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Acton parking problem shows change needed

Kingham Hill Estates condominium 24 is having problems with parking. It's not a new problem, but it is a problem which was instigated in part by the approval of the allotted spaces on the development plan by the former Acton council.

Timbrell leaves James Taylor unknown

It may be too much to expect that the recent shuffle of the Davis cabinet will bring any satisfaction to opponents of the Bradley-to-Georgetown high voltage corridor.

Dennis Timbrell, the man who has been the chief adversary of the Interested Citizens Group since its formation, has been shifted from the energy portfolio to health where he may prove to be as responsible a minister as his predecessor Frank Miller.

But Mr. Timbrell's successor in energy, James Taylor, brings with him a reputation of being less than enthusiastic about citizen participation in government policy.

His tenure as minister of community and social services minister caused concern over his embargo placed on members of his ministry making any public statements, or releasing information - public information - without his express approval. As well, his approach to the problems of women on mother's allowance made a mockery of the government's policy on welfare needs.

serve as a guide for future condominium, or high density housing developments in Halton Hills.

Council, The Herald was informed, received some incorrect information when the problem was first brought to the attention of our town fathers. A director of the condominium board called recently and said there is only one, not two, spaces available for each resident of the development. Compounded to this problem is the 25 per cent additional parking allocated for visitors. There now appears to be none available.

In the past five years the population surrounding Metropolitan Toronto has become more mobile, partly due to economic and partly as a result of our change in attitude toward not staying at home and living a quiet lifestyle.

With a lack of adequate public transit in North Halton to provide an alternative parking problems such as the Kingham Hill situation are bound to continue surfacing. It should not be swept aside with away saying there's nothing that can be done about the situation. Telling someone to find parking 12 or 14 blocks away from his residence is in reality no answer, although we are at a loss to suggest an alternative.

As more and more young people today strive for home ownership amid high housing costs and fluctuating interest rates, the necessity for both members of a marriage to work is becoming increasingly common and with it comes a need for a second car.

Shouldn't council therefore, investigate this new phenomenon and consider increasing the need for parking spaces in condominiums at least two per unit, and then consider more adequate visitor parking for such developments?

If council did, it would be a step in the right direction.



Gosh! Did you say - Boy-oh-Boy! Hawaii is really sinking into oblivion?

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH

It's time again for potpourri, where we travel the globe to bring you a sometimes serious but mostly not so serious tongue-in-cheek at this wonderful wacky world around us.

First we're off to Honolulu... wait, just a moment folks we might have to cancel that. We've just received word from Hawaiian Governor George Ariyoshi that Hawaii might sink. According to Governor Ariyoshi in a State of the State message "Hawaii is a national treasure, but it is a very fragile one which can be easily destroyed by overpopulation and excessive demands on its resources. In other words too many people can spell disaster."

Hawaii just might sink. Well dear readers, postpone all trips during the peak tourist season. We don't want to lose any of you.

Picture this one... How was your trip Harry? Lousy Fred, the plane was delayed, they lost my luggage, I got food poisoning on the way over there, and when we arrived at Honolulu it wasn't there, the whole blankety-blank island had sunk.

Let us journey to Toronto now where though we doubt it will ever sink it's certainly getting its share of "cross waves." Rabbi Erwin Schild was delivering his sermon... "And God spoke to Moses..." Now Rabbi Schild assured his congregation that Our Lord did not tell Moses to pull over to the side of the road, and that the voice over the PA was a CB'er on Highway 401.

W. Scott, director of communications, which license CB's in Ontario said "that the department has received over 2,000 complaints" regarding "CB radio communications. People are picking up con-

versations from the toaster - record players - electric organs - and I hope your ready for this one - the fillings in their teeth.

Happens the radio waves can bounce off of anything. Itahia Schild says that the interference from CB's on Highway 401 has interrupted weddings and funerals. Bear with us dear readers as we once more digress into the world of imagination... Dearly beloved we are gathered here in... over the PA: "a fender-bender (accident) at 4 nothing one and Dan Valley 10 - 10. Here from you all again... Com'on" Now you've got to admit the whole wedding would lose something - wouldn't it?

Over to London England where we'll take a quick glance at the will left by Ernest Digweed. Mr. Digweed instructed the Crown agent to invest his money and if Jesus Christ returns within the next 80 years He will have an invested income from more than \$44,000.00 waiting for Him. However, there is nothing in the Bible that tells us Jesus is returning in cash in on material investments. Wouldn't that break a few hearts... Just a little bit of tummy humor there Lord.

Here's a pip from the States for you. Producers of the sequel to The Exorcist have special permission to import over 8,000 locusts from Africa forscemes in the up and coming movie.

Control authorities decided it would be alright if the locusts were all males so no breeding could occur. Are you ready... an undisclosed number of officials were given the task of checking with a magnifying glass to determine the sex of the locusts. And what do "you" do for a living?

Let us trip quickly back to England for a moment now, as we once again discover that the British take their "tea time" very seriously. Arnold Wistake asked his wife for

tea, as it was "tea time." She said, "as soon as my program is finished."

He picked up the rented TV and threw it through the window from the fifth-floor apartment. Then he said "Your program is finished now, so you can get me my tea."

Before tea was served a tall chap in a blue helmet stood at the door remarking on the flying TV that hit the pavement in front of him. Wistake claimed it was an accident, but the officer wasn't interested. He was fined \$55 and ordered to pay the rental company for loss of the set.

Our next item is for all you liberated females out there in reader land. Do you know why God created man? ... She did it for a joke. Remember you saw it here first.

Now before we say adieu for this week the Maharshi is here once again and he's asked if he could impart a little dignity to this column. The Maharshi Sometimes Yogi is a most dignified and profound individual, who for reasons known only to himself has chosen this column from which to send forth his words of wisdom. Take it away Maharshi.

Remember that though it is written it is easier said than done, this can not be said of those with a speech impediment.

Well, folks he's done it again. Such wisdom, such profundity. His mind is layer upon layer of sprinklings of wisdom in a sea of confusion, and so often it is impossible to tell which is ahead. And to think it's all happening here. That's luck.

Till next week keep on smiling.

Queen's Park

Greyhound, Ronto and all that

By DON O'HEARN
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It looks as though, for the first time in years, we may have a touch of scandal in the next election.

Due mainly to Liberal efforts, there are two controversies before the public: One, the dispute between Gray Coach and Greyhound bus lines, and, two, the Ronto deal in which the government excused the land development company from some \$600,000 in speculation tax.

And it happens that Eddie Goodman, in the past year the number one political adviser to Premier Davis, is up to his neck in both issues: as the lawyer for Greyhound and for Ronto.

No matter what may happen between now and then it seems almost certain that because of his political position Goodman's name will figure in the election; at the least in a whispering campaign and perhaps in all-out accusations.

There is bound to be suspicion. And the opposition is bound to use this.

EARLY START
Just how much sympathy there should be for Eddie - also well known as "Fast Eddie" - is hard to say.

He has been a top pol for a long time.

He started at the knee of the late Alec

On The Home Front

Battling February blahs — UGH!

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS

I have no idea how you are responding to this particular winter, but I have had it up to here!

Normally I can withstand anything that life does - but I still upper lip and all that good stuff, but this winter has been the "pits", the absolute limit.

In fact, I do not expect to see the groundhog's shadow until well into July and if the geese are smart they will take up permanent residence in Hawaii and save themselves a lot of seasonal commuting.

It has taken this winter for me to finally realize that I am living in a house that was obviously constructed out of a large cardboard carton, with icy blasts pouring in around every window, under far too many doors and even whistling through the electrical wall outlets, all of this resulting in goosebumps that may now prove to be permanent fixtures, along with my numb empurpled feet.

My vacuum is rebelling at ingesting any further loads of sand and salt from the carpets and the heat registers have all rusted from the perpetual covering of soggy mitts, hats and scarves.

The children's winter boots have long passed their "built-in obsolescence" span and are holding together only with the aid of a prayer and a package of band-aids, while zippers are becoming liberated from the jackets that are, like me, rapidly coming apart at the seams.

The weathermen are of course, having a field day, with every solemn pronouncement they issue making headline news. Subjected to widely conflicting reports, we nonetheless hang breathlessly upon every word.

'High Fronts', 'Low Fronts', 'A new ice-age', 'The Earths surface is warming up' - the daily litany continues even though we know (and they know we know) that they don't know what they are talking about.

Meanwhile, whatever their predictions, we continue to suffer with slippery roads, frozen water pipes; cars that will not start; frostbite and chilblains; children who refuse to swallow any more hot, nourishing soup and husbands gazing at their snow-covered barbeques with glazed, despairing eyes.

Arctic air that has unaccountably drifted south? - A well devised plot by either the 'Russians or Rene Levesque? No matter the reason, it still is the "pits".

In a lighter vein...

Come again?

An English friend once applied to Bismarck on behalf of a lady for his autograph, and the price replied direct to the lady in his own handwriting: "Dear Lady - I have the greatest objections to giving my autograph, and never do so. Very truly yours, Bismarck."

On Parliament Hill

Recurring problems keep coming for Mr. Goyer

By STEWART MACLEOD
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Jean-Pierre Goyer is undoubtedly a well-meaning chap. He is also well educated, a diligent worker, an uncompromising federalist, and a 12-year veteran of Parliament. A highly-qualified cabinet minister, you might say.

But the relatively quiet, 44-year-old lawyer has this one recurring problem—he keeps getting himself all snarled up in controversies. And now he is in the midst of that alleged blacklist of so-called revolutionaries supporting the "New Left" of 1971.

Mr. Goyer, then solicitor-general wrote the letter accompanying the list, consisting mainly of public servants and university teachers who, the minister said, should be watched with "more-than-normal care."

Only one of the names had been made public officially, and that is Walter Rudnicki, who was fired in 1973 as a planning director of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The reason given at the time was that Mr. Rudnicki had released confidential information to a native group, but the Ontario Supreme Court later ruled he was wrongfully dismissed.

So far we haven't established how the other 20 on the list have fared under their "more-than-normal" surveillance. We don't even know whether any of those involved are aware they are on the list.

They should all be informed so they will have an opportunity to defend their reputations. It's fine for the Solicitor-General Francis Fox to say it isn't really a blacklist, but the fact is, cabinet ministers have access to a list of people who, in the opinion of the security forces, must be watched.

EXTRA OPPOSITION
In his letter to several other ministers, Mr. Goyer referred to those on the list as members of the "extra-parliamentary opposition." Those who support the EPO "appear to have as their aim the destruction of the existing political and social structure in Canada."

Even allowing for the fact that our governments were still up tight about security in the wake of the 1970 October Crisis, Mr. Goyer should not have circulated a formal list of names like this. Surely if the security people feel there are 21 people who should be kept in view, this could be accomplished without a list which likely will remain in departmental files for eternity.

Security services are not infallible, and careers may have been drastically altered because of Mr. Goyer's letter. It's too bad that the minister is no longer in the solicitor-general's portfolio so he could field some of the questions on the issue. As minister of supply and services he cannot entertain any Commons questions involving other portfolios.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH
During previous controversies, it was always fascinating to watch Mr. Goyer answer difficult questions because of his relentless determination to put his foot in his mouth. Remember the trouble he had explaining his incredible scheme to import 40,000 Korean laborers to develop the Alberta tar sands?

And he wasn't even minister of energy at the time.

Earlier, while he was solicitor-general, we had all those prison riots. And what was the name of the inmate who was given a weekend pass and ended up in Spain with his girl friend? Mr. Goyer had to answer for that.

Then there was that business of the minister getting free airline tickets for his female friend. When the issue came to light, Mr. Goyer paid for the tickets.

I could go on, but I don't think it is necessary to further emphasize the minister's questionable judgment at times. But the list may be his most serious error in judgment since it may have damaged innocent employees. And now, six years after the 21 names were originally circulated, Mr. Fox says he doesn't know whether any of the public servants on the list were given an opportunity to clear their names.

You would think he would take the trouble to find out.

March of Dimes red-faced over Acton mailing foul-up

There's a red-faced secretary at the Ontario March of Dimes who is appealing to residents of Acton not to be put off by receiving a letter seeking donations to be sent to Amherstburg, Ontario.

An official of the March of Dimes told The Herald last week that the letters, which might be questioned by some

residents are genuine, but were mismailed.

Acton campaign chairman Alice Duby said anyone sending donations to Mr. Frederick in Essex County can be assured the funds will find their way back to Acton. And an official March of Dimes receipt will also be issued.

The annual March of Dimes campaign is held to raise funds

to provide services for the province's disabled and handicapped citizens. "A stroke," Mrs. Duby says, "a car crash, a heart attack. The sudden onslaught of a crippling disabling disease. Any of these could make you a candidate for Ontario March of Dimes Services."

No one, she says, is exempt from tragedy.

Looking through our files

30 YEARS AGO
Georgetown began recreation week. Membership in the Georgetown Recreational Council was \$1. The funds were used to buy equipment.

The annual meeting of Georgetown United Church showed that total contributions were \$5,546. The church also recorded 17 marriages, eight baptisms and eight burials for the previous year.

"Sideliner," the Herald's sports commentator noted in his column Sports Shorts that more people attended the arena on Sunday morning than went to church "which leads us to wonder why the ministerial association doesn't arrange a church service on the ice."

20 YEARS AGO
Deputy-treasure Doug Sargent was elected chairman of the North Halton tri-urban board. The board was formed two years earlier to discuss mutual problems of Georgetown, Acton and Milton.
The Union Presbyterian Church in Norval planned to get a new roof for the church.

Clarence Spence, 34 College St., was installed as president of Georgetown and Halton County Poultry Association. Other Officers were Lloyd Miller, vice-president; George John, secretary-treasurer; Charles Davies and Harold Hillis, social committee and directors James McPhail, A.E. Walde, Ken Weston, Cliff Ridder, Bert Dodds, Percy Clark and Carman Stoddart.

A home construction boom in Georgetown led John Mintern and Edwin Wilson, board of education members, to ask town council to build a \$136,800 addition at George Kennedy School and a \$357,200 addition for the recently opened Centennial School.

Council authorized the preparation of bylaw to issue a \$25,000 debenture for construction of a police station.

Georgetown and district high school wrestlers took championship honors at a four-school wrestling tournament for the second year in a row.

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