

Renaissance head challenges board director

Rev. Ken Campbell, president of Renaissance International, has challenged Halton board of education chairman Bill Herd to appear with him in public to repeat a statement attributed to the chairman in an Oakville newspaper that "Rev. Campbell should mind his own bloody business."

Renaissance International, an organization devoted to the encouragement of the teaching of Judeo-Christian morality and values in the public school system, has been keeping a relatively low profile in recent months, but has "come out of the closet", as Rev. Campbell described it, to attack the board's handling of the publication of an underground newspaper, called Rag-La-Far-Art, at Oakville-Trafalgar High School.

The newspaper, whose name is Trafalgar, spelled backwards, depicted teachers performing bodily functions and sexual perversions. Four of the students responsible for the publication will be suspended for a portion of the coming school year.

BLAMES OFFICIALS
Rev. Campbell has said the administration and not the students, is ultimately responsible for the publication of Rag-La-Far-Art. Rev. Campbell blames the "anti-parent, self-serving" school officials who have been advocating "anti-authoritarian, moral and sexual permissiveness" in the

classroom for the conditions which encouraged the publication of the newspaper.

Mr. Herd's response to Mr. Campbell's comments was to say Rev. Campbell should "mind his own bloody business" and "stop taking pot shots from his mountain". Either that or he should run for a seat on the board himself, the chairman said.

Rev. Campbell asked the board chairman to appear with him at a public meeting and repeat his statement, "together with an explanation as to why the concerns which prompted this letter, and indeed, which shook me from parental apathy five years ago, are not my blessed business as a father and taxpayer resident for 21 years in the Halton region."

He suggested the two meet on the platform at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Milton Sunday evening, July 22. If Mr. Herd did not agree to the meeting, Rev. Campbell said, his only "honorable" course, would be to resign as chairman.

Mr. Herd said at the board meeting Thursday that he did not plan to meet with Rev. Campbell, but that he would be replying by letter. Oakville trustee Elsie Hilson asked if the board would be receiving a copy of his response. Mr. Herd said this is not usually done, but he would make sure she received a copy if she wished.

FIRMS WIN TENDERS

From the Ottawa Bureau
Of the Herald
Georgetown firms have won two, equal contracts, the department of supply and services announced Monday.

Varian Associates of Canada Ltd. won a \$2,043 contract to provide the department of national defence with electron tubes.

National Defence also awarded a contract worth \$30,961 to Pacific Pumping of Canada for power pumps.

The contracts are among 410 worth \$10,000 or more awarded to Canadian companies in the week ended June 15. Total value of the contracts was \$29,979,592.

Vacation Guide

Underwater Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda - It's like a chapter of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea", but with a few noticeable differences. The fictional submarine Nautilus, for instance, has been replaced by a special rigged 53-foot surface launch called Carloca, and the man in charge in charge is not the bearded Captain Nemo but a clean shaven Bermudian named Bronson Hartley.

Most everything else, though, is reminiscent of Jules Verne's classic tale: the

bell-shaped diving helmet with the little windows; the slow-motion sensation brought on by moving through a liquid environment; then, there's the reef with its countless marine animals of all types and colours, including the fish that unabashedly gather to feed right out of your hand.

Hartley, who has been taking visitors on underwater strolls (\$20 per four-hour trip) for the last 31 years, spends nearly a third of his working day (June through

October) beneath the surface. And, no doubt, his presence on the small reef just a few miles off Flat's Village on the Island's north shore is not an intrusion. In fact, the resident corals, sponge, anemones, sea cucumbers and fish have all come to expect the regular visits from this gentle alien in the rubber suit and funny-looking hat with the long air hoses trailing behind.

After anchoring Carioca in about 12 feet of water, a deck hand readies the first five-member diving group while Hartley slips below to announce the new arrivals. Once everyone is on the sandy bottom he uses a set of pre-arranged hand signals and water-proof messages printed on an old butter knife

blade and leads his expedition around the reef, stopping to identify and observe from close up all the critters of the marine shallows.

Topside, meanwhile, the next small group of divers is patiently awaiting its turn, eagerly watching on closed circuit television exactly what's happening below.

Another Bermudian who's in the adventure diving business is Joffre Pitman who operates a combination glass-bottomed boat and snorkelling tour (\$18 per four-hour trip between late May and October) of the island's outer reefs about eight miles off shore. Here there are other glass-bottomed boats that tour the reefs. Pitman is the only operator who offers a snorkelling trip on the perimeter reefs where Bermuda's finest sea gardens lie. First-time visitors are always astounded at the beauty and can't resist making many surface dives to view the new world from a better vantage point.

And as both Hartley and Pitman says, all you need to take advantage of it all is a

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Celebrate the Year of the Rose

There is a cause for celebration. This year, 1979, has been named "The Year of the Rose," a long deserved tribute to a flower prominent in history and romance.

The rose served as a badge of battle as far back as the Trojan War. Homer wrote, "Roses adorned the shield of Achilles and the helm of Hector."

A widely used symbol of heraldry, the rose was used as the seal of many popes. Fifteenth century England was a battleground for the War of the Roses, which ended after 30 embroiled years when the opposing houses of Lancaster and York were united in the marriage of Henry Tudor and Elizabeth of York.

How appropriate that the War of the Roses ended with marriage! This beautiful and aromatic flower is appreciated the world over as an expression of love that defies words.

The most pleasurable way to celebrate "The Year of the Rose" is by arranging a bunch and displaying them prominently in your home.

For simple arrangements a dozen roses and six to 18 sprigs of foliage are ample. If large-leaved foliage is used, even fewer sprigs are needed.

Blossoms of different colors may be used and mixed with other flowers such as daisies. Simple containers such as coffee pots enhance the casual look.

Formal arrangements in stately vases call for roses of one color supplemented with simple foliage such as lemon leaf, rhododendron or asparagus fern. All of these decorative foliages are widely available at florist shops.

Regardless of the type of arrangement you have in mind, begin by conditioning your flowers to ensure that they will stay fresh and attractive for as

long as possible. As soon as you bring them home, cut stems of flowers and foliage on a slant with a sharp knife, preferably under water. This will expose a broad cross section of the stem for good water absorption. Remove all foliage on the part of the stem that will be submerged in water.

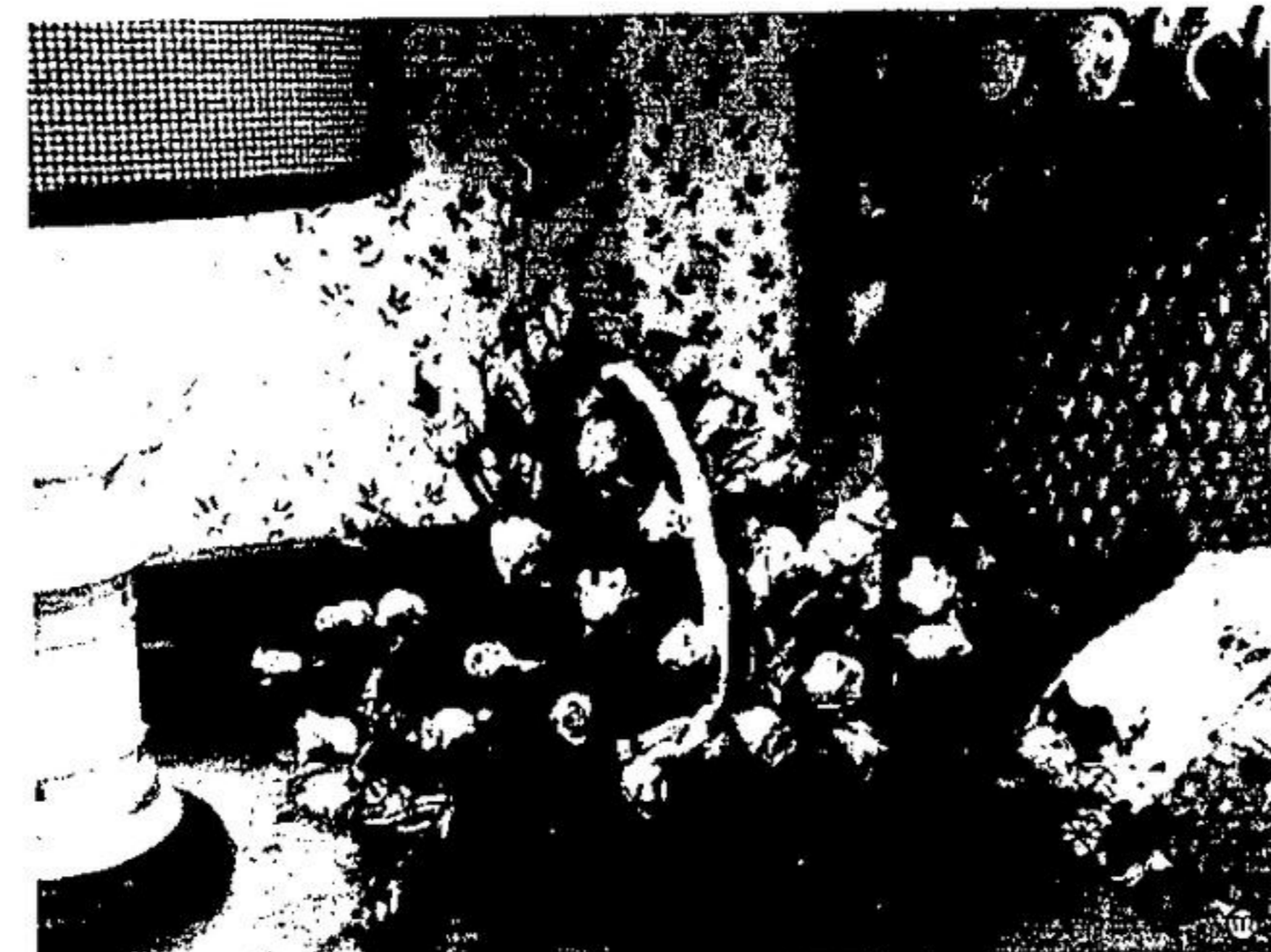
Condition roses and foliage by placing them in a deep container of warm water and floral preservative for three hours.

This will fumify flowers, encourage buds to open and eliminate bacteria that might cause stems to decay. This conditioning can prolong the life of roses by as much as 50 percent!

When you're ready to arrange, first decide the overall shape of the design. Ovals, circles and triangles provide good points of departure. Or, you might prefer a pincushion or fan shape.

If large-leaved foliage is to be used, begin by placing the foliage so that it makes an attractive collar around the neck of the vase. Fine foliage should be added later.

Select the tallest rose with the best shaped bud and place it as the focal point in your arrangement. Next, add the other roses and sprigs of foliage around them, following the shape you have chosen.



EVERYONE CAN CELEBRATE "THE YEAR OF THE ROSE" by arranging a bunch of these perfumy flowers, wrapped in history and romance, and displaying them at home. Prolong their vase life by conditioning them in floral preservative and keeping them away from heaters, drafts and direct sunlight.

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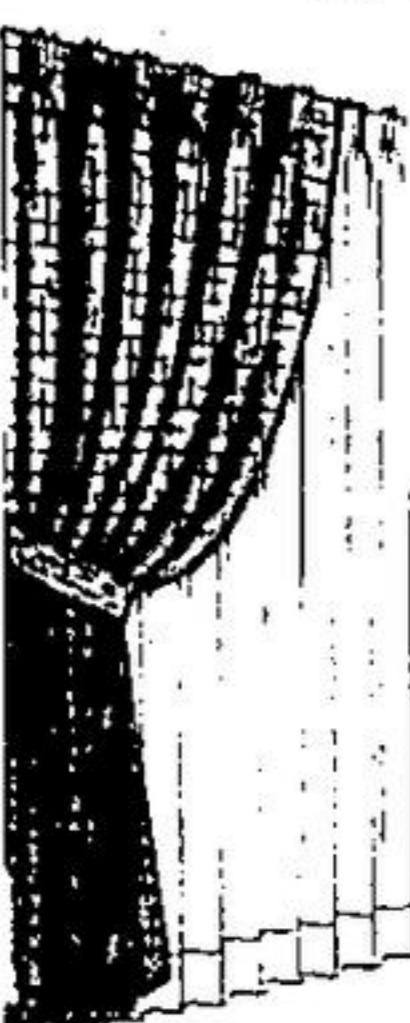


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Rotate the arrangement as you work to be sure that it is attractive from all sides (unless you want to display it against a wall). Alternate roses with sprigs of foliage.

When all the flowers and foliage are placed, check for gaps in the design. Make sure roses do not touch each other. Each one should be plainly visible. Your own taste is your best guide in adding the finishing touches.

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