to the Education Relations Commission that voting took place during teaching time and not just lunch and after classes.

Thursday, the board received a letter from the Education Relations Commission stating no action will be taken against the teachers.

## 5.25 increase

A 5.25 percent salary increase for non-union town staff was recommended by the Halton Hills finance committee, this week.

The non-union employees chose the 5.25 percent over a 4.9 percent hike, with a one day floating holiday per year, on a vote among themselves.

The one day floating holiday is a part of the contract for town union employees.

## Shrinking

Snowbanks are shrinking quickly this week.

## Big names

Detailed plans are being made for the Citizens of the Year dinner and dance. There are a lot of names to be engraved on one plaque!

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# Committee urges budget cut

After spending hours discussing the 1978 draft operating budget, Halton Region's Administration committee got down to business and demanded cuts amounting to \$721,000.

The requests for cuts came at the end of a budget meeting Wednesday morning. Even if the committee is able to make the cuts stick, the budget will be about \$200,000 over the guidelines which would allow for a 5.4 per cent increase. Last year cuts were recommended but finally ignored.

The committee had engaged in long discussions trying to come to grips with the budget estimates before ever recommending any cuts.

The budget process broke down in chaos last year and at that time Regional Chairman Ric Morrow said the process would be streamlined and improved this year.

But some members of the committee have hurled criticism at Morrow and

regional treasurer Don Farmer for the manner in which the budget has been handled this year.

Some councillors have termed it the most confusing budget ever.

When they finally did get into the nuts and bolts of cutting the budget, the committee recommended cuts of \$100,000 in the police budget, \$50,000 in the roads budget, \$50,000 in the resource recovery site, \$40,000 for a

site for the south area works depot, \$40,000 from the reserve for vehicle replacement and \$1,000 from a reserve for the replacement of the chairman's car.

Councillor Walter Mulkevic noted there were few areas, if any, where substantial cuts could be made in the field of soft services. He noted the level of service for general welfare was dictated by the province and he explained most areas of soft service were heavily subsidized by the province. Because of that, cuts would show little impact on the regional mill rate.

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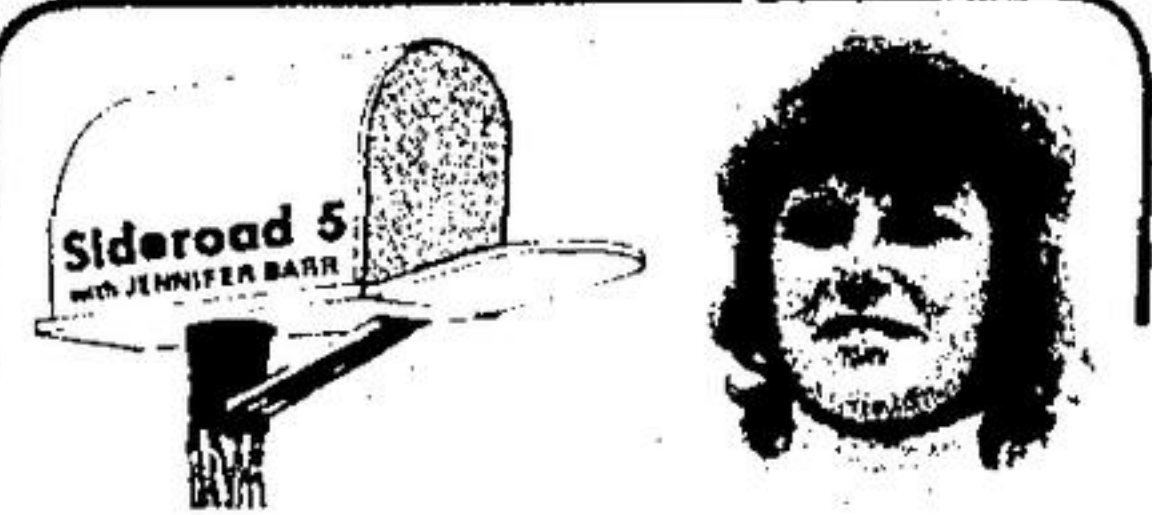
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Spring isn't as much fun as it used to be. My kids haven't even got their bikes out yet. Remember the days when you'd wheel your bike out of the garage the first Saturday the snow started to melt off the roof? You'd pedal through the snow crunching down to the driveway surface every three yards and wobbling with the effort to keep upright. Out on the road, you'd ride triumphantly up to your best friend's house and you'd both take off around the block, returning with watering eyes, blue noses, and aching legs.

Did you ever make dams along the rivulets of melting snow? Of course you did. Everyone did. And marbles played sitting in the mud shooting around the remaining snow patches.

Remember skipping in your galoshes because your mother would have your hide if you took them off? "All into together girls. This fine weather, girls. When we call your birthday, please jump out, January."

I don't remember much about spring in England. Probably because the seasons are less defined there. I think spring came when it stopped raining for three consecutive hours. We used to collect pussy willows for our teacher and make little wax flowers in yellow and pink to decorate the stems. My, they were pretty. And we were always drawing tulips, carefully copying the line sketch done on the board by the art mistress—boring.

Spring in Canada was truly a celebration. An orgy of excitement and emotion.

We lived right on the St. Lawrence River in the Montreal suburbs—the Lakeshore, it was called. The bets on when the ice would go out started in early March. All our parents would get into the act until people not only bet the day but the actual hour. Then you had to decide if the winning bet would fall at the time the ice started to move or when the river was actually clear.

The kids always tried to be first in the lake. I made it one year but purely by accident. It was one of those freaky April days when the temperature shot up to 80 degrees and surprised itself silly. The ice wasn't completely gone from mid-river, but we kids were paddling in our shorts. The water made our legs a gorgeous mottled purple color but after a while we couldn't feel the pain. Well, I fell in and practically had heart failure as the cold water bit into my body. However, in a minute or two it was glorious and all the other kids started to push each other in as we splashed and swam like otters. Boy, did we catch hell.

When I was in my early teens, spring was a time of young love. When our always overactive hormones sensed spring they'd go completely haywire. Even the boys became girl conscious and if you were quick you could con a boy into saying he'd go steady before the baseball season got into full swing.

After school we'd bike down to the village to sit in the Sweet Shop and sip cherry coke while pooling dimes for the juke box. You didn't walk downtown like you did in winter. You rode on the cross bar of a boy's bike. If he was the boy you had your heart set on, you lost your balance frequently so you ended up leaning precariously against his chest. Those poor boys. Most of them were still 97 pound weaklings while we well-fed girls were several inches taller and certainly sturdier. Trying to manoeuvre a two-wheeled bike unbalanced with 125 pounds of femininity clutching several tons of books and binders must certainly have made those boys long for baseball.

No, spring isn't what it used to be.

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