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Forgive - don't forget

The Holocaust was one of the ugliest moments in history. It doesn't deserve to be forgotten. But turning back to events over 40 years ago can re-ignite bitter memories. The study in Georgetown of the Holocaust is an emotional issue. Students at Georgetown District High School will learn about the death camps of Hitler's Germany. They will learn about the slaughter of innocent Jews during the war. How important is it to teach about these events? Men such as Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra show us why we must continue to remember the Holocaust. Both were accused and convicted recently of spreading lies and hatred against the Jews in Canada. Alberta teacher James Keegstra went as far as telling his students the Holocaust did not occur. Students need to discuss important historic events with all the facts so they can make their own educated decisions. They will find there is no logic in racial hatred, only fear and anger used by the ignorant as an emotional release. Racial hatred is a person's escape from his or her shortcomings. When discussing the Holocaust, people must remember it was a government, a dictator who gave the order to exterminate Jews. German citizens were either unaware of Hitler's orders or powerless to stop them. By studying the Holocaust, caution must be placed not to paint all German people as mass killers. Forty years is a long time to hate and a long time to be burdened with the guilt of a nation. Forgive - but don't forget.

Major turning point

An announcement Sunday was a significant turning point for Scotsdale Farm. The Ontario Heritage Foundation and the Heritage Horse Park Corporation told about a proposal for a horse park on the 540-acre site. Bequeathed to the people of Ontario through the OHF, Scotsdale is still waiting for a principal user. It was first suggested the Halton Board of Education take on major responsibilities at Scotsdale for an outdoor education site. That idea never got off the ground and the OHF is still pondering the site's future. But what is significant about the Sunday announcement is that the Heritage Horse Park Corporation will be given the go-ahead to commission a feasibility study. The study will look at how the Corporation could turn the site into a full-time horse park, open to the public. The Heritage Horse Park Corporation, a volunteer, non-profit group, was formed recently with the intention of making Scotsdale into a horse park. The study will be paid for by the horse park corporation. We're happy at the OHF's change of heart. A consultant's report for the OHF played down the use of the \$3 million site as a horse park. For the town, a horse park will be an exciting draw for locals and tourists. It will bring people to Halton Hills and do its part to highlight our rich rural heritage. We think Stewart and Letty Bennet would be happy if they knew their property was in the hands of The Heritage Horse Park Corporation. Corporation members and followers are intensely motivated in their aim to promote a horse park and to preserve the rural Scotsdale site.

Every woman needs an extra man

Every woman should have an extra man about the house. I'm speaking from experience, three months worth.



Staff comment

By Ani Pederian Herald Columnist

Setrak joined our family in July. He's a cousin visiting from North Africa. Everything dear hubby hasn't time or skill to tackle, Setrak tackles, with a tremendous amount of energy and goodwill. One whole day he spent in the garage, installing an automatic garage door opener which I considered silly and unnecessary - but men will have their toys. Boy, was I ever glad for that automatic garage door opener one stormy evening as I returned from work. Ah, thank goodness for Setrak. I thought as I pulled into the driveway, sky crackling behind me. Press as I might, the tiny button wouldn't open the garage door. Curses upon you, I muttered as I raced for the front door, drenched thoroughly. Poor Setrak. He wasn't to blame. The clocks inside the house had stopped an hour earlier. The power was off. Nevertheless, I enjoyed berating him afterwards for the silly mechanical device that didn't work when most needed. Setrak loves cold cuts. Whenever we go grocery shopping, he steers the cart to the deli window and chats up the girl behind it. Ham, mortadella, corned beef, Setrak gets enough for a company picnic. Then hubby stacks on the corn cobs and French bread, and of course, the cheese. Ever try to argue with two

men in a crowded grocery aisle that that's too much ham or too many corn cobs for three people? Setrak also loves beer. He says it's good for his health. It washes out his kidneys, he says. They must be awful dirty, is all I can say. It's thanks to Setrak that I've finally got a hook for my bath towel. The one hubby put up came down the day after, barely missing making a deposit in the toilet. That was in January. As for pots and pans, Setrak isn't a snob about washing them, and he even brings us tea in bed (once, anyway). He loves to holler at me when I try to do his laundry or clean up after him. "I'm a bachelor. I can do these things. Go away," he blasts. That's his way of being friendly, to yell at you. I've picked up a good vocabulary from him, enough to wake up my dad as he dozes after dinner. It may offend anybody who speaks Arabic, of course. Best of all, it's nice to go home and find somebody else battling it out with the barbecue. Setrak cooks a mean steak, if you don't mind a little dirt from when steak slides off the fork.

WRITE US

What do you think about what is happening in Halton Hills...in this province...across the nation and around the world? We are interested in your opinion. The Herald invites its readers to express their opinion through our citizens' forum section. All letters must be signed and include an address. Your phone number should be listed in order for

us to verify the signature. Please send your letters to: The Herald, 45 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ont. L7G 3Z6 keep your letter brief and to the point. The maximum length is 400 words. The Herald reserves the right to edit all letters as to length, good taste and possibly libelous material.

By STEWART MacLEOD Ottawa Bureau of The Herald Prime Minister Mulroney is often accused of not having a discernible direction, or agenda. Yet, few other prime ministers have staked their futures on such dicey issues. When he decided to pursue a free-trade deal with the United States, the prime minister knew the risks would be enormous. After such a build-up, failure would not be easy to explain. To a lesser degree, the same goes for his proposed overhaul of our tax system. But perhaps the greatest risk of all is in his declared goal of getting Quebec's signature on the Constitution, something that Pierre Trudeau was unable to do when the accord was reached in 1981. Success is by no means assured and, should the attempt end in failure, Mr. Mulroney's political fortunes in Quebec, already sagging, could well collapse. He is clearly showing courage. It's true that the time has never been more opportune for reaching a constitutional agreement with Quebec. Not only has Mr. Mulroney

made significant progress in his "national reconciliation," but Quebec now is represented by a Liberal government with a declared dedication to federalism. Furthermore, most provincial premiers seem prepared to make a concerted effort to bring Quebec into



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

the fold. BIG SNAG The big snag, of course, is Premier Robert Bourassa's proposal for changing the ground rules for any future constitutional amendments. What he wants is an effective veto for his province. And to achieve this he is proposing that, instead of constitutional amendments requiring the approval of Ottawa and

seven provinces representing 50 per cent of the people, the percentage be raised to 75 per cent.

This means that any changes could be blocked by Quebec or Ontario acting alone, or by any three western provinces acting together. An existing clause, requiring the approval of at least one Atlantic province, would remain.

Mr. Bourassa also proposes that there be some provincial power over immigration, along with some input into Supreme Court appointment. He also wants compensation from Ottawa for opting out of federal programs.

It's that contentious veto issue that will cause the greatest difficulty. And no one knows this better than Sen. Lowell Murray, the man doing the preparatory work for the prime minister. The low-key, bilingual senator will have his hands full.

CANADIANS TIRED In a recent interview with a Quebec newspaper, Sen. Murray said "there is a great deal of fatigue in English Canada with the whole bloody subject" of constitutional negotiations. He also acknowledged

the political problem facing the government - "that if this becomes the centrepiece of our preoccupations this fall and winter, people will think we're back on Pierre Trudeau's agenda."

So, the Mulroney-Murray strategy is to keep the preliminary negotiations off the political stage until there is a clear indication of success. This means that Sen. Murray will be flitting back and forth between provincial capitals without fanfare or, in most cases, comment.

But with 11 governments involved in the negotiations, it's virtually impossible to stifle talk and, in all probability, high expectations. The prime minister, seldom at a loss for words, is inclined to express optimism about most of his initiatives.

The risks are great, not only for the Mulroney government's political fortunes, but also for federal-provincial relations. It seems safe to assume that, should the negotiations fail, relations between Quebec and the other provinces are bound to experience a setback. Crucial talks like this can't be simply opened and shut without lingering effects.

But success would also have long-lasting effects. And it's to Mr. Mulroney's credit that he's willing to take a shot at achieve it. He could just as easily have let the matter rest.

Halton's History from our files

30 years ago

THIRTY YEARS AGO - Conflicting figures list Georgetown's population at 6,252 according to the dominion census bureau and 5,881 according to a town council census. "I guess the Liberal government didn't count the Tories when they were taking the census," said assessment commissioner Joseph Gibbons.

Rev. Rubin Salmon, a graduate of Georgetown High School 20 years ago, has a new appointment. The man known as the "Building Parson" was named dean of Christ Church Cathedral at an Anglican Church in White Horse.

Sandra Bradley took first place in all seven events at a school track meet. She won the 50 yard dash, the 75 yard dash, the standing broad jump, the broad jump, the running high jump, the running broad jump, the basketball throw and the softball throw.

15 years ago

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO - Al Donaldson of 36 Hewson Cres. is on his way to British Columbia with the hopes of winning the Canadian truck rodeo. He recently became the Ontario champion.

The pressure is on Norval Mets pitcher John Holtby who will be starting in the sixth game of a best of seven series with Glen Williams. Glen Williams has a 3-2 lead in the best of seven championship series.

The ladies softball league recognized its sluggers. Cathy Danylichuk and Pam Barrager tied as Senior Home Run Queens. Lynn Scarborough was the Junior League's top long ball hitter.

10 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO - Herald outdoor columnist Bob Olivier saw his dream of a ban on pop-top containers come true. Olivier has battled pollution since he returned to Canada in 1982 after 13 in England.

Georgetown's rock band Eclipse will perform a three-hour concert for the first Canadian telethon to raise money for muscular dystrophy. The telethon is a Roger's Cable Television and is filmed from the Bramalea Civic Centre.

Tracy Porter won the University Women's Club's award, presented annually to a student of Georgetown District High School. Tracy was president of the student council. She will be attending McMaster University.

5 years ago

FIVE YEARS AGO - North Halton District Scouting Commissioner John Sharples was in Georgetown to commend the efforts of two scout leaders. Second Georgetown Scoutmaster Barry Gambles received the Warrant of Appointment Certificate and First Ballinlad Cubmaster Del Wood received his five-year pin.

Action's Citizen of the Year, Ron McKnight, officially opened the Acton Fall Fair. He was escorted to the fair by Miss Acton 1979 Cathy McGrath and her sister, the 1980 Queen, Lisa.

Cindy McGiloway was crowned Miss Acton Fall Fair 1981. First runner-up was Kymm Lakin and Marlene Lott was the second runner-up.

Bill Taylor was selected the team captain of the Georgetown Junior E Gemini. He is a former alternate captain who is known for his consistent hustling.

Poets' Corner

ON KEEPING WARM

When you go as you will as you must I'll wear sadness as a coat against the cold blast of your leaving. -RALLOWE C. DICKSON R.R.2 Beeton, Ontario



Telephone is very strange

By DR. JOHN M. DRICKAMER Herald Special

The telephone is very strange. It can be very helpful in many ways and does save a lot of time if used properly. But it is not really a very personal way to communicate.

A letter is better. We can carefully plan what to say and how to say it. We do not have any immediate feedback from the other person. But we can be exact and clear.

Face-to-face speaking is also better. It is as immediate as the telephone, but there is so much feedback to go on. Facial expressions, gestures, and a thousand other details help us reach the other person and see how well we are doing so.

On the telephone we cannot plan as well as on paper, and we do not have the visual signals we have in person. The telephone highlights the difficulty of all human communication. Can we really be sure that the listener understands?

The same dangers exist with the other forms of communication. But the telephone makes them more apparent than ever.

We must face the fact that we, as human beings, are limited in our ability to communicate with others and to receive communication from them. This limitation is one of the biggest factors in the feeling of loneliness. That is where communication with God can be helpful. We can talk to God in prayer. He hears all prayers that are offered in Jesus' name, that is, out of faith in Christ. And we can read God's Word in the Bible.

When we express ourselves to God - or even before we do so - we know that God understands all about us. Read Psalm 139. God knows everything about us - our hearts, our thoughts, our words. His understanding is not limited by our inability to communicate. He knows us inside and out.

God the Son understands also because He has been through it all. He has experienced human life. He



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is not only God but also Man. He knows human feelings and human sufferings. The only difference is that He never sinned. That means that God knows all about our sinfulness - our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. There is no use trying to hide anything from God. There is no use trying to avoid Him or escape from Him. Should we then be afraid? God not only hears but also speaks. He has spoken in His Word, the Bible. He is the perfect Communicator. He can get through to us with His powerful Word. His book is not dark or obscure. It is the clearest and most brilliant book ever written. The main message of the Bible speaks to our sinfulness - not to condemn but to forgive! Central to the Bible is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the message of forgiveness and salvation because Jesus died on the cross for our sins. That Word removes our fears of God. The Holy Spirit enlightens people to understand it. And the Holy Spirit gives the faith that believes and receives the Biblical message. Communication is difficult for us - but not for God!

Letters to the editor

Operation eyesight

Dear Sir, Thanksgiving is that special time of the year we pause to give thanks for family, friends, food and all the other blessings we as Canadians enjoy.

How fortunate we really are that in spite of setbacks or adversities, that may from time to time affect some, in the main we can be thankful for the availability of the necessities of life such that we may participate in the activities of our choosing and to enjoy the sight of all scenic pleasures that Canada has to offer.

People in other parts of the world are not as fortunate. I read an item recently, quoting the World Health Organization, which indicated that there are 40 million blind people in the world - mostly in the developing countries. People unable to be productive due to lack of the right vitamins, unclean water, lack of education ins to proper health care. About one half of these people are curable blind people that due to lack of funds or availability of nearby medical help continue in their helplessness.

Fortunately there are some fine organizations in the world that are giving help to try and eradicate these problems, and I am thankful and proud that one such organization is a Canadian based one, headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, that

this year has as their objective the treatment of one million eyes, and the restoring of sight for 100,000 curable blind people. God bless them and may their work prosper with the help of all Canadians.

For a donation of only \$25, which is tax deductible, sight can be restored to some individual in the 17 countries in which they now have seventy projects in motion.

For everyone's awareness their name and address is: Operation Eyesight Universal, P.O. Box 123, Stn. "M", Calgary, Alta. T2P 2H6.

Yours sincerely, (Mrs.) Marion Torrell 2 Dell Glen Court Thornhill, Ontario L3T 2A3

In your opinion

Predict a series winner



"I'd say California because of Reggie Jackson," said Grant Clatworthy. "Also, the last two months they have played some good baseball

"I'll pick New York Mets," said Bob McKay. "Their starting pitching, bullpen and bats are all quite good."

"I'd say Boston will because they seem to be able to handle the pressure," commented Elmer Dunn.

"If they beat the Toronto Blue Jays, then Boston has to be the best," said Ed Thomson. "Boston has good pitching and defence."

"I think it will be between Boston and the Mets," said Gary McFadyen. "I said Mac Leeking, like the American League, but right now the Mets do have good pitching and defence pretty awesome."