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View fund removal with extreme caution

From outside appearances the proposal by regional administration committee to reduce the level of capital working funds by \$200,000 seems a regressive step.

It is a step that regional council must view with caution. The comments by regional chairman Ric Morrow that the move could lead to bankruptcy on the level of New York City are extreme, but worthy of noting.

Halton is a rapidly growing community with increasing costs escalating through development and inflation. The true cost of government and services must be shown to the taxpayer.

The purpose of the capital working fund is to offset the need for

borrowing while the region awaits the collecting of tax monies. Any reduction in the amount used to offset borrowing could result in annual interest payments which must be paid for from current expenses. It seems that it isn't just a matter of robbing Peter to pay Paul, but blindly attempting to save money by paying more in the long term.

Members of regional council would do well to review closely its actions on this particular matter. Regional treasurer Don Farmer has recommended \$1 million for the fund which now stands before any cut-at \$600,000. During the next few years every effort must be made to bring the fund up to the maximum.

We wish you a Happy Mother's Day

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS

I hope you all have a very good Mother's Day and are duly held in esteem the way you should be all year around.

I am sure we will be treated over the airwaves to the usual recordings of "Mama" and "Silver Threads Against The Gold." Quite frankly, I don't even know any grandmothers today, let alone mothers, who will admit to having silver threads, unless they are referring to their patio pyjamas.

As it is usually a mother's destiny to graduate eventually to being a grandmother, on this one special day a year the two are indivisible. However, times are changing and whereas Mothers are still fulfilling much the same kind of role they always have, grandmothers are no longer quite what they appear to be.

The word grandmother, invokes a certain image in most people's minds: a pleasantly plump, grey-haired little old lady, who sits in a rocker darned grandpa's socks, or producing a quilt.

Unfortunately, this type of cookie-baking grandmother is fast disappearing. They are generally getting younger all the time and are far more likely now to take their grandchildren out to a discotheque than they are to read them Little Red Riding Hood. I even heard recently of one dutch grandmother who, at the age of 82, toured Europe on the back of her grandson's motorbike, but I think she is still definitely an exception.

Swinging grandmothers, although a fairly recent phenomena, have existed down through the ages. My grandmothers, for instance, liked to back the horses and I believe in turn, it was her grandmother who, during an infamous poker game, gambled

away her carriage, her team of horses and what must have been a very surprised coachman.

Therefore, when my own mother, the only grandmother my poor children possess, announced she was taking up yoga, I could hardly claim to be surprised.

I did suggest that possibly transcendental meditation might prove to be slightly less physical, but when she retorted that there was nothing wrong with her physical capabilities, I decided there was really nothing I could do about it, except possibly pray.

It has proven to be rather a worry though. I find myself envisioning my mother, trapped on the 14th floor of an apartment building, with her ankles tucked up around her ears somewhere, and no one around to help her get untangled. Even though I advised her to do her exercises close to the telephone, I wonder if apartment superintendents consider it a part of their job to rescue grannies from the lotus position?

Supposing she suddenly decides on a fine day to meditate while standing on her head out on the balcony? A sudden gust of wind could carry mother away and she might never be heard of again.

I can't help but wonder what the effect of all this is having on my children. What kind of reply can they make to friends who brag about the sweaters their grandmothers knit or crochet for them? Is it enough for mine to be able to say that grandmother is teaching them how to dance the can-can?

Strangely enough, my children don't seem to realise they are being deprived. They appear to be perfectly happy with their grandmother just as she is - a lady of infinite variety.

Peace, people theme marks Red Cross day

Mark the eighth day of May with a bright red cross on your calendar "That's World Red Cross Day", and "Peace Through People" is the theme of the 122 Red Cross Societies throughout the world.

Webster defines peace as "a state of tranquillity or quiet within oneself, a harmony in personal relations." We are much in need of such peace today to counter the oppressiveness of restraints at home, war clouds abroad, the hectic acceleration of our modern lifestyle, and the disquieting realization that our world is finite in space as well as finite in resources.

Peace depends on individuals. It begins with individuals like us who believe that harmony among people grows by being good neighbours, caring for others and sharing both our goods and our concerns.

Although the programs differ from nation to nation, the aim of all Societies is to be compassionate, to understand and help alleviate the differences that can fragment a nation's drive toward a state of relative serenity for its individuals. By protecting the life and health of all peoples, and by treating all individuals with the respect and dignity due to humans, Red Cross hopes to bring about mutual friendship, cooperation, and lasting peace. This is the meaning of "Peace Through People."

In keeping with its principles, Red Cross believes that each person should have the basic assurance that he will be alive tomorrow, next week and next week, health

permitting, and that no man-made attack will prevent crops from growing or prevent people from harvesting those crops, thus providing themselves with food and a living.

In many Third World countries where the population exists on a few cups of grain per day, even that food pittance is not assured, for in addition to an often unfriendly nature, internal strife or political unrest can alter or even halt the production of goods needed for survival. It is crucial that all nations be as self sufficient as possible, for despite aid from other countries, the population demands of some needy countries outstrip the amounts of aid tendered. But in order to provide for themselves, individuals first need a climate of peace - otherwise no hope of a future is possible.

The various programs of Red Cross - emergency assistance, health and water safety services, community aid projects for specialized groups, and blood donor recruitment - are all designed to promote and preserve health and encourage greater participation by individual in their communities.

To promote peace, the Canadian Red Cross Society through its links with other Societies, is able to reach the thousands of people who have no peace.

Working quietly and busily in groups throughout the world, Red Cross, with its millions of volunteers is living proof that it is individuals - people like you and me - who can make "Peace Through People" more than just a slogan.



I am a born collector

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH

I'm a born collector. Mention the word collecting and my nose starts to twitch and my eyes glaze over. I collect anything and everything. I'm sure you know the type - neat little stacks of last year's Christmas paper which I throw out religiously each year just before Christmas when I buy new paper. Old birthday, Christmas, we're moving to our new address cards - important things like that. They all go in to my collections.

Aside from antiques (early Salvation Army) and Indian artifacts, and odd buttons, and old post cards I also love to collect all kinds of untaggables. Special people for special places in my heart. Special songs, and special smells - beach smells, after the rain smells, crisp winter morning smells, collections of wonderful memories yet to be discovered.

Definitely a true collector. Part pack rat; part magnet. I swear some of the things I have around have just sort of snuck up on me.

Every now and again my collections start to endanger body and soul. This is when I usually put plan "A" into operation. Plan A is to sort all into some kind of order. The order is known only to me and of course the system of sorting is remembered only during the week of operations.

My largest collection is that of the printed word. Volumes and volumes overflowing every shelf nook and cranny. It was during a rare moment of unusual energy that I came across the following.

The following list has some fact; some fiction. Play detective and see if you can spot the real from the fantasy - at the end of the column I'll let you know which is truth and which is fiction.

1. Unlike stars and starlets that seem to

2. never get pregnant with this one or that one, the female dogs of California have been fitted with IUD devices to prevent conception. Bless their wee little hearts, isn't it a shame they can't convince their owners to do the same thing.
3. Jimmy Attis caused quite a disturbance when he tried to enter the American army with a new name. He thought his was too ordinary and wanted "a handle that everyone would notice. The one he registered in Probate Court, however, was pushing things a bit too far. Little Jimmy wanted his name changed to Sir Adolf Hitler. Picture that one "Sir Adolf Hitler fall in." Why people couldn't help but notice.
4. From my collection of groovy gravestones come these words of wisdom. Here lies the body of Robert Gordon Mouth almighty and teeth according. Stranger tread lightly over this wonder. If he opens his mouth you a goner by thunder.
5. Sally Morgan Dec. 10, 1864 Here lies my wife, let her lie She's at peace, and so am I.
6. The National Science Foundation in the United States has awarded \$30,000 to Dr. Walter J. Buck to study how birds use their tongues.

Well, that's our little collection for you. Have you guessed the truth? You are right, there isn't any fiction. Each and everyone are

real which only goes to show you once again that truth is always stranger than fiction.

Like my well read friend Ripley says: "Believe it or not."

By DON O'HEARN
 Queen's Park Bureau
 Of The Herald

Was it an election budget?
 This, of course, was the prime question reporters asked themselves when they entered the lock-up room and had their first look at this year's financial package.

And the first reaction was a quick no.
 For the budget had tax increases on tobacco, motor vehicle licence fees and a real whopper on beverage cans.

And it has been a matter of writ that governments don't increase taxes, particularly consumer taxes, in an election year.

NOW RESTRAINT
 But second thought changed the picture. Yes, it very well could have been an election budget.

For this election, when it comes, is going to be fought on grounds like no other we have known in the past.

Historically elections in Ontario—and in Canada—have been fought on spending.

Embarrassed to defend press

By STEWART MACLEOD
 Ottawa Bureau
 Of The Herald

It's very difficult for me to write a column in defence of the press, largely because I am embarrassed by the amount of time we will devote to this particular project.

But in the light of Jack Horner's conversion or defection to Liberalism, along with the recent criticisms of the Conservative party by Quebec Tory MP Jacques Lavoie, I think it's fair to say a few words on behalf of the media. You see, the press has been taking quite a battering for alleged rumormongering as the principles in these cases toyed with various forms of denials.

I have heard callers to open-line radio shows say all sorts of horrible things about irresponsible reporters in the last few weeks. What's our press coming to? Some would ask. Imagine how any intelligent reporter could suggest that Jack Horner could possibly become a Liberal!

Sometimes the caller would sneer. Other times there would be anger at the way the press kept persisting despite statements from Mr. Horner and Prime Minister Trudeau that there were no plans for a conversion or defection.

And I know the reporter who wrote a story in the Ottawa Citizen on March 23 about the possibility of Horner becoming a Liberal certainly became the victim of some high-level sneers.

OTHERS FAULTED
 So, now that this particular case has been settled and Horner is a Liberal cabinet

minister, I don't think it would be unfair to review a few highlights of the drama. Of course it will be a mere coincidence if we happen to imply that all the irresponsibility doesn't rest with the media.

When Horner called a press conference on April 20 to announce that he could make a greater contribution to Canada by becoming a Liberal, he was asked when he had first been approached by a representative of Prime Minister Trudeau.

"I had a phone call from Jim Coult's, Trudeau's principal secretary at my ranch," Horner said the date was March 10. He went on to say that he met Coult's again two or three days later and "he frightened the daylight out of me" with a suggestion that the long-time right-wing Tory take a walk across the Commons floor.

Horner then went on to relate how painful and soul-searching the decision process had been. He was obviously heavily preoccupied with the issue after that March 10th phone call.

On March 24, he was asked to comment on the Citizen story that he was actually considering an offer from the Liberals.

"I don't know what it's all about," he replied. And, as the Toronto Globe and Mail reported, "he vigorously denied reports yesterday that he is thinking about leaving the Conservative party."

He said he "wouldn't entertain" the idea.

MORE DETAILS
 The following day, a full two weeks after Trudeau's principal secretary "frightened the daylight" out of Horner with his

suggestion, the Prime Minister as asked this question at a news conference:

"Have you or anyone on your behalf asked Jack Horner to cross the floor of the House of Commons and invited him to join the cabinet?"

"No, I am afraid not," replied Trudeau. "I heard the rumor..."

He said one of his staff members had talked with Horner "on the basis of friendship and no other" but this was common practice with opposition MPs.

Meanwhile Horner was saying the rumors might have been planted by the Liberals just to sow dissension in Conservative ranks.

Naturally, the press took all the blame for spreading these malicious rumors. Even the Globe and Mail made an editorial reference to rumors and hallucinations as it pondered the possibility of Horner sitting next to Transport Minister Otto Lang.

"We wouldn't put it past the Liberals," said the newspaper, "but we would put it beyond Mr. Horner."

We will say no more on that.

The case of Lavoie is much shorter. He said he would consider joining the Liberals if the Conservatives didn't adopt more effective policies. But a day later, following a friendly chat with Conservative Leader Joe Clark, he issued a statement saying he had been misunderstood.

He had been quoted correctly, he said, but the quotes had been misunderstood. Let me think about this for a while. In the meantime, I don't think the press should suffer from any guilt complexes.

A strong issue needed in election

Ontario voters whether they like it or not are heading to the polls June 9 in what may be the least interesting of recent elections.

Growing criticism is evident among voters that the election call is unnecessary and an opportunistic move on the part of Premier William Davis.

While the premier denies such is the case, the single issue on which the government was dissolved does not fire the imagination of the voters, nor does his call for a strong majority to allow an adequate voice in the program of national unity.

Minority government has been working in Ontario. The past 18 months have proven that the government can function under a cloud of uncertainty by providing strong leadership through concessions to the valid points raised by the opposition.

Already the election call has been dubbed the "two-per-cent election" because the relevant point borders on the two per cent reduction in the ceiling of rent review legislation passed Friday. But the fire of rent review as a strong election issue, as it was in the 1975 election, will not provide the electorate with a sense of urgency to give Ontario a majority government.

Unless a strong issue is found during the next 30-odd days of campaigning we are more likely to be subjected to an election thud which will resound at the polls with the prospect of another minority government.

Election budget? Second thought says indeed!

The parties have vied with each other on how much they would spend and where.

But at least as far as the government is concerned in our next vote it will be directly the opposite.

It will be going to the people with an appeal based on non-spending.

Its keynote will be restraint. And this was the dominant emphasis in the budget, as it has been in its preachings on fiscal policy over the past year.

Part of its problem in making this approach valid and successful is to convince the public, or a large sector of it, that restraint is essential.

And a whack in the pocket-book can be at least a stimulant to force thinking in this direction.

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 Election thoughts aside, the budget really was a commendable one.

Over the past half dozen years or so anyone who took a long view of government had to be terribly worried with its crash course in spending and the frightening increase in debt.

And not only our government but all governments in Canada.

Spending was mounting much faster than the growth in production, meaning that government was eating up a bigger and bigger share of our resources and heading us towards disaster.

And the increases in debt were monumental.

Darcy McKeough has put a stop to this. His financing approach is probably now the most realistic of any treasurer in Canada.

His spending will increase this year. But it won't increase as much as the Gross Provincial Product, which is the key point.

He hasn't been able to knock out the growth of debt. But he has been able to cut down on it. And he has a five year plan which hopefully will see the province with a BALANCED budget in 1981.

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