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## Bingo blues

It appears something is terribly amiss in that fun and games fantasyland known as Bingo.

The Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations for the Province of Ontario has apparently determined that danger to health increases with the amount of Bingo played.

And in its zeal to save the unsuspecting public from the perils of dabbling, they've limited the sanctioning of Monster Bingos for a prescribed time frame, in a prescribed area.

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association has relied heavily on an annual Monster Bingo to improve their financial situation, and make it possible for them to carry on with their work on behalf of youngsters.

This year, the need has become even greater for the association, as they struggle with financial woes.

But the government has pulled the plug on GMHA plans for a Monster Bingo for the time being, and perhaps indefinitely.

Where anyone could get the idea that people can be over-exposed to Bingo is beyond imagination.

Certainly, there are Bingo fanatics who shell out unbelievable amounts of money for very little in return - just as there are lottery fanatics who pump money into tickets on a weekly basis with the dreams of striking it rich. The result is essentially the same, but for the money, the enjoyment factor is much greater for the Bingo patrons.

Wherein, may lie the problem.

The government has succeeded in coming up with virtually every possible slant known to man in the lottery market. What doesn't suit one person will suit another, and each represents a take of thousands of dollars in a given week.

People will continue to buy lottery tickets at the corner stores as long as there is the slimmest chance they will cash in. And the government has the opportunity to arbitrarily decide who their competition will be in the lottery racket - and how much that competition will be allowed to pose a legitimate threat to the lotteries.

In essence, lotteries are a licence to print money, and the government will keep the presses rolling.

People will argue an allotment of this money goes back into the communities it is taken from for worthwhile projects. And to a certain point, this is true.

But why not take this premise and put it back in the proper perspective.

Give the communities a freer hand to fend for themselves.

The initiative and energy is there, if communities are simply given the opportunity to put it to good use.

## No small change

Tourism is one of the fastest growing industries in Ontario.

But it's not just the splendor of the Rocky Mountains, or the quiet serenity of Maritime fishing villages that are raking in the tourist dollars.

In 1985, the tourist industry, world wide, was worth \$2.4 trillion, representing 12 per cent of the world's Gross National Product.

In 1987, in Ontario alone, tourists spent \$9.3 billion, adding \$1 billion in tax revenues.

This money is used for the building of schools and hospitals, the paving of streets, and to provide help for the disadvantaged, while maintaining a comfortable standard of living for the people of the province.

In addition to this, there are hundreds of thousands of jobs created through tourism fulltime, and more on a seasonal basis.

To ensure visitors are treated courteously, the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation has been staging hospitality training workshops, so that the ambassadors of the province who deal directly with tourists, will be well-prepared.

But the buck doesn't stop there.

Tourism is an industry that has grown because of its diversity. There are far-reaching implications that can be applied here.

No longer is tourism thought of in terms of exotic locations, and spectacular points of interest.

Today, people from Metropolitan Toronto venture a few short miles out from the urban rat race, for the simple satisfaction of finding less hectic surroundings.

It may entail a drive through the country for dinner at a quaint inn, or a garage and lawn sale junket, in search of obscure treasures.

And the impression they are left with, or the things they see along the way could well determine whether or not they make a return visit.

A simple smile, or a little help with directions can go a long way.

In the multi-million dollar tourism industry, the small change is nothing to sneeze at.

### Letter

## Political feet dragging

Dear Sir,  
On March 27, 1988, the Hon. Jake Epp stated to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Cancer Society at its 50th Anniversary Dinner that he had spoken to his Cabinet colleagues that week and received the commitment that Bill C-51 (The Tobacco Products Control Act) would be passed by the House of Commons before the summer recess.

Also, on March 15, 1988, the Hon. Doug Lewis was quoted in the Toronto Star that Bill C-51 was one of the "Government's top initiatives" for passage before June 30.

The time is running out. The Government is only a few days away from the point where, logistically, it will be extremely difficult, if not im-

possible, to obtain approval of the House Senate and Royal Assent before the House recesses and the Bill dies.

The Federal Government by its own statements has acknowledged that tens, and probably hundreds of thousands, of preventable deaths hang in the balance unless a significant intervention in the tobacco epidemic takes place. Bill C-51 is the Government's promised response. We are simply insisting, for an entire generation of kids, that the Government act with integrity and keep its promise.

Yours truly,  
Ron Potter, President,  
Ontario Division  
Canadian Cancer Society

## Style is secret to Premier's success

Premier David Peterson was in Guelph recently, doing well what he does best, which is simply sounding and looking like Ontario's premier. Officially, he began by opening the equine research centre at the University of Guelph. Afterwards, he met with local Liberals at a \$50-a-person reception fundraiser. Later, he travelled up the road to Waterloo and spoke at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. In all three cases, he illustrated why he won a smashing mandate in last September's provincial election. And why he runs so far ahead of his party - and his party's policies - in popularity. There is a breezy informality to how he appears and acts in public. It isn't just his looks, although they grey hair, the tan, the light-colored suits and his famous red or red-



**Queen's Park**  
By Derek Nelson  
Thomson News Service

pattern tie are all part of the package. It is his style - his confidence, his obvious liking for people, for talking to them, for learning new things. He impresses his audiences at a personal level. BELIEVE When he tells his listeners that "I'm delighted to be there," he's believed. That was even true at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, where his anti-free-trade message

fell mostly on deaf ears. Yet, overheard conversations suggested a general admiration for the man, if not his policies. In fact, the only time that Peterson ever falters at these events is when he tries to crack jokes about individuals. Many times, these sound off-key, even offensive. But he stayed away from that particular danger this day, directing his humor otherwise than at personalities. He even shook hands (or is that hand and hoof?) with a horse named Guthrie at the equine centre. Rather remarkably, Guthrie tolerated the crowds of television cameramen, photographers, reporters, officials, politicians and hangers-on who crowded around as Peterson did his thing. Even more remarkable, Peterson looked natural with the horse.

But the research centre's opening, nice pictures and all, wasn't really the focus of the day's events for the media. Free trade had suddenly been returned to the front burner by the U.S. Senate's requirement that the provinces "comply" with the free-trade agreement (FTA) or it was dead. What was Peterson's reaction? The Queen's Park media, who get a chance to "scrum" with Peterson (that is, to gather in a circle around him in a manner reminiscent of a rugby scrum) almost daily, had already heard his response. This, basically, was that Ontario wouldn't lift a legislative finger to aid the deal. (But would it pass legislation directly opposing it? That's another matter, one on which the Grits remain quiet, even though it is their one real means of scuttling the FTA).

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Media in the Guelph-Waterloo area hadn't heard him first-hand, of course, and since these reporters don't have the premier available every morning, they peppered him with questions at both the research centre and in Waterloo.

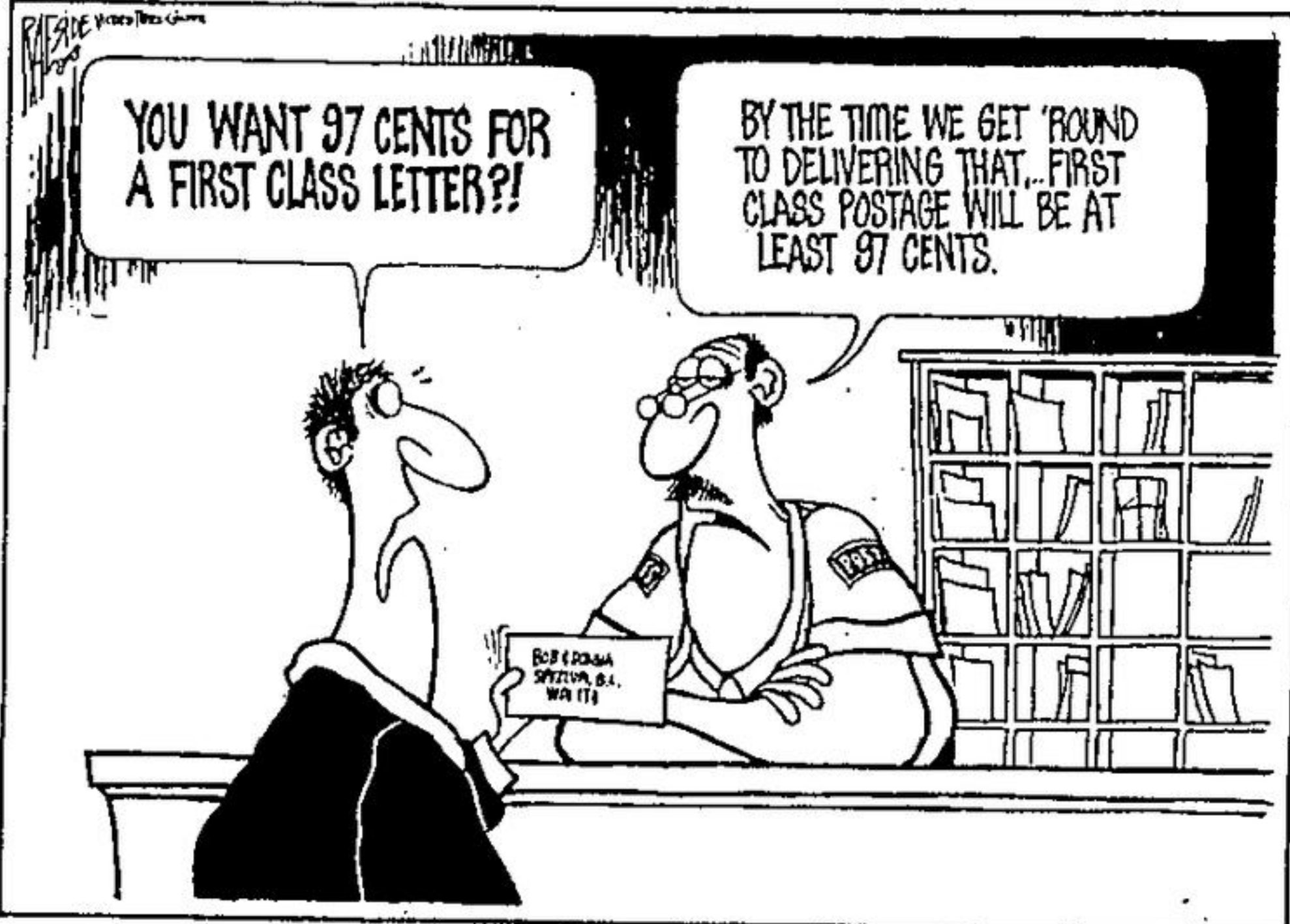
It was another example of Peterson's talent in groups. He is quite good in scrums at delivering the line of the moment while ducking questions he doesn't want to hear.

In Waterloo, he easily handled a query from a radio reporter about his sex life, even working a kidding reference to it into his speech.

He's also rather good with one or two people at a time.

Every one of the 50-odd Liberals who attended the reception fundraiser here seemed to get a personal word from him.

Interestingly, whether it is at a fundraiser or an official opening, Peterson seems more energetic and alive than he does at Queen's Park, as though he were re-charging his batteries on these jaunts away. Maybe that is why he does them.



## Citizens' forum

### A false sense of security

Dear Sir,  
I am concerned that your recent headline, "Drinking Water Not In Jeopardy" may lull us into a false sense of security and inaction on the proposed dumpsite at the Acton Quarry. I have in my hand an analysis by the Ministry of the Environment of the proponent's Pre-draft Submission including hydrology. Throughout their report, the team of Ministry scientists raise concerns about RSI's (the consulting firm) use of inappropriate scientific equations, scant data, at least one somewhat misleading statement, the validity of test results and the basis for some assumptions. More importantly, the MOE points out very strongly that the Acton site is not naturally suited to be a safe garbage dump. It will take extensive engineering to make and keep the site ecologically safe. These would have to be maintained for decades. I quote from the report: "Failure of the system would almost certainly cause widespread contamination of the bedrocks and overburden aquifers. The site offers little potential for natural attenuation, and hydrogeologically the site could never be used in an environmentally acceptable manner without very extensive engineering."

The report goes on and is full of vital information that we all need to know. It was mailed to those attending the meetings with Eco Logic, the purpose of which is to inform the public and invite their comment. Let's not fall prey to technological intimidation and unchallenged "expert" opinion. Our clean water supply is too important.

Yours truly,  
Gail Rutherford,  
Georgetown

**Hypocrisy**  
Dear Sir,  
Question: What's worse than the shafting of us taxpayers in the recent Ontario Liberal budget?  
Answer: The hypocritical posturing by NDP leader Bob Rae.

Rae, with a straight face, protests that the Liberals' tax hikes "gouge" taxpayers. What cynicism! Rae knows that the NDP, more than any other party, has pushed for more social programs and more government spending. This is paid for by higher taxes and borrowing. Has Rae ever suggested spending less or taxing less? We need spending cuts to make responsible tax cuts possible. That's where the taxpayers' final hope, the PCs, should come in. They don't. No one speaks for us taxpayers. The chilling truth is that the government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you have.

Yours sincerely,  
David Somerville,  
President,  
The National Citizens' Coalition

**Uneven breaks**  
Dear Sir,  
Each of the three Canadian political parties depends on donations for money. Voters are pushed to make these donations by being given tax breaks in exchange for their generosity. The tax break given to any political party is over three times as generous as that given to the Red Cross or the Canadian Cancer Society. Are political parties really that valuable to Canada? We give tax breaks to charities because we agree that they are valuable to Canada. Political parties are not charities. There is no good reason why a political party should get a tax break.

There are good reasons why political parties should not get tax breaks. If you donate \$100 to a political party you pay \$75 less income tax in that year. That means the missing \$75 from your tax payment must be made up by other taxpayers... by those who refused to donate. Why should they have to pay?

The Red Cross must account for how every dime donated to it is spent. The political parties are not required to account for any of the money donated to them, with the sole exception of money actually used in an election campaign. If the established parties depended on donations which did not carry the promise of a \$75 tax break for every \$100 donation, they would have to pay a great deal more attention to the wishes of the donors. The MPs in Ottawa could not afford to ignore the voters in the way they do today if they could not depend on the tax man for 75 per cent of party income. This system tells me that the politicians are claiming that every established political party is at least three times as valuable to Canada as the Red Cross or the Canadian Cancer Society. Maybe they're right. Let's end their triple tax break and see if Canadian voters value these parties enough to fund them voluntarily.

Al Fraser,  
Limehouse

**Thanks to supporters**  
Dear Sir,  
The Physically Handicapped Citizens Affiliation (PHCA) hosted a Magic Show on Saturday, May 14, 1988. We would like to say thank you to the individuals in Halton Hills and Milton who purchased tickets and attended the performance. Our members are especially grateful, however, to the citizens, service clubs and businesses who advertised in our printed handout or purchased tickets for redistribution. Tickets returned to PHCA made it possible for residents in local group homes, Halton Women's Place as well as others to attend the show. Once again, we extend our thanks to all those who supported PHCA in this undertaking.

Sincerely,  
Pat Woodie,  
President: PHCA

### In your opinion

## How's the job scene looking?



**BRENT McINTYRE:** "Yes, it will be hard because employers are only hiring people that are older and have a lot of job experience."

**NINA PATRIQUIN:** "Yes, I think that it will be hard because side in the summer and people won't want to work."

**ANDREW (Bug) CRANE:** "Yes, it will be difficult for high school students because the employers want college and university students to start working immediately."

**NICK ZUBACS:** "No, it shouldn't be too much trouble finding a summer job, but the person choosing shouldn't be too picky about the type of job he/she wants."

**ANNA FLATLEY:** "No, finding a summer job isn't difficult if the person is serious about getting employment. There are plenty of jobs around, and if a person wants to make and save money, the type of job should make no difference."

Question: Do you think that it will be hard to find a summer job?

## Halton's History

from our files

### 30 years ago

Sandra Fox of Georgetown was successful in completing her year at the Toronto Teacher's College and has accepted a position in Harrison Public School.

George McClure of Georgetown received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario.

Standing twelfth in a class of 81, Bill MacCormack received first class honors in his final year in the faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto.

The sod was turned at a ceremony for a new rectory for St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams. It was the first stage in a building program, which eventually saw a new parish hall and a cloister to house the church rectory and hall into one building.

### 15 years ago

Jimmy Linton became a believer when he won a cheque for \$50,000 in a province wide Sports Lottery draw.

Suzanne Algar of Georgetown completed a legal secretary course at Fanshawe College. After graduation she found employment with Siskind Taggart and Cromarty in London.

Winifred Isham, director of ARC Industries, served a birthday cake to guests celebrating the seventh anniversary of the opening of a sheltered workshop in Hornby.

Knut Keir, who graduated from Guelph University in 1969 with a bachelor of science degree, graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a degree in dental surgery.

### 10 years ago

John E. Birks of Georgetown received an honors degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Guelph.

Ken Chappel, who volunteers to drive an injured man to hospital in Guelph during a severe January snowstorm, was awarded a civilian citation from the Halton Regional Police in recognition of his assistance.

Laura Rogers, 9, played a French Minuet for parents and friends who attended a piano recital at the St. John's United church. Ten students, aged 7 to 11 took part in the recital.

Georgetown District High School students Jennie Thompson and Heather Rogers ran one-two for most of the junior 1,500 race. Blacklock's Karen Beatty overtook the two Rebels on the last lap to win the race. Thompson did win the 3,000 metres and Rogers placed fifth in the 400 and third in the 800.

### 5 years ago

Award winners at the 756 Royal Canadian Air Cadet 15th Annual Inspection were: Julie Schwyer, Julie Balch, Liz Groskorth, Andrew Boettcher, Arnaud Ng, Francisco Mora, Frank Bernhardt, Greg Stokierko, Kevin Lamb and Darren Harvey.

The Jim Syke native dancers were just a part of the Crawford Lake Heritage festival entertainment at the conservation area just outside Campbellville. The Iroquois dancers live near Brantford and first toured as a troupe in the 1940s.

Ted Tyler, the man who was largely credited with saving Acton's old town hall from destruction was named as the 1983 Acton Citizen of the Year.

Lorraine Kennedy, head nurse of surgery, retired from the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital after 19 years of nursing.