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## Wait too long for town report

Dec. 31, 1975 is published elsewhere in most important. this newspaper.

seven months ago.

industry

Despite the surplus reported in Halton Hills is. of the municipality?

As Halton Hills moves closer to in the future. purchasing the Chapel Street school, assesses its future recreational needs that Halton Hills is in "solid position" and repairs the Georgetown but then added that some 1976 budget Memorial Arena, and attempts to areas are as much as 153 per cent of centralize services in a municipal budget. There's an inequality in this complex, the need to know the statement that must be answered.

Halton Hills financial report as of financial status of the town becomes

Last week a petition conducted by Dec. 31, 1975! That's more than Dr. Alex Furness gathered 1,475 signatures against the municipal Whatever the problems complex proposal. And while this associated with compiling of the newspaper is advocating configures this seven month lag only servatism and a delay in imemphasizes that legislation should be plementing the plan for an addition to brought to allow quarterly or semi- the municipal offices, it would be to annual reports similar to those in the advantage to the taxpayers to know exactly what the status of

last year's town operations, the For not to know how we stand question facing taxpayers, and for today can give all persons involved, that matter some members of including council, a false impression council, is what is the present status of the ability of the corporation to fulfil its obligations either this year or

Treasurer Ray King said recently

### Politics mar the Olympics

a cloud of political intrigue which only representing. the International Olympic Committee can overcome.

"modest" Montreal Olympics will not for setting many new world and Olympic records in the various Moscow. athletic events.

person conceives them.

ever-present security to prevent a be in question and the holding of the recurrance of the political terror Games will no longer mark the which struck Munich in 1972, and the participation by the world's best ultimate refusal of Tiawan to take athletes.

The spotlight on Canada has been part in the Games have done nothing extinguished by the flickering of the to enhance the feelings of brotherly Olympic flame Sunday, but the future love between nations which the of the Olympic Games remains under Games have been accepted as

High costs in building facilities for the Games and the ability of the Canada's efforts at stating the nations sanctioned to hold them will be major problems facing the IOC in go down in history as being significant the next four years as preparations are made for the 1980 Games in

No one without the aid of a crystal It will mark the beginning of the ball can speculate what the result will political intrigue which may spell the be if the present political climate end of the Games as the average prevails until the next Games. But should that climate remain as it is Boycotts by African athletes, the today, then the role of the Games will

On Parliament Hill

# Ballpark figure? Now it's 'rough cut appraisal'

By STEWART MACLEOD Ottawa Bureau Of The Herald

Okay, class, with Parliament adjourned, with Ottawa sweltering in a heatwave and with the air-conditioner on the fritz, this seems like a good occasion to renew our lesson in bureaucratic English usage.

When we last looked at the subject, we were admiring the transport department for placing that cumberstone word "elevator" with the snappy phrase, "with speed vertical transportation system." And I thought we could continue in this vein by studying the philosophy of "non-ecological boundary."

That is what the National Capital Commission calls a fence. Actually, the NCC has been a pacesetter in tidying up the English language ever since

it replaced "farm" with "argro-amenity It was this government which also did away with "privy"-an outdated, if lavely, old word-and brought in 'natural-amenity

unit." But it seems the NCC hasn't been active in this field recently. So, in gathering material for another lesson in modern bureaucratic language usage, I had to phone several departments.

the only word he has to worry about is "in- dear explanation. "This," he said, "covers a terface."

country in the world, and we have to interface a whole new purpose for doing something with all the individual divisions in the dsc." department, and then we spend a lot of time interfacing about interfaces."

ODD DEFINITIONS "interface." I phoned a splendid and disvalues - a valuative theory." It seems bureaucratic who not only knows the there was considerable discussion on the meaning of words, but the meaning applied subject: "policies are the spiritual agents of by public servants. They are seldom the change." That's another handy phrase to

about "interface" and capped it by saying a don't like being called underdeveloped. collision between two railway locomotives So, official Ottawa uses the initial LDC.

bureaucratic word appears to be "least less developed country." "proablistic." According to him, a whole new I bet that impresses the natives of unscience is developing around the word, with developed countries.

social scientists at work deciding on such probabilities as environmental damage from undeveloped firefly sprays.

Incidentally, I just saw a letter from the Ottawa firm of Gregory Geoscience Ltd. proposing a "remote sensing of the environmental dynamics" of the city. The government turned down the suggestion, explaining that it had its own facilities for "an in-house time-lapse analysis."

Presumably, the letter writers involved knew what they were saying. Talking to another bureaucratic contact, this time in the urban affairs departments, I was shocked to hear that the word "plan" is effectively removed from the government lexicon. "We never use it by itself," he explained. "If we can't say 'conceptual plan' then we say

BALL PARK GONE And from the finance department [ searned that no one is using the grand old term "hallpark figure" in reference to a rough estimate. The bureaucrats have replaced it with "rough-cut appraisal."

planning concept

It's good to keep up on these changes. After coming across the phrase "displacement of goals" in a government The fellow at external affairs indicated publication, I phoned a friend in hopes of a situation in which you start out on a project, "You see, we are interfacing with every discover it's a waste of time, and then invent

> He said the word "discontinuity" also covers this.

And he should know, because he had just In order to get a detailed definition of attended a government lecture on "values

When I called, spendid bureaucrat was In keeping abreast of governmental reading a book by Daniel Maynihan called lingo, it's worth noting that "undeveloped "maximum feasible misunderstanding." He country" and "under-developed country", culckly rattled off a series of definitions are not to be used. Apparently some countries

would represent a "high impact interface." This stands for "less developed country." And he went on to say that the newest And then there is LLDC, which stands for



## If I could read your mind, body scanners, pickle warfare, and all that 'sci-fi' jazz

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH

Time again for "What's New", a now and again feature of this column that comments on the latest developments in technology in the world at large. Some close to home, some a lifetime away.

A new \$500,000 "total body scarner" now in use at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto allows doctors to see tissue in the body that ordinary x-rays cannot detect.

The scanner can do in 35 minutes what used to take as long as 9 hours of tedious testing.

The scanner is able to disclose tumors in the abdomen and kidneys better than almost any other type of diagnostic procedure. It is the first total body scanner to be used in a childrens hospital in North America. A machine that truly works "miracles."

While one machine can work miracles another can mean the "end" to life as we know it. Scientists are working in the United States on a device that can actually read your mind. Already it can pinpoint the five basic emotional states. Dr. Rafael Elul of UCLA calls the device "both awesome and terrifying."

The Advanced Research Project Agency's (ARPA) objective is to develop a machine that can analyze and identify what a person in thinking from a distance.

BRAIN DRAIN Dr. James Antiker, one scientist working on the project said the ultimate goal for his work was to "exercise control over the

According to Dr. Elul "these machines" could be used to tell if truck drivers or pilots were fatigued - if students were receptive to learning - by the use of thought communicators people who had strokes and were rendered speechless could communicate.

All of which sound well and good, but as the discovery of nuclear energy led first to the "A" bomb this machine would lead first to a "Big Brother" is watching "you" society which will make Adolf Hitter look like Little Red Riding Hood.

Dr. Charles Hay a neorosurgeon and bloengineer and formerly assistant professor at John Hopkins University tells us that a planet." "bionic man" could be a walking reality by the 1980's.

basically a real person only with certain

functions replaced to work better than the originals. As the Six Million Dollar Man of TV fame a real bionic man would have bone crushing strength and the ability to leap to record breaking heights.

The technology is all there to make a bionic man now - the question is - would we

S.P.F. What's New in the world of meat, or at least a reasonable facsimile is S.P.F.

S.P.F. or Structured Protein Fibre is imitation meat. Unfortunately its chief draw back is that it tastes very little like the real thing. It is made of a new soybean product - 93 per cent protein and has the texture and look

of meat if not the taste The Ralston Purina Company that is developing the product along with other members of the food industry feel that it has a fantastic potential to feed a hungry world.

Just think, your imitation pork chops can be part of a picnic eaten on imitation turf amidst plastic flowers of almost real beauty and possibly your picnic basket can be carried by a bionic man holding a machine that can read your mind

I think I'll pass - now about you? Whats new out in space? What about 3,885 pieces of junk. Little bits of rocket debrissatellietes-probes-and miscellaneous junk.

According to statistics provided by Air Command about one piece falls to earth and 70 per cent of these land in the ocean.

SPACE JUNK Air Defense Command released a report stating that a space treaty signed several years ago holds every country accountable for any damage caused by the space debris. Now 3,885 pieces of junk don't seem that much when considering the whole of space but picture the earth which is rapidly becoming a gigantic garbage pail with its own ring of junk circling in space.

If life exists on other worlds they will be able to spot humans anywhere - you know -"the funny ones with the ring around the

Computer service has developed a general purpose computer that can be A bionic man according to Dr. Ray is programmed to mop-sweep-vacuum-wax-or plan the weekly shopping then order your

#### FROM HERE AND THERE

### Discarded pets, inhuman owners

The pup was cringing in long grass by a fitch at Rockwood. He hadn't eaten for days, was frightened beyond human inderstanding. and would have died had it not been for a Mercury reader, Mrs. North Chaloner of tilt), Hockwood, who found the animal, took him home, and made him part of her family.

It was "the fourth time" in six years that Mrs. Chaloner, like many rural people, had done something to amend the inhumanity of city dwellers who "dump" unwanted pets in the countryside.

And, says Mrs. Chaloner, it's time something was done about the situation.

Unfortunately, there isn't much that can be accomplished. The people who can buy a cut or dog on a whim, or to appease the demands of a fascinated child, and rid themselves of the animal when it passes the "cute" stage, are unreachable. A human inkid that can adjust itself to the forture of any creature cannot be touched by written

plea or broadcast appeal. So it is that the "dumping goes on, and at one country meat market, our reader advises, it is common each weekend to see groups of starving dogs that once were cuddled in city living rooms, waiting to catch the scraps that might come their way.

There has been talk of late of the menace

of carmie maraquers in rural areas. Dogs who attack sheep herds and whose predatory instincts have replaced others acquired dirough proximity to man. It cannot be doubted that many of these "killer dogs" were once left by a country road.

"Many of these dogs are dropped from cars by people going home from Belwood Park," Mrs. Chaloner believes. She suggests that owners believe "someone" will give the animals a good home She is too kind in that observation Ob-

viously the well being of a former pet is not in mand at all. The animal has become an incubus and must go, like a piece of unwanted furniture, or the week's garbage. There are of course charges that can be

hid against people who abuse animals Unfortunately it is very difficult for humane society officials or police to make arrests.

Perhaps, if and when they do, some kindly judge will make the punishment fit the crime and order that the offender be taken on a ride to some remote prairie, and there dimped, preferably in winter when a blizzird is appracching.

Oh, we know that's rithenlous, but under the circumstances it makes as feel better. Perhaps another reader has a better and brighter iden?

(Guelph Meren y)

proceries. It can regulate your home heating system along with a million and one other

what is coming. What's new in dying? Well, here is a chap who has his own ideas on improving the old

duties. What science doesn't tell us is what we

poor human beings will be doing when

everything is being done for us. We can't

properly deal with leisure time now, let alone

Paul Blevins gave his own funeral greeted about 300 or so guests and signed autographs. Then he climbed into his cherrywood casket to listen to the service. When the whole affair was over he placed the casket next to his T.V. set (where else would you keep it?). Now he feels that when his time comes no one need be present but the funeral attendants - and a good time was had by all.

Last but not least Mr. W. Moore of Pickle Packers International says: "World leaders at the first sign of hostility should send nickles instead of missiles.

Pickles are funny looking and they would make people laugh," he said. Can you picture a panic pickle button - instead of a missile button? Somehow you just can't take the fact as some 500 garlic dills coming right at you very seriously.

Think about it.

On The Home Front

## Vacation perils

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS

Life is generally fraught with perils of one kind or another and, let's face it, without the daily ups and downs we might not even know we're alive.

Some gambles however, I would just as soon do without, one example being the weather conditions during that precious two week summer vacation in cottage country.

Unfortunately, after last years experience of continuous rain for 10 out of the 14 days, my memories of sparkling blue, waters, glorious sunsets, hummingbirds and spluttering steaks on a barbeque, have been changed to an image of scudding dark clouds, unfriendly grey lake water, tins of soup for dinner, the odour of wet running shoes and

mosquitoes approaching the size of bats. This year however, is another year and I am quite sure that things will be very different. The sun is going to shine, I am going to finally catch a fish and we are all going to

return home plump, tanned and rested. I am firmly rejecting those subversive little wayward thoughts that creep, unbidden into my mind, of London, Rome, Paris, Hawaii and the Bahamas. I refuse to open the travel section of the newspaper and will not even entertain the thought of roomservice, moonlit walks on exotic white sand beaches and candlelight and wine dinners. As for the theatres and dancing, Carnaby Street and marimba bands . who needs them?

MONTE CARLO What could Monte Carlo offer in the way of excitement to match the hair-raising 17 mile drive during last summer's vacation. when my husband nearly sliced his hand in half with a saw? Over and around hairpin bends, boulders and potholes I drove in search of a doctor, as my nearest and dearest's lifes-blood gently formed a pool on the car floor.

Could the sedate old Louvre compete with the thrill of scooping wriggly things (the ones tig enough to see anyway) out of the bucket of lakewater before boiling it, in order to wash a days accumulation of dishes?

How could anyone prefer rubbing shoulders with thousands of tourists on the Via Veneto to the tranquility of playing scrabble with three children, all quietly and intelligently discussing if 'nerd' is spelt with an 'E' or a 'U'? Sitting there, listening to their gently modulated voices, with my earplugs firmly in place, one elbow in a peanut butter sandwich and the other in a puddle of Coke, what mother could ask for

anything more As for the Tower of London, it could never provide one with half the joys to be found in beheading, cleaning and scaling a freshly caught bass.

IDLE SPECULATION

In fact, I don't know why I am wasting my time on such foolish, idle speculation. Ten tons of food, band-aids, clothing sheets, blankets, towels, lawnchairs, a barbeque and assorted other necessary items are waiting to be packed in the car - which will cause our tailpipe to drag over 120 miles of highway surface - and I still have to purchase the

antrap and a case of insect repellant. Ah yes! The simple joys. A return to nature, a rediscovering of the paths our ancestors once travelled upon. The man cooks over an open fire, the children find out what poison ivy and a snapping turtle are, while the wife beats the dirty laundry on a

convenient rock. Yep! Holiday time! All I really ask is that the sun be allowed to shine or this particular Nanook of the North is going to head south next year.

Queen's Park

# Mississauga budget restraint, the English economy

By Don O'Hearn Queen's Park Bureau Of The Herald

There was a curious coincidence in the news a few days ago

One story reported that a delegation of citizens had met with the council in the municipality of Mississauga. The citizen group was, in effect, complaining that public spending had to be cut down but that they didn't see how they could make the council do

The other story was out of the U.K. and it reported that the government there was engaged in a huge task in trying to convince the public that government spending had to be cut back

BADHABITS

Here in these two examples is the gordian knot of probably our greatest public problem of the day: how to drastically cut back the level of government spending.

On one side there are the politicians who are beginning to realize the problem but have inherited such habits of spending that it is almost impossible to effectively curb them. On the other side there is the public. which also is beginning to see a glimmer of he spending problem, but has become so ac-

cutomed to a high level of public service that it now takes for granted a great deal of labor. pending which is marginal. While it wants restraint, then it gets down to the particulars

government has to take on the job, highly unpalatable politically, of trying to tell it that it can't have them.

As one example here in Toronto an expenditure of \$4.5 million has just been approved to create some small parks and otherwise make three run-down local areas in the city more attractive.

This is marginal spending. But what would happen if the local politicians turned it down? The local residents and the many thousands of crusaders who want a better urban environment would castigate them.

LABOR ACT? This is a gordian khot! And it obviously

calls for two-pronged effort to untangle it. And the prime question is will we get In the U.K., which is closer to the

precipice than we are, it is now realized that the key to the knot is the public. The politicians can only go so far without

strong public backing. The voluntary action by the Mississauga residents is therefore a most welcome, if very tiny, ray of light.

Hopefully But realistically not before some highly representative groups swing in behind the problem and push for action. And here what an opening for organized

If trade unionism would focus its attention for a change on restraint rather than spending what a contribution it might make. it doesn't want to give these things up, and