

Reality of porn



CLERGY COMMENT

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I have received several great shocks lately at being confronted with the reality of pornography, especially violent pornography and child pornography.

It is sad — sad? It is horrible beyond words. But it is true that in books, pictures, films, video tapes, etc. there are many presentations of people being brutally murdered, women and children being humiliated, raped, violated, abused and exploited in all kinds of different ways.

The Bible is full of passages which exhort Christians to live honorably in marriage (examples: Ephesians 5:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7).

Sex is meant by God for marriage (Hebrews 13:4). Any other use of sex is an abuse. It is sin, sin against God, against other people, and against oneself (1 Corinthians 6:18).

To make, distribute, or view pornography is sinful. This should be especially clear when violence or child abuse are involved. It is ludicrous to

think that anyone could challenge the idea that it is sinful. It is abhorrent to God, and it is abhorrent to any decent human being.

Even people who do not believe in God should be opposed to pornography. More and more sociological research indicates clearly that pornography leads to more and more violence against women and children in real life.

Should this filth be illegal? It is not my job as a pastor to say that. Part of my job is to tell people what is and what is not sinful. But determining what is criminal is not part of the pastor's job. The Bible is not part of the Constitution of Canada.

The law of the land is determined by the governments, and, ultimately, by the people who elect those governments.

A pastor should not tell people for whom to vote, but he should tell people to vote responsibly and out of a genuine concern for the well-being of their fellow-citizens. Responsible citizens must consider this issue in view of upcoming elections.

Do Canadians want a society that promotes filth and violence? Or do Canadians want a society that protects citizens from violence? That is the question that responsible citizens must answer.



AT YOUR SERVICE

Legion ladies (left to right) Jean Thomas, Liz McNeilly and Trudy Paul sample the wares Saturday morning at the Legion Rummage Sale, at the Mill Street branch.

Police buy 14 new cruisers

There'll be 14 spanking new Crown Victoria model cruisers, three unmarked Ford LTDs and one Ford van for the Halton regional police force.

The force is trading in 12 cruisers for the new cruisers at a price of \$90,963. The other two cruisers will cost the force \$23,732 and are being purchased for the new traffic squad approved in the 1984 police budget.

Three Ford LTDs are being traded in for the new unmarked cars, costing the force \$26,348.

The Ford van will cost the force \$14,707 with the trade in and is for the tactical unit.

It is open to all ages and seniors are urged to become part of the participation. The activity may be any type of exercise which stimulates the heart beat. Some of these could be walking, cycling, golfing, exercising in front of the T.V., gardening, cutting the grass or even vacuuming the floor. You may choose the activity which best suits you.

When you have completed your activity, the Recreation Department will be waiting for your telephone call to record it. A headquarters will be set up at Cedarvale Community Centre 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. that day. The numbers to call will be published at a later date.

Information kits will be distributed to the various organizations in the area, including seniors groups, outlining the plan.

Come on, Seniors. Help Halton Hills meet the fitness challenge May 16th!

Don't forget the Seniors' Craft Club Bazaar, Saturday, April 14, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at 8 Durham St., Georgetown.

The Halton Hills Recreation Department will be presenting Golden Oldies, a series of films from bygone days, on Monday evenings April 2, 9, and 16 at 7:30 in the Cultural Centre, Georgetown. Admission for Seniors each night is \$1.

Don't forget April 8, at 1:30 to 3:30; the recreation department is sponsoring the Easter craft workshop at the artisans building in Cedarvale. June Dean of the horticulture society will be teaching flower arranging.



By Marley and Lauretta Mills
877-3915

SENIOR SCENES
Grandma's Gone
In the dim and distant past, when life's tempo wasn't fast, Grandma used to rock and knit, Crochet, tat and baby-sit. When the kids were in a jam, They could always count on Gram. In an age of gracious living, Grandma was the gal for living. Grandma NOW is at the gym, Exercising to keep slim. She's off touring with the bunch, Taking clients out to lunch, Driving north to ski and curl, All her days are in a whirl. Nothing seems to stop or block her, Now that Grandma's off her rocker!
Anonymous

Red Deer, Alberta, has challenged the citizens of any Canadian community, with a similar population, to participate in fifteen minutes of continuous physical exercise on Wednesday, May 16th. The aim is to promote an awareness and enthusiasm for fitness.

Several communities have already accepted the challenge, including Halton Hills. The competing areas are grouped into three population categories. We will be matched against a community of comparable population (30-69,000). The results will be judged on the percent of the population participating.

Hydro up

Ontario's electricity consumption last month was up 12 per cent to almost 9.8 billion kilowatt-hours. This compares with the 8.7 billion kilowatt-hours consumed in February, 1983. The peak demand of 17,954 million kilowatts occurred on February 7. That's an eight per cent increase from the February, 1983 peak of 16.6 million kilowatts.

Guest speaker

Halton Pro Life are sponsoring a guest speaker Dr. Donald De Marco April 6 at Assumption High School in Burlington.

Dr. De Marco is a well known pro-life author and international lecturer. Tickets for the dinner meeting cost \$10. For more information call 632-3232.

Negotiations made easier

Surplus schools are coming up for sale and the Halton board of education's property committee was given the power to negotiate property contracts to the point of final offer, Thursday.

Trustees gave the property committee the power to accept, amend or reject all offers to purchase, sell or lease board property pending final board approval.

A new committee, the property committee was created in January and its role is being established.



PSYCHIC RESPONSE

Carole Matthews

Write Carol, c/o Halton Hills Herald, 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 3Z6. Send a picture of the person you would like analyzed, along with a short note and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Dear Carole:
Enclosed is a picture of my sister, she recently married and I wonder how she will do.
Pat from Acton

Dear Pat:
Have no concern about your sister, she is a very determined woman, and a very nice one at that. I can see that she has been a good sister to you, I see a large family, she must have had to give all of you a lot of advice, I am sure you listened, she seems very intelligent. Don't lose touch with your sister, she can still be an asset to you when you have problems and I am sure she is always there when needed.

You mention her recent marriage, she will do fine, this time she has put a lot of thought into her decision.

I am pleased that in the mixed up world we have out there at times it is nice that families stick together, and are concerned about each other. That is a compliment to you.

Don't change your thoughtful ways,
Carole

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Interest from the \$10,000 permanent fund will keep awards at Georgetown and Acton high schools in existence.

In the past, money for these awards has been totally dependent on the

University Women's Club book sales.

The Club gave \$300 to a Grade 13 Georgetown District High School (GDHS) student, \$150 to a Grade 12 GDHS student, and \$100 to an Acton High School student last year. Winners of the awards had high academic standing and had contributed to their school and community. Donations to the scho-

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