

Letters to the Editor

Armenians say thanks for reunion help

To the editor of The Herald:

The recent 60th anniversary picnic and reunion of the Georgetown Armenian Boys at Cedarvale Park was an outstanding success, thanks to several factors:

First of all, there was the courtesy and co-operation of Ms. Eva Carney of the Recreation and Parks Department, who made needed facilities available, and who sacrificed her own time to conduct for us a sentimental tour through the main buildings.

Then there was the superb location of expansive grounds of green grass, lush evergreens for shade, and buildings and facilities in excellent condition.

We are highly pleased, and proud too, that our former home and grounds are so well-maintained.

Several elder citizens of Georgetown came looking for one or more of the Armenian orphan lads whom they had befriended nearly sixty years ago, and whom they still remembered.

For them, as for us, it was a sentimental trip to Cedarvale. There was sadness too, as we spoke to them and had to say: "Oh...he died twelve years ago!"

The highlight of our day was the inspiring speech by Councillor Phil Carney, representing the Mayor of Georgetown. He spoke to us in a large room we remember as classroom and dormitory, but which is now a gymnasium.

We listened with rapt attention as he praised the 'Georgetown Boys' for the long, hard struggles they had endured to establish themselves and become good citizens of Canada.

Everyone appreciated the little evergreen memento pins of Halton Hills; and Mr. Carney was kept busy passing them out not only to the former tenants of Cedarvale, but also to their children and grandchildren.

Later on, out on the picnic grounds, Reverend Y. Sarmazian of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Toronto, in an inspiring address of evangelical fervour, spoke of 'true heroes of Canada', who had shown that by overcoming great adversity, one could reach the stars.

With all this heady praise, and some of the tastiest picnic food in Canada, it was truly a wonderful reunion for the Georgetown Boys. We thank again, all those who helped make the day a truly memorable one.

We appreciate the interest shown by the press: The Georgetown Herald, and the Independent, and the Toronto Daily Star. We hope their reporting of this happy event will be of interest to many.

On behalf of The Georgetown Armenian Boys Association, I am,

Sincerely yours,
J. Apramian
Picnic Chairman

Park in good shape thanks to Rec. staff

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter to town recreation and parks director Tom Sheppard was submitted for publication by the writer.

Dear Tom:

Once again, I write on behalf of the HORNBY Minor Ball Club to thank the Town of HALTON HILLS Recreation and Parks Department for the condition of the Hornby Park for our second annual minor ball tournament.

We received many and I mean many compliments as to the condition of the park, the setting, diamonds available and the appearance of the Hornby park in general. The type of comments should be passed along to where they belong.

We accepted your advertised availability of the Summer Activity Van and all the good people and games that went along with it.

From the first time I spoke to Susan McGowan, it was nothing but total co-operation. Arrangements were made on short notice and in came Sue with her band of merry helpers.

The assistance of Diane, Jayne, David and

Brett kept many of the players and their brothers and sisters entertained for much of the day...a long day...as the Activity Van arrived at 10 a.m. and did not leave until after 5 p.m.

I spoke to my own little girl who participated long and hard with Susan and her 'crew' and even when the events of the day had been over for some time, she still talked of the fun she had at the 'Truck'.

Approximately 189 youngsters from the ages of 9 through to 18 participated in the day long tournament, teams from HORNBY, MILTON, ACTON, GEORGETOWN, ERAMOSA, FUSLINGH AND WATERDOWN.

To Susan and her helpers, a very sincere thank you for their part in making the second annual HORNBY Minor Ball Tournament the great success that it was.

Also, many thanks to the Town of HALTON HILLS Recreation and Parks Department for giving us the parks' condition that we can be very proud of in Hornby.

Yours in good sportsmanship,
Bryan Lewis,
Tournament Committee

Research lacking for post-polio patients



By PAT WOODS
Herald Special

In May I addressed the issue of the post-polio syndrome. As a follow up, I wish to inform those who have contacted me that I am waiting to hear further details from the March of Dimes.

For those unfamiliar with the complications of the post-polio syndrome it now appears that a number of people are developing fatigue, weakness and pain. Because of the growing need for aids like braces, respirators, special shoes, etc., there is real desire to have a centre where information could be obtained. At present Sunnybrook hospital is under consideration for this program.

Research on post-polio patients is greatly lacking. In a central library research data, questionnaires and possibly medical records could be brought together to develop experts who could provide information to physicians, patients and the public.

I am assisting the March of Dimes by setting up a local registry to help locate post-polio patients. By providing your name, address, phone number,

and the year you had polio we will be able to assist the March of Dimes achieve this goal.

Organization alone cannot accomplish anything without the help and co-operation of those for whom they are working. It was suggested at the post-polio conference I attended that each community should have a self help group. Such an association would ensure that individuals with similar interests would have the opportunity to share their concerns and in turn make recommendations to the proper authorities.

Muscles do not last forever and wear out faster if only a select few of them are doing the work of many. Families of post-polios must be prepared to accept the fact that mother or father can no longer do the tasks required of him or her without fatigue and irritation. Stress is tolerated best when the cause is understood. Groups suffering the same afflictions have the power to effect change where individuals do not.

Doctors require re-educating in the area of this no longer fashionable disease. By helping the March of Dimes provide the CMA with this new information, each of the post-polio patients will be helping his family physician provide better care and understanding for his patients.

If you wish to help in this matter and are post-polio, please call me at 877-1436.



BANG-A-RAMA'S BEST

Gwyn McVittie (front row, left) and Allison Burns (front row, middle) were assistants to the following young artists who won certificates and plaques from the Optimist Club for excellence in the Bang-A-Rama art contest. Seen here are: (front row, right) Sophia Djuk, (second row, left to right) Aeryn Kennedy, Paula DiGenova, Marne McLeod and Jenna Hagge. With the winners are (third row, left to right) Optimist members Dan Scarborough and Tom Ramautaraingh.

Element of horror not fully considered

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was submitted to The Herald for publication.

Dear Julian:

I read, with interest, your recent letter to the editor regarding pornography. I tend to agree with your overall philosophy as well as your "freedom of choice" statement; however, there is an element which you have not seriously taken into consideration and that is the outright brutality and horror shown in some films which depict mutilation and dismemberment.

I understand that another group of Halton citizens will be invited to the Ontario Censorship Board to view the film clips censored by that regulatory body.

I respectfully urge that you make every effort to take the opportunity to see these film clips and perhaps this will put into perspective the type of degradation that certain factions in our society are concerned about.

Yours very truly,
John R. McDonald

CNE day for vets

Mark Saturday, August 20 down on your calendar: that's the date set aside at the Canadian National Exhibition for the 1983 Warriors' Day Parade. Veterans can get free tickets to this year's event by writing to "Ticket Chairman", Warriors' Day Council, P.O. Box 882, Station K, Toronto, Ont. M4P 2E0. Applicants must give proof of their military service, personal number and the unit to which they were assigned. No tickets will be issued at the CNE.

Citizen's Against Violent Pornography

Mr. Reed's list too restrictive

To the editor of The Herald:

This is in response to Julian Reed's comments on pornography.

We agree that the use of children in pornography and excessive violence in the media are intolerable. We have been working for legislation to curtail this. Mr. Reed's suggestion of a list of specific offending elements in the Criminal Code is an old one, already rejected by the Federal Justice Dept. Community standards are not static; they change.

A list such as Mr. Reed recommends could therefore be too restrictive at one time and not comprehensive enough at another.

In order to change the list to match current community standards, laws would have to be changed which, as we all know, could take years. Traditionally, the courts have interpreted "undue exploitation" according to feedback from society. Such terms must remain to leave room for this interpretation and to allow for change. What Mr. Reed suggests is far more restrictive than what we already have.

Mr. Reed also charges that the Ontario Censor Board is hypocritical in cutting sexually explicit scenes while allowing those of extreme violence. The O.C.B. enacts the law, it does not make it. Politicians, like Mr.

Reed make laws.

A person with Mr. Reed's influence would seem to have ample opportunity to press for legislation to alleviate this 'hypocritical' situation.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Reed was not among the 25 Georgetown residents, mostly men, at the O.C.B. showing of cuts taken from current films.

Extreme, cold violence, torture and child abuse were common themes. Most of those present could not watch the clippings in their entirety. All of their comments were in support of the O.C.B.

Perhaps Mr. Reed needs to be updated on current trends in the media and their effects on those who watch them, particularly, the already unbalanced. Hopefully, another O.C.B. viewing will be arranged for this fall and Mr. Reed will be able to attend. We look forward to his comments then.

Yours truly,
Citizens Against Violent Pornography
Gail Rutherford
Chairman

Pornography has changed

To the editor of The Herald:

I would like to respond to Julian Reed's letter to the editor as it appeared on July 13th, 1983.

Mr. Reed wrote that he "first spoke out on the subject of pornography in 1979" and that his "views have not changed since then."

Had Mr. Reed been present at a recent showing of edited clips at the Ontario Censor Board, he would realize that pornography has changed dramatically since 1979.

We saw murder, mutilation, violence, degradation, horror, and incest with children.

Many of us were physically and mentally shaken for days.

In addition, "Freedom of Choice", from Mr. Reed's viewpoint, would condone the degradation of human beings, especially women.

It would condone the viewing of women being chained and raped. It would condone the viewing of individuals, especially women, as sexual objects being used and abused.

In my opinion, the deliberate degradation of any human being is not a matter of free choice.

Yours truly,
Barbara Johnson

HOW TO WIN THE LOSING GAME

DIET CENTER INC.

"A sensible weight-loss program that really works"

Lose weight

- quickly
- safely
- permanently

CALL: 877-2900

KING PIZZA & SUBMARINE

NOW OPEN SUNDAYS!

Sunday hours
4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

With Super Specials!

10 Mountainview Rd. S. 877-5177-8

Stevenson's MEN'S WEAR

Spectacular

PRE-INVENTORY CLEARANCE

2nd BIG WEEK

A GREAT LOOK

THIS SUMMER LOOK YOUR BEST WITH FASHION CLOTHING FROM STEVENSON'S

NOW ONLY \$79⁹⁵

Sport Jackets and Blazers

OUR REGULAR PRICE \$150⁰⁰ to \$275⁰⁰

Alterations Extra

SUITS

OUR REG. PRICE \$265. to \$425.

NOW ONLY \$139⁰⁰ EACH OR

2 FOR \$275⁰⁰

ALTERATIONS EXTRA

Short Sleeve Sport & Knit

SHIRTS

OUR REG. PRICE \$22⁰⁰ to \$35⁰⁰

NOW ONLY \$17⁹⁹ EACH OR

2 FOR \$35⁰⁰

PANTS

OUR REG. PRICE \$40⁰⁰ to \$65⁰⁰

NOW

\$29⁹⁵

EACH

TOP COATS

OUR REG. PRICE \$89⁹⁵ to \$99⁹⁵

NOW

\$50⁰⁰

EACH

MEN'S

DRESS SHIRTS

REG UP TO \$42⁰⁰

NOW ONLY **\$17⁹⁹**

OR 2 for \$35⁰⁰

MEN'S

DRESS TIES

REG. UP TO \$20⁰⁰

NOW ONLY **\$7⁹⁹**

OR 2 for \$15⁰⁰

SPRING JACKETS

OUR REG. PRICE \$49⁰⁰ to \$75⁰⁰

NOW **\$30⁰⁰** EACH

Stevenson's MEN'S WEAR

Georgetown Market Place 877-6661

CHARGE VISA MasterCard AMERICAN EXPRESS