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## Ban self-serve

"The Lord helps those who help themselves."

But don't expect too much assistance from Gulf, Shell, Sunoco, Esso, BP or Texaco the next time you drop into a self-serve gasoline station.

As far as we're concerned, planning board's three-month moratorium on whether or not self-serves should be allowed in Halton Hills is not long enough. A permanent ban on them would suit us better.

The self-serve is the epitome of today's thankless merchandising methods.

You pay your money and you get your merchandise.

And for what? A supposed saving of one or two cents? Even that, we find, is not totally true as the varying gasoline prices across Halton Hills should point out.

You can buy gas, get your oil checked and even enjoy that oh-so-rare luxury of having your windshield cleaned at a service station here in Georgetown and still pay less for the gasoline than you would at a self-serve in Brampton.

Who will the self-serve gas bar benefit? No one else but the big oil company's head office. Local operators aren't normally allowed to get in on this type of money making venture.

They can sweat and strain at a regular service station with its many facets of operations for a minimum of profit, but when it comes to opening an easy sell system at a gas bar, well that's when the head office decides to get into the business.

Who will suffer if too many more stations go to the way of the self-serve? Who else? The public.

Obtaining proper service for an automobile is getting more and more difficult with every passing week. Try to find a licensed mechanic on a Sunday afternoon.

Good mechanics are few and far between.

There the gas companies are, pushing the friendly, glad-to-help service station operator on television commercials, while all the time they're looking through their lists of stations trying to figure out which one should become big automated gas pumps.

If the public demands that self-serve stations be allowed in Halton Hills (and for what reason we cannot see) it should be on a strictly controlled basis: one station per oil company. Then they should also be required to provide service facilities.

Self-serves have gone beyond the point of providing a convenient service for the public. They're now merely a big cash register.

## Queen's Park Commentary

### PC's ignored inflation

BY DON O'HEARN  
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Shafis are being launched nard and frequently at the premier for leaving the responsibility to administer wage controls with Ottawa.

School teachers and labor generally (and today, from their actions, I guess we class teachers as "labor") are growing that Davis has, quite intentionally, got himself off the hook by leaving wage settlements in the lap of the federal government.

(Indications are that it doesn't like what Ontario has done either, but it may be stuck.)

BETTER RESULTS? If one wants to view the Davis position from a completely cynical outlook you can believe that his decision was entirely political.

For it certainly is politically comforting to have Ottawa laying down the rules and getting into the you-can't-win fights over wage settlements with teachers, civil servants or others.

But still, whether political or not, I think the people of Ontario probably will be better off, or should be better off, with Ottawa handling the negotiations.

This applies particularly with the province's own employees, which you would class at least as semi-government employees.

With these groups it is impossible for the government here to achieve a good arm's length position in negotiating. It can't carry out satisfactory bargaining.

It can't for two reasons. One is that it is a political agency and must be super-sensitive and overly-careful

about public reaction.

The second is that it is dealing with public moneys not profit moneys. And it thereby loses the most weighty bargaining factor of the private sector: the argument that there is only so much money available.

Having a federal agency handle the final negotiations at least gets them one step removed and should result in more objective and rational conclusions.

MORE CRATS

Then there is the argument put forward by the government that a provincial control group would establish another layer of bureaucracy.

This is scorned by the NDP. But citizens with more concern for the public purse, and with less of a fondness for bureaucracy, should be impressed.



On the home front

## Eatons, Simpsons take note

By Susan DeFaciendis

If you can cast your mind away back to September, you will probably recall that your threshold was, once again, darkened by the arrival of the Christmas catalogues.

I am one of those people who have trouble deciding upon appropriate gifts in December, never mind during the warmth of September sunshine, and to have children handing you Christmas lists while you're still uprooting dandelions, is rather traumatic.

To add insult to injury these catalogues are never delivered when the children are in school, but always on a weekend, thus eliminating any sporting chance a mother might have of hiding them until December 24th. Why don't they send a minimum of three per household? That would at least help

to cut down on the vicious battles that erupt, over who is going to look at them first.

Richard and Louisa simply go through them and immediately request the most expensive items listed. By October they have changed their minds at least three times. Any day now, I shall be informed that something else has caught their fancy and, by the time I have torn up my eighth list in December, I shall no doubt be offered yet another alternative, equally expensive of course.

Young Teresa is very easy to satisfy however. All I have to do is order one each of every toy listed in the book, and she's perfectly happy.

Apart from finding notes pinned to my pillow, taped to the refrigerator and tucked in my purse, I find strange, unsigned messages on the glossy pages of the catalogues, only the

spelling giving away the identity of the writer.

"Mom, I just gotta have this", followed by a sweeping red arrow, pointing to the desired article.

I then come across, "Mom, please, please, please, I promise to get perfect in my spelling". They really know how to get to you, but by December, when I am finally ready to place an order, the catalogues are so dog-eared and tatty, I can't read an order number with a magnifying glass and the items are out of stock anyway.

I must admit, I find the catalogues interesting myself. I love the fine print describing each item. "Batteries not included" and "Figures not included". Imagine paying \$22.00 for the privilege of buying a doll that cries; eats you out of house and home; wets

constantly all over your chesterfield and broadloom and the batteries are extra.

It would be easier to acquire a real baby. At least you don't need to keep paying out for batteries and eventually they're going to be toilet trained. We have dolls around here that have been waiting for ten years already.

Watch out for the phrase "partially assembled". With that one you are really in trouble. Don't you just love to see Dad sweat on Christmas Eve, trying to assemble a farm house, a pedal car and a 10-speed bicycle? All you need to make the evening perfect, is to find the assembly instructions are written in German.

Whoever wrote, "God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay" obviously never ordered a partially assembled toy through a catalogue.

Viewpoint

## Only your sun-sign knows for sure

By Gerry Landborough

This week Viewpoint takes a look at the ancient art of astrology. Today, with scientific study being applied to areas that used to be laughed at or debunked by science such as the subjects now being studied in parapsychology, we may find that astrology is not to be completely pushed aside either.

Within the mumbo-jumbo of the hoaxers and charlatans who abuse any serious consideration of the ancient art by modern scientists, lies a certain element of truth that is presently being overlooked.

The main reason that science has not given any serious consideration to astrology is that there appears to be no concrete laws governing the casting of a horoscope. For science, astrology has far too many variables to be an absolute science.

The interesting thing about astrology is the ability to predict with a high degree of accuracy how a certain individual will react to a given set of circumstances. This predictability is charted by knowing the exact birthdate of the individual and the position of the planets at the time of birth.

The following is a list of sun-signs and some of the common traits you can look for in people born within those time periods.

**Aries - March 21 to April 20:** A common trait for people born when the sun was in Aries is impatience. These people are always in a hurry to be one step ahead in life. They have a strong desire to be number one, to come first. When an Aries person decides to talk it over, it doesn't matter what time of the day or night it is, he will. Aries faces up to anything or anybody.

Not much for taking pills, he or she probably doesn't even believe in aspirin. Aggressive, and often tactless, yet never unsure of where they stand, Aries marches into the thick of things. Aries enjoys doing favours yet wants the recognition that he feels he justly deserves. If you have a friend who won't hesitate to say what's on his mind, he's probably an Aries.

**Taurus - April 21 to May 21:** Stubborn like a bull - that's Taurus. Unusually healthy

Taureans don't catch things but when they do they are slow to recover because they don't follow the doctor's orders. They have a love for money and can be quite tight with it. They enjoy art and music and often have wonderful singing voices. They love the colour blue and the colour green like in paper money. Conservatives. You'll seldom find a Taurus on the hippie side of life.

**Gemini - May 21 to June 21:** Gemini is the quick change artist of the zodiac. They love it today and hate it tomorrow. They can change their minds a thousand times yet each time be sure that's what they want. They love to talk and are often very eloquent in speech. Some people believe that Gemini's were born on the telephone because male or female alike they spend a great deal of their time on Mr. Bell's invention.

They're never satisfied doing one thing at a time, they usually are found doing two or three things and they can manage it all quite well.

**Cancer - June 22 to July 22:** Cancerians are moody people, and are constantly moving from one mood to another. Cancer is ruled by the moon and often you can tell a Cancerian from the crazy "lunar laughter". Like their namesake the crab, Cancerians are often crabby. All Cancerians love their home and, like the shell of the crab, find it a safe refuge from the world outside. Cancerians always need to know that you can't live without them whether they be male or female.

**Leo - July 23 to August 23:** Find a mirror and the one standing in front of him combing his mane - I mean hair and you have probably found a Leo. The lion rules his den 100 per cent. He doesn't want a career girl for a mate that you can count on. Leos, male and female alike, have a great kack for fixing things. Arrogant, yet like a real king you have to give them their due.

When you think of a Leo think of a pussy cat and remember all cats have claws. They can be amongst the most charming and kindest of people if you remember you're dealing with a king or a queen.

**Virgo - August 24 to September 23:** If you know someone that has a pill for everything, he's probably a Virgo. They have to have their favourite pipe, pillow, or plate, or whatever, or look out, disaster will strike. They can't stand extravagance and are very critical of people who are. They are often neat to a fault and are apt to worry and fuss over things.

**Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23:** Librans can be up then down but they're always searching for inner balance. Libra can work and work and work until you feel that they never take time out for fun. Then they stop and, for a week or two, you think that they'll never get back to work.

When a Libra digs in his heels all the nagging or shouting in the world won't change his mood, you just have to wait until he's regained his energy then he's off again work, work, work! Libra always tries to be fair and in his desire to weight out all the factors he is often found to be in a state of indecision. They love to decorate and to read and always have books.

**Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22:** Scorpio is never lukewarm about anything. They either love or hate and never hesitate to say which. They approach life with an all or nothing outlook. Never ask a Scorpio for an opinion unless you want the truth, blunt and naked without any cushions.

Scorpios are the most complex sign in the zodiac, and are never what they appear to be on the surface. They always have secrets and never tell all they know. They can love with abandoned passion and hold a grudge with a vengeance unequalled in the zodiac.

**Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21:** Sagittarians view the world not as it exists but how they would like it to be. They are unusually lucky, and very optimistic. Look for someone surrounded by animals and you'll find a Sagittarian. They love to gamble. They rarely lie and when they do, they get caught. Sagittarian women hate housework with a

passion and either completely ignore, the housework or keep it cleaner than clean. Never in the middle.

**Capricorn - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20:** These are always serious people often with a faint air of melancholy about them. They are conservative, almost stuffy. Capricorns are always climbing towards a goal they have set in life. They often marry for money or position. If you know a Capricorn look for their watch: They live by the clock and are obsessed by time and how they spend it. Everything runs according to schedule.

**Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19:** Aquarians go about the world in their own time and rarely does any outside force interfere with this. They have many, many friends and often like to get lost in the mad-dancing crowd. Then, for no apparent reason, they want to be alone and will spend some time in seclusion. They are forever analyzing things, people and places, why, how and when is always running through the Aquarian mind. They hate the cold and are given to fits of shivering in the winter. They don't like to borrow, and by the same token, don't like to lend.

**Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20:** Look for the artist in a Pisces friend. They are often found in the theatre too. Pisces have an easy going, easy nature. They are forever helping others and make for great friends. They sometimes speak first and regret later. They are very sensitive people who get hurt quite quickly and easily.

Now you have had a glimpse at the sun-signs. By studying astrology a person can become quite adept at pin-pointing personality traits and attitudes. The more you discover in the world of astrology the more you want to know. Just a word to the wise though, the type of write-up that appears in newspapers and monthly magazines is far too general to be taken seriously. It should be read merely for amusement. However, a horoscope that is drawn specifically for a certain person is a different matter and, depending on the skill of the astrologer, can be surprisingly accurate. Till next week happy horoscopes.

Years Ago

### Complete 1960 campaign

From the files of the Herald:

FIVE YEARS AGO

Area fireman were kept busy Saturday night as Halloween pranksters were out. A call was answered at Stewarttown Community Hall and a bundle of burning papers on the roof were extinguished. The next three calls were about an hour apart and all to the same location the bridge in Norval. Here, three filled with gasoline were set alight. Charges have been laid in the bridge incident.

Charges are pending against two local juveniles following a bomb scare at Georgetown District High School recently. The assistance of Bell Telephone Company in investigations by the Georgetown Police Department led to the charges.

The Tjart sisters, former residents of town have broken into the record business. Their first record, cut last month, is a collection of hymns entitled, "Singing for Jesus". Already 400 of the 500 records made, have been sold.

Fifteen Ontario Scholars in a class of 89 graduates made the 1969 graduating class of the Georgetown and District High School one of the best in history. Maureen Clark was chosen as valedictorian for the 1969 graduating class.

TEN YEARS AGO

A Halloween prank turned into a costly venture as a barn just outside Terra Cotta was gutted by fire resulting in an estimated damage of \$4,000. The Ontario Fire Marshall's department investigated the blaze. Fire Chief of Chinguacousy believes that some type of chemical was used to trigger the fire.

The Kinamen Club of Georgetown presented to council this week their plans for a senior citizens apartment building. The club plans to build either on Harold St. near

the hospital or on a site across from the town's memorial park. The matter was passed on to the planning board.

Halton County will hold a three-day deer season next week, the first in seven years. County officials explained that shot guns will be allowed however, the use of dogs will be illegal.

Campaign fever is at its peak this week with the number of days to election day narrowing. Liberal Dr. Harry Harley, Progressive Conservative Allan, Masson, New Democratic Party member Murray Kernighan and Independent Henry Timmins are completing their last-minute door-to-door campaigning.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Last Sunday marked another milestone in the history of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church with the laying of the cornerstone. Dr. Moerly Hall, secretary of the Fellowship of Baptist Church of Canada, was on hand for the official laying of the cornerstone.

The newest fund-raising venture of the Georgetown Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary was a decided success. A cooking class was arranged for the Auxiliary by the United Gas Co. Ltd. at Wigglesworth Auditorium and was well attended by a number of cooking enthusiasts.

The Georgetown Golf and Country Club held its first closing banquet and presentation night last week. Some 150 sat down for the turkey dinner to celebrate the club's first season of operations. The remaining nine-holes of the course will be opened next season.

It was a dark stormy night last Monday evening which resulted in a number of soggy goblins and drenched witches. However, despite the weather, the children were out in force.