

People's Forum

Hospital extends heartfelt thanks

Dear Colin: On behalf of Georgetown Hospital and the 30th Anniversary Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thanks to the residents of Halton Hills who took part in our 30th Anniversary celebrations.

The benefit show, "Operation '91", was a smash hit. In addition, the show raised \$5,000.00 for

the Hospital Foundation. To the performers and backstage crew; a special thank you for generously volunteering your time and talents.

Our Anniversary/Open House, held June 23rd, drew visitors from Halton Hills as well as outside the area. We were especially grateful for the support by many local organizations. Georgetown

and District Memorial Hospital looks forward to continuing to serve the community as we celebrate "your good health past, present and future".

Yours sincerely, Graeme Goebelle, F.C.A. Chairman of the Board John Oliver Executive Director Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital

Traveller expresses concerns

Dear Editor: Having travelled on a regular basis through southwestern Ontario this summer, I have opinions on three concerns expressed by others.

1. The presence of loosestrife in streams and wetlands. I share the concerns of others about this obnoxious plant however perhaps a pair of hip waders could be supplied to our weed inspector thus removing his focus on spraying

then cutting the lilies along the roadside. A field guide was highly recommended a few years ago but to no avail it seems.

2. Chip Trucks - Most towns have chip trucks and the response has been very positive because people like fresh potatoes fried while they wait. There is no comparison between chips from a chip truck and chips from a fast-food outlet. Georgetown needs a chip truck or

two! 3. Plastic flowers - Georgetown is the only place I've been this summer that is displaying artificial flowers in the downtown core. Surely we have more pride and enthusiasm for the town than to resort to this sterile decor. Perhaps the Horticultural Society could initiate some ideas with the support of the B.I.A.

Thank you, Mary Shier, Limehouse.

It's time to change the game

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The dollars they are left with have far great buying power than ours do.

The 3 1/2 major political parties are all the same in that they want to change the rules of the game. I believe it's time to change the game! We have too much government sticking its expensive nose where it doesn't belong and spen-

ding without thought for those who are paying for it.

Less government, at all levels, is the only way to go. Canadians of all walks of life will complain to Ottawa and Queens Park until they get the message.

Regards, Libertarian Party of Canada Hilliard Cox, Deputy Leader.

References: Population Figures: Statistics Canada; Taxation Figures: Revenue Canada per The Cndn. World Almanac and Book Of Facts/1991; Propping Up Costs: Toronto Sun/Financial Post, Aug. 7/91; \$110 Billion Tax figure: Garth Turner's brochure, "You Be The Finance Minister."

Columnist laments vanished prose

Dear Editor:

To get out a newspaper in time is a high pressure operation. Occasionally in the heat of battle, something happens, without malice, that can be upsetting to the victim. When I came back from Cape Breton and looked at my column of July 31 in "The Herald", the one about Tony Meers and his designs for Harlequin book covers, I was shocked. Two whole paragraphs had vanished into thin air, and the column, as it was printed, lacked the point it was trying to make. Let me make an attempt to repair the damage by restating the last of the column. Most of this did not appear in the July 31 issue:

"As much as we might desire the perfect union in body and soul, in real life this ideal eludes us most of the time. Men are hardly the sensitive being of the Harlequin Romances, with no other wish but to devote themselves to a woman forever and ever. And women very rarely are the soft and comforting

creatures that banish, with a sweet caress, the heavy burdens of life a man is supposed to carry around with him. (now comes the missing part)

"In real life we have made out of the world a kind of jungle in which people snarl at each other from their hotly defended territories. Men and women are now in fierce competition about everything and there are only occasional ceasefires, just long enough, it seems, to get another unhappy generation going, that, in turn, will engage in lifelong warfare.

"It is sad that we leave it to Romances to keep a worthy dream alive, however distorted. Without love and respect between people, no civilization can last very long. We are concerned about the weeds in our gardens, but we are indifferent to the weeds in our relationships, the weeds that kill the delight and profound admiration in and for each other, that is the source of everything that is good in life."

John Sommer

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