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## Is Hyde vindicated?

Ern Hyde has been vindicated by the release last week of a town report showing a desperate need in most departments for expansion.

Mr. Hyde, who lost his Ward 3 seat in December for what most observers say was outward support of a proposed \$300,000 expansion of the municipal offices, has reason to feel slighted.

The report released last week reinforces a short, but objective report written by the Halton Public Inspections last November which only surfaced publicly last month.

Council is formed this term largely by opponents to the expansion of the municipal offices, and indeed, these elected officials recently rescinded a bylaw approving such a

move. The bylaw served as the catalyst for ratepayer opposition which opposed the expansion because the need had not been shown.

The report last week shows that at least two contraventions of the Industrial Safety Act are occurring at the finance offices on Main Street, Georgetown. This in itself must force council to act to eradicate these infractions. As well, there is danger to the public in visiting the building and engineering departments at the works garage.

Had the report been released last year, than the inevitability of the expansion project would not have been in question. Now council is forced to act to correct both the infractions and the over crowding of its various departments.

While seeking to overcome this problem, however, council must trade-off municipal and ratepayer needs. It will be faced with several possible alternatives: completing the expansion of town offices; finding alternative space to avoid such a large capital project; the need to find more modern library facilities; improvements to Cedarvale Community Centre; the purchase of the Chapel Street school and improvements to the Acton Town Hall and expansion or new quarters for Acton firefighters.

No matter what direction council takes it will be expensive. And there appears no way of avoiding such expenditures if Halton Hills is to grow into a prosperous community. Time will be needed to make a decision recognizing present and future needs. But one thing is certain: a need has been demonstrated for improved town offices.

## Unanswered questions on pay proposal

Regional council last week took a step which may prevent public outrage about proposals to "make-up" large salary increases for future elected politicians.

And while the approval of tying the salary level to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a logical move it leaves in its wake questions unanswered about the mechanics of the whole proposition.

What, for example, would happen to councillors salaries should the CPI come out as a negative factor? Admittedly, its very remote, but tying the pay to a scale which can rise or fall leaves open such a possibility.

## On Parliament Hill

# Filibuster closure ends entertaining legislative debate

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There was a television drama not long ago in which a troubled patient went to a psychiatrist complaining he consistently awoke in a cold sweat after dreaming that when he stood up to deliver a public speech he discovered his notes had disappeared.

"There can be no thought more terrifying than that," said the sympathetic psychiatrist.

That doctor should have been in the Commons the day that John Rodriguez, the New Democratic Party MP for Nickel Belt, stood to deliver what he thought would be a 20-minute talk on an income tax bill. Before he reached cruising altitude, he was told by veteran Stanley Knowles that he should keep going for four days.

And he didn't bat an eye.

As events transpired, Mr. Rodriguez, a bouncy little battler who claims to be from "the backwoods of Ontario," wasn't able to complete his assignment because the government, fully aware that the speech would occupy a full week, moved in with closure.

It was a pity. After listening to the 39-year-old Mr. Rodriguez for just 2½ hours on that opening day, it was clear Parliament would have had a far more entertaining week than it actually experienced. And it would have been an inspiration to all of those people who wake up in cold sweats looking for lost notes.

It seems that Parliament's best days always happen by accident.

**AWFUL THOUGHT**  
Just think about it. There you are standing in the country's greatest debating forum, all geared for a short, snappy presentation on a highly complex piece of legislation when you suddenly learn you have entered an oral marathon. What would you do?

Well, here are some of the things Mr. Rodriguez did. He recited most of the Beatitudes from the Bible, and he seemed to convince the House that they related directly to the tax legislation. He managed to list the salaries of Canada's financial elite, including hockey players and newscasters. He read an entire editorial. He initiated a discussion on whether rabbits have tails after discussing the Liberals of putting their tails between their legs and running "like a bunch of rabbits."

And he threw in some great asides: "I don't want to digress tonight." Furthermore,

he accused the Tories of slowing the debate with their interjections. "If they would only cease their diversionary tactics, we could get on with this debate."

It was a marvellous performance. Mr. Rodriguez sort of stumbled into this situation when, unexpectedly, he became the first speaker on the third-reading debate. He wasn't even aware that such lead-off speakers have unlimited debating time. But naturally, Stanley Knowles was fully aware of it, and while Mr. Rodriguez was being orchestrated.

### MORE NEEDED

For the sake of the viewers, I hope there will be more such orchestrations when the television cameras move into Parliament. Who wants to listen to dull, routine debates when in living color, there is an individual MP out on a verbal survival course?

And if TV viewers were listening to Mr. Rodriguez they would hear him begin with notes-reciting an impressive array of statistics about the Canadian taxation system. And then, as the notes gradually disappeared, they would hear how an experienced debater can stretch arguments with subtleties.

"That is the problem with you Tories. It takes a long time for any idea to sink through your thick skulls."

At another point he said that the tax system has loopholes big enough for an elephant to crawl through. And with that, Jean Pivott-PC-Ottawa-Carleton-suggested to an astonished MP that he was becoming personal.

Not at all, he said. She could never be equated with an elephant. But later he referred to her as the "cookie monster," an apparent reference to her executive position with an Ottawa bakery.

Every minute counted. With one minute to adjournment, Mr. Rodriguez fell back on the words to "Hallelujah, I am a bum," a depression song.

Another few precious seconds. To the cheers of the 34 remaining MPs, Mr. Rodriguez, adjourned the debate, and with closure he had four days to rest before completing his chat. Meanwhile, he left no doubt that the NDP opposes the bill.



## Numbers have life meaning, reveal uncanny facts about us

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH

Numbers. 1, 2, buckle my shoe - 7 come 11 - strike 3 and your out.

Do numbers play any significant role in our lives? Do we have special numbers that our souls alone, to bring us luck or unhappiness?

Well, I really never thought so until I was introduced into the strange and mysterious world of numerology the study of numbers and how they relate to our lives.

Read on and you will discover that from the dramatic moment of our birth we all have special numbers allotted to us and by learning a little bit about them we can turn up some curious and uncanny facts about ourselves.

From the beginning, the 12 apostles - 12 months in a year - 12 Tribes of Judaea. Seven planets - seven days in a week - the seven churches - the seven seals, seven days to march around the walls of Jericho.

"For God made the sun, moon, stars and appointed them for signs and for seasons and for days and for years."

All that man is or shall be, all knowledge that he has acquired to date can be reduced to a mathematical equation. All with numbers.

"I've got his or her number." How often have you heard or perhaps used that particular expression? How about your own special number? Well the first most important number in your life is your date of birth - the day, month and year in which you were born.

The ancient Chaldean and Hebrew alphabets sets out a number value to each letter as follows: A=1 B=2 C=3 D=4 E=5 F=6 G=7 H=8 I=9 J=10 K=11 L=12 M=13 N=14 O=15 P=16 Q=17 R=18 S=19 T=20 U=21 V=22 W=23 X=24 Y=25 Z=26

To find "your" name number add the letters in your most commonly used name - for instance Walt - W=6 G=4 A=1 L=3 T=4 equals 14 and 1 plus 4 equals 5. So Walt's name number is a five. The same works for the surname.

The following are some of the attributes associated with their numbers:  
One - People are...creative individual and positive their colours all shades of brown and all shades of yellow and gold. They are ambitious - dislike restraint and always rise in their positions. They are best suited to 2, 4 and 7.

Two - People are...gentle by nature imaginative, artistic and romantic they go well with one people and to a lesser degree seven people. Their colours are all shades of green and cream and white.

## Looking through our files

**30 YEARS AGO**  
Georgetown board of trade asked town council to pass a building by-law. The board also asked the town to consider future parking needs in Georgetown to allow freer movement of traffic on Main Street.

Mrs. J. Kemshead was elected president of the Legion Women's Auxiliary. Past president was Mrs. Fred Bransby. Other officers Mrs. Adam Kay, first vice-president; Mrs. James Blair, second vice-president; Mrs. Ann Collins, secretary; Mrs. T.F. Grieve, treasurer; Mrs. Percie Chupin, social convener; sick visitors, Mrs. Albert Carter and Mrs. Dorrie Kidd; properly, Mrs. Fred McCartney and Mrs. Mary Morrow, pianist. Letters were received by Georgetown residents from Greece and Poland thanking them for gifts of clothing.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Harrison public school opened with nine teachers and 325 students. It was Georgetown's third public school. Harold Henry was principal. Prior to the opening, Howard Wigglesworth school had been operating two shifts. There were about 1,100 public school students in Georgetown. Employees of Beaman Knitting Mills

Three - People are...ambitious love order and discipline good in all positions of trust they go especially well with 6 and 9 people. Their colours are mauve violet purple.

Four - People are...rebel against rules and regulations, they make many enemies, they are very positive and unconventional about their views they go especially well with 1, 2, 7 and 8 people. Their colours are blues the half shades the electric blues.

Five - People are...make friends easily, mentally very highly strung, they have a keen sense of making money, they crave excitement, risk takers. Their most compatible with other 5 people. Their colours are all shades of light grey and white.

Six - People are...extremely magnetic, devoted slaves to those they love. They love beautiful things. They go best with 3, 6 or 9 (but should stay away from 5 people.) Their colours are all shades of blues and pinks.

Seven - People are...independent original and have very marked personalities. They love change and travel being very restless in their natures. They make friends easily, and are quite philosophical. Book people. Their best colours are all shades of green and white.

## Council reports, dialogue remain dual responsibility

Three weeks ago Halton Hills clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard cleared with a press request for background and supportive materials attached to council and committee agendas in an effort to clarify and accurately represent council's decisions.

His comment was made during a general administration committee meeting which later supported the suggestion. But the whole question was quashed by council when public works committee rejected the proposal and Mayor Tom Hill said the cost of last year's photocopying budget had reached \$39,000.

Mayor Hill is also reported to have commented that cost addition of such materials for the five-member local press corps, with the exception of one organization which does not support the proposal, would be about \$10,000 per year.

It's questionable that the cost of providing five additional copies of such reports, letters and other sundry materials would total 25 per cent of the total budget.

Halton Hills is the only Halton municipality and the only municipality west of Metro which does not provide such materials to the

press in an effort to improve communication between itself and the public which the press represents.

Eight - People are...they are either great successes or failures. They often appear cold though in reality have very warm hearts they just prefer to hide it. They are as two people in one. They go well with 8 people and their colours are dark grey dark blue purple and black.

Nine - People are...hasty in temper impulsive and independent. They are people of control. Generally successful. They go best with 3 or 6 people. Their colours are red rose pink red purple.

Now to find your destiny take the year of your birth 1922 add the digits - 1+4 and 1 plus 4 equals 5 add 1922 plus 5 equals 1927. It should be an important year in your life.

You continue and a cycle should appear which should coincide with major events in your life and into your future.

Numerology an interesting study to say the least. Get out your pencils and paper and away you go - but like all things in life don't take it too seriously.

Life itself is not meant to be taken too seriously, one thing for sure your not getting out of it alive...so enjoy.

It is a fair comment to say that such materials are available through the town offices under the terms of the Municipal Act, but it is timing which is of importance to local media. The public's right to know the local government dictates improved dialogue, fair and accurate reporting. With three weekly newspapers here any delay in reporting these functions can take a week to report. As in the case of the appointment of Coun. Armstrong to regional council to replace Ric Morrow, any sensitive issue not presented immediately before the public can create an unhealthy climate for local politicians.

The local press corps is not asking for more than what they already receive in the form of co-operation from other jurisdictions. Council should be reminded that the price of democracy is vigilance. This price is usually paid by the press who represent the public at large.

The Herald reaches almost every home within the boundaries of Halton Hills. We represent almost the entire voting population within these boundaries and it is our duty to provide our readers with factual information on local government.

We also provide a forum for local politicians to present themselves. Communication remains a dual responsibility.

## Queen's Park

# God help the NDP if it gets power

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God help the NDP if it ever gets power. It might have to pay dearly for the attitude of some of its members in these days of minority government.

With them largely controlling the House some of them are getting pretty heady and if they were to get into power this could kick back on them.

**KEPT PERSISTING**  
At the Public Accounts Committee, for example, some of them wanted to cut back on future government spending on Mimaki Lodge.

Government members, supported by the Liberals, protested that this was interfering with the right and power of the government to govern.

They said, and rightly, that the role of this committee was only to see that money which had been spent had been spent properly.

But still some of the NDP group felt it had not only a right but an obligation to see that money to be spent in the future wasn't spent foolishly.

If this were to be the case, if a committee were to be able to tell a government when and

## On The Home Front

# Planning is sheer agony

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS

In a quotation attributed to Daniel Burnham, it is written - "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood."

Well I suppose Mr. Burnham is entitled to his opinion, however, it would appear to me that any time I make plans, big or little, they not only stir up my red corpuscles to boiling point but practically induce an ulcer.

The little plan I am currently having difficulty with is a surprise party for my husband - a plan that, on the surface, should be considered fairly simple.

One merely gets on the telephone and invites a compatible group of friends, pre-plans an easy menu and stocks up on the flagging bar supplies, right? Wrong! Given my husband and a malignant Saturn firmly occupying the seventh house on my horoscope, nothing can ever go that simply.

Cunningly and carefully I explained to him that, while his birthday did indeed fall on a Friday this year, due to our daughter having a party on the preceding day and whereas I had planned a surprise outing on the Saturday night for him (a harmless little white lie), I would prefer that we merely have a quiet family celebration on the actual day of his birthday.

He gave all the appearance of accepting the idea - oh! the two-faced duplicity of man! Within hours, I arrived home from a shopping expedition to be greeted by my son at the front door, who hurriedly informed me that his father had been busy on the telephone inviting a group of people in to celebrate his birthday - needless to say they were the same group of friends I had already invited - undoubtedly causing them some mild confusion if not outright hysteria.

Naturally, as soon as he informed me of his actions, I went into a magnificently performed freak-out scene that I believe, with all due modesty, would have done justice to the stage of the St. Lawrence Centre.

I re-pleaded my cause; he backed down and re-phoned his buddies to cancel the Friday night plans, thus leaving our puzzled friends at this point with two invitations and one cancellation.

Of course, just in case there should be any misunderstanding (?) it was necessary for me to contact them all again the following day to make sure they had not taken the cancellation seriously and to inform them that: "yes indeed - the party is ON - ignore all further bulletins from my nearest and dearest!"

With two days to go, I am a total wreck. Our friend, now holding a winning hand of three invitations to one cancellation, will probably show up but look at us warily all evening. I have run out of hiding places for the food and cannot think of a single, reasonable explanation, should my husband accidentally discover the supply of gin presently hidden in Richard's bedroom closet.

Surprise party? If I ever get this show on the road one of us is certainly going to be surprised - me.