

People's Forum

Each person is the master of their own destiny

Dear Editor:

In response to Joan Davison and John Querques.

I am one of those "dependent on him for sustenance, isolated in her home, doing boring housework ... stay at home mothers."

I feel very fortunate that I can stay at home and provide what I see as stability for our family. I would never belittle any woman for making this choice.

Each person is the master of their own destiny and no one should dictate lifestyles to them.

Both Joan and John seem to be

missing the point about families.

It's not a competition to see who does which jobs, nor is it a question of economics or baby manufacturing. We are units that work together, struggle together and love together. We work that out in our own families.

If you perceive of yourself as a "working" woman and do not enjoy housework or self-imposed "isolation" that's your choice.

Many "stay at home mothers" work hard at being self-fulfilled women and feel very successful for it. They choose many additional responsibilities in addition

to their household duties.

The so-called breakdown of the family unit is a very complex issue in our very complex society. Each family must deal with this issue in the best way that they can.

Sharing family duties, trying to expose our children to the multitude of experiences that this world has to offer and supporting one another when the need arises are just a few options.

Family values are evolving within our families and parents should be aware that their

children's perception of the family is learned from them.

As women now face the many dilemmas of education and career choices and inequalities in the workplace, they should not demean the role of the stay at home mother.

The self-esteem of the so-called "non-working" mom suffers more at the hands of some "working" women than it does at the hands of their husbands.

There is no lobby group in Ottawa or Toronto to represent stay at home parents. We are not

recognized financially. We are trying to do a competent job when traditional guidelines are being constantly criticized.

Our reaction to one another's lifestyle choices does not solve family problems.

Personal concentration on our own family unit, regardless of whether both parents work or not, will produce a more solid foundation upon which families can grow.

Sincerely,
Mary Rae Main,
Glen Williams.

Women are paying the price

To The Editor:

The Universities, work shops, training schools, etc., are filled with women learning to be engineers, mechanics, plumbers, etc., etc. Some are training for the military and police forces -

jobs that were once exclusively the domain of men. Because of this reversal of world order and the ignoring of the laws of Yahweh (our Maker), man is no longer considered to be the bread-winner and protector of the

weaker sex. But there is a price being paid for this. Women are bewildered and fearful of the violence and abuse occurring in their homes and in the streets. Could it be that men are striking back in the only way they know how for the loss of their self-esteem and masculinity?

Women have the potential to mold our world to be peaceful and law-abiding, but they are not exercising that power today. The old adage that "The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world," and, "Behind every successful man is a woman" - no longer applies. What a great pity.

Shalom,
Gladys E. Barrett,
Guelph, Ont.

Fruitvale homecoming

To the Editor:

Have you ever lived in Fruitvale, B.C., the heart of the beautiful Beaver Valley? Are you planning your summer vacation or a weekend away in 1991 (or maybe you still live nearby and would like to get reacquainted with old friends)? Why not make plans to attend the Fruitvale Homecoming, August 2-4, 1991.

Many special events are planned to make it a wonderful weekend of reminiscing, with events and activities for all ages. (We also hope to set up a historical display so if you have any photos or items to contribute, please mark them with your name and address and send them along to us - we'll take good care of them).

Due to limited space for some events (wine and cheese, teen and adult dances, pancake breakfasts, beef brunch - to name

a few), pre-registration is required. So avoid disappointment and send for information right away. (A stamped self-addressed legal-size envelope would speed up the forwarding of our events schedule and registration form.) In order to make our plans, registration forms must be returned by April 30, 1991 (postmarked).

Don't delay - write for info today. We're looking forward to getting everyone together again. (You could also help us by spreading the word to any friends or relatives you may be in contact with, or send us their name and address. Hoping to see you in August '91.

Fruitvale Homecoming
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Write us a letter!

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.

All letters must be signed. Please include your address and telephone number for verification. The Herald reserves the right to edit letters due to space limitations or libel.

Salvation Army thankful

Dear Sir:

The Acton Christmas Hamper Committee, consisting of The Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. and the Rotary Club, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the schools, churches, community groups, and individuals who willingly donated cash, food, toys, clothing and a variety of other useful items to help us accomplish to task of serving needy families at Christmas.

Again, as in previous years, the response from the community was tremendous, enabling us to make Christmas a little bit brighter for many families. The

generosity of the citizens of Halton Hills speaks volumes to us of their concern and goodwill towards those in need.

A big thank-you is also in order for the Good Neighbours of Georgetown and the Rockwood Lioness for giving oversight to the effort in their respective towns. Our combined efforts resulted in about 250 families being served in the Halton Hills area.

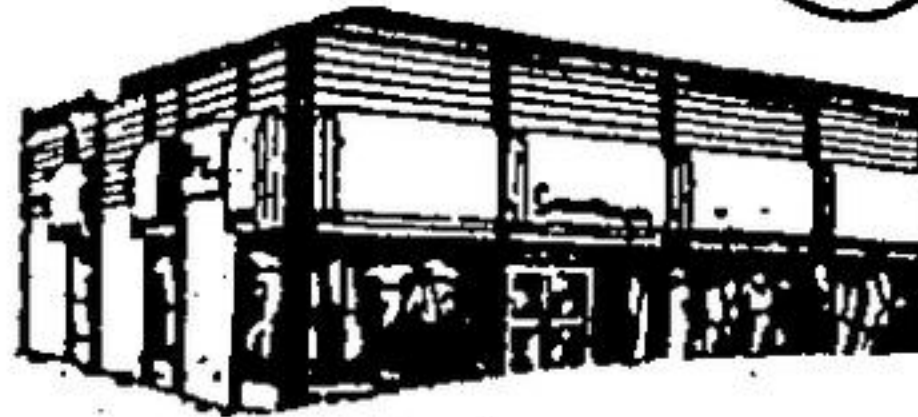
We salute the people of Halton Hills for allowing us to serve others in this way.

Yours very sincerely,
Wade Budgett, Captain,
Corps Officer,
The Salvation Army.

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