



POWELL'S PUPPETMONGERS PERFORM

Bret Robertson of Georgetown made a few new friends Saturday when Puppetmongers Powell visited Knox Presbyterian Church hall for an afternoon performance. Sponsored by the Halton Hills Public Library Board and the South Central Regional Library System, the puppet show was the creation of

David and Ann Powell, shown here with Bret (centre) and two of the show's more entertaining performers. Puppetmongers Powell is a Toronto-based touring show.

(Herald photo by Paul Dorsey)

VIEWPOINT

Children: tomorrow's hope, horror

By Gerry Landsborough
Herald columnist

Children are both the hope and the horror of tomorrow. In Latin America more than two million youngsters live on the street the "los abandonados."

They are there, not because of lack of love on the part of their parents, but rather due to a poverty that to us in a country such as Canada is almost completely alien.

It's the kind of poverty that destroys the soul. It throws children two, three, four, five years of age and up to the streets. Left to survive as they can, left to rummage through garbage as any desperate animal, desperate for survival. Left to be victimized by the parasites of the night - the pimps, the racketeers, - the degenerates.

HEART BREAKS
Whenever I read or come in contact with stories of such loss, my heart literally breaks.

I say loss because each child is a gift for tomorrow and none of us can say who will be another Einstein, Pasteur, Franklin, Da Vinci, Mozart etc.

Peter Tacon and his wife Marion run a home for the "los abandonados" called Pueblo to Canada. In Pueblo Canada approximately 120 lost souls have found a home and a father and mother in Marion and Peter.

According to Peter Tacon the 120 is "merely a drop in the bucket the need is so great."

Some of the children have been permanently damaged through malnutrition and the horrors of street living. Sexual attacks, the ravage of pimps, disease, etc. all have taken their pound of flesh.

It is heartbreaking to picture a seven year old girl the victim of a knife slashing and sexual attack or those that have been purposely deformed to be set on the street corner and collect money and then have to turn

it all over to a modern day Faggin.

With 1979 being declared the International Year of the Child Peter Tacon finds it worthwhile and desirable but, also fears complacency.

BURNING ISSUE
"Our biggest weakness in western society is to think that talking about a burning issue is the same as doing something about it - there's a hell of a difference," he said.

Not everyone is in a position to help but if you can, or want more information write:

Pueblo Canada Inc.
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An issue regarding children here at home in Halton Hills is "vandalism". Though we can't see the effects such as deformed limbs or bodies ravaged by disease or hunger, our children also cry out in need. Much of the destruction we see in vandalism is a child's cry I AM HERE - pay attention to me.

We get so caught up in the act of living the good life or just plain living that we really convince ourselves that a nice home, a room of your own, a stereo and so on constitutes happiness for a child. More than anything else children need time. Your time. A kid shoved somewhere between business appointments golf and the evening shot of rye is just as "los abandonados" as the wail in Puerto Rico.

Regardless of social class, kids need parents somebody has to be there for them. To blindly say that our kids have it all and then look at the frustration and hostility that

kicks in walls or destroys buildings or pushes old people back and forth amongst two or three "tough guys" is every bit as heartbreaking as "los abandonados".

TERRIBLE UPHEAVAL

Because of the terrible upheaval in family life so many kids are abandoned. I am not saying it is deliberate but nevertheless the kids are the ones who get hurt. Mom goes out to work and Dad, well, he comes around every two weeks if you're lucky. To a child that's abandonment, every bit as much as the child in Latin America. Time - is so hard to give in the struggle through the "rat race". That sharp reminder after the eleven o'clock news "do you know where your children are?" is the proverbial bell and don't ask for whom the bell tolls - you know it's you.

Unfortunately as with Peter Tacon and Pueblo Canada, we have no magic address for you to write to for our own lost souls. But the next time someone tries to shove vandalism down your throat with "no good punk kids" - think about it.

Vandalism is the symptom abandonment is the disease.

A Few Words

"I am a man of few words," claimed a conservative House member during the third hour of his speech.

"That may be," whispered a listener, "but he sure is keeping those few words busy."

GEORGETOWN FIRMS WIN CONTRACTS

Ottawa Bureau
Of The Herald

Two Georgetown firms have won contracts from the federal government, the department of supply and services announced Tuesday.

RBI Sheppard Agencies Ltd. won an \$11,958 contract from the department of communications to supply miscellaneous electrical and electronic components.

DRG Stationery Co. won a \$14,849 contract to supply paper to Supply and Services Canada.

The contracts are among 408 awarded in the week ended April 6. Total value of the contracts was \$22,973,890.

Happier Homes

Plant cuttings form your favourite rose bush

<p>1</p> <p>Make six- to eight-inch cuttings; pull off lower leaves.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Set cuttings into damp soil mixture.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Seal in a plastic bag until new shoots appear - in about five to eight weeks.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Transplant to a pot or planter, or its own place in your rose garden.</p>
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Dip the bottom end into a root hormone stimulant to speed up root development.

When new growth begins, usually in about five to eight weeks, remove the bag.

at least a couple of weeks.

As the Ortho book explains, there's more than one way to grow a rose. For the more ambitious, the book has instructions on such fancy techniques as grafting and cross-pollination.

Set the cuttings into a pot of damp growing medium composed of sand (or perlite) and peat moss (or vermiculite) in equal parts. The cuttings should be immersed to one-half their own length.

In the same pot, insert two tall stakes, on both sides, to support a plastic bag. Seal the bag at the top to create a greenhouse-like climate, and place the little greenhouse - pot and all - in a bright location away from direct sunlight.

Finally, transplant each cutting to the pot, planter or its own place in the garden, but make sure it will get partial shade for

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The Ortho book explains that the easiest method is probably one of the best.

First, make six to eight inch cuttings when the bloom has faded. Remove the flower along with a few inches of the top stem, leaving only one or two leaves at the top, and pull off the lower leaves, being particularly careful not to damage the buds.

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