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# Shocking report

Shelter - it's one of our most basic necessities.

But a shocking report on emergency shelter reveals just how many are left homeless, unable to find a place to stay, if only for a short period of time.

The Halton Social Planning Council's report indicates that only 52 per cent of 704 requests for shelter on a temporary basis were accommodated.

We think of Halton as, for the most part, an affluent region. But these statistics tell a different story.

The region, and other areas across Canada just haven't kept up with the growing number of people in transition. In Halton, the problems are compounded by the

lack of low cost housing available. It's distressing to find that many of the requests for emergency shelter come from youths under 25 years, with no dependents and who are either unemployed or students. How sad it is for those so young in life to be without hope of even finding a roof over their shoulders when times get .

rough. The report notes that in Halton Hills there were a proportionately higher number of requests for emergency shelter from those married, over 25 years, seniors and disabled.

The results clearly show we need more low cost housing, and more emergency shelters to help our homeless.

## It's a horse race

So now it's a horse race.

Mike Armstrong's announcement that he'll run for mayor has put some life into our municipal election.

Not since former Mayor Peter Pomeroy ran against then incumbent Tom Hill in 1978 have we seen a good two way fight for the mayor's seat. Each of the candidates are experienced in political life and they both have their own band of followers.

For the first time, both will be going outside their Ward boundaries to canvass the entire town. Russ Miller owes his support to his Ward 2 (Esquesing) constituents while Mike Armstrong was voted in by Ward 4 (Georgetown West and South). Unless one of these candidates chooses to take a stand on the issues which is different from his opponent, voters may be confused.

We've heard at least one candidate in the municipal election race say everyone agrees on what the solutions to

the issues are.

If that's the case, it will be a fight for the mayor's

seat based on leadership.

We'd prefer a race based on what our candidates say they will do for the town - and hopefully it won't be a broken record.

Nevertheless, we're happy for a two-candidate race. It's nice to know we have options when casting our votes.

## Made for families



Clergy Comment

BV DR. JOHN M. DRICKAMER Immanuel Lutheran Church Moment in Peking by Lin Yutang is one of the loveliest novels I have ever read. It portrays with great beauty the importance of the family as an enduring element in Chinese life. It has something to say to all of us.

The building blocks of society are not individuals but families. Each of us should put family before self - and also before the state. Anything that tends to break up the family is dangerous and detrimental to all of society. Any society that breaks up families is being suicidal.

Strong families mean strong persons in a vital society. 'Veak families mean weak persons in a dying society.

Why? Because we are made for family life. There are exceptional individuals who can live well alone. But most of us were not meant to live

that way. Neither were we made to be interchangeable pieces in a vast, machine-like, totalitarian society. The family or small clan is the largest group that can really take the needs of specific persons into account in decid-

ing what is best for all. The proof is human sexuality and the procreation of children. Sexual activity is completely irresponsible except between a man and a woman committed to caring for each other and for their children. That means marriage and family life.

Further proof is the natural love of parents for their children, children for their parents, and brothers and sisters for each other. This familial love may not always be very apparent. But we have all seen it come through when the chips are down. That means that a person is best cared for in the family and by the family. No government, no social agency can care as much about the person. Therefore no government or agency can care as well for the

If families functioned as they should, most social agencies could close their doors forever. This is a sinful world, and not all families will function as they should. There will still be a need for agencies to help people on our behalf.

But the more families do, the less. government will have to do. The more you do for your family and the more your family does for you, the less the possibility that your family will need help from some social agency.

What can be done to strengthen the family? That is a private matter. We should all do what we can to improve our own familles. That takes time and thought and effort.

One thing you can do is to start going as a family to a church that really stresses what the Bible teaches. The Bible is big on family life and good for family life. It makes it clear that the church is always to undergird -

never to undermine -- family life. We sin often against those closest to us. We have more opportunities to hurt them than anyone else. The best the church has to offer the family is the Gospel, the message of the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake. God's forgiveness moves us to forgive one another. That is a tremendous boost to family

#### CORNER POETS?

**FRIENDS** The sand pile became a city Two young boys bullt it up First the castles, then the most Finally, forests began to erupt.

The young architects started the morning. With buildozers roaring away The hours passed with laughter The city was finished in just one day. Occasionally war breaks out in the city A castle comes tumbling asunder Shouts of fool fill the sand pile The fun changes to plunder. Then, there's peace in the city again When father calls for an end

The war has ended in a draw. Each brother becomes a friend. -By MARLOWE C. DICKSON, RR2, Berton SUMMER SLIPS SOUTH

A hint of fall comes in mushrooms randomly appearing between the ferns The urge to lay in winter wood toys with my thoughts Mid day sunshine warms a sleepy salemander hugging a bed of quartz A quiet garter snake contemplates . scurrying ants He's fattening up for the long sleep ahead The lake becomes a busy runway Junior feathered pilots

have become distilusion, the articles on Bruce ed with the Acton Free Andrews, and other Actstumble to spray-filled landings Press. I work in the on High students, have -By MARLOWE C. DICKSON, Acton High School libra- been clipped to be put in RR2, Beeton

Dear Sir.

interviewed.

Thank you for the

newspaper article on

Anne. We all enjoyed it

and Anne felt, as she

sald, "like a star" being



TORONTO-Conventional wisdom around here has it that Larry Grossman is heading for coronation as leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party.

It is the job of Dennis Timbrell to prove conventional wisdom wrong. It is widely believed that only he has a hope of stopping the juggernaut -- and even then it is an outside chance. .

The third man in the race, Alan Pope from Timmins, isn't in the running at all.

Interestingly, a year ago conventional wisdom among Tories was that almost anyone could lead them to victory in the next election, view that proved totally wrong.

Timbrell's sole chance to catch Grossman is to remind delegates to that fact. And then convince them that Grossman will only prove another Frank Miller.

TOUGH JOB It will be a formidable task. In four areas Grossman is far ahead of Timbrell.

Grossman has the majority of caucus either with him or leaning to him. Timbrell has actually lost supporters from last time.

Lastly, Grossman has a broad cross-section of the party on-board, even many of the small-c conservatives who went with Miller last time, but who see the party's chance of success residing in the Toronto lawyer. TURN AROUND

Timbrell's strategy is to turn those Grossman strengths into Grossman liabilities.

And he began it from the moment of his announcement.

He took a shot at the Big Blue Machine types (such as Atkins) who have rallied around Grossman almost totally. To many Tories they are a symbol of the ignore-the-rank-and-file style of government Bill Davis ran. They provoke resentment.

'We have to remind ourselves

His rather unsubtle campaign

For those enucus members and delegates who see Grossman's virtues simply in him being a "street-fighter", that is someone embodying the toughness needed to be an effective

simple message.

#### TWO CHOICES

"The choice we face as a party is a choice between the politics of opportunism and the politics of conscience.

"The politics of epportunism means borrowing a few good ideas, hoping for the Liberals to falter, and counting on salesmanship to carry the

I want to hear form the rank-and-file of the party. They want to know what we stand for and they want to have a hand in shaping it.

"A party that exists solely to maintain itself in power has nothing left to offer. We first need a leader who will lead us to ourselves," he said.

He strikes a chord - but will enough delegates hum his tune?

### that a handful of stretegists did not win Letters to the Editor

## Round of fruitless efforts

Dear Sir, Yet again another occurrence with

the wrecking in Limehouse.

This last round of fruitless efforts over negotiating the site plan for Halton Auto Wreckers has once again been won by Mr. Tolton and lost by the villagers of Limehouse.

Everyone is worried about Mr. Tolton's property rights and legal problems that could arise from poss- be cleared of those councillors who do ible council action that no one seems not seem to care about their jobs ... should be happy. Right? Wrong!

council had finally found its teeth by enforcing the site plan and the deadline of Sept. 3 for Mr. Tolton to move his fence back approximately three feet from where it was. Mr. Tolton's lawyer, Mr. Page, was at the meeting requested the following things:

 the date to move the fence back be extended to Sept. 30, 1985 to accommodate Mr. Tolton and staff while the yard was closed for holidays (last two weeks of August).

while moving the fence back, Mr. Tolton would like to extend the fence on the east by approximately 25 feet, and add a triangular portion on the west to keep his snow in. if allowed to do these last two

items, Mr. Tolton, to show good faith, would move the fence by Sept. 15, 1985. These requests of Mr. Page, on

behalf of his client, are totally unnecessary to the operation of Mr. Tolton's business. I don't know of too many other businesses that need to fence Dear Sir, their snow in. I think it is just another outside and to push the council to see how far they will let Mr. Tolton "bend" the law. However, the bottom line of this fiasco is yet to unfold. Apparently, enforced because Mr. Tolton did not side a "No Parking" zone. sign it...so a new site plan was have been dealing with this situation.

was taken to court again on the bylaw accessing their own driveways. infringements for operating the yard after hours as specified in the bylaws. ing zone renders the use of the ramp The court date was set for Sept. 5. significantly more difficult, producing Justice of the Peace, Al Wickman, saw

fit to deny a request to hold over the self-esteem. At times, it seems as case until next month so that a key witness would be available to testify. Our key witness, Mary Shier, happened to be teaching and could not get away on that date (but would have no trouble making the October appear-

In an effort to try to solve this on-going problem, the council needs to Several weeks ago at the council meaning of the word 'accountability'. meeting, it seemed as though the We do have some councillors who have been trying to clear up this situation, and I am glad to see that they are running for re-election. I am dismayed at the incumbents who are planning to run again...most for higher office... who do not, based on what I have seen them. to express his client's views and he of their performances at the council meetings, deserve to be re-elected. The biggest problem with some of the council members is that they view being a council member as a way to become well-known, get their picture in the paper, or boost their own

though the councillors forget who they are working for!

I have been reading with great interest the campaign "promises" of the local candidates. There is a common line that runs through most of them. Most of the candidates feel that they want to be elected to ensure the proper development of Georgetown South and West. I for one, hope that worried about the rights of the citizen those who have an attitude that implies these people get their collective acts at all. As long as we pay our taxes (and they will "fence" sit to avoid legal together for these new developments the councillors' salaries) everyone hassles and possible rights infringe- because, for the most part, to date, ments...those who do not know the they are not seeing to the proper resolution of this situation in Limehouse. I would like to ask the voters of Georgetown not to be apathetic in this next election and not vote. No one is immune to the actions or inaction of the council...help us elect some people who will work for those who elected

> There is still an "intolerable" situation in Limehouse. I would like to thank the councillors who have been trying to help us in this battle.

Sincerely, Susan Cox, Limehouse

# "No parking" barrier for the handicapped

At the request of several patrons trumped up excuse to park more cars we have been asked to make an announcement through the press to inform people that it is no longer possible to park on Church St. in front of the Library. Metered parking is the original site plan that council voted available across the street but the to accept and enforce could not be municipality has declared the Library

At the time this was proposed the established that gave in to Mr. Tolton Library Board protested the changes on all requests. This "technical" on the grounds that library staff and oversight is just the latest in a long line patrons are already weefully short of of these oversights when the council parking space and the new restrictions and the bylaw enforcement officer would inevitably push more parking on to Market St. to the probable fury of In yet another scenario, Mr. Tolton residents there who have difficulty

For the handicapped, the no park-

She felt like a Star

ry and have on many the school scrapbook. The Herald is a weekly occasions taken our

home delivered copy of

The Herald in to be on

the newspaper rack.

Thank you again for Many students ask to Many people in Acton see "The Herald" and all

principal and staff.

Anne's moment of fame. See you at the Royal Winter Fair!

reading must for our

Sincerely, Judith Auty, Acton We very much regret the present

another barrier to the use of the

circumstance but Council did not respond to our letter and are apparently uninterested in the problem.

Yours truly, Norman Elliott. Chairman, Halton Hills Library Board

### Courses full

Many thanks for the fine column you wrote a couple of weeks ago covering the Fall courses offered by the Credit Valley Artisans. I wish you to know that it was the initiator of a good portion of the response to our courses. The phone rang off the hook, so to speak, for several days and that was most gratifying for our registrar and executive.

As you know, considerable effort goes into setting up and coordinating these courses. We are pleased to be able to tell you that all but one of our courses are able to be run - some are filled to capacity. We certainly do appreciate your effort and cooperation in helping us bring our activities to the

> Again, a very sincere thank you. Frank Anthony, President, Credit Valley Artisans, Georgetown



THIRTY YEARS AGO-In the last year Georgetown's population has grown by 900. Now there are 5,004 people. Assessment commissioner Joseph Gibbons announced the figures to council this week. Lorne Scots Regiment member

John Bailey married Ruby Lillian Mitchell at the Boston Presbyterian Church. They were piped into the Esquesing Community Hall by the Scots before the reception. Georgetown's N and G's lacrosse team is seeking its second Ontario championship in three years. Winning

Huntsville gives them a 4 to 2 advantage in the best of 7 series. FIFTEEN YEARS AGO .- Former Physical Education Department head at GDHS Lyn McLaren was present for the first football game played on the new field named after him. Bob Webster, auto shop teacher, chauffeur-

ed him around the field while the high

school band played the Green, Green

tonight in their 6th game against

Grass of Home. Members of St. Paul's Church and First Baptist Church repeated a new covenant at Mountainview Baptist Church, the new home of the two churches which merged. Rev. William Cairns delivered the message.

TEN YEARS AGO-David Moore, 16, of Limehouse was killed instantly when struck by a car on Highway 7. Fog contributed to the Limehouse boy's death. He was on a moped.

Raymond King, former accountant of Peel, is the new treasurer for the Town of Halton Hills. The 33-year-old Caledon cast resident replaces Harry Henderson who resigned. Clive Lewellyn will be represent-

ing Canada in the Canadian Pan American Games in Mexico City. The wrestler qualified by defeating Steve Markham in a three match wrestle-off

Gerry Peace is the men's champion of the Georgetown Tennis Club. He defeated Brotherton 6-2, 6-0 in the final.

FIVE YEARS AGO-New Halton Hills "The politics of conscience is what resident Clint Croswell was an active scouting leader in his former home, Toronto, and will be active in his prevent home. Mr. Croswell was awarded one of scouting's greatest honors, the Silver Acorn, at Queen's Park this year.

Russell Elliot of Acton is in stable condition after he was shot by his own rifle which discharged when he tripped and dropped it. The 12-gauge shot wounded him in the lower back.

Halton Hills raised \$14,262 in the Terry Fox Run which means only 11 communities in Canada raised more money. McDonald's Restaurant representatives who helped organize the run said it was "a fantastic effort for the size of the community."

Georgetown's Junior Falcons ended their season on top and are the new Peel-Halton champions. They defeated Brampton and Streetsville to capture the Halton-Peel Cup.

Gail Saiger is the newest MD family practitioner in Georgetown; her office is at the Medical Associates building beside the hospital.





By PAT WOODE Herald Columnist

Agoraphobia, literally translated from Greek, is defined as "fear of open spaces" or "fear of the marketplace." Actually, in reality, it is a fear of the anxiety that may lead to a panic attack. These attacks may leave a person totally debilitated.

Symptons ranging from heart palpitations, fatigue, churning stomache, sweating hands, a choking feeling, headache, sleeplessness, giddiness and depression are only some of the many complaints shared by sufferers of nervous illness as a result of a pattern of continuous fear and tension.

In Canada, 14 per cent of the population have their lives compromised due to a phobia and 8 out of 100 find the simple act of walking out the front door a battle against fear.

. What happens to an individual to cause him to experience such panic? For some the answer may be a physical one. According to Dr. Johnson, of Orlando, Florida, panic attacks occur at an increased rate within families prone to attack. It may also be associated with several biological conditions (e.g. mitral valve prolapse a heart condition).

Dr. Frederick Linthicum, Director of Education, House Ear Institute, Los Angeles, states that disruption of the delicate balance mechanism within the inner car may be a trigger that brings on a panle attack.

The dizziness caused by the effect of a disease or blocked sinuses, as an example, creates feelings of insecurity in the person who is away from familiar objects he can grab. This gradually develops into a phobia.

She states fear produces adrenalin which heightens our senses (increased heart beat, tensed muscles, etc.). In a panic attack the sensitized person becomes terrified of the symptoms. This fear creates a fear - adrenalin fear cycle so the person avoids places where they feel an attack may happen.

Locally a young woman from Georgetown would like to speak with others living with agoraphobia who may be interested in forming a self-help group in this community.

If you or a member of your family wish to speak with her, you may direct your enquiries through me at 877-1438, "Against the Odds", Halton Cable.

4, will be featuring a local Georgetown woman, Barb Halsall who will be discussing Lupus. Tune in tonight at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 2 to watch this informative interview.