

The gift of life

On Oct. 3 a canvasser for the United Way of Halton Hills will knock on your door. You may recognize this volunteer as a former Red Cross canvasser. The Georgetown and District Red Cross is a "Partner" in the United Way. Part of our commitment to the United Way of Halton Hills involves door-to-door canvassing.

The Georgetown and District Red Cross provides a wide variety of community services, such as: Blood Donor clinics, Water Safety programs, First Aid courses, Homemaker Services, Emergency Services, Senior Services, Sickroom Equipment Loan Service and Emergency Driving program for those unable to obtain public or family transportation to out-of-town medical appointments.

There are a few things to keep in mind during the United Way campaign: first, you may choose a specific agency, such as the Red Cross, or a number of specific agencies in the United Way to receive your donation; second, if you contribute to the United Way by a payroll deduction system at your place of employment outside of Halton Hills, please specify that your contribution goes to your community.

In order to have your contribution work for you in Halton Hills you must contact your payroll department and ask them to forward your deductions to: United Way of Halton Hills, P.O. Box 286, Halton Hills (Georgetown), Ontario L7G 4Y5.

If you have any questions you would like to have answered regarding the agencies and services they provide under the United Way of Halton Hills, please don't hesitate to ask the canvasser at your door.

Thank you for your continued support of the Red Cross through your contribution to the United Way.

—From the Georgetown and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society

Dealing with the shop



Editor's notebook

By Mike Turner
Herald Editor

If you're anything like me, you'll be pleased to know the province of Ontario has come out with legislation that will take "the surprise element" out of car repair bills.

As of this weekend, the Motor Vehicle Repair Act will require mandatory warranties on new and reconditioned parts and associated labor, written estimates on request, and full disclosure of repair rates.

I mean that at least sounds good, particularly for those of us who haven't an ounce of mechanical inclination in us.

I think I must have slept through most of my auto shop classes. Usually as far as I get in naming the parts of a car is the items in the glove compartment. If something doesn't sound right with the engine, I do what most people do, turn up the radio.

It's not that I don't appreciate my car but I figure I have my function in life and it has its own. So when I turn it on, I expect it to go.

On the occasion when I do go into "the shop" for work, I'm completely at the mercy of those grease monkeys.

Someone could easily tell me my car needs a new accordion for the rear and I'd ask how often it would have to be tuned and if they could recommend a good tuner.

There are a lot of good and honest mechanics out there (thank God) but then there are the other kind, too.

Everyone has their own horror stories to tell.

Mine is second hand but comes from a very reliable source. (This didn't take place in Halton Hills by the way.) A friend of a friend took

her late model car into "the shop" because of "a little something with the brakes." At "the shop" she was virtually told to thank her lucky stars she was still alive. A little later, she was presented with a bill for \$900 for a new set of brakes that had been completely refurbished a short time prior to the incident.

But it gets better. Not long after this happened this friend-of-a-friend decided to sell the car to my friend, so it had to be safety-checked, and guess what? The brakes needed a few hundred dollars worth, and some of the parts involved had supposedly been replaced on the previous occasion. So forgive me.

At any rate, this new legislation should take some of the trepidation out of having your car fixed.

Provisions of the legislation include written estimates provided on request and prior notice of any fee attached to estimates and the amount of the fee; the actual repair cost cannot exceed 10 per cent of the written estimate without authorization; and the shop must offer the return of removed parts to the customer when the work is authorized.

Warranties must also be provided on new or reconditioned parts and associated labor for a minimum of 90 days or 5,000 kilometres.

Something else this legislation brings into effect is the stipulation that repair outlets cannot charge more to insurance companies than to individual consumers, which may help keep insurance costs down (we can hope).

Failing satisfaction through this new legislation, all repair outlets will also be required to display a sign directing consumer complaints to the nearest regional office of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

Sounds good to me. But I think I'll go out and price the cost of having speakers installed for my back seat anyway.

Letter

Awakening the giant

Dear Sir,
We are going to try to awaken a friendly, slumbering giant.

On Friday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Georgetown high school, Lois Gibbs will be addressing the topic of "landfill sites" and the main thrust of her argument is that any landfill site is a potentially hazardous development for a community.

Tickets to the talk will be \$10 each, or \$15 for a pair. Proceeds will be donated to Lois' Citizens' Clearing House for Hazardous Waste and our own community's POWER group.

POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) needs funds for legal help, especially now since the Canadian Environmental Law Association has officially informed us that it will not be able to represent our community, understaffing being the major reason.

Who is Lois Gibbs? Why, she's a regular person, like you and I, who fought hard and awakened America to the tragedy of the Love Canal toxic dump in New York State. She heads a major environmental effort in the States, fighting irresponsible dumping, and we could use some of her advice in battling the proposed Halton Hills quarry dump. Municipal garbage, after all, has a definite hazardous waste component; the proponent admits that fact.

The night will also feature speeches by our local mayor, Russ Miller and Councillor Pam Sheldon who both exert strong voices in this matter. There will be a recycling

display by Albert Shames, Supervisor of Waste Reduction. The drama club of Georgetown high school will present a short skit and there'll be singing by the children of Limehouse Public School. Ruth French of POWER will speak, as will a representative of EAGLE (Ecology Awareness Group - Landscape and Environment) which opposes both the dump and the quarry expansion.

Is your environment and that of those young people and children of the future something we should fight to protect? You bet!

Come out and become a little better informed on how you can help. We hope to see you on Oct. 14, at the high school. Tickets are available at our office on 10 Mountainview Rd. S., in Georgetown, at the Limehouse General Store and at Georgetown Fabric at the Delrex Plaza, next door to Loblaws. Contact Rita Landry, 878-7817 for further information.

Also on Oct. 14, Lois Gibbs will be viewing the quarry at 4:30 p.m. and then continuing on to the Hide House in Acton for dinner. For those of you who are interested in joining Lois, reservations are a must. The Hide House has generously offered a 30 per cent discount on dinner.

Oh, about that slumbering giant we hope to awaken... friendly enough, but still very sleepy about this matter of the proposed dump... the giant's name is George. Last name?.. Town... you got it.

Regards,
Leonard Landry

A case of believers vs. the purists

The Temagami crisis pits believers in the multiple use of forests against purists who believe in restricting use.

Specifically, all those who support the concept of a 2,750 sq km wilderness reserve in Temagami oppose logging and mining.

As any reader of this space will know, my sympathies are with groups such as Northeare that support multiple use.

Reader Vicky Muir from New Liskeard, just north of the Temagami area, which itself is an hour's drive north of North Bay, has a different view.

"The Temagami land claim or proposed wilderness reserve is very special and deserves a better fate than being networked by skidder and secondary logging roads.

"Forest reserves are not just for recreation, but have other longer-term values such as carbon-dioxide absorbing capabilities (the gas that causes the green house effect), flood prevention by water retention and water-quality protection.

"It seems you were quoting the multiple-use advocates when you said there is no "wilderness" in the area and it had been cut over once.

"Myself and others who have travelled the backwoods have seen otherwise. There are pockets of virgin pine forest left. During the horse logging era, not all the pineries were cut due to ruggedness of the



Queen's Park Derek Nelson Thomson News Service

terrain and cutting operations being halted due to spring thaw.

"Also, if there were not red and white pine 100 years of age and over in the disputed area (the local lumber company, William Milne and Sons) would have less interest in the issue since their mill processes these species.

"Groups such as Northeare are saying these virgin-timber stands will all die off within the next 30 years. Not so. There are pines of various ages in these stands and trees such as white pine can live for 450 years.

NESTING PLACE

"Furthermore, any dead standing tree is a prime nesting and/or perching place for rare birds such as bald eagles, of which Temagami has a few, ospreys and other birds such as merlins and woodpeckers.

"There are many more things I can tell you about... lakes fished out after skidders have broken trails to them... silted of a spawning stream due to erosion after logging on a

steep hill... harassment to outitters by Elk Lake and Temagami Northeare members... cutting of seed trees..."

So she wrote.

It's another view, one I could take issue with over particulars. For instance, one woods observer suggests that out of 10 trees in 250-year-old pine stands, four will be dead and three dying. That's the real wilderness.

More important, however, is what Muir ignores: Temagami was a compromise.

The people who believe in multiple use (logging, mining, hunting, fishing, etc.) conceded 720 sq km of Temagami (1 1/2 times the area of Metro Toronto) to wilderness use - specifically, no logging - when they accepted the creation of Lady Evelyn Smoothwater Park in 1983.

This was land that had already been logged through once at the turn of the century (although, as Muir said, there were "pockets" of old trees that were missed) and everyone thought would be logged again.

But the Natural Resources minister of the day, Alan Pope, concluded the forest industry could survive without the Lady Evelyn area, which was the portion of Temagami best-suited for recreational purposes.

Since then, the current Natural Resources minister, Vince Kerrio,

has gone further towards making Lady Evelyn "pure" wilderness (closing a road, for example). Four new parks along waterways leading into Lady Evelyn were also created for canoeists.

Yet, the Temagami Wilderness Society and its allies want to grab an additional 2,000 sq km that had been left to multiple use.

And the environmental purists have the nerve to accuse the believers in multiple use of selfishness...



30 years ago

Georgetown high school will have a gymnasium when school opens in 1959. Tenders are being called next week by architects Barnett and Rieder. The original area of the school will be demolished and replaced by 12 new classrooms and a gym. Construction work will begin this fall.

Thirty years of community service was marked by Ladies Auxiliary members at the Canadian Legion Auditorium, Sept. 11. Presentation of a cheque to the Branch and introduction of three local life members, Mrs. William Hadley, Mrs. George Alcott and Mrs. Mary Morrow were highlights of the dinner at which Mrs. Charles Day was presiding as president.

Two Georgetown high school graduates who enrolled at McMaster University on Monday have been awarded Atkinson Foundation bursaries. Recipients of the bursaries, which come from the estate of the late Toronto Star publisher Joseph Atkinson, are William Cohoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Cohoon, Limehouse, and Douglas Wrigglesworth, son of Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth of 20 James St., and the late Mr. Wrigglesworth. Both young men have enrolled in the Honour Science course at McMaster.

15 years ago

The four candidates seeking to be the first mayor of Halton Hills spoke at a meeting in Stewarstown Monday. Tom Hills, Bill Hunter, Phil Siddall and Bill Smith are competing for the majority of the newly-incorporated north Halton areas of Acton, Georgetown and Esquesing. The candidates all discussed the issue of a regional government in Halton.

"The cause of crime is idleness", said Police Chief Floyd Schwantz, who has accepted the job of campaign chairman for Georgetown's YM-YWCA mid-October campaign for funds. Chief Schwantz urges everyone to get behind the Y which he says has "a remarkable record."

Mr. Schwantz served 21 years on the Kitchener police force preventing crime.

More than 100 4-H calves were shown last week at the Milton Fair by local Halton 4-H members. The largest group was 39 calves shown by the Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club.

The citizenship and world affairs committee of the Women's Institute met in Hillcrest United Church, Sept. 18, with Mrs. Clayton Wilson as hostess to 25 women. Business included a donation of \$10 to the Muscular Dystrophy Fund and the appointment of Mrs. Wilfred Bird and Mrs. Clifford Hunter as delegates to the convention in November.

10 years ago

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill wasted little time getting down to the business of budgeting at Thursday's meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA), the first meeting of the Authority the mayor has attended this year. Mayor Hill demanded reductions in budget requests by the CVCA's information and education advisory board, threatened to personally consult the Ministry of Natural Resources over budget spending and suggested that the advisory board itself should be disbanded.

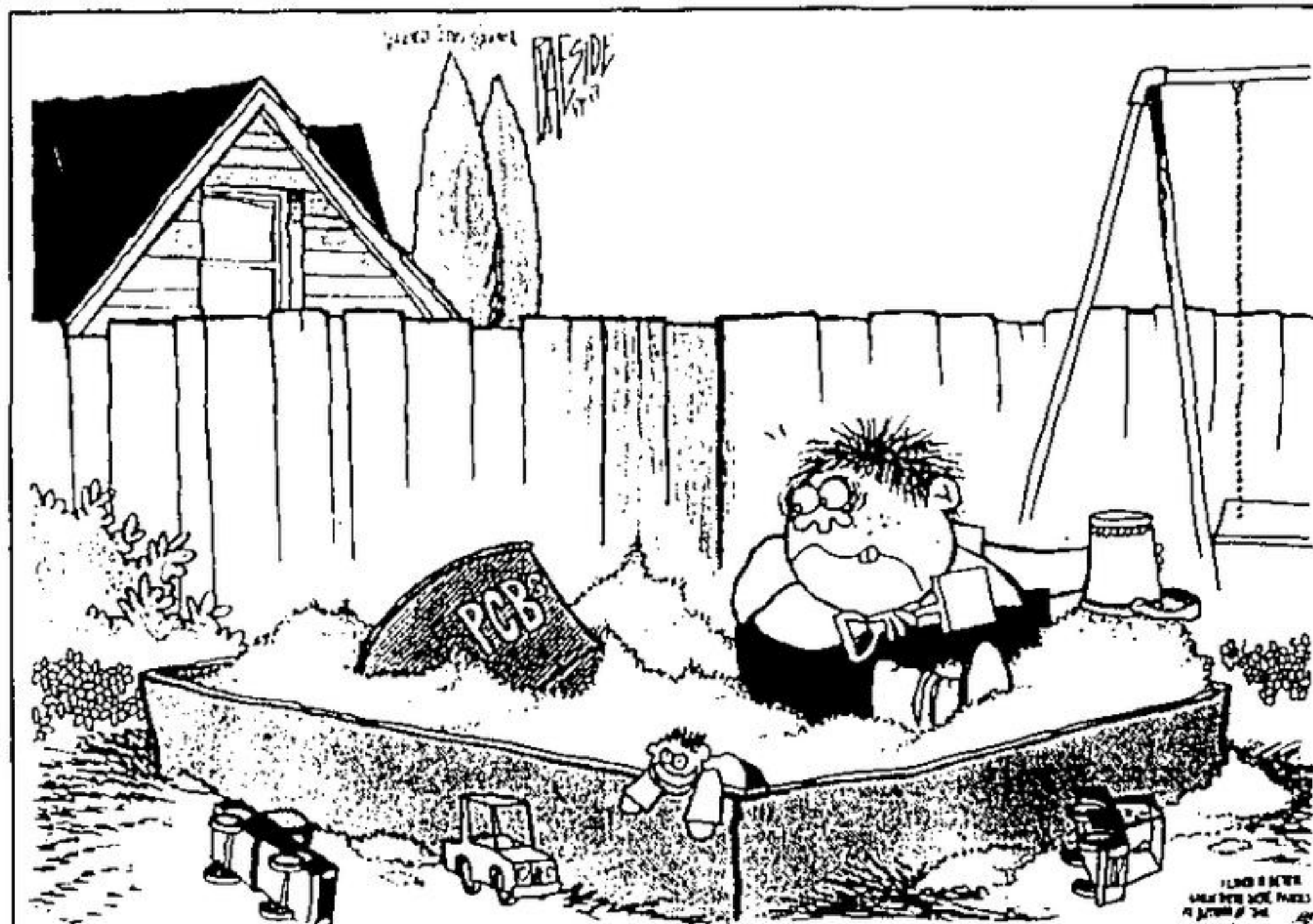
The Georgetown Raiders with an audience of 350 hockey fans had little trouble Friday night defeating the OHA Senior 'A' Whitby Iroquois 5-2 in exhibition action at Alcott Arena. The Raiders got two goals from Steve Blundy and two assists each from Doug Barnes and Doug Tate as they built a 5-0 lead before Whitby could get the puck past Peter McDuffe, Georgetown's outstanding goalie.

Bill Pickness competed in a karate tournament in West Virginia over the weekend, taking a second in kata and entering the fighting division. Pickness and two other competitors were tied for first place in kata after the regular competition. The three ran off another routine and Pickness was awarded second.

5 years ago

The grade 6 problem at Centennial Public School was solved Thursday night by Halton Board of Education trustees who voted unanimously to hire five more elementary teachers and about 20 half-time paraprofessionals. One of the teachers will help reduce class size from 34 pupils to the recommended guideline of 31 at Centennial. The rest will reduce class sizes in the south.

Had regional documents not been missing, a Georgetown man would not have paid about \$10,000 to prepare two lots on the Sargent Road extension in Georgetown for water and sewer servicing. Bill Richmond's dilemma with the two properties has left regional officials red-faced, although he told town council Monday night that as civil engineer himself for Mississauga, he understands how problems can arise.



Citizens' forum

Pictures speak louder

Dear Sir,

The socio-economic impact of a dump in our area was the topic of discussion at the Sept. 15 meeting of the study group. However, the presentation given by the consultant, Mr. Moorehouse, was incomplete, in contrast to that given by Mrs. Lynne Matthews, a resident of St. Catharines, who resides three-quarters of a mile from a 1.7 million ton garbage dump (Glenridge).

The ill-prepared Mr. Moorehouse attempted to convince people that the stress factor was greatest before the approval was given for such a project. Mrs. Matthews astounded the audience with slides depicting

leachate that backed up and flowed over her toilet, seeped out of a pipe on her front lawn and completely covered her yard.

The seemingly mild impact that this multi-million ton monstrosity would have on our community, as proposed by Mr. Moorehouse and the hideous monster that was threatening and succeeding to invade the homes of this woman and her neighbors was totally at variance.

Who should we believe? What does each party stand to gain by purporting their arguments for or against.

I wonder how the proponents can stand to live with themselves especially after witnessing and hearing about the toll that a dump can have on the quality of human life.

Of course, the answer may lie with the fact that Mr. Grazianni and cohorts were not there to witness the devastation that Glenridge has imposed on surrounding residents.

Money speaks louder than words to some people's ears!

Mrs. Matthews' pictures speak for themselves.

Pat Woode,
Georgetown

The question is, do we believe?

Dear Sir,

I wish to comment on the article "Clearing up the Confusion - Local Clergy Clarify Controversial Paper" (Sept. 21). I quote one of the clergy interviewed: "There are some people who believe the Bible speaks against homosexuality."

Of course, the Bible does speak against homosexuality. The question is not whether it speaks against it, the question is do we believe the Bible?

Romans 1:24-27 speaks loudly and

clearly against it. Genesis 19 tells how God destroyed two cities because of homosexuality. Jesus called all sexual immorality "SIN" (Jn 8:11), and Revelation 22:15 declares sexual immorality one of the sins which keep one outside the heavenly city.

The church these clergy represent uses Jesus' teachings of love and forgiveness to justify a homosexual's right to stand behind a pulpit. Of course God loves the homosexual, but He hates his sin!

The glaring truth is that homosexuals are being set free from this perversion in spirit-filled churches today. If God had created homosexuals, He wouldn't set them free from it!

When the love of God is properly understood, the homosexual will know he can be delivered from his perversion at the altar before standing behind that altar to preach about the love of God.

Doreen Palmer,
Georgetown



Measuring Pumpkins - 1910