

Park facilities are needed

Georgetown residents enjoying the facilities at the fairgrounds have been inconvenienced long enough. They need washroom facilities and they need them immediately.

While council "studies" its way from one argument to another about where, when, why and how, another summer of night-time activities at the park quickly passes by.

Many past summers have taught the users of the park that without proper washroom or changeroom facilities, the summer of '75 is going to be once again marked by both embarrassment and inconvenience.

For embarrassment, put yourself in the shoes of the local baseball coach who had to direct one out-of-town team to a downtown restaurant because there was just no other place for the boys on the team to change into their uniforms.

For inconvenience, consider the hundreds of residents and visitors who use that park night after night from mid-May to October. To even question whether or not a washroom is needed is rather ridiculous. Of course it's needed.

Where further study is needed is the request from the Georgetown Baseball Association that lights be installed either at the fairgrounds or in conjunction with the growing sports complex on Guelph Street.

Lights which would permit senior levels of baseball could perhaps be a great asset to the Georgetown recreational scene. They might also be an expensive, yet minimally used facility that will take years to justify having put up.

As with so many other things, the need must be there.

Just don't lump lights and washrooms together.



What'd he say

Gee, Tom, is that your way of saying "no comment"?

Last week we received this nice little note from Tom Wells, minister of education.

"If you are planning to comment on our legislation which regulates bargaining between teachers and school boards, I hope that you will

first have a chance to read the attached.

"It explains the rationale and the major provisions of the Bill which was introduced this week."

Hey, finally we get to see some of the provincial government's "rationale". So we peer into the big, brown envelope to find...Nothing.

VIEWPOINT

What a way to fill the pews Sunday mornings

By

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This week we're going to take a look at the new, the unusual and the bizarre.



First, let's look at what's new with the invention of a Vancouver man, Doug Medley, who has invented all things, a toilet for cats. Mr. Medley says, "Socially I think it is

an imposition on animals for them to have to depend on their masters to let them in and out. I think there should be toilets for anyone living in the urban environment." His invention sells for a mere \$79. Just the thing for an early Christmas gift for the cat fancier who has everything.

Our next news item comes from Ontario's natural resources minister, Leo Bernier. He informs us that the amethyst, has been selected as Ontario's official mineral. Back in days of yore the amethyst was believed to help cure headaches, toothaches, gout, poison, and the plague. Today many still believe that wearing an amethyst ring or charm gives the wearer, wisdom, love, sincerity, confidence and safety. Amethysts are found mainly in Northern Ontario. Happy rock hunting.

Our last news item comes to us from Detroit, where they have found an alternative to the gun. The weapon is called Taser. A Taser is about the size of a flashlight and gives the victim an electrical shock. It sends out tiny wires with small hooks attached to the ends that make the victim react as if he

had grabbed an electric wire. It takes about three minutes for the effect to wear off.

The purpose is to stun rather than harm, and it certainly sounds like a better alternative than the hand gun. It will sell for \$199.50 and if our present trends continue we will have "real need" for Tasers also.

Now to the unusual. The First Unitarian Church in Dallas has a rather different approach to the same old Sunday service. Last Sunday they had an exotic stripper do her number right down to her G-string, for the benefit of the whole congregation. Rev. Nichols, the minister, said he couldn't promise a repeat every Sunday. "I feel exotic dancing is a part of life. It fits very well into our service."

To that I can only reply that there are many parts of life I just can't see as part of a church service, and stripping has to be high on the list. But then again, variety is supposed to be the "spice of life."

To change the subject rather abruptly guess who is reported to have been nicknamed "Fog" by the hot polloi of British society? None other than the husband of

Princess Anne, Mark Phillips. He reportedly gained his rather unusual nickname by being dense and rather a wet-blanket. Sorry to hear that "Foggy" old boy.

Now for the bizarre. Down in Cape Town, South Africa, a 22-year-old white girl defied the mixed marriage law and the Immorality Act that prohibits sexual relations between mixed races. She fell in love with 24-year-old Moegsin Solomon, a colored man of mixed race heritage and decided to live with him in spite of the law. This union produced a baby.

Her mother reported her daughter's status to the police and shortly after midnight one night they entered the couple's room to find them asleep in a double bed with the baby in a bed next to them.

Under South African race laws the child must go to the darker of the two. The court awarded custody to the father. They received a suspended sentence of three years. If the couple is found together again the sentence will be enforced. After the court case the mother asked "How can they tell you to give up your own flesh and blood?" So much for civilization.

My last item for you this week is a big round of applause for Clyde Gilmour, the Star's movie critic, for this enticing headline. "Dracula a vomiting orgy in wide screen color." Doesn't it make you want to rush right out to the movies? This particular version of

Dracula was written by the same chap who created a "comedy" about a priest who is saying Mass on the edge of a cliff and then tosses his altar boy off the edge. What ever happened to fun movies that make you feel good, or at least anything other than sick?

Years ago

Stores open Thursday

From the files of the Herald:

5 YEARS AGO

The first strike in the recent labor dispute between the Letter Carriers Union and the federal government resulted in pickets appearing at the Georgetown Post Office last Thursday. Main issues of the strike are pay and job security.

Georgina Brown has graduated from the University of Toronto receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Elizabeth York, a member of the graduating class of Hamilton Civic Hospital served at the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital as a candy-tripper.

Kenneth Grant of Stewarttown has graduated with honors from the Ontario College of Art. Kathy Williams recently graduated from York University and is planning a teaching career.

Cedarvale Community Centre will enter summer with a bright new face as the crew of Christine Buchart, Brent McNiven, Linda Hall and Stephanie Stuart, paint, garden and clean the old school.

10 YEARS AGO

For the first time in Georgetown history, stores will be allowed to open until 9 p.m. on Thursday as well as Friday. Merchants at the plaza will be the first to try the new expanded hours of operation.

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A woman's point of view on safety

(Safety tip from your local council of women)

First of all, let us make it clear that he's and she's are being used only for convenience, and they are totally interchangeable at the reader's option. Likewise all other references to males and females.

Girls have long had the knack of telling a young beau to smarten up should he be guilty of some of the social sins — like clumsy dancing, poor manners, or unacceptable behaviour. Similarly, a girl may at times have wondered why she lacked dates if she lacked whatever social graces happened to be prevalent at the time.

The Canada Safety Council urges young people to add one item to their own personal "check-list" of acceptable qualities in a date! That is, "How does your date rate...as a driver?"

A courageous effort by young people in this regard would, in all likelihood, accomplish more than all the efforts of teachers, parents, policemen, and safety professionals put together! If bad driving became as unacceptable as bad breath, libraries would have to stock more "How to drive properly" books, and Defensive Driving Courses would

have waiting lists. Inasmuch as a young person could be crippled, disfigured or otherwise injured for life by a thoughtless ride with a careless driver, the Council proposes that all young people should be given a copy of the following check-list to carry in pocket or purse.

"The 'smarten up before I come with you again' approach might cause the loss of a few dates, but at the same time it would create a generation of better drivers!

Rate your date with these guidelines:

1. Does he mix alcohol and driving with the thought that a beer or two will not affect his driving ability?
2. Does he observe traffic signs, warnings, signals, etc.?
3. Check out his car if it is his own (not Mom's or Dad's). Does it look as though more attention is paid to buying flashy chrome ornaments than to replacing worn tires or a burned-out headlight?
4. When riding with him are you able to relax to the same degree that you can with other drivers you know?

If you feel unusually nervous, try to think why.

5. Does he take the view that flashy cars, high speeds, and higher social standing all come together?

6. Is he calm in an emergency situation (if he's been in one) or has he a tendency to panic?

7. Have you ever felt neglected because he pays more attention to driving the car, and to the road ahead, than he does to you? If so, don't complain, he's probably a good driver.

8. How does he react if another car passes him? Maturely, or childishly?

9. Does he make allowance for conditions — slowing at night, in snow or fog and so on?

10. Have you ever got out of his car with a feeling of relief at having arrived at a destination?

11. Does he make you "buckle up"?

Only very good drivers are going to pass with flying colours on all eleven questions. Many adults with driving experience still panic at the slightest emergency, or childishly try to race an overtaking vehicle. When

you're not busy rating your date, try rating your parents, and discuss any areas where you feel they do not

measure up. After all, it would be nice to have them around a while longer, wouldn't it?

Public won't like it

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The government finally has decided to give teachers the right to strike. Apparently the decision, made after a year, was taken only after considerable disagreement in cabinet.

And it appears the decision will be met with the same lack of agreement by the public.

An opinion poll taken before the strike legislation was announced, showed a majority of the public was against the strike right.

Whether the right should have been granted is a debatable question which probably always will be buried in argument.

The argument that banning strikes is taking away a "right" is pallid.

But then so many people who were formerly banned from striking are now allowed to that there has to be some

sympathy for the teachers.

This question aside, and really there are no simple conclusions to be taken about it, there are a couple of points in the legislation which are unusual and of general interest.

One of these is that it specifically names "final offer selection" as one of the alternatives that can be resorted to in lieu of a strike.

Final offer has been mentioned here before. It is the process under which each party makes a "final offer" proposal and then an arbitrator decides on one of the two sides.

There are some people who believe that this approach could eventually have an important place in labor relations.

It has worked with some success in the U.S. It also has had a few trial runs here in Ontario but there hasn't been enough experience to really assess it.

Then another provision in the legislation calls for an Educational Relations Commission.

This group essentially would represent the public interest.

It would do research and assemble pertinent data, would provide conciliators and arbitrators and if there appeared not to be bargaining in good faith, presumably could put on pressures.

The Ministry of Labor performs some of these functions now in other labor fields but the commission apparently would go several steps beyond it and apparently it is intended that it would be more aggressive than the ministry is. (It wouldn't have to worry about political implications.)

There would seem to be in it the germ of an idea which might be extended to all labor, in fact the opposition is already pressing that many of the provisions in the new legislation should be applied to other labor areas.

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