

Letters to the Editor

Erola seen as an 'Honorable Robber': elected by victims

To the editor of The Herald:
Re: Judy Erola's proposal

My family consists of two children and a working wife. I am an unskilled, blue collar worker.

If I take a gun and go to my neighbor, who has no children, whose wife does not work, and rob

him of \$100 once a month, I am indeed a criminal. I don't want to be a criminal. It is against my morals. So, I use the law.

Everybody has to obey the law. I get money without being a criminal, and without guilt feelings. Then at Christmas, I can look him (my neighbor) straight in the eyes and say "Goodwill towards

man". Judy Erola gets a medal for coming up with a noble humanitarian deed. In reality she is on the same level as a bank robber, deciding which bank to hit. The only difference, she has a title, "Honorable Robber". Honorable crime does pay, even with an indexed pension to boot.

The irony is, she has been elected by her own victims. For even the recipient is a victim, because in the long run, that kind of altruistic philosophy which is dominant in our order of social system, is morally and economically self-destructive to any "civilized" society.

G. Hagensen,
RR2 Georgetown

Consider multilingual needs

To the editor of The Herald:

I have for several years enjoyed reading the Italian language magazines that the Georgetown library had.

I was very disappointed to learn that because the special grant from the province that paid for these subscriptions was not being renewed for 1983 the library will not subscribe to them out of its own funds. The reason I was given for this is that I was the only person who ever read them.

Therefore, I am appealing to everyone in Halton Hills who would read Italian language materials if they were available in the library to let the library know. Right now they are doing a survey of multilingual needs so this is a good time to speak up. Thankyou.

Yours truly
Mrs. C. Florida

Per L'Editore:

Per alcuni anni ho avuto il piacere di leggere le riviste Italiane come OGGI, GENTE e la Domenica - del Corriere che la biblioteca di Georgetown disponeva.

Sono molto delusa, di venire a sapere che l'appoggio, del l'aiuto monetario, della provincia che pagava, per questa riviste abbonate non sono state rinnovate per il 1983, e la biblioteca non intende rinnovarle dal suo fondocassa.

Il, perche di tutto questo e che io ero la sola persona che richiedeva e leggeva queste riviste. Ora voglio appellarmi a tutti quelli che abitano in Halton Hills che leggiamo L'ITALIANO di far sapere loro che siamo interessati, con la speranza di rinnovare l'abbonamento per il 1983.

Cordiali saluti una lettrice,
Concetta Florida

the other day, and she has aged so badly, she didn't even know me. I got to thinking about the poor thing while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so, I glanced at my own reflection. Really now, they just don't make a good mirror anymore."
—Anonymous

At present, a study of the role of Halton region in the provision of health and social services to the elderly is being conducted by a group of consultants. At a recent inter-agency meeting, terms of reference were described and various questions concerning cost, scope and time of the completion of the study were answered.

Three surveys have been done in Halton in the last five years clearly identifying the needs and preferences of the elderly. This information and an examination of the use of the Centennial Manor in Milton led to the conclusion that a study by qualified health and social planning consultants was necessary to assist the regional council to identify its role in meeting these needs.

The Manor was high on the list of priorities to be investigated. Pettit House is divided into wings of dormitory-style accommodation. E-Wing, designated for males is now vacant and from 20 to 50 per cent vacant over past several years. Should this wing be changed from entirely male to include females and couples?

Other alternatives concerning Pettit House are to be studied. Should it be entirely converted to studio, bachelorette or apartment style accommodation? Should it be used entirely for nursing care, or should another use be found for the facility as future needs for nursing care beds will be concentrated farther south in the future.

Handicapped concerns

Thanks Shepard for clarifying

To the editor of The Herald:

In my earlier letter I expressed some of the concerns of the handicapped. Since then I have attended a meet-the-councillor night in Acton and I would like to thank Tom Shepard (recreation director for Halton Hills) for clarifying the town's position regarding several issues. The following relates further to that meeting.

Policies concerning the handicapped: Needless costly expenditures like the Acton Post Office ramp can be avoided by directly consulting the intended users. Possibly a Georgetown and an Acton councillor could be selected to act as a liaison between town council and the disabled. This would ensure two-way communication between both groups.

Professional environmental design consultants are available. Also a little forethought and co-operation can save money and improve services.

Funds for the Acton arena ramp: Mr. Shepard appeared to express his desire to co-operate in meeting the needs of those he serves and I can appreciate that he is working within the confines of a limited budget.

Council members present would not commit themselves financially or even give an approximate date at which this project could commence.

It was stated that it was in the best interest of the taxpayers in Halton Hills to get funds from the

provincial works project. However, until recently, there was a provincial grant available to municipalities to alter existing

buildings to make them accessible to the disabled. Perhaps council was unaware of this grant. Access to library and

cultural centre: Existing fire regulations require a positive latch be installed in the entrance doors to the library. Mr. Shepard

re-assures us that this obstacle to the handicapped is currently under investigation. Pat Woode, Acton

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Sad but true

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"I've given up running for the bus. It leaves faster than it used to. It seems they are making stairs steeper than in the old days, too, and have you noticed the smaller print they now use in the newspaper? There is no use asking anyone to read aloud; everyone speaks in such a low voice I can hardly hear them.

"The material in clothes; is so skimpy now, especially around the waist. It is almost impossible to reach my shoelaces, and I cannot figure out why.

"Even people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age, and on the other hand, people of my own age are so much older than I am. I ran across an old classmate

Takin' it to the streets

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Did you like the play 'Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing'?



"It was good," KIM ARUNDELL, 10, exclaimed enthusiastically. "I liked Fudgie". Kim said she has a little sister who's not exactly like Fudgie, but they have occasional fights like Fudgie did with his older brother Peter. "I've read some of the book but not all of it," Kim said.



Twelve year old CHRIS PATEY definitely liked Judy Blume's play. "It was funny mostly, and Fudgie was my favorite character," he said. Although Chris said he hasn't read the book, he said he's read "Super Fudgie", the sequel to it.

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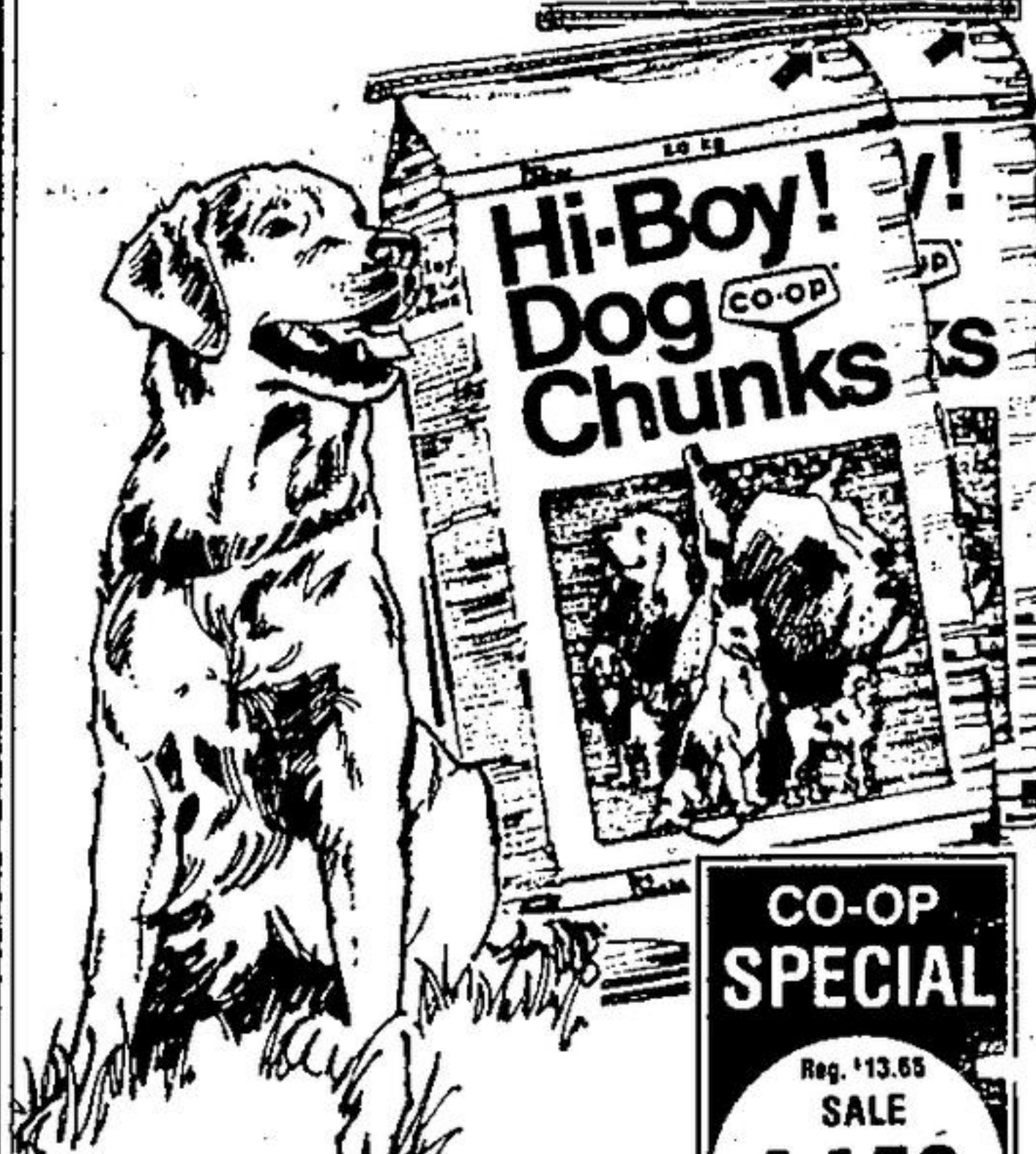
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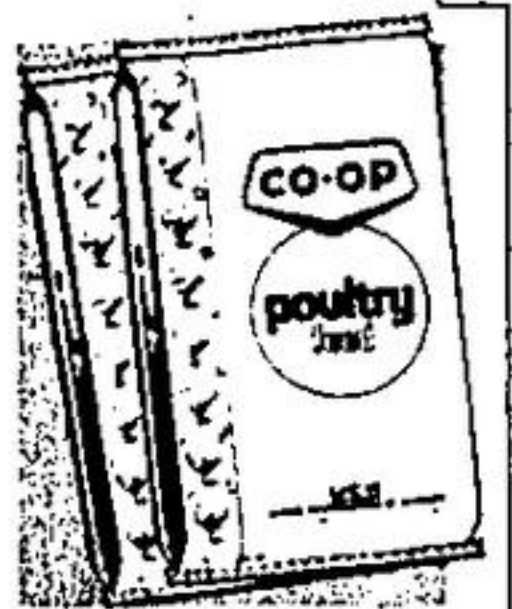


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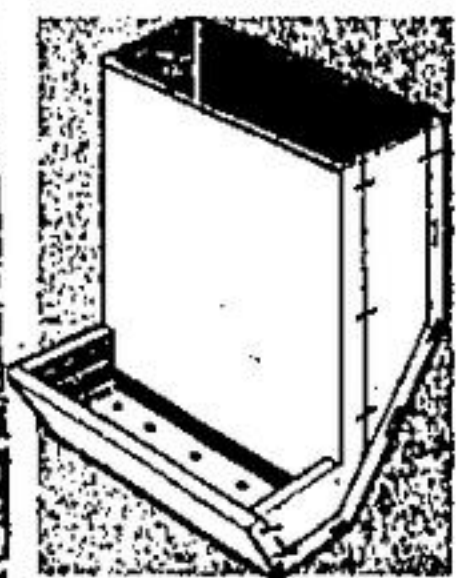
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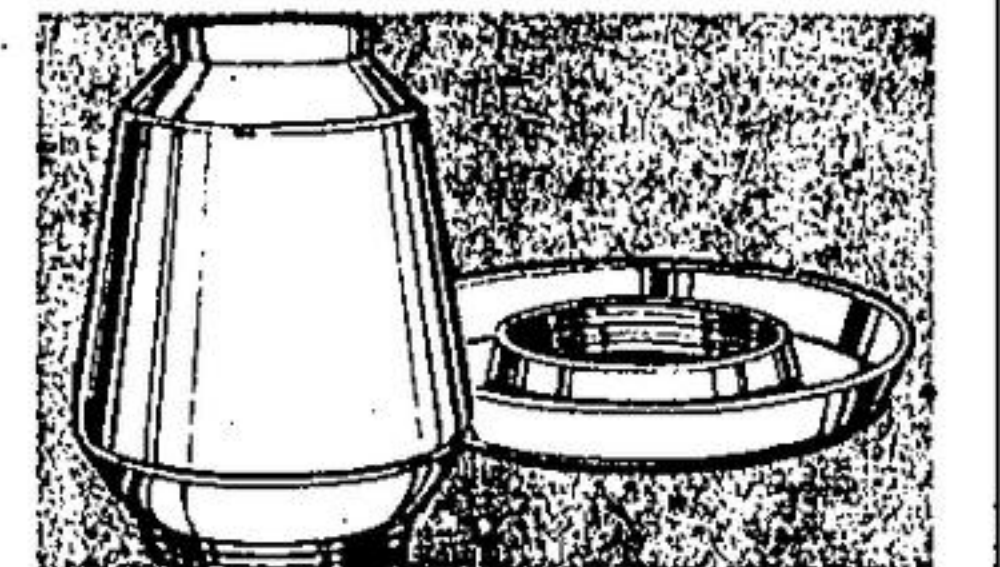
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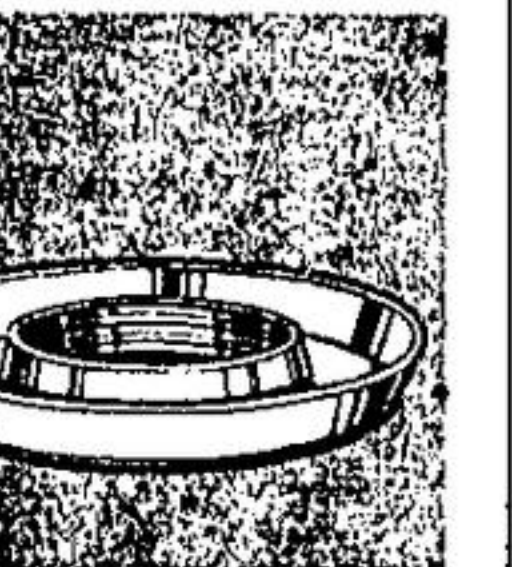
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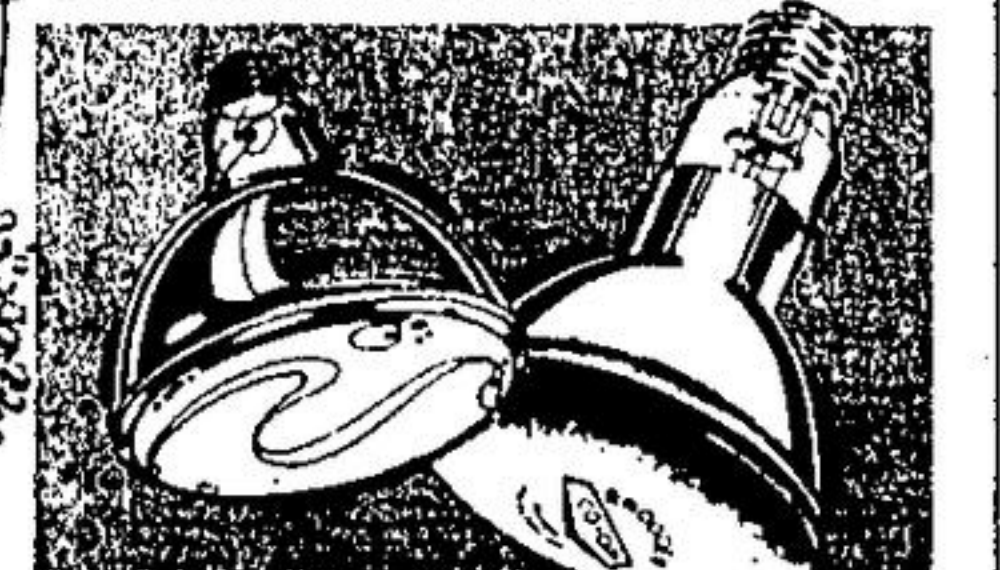
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