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Speaker underlines rights violations in pornography

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"What it says about women is awful. What it says about men is that they like this stuff."

About 200 people gathered in a church auditorium last Wednesday night to listen to what a senior advisor on women's issues to Prime Minister Trudeau had to say about the proliferation of pornography.

Maude Barlow's remarks were prefaced by 23 minutes of outtakes from pornographic films and videos.

It wasn't the same murderous, bloody "Snuff" genre which last year jolted a group of Georgetown residents to form the Citizens Against Violent Pornography, sponsors of Ms. Barlow's visit to Holy Cross Church last week.

However, Ms. Barlow stressed, it is no less degrading to both sexes and is continuing to

push aside acceptable community standards under the guise of sexual liberation.

"It is exactly the opposite," Ms. Barlow said. "It's disturbing to find out how much hate and degradation there is in pornography. It is sexual repression...the images of a society which has not come to grips with sexual liberation."

PAY TV OFFERINGS

The 23-minute series of outtakes included material which subscribers to one of the Pay Television channels can view late at night. There was a sampling of the Playboy programming available on First Choice, and a movie called the Cheerleaders which was recently screened on an American Pay TV.

The remaining films included material from the Red Hot Video outlets in British Columbia, the target three

years ago of fire-bombings by outraged citizens.

By viewing the outtakes, Ms. Barlow told her audience, "I want you to think about how much a part of society pornography has become."

"Kids find it on TV and in the corner stores. We have to stop looking at this as an issue of sex, but an issue of human rights...because it is a violation of human rights."

None of the material in the outtakes has been declared obscene and illegal under Canadian law, Ms. Barlow said.

But soft pornography is showing up on highly visible billboards and bus panel advertising, she noted.

PUSH LIMITS

"What was unacceptable five years ago, isn't much of a concern now."

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Father's back to class to tinker with autos

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To keep his "vintage" autos going, Bill McGrath of Acton has signed up for another auto mechanics course starting in February at Acton High School.

The 35-year old father of four is taking his second auto mechanics course Monday mornings with a class of 16-year olds.

"I stick out," Mr. McGrath said. "I'm rather noticeable in the room. Initially, I think



fiddling with engines is Acton resident Bill McGrath's special interest. A constable with Halton regional police, he works shifts yet still finds time to take an auto mechanics course at Acton High School mornings. Mr. McGrath is one of the few adults taking regular day classes with the teens at the high school.

they kind of wondered who the new kid was in the class. Maybe they figured I was a classroom monitor, or somebody from head office checking out the teacher."

A constable with Halton regional police, working out of Oakville, Mr. McGrath comes from Seaford, Ontario, a town near Stratford.

"I'm taking auto mechanics because I missed it originally when I went to high school," he said. "It wasn't offered in Seaford."

The course isn't available nights in Halton Hills, and because Mr. McGrath is a shift worker, he only makes it to two out of three weeks of classes.

"There's extra work involved to get caught up, but I borrow notes like anybody else," he said. "I've a bit of an advantage. I want to be there, so getting caught up isn't all that much of a burden."

The difference is in motivation.

Being an older student gives Mr. McGrath an advantage over the other students in terms of experience and knowledge acquired over the years.

"I've got the jump on most of them because I've owned cars for 20 years. I know which end of the car the engine's in, for starts," he laughed.

Being the same age as the teacher creates a slight awkwardness between them, Mr. McGrath noted.

"He's got to conduct business so it doesn't look like he's favoring me. He has quite a task ahead of him," Mr. McGrath said.

Called by his first name by the teacher (as are the other students) Mr. McGrath doesn't return the informality. He calls the teacher Mr. McDonald like the rest of the students.

Mr. McGrath's children range in age from 11 to seven months. They accept his going to day school easily.

"They have a real hoot," he laughed. "They wanted to go over on parents' night. I guess they figure 'turn-about's' fair play. I don't think it's all that important to them."

Mr. McGrath sees no difference between what he and a person going to night school are doing, except that his classmates are a lot younger.

"You feel a bit self-conscious coming into the school. It was a weird feeling at first," he said. "I keep sweating every time I'm late, but I don't get sent to the principal's office."

In your opinion

Q - What is your idea of the perfect Valentine's Day gift?



RHONDA MERRILL, 16, Greystone Crescent - "A vacation in Hawaii with my boyfriend. I would settle for just getting a new boyfriend on Valentine's Day. I wouldn't mind a big bouquet of flowers, or candy. Something traditional like that."



CHRIS BARRAGER, 14, Roxway Drive - "I would like a bouquet of a dozen red roses and a heart-shaped box full of chocolates. It should be red, with a big red ribbon on it. A red sports car would be perfect, too. Red is my favorite color."



JENNIFER MUNRO, 15, RR5 Georgetown - "My perfect idea for a gift is a dozen red roses. Maybe he could throw in a box of chocolates. The ideal gift would be an engagement ring."



HELEN TAKALA, Brampton - "A romantic, candlelight dinner with Mat Dillon. I'm not greedy. That's all I want."



LINDA KING, 30, Maple Avenue - "Red roses are perfect. On second thought, I'll change that to yellow roses, because that's my favorite color. Roses are my favorite flowers."



ANNE COULLIGAN, 16, Mary Street - "My gift would be chocolates and flowers. If someone gives them to you, it shows they really care."



PSYCHIC RESPONSE

Carole Matthews

Write Carol, c/o Halton Hills Herald, 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 3Z8. Send a picture of the person you would like analyzed, along with a short note and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Dear Carole:

I am an amateur Geologist and have made quite a few interesting discoveries in the area that I live in. Could you tell me if I will be successful in my endeavours in the next while?

M.K.

Dear M.K.

From your picture I can certainly tell that you are a dedicated man and organizer, almost a perfectionist.

You have a lot of Aquarian tendencies in you which make you follow your dreams and I am certain that with a little more patience (something you do not have at the moment, this is part of being a perfectionist) you will, within three years, make the final discovery that you are aiming for.

In the meantime, I see that other areas of your life, emotionally, are coming along to almost the way that you want them to be...again PATIENCE...

Keep in touch.

Carole

Monte Carlo night

Friday March 2 the Georgetown Jaycettes will be holding a Ladies Monte Carlo night.

The fun begins at 8 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 15 Wright St. in Acton. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at Penniesworth in Georgetown or call 877-1100.

The entry fee includes \$2.50 gambling chips, chance on a \$300 elimination draw, disc jockey, late buffet and door prizes.

Business fraud

Want to buy some advertising space on plastic phone book covers to be distributed in town? That's the latest scam to hit Halton Hills, according to Halton regional police.

Criminal Investigations Bureau Staff Sergeant Roy Smith said at least seven area businesses fell victim to the fraud and put down deposits from \$150 to \$200 toward the promised advertising.

He said the businessmen were told 6,000 phone book covers were to be distributed in Georgetown. No specific date was given for the distribution, Staff Sgt. Smith said.

Halton regional police are investigating a Toronto suspect. Others who believe they've been victimized are asked to contact Constable Keith Woudstra at 878-5511, ext. 290.

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