

LETTERS

Abortion destroys another human being, reader says

Dear Sir,
I would like to make a comment concerning the abortion issue.
I am always amazed at those people who advocate pro-choice on this issue.

These people say that it is the woman's body and that she should be able to decide what to do with it. The sad part is, it is not her body that is being destroyed but that of another human being.

If this same person was mutilating her own body in any other fashion or making an attempt to take their own life, not only would they be stopped from continuing (if possible), but they would also be apprehended under the Mental Health Act and taken for a psychiatric assessment, as these actions indicate definite mental instability.

We have all kinds of laws in this country which put restrictions on

what people can and can't do. They do not have a free choice of doing whatever they wish and if they should choose to contravene these restrictions, then there are consequences for their actions.

In our country, our government has deemed capital punishment to be uncivilized and protects the sanctity of human life of even our most hardened and dangerous criminals. And yet, our govern-

ment is condoning the murdering of innocent pre-borns.

In my opinion, women don't have the option of killing their children after they are born, if they should so choose, therefore why should they be allowed to kill them before they are born.

Respectfully submitted,
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Georgetown

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The Herald wants to hear from you. If you have an opinion you want to express or a comment to make, send us a letter or drop by the office. Our address is 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont., L7G 3Z6.

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Remember when?

If you do remember this scene of Main Street in Georgetown around the turn of the century then you've seen a lot of changes over the years. Al Norton and Bill McDonald will be on hand at Knox

Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) to discuss the changes to the town over the years with the historical society.

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30 years ago

White mums and matching bows decorated the Knox Presbyterian Church for the marriage of Joan Marion Chartier to James Donald Payne. The bride is the daughter of Paul Chartier and the granddaughter of Mrs. A.E. Coleman. Rev. Alex J. Calder officiated at the wedding. Prior to the ceremony Mrs. Ken Ewen sang and was accompanied by Mrs. Edgar Gowland the organist.

A Wolf Cub pack was formed in Terra Cotta when seven boys turned out for the initial meeting. The group of seven will officially be known as the 1st Terra Cotta pack. Mr. Norman Icam has been elected as the chairman, and Mrs. Arthur Von Zuben is the secretary. The leadership of the pack is in the hands of Doug and Phyllis Frost who formerly led Sheridan and Clarkson packs.

Rebecca Sisler displayed her wood sculptures at the Georgetown annual exhibition of Arts and Crafts. The public will also be entertained by spinning from Mrs. A.M. Baxter, weaving from Mrs. A. Early and Mrs. E. Carney, an oil painting from Miss Dorothy Stone, rug making from Mrs. George Ironside, petit point jewelry from Mrs. C.I. Bellegem and screen printing from Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkes Hoey.

15 years ago

An unusual situation occurred as two sons of past Lion Club presidents became members at the same time. Ken Monneypenny, son of former president Joe Monneypenny, and Ed Lacey, son of former president Ron Lacey, joined the club.

Cathy MacDonald and Deborah Wilson operated the raffle booth and sold tickets to help buy a child's wheelchair at the Red Cross Society's Rummage and Bake Sale. Jo Seaton and Fay Clancey were at the sale to help contribute to the cause.

The Candystripers at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital was honored at Fong's Restaurant by the Optimist Club of Georgetown. They were honored for their contribution to the community in the form of volunteer services. Karen Smith was one of the 27 honored ladies. Among the

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other girls honored were Debbie Chamberlain, and Michele Kirley.

10 years ago

The Georgetown Geminis Junior B hockey team was among the community organizations to respond to the Kinsmen Club's challenge to other service clubs to donate "a bucket of blood" at the Georgetown Red Cross' blood donor clinic. Mike McMenemy was one of the hockey players to respond to the challenge. The clinic collected 446 units of blood.

The Herald announced the winners of its Carrier of the Year awards. Penny Bydevaate and Billy Gordon received plaques handed out by the Herald circulation manager Marie Shadbolt and Jo Lister of McDonald's.

5 years ago

Palette and Pencil Club member Ruth Gibbson and her husband Tom exhibited their collections of Ruth's oil paintings and Tom's photography. The Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre was the set for the display.

For the Army Cadets who are standing out in the cold weather selling poppies, be assured that people have survived the fundraising campaign you are working on. Five years ago Dave Nicholson, John Epitropou, Darren Hodskins, and Dave Hodge all did their part to honor Remembrance Day by selling poppies.

The Georgetown District High School marketing club recently began to carry out their activities for this semester. The activities are being supervised by the president Peter Rasanen; the vice president, J.D. Rogers; the treasurer, Graham Shepherd; the secretary, Shelly Braisby; and the reporter, Anita Webb. They are encouraging all students to get involved.

Hitchhikers are left out in the cold



Donna Kell
Kell's Korner

A young boy coming home from work Friday night shivered in the cold, walking along Highway 7 when I picked him up and drove him to his home a kilometre or two away.

And then there was the man Monday morning, at 6 a.m. who had to get to Mountainview Road from Norval to make it to work on time. It's dark and cold at 6 a.m. in November.

"I'm saving up to get my car fixed," the man said. He indicated that he would prefer a bus service to the hitchhike express service.

There have been brutal stories about hitchhikers. There was a young girl in the United States whose arms were hacked off by a man on a road somewhere off the beaten track. The girl had been left for dead, when a couple passing by spotted her, saving her life.

When I was in Europe in my teens, my friends and I hitchhiked through Holland and Germany. It's a fairly safe thing to do, we thought. While you do meet some interesting people, and the majority of people do have good intentions, that doesn't account for everybody.

There's little that can be done for the person who chooses to hitchhike rather than taking public transportation, but this is not the majority of people.

Give the people of Halton Hills some form of bus service, soon. Before some unassuming hitchhiker gets into more trouble than just being late for work.

Forget drugs, let's go hunting



Ian Weir
Weir's View
Thames News Service

News item: Rock star Ted Nugent has just come up with a stunningly original solution to the drug problem.

Nugent, who is reportedly an avid hunter, claims that kids could be turned away from drugs if we just turned them on to hunting instead.

And wait. It gets better. Nugent adds: "If Elvis Presley would have just got his hands bloody up to the elbows, once, twice a year, he'd be with us today."

Well. This is the point at which we pause to wonder whether Ted has been playing his headphones a little too loudly.

But let's resist the urge to be snide. After all, this is a serious issue.

All of us fully endorse Ted's belief that drugs are a scourge. Indeed, some of us have been known to raise a pint in toast to this sentiment.

(Beer, of course, is not a drug at all. It is a medicinal beverage whose invaluable function is to help us relax, unwind, and resist the urge to go jogging.)

Still, I have a few qualms about

Ted's proposal. Just for starters, I've never been a great fan of hunting.

Granted, there are good arguments in its favor. Without hunting, we are told, the deer population would grow too large and many would die anyway.

Obviously, we can't have deer dying of natural causes. And hunting seems the only solution, since it would be much too complicated to teach them all to smoke cigarettes.

It's also undeniable that shouldering your gun and tramping about in the great outdoors is good for your health. At least until the hunter in the next clearing mistakes you for a moose.

On the other hand, it's a bit startling to hear the virtues of hunting being extolled by a rock star, of all people.

You'd expect hunting to be endorsed by the sort of musician who wears a Stetson and sings twangy hurtin' songs to the accompaniment of steel guitars and the occasional yodel.

This only stands to reason. Spend all day in the studio listening to steel guitars and yodelling, and you're going to yearn to rush out and shoot SOMETHING.

Now, it's true that rock star Ozzy Osbourne once thrilled an audience by biting the head off a live bat. But this doesn't quite qualify as hunting. Or even as orthodox wildlife management.

Anyway, Ted Nugent is all in favor of hunting. According to Ted, this is God's will.

"In Genesis," He said, "All moving things that liveth shall be meat for you." God Himself says, "Ted,

whack 'em and stack 'em."

Actually, I checked my own copy of the Bible, and couldn't find anything resembling this alleged quote from Genesis. On the other hand, my copy is also missing the passage which urges us to send cash or certified cheques to Jimmy Swaggart, so possibly it's just a faulty edition.

And naturally, I'm unqualified to speculate whether God ever said "whack 'em and stack 'em" to Ted Nugent. This sounds slightly odd. Then again, I've never believed that God was the one who told Jim Bakker that saving souls was an excellent way to get rich and meet girls, either.

In any case, one large mystery remains. Ted doesn't specify just why hunting is the ideal antidote to drug-use. I mean, think about it. Why not stamp collecting, or golf?

The closest Ted comes to giving us a hint is his assertion that, quote: "Hunting is the coolest thing you can do."

Well, it's certainly true that stamp collecting is not particularly cool. Indeed, from a rock star's perspective, a stamp collector might be said to be so un-hip that it's a wonder his bum stays on.

(Sorry. I've been aching to use that line since I heard it in Grade Six.)

But as for Ted's assertion that hunting is the world's coolest activity - well, perhaps we just have to take his word for it.

Say "no" to drugs. Say "bam" to Bambi's mother.

Hmm. Somehow, it lacks the ring of genuine conviction.

Perhaps it'd sound better if Nancy Reagan said it.