

Facing the subtleties of terror



Queen's Park
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A recent front-page Globe and Mail story touched on the life of a young Ontario man who killed himself in the wild country near the North Dakota/Canadian border. He was, the story said, obsessed with fear of nuclear war and had fled civilization to get away from it. The article didn't say how he had acquired this fear. But I suspect possible answers will be a lot clearer to anyone who reads the just-published book, Peace With Freedom, by Maurice Tugwell (Key Porter, 249 pages, \$24.95). Tugwell, a former British Army brigadier with extensive service in anti-terrorist campaigns, did his doctoral thesis on revolutionary propaganda (which includes much "peace" material). He has been analyzing the phenomenon for almost a decade in Canada, lately as head of the Mackenzie Institute in Toronto. He's written the best summary, so far, of the Canadian response to the Soviet Union's latest "peace" crusade (beginning in 1960), naming the players and explaining their roles in the "peace" movement's

STIMULATED TERROR
The intended benefits of deliberately stimulated terror, from the ("peace") movement's point of view, are not difficult to identify," he wrote. "A public that really thought the end was nigh would presumably respond to an invitation to help postpone the disaster and find ways of removing the dire threat. "There would be no time to question or think. "Indeed, logical thoughts might lead audiences to rational conclusions, such as support for deterrence, defence and negotiations. "That is why fear could never be allowed to degenerate into mere concern. It had to be intensified to the point of panic. "The fraud impacts cruelly upon its victims, particularly the old, the gentle and the young. A generation of Canadians has been burdened by anxiety to satisfy the needs of the manipulative minority. "Although Tugwell's book does not refer to the North Dakota incident, Peace With Freedom might help you understand why a youth would flee to the wilderness then kill himself.

Beyond the individual tragedy, however, there is the much more ominous social consequences. "None of the critics of deterrence offers alternative policies," Tugwell wrote. "So far as they are concerned, the West has no right to defend itself, because the risks are too great. "Obsessed with self-inflicted horrors, they behave like some shipwreck survivor who, overwhelmed by the terror of his experience, jumps overboard rather than face the possibility that the lifeboat, too, will sink. "As is more likely, and as Tugwell makes clear, the lifeboat will continue to float so long as we pay attention to keeping the sharks away and the bilge water bailed out. It is a fact of life that running from fear doesn't work. Facing it and quantifying it makes immensely more sense. Tugwell gets the last word: "The true debate is between those who believe that deterrence, defence, and diplomacy offer the best policy for preserving peace and our freedoms, and those so fearful, or so unscaring about freedom and human rights, or both, that they prefer to submit rather than live with a small measure of uncertainty."

That's entertainment

It's a credit to the community that so much talent can be found in the arts, so close to home. Evidence of this is three recent intricate productions staged by local groups. Several weeks ago, Georgetown Little Theatre opened their season with a lavish production of Angels In Love, a play quite different from what many have come to expect. Currently, Georgetown Globe Productions is at centre stage of the John Elliott Theatre with their rendition of Hello Dolly, in all its glory. And just this past weekend, the Georgetown Choral Society staged an ambitious production of Handel's Messiah, heralding in the Christmas season. These are but three massive undertakings by three community groups whose members share a devotion to the arts that few other centres can boast. There are flaws. And the members of the groups themselves will be the first to admit it. Theatre groups face adjudications by their peers and their efforts are closely scrutinized and evaluated, to be measured up against other groups and their offerings. But we're more than happy to leave the evaluations to those who are in the know, as it were. Left to the rest of us, criticisms are hardly relevant when we see the imagination, effort, and expertise - regardless of limitations - that go into such projects. And while recognition and praise from their peers in the form of awards or critical acclaim is something these groups strive and work for, their first mandate is to entertain. And here, they succeed splendidly.

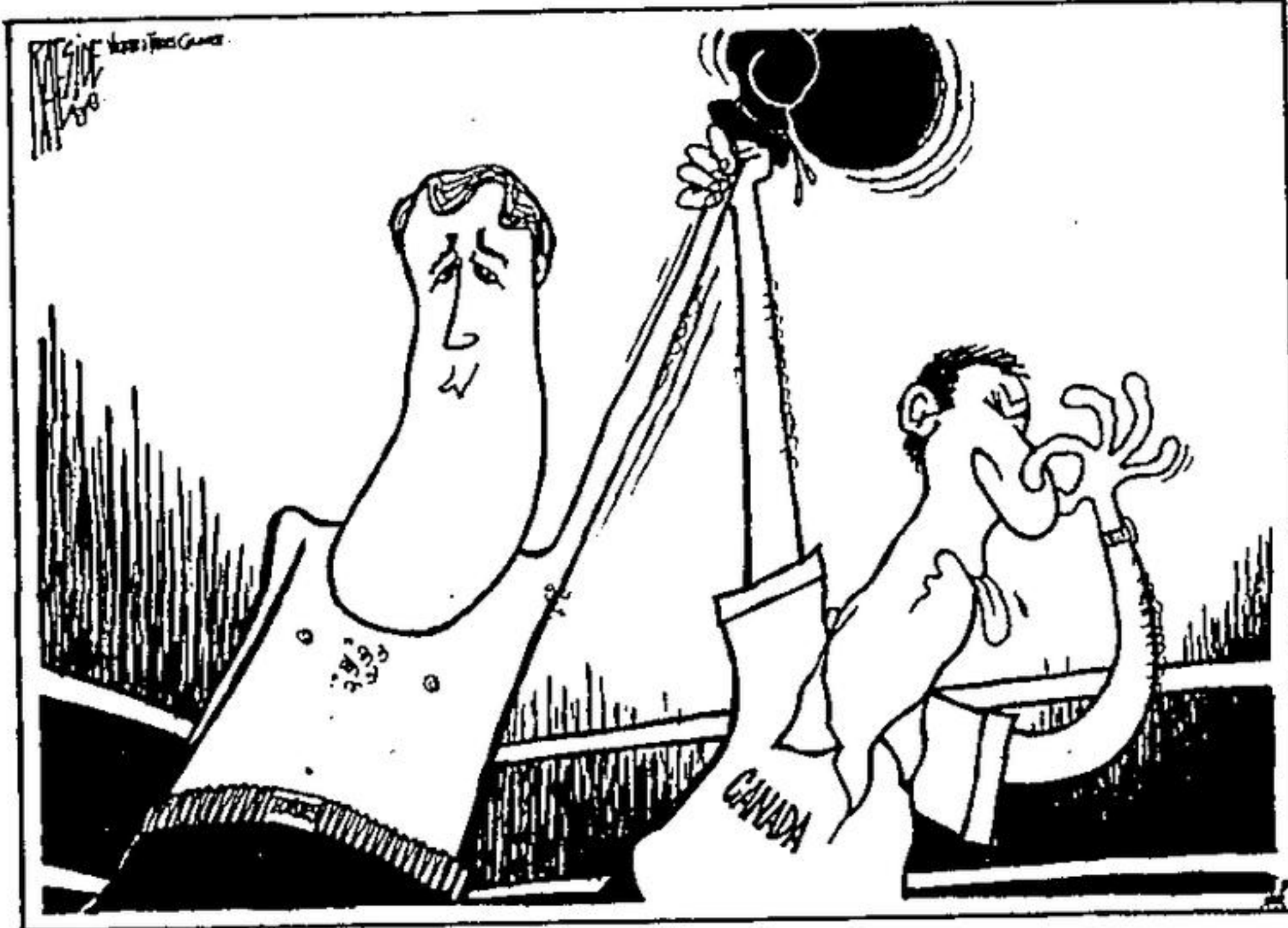
Something is brewing



Editor's Notebook
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We all have our stories to tell, and how many of those stories didn't involve alcohol to some extreme? But then we get older and supposedly, wiser. There's no way the kids today could match "the good old days" we went through. The times change, and drinking as teenagers was just something we did at a particular point in our lives. We don't see it today, so it isn't happening. And if it is, the kids are only going through a phase, a harmless phase. But it wasn't a harmless phase that took the lives of friends and injured them in alcohol-related traffic accidents when we were growing up, and it's anything but a harmless phase today. So suddenly, out of the blue, a 17-year-old young man comes forward between the headline-making tragedies and makes a statement, and an important one for our times. There are no ifs, ands, or buts. He's admitting there's a problem that most people won't face up to. Chances are, it's nothing to him if his statement goes unheeded - except of course, when it's a couple of his friends go down in a traffic accident. And I hardly think he'll find much consolation in being able to say, "I told you so." Who can say if what he conveys will have any impact? But all he asks is that parents open the lines of communication with their teenagers. For some that would be asking too much. But somewhere, Nick's message might get through in time to avert tragic statistics being added to those already amassed. I haven't met Nick Zubacs. But the person who dropped the column off said it was intended as a "Wake up and smell the coffee" sort of piece. It was also asked that the column be run in its entirety, because Nick felt that by taking anything out it could stand to lose some of its impact. That says something for the importance and urgency Nick feels for the message he is trying to convey. Coffee's on.

Once in a very long while, someone addresses an ever-topical issue with such eloquence and such honesty, that it demands we stop, listen, and think. Such is the case this week on the part of Nick Zubacs (see Page A5, Open Door column). When I first began reading Nick's offering for Open Door, I was immediately taken by the way in which he expressed himself. Quite simply put, his grammatical mastery caught me somewhat by surprise. But it didn't take long for me to put that aside, when I realized the importance of the statement he was making. Teen alcoholism, of whatever degree, is a problem few people are prepared to address, even though it's always there and won't go away on its own. The only time we're reminded of this problem is when it leads to tragedy. And we've all seen the headlines: "Teens killed in traffic accident... Drinking a factor..." At that point, we gasp, we wonder how such a think could happen. We get angry, we feel anguish - for awhile. There are pockets of uproar. People vow to do what they can to ensure such a tragedy can never happen again... And then life returns to normal, until the next tragedy strikes. It's so very easy to turn the other way and not admit the problem exists. When we're going through our teen-aged years alcohol played a big part for most of us. It was the accepted thing to do because it was what everyone else was doing. There wasn't any "wrong crowd." It was simply the crowd you hung out with.



Citizens' forum

Expecting government's quick action

Dear Sir, I submit for publication the following "Open letter" to Garth Turner: Congratulations, Garth, for a convincing victory. The people of this riding and the people of Canada have entrusted again their confidence to the Progressive Conservative Party and have voted in favor of the Free Trade Agreement. But free trade was not the only issue of concern to Canadians. This year the abortion issue has surfaced more than once as the most emotional, the most polarizing and the most consistently avoided by politicians. The abortion saga is not finished. A new law is needed. Analyzing the election results, we notice that two pro-abortion PC women in Ontario have been defeated, probably because of pro-life votes going to the Christian Heritage Party. This is the same thing that happened to many of the seats lost by your party in British Columbia. The message there is clear: If the PC does not stand for pro-life, it will lose votes. In Ontario, one would be tempted to believe that the Tories have lost their majority because of the free trade opposition promoted by David Peterson. But check again the following elected Liberal Ontario MPs: Jerry Pickard, Rex Crawford, Ralph Ferguson, Jim Jordan, Albin Gagnier, Jesse Filis, Jim Karygiannis, Derek Lee, Tom Wappel, Bob Kilger, Sergio Marchi, Gilbert Parent, John Nurdzlat... (I probably missed Don Boudria and a few more). They are all strong pro-life supporters or have signed the "Campaign Life" statement for the

protection of the unborn. Consider that the number of pro-life Liberals before the election who voted for the Mitges motion were only seven in all of Canada! The message here is also very clear: If PCs are not pro-life, Canadians will elect pro-life Liberals. It is imperative now for the government to introduce in the House, the Mitges motion, which was the nearest to be passed when the last free vote on abortion was cast. If this time this option is introduced as the government motion, maybe even Brian Mulroney and other government ministers will show up for the vote and not be ashamed of voting "pro-life". In fact, as Canadians have voted according to their conscience, as well as for free trade, the Mitges motion should this time have enough support to be passed. We expect the government to act quickly to apply the will of Canadians on this issue. Giuseppe Gori, Acton

Artisans successful
Caledon East was also the winner of a hand woven tablecloth donated by the Heritage Handweavers Guild. The stained glass piece which represented the Stained Glass Crafters Guild was won by Elizabeth Bennington of Georgetown. A framed original watercolor painting by Bev Didur donated by her in conjunction with the Palette and Pencil Club was won by Frieda Keller of Georgetown. The work of the CVA Potters and Sculptors was also represented in the raffle prizes. The large glazed pottery casserole dish was won by Shirley Deaville also of Georgetown. Congratulations go to these lucky people. Our condolences to all of those who purchased the raffle tickets but didn't win. Be assured the funds are for the benefit of this community by way of a revitalized Cedarvale Cottage. Frank J. Anthony - President Credit Valley Artisans

The stockbroker blues



Your Business
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A few years ago, when bankers started thinking seriously about getting into the stock brokerage business, they could not have foreseen how lean the pickings would be. The stock market crash of October, 1987, has left hungry brokers struggling to keep their heads above water. After a grim year, many admit the prospect for the next few months is not encouraging. Now, more than a year after the Big Bang - the deregulation of Canada's financial industry on July 1, 1987 - bankers are competing with stockbrokers for the consumers' dollar like never before. They are setting up brokerage offices right next door to their branches, sometimes in the same premises. The brokerage office and the bank must be clearly separated, but bank employees, in some cases, will simply walk through the door, put on another hat and become securities salesmen. This poses all kinds of potential problems, which bankers are scrambling to address. If you have just deposited \$50,000 in your bank account, for example, will a bank employee appear and try to persuade you to put your money into stocks, bonds or mutual funds?

BARRIERS DRAWN
No, bankers say. Unlike their counterparts at Merrill Lynch or Wood Gundy, bank stockbrokers will be paid by salary rather than commission, so they'll have no incentive to sell you something you don't ask for. Besides, bankers argue, sales representatives can offer only suitable investments to their clients. "We don't want people coming in to the bank to do their normal banking business to be jumped on by a securities person," one regulator said. Some people in the deposit-taking business are not so sure. The potential for conflicts of interest is so great that one financial institution, Royal Trust, has decided not to have brokers in its branches. "We don't think it's right to put ourselves in a position where we're pushing securities that we are underwriting, or pushing securities of firms that owe us money," says Charles Macfarlane, a Royal Trust senior vice-president. LINES BLUR
The problem that faces investment dealers will also plague banks and trust companies: investment dealers raise money for their clients by selling stocks and bonds to the public. Who will they do the best job for, big companies raising money or small investors who buy what they have to sell? The situation with banks is potentially worse, because a bank may be pushing stock issued by a company that is up to its neck in bank loans. Directly or indirectly, the stock issue may be a way of bailing the bank out.



The old watering hole

Halton's History from our files

30 years ago

The newly formed St. Andrew's United Church held its first church and Sunday school services Nov. 30 in Harrison Public School, which will be used as the temporary quarters until a church building is erected at Mountainview Road and Sinclair Ave. The church is Georgetown's second United Church, and will serve the eastern area of the town. Tom Reed, chairman for the Legion's Santa Claus parade has plans well in hand for an even bigger and better parade this year. At the present time it is expected that there will be twenty-five floats participating, and it is hoped that there will be more. Three Rover Squires were invested as Georgetown's first Rover Scouts recently in a ceremony conducted at the crew's meeting cabin at Speyside. Field commissioner Howard Harper, assisted by Rover Skipper Bob Hardman, officiated at the ceremony, in which Mate Francis Hulme, Rover Jack Livingstone, and former skipper Ed Hal became official members of the senior branch of scouting.

15 years ago

Georgetown Minor Atoms tripped Streetsville 5-3 in an action packed game played at the local ice palace Tuesday, Nov. 20. The visitors jumped into an early lead at the five minute mark of the first period to prove that their earlier exhibition win of 6-5 was no fluke. How to make Main Street an exciting viable unit? Go Victorian, was the answer given by Dr. Allan Powell, when he spoke at the University Women's Club of Georgetown. Its charm lies in the idleness, its historicity. Dr. Powell explained that many diverse forms of activity are necessary to maintain the life of a city or a street. Dr. Powell, who is a professor of sociology at the University of Toronto, is considered a specialist in urban sociology and mass communication. Dunnville Mudcats came to Georgetown Friday, and ran smack into a revitalized intermediate hockey club: The Raiders. The home team disposed of the visitors 6-1. Much of the credit for the improved Georgetown team is due to the presence of a new defenceman, Rick McLochlin. Mr. McLochlin was on duty at the blue line for Friday's game and he added some positional hockey to his team.

10 years ago

Halton 4-Hers were treated to a luncheon at the Old Mill in Toronto, courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of the Kingsway, Monday, Dec. 11. Mr. Irv Goddard, President, and Mr. Bill Lauby, Chairman of the Agricultural activities committee, co-chaired the program.

The Georgetown Raiders showed further evidence that they are definitely "A" loop by trouncing the Thorold Athletics 10-3 Friday night at Alcott Arena. The case with which the Raiders thumped Thorold was made obvious by the fact that the Athletics were missing several key players. Brian Doherty scored three goals and added two assists to carry the Georgetown Firefighters and McNally Construction Major Atoms to a 8-2 win over Ancaster last Thursday. In the teams other outing, they defeated Clarkson 6-4 in exhibition play. The Major Atoms had little trouble with Ancaster as they swarmed around the opponents' net throughout the contest.

5 years ago

After 11 years, Roma Timpson is stepping down as the best "neighbor" a lot of Georgetown families ever had. She's made sure that needy Georgetown residents have been able to enjoy a wholesome Christmas dinner and have had food throughout the holiday season, thanks to her "Good Neighbour Service." Mrs. Timpson is now turning over her duties as Good Neighbour co-ordinator to Siena VanHoselen, a Mill Street, Georgetown resident. But she will remain dedicated to the annual campaign helping to manage the inflow of cash, food products and toys for children.