

People's Forum

Yuppy thirst causing breakdown of family unit

To the Editor:
The Yuppy Thirst For the Mighty Dollar is causing a breakdown of the family unit.
During this past festive season we have had the occasion of sitting down with friends and relatives and discussed over dinner current topics which are making headlines world over. One of these topics happens to be children and the cost of raising them.
Being a family man with two children, a third on the way and

plans for a fourth this is one topic that is close to my heart.
It would appear that today's upwardly mobile couple in their quest for a career, the large executive home, expensive imported auto, and designer labeled wardrobe is willing to make whatever sacrifice is necessary to attain these material objectives but mention the word children and umpteen different reasons are given as to why they should not have any or only have one.

Reasons most commonly given include: I just do not have the patience. This from executives and managers who deal with people and their problems each and every day. Or from the individual who has a cat, dog and goldfish tank and a number of other hobbies and interests. Another is; we both have careers in order to get ahead and we just would not let anyone else raise our children. I call this the yuppy syndrome, "I want it all at the expense of family and health". My all time favorite, its just too expensive. Statistics on this subject are continuously publicized by the media. Just the other day I heard on the radio that it costs \$200,000.00 to raise a child to 16 years of age, to me this is not reality but the product of a want all society.

make your own baby food, or breast feed. Clothing, cribs, change tables and other useful things can be handed down from other family members, purchased at garage sales, auctions, discount stores, manufactures outlets, etc...

Why not move close to the grandparents or ask them to move in as many ethnic families do in order to help raise the children.

It is not a mandatory condition for having children that they be signed up in baseball, hockey, soccer, music lessons, ballet, private school, etc... just because the neighbors child is or your child wants to be.

There are many options available to couples wanting to start a family. Options which have positive tax, financial, environmental, health and moral benefits which could be attained if we would just stop letting peer and social pressure mold us into something we're not.

By putting a little less emphasis on material things and learning to rely on the family structures will help to keep these costs in line so that we may all experience the joys that children bring.

John Querques
Acton.

Roads complaint

Editor's note: The following letter was released to the Halton Hills Herald for publication.
Dear Mr. Miller:
Upon awakening Dec. 24th to a cover of beautiful white snow, I did not look forward to my trip into Georgetown - knowing ahead of time what the road conditions would be like.

I have lived in Terra Cotta and paid taxes to Halton for 15 years and each year when winter arrives I ask myself the same question - How can the Region of Peel keep their roads cleared and sanded to bare pavement and Halton Hills can't?

At 10 a.m. on Dec. 24th, Winston Churchill Blvd. (serviced by Peel) was cleared to wet bare pavement. When I turned on to 22 Sideroad I was greeted with the usual sight. The road had been plowed - sometime - however there was no evidence of salt or sand. The entire road was packed solidly with icy snow from all the cars travelling on this main route to Georgetown. These road conditions continued through Glen Williams until I reached the hill at Varian - where guess what - there was bare pave-

ment!!!
I would think that because of the 2 serious accidents on this stretch of road in less than a week (Dec. 14 - 22 Sideroad and 10th Line - 1 person killed; Dec. 21 - head-on accident on the hill between 10th Line and Winston Churchill) that there would have been some extra effort to get the sanders to this section of road as quickly as possible.

Understandably in severe weather the main roads must be cleared first. However, on a very regular basis, the day after a storm 22nd Sideroad is still an icy mess with a trail of 2 tire tracks that you must follow as you try to safely reach Georgetown.

Improved plowing and especially sanding is a must for 22nd Sideroad from Glen Williams to Winston Churchill Blvd. Are more accidents necessary before 15 years of driving on unsanded Halton roads can end?

If Peel can keep their roads in excellent condition why can't Halton Hills?

Yours truly,
Mrs. R. Hunter,
Terra Cotta.

High rise safety

Dear Mr. Editor:
I wish to comment on statements made by Mr. John Sommer (Points worth pondering, Dec. 19), regarding safety in high rise apartments.

It should be noted that in the event of a fire in a high rise building the elevators are not to be used as a method of escape. The elevator shaft becomes a passage for smoke and toxic gases and as a result, the passengers of the elevator could be overcome. It should also be noted that the stairwells of high rise buildings are protected by fire doors that should be kept closed at all times to prevent the spread of smoke into those stairwells. In the event of a power failure a back-up generator is utilized to provide power to emergency systems.

It is important to realize that high rise buildings are equipped

with fire protection equipment which may include fire alarms, fire extinguishers, and fire hoses. Further, the high rise buildings are designed in accordance with the Ontario Building Code that provides for fire separation of floors and individual apartments. All these factors are incorporated during the construction of these buildings. Residential fires continue to be the number one location for fire fatalities as opposed to high rise and apartment buildings.

I encourage all individuals living in high rise buildings to become familiar with the emergency procedures in the event of a fire. This information can be obtained from both the owner of the building or by contacting the Halton Hills Fire Department.

Sincerely,
David Quinn,
Georgetown.

Thanks from Globe

To the Editor:
Georgetown Globe Productions recently completed a very successful run of the musical comedy "Guys and Dolls". A great deal of that success was due to the excellent press coverage in the Herald. Many thanks for printing our press releases to publicize the play. Our thanks go to Ben Dummett and Bob Malcolmson for taking

photographs during rehearsals. Globe is very appreciative of the efforts of the Herald and Halton Rapid Print in printing the programs for "Guys and Dolls". Finally, thank you for the use of the Herald truck during the show. Such efforts are sure to guarantee Globe's continued success.

Happy New Year,
Maureen Walker,
Georgetown Globe Productions.

Firefighters applauded

Dear Sir:
We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all members of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department for their fast and efficient service on Boxing Day, when we had a particularly unpleasant chimney fire.

Since we live in the country, we still find it hard to believe how they arrived so quickly.
Georgetown is very fortunate to have such a remarkable service, and once again our sincerest thanks to all members.

Yours truly,
Joan and Ken Meers,
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