

# Editorial

## Nightmare situation

Ontario's recently elected New Democratic Party government is rapidly gaining the reputation of being long on promises and paperwork and sadly lacking in either concrete proposals or action.

A Georgetown couple in their 80's appear to be the latest victims of governmental paper shuffling.

The elderly couple live in the Royal Ascot Apartments complex on Hall Road in Georgetown and are virtual prisoners because elevator service to the complex has been shut off.

As the Halton Hills Herald went to press, the elderly couple had been trapped in their apartment for five days, a situation that would seem laughable if not for the stress the senior citizens are obviously undergoing.

The problem apparently centres around the Toronto-based elevator company, Northern Elevator, which claims it is owed money for the installation of the apartment complex's elevators.

That may be. However, the fact remains it is the bureaucratic process itself which is really to blame.

The Town of Halton Hills is powerless to act on the matter because the operation of elevators falls under the jurisdiction of the province's Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

An agitated Town Mayor, Russ Miller, advised Monday night's General Committee meeting of the situation concerning the elderly couple and their plight, and frustration with the system was obvious in his remarks.

Mayor Miller told councillors he had contacted several agencies concerning the situation, but to no avail. "My requests have been ignored so far," said Mayor Miller.

Mayor Miller also pointed out, "I called the local MPP (Noel Duignan) twice today (Monday) but no one called back."

"Somebody has to have authority in this country. We (the town) don't have it and nobody seems to give a damn," concluded the Mayor.

Mr. Duignan has been absent from a number of functions within the North Halton riding - although he has sent representatives - and this seems to be how the NDP intends on governing.

Announcements and press releases, usually from the office of Premier Bob Rae, are constantly being spewed out from Queen's Park and for the most part they deal in generalities rather than specifics.

Are we to have a faceless government in Ontario? Are NDP MPPs, like Mr. Duignan, being forced to take shelter in the shadow of Mr. Rae and forsake their own constituents?

If this is the NDP strategy, the party might win a battle or two but it will certainly lose the war come the next provincial election.

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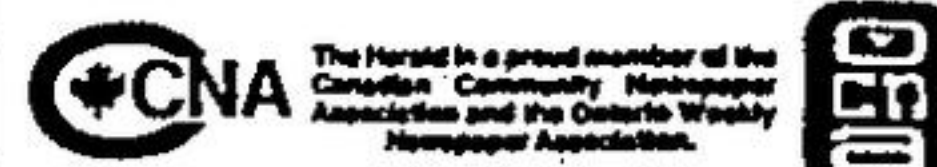
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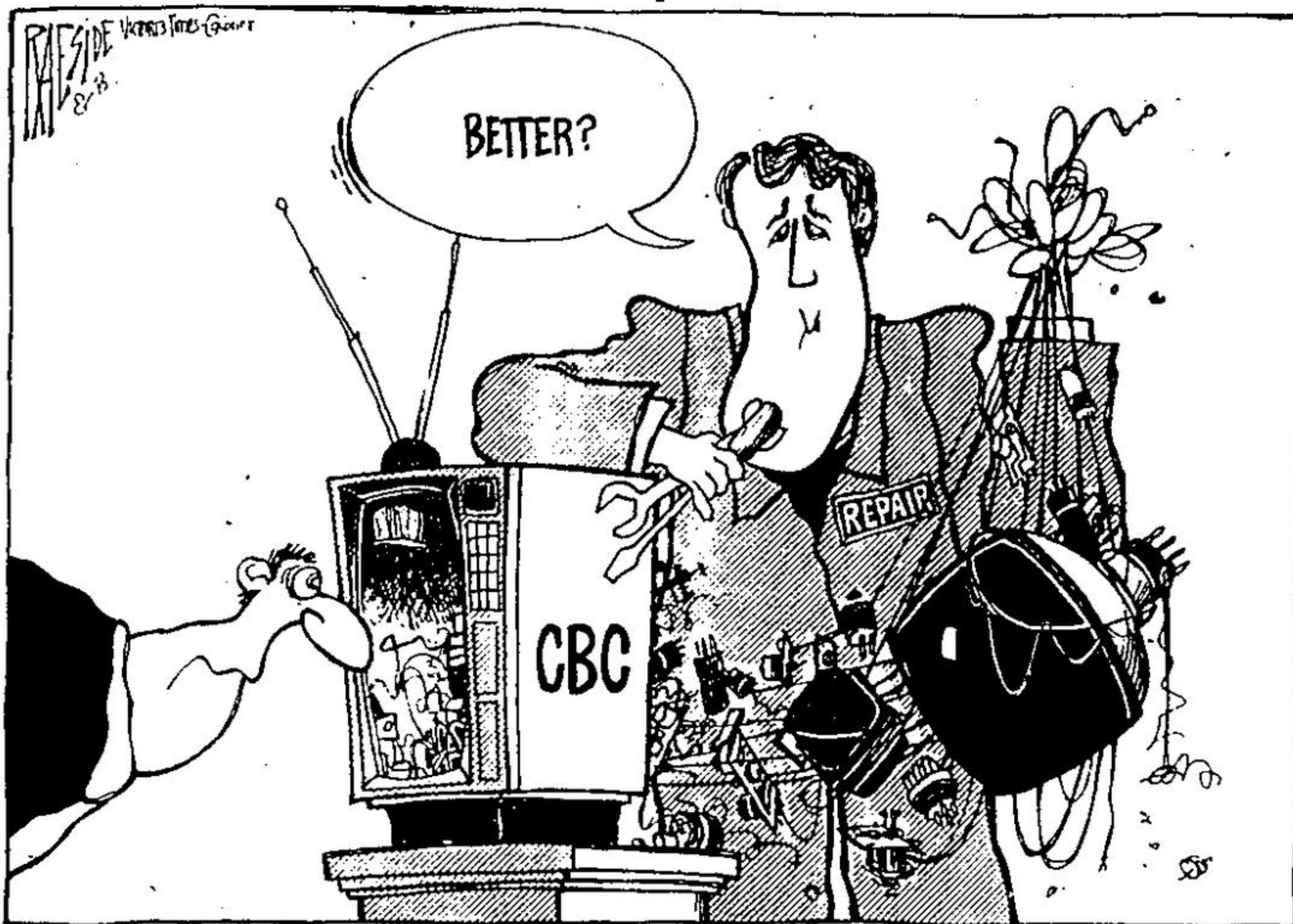
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## People's Forum

### Letter of the week Let police do their job

Editor's note: The following letter was released to the Halton Hills Herald for publication.

Mr. Peter Pomeroy,  
Chairman,  
Region of Halton.

A very realistic editorial on vandalism in our communities appeared in the Halton Hills Herald of Dec. 5, 1990, for which that newspaper should be complimented.

The cowardly destruction in the local food bank - located in Mountainview Baptist Church, serves as an indicator of the level that this type of behavior has reached!

As with most other issues, unless something is done to curb this trend - it will continue and

get worse!

Can anyone imagine what this vandalism would be like - if this police force were not here?

In your position as Regional Chairman - can you feel satisfied that our Regional police have:

(1) The laws in place that they can do their job.

(2) That they are supplied with adequate equipment and manpower needed to do that job.

(3) That they have the clear backing of our elected representatives to clearly state that these acts of vandalism have now gone too far.

Thank you,  
Lew Ward,  
Halton Hills.

c.c. Mr. Noel Duignan, M.P.P.  
Halton North.

### Say goodbye, Garth

Dear Sir,

"I'm still irrelevant and irrelevant." "True political power rests in the hands of so few people," and "The job of MPs now is just to act as ombudsmen for the government," our MP Garth Turner is quoted as saying.

If this is true then I respectfully suggest that he now resign his seat so that a bye-election can be called. I am confident that this will result in the replacement of an MP who represents a one-man dictatorship with an MP who

represents a party committed to reform and the democratization of our parliamentary system, so that never again can Canada be ruled by a government representing only 14 per cent of the population.

Before he resigns though, I hope that Mr. Turner will reply to my last two open letters to him questioning waste by his government.

Yours truly,  
R. Katharoon (Mr.)  
Burlington.

## Objectivity, not sensationalism for CBC

Dear Editor,

While CBC TV in Calgary was about to be shut down, as part of the Corporations's cost reducing measures, Susan Cardinal, in Calgary was preparing "Centre Point": a radio report introduced by Mary Lou Finley during the CBC Radio show "Sunday Morning" on Dec. 9.

The report was advertised, during the first hour of Sunday Morning, with statements as: "the traditional family is dying" and "the traditional family today is the exception". The listeners were told, during the program, that families such as Vicky and Cheril, two lesbian lovers, "HAVE BECOME THE NORM".

I appreciate the effort CBC is doing in tackling touchy subjects to "challenge" the listeners, but there is a difference between this and pure misinformation. Susan Cardinal would lead us to believe that because she found 13 lesbian couples in Calgary, now this is the "norm" for a family. I would like to refrain from moral arguments (although I would have many), and only complain about the lack of objectivity of CBC.

The Centre Point report talked about the problems of this couple and their fears of "narrow-minded religious sects", "red necks" and "bigots": The defenders of the traditional family were verbally assaulted, while the "challengers" are presented as "progressive", "open-thinking" and "righteous".

The report was reinforced by an interview with sociology professor John Conway, of the University of Regina, who correctly stated that when the family is in crisis, society is in crisis, but immediately proceeded to say that the traditional family is "just about gone" and that in the next century it will be "a curiosity". In addition he stated that the traditional family "depends on the oppression of women in the home" and implied that "personhood, dignity and equality are not possible in a traditional family." Only common sense is needed to see the falsity of such arguments.

The sociology professor never suggested that, if the family is in crisis, it may also be due to the very factors and behavioral changes that supposedly are transforming the family into the new model (pornography and violence in the media, homosexuality, promiscuity, easy divorce, both parents leaving the

children to go to work, etc...). If airplanes were suddenly to start falling from the sky in large numbers, he would conclude that travelling by air is not viable any more, instead of investigating the causes for the accidents.

The Centre Point report presented us with a suggestion of possible families of the future, formed by lesbian couples making and raising babies (in turn) and supporting each other (in turn), while the men will be free and independent, their only duty being to donate sperm for the "families". If this were the preferred model of society, I would argue that the feminist movement has been a complete fiasco.

If the CBC has to continue to be financed by taxpayers, objectivity, not sensationalism, must be its aim.

Yours truly,  
Giuseppe Gori  
Executive Vice President  
Family Coalition Party  
of Ontario

## Support appreciated

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Halton Support Services, Children's Program, we wish to thank you for your support.

We appreciate your cooperation in recently running our Children's Program ad in the community section of the paper. The exposure you provided

brought us several inquiries from individuals interested in assisting our clients who are developmentally challenged.

Thank you again for your much needed support.

Sincerely,  
M. Robinson and S. Reinders,  
Community Support Workers  
Halton Support Service.