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Rebel pride

Georgetown District High School has been chosen to be the hosts of the provincial cross country championships Saturday.

It's a well deserved honor, based on the high level of performance Georgetown runners have attained over the years.

Ever since Ian Clark laced on his cleats, this community of less than 20,000 residents has been known as a powerhouse.

Numerous individual stars have followed in Ian Clark's footsteps such as John Warnock and Doug Smith who are attending universities in the United States on athletic scholarships.

But the essence of Georgetown's strength has been in the area of team effort. Rebel pride are more than just words to the 36 members of the cross country team.

Consistently the school has outshone other high schools in the province in team totals and team awards. Coaches Karen Cosgrove and Donna Metcalf have done a fine job over the years moulding young men and women into fierce competitors.

The high esteem and status cross country members have gained in the community have encouraged feeder schools to develop strong programs to develop runners at an early age.

With the efforts of adult enthusiasts, the Georgetown Track Club was formed last year to further encourage our young and not so young running stars.

We congratulate the GDHS cross country program on their past successes. It's a tribute that Georgetown was chosen as the OFSAA (Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association) site for 1984.

It's our chance to shine and spur on our host team to victory.

Tonight's the night

Next to Christmas, what day is more cherished by kids than Hallowe'en? We can't think of any.

There are similarities between the two that are worth remembering. The spirit of both celebrations stress giving to others and looking after the needy.

UNICEF and Mother Teresa boxes add more meaning to Hallowe'en. It teaches children there are others overseas who can benefit from their good deeds.

Not every child has the opportunity to be fed three times a day or can come home to a proper shelter at night.

By using UNICEF or Mother Teresa boxes young students learn to help others.

It's a worthwhile project and we hope the community supports these children who hold out a candy bag as well as a money box for overseas projects.

Halton's History

A grocer from Glen Williams

By RICHARDE RUGGLE, Herald Special

Margaret Parsons of County Leitrim in Ireland married John Rodden of County Cavan, and the couple had seven children: two girls and five boys. Their son William was born about 1836.

The Rodens joined the growing exodus from the emerald isle to the new world. Shipping had grown steadily across the Atlantic.

In 1800 about 100 ships sailed for America; by 1845 there were 2000 ships plying the same route. The Rodens came out in the early 1840s, when William was still a lad.

During the voyage, his father died; and his mother insisted that the ship put in at the nearest port, probably Belle Isle, so that he could be buried on dry land. But the captain demanded all her cash to change his course, so the family arrived in British North America fatherless and penniless.

Despite this handicap, they prospered. Margaret became matron of the hospital in Toronto. William's brother Ephraim was an active orangeman, who led the parades through the streets of Toronto on the Twelfth of July.

A two-block stretch in downtown Toronto is named Roden Place after Ephraim.

In 1859, William married Melissa Jane, the daughter of the late Jacob Williams (1816-1853), who had built a wooden woolen mill in Glen Williams in 1839. He was a son of Benajah Williams, from whom the village took its name.

Like the Williams family, Roden was active in the Methodist church. Perhaps he acted as a lay preacher, for family tradition says that he used to travel about the country to take services.

About 1865, he purchased a grocery store in Glen Williams, in what had

NEW GOODS!!

New Goods!!

W. RODEN,

Has just received at his Store in

GLEN WILLIAMS

A quantity of

New Goods,

Which he is prepared to sell

CHEAP FOR CASH,

Or its equivalent in trade,

An inspection of the Goods is Solicited,

WM. RODEN,

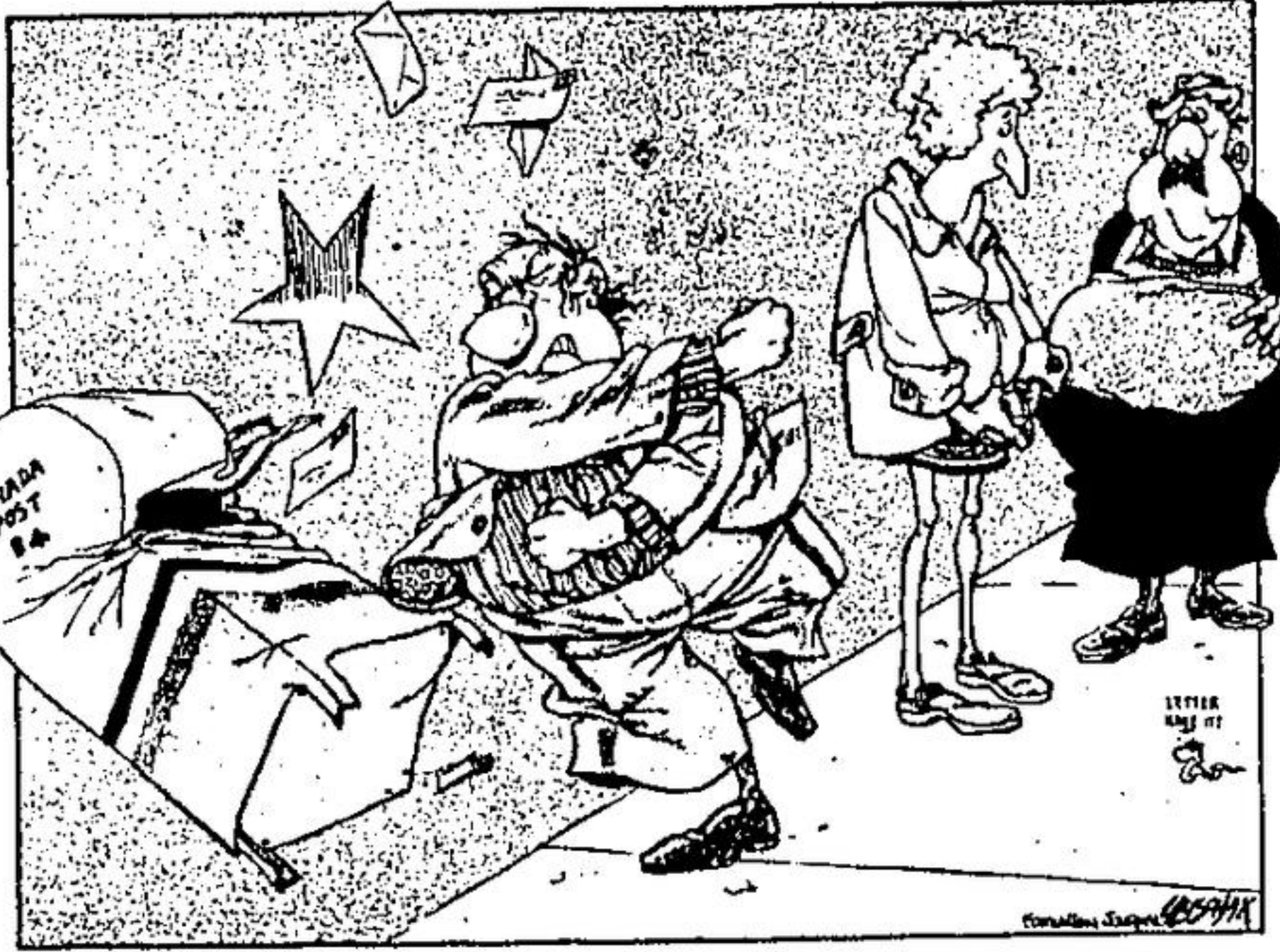
Glen Williams, July 2nd, 1866

been an old hotel above the mill race. The young couple had four children, but tragedy was soon to strike.

When Jacob Williams died at the young age of 37, his brother Charles had taken over the woolen mill. Fire destroyed the mill in 1867, and the following year, Charles proceeded to erect a new, stone mill.

A number of people were raising some heavy timber to the upper portion of the factory, when the beam on which they were standing broke, and they were hurled down 30 feet to the cellar.

One of the three men who were killed was William Roden, who died shortly after the fall. He was buried in Toronto, in the plot belonging to his brother Ephraim.



"Arnie decided to make a pre-emptive strike at the postal service."

Timing didn't augur well



Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

Maurice Dupras still seems to think his dismissal from Canada's foreign service - before he had a chance to join it - is a matter for the Canadian Human Rights Commission and, if he is right, the implications could be nothing less than mind-boggling.

The whole business of patronage, already marvellous spice for election campaigns, could take on an entirely new dimension. If it becomes possible to take appointments or their cancellations to the human rights commission, the country could be turned into one giant tribunal. With more than 2,000 federal patronage positions in Canada - and for every appointment there must be a half-dozen outraged rejects - it's not difficult to see the possibilities for the commission.

Before going any further, I should mention that Maurice Dupras was the third man in the now-famous "termination" announcement by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark. And with all the attention being focused so sharply on the other names - Bryce Mackasey and Eugene Whelan - it's not surprising that some of us gave Dupras

short shrift in the memory department. WRONG COMPANY But his new career, like those of Mackasey and Whelan, was summarily eliminated before it started. Dupras, a Quebec Liberal MP for 14 years, was to have become Canadian consul in Bourdeaux, France - probably the ripest plum, particularly for a wine lover - in the entire foreign service.

And, let's face it, there are some fairly juicy plums in that orchard. The appointment of Dupras, sandwiched between the announcement of Mackasey's new diplomatic career as ambassador to Portugal, and Whelan's posting as ambassador to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, was part of that controversial package of patronage, conceived by Pierre Trudeau and delivered by John Turner.

Mackasey and Whelan, both former cabinet ministers, were easily the most visible of the appointments and they became sort of lightning rods for public outrage - and Tory scorn - for the patronage system. It was not the least bit surprising that their diplomatic careers were aborted by the new Mulroney government.

And when the announcement came, there sandwiched between the names again, was Maurice Dupras. You get the feeling that it was all a question of the company he was keeping.

"I was flabbergasted and disgusted," said Dupras, after receiving a phone call from Clark to inform him that he could start unpacking his bags. "I was told this is a prerogative of the government and that's it."

There is probably little doubt that had the appointment come at any other time it would not have caused one eyebrow to flutter. As political appointments go, Dupras seemed to have all the necessary qualifications. He was a hard-working MP, fluently bilingual, with experience as parliamentary secretary to two ministers. He had wartime service with the RCAF, and he has a pleasant personality. There have been many worse appointments.

Dupras, probably expecting a new job, didn't run in the Sept. 4 election. But the timing, not to mention the company, didn't augur well for his new career.

And neither do the terms of reference of the human rights commission. Political affiliation is not among the things the commission is empowered to consider in terms of discrimination. But Dupras is undeterred. "Let me worry about that," he said, when asked why his dismissal might be illegal.

We'll all be watching, because if he can somehow get the commission into the vast patronage field, the country will never be the same again. If we could just get the commission marginally involved in Senate appointments it would be well worthwhile.

publicly. NEW TREND Although the NDP view is the most explicit, this concept of treating a particular job as a "human right" and, perhaps, even the property of the employee, is a growing trend in public consciousness.

Whether it is a trend for the better is open to argument. Making it more difficult for a firm to change - for its managers or owners to pursue their best economic self-interest - might be good for some affected individuals while bad for society as a whole.

George Gilder, in his great work Wealth and Poverty, makes the point, quoting others, that "creative destruction" is the essential fact about capitalism.

Constant change, firms dying, firms being born, firms mutating, closing plants here and opening them there - that is real life.

Gilder notes that U.S. estimates are that 4,700 small manufacturers are born there each week (yes, week) while maybe 4,500 fail. Two-thirds of all ventures collapse within five years.

Job security an issue



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

Job Security. According to Ontario Federation of Labor president Cliff Pilkey it is the "number one priority" of many employees who are worried about a new round of lay-offs.

And there are some recent statistics to confirm such fears. In the past few weeks five major companies have announced lay-offs and plant closures effecting 2,200 staff. During the recent recession thousands more were lost.

For the individuals concerned it is a major tragedy. At best it means an uprooting of their lives should they follow a plant to a new location (assuming it just doesn't fold).

At worst it means unemployment lines and that combination of frustration, apathy and anger that anyone who has ever been long out-of-work comes to live with.

And it is especially hard on older workers, who are usually men in their 50s and 60s psychologically unprepared for such a major change in their lives.

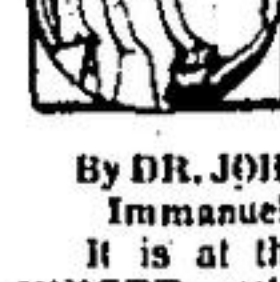
MAJOR GOAL The question then becomes to what to do about it.

One school of thought, perhaps best articulated by the New Democratic Party, is that firms should pay penalties if they shut down a plant or lay-off employees.

The penalties would come in several forms, starting with financial compensation or severance pay to both the employees and to the community the plant is located in (this to pay for "social costs") related to the shutdown.

Moreover, there would have to be "justification" for the shutdowns, although NDP policy doesn't explain exactly what that means. It could range from a government board having to approve a shutdown to a company simply presenting its case

CLERGY COMMENT



By DR. JOHN M. DRICKAMER

Immanuel Lutheran Church

It is at this time of year that UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) makes a major push to collect money. If you care enough to give money, you certainly care where your money is going and for what purposes it will be used. Before you give money to UNICEF, you should take some of the following information into account.

This information comes from a couple of pro-life sources here in Canada. Their information is documented in several ways, largely from sources that are in favor of UNICEF and its programs.

UNICEF was originally set up to help feed and care for children in the third world. Feeding needy children is obviously a very good thing to do. The Canadian government has asked UNICEF to concentrate on its original purpose, not to be so involved in other programs.

For some time UNICEF has been closely associated with the World Health Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and the International Planned Parenthood Federation. Its involve-

ment with these groups is in the area of family planning. UNICEF has been promoting and aiding in sterilization and the use of oral contraceptives. Some Christians do not see anything morally wrong with these things. Others do.

But when deciding whether to give money to UNICEF, we need to know that this is where a portion of every UNICEF dollar goes.

A much more serious issue is the use of abortifacients, which UNICEF is distributing. Abortifacients are means of birth control that do not prevent the conception of a child but do cause the tiny baby to be expelled from the womb.

This is done by the Intrauterine Device (IUD) or by the use of drugs. UNICEF is involved in both kinds of abortifacients. In fact, it is even distributing a drug called Depo-Provera. This is an injectable aborti-

facient drug which not only causes abortions but also has serious side effects.

It can be very harmful to the woman. It is banned by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. But UNICEF is using it in the third world.

The problem is hungry children (and hungry adults). The way to solve the problem is to feed them, all of them. Feeding some and killing others may be a "solution" of sorts - but a very evil one!

Christians should support agencies that do the helping and not the hurting. There are such agencies, such as World Vision and Christian Children's Fund.

Many denominations also run the kind of programs that want to solve this problem in terms of life, not in terms of death.

It is good to give money - for good programs.

Powderpuff round-up

Dear Sir, The ladies powderpuff league held their annual dance at the Acton Legion last Saturday evening.

The dance was a huge success. The home run queens for the 1984 season were Julie Fournier and Kyra Irvine-Kristensen with four home runs each.

The 1984 executive would like to thank the following for their donations to the door prizes.

Twin Cee, Brackens, Blitners,

Ziggy's, Northern Telecom, Shoppers Drug Mart, Smith Auto Body, Georgetown Fruit Market and Mr. and Mrs. Tarzwell, DRG Stationery, J.V. Clothing, Harwell Electric, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Lynn Sargent, North Halton Sports.

To anyone who we have left out please accept our apologies and accept our greatest thanks.

Ladies powderpuff executive

You said No admittance to your mind, I could have said "I love you"

To her as I said to you, Then she smiled - reading my mind.

My heart with warm desire Filled, Her face pure English cream.

My joy leapt apace to see your face, Her eyes dark amber - haunting, My deepest yearning wanting.

But then I saw it, Saw that she was blind.

Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO - The Ontario Hurricane Relief Fund stands at \$4,069.57 after Hurricane Hazel ripped through southern Ontario Oct. 15.

Robros Fond Hope Dandy won the junior yearling Holstein class for owner W.H. "Long Bill" Robinson of the Georgetown Fair.

Mrs. Fred Armstrong has started a 4-H Homemakers Club for teenagers which is meeting Saturday mornings at her home.

Constable George Cousens, a Georgetown man stationed in New Brunswick with the RCMP, met and danced with Princess Alexandria at a private party.

Hallowe'en night festivities in Limehouse were marred by a serious fire which caused extensive damage at the home of Tom Sutton near the community hall.

Constable Donald Smith joined the Provincial Police detachment replacing Ross MacRae.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO - The building contract for the new \$640,000 Joseph Gibbons public school in Georgetown's west end is expected to begin being constructed in a month.

"A deathtrap" was the word used by Frank Watts, 8th Line, to describe a hollow on Steeles Avenue at the 8th Line when he appeared at Halton County Council.

Thieves stripped Richardson's Crest Hardware in the downtown shopping area of \$3,500 to \$4,000 worth of merchandise, most of it firearms, in a neatly executed robbery.

Georgetown school board representative Ernie Bodnar urged the Halton County Board of Education, last week to introduce pollution control courses in county secondary schools next year.

Chief of Police Harley Lowe is warning residents to check Hallowe'en handouts for anything unusual such as pins and razor blades before eating the treats.

School children have been warned to give animals acting abnormally brave or friendly a wide berth following the discovery of a case of rabies in Esqueving.

TEN YEARS AGO - Georgetown police officers have received a 17 per cent pay hike, retroactive to January 1, 1974.

Bill Johnson claims people should be very skeptical about the Ontario government's new waste management program because landfill is still a very important part of the proposals.

Leslie Anne Mitchell, a Georgetown resident, was chosen third runner-up in the Miss Canada Contest.

Thirteen headstones were damaged at the Glen Williams Cemetery in what seemed to be an early Hallowe'en prank.

Beginning this Sunday a charge of 25 cents will be made for all "unnecessary calls" to Directory Assistance.

Volunteer firefighters here may have a new addition to their uniforms, if council accepts a recommendation to allow the purchase of 70 new winter-coats.

FIVE YEARS AGO - The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce has chopped Mary Street, Henry Street, and Hillside Drive from its proposed Christmas bus route because of pressure from concerned parents and other residents who threatened to keep buses off the street with a human blockade.

The Lec Wilkinson farm played host to the Halton County plowing match on the Fifth Line.



By PAT WOOD, Herald Columnist

Most people are not aware of their lawful rights. The handicapped face a special problem in this area as sources of information are not as accessible for them as for the rights of the able. In addition, special rights and considerations are often hidden behind clouds of misinformation.

The first step toward exercising a right is knowing it is there.

The Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped (ARCH) is a Toronto based legal centre operated by and for the handicapped. Their lawyers specialize in the law as it relates to the disabled, physical, mental, and psychiatric.

On Nov. 8, 1984 the Physically Handicapped Citizens Association will have Mr. Paul Fellman speak about the workings of ARCH, the citizen advocate and human rights legislation.

Mr. Fellman is fluent in sign language and for the last 12 years a large portion of his legal practice has been with the disabled. Apart from this law practice, he is an executive member of ARCH, edits ARCHTYPE, and chairs their communication committee.

If you have any legal concerns regarding handicapped, you may wish to attend this public meeting. It will be held Nov. 8, 1984, 7 p.m., Room 139, Georgetown High School. All are welcome.

In a lighter vein, the Travelcraft Christmas Pottery Workshop is again being held at the Credit Valley Artisans Cottage. Come out on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and enjoy the fun. Call 877-5185, ext. 260 or 219 to register.

Zellers must be congratulated for some of their recent changes to the Georgetown store. They have added a fully accessible washroom. Judging by the comments received from a disabled member of the community, this addition was made correctly and does not require further alteration.

I have been speaking with the owners of the plaza concerning tighter policing of the handicapped parking. Steps are being taken at present to rectify this situation.

Speaking of parking, Over the last few weeks, I have had several calls as to where to get permits. They can be obtained from the municipal offices and they are good for long term and temporary disabilities.

POETS' CORNER

LITTLE GIRL Beautiful girl with curly hair Ringlet curls, shiny hair so fair. Bright little girl, love and care Cute little face, smiles to spare. Innocent trust with all to share Pretty clothes she likes to wear. Can't have her way, gets in a tear She likes her cat and teddy bear.

Wants your attention, gives you a pat When door is open, crawls on the mat. Very nice girl is little Brook Curious people all take a look. Softens your heart, tenders your soul Makes you realize life's great goal. All these things from day to day Which will reflect along memories way.

To a friend on her birthday She stood apart, Like you, the autumn fires In her hair; I thought you there. My heart with warm desire Filled, Her face pure English cream. My joy leapt apace to see your face, Her eyes dark amber - haunting, My deepest yearning wanting.

-ALBERT BROOKS