

Entertainment Outlook



Spring is.....

Directed by Dale Wood, the Georgetown Choral Society sang to an appreciative audience Sunday at the Holy Cross Church. Entitled Spring Celebration, the choir performed

a variety of numbers, including some Easter theme tunes and religious songs. (Photo by Simon Wilson)

An exciting round of identify the speaker

Let's start with another exciting round of identify the speaker. This week's mystery quote is: "I want people to know that I'm never going to follow. I am a leader."

Full marks are awarded if you correctly identified the speaker as Don Hayden, a 19-year-old quadriplegic from Washington State who plans to climb Mount Rainier, a considerable feat even for someone without a handicap.

They are, for instance, much preferable to 45-minute speeches by public figures.

In fact, I really wouldn't mind seeing a newspaper headline that announced that a certain few prominent Canadians had decided to shut up entirely.

But I'm getting a little off track here. What really fascinates me is the speech DI is reported to have made.

She is reported to have said: "I can well imagine how much hard work had to be put in by the staff of the academy and the cadets to achieve such an impressive result."

Now, you will have observed, right off the bat, that these few words could not possibly fill 60 seconds.

I managed to stretch the sentence to 20 seconds when I read it out loud, but even this was accomplished only by adopting a Porky Pig stutter. ("... the aca-aca-academy and the ca-ca-ca-ca the soldiers...")

So what, one wonders, did DI say for the remaining 40 seconds? The question is all the more intriguing because the news story was accompanied by a photo of the princess standing in front of a stationary line of cadets, all standing at attention in their dress uniforms. And what do you say about a line of cadets standing at attention?

Fortunately, I have been able — via my secret contacts in London — to obtain a full draft of the 60-second speech, which has hitherto gone unpublished in its entirety.

After commenting on the "impressive result", it seems that the princess continued:

"Seldom has it been my pleasure to stand in front of a line of such well-turned-out young men and women. I observe that their shoes are all nicely shined, their shoelaces are all neatly tied, and their files are all safely done up. "All except for that fellow third from the left..."



Weir's View

By Ian Weir

Half marks are awarded if you thought the speaker was H.C. Premier Bill Vander Zalm, explaining why he had just contradicted another one of his cabinet ministers.

No marks can be awarded but an honorable mention is given if you thought the speaker was John Turner, promising to articulate his clear and forthright position on free trade just as soon as he's told what it is.

Speaking of notable accomplishments, I was delighted to read the other day that the Princess of Wales has finally shucked her image as Shy DI, the gal who doesn't like to speak in public.

Lo and behold, there was actually a news story reporting that DI had spoken for a full minute after reviewing officer cadets at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

I suppose that a cynical response might be that this is just another example of the favorable press treatment that is accorded to royalty. I mean, I don't think you or I would get congratulatory newspaper headlines for speaking aloud for 60 seconds.

When E. F. Hutton speaks, people listen. When Weir speaks, people make wry faces and interrupt him to order another round.

On the other hand, I suppose you could argue that 60-second speeches by public figures are, in and of themselves, a Good Thing.



VIDEOT

Guy MacMillin

Bold, beautiful and baffling

It's difficult to jump into the middle of a soap opera, what with all the story lines and bizarre relationships.

You're better off starting with someone who's been watching for a while. And pay close attention; things get awfully complicated.

In case you've missed "The Bold and the Beautiful," the new CBS soap from the people who created "The Young and the Restless," let me fill you in. I've been watching since it went on the air in March.

The story involves three families. There are the Forresters: Stephanie, Eric (the high-fashion mucky-muck of Los Angeles), their daughter, Kristen, and their sons, Ridge and Thorn. (The Forresters have quite a sense of humor when it comes to naming kids.)

Then there are the Spencers, William and his daughter, Caroline. And there are the Logans, a poor family thrown in to provide some class conflict: widow Beth Logan, her son, Storm, and her three daughters, Brooke, Katie and Donna.

I don't know about bold, but these

people certainly are beautiful. In fact they're so beautiful that they all seem to be about the same age: mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, boyfriends and girlfriends.

Handsome Eric Forrester is fond of beautiful Margo Lynley, who also seems to be in love with Eric's handsome son Ridge and with handsome William Spencer, the father of Ridge's beautiful fiancée, Caroline.

Hope you're following this.

The confusion doesn't stop there. Imagine, if you will, a perfectly gorgeous blond woman in her 20s: symmetrical features; clear eyes, shoulder-length hair, even smile. Well, this show has three of them: Caroline Spencer, Kristen Forrester and Brooke Logan. They look so much alike they really ought to be required to wear name tags.

If Ridge Forrester were a normal sort of fellow, this similarity wouldn't be a problem for viewers. We'd be able to tell the women apart by whom they were hugging and kissing.

But Ridge will hug and kiss any

woman, as long as she's beautiful, which, as I say, is no problem here. While Caroline was off for a fitting for her wedding gown, he jumped in bed with Alex, who luckily is a brunette or I might not have spotted the problem.

Actually, the only reason Ridge asked Caroline to marry him was because her father told him not to see her again.

It was a tense moment. Ridge asked, "Has Caroline said something to you?"

Spencer answered, "Enough for me to realize that she could be taken in by you."

"Taken in by?"

"I am not unaware of your charm and your reputation."

"Reputation?"

Ridge may be bold and beautiful, but he's no blabbermouth.

I've avoided mentioning the names of the actors in this show, because even that gets confusing. Storm Logan is played by Ethan Wayne. William Spencer is played by Jim Storm. You figure it out.

My favorite character is Katie Logan. Amid acres of clear skin, straight white teeth, flat tummies and flowing hair, here's a young woman with ace.



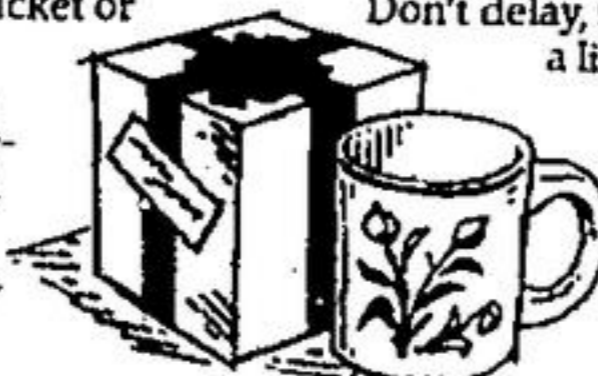
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