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Must act quickly

It's an outrage when unsafe equipment can be hauled up to a parking lot and used by the public without proper inspections.

Friday night a father and his son were severely injured when their carriage fell 25 feet from a ferris wheel at a Georgetown shopping mall parking lot.

Operations that set up in a few hours, run rides for a weekend, then dismantle for another nearby town need to be closely regulated.

Nine deaths at amusement parks since 1962 is enough to warrant safety inspections sponsored by the

government. Municipalities don't have the resources to enforce licenses granted to amusement park owners.

Checks must be done by provincial government inspectors with the expertise and care to make sure more accidents won't happen like the one in Georgetown.

Legislation as promised by former Consumer Minister Robert Elgie must be passed immediately when the legislature reconvenes.

If the new provincial government can't act quickly, then we'd be best to ban these portable amusement rides from our town limits.

Fight cabin fever



By PAT WOODE **Herald Columnist**

Cabin fever is not unique to the handicapped. Spring, however, does not allow those in wheelchairs the same freedom to move about as most others lacking enthusiasm for Canadi-

an winters. If you wish to see some nature close up, I suggest you take in Crawford Lake. The lake is surrounded by an elevated boardwalk complete

with ramps. As the approach is possible only to 9558. those with indestructable willpower and wheelchairs, the interpretive staff will allow you to drive to the boardwalk on the service road normally closed to the public.

The interpretive centre is ramped and has an accessible washroom. The current ramp will be replaced at a later date. The site is hilly, but the staff on hand are quite willing to make special considerations for those with mobility problems.

The Haltoff Conservation Authority runs special programs and events on a regular schedule and can be reached at 878-4131 weekdays and Crawford Lake at 854-0234. I strongly recommend that if you plan to take this outing that your chair have pneumatic tires. If you have more adventure in your

soul and money in your pocket, Three Bouys House Charters operates accessible houseboats in British Columbia and Ontario.

A boat that sleeps ten rents for about \$150 each for a week including gas. The units are equipped with holsts, ramps, and an accessible washroom. If you and nine intimate friends wish to discover the Trent River system and learn more than you care to know about each other, you might give them a call at 1-800-661-

When your friends have recovered from pushing you about Crawford Lake it will be time to remind them that they can get into Ontario Place free if they accompany someone in a wheelchair.

Ontario Place is best seen on a weekday during school term. Crowds can be a serious problem as the terrain forces most visitors to keep to the walkways and off the grassed areas.

Contrary to some popular opinion,

the Bible does not present a "quick fix"

for all human problems. It teaches

rather that the Christian life is a

lifelong struggle, a struggle with the

devil, the world, and the old sinful

on enter into the kingdom of God"

snap conversion to Christianity will --

immediately if not sooner - clear up

one's problems in every area of life.

Any one who suggests that is talking

about promises that God has not made.

solution to the problem of our relation-

ship to God. Christ has already set

matters right there by His death on the

cross for the sins of the world. Those

who believe the Gospel message

receive the forgiveness of sins and

eternal life. That takes care of the

biggest concern we could have, name-

ly, heaven or hell. That is the greatest

Christ's return, whichever comes

first), there is trial, trouble, and tribu-

lation, not to mention temptation. That

is where the Christian faith is seen to

be faith. Faith is not sight. Faith

believes and trusts that God is gracious

for Christ's sake. Faith believes that in

spite of the troubles that are to be seen

all around. Faith believes God's Word

solution is not in this world but in the

next. For unbelievers, the real probl-

em is not in this world but in the next.

For believers in Christ, the real

and promise.

But between now and death (or

The Bible does offer an Immediate

"We must through much tribulati-

There is no hint in the Bible that a

nature that still plagues Christians.

(Acts 14:22).

I don't watch soap



CLERGY COMMENT

By DR. JOHN M. DRICKAMER

Immanuel Lutheran Church I do not watch soap operas. But I have certain relatives who have at times been devoted to that genre of televised fiction. So I know about them second hand.

In fact, it is dangerous for me even to walk into a room where soap opera fans are viewing their favorite shows. For some reason I find them laughable. My mirth is seldom shared by all present.

But 'a recent newspaper article suggested that there might be reason to take sopa operas more seriously. There is truth in the way soap operas present problems stretching over months and years. That is much closer to human reality than most of what is shown on "the tube"

If we were to believe the most commonly televised view of the world. we might conclude that human problems can almost always be taken care of in thirty or, at the most, sixty minutes. Only the very worst problems require a whole two-hour movie to resolve.

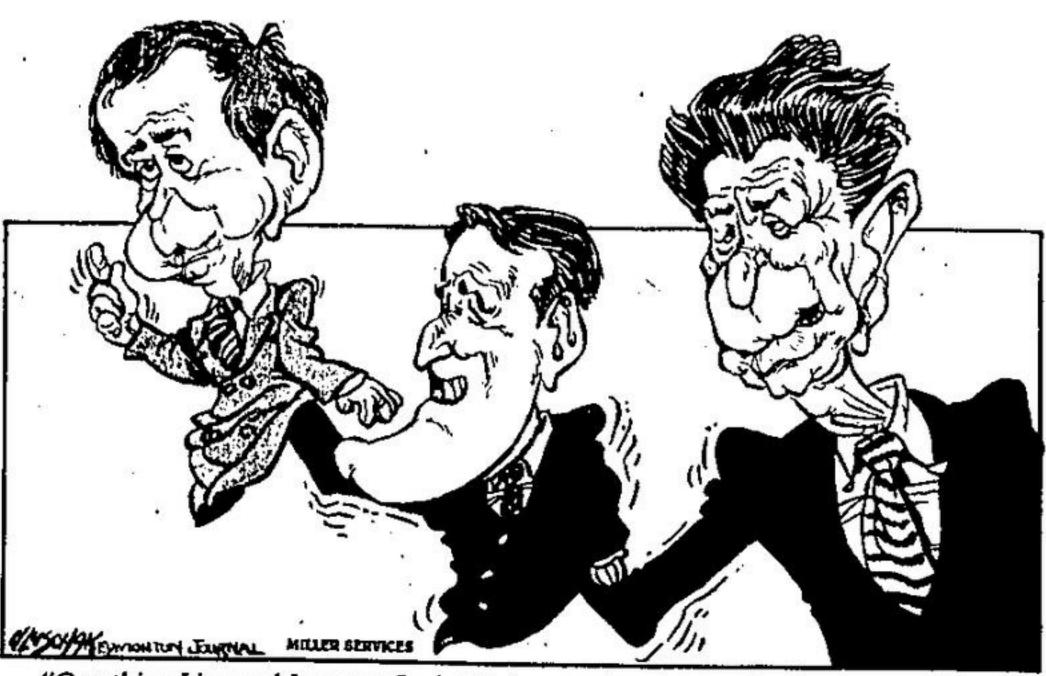
Even worse than television programs are television commercials. If we were to believe them, we would conclude that the most distressing human dilemmas (even ring-aroundthe-collar) can be solved and settled very neatly in thirty or sixty seconds.

> Life we all feel trapped, So how can they pass judgement . And call her - handleapped.

The love this special person can Bring to you and me .

For in caring for her loved ones -Finding joy in each new day, Then she is fulfilling God's purpose In her own special way, And if we cannot give the love That she is so adapt -Then maybe we're the ones

Georgetown



"One thing I learned from my Soviet Union tour - they're all puppets mouthing the official party line!"

NDP task force

Turning potential into jobs



Ottawa Report

By Stewart

When a federal political party establishes an economic task force that holds public hearings in 24 cities, and then produces a report which calls for an entirely new social democracy, it can't be ignored.

Yet there is no point in being unrealistic about its importance. Regardless of merit, it's highly unlikely that we'll ever see the implementation of the New Democratic Party's Canada Unlimited: Turning our potential into jobs.

When the authors represent a consistent third party, now holding only 30 of the 282 parliamentary seats, one is not inclined to worry about the side effects of such recommendations. If we still had a Liberal government in Ottawa it could be expected to windowshop the NDP report and adopt the odd popular cause, but we can't reasonably expect this reaction from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Tory government.

With 211 MPs, and countless task forces, this Tory government has recommendations coming out of its ears. And in these early months of power, the Tories are not showing much inclination to seek help from socialist forces.

But, getting back to the original point, one can't just sit back and ignore the monumental endeavors of an NDP

tusk force, even if the party it represents has made little progress toward federal power since its inception. If we ignored the initiatives of all opposition parties, just because they are unlikely to assume office in the Immediate future, we'd probably end up in a one-party state.

So let's take a look at what this NDP task force came up with after four months of listening to nearly 400 organizations and individuals.

The overriding conclusion is that the thrust of economic renewal should come from the community, not the financial empires of the country. And in this respect, the NDP is suggesting that the party go back to where it found its strength during its formative years. It was only after it developed an official liaison with organized labor that the NDP appeared to drift away from local communities and co-operatives. Now the task force - with support from party Leader Ed Broadbent - is urging a return to the community. Local communities are tired of all

economic direction coming from the financial districts, says the task force, headed by Saskatchewan MP Lorne Nystrom. They also want a chance to develop jobs in their own local economy under their own direction. So the task force came up with a

series of recommendations for selfdirection for local communities. It was referred to as bottom-up planning. JOB CREATION

One not-surprising recommendation is that tax breaks for the rich, and for big corporations, be scrapped and the savings be used to help finance

community projects and smaller companies. The task force is suggesting that more than, \$3 billion be April 30. channeled into community development in various forms, including \$850 million for a local initiative fund.

helping young people contribute to the arts and clean up the environment and another \$450 million would be set aside for municipal public works projects. If all the recommendations are adopted. said the task force, up to 300,000 new jobs could be created in the first year.

The report, which also draws heavily on the NDP's last election platform, calls for a minimum 20 per cent income tax on those carning more than \$50,000, changes in the tax laws to help low income families, and more breaks for small business.

bent said that the government must abandon its fixation on deficit reduction. He estimated that the task force's recommendations would increase federal spending by \$6.8 billion this year, but would result in \$5.3 billion worth of new revenues, for a net increase in the budgetary deficit of \$1.5 billion. But the task force said that in future years the deficit would be reduced through the long-term effects of the reform package, described by Mr. Nystrom as part of the evolution toward a more democratic society.

feisty New Democrats prepare to wage their campaign across the country, we can expect to hear a good deal more about local initiative and fueling the economy from the bottom-up.

THIRTY YEARS AGO-Georgetown's oldest resident, and member of one of the district's pioncer families, Minerva M. Howson K. Ruddell, died at her residence, 24 Charles Street on Satur-

Esquesing council received one fox claim from Clifford Davison, Glen

Williams, who was paid \$3 bounty. Laurene Baker has moved to Georgetown from Midfand and will be opening Laurene's Beauty Shop on Main Street.

A family party in Cheltenham marked the 93rd birthday of Hugh Caldwell, father of Bob Caldwell of

Mrs. Percy Leslie was elected to the Provincial executive of the Ontario's Women's Liberal Association as membership secretary.

George Inglis won a \$50 bond when his ticket was drawn in a lucky draw conducted by the Smith and Stone hockey club.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO-Georgetown Police Department has added the Borkenstein Breathalyzer to its equipment. Arnold Vanclief is one of 400 police officers in the province now qualified to operate the unit.

The Hamilton Automobile Club advises motorists it is illegal to drive in Ontario with studded snow tires after

Mrs. Dora Sutherland was elected president of the Georgetown Local Council of Women in an election Friday Some \$600 million would go into in the committee room of the Halton and Peel Trust building.

Every Thursday Smith and Stone strikers return to school and attend union education classes held in the Legion Hall.

Esquesing deputy reeve Tom Hill is sceptical about the OWRC report of lack of water in Glen Williams and wants a representative to explain their position.

Harold Bennett, a veteran of 15 years service with the Georgetown Fire Department, has resigned. TEN YEARS AGO-Mrs. Gail Maltby In unveiling the report, Mr. Broad- has been provincially appointed to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's

> rjesident, Bruce Cargill. Georgetown's newest sports facility, the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, is nearing completion.

> executive replacing another Acton

FIVE YEARS AGO-The North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this Saturday with a gala dinner at Milton's Bayrischer Hof.

Nineteen years after she became It may never happen, but as the Georgetown District Hospital's first baby, Christine Moore is planning a May wedding.

Cable television operators think pay television will be here within a year, and Halton Cable Systems Ltd. is ready to transmit as soon as they get the go-ahead

Support for our voluntary poll

To the editor of The Herald:

This is in acknowlegement of support and encouragment given to the Drug Abuse Committee while planning for, during Drug Awareness Week.

For publicity, a very special thank you to The Herald. Also Halton Cable TV, for showing ject. our films.

Police Constable Rod Beaumont, Mayor Russell Miller and engineer. Bob Austin helped us beyond the call of duty with ready suggestions. information and loan of

equipment. Town Councillors, Chairman Pete Pomeroy and Regional Councillors encouraged and participated. A vote of appreciation to our Federal M.P., John Mc-Dermid and Provincial M.P., Julian Reed for taking time out of their busy schedule to support

our Voluntary Toll pro-

Packing of grab bags took many hours of hard work, a good portion done by children and teens. Thank you all who gave your time that Sun-

The merchants, busin-

esses, police forces and agencies who supplied items for the grab bags and otherwise helped are far too numerous to list. Thanks to them the grab bags were more interesting.

The manpower supplied by the Army Cadets, Air Cadets, Elks, Opti-Mrs., Lions, Block Parents, Lioness, Rebekah, Jaycette, Red Cross and concerned citizens made the Voluntary Toll possible.

Thank you to Roger Little and Ray Martin for the use of mobile homes also to Georgetown and District High

child born in the town. I

have been very success-

ful in collecting history

concerning the Kennedy

family, however, I have

learning of Harriet Ken-

nedy's husband, John

Higgins Sr.. Their son,

John Robert Higgins Jr.

moved to Bracebridge

with is parents between

1871 and 1881 to become

the proprietors of the

Queens Hotel in Brace-

bridge, I understand that

John Higgins Sr. was the

School and Co-op store for the use of premises during tell day. Drug Awareness Week funding comes from

Chairman Pele's Annual

Golf Tournament, ongoong donations from Standard Products and donations from Ballinafad Women's Institute, Georgetown Opti-Mrs. Georgetown Lions, Ashgrove Women's Institute Georgetown Vintners. Georgetown Jaycettes.

Nell Young of Young's Pharmacy was more than helpful in obtaining our literature and willingly sponsored placemats. Special thanks to

Yongs, House of Buddha and Hunters restaurants for using the placemats during Drug Awareness Bookmarks sponsored

Mountain Dew, Chateau.

Michaels, La Cafe,

by Broomhead Printing,

Georgetown Library and Georgetown Distress Centre are still in use throughout Georgetown. Those who displayed

our posters, distributed our literature, gave us sign space, placed inserts in pay envelopes, churches that included drug abuse in their sermons all are, very much, a part of our fight again-

at drug abuse. Many, many thanks to the committee who stepped in at the final stages of planning and devoted concentrated hours of energy to help D.A.C. make Drug Awarness

Week B success. Apologizes to anyone who might be omitted. We sincerely thank everyone who participa-· ted in any way.

> Sincerely Marcella Neely Voluntary Toll Chairwoman **Drug Abuse Committee**

George Kennedy descendant

To the editor of The Herald:

May I ask your assistance in printing this letter in your paper:

I am presently completing a family history and have discovered that my maternal great grandfather came from Georgetown. In fact, the town of Georgetown was named after my greatgreat-grandfather,

George Kennedy. His daughter, Harriet Kennedy, was the first white

existing supplies are

The response to quest-

ions relating to the

subject of water was

adversely affected.

Deapriment."

No health rep to answer our questions

Dear Sir. Re.: Public meeting concerning application for Plan of Subdivision (Rostrevor Development) E 1/2 Let 27 Con. 8. Silvercreek, Monday,

1985, 04.15. When a subdivision is being built I am sure that one of the prime concerns about the area is that of the water supply. Several people queried the question of quantity and quality of water,

what would happen if

now past once again. I

for your efforts this year.

ments to the Red Cross

and this community

have made this Branch

Dear Volunteers:

the Council? Mrs. Helen Angel, Silver Creek Red Cross thanks

very successful.

would like a reply from

As Volunteer Week has would like to take this My sincere thanks for your commitments. opportunity to thank expertise and hard work. each and everyone of you Your dedicated commit-Sincerely,

Janet Dean, President

Georgetown and Dist.

Red Cross Branch

"direct your queries to the Regional Health cerning application for plan of subdivision (Ros-My question is to the irevor Development) E Town of Halton Hills, 1/2 Lot 27 Con. 8 Silver-"Where was the reprecreck, Monday, April 15, sentative of the Regional Health Department?" I To the editor of The

Hotel in Georgetown before moving to Bracebridge. I would very much

proprietor of the Station

appreciate correspondhad great difficulty in ing with any relatives of my great grandfather (Higgins) or anyone who could give me information that would assist me in completing my family John Reynolds

R.R.1 Bracebridge, Ont. POB 1CO

No adequate responses

RE: Public meeting con-

Herald: I would like to express my opinion regarding the uninformed Town Council at public meetings concerning subdivision applications.

Fellow residents and myself attended a meeting where several questions arose concerning the adverse affects of subdivision development on weater supply; re quantity and quality; existing dwellings and future responsibilities

and costs of the outcome. The Council organized this meeting for our benefit. However, no adequate responses were given concerning the issues mentioned above. Why wasn't the representative of the Regional Health Department present? This person would have been able to supply any information requested. If the Council decided not to have this representative present, why were they not equipped with the proper informa-

to our needs when they will directly affect our existing lifestyles? Jason Angel

tion to replace his pres-

ence? Is this the way

"Our Council" responds

Acton gets 'short end'

To the editor of The Herald:

Once again Acton gets the short end of the stick. As a voter in this community I commend the Acton Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in organizing an all-Candidates meeting for this Thursday at the Acton High School.

I was quite surprised and upset to hear this meeting was cancelled at the last minute due to the unwillingness of the PC candidate to partici-

I can only imagine what in his view, would be more important on that evening than hearing the questions and concerns of Acton voters in open debate with the other candidates for off-

I've heard a rumor in

suits me just fine: my vote will not be landing in the Conservative "bag". Yours truly David Steckley Editor's Note: The Herald checked with the PC

tow that the Tories feel

they have Acton 'in the

bag'. Their complacency

campaign in Halton-Bur lington. The local Tories cancelled because of a prearranged rally at the Acton Legion Hall to coincide with Premier Miller's televised showing with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Apparently, the meeting date was originally given an "okay" by the campaign office, but that person hadn't checked with the calendar or the cam-

Volunteers are active

To the editor of The Herald:

As in past years The Herald's coverage of Volunteer Week was extremely well done. Volunteers in Halton Hills are a very active group and your articles help to let

them know how much each and everyone of them is appreciated. Thank you to your and

your staff for a job well

paign manager.

Sincerely Maureen McCallum. Co-ordinator.

N.H.V.B

CORNER HANDICAPPED I received a letter in the mail today But what's so special about that Many folks would say. Weil - this letter was from someone

POETS'

Which set it far apart -Our little princess, we call her But they call her - handleapped. It's difficult for ordinary folks Who can function as they should, To realize the effort this special letter

We all have limitations - and in

took.

Must surely be a lesson for everyone to

Who should be called - handicapped. . —Susan McWilllam.