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Mario's legacy much appreciated

If Halton Hills' civil servants face the voters every few years in an election, chances are planning director Mario Venditti might not yet be leaving us to take up a similar position in Guelph. Such is his apparent popularity around town.

A majority of citizens will have never met the man who, more than most, has helped shape Halton Hills' future by planning its present resources. Indeed, he has led the department responsible for municipal planning here ever since Halton Hills was born nearly six years ago. Before that, Mr. Venditti was already deeply involved in the community, serving in the former town of Georgetown's planning department.

Halton Hills is into its second or third "rounds" of recreation directors. engineers and clerk-administrators, not to mention mayors, but Mario was one of the originals. Under his guidance, the town planning department has been wading through the arduous task of consolidating three disparate official plans into one, has wrestled with the critical shortage of sewage treatment capacity, has scoured the area for the best development sites and has defended and opposed numerous

planning proposals before such agencies as the Ontario Municipal Board,

To the chagrin of many lay people, municipal planning is a frustratingly slow and painstakingly thorough process, too reliant on lawyers and too submissive to politicians. Behind these charges, though, the simple fact that civil servants are doing their jobs as best they can, trying, often under infuriating circumstances, to please as many people as humanly possible.

In his eight and a half years working for Georgetown and Halton Hills, Mr. Venditti has no doubt had his fill of irate citizens, fence-sitting bureaucrats and municipal councils that change their collective minds like a weathervane shifts directions. Because he has maintained a conscientious and responsive attitude toward public and political demands, we sincerely hope he's also had his share of fair praise from the 30,000-plus citizens he's served.

And, not so incidentally, because he's always been open and helpful to the press, we hope Mr. Venditti is aware of our professional respect for him. On behalf of a still-growing Halton Hills, we wish him the best of luck in his new position.



Letter from the editor

Paul Dorsey

Our karmic debt

Georgetown's annual grass-roots charity

Good Neighbors

back to aid our needy

sincerely thank Knox Presbyterian Church women' week from now on, and when I have a headquarters

to hear from in Oakville.

It must be almost two weeks now since the daily newspapers and TV first reported Prime Minister Trudeau's Constitutional breakthrough with the provincial premiers. The headlines rejoiced as they hailed a new era of co-operation and progress for Canada, and the photographic image of Trudeau scated front and centre in the Commons, his MPs stood in reverent ovation around him, was again burned into our biased memories.

That first day there was no room for bad news, it seemed. Only the Globe and Mail, to the best of my knowledge, found space inside, virtually buried by the celebratory articles about Trudeau's "coup", for a report on the reaction of native Canadians. In the days that have followed, however, press conferences and demonstrations held by Metis, Inuit and Indians, especially the evercolorful tribal dances, have held centre stage for the

The rest of us Canadians needn't be too concerned by Trudeau's less than apologetic dismissal of yet another betrayal of the native people by those politicians engaged in deal-making. Provisions guaranteeing aboriginal rights, as well as civil rights for women, he said, ended up in the wastebasket because that's the only way certain premiers would accept his latest counteroffer on the

So much merde, as they say. There is a point when playing politics, however noble the stated intention might be, overrides common sense and decency and endangers the common good. Trudeau's bid for immortality - indeed, divinity in his own lifetime - can politically afford a pseudo-sympathetic shrug for the Indians as long as there are dissenting premiers to blame.

Since my pre-teens, when I first became aware that Indians aren't "bad guys" (good only when dead) and that the "brave" pioneers who civilized North America despite daily threats of scalping didn't so much settle the land as steal it. I've wondered how us white folks could allow the

By ROMA TIMPSON

Service co-ordinator

concerned people of Georgetown, including busi-

ness and professional people, to help us in our

annual campaign for toys, funds and food for the

for their donation of \$50, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dubuc

(\$19) and Ballinafad United Church women for their

\$50 donation, it all adds up, and speaking to one of

my contacts to Oakville, she tells me she has 74

names on her list so far and I still have another area

981 scason.

The Good Neighbor Service is appealing to all

Cheques are beginning to come in and we

native people to continue suffering. Everyone I talked to certainly seems aware that being an Indian on a reservation today is the same, perhaps worse, than being a black American in the ghetto ten years ago.

But voters, especially in the wild west. continue to support racist governments. Some federal administrations and many provincial ones have been downright genocidal, not just unconcerned, when it came to "stinkin' Indians". The current premiers of some of those western provinces will have to explain their own fallure to enshrine aboriginal rights, but voters across Canada should listen well to Trudeau (whose name keeps popping up ironically in the context of the "United Nations") when election time rolls 'round and he's asked to tell us "who are those haggard-looking people skulking in the corner of our history books?".

Why am I not so embittered about the dropping of provisions for women's rights? Simply because I predict that Judy Erola and her sisters will ensure that protection, and if not, then the Canadian version of the Equal Rights Amendment will come soon, albeit not soon enough. Far scarcer and far more threatened, our native people, I fear, will not survive the white man's concept of civilization.

A sad point in Canadian history, you say, when the last Indian dies? But civilization will carry on, you reassure yourself, and our children will have learned the lesson that all men are equal, even it it took a race's extermination to prove it.

Unfortunately, my personal beliefs allow me no such reassurance. I believe in the wholeness of creation, a vast inverted pyramid with each species of life occupying a small place. Remove one strain of bird life - the dodo - and minor but irreparable damage is done. Remove an important link in the noble chain of mammals - the blue whale, I fear and the pyramid starts to shudder. Remove an entire people, even delete their will to live, and the magnificent structure assembled by God will

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toys for the younger generation and the teenagers

need to be considered as well. Colleen's address is

115 Deirex Blvd. Contact Roma Timpson for all

inquiries about the Good Neighbor Bervice, care of

and select the time and date for sorting, packing and

delivery, I will let you know. Offers of help have

been forthcoming already and it is greatly

appreciated. You may also contact my very able

There will be something in The Herald each

53 McIntyre Cres. in Georgetown 877-9135.

assistant, Betty Sandifer at 877-4744.

Vote-buying gimickry

Queen's Park By Derek

Nelson

Queen's Park Bureau . of The Herald

Federal Multiculturalism Minister Jim Fleming's portfolio is essentially a Liberal vote-buying gimmick set up for so-called "ethnic" Canadians (aren't we all?), a department formed without substance or reason.

But even the very political nature of its existence does not excuse the sloppy, misleading speech Fleming made here recently on "racial stereotyping" in the media,

He complained the media perpetuates these stereotypes, and as a result he's going to do the usual Liberal thing of bringing out "guidelines" so we'll all know how to think correctly in the Brave New Liberal World.

Fleming's proofs for this stereotyping are rather confused, but include such dubious thoughts that because foreign news reporting concentrates on the negative. Canadians are signalled that "non-whites are violent and volatile."

Right on, Jim, especially in Ireland, Spain, Israel, Iran, and so on. DR. WHO

But there is one example from Fleming that I want especially to discuss, because it deals with an Ontario incident about which I'm relatively well-informed.

blitz to counteract what he termed a federal "brainwashing" campaign. He also said he wouldn't take part in

from it, will be viewed by the

WANTSTIME

public opinion before committing

He clearly wants to work on this

Rene's just marking time

as BNA agreement stews

population.

GEEZ ...
WHO'S GONNA PUT

THEIR TREE?

THIS UNDER

A SPECIALLY PREPARED

RISTMAS MESSAGE TO

TRUIN PORSEY EMPLOYEES

Ottawa

Report

By Stewart

Ottawa Bureau

of The Herald

Rene Levesque's tirade at the opening.

of the Quebec National Assembly, he

seems to be simply marking time,

walting to see how the public perceives

the constitutional agreement reached

between Ottawa and the nine other

first blush, appear to be a strange way

to mark time, but given the peculiar

circumstances, there is probably no

safer recourse. A bit of Ottawa bushing

is always good for some relatively

Premier Levesque to open the news

session by announcing a provincial

election, or perhaps a referendum, to

marshat public support for a show-

down with the Trudeau government

over the constitutional issue. And, if

the premier was absolutely certain of

winning, he would probably force such

would indicate that he isn't sure how

the accord, and Quebec's isolation

His relatively cautious approach

There were those who expected

harmless time-killing.

a confrontation.

-Such a bilstering barrage might, at

provinces.

Judging by the tone of Premier

MacLeod

AND THE PORSEY EMPLOYEES

himself. And one of the projects being planned by his Parti Quebecols government is an information and advertising further federal-provincial talks unless they relate directly to financial or economic interests. But even here he left the door open a crack. He didn't cut himself off from any option. But in stalling for time, the

premier certainly burned Trudeau's ears, a not unexpected event considering what happened last week. And he also singed his fellow premiers and the angle community.

"This macabre farce will remain without question a historical event...it is a historical event because Quebec was shamefully betrayed, because Quebecers will now know that no compromise they make, whether as citizens or through their government, is enough to make English Canada recognize our particular character..."

"As in every crisis, there is a moment of truth. And what it reveals about the others is their true fundamental attitude toward Quebec...what they have just produced together is a Canada without Quebec, a Canada from which Quebec is excluded without being trussed up."

He went on to declare that no selfrespecting Quebec government could ever accept such an agreement. He also flayed the premiers for allegedly betraying Quebec by breaking their

Fleming spoke of the "pigtalled

Someone unaware of Dr. Who

coolles and laundrymen and the wily

Oriental of Dr. Who-seen on TV

Ontarlo until it was cancelled because

of complaints of "dangerous, offen-

might immediately leap to the

conclusion that Dr. Who was Oriental,

that the program was a feast of

pigtailed laundrymen stereotypes, and

that it was cancelled by audience

is a so-called "white", the show of a

British science-fiction semi-serial, and

dealing with a far-away planet, was

censored by TV Ontario staff because

the background for the adventure was

(I believe), a variation on the Manchu

Dynasty with its pigtails and emigrant

WRONG POINT

on-air stereotyping he is away off-base

with Dr. Who. The episode never got

that far. (Whether it should have is

another question. When the back-

grounds used Anglo-Saxon barbarians

or feuding Venetian noblemen there

So if Fleming wants to talk about

In fact none of that is true, Dr. Who

However, one Dr. Who episode,

in multiculturalism post

sive, racist stereotyping."

complaints.

laundrymen.

it remains on-air.

solidarity and making a deal with Prime Minister Trudeau. CAUTION EXPECTED

Considering what happened at last week's federal-provincial conference, one can quite readily understand why Premier Levesque would be uncertain about the public's perception. While it's politically opportune to talk about betrayals and how other provinces broke their unwritten agreement and left Quebec out in the cold, many people will remember Mr. Levesque's initial reaction to the prime minister's proposal for referendum. This preceded the final agreement, and at that the Quebec premiers left the clear impression that he was willing to break with his fellow-premiers and join the federal proposal. Mr. Trudeau even talked of the new "alliance" between Ottawa and Quebec. And Premier Levesque was widely displayed on television, appearing to embrace Trudeau's "honorable" proposition. At that time it was Levesque who seemed to be breaking with his fellow-

premiers. It could take some time for the public's perception of such a turn of events to be fully comprehended. It could also take some time for the premier to decide whether he can successfully campaign against such motherhood issues as guaranteed language rights and mobility rights. They are not traditionally good

So it isn't surprising that, all things being considered, Premier Levesque decided to simply mark time by engaging in that grand old speciator sport of bashing Ottawa. It's a harmless way to pass time.

representative in the legislature, with 9,033 votes. Mayor Harold Cleave is presented with a

THIRTY YEARS AGO-Returned to office with an overwhelming majority, Ontario's Progressive Conservative government will have 79 of the 90 seats in the new legislature. The Liberals replace the CCF as the official opposition with seven seats. The CCF have two seats and the other two seats are held by a Liberal-Labor member and a Labor-Progressive. Stan Hall, Streetsville farmer, rolled in on the P.C. landslide to serve his fourth term as Halton's

charcoal portrait of himself by the noted artist Egbert C. Reed of Norval at a recent meeting of Georgetown council.

Continuing a program of modernization at the Georgetown school, new desks and chairs will be ordered for one classroom. The lavatories were examined by the board, and while there was agreement that they were in deplorable condition, it was thought wiser to leave any major alterations until next summer, recommending to next year's board that improvements be budgetted for.

Five teenagers who admitted to breaking windows and doing malicious damage to the high school building on Halloween were ordered to make restitution to the board of \$50, at a meeting of North Halton District high school board in Georgetown last week. The five appeared at the board meeting and were ordered to pay the damage the next day or further measures would be taken. Board members censured the youths, none of whom are high school students.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beerman have received word that their son Earl, a Korean veteran is en route home and should be landing on the west coast in early December. Earl was wounded some time

Two music students from the district are prominent prizewinners at the Kiwanis Music Festival in Guelph last week, Ruth McBride, a pupil of Mrs. R.H. Wright won a gold medal for solo piano playing for girls 15 and under. Anna Spitzer, of Limehouse, was silver medalist in the vocal class for girls 14 and under. She studies with Ken Harrison.

A box of Christmas tree decorations were lost on Highway 7 between Norval and Brampton Tuesday. Finder please call and reverse charges.

George Bernard Shaw's will made the papers last week. In it, he left the bulk of his million dollar fortune to research on making a phonetic alphabet for the English language. His old crony Lady Astor termed the will "ridiculous".

TWENTY YEARS AGO-Georgetown stores will be allowed to stay open Mondays and evenings until 9 p.m. if a bylaw amendment is passed as expected by council next Monday. At this week's meeting, council was unanimous in acceding to a request by merchants that Christmas opening hours be lengthened. At present the bylaw allows such opening from Dec. 15. More than one-third of a group must petition in order to legalize a change.

The public meeting following council nominations this year will not contain the usual reports by councillors, public school and hydro trustees. Instead, council has decided to reserve the meeting for candidates for election. Assessment commissioner Joseph Gibbons will chair the meeting Nov. 29.

Reverend Bruce Woods, pastor of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church was elected president of the Central Association of Fellowship Baptist Churches in Hespeler at the last association rally. The association includes approximately 50 churches in Central Ontario between London and Toronto. Rev. and Mrs. Woods have been in Georgetown for over a

Norval and Glen Williams stayed unbeaten in the Industrial Hockey League by dumping Toronto Dosco and Oakville Sunday. The Glen won the opener 43 over Toronto in a hard fought game. Norval took the second game 5-4 over Oakville with Ron McLean getting four of Norval's five points. Julian Reed's car, stolen Nov. 6 from in front

of his home, was found in the police pound in Toronto Nov. 17. It had been abandoned on a Toronto street two days after it was reported missing. It took police a week and a half to get around to notifying him of its location.

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital will be opening a gift shop soon for which volunteers are being sought. Presently a tuck wagon is being used to sell patients little necessities. TEN YEARS AGO-The Most Reverend Joseph F.

Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, blessed and officially opened Georgetown's second separate school last Wednesday night. Addressing a capacity audience in the auditorium of the new St. Francis of Assisi school at the corner of Sinclair and Duncan streets. Bishop Ryan sald "Religious outlook is most important in separate schools but religion has to begin at home. We need an emphasis on Christian values today." He urged parents to develop a sense of responsibility in their children. It's the 150th separate school in the bishop's diocese. A junior school with classes through kindergarten to grade slx, the building cost \$350,530.

Fees were established at two town-appointed boards. Recreation committee members will receive \$10 per meeting attended, and committee of adjustment members will have a yearly fee of \$440 with \$10 deductions for meetings missed. A motion that councillors appointed to boards not be paid other than their \$2,500 salary next year was defeated on a close 5-4 vote. All motions excluded the mayor, who, besides his annual salary is a paid member of the police, water and hydro commissions.

Zenith Tool and Manufacturing Ltd., 37 Mountainview Rd., held an open house to mark its tenth birthday and to officially open the expanded building. The building now covers 12,000 square feet and employs 25 people to make moldings, die stampings, molds, the tools and the finished product. The new plant is the result of the consolidation of two plants owned by Leon Dearsley, one in Limehouse and the present plant before the

ONE YEAR AGO-St. Nick arrives amidst pomp and pageantry to Georgetown. Participating in the Georgetown Lions Club parade since 1930, St. Nick once again delighted hundreds of children along the parade route from Moore Park through the downtown core to the Georgetown Market Place.

Regional council has approved a 25 per cent sewer rate increase effective Jan. 1 to offset a \$500,000 shortfall in the 1980 sewer budget. The rate hike, which will increase the average homeowner's sewer service costs by \$5 or \$6 a month next year was approved last Wednesday after regional solicitor Dennis Perlin warned that Halton's 1980-82 council could legally sue the outgoing council unless quick action was taken to correct the deficit.

Despite strong and bitter opposition from Burlington's nine-member contingent, regional chairman Jack Raftia managed to hang buto his job during Monday's regional chairmanship election. Mr. Raftis' support for Halton's sewer surcharge system has angered Burlington reps who wish to scrap the system by which they help subsidize sewer works programs in north Halton.

Owners of an average-assessment home in urban Georgetown will pay about \$3 more in taxes next year to cover the town's share of construction costs for the new arts complex, according to town treasurer Ray King.

stereotyping on television. It goes on all the time. Muggers, for example, are almost invariably shows as "white". So are racists.

In the CBC travesty Riel, history was changed in the most blatantly racist manner to make an Ulster Protestant a foreign devil. (Although one might not be able to

tell the distortion using only current school history books. I understand accurate, factual information is snipped from them nowadays because one pressure group or another finds a touch of past reality offensive.)

But beyond television, and even history books, there can be no question that the biggest contributor today to ethnic stereotyping in Canada is Fleming's own ministry and the whole multiculturalism industry.

The premise is that we all belong to different groups, can be pegged as this or that type, counted by color to see who's so-called under-represented, and bought by the Liberals' racist appeal "WE let YOU in".

Fleming's job should go. Multiculturalism is racist. It divides people. The name of the game should be assimilation-regardless of color, creed, origin, or whatever. Turn us all into middle class Canadians with middle class Canadian ideals and values, I say.

None of this is to say there is no

Globe Productions, which will be presenting "Anything Goes" in February, extends its thanks to all who helped make "Globe's Hollowe'en Affair" a success. Due to the popularity of such features as face painting, organizers plan to make the event an annual observation. Winner of a thanks Black Forest cake raffled off was J. Morgan of Weber Drive,

who held ticket number 28.

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was no censorship.)