

Lifestyles

Tutors are needed for the Acton area

The North Halton Literacy Guild needs tutors in the Acton area.

There are currently two Acton adults registered with the Guild waiting for tutors.

The tutors do not need to have any previous experience, but must have an interest in people and a willingness to work with a student for a minimum of six months. Training is provided and tutors and staff act as a resource group for each other.

Legion Auxiliary

by Yvonne Graham
Branch 120 Auxiliary PRO

The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 120, Georgetown of the Royal Canadian Legion welcomes our new member, Meredith Dickson who was initiated at our January meeting.

Zone darts was held Jan. 28, in Bronte. Oakville G was first, Cooksville B 2nd and Georgetown B 3rd, with the team of Rita Rudiger, Ruby Bailey, Trudy Paul and Yvonne Graham comprising the team.

There will be darts for District in Georgetown on Feb. 4. Register at 10 a.m. If you want to play, contact Anne Nicholson at 450-5226.

There are two functions coming up, Feb. 18 and 25, so when the girls call asking for help with these banquets, please be generous with your time.

Don't forget our annual St. Patrick's dinner on March 18.

Adult learners may come from all adult age groups and backgrounds. Most often they hear about the program from friends, social service agencies, relatives, other students and the media. Students are interviewed to determine what they would like to learn in order to function in their day-to-day life, both at home and on the job.

Volunteer tutors commit approximately two hours per week for training sessions. These sessions usually take place in the library or a local school. The content of the lesson will be determined by the student and the tutor together.

The tutor training program is based on "Student Centered Individualized Learning," an approach developed by Toronto's Frontier College. SCIL regards the individual and their learning needs as the heart of the program. Teaching plans are tailored individually. SCIL evolves from and responds to the learning needs of the individual.

A tutor training session is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Acton Social Services Centre. For more information call 873-2200.



Down the aisle

Another soldout crowd at Holy Cross Auditorium marked the fourth annual Fashion and Bridal Show on Sunday, hosted by Elizabeth's Fashions. Lingerie, swimwear, spring wear and furs were modelled by local ladies and probably the biggest hit of the day was the bridal fashion portion of the show. On the left, MaryLyn McVittie walks down the aisle in some bridal finery while Chris Zillo, right, also shows off the latest in bridal fashion. (Herald photo)

Where do we draw the line?

It's hard to read the paper this week without thinking of former human being Ted Bundy, the man who was zapped in the electric chair for brutally raping and slaying some 20 women, including a 12-year-old girl.

But the question emerges, who has the right to take a life? Ted Bundy was an "animal" according to the Toronto Sun. The Sun heavily implied that it was right that Bundy should "roast in peace," die at the hands of "Old Sparky."

At what point does a man become an animal and cease being a human being? Is it when he commits a crime too formidable to fathom? If that's the case, how can people cheer when a life is taken before their eyes?

The Globe and Mail among a horde of other national newspapers sent a correspondent down to Florida to witness the execution. The Globe reporter looked sober, seemed to have a serious edge in his voice when he spoke of Bundy's last moments. Perhaps, he, too, felt the nagging question of how right it is to take a life.

Tuesday morning the newsroom at the Herald was buzzing with talk of firing squads and fatal injections. Options were created to absolve the guilt implied when one pulls the switch to someone else's life.

My solution was considered a bit radical, particularly by the male population. I said male rapists proven guilty in a court of law should be castrated. My response was pained expressions and a warning of "what if it's the wrong guy?"

True. What if it is the wrong guy? It's happened throughout history. Every now and then the mob of executioners, deciding to end a person's life makes a mortal error.

But the question of life over death is ultimately a policing



Kell's Korner

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issue. With the quandary over killing gaining such publicity in the media, people are taking a long hard look at the right to life and the right to end life.

What if the mother of one of Ted Bundy's victims had shot the rapist in the chest or head and killed him. Would people feel that justice had been served. Would the grieving woman be thrown in jail or in a sanatorium until she repented for her crime? Would a man like Bundy have a chance to kill again?

Some people feel that the justice system is too lenient, that it bends too much to make the criminal comfortable and well fed in our penal system. But what is the

alternative? Should capital punishment be instated in Canada? If it should be, would you want to lift the lever that sends life-killing jolts into another human body?

They say for killers the first time is the most difficult. After that, it gets easier, and can even be seductive. What about for the mob, screaming for blood as a murderer is condemned to death. Maybe the first time, we'll squeal a little bit and know that something is wrong.

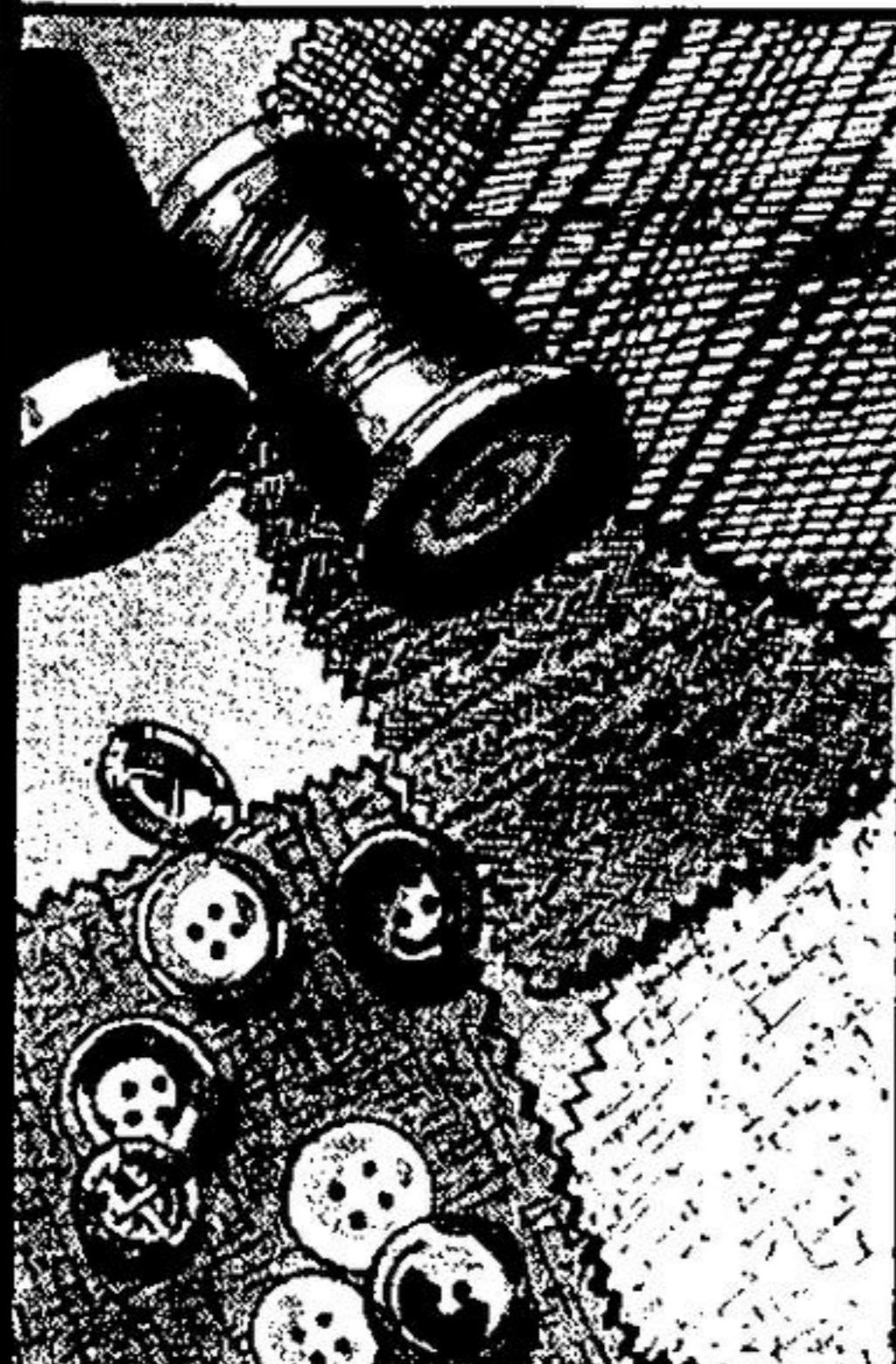
But what if we, like the individual, lost our conscience after the second or third time a killer is condemned to meet his maker.

What if we lose our conscience? What if it becomes easier to kill?

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