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'Common sense takes backslide'

By GERRY LANDBOROUGH Herald columnist You tell me - Have I got it straight? Here we are smack dab in the so called age of enlightenment. Scientific technology is a part of every day living - complicated computers that can do what a man would take hours in a split second - more knowledge than at any other time in the history of the world - all of this yet we seem to be going backward at an unbelievable pace. We don't think, it's no longer fashionable. The trend is to accept whatever opinion is trendy and take it to your breast as your very own. The mayor of Toronto does it - the head of the Toronto Board of Education does it - the O.P.P. does it - the Metro Police Force does it - W.H. Smith bookstores tried it - curious, well let me elaborate. Common sense has taken the biggest backslide since P.T. Barnum came out with "there's a sucker born every minute and two to take em." People today blindly accept someone else's opinion without ever thinking it through. NOT SPEAKING Let us start with perversion... Webster's dictionary defines perverse as - "turning away from what is right and or good." I'm not speaking of the so called "sexual preference" but of what is perverted. Toronto Board of Education trustee Barry Tulp pleaded guilty to performing an indecent act in a public wash-room. This was not the first time he was charged. Now common sense dictates that if any man or woman was known to have sexual relations in a public washroom with one another they would be considered to be of very loose and undesirable moral fibre - recently an Middle East Princess was reported to have done the same thing and she was supposedly tossed out of her country. If two males choose to conduct any type of sexual relation that could be termed "gross indecency" by the police department

Obituary

Hazen Allen

Hazen E. Allen, the principal of Robert Little Public School in Acton, died January 20 in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. He was 51. Mr. Allen was born in Proton Twp., Grey County and began his education in a one-room school. He attended high school in Shelburne and received his B.A. degree from McMaster University, Hamilton. He worked for Canadian Telegraph in Toronto for a short time before he began his teaching career in a small school in Ravenna, Ontario. He came to Georgetown to teach in Chappel Street Public School in 1953 and became the first principal of George Kennedy Public School when it opened in 1959. Five years ago he became principal of Robert Little Public School in Acton. He had a close affiliation with St. John's United Church and was the current chairman of the church board. He had also served one year as chairman of the Halton Principal's Association. Mr. Allen is survived by his wife, the former Beth Marshall, and children Peter, Lisa, and David, all at home. He also leaves his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leaman Allen, and brother Ken of Oakville, sister Betty (Mrs. C. McCutcheon) of Georgetown and brother Orval of Mississauga. Mr. Allen resided at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home and Rev. H. Llewellyn conducted the funeral service from St. John's United Church at 2 p.m. January 22. Interment followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

rapists. Ifogwash. It does not take a great deal of intelligence to figure out that seduction is not the case in the rape of a 85 year old woman.

Fact or statistics are only as good as the statisticians compiling the report. Statistics can show whatever you want them too. If in the 72 cases studied the victims were young hitchhikers or drug users then you could claim seduction or poor moral judgement was the case but you couldn't label all rapes with such facts or lack of them. However non thinkers would like to perpetuate the myth that rape is an act of sex instead of a crime of violence. It's another trendy thought.

Another example of trendy thoughts is the lazy no good welfare bum. Everyone knows that's who gets welfare. Don't confuse the issue with facts and tell of the deserted husbands and wives with babies or the disabled or the families where crisis upon crisis has resulted in welfare or starvation. It is much easier to believe that all who receive welfare are leftovers of society non deserving a drain on the taxpayers money. How about the work for welfare approach - let them earn what we the generous taxpayers give them. Common sense would say if there is work for those able-bodied on welfare why not take them off welfare and give them a job but again don't confuse fashionable thoughts with facts or common sense.

Now let us consider rape. Rape according to the medical reports I have read is most often a crime of hate as opposed to one of passion. The recent report by the OPP that in some cases victims "showed a great lack of discretion and promiscuity was predominant factor." Such a statement allows a whole parcel of holier than thou armchair critics to reinforce a non valid opinion that all rape victims in actually seduce their

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