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Harsh realities bring Ontarians down to earth

The utopian pipe dream offered the Ontario electorate by the 'Wannabe' New Democratic Party is about to go up in smoke as most pipe dreams tend to do.

The supposed socially conscious \$9.7 billion deficit foisted on Ontarians is rapidly equating into an albatross-like burden on the collective shoulders of the NDP-not to mention Ontario taxpayers-and the 'brains-behind-Bob' are searching hither and yon for some way to protect their suddenly vulnerable nether regions.

Typical political navel-gazing.

Basically, what the NDP-in all its wit and wisdom-foresaw, was a worker's paradise with milk and honey flowing province-wide begging to be scooped up.

What the NDP got instead, was a strong dose of reality, tempered with two injections of life in the trenches.

Jobs were lost because the NDP ignored business concerns-a calculated move meant to curry future votes.

Then, these out-of-work people demanded protection under the social umbrella, as promised by the elected government of Ontario, and the proverbial stuff hit the fan-the cupboard was bare.

The fall sitting at Queen's Park will undoubtedly see the NDP government drift back to the real world.

Unfortunately, Ontarians will bear the brunt of the NDP mismanagement foibles.

The predicted deficit will rise and funds for much-needed programs will be slashed. This will shift the burden on providing services to municipalities-already over-taxing residents.

It's nice to dream. But sometimes frightening when you wake up and face cold, harsh reality.



People's Forum

The United Way a united effort

Dear Editor:
October is United Way Month. For those who are not familiar with United Way and its purpose, we will explain briefly how important this organization is to all us, you and I.

The United Way of Halton Hills was formed in 1986 to consolidate the work of many charitable agencies including their partner - Red Cross. So now instead of 19 agencies knocking on your door for help, you will have only one - United Way to do the combined fundraising.

And because of your generosity, the Georgetown and District Red Cross is able to provide 10 programs to our community. Programs such as: Blood Donor Clinics, in Acton and Georgetown, for a total of 11 clinics a year. Sickroom Equipment-Loan Service - in both Acton and Georgetown, Water Safety instruction to our youngsters, Senior Services such as Fun and

Fitness classes, First Aid Courses, Emergency Response such as Major Disaster, Individual Emergency Aid and Minor disasters such as house fires, etc. We are able to provide medical drives to out-of-town appointments for those unable to obtain family or public transportation.

Red Cross is here to provide assistance to you and your neighbor, to help provide a safer and healthier lifestyle. Red Cross is here because of your donation

to United Way. Remember also that United Way represents 19 agencies asking only once a year for your help.

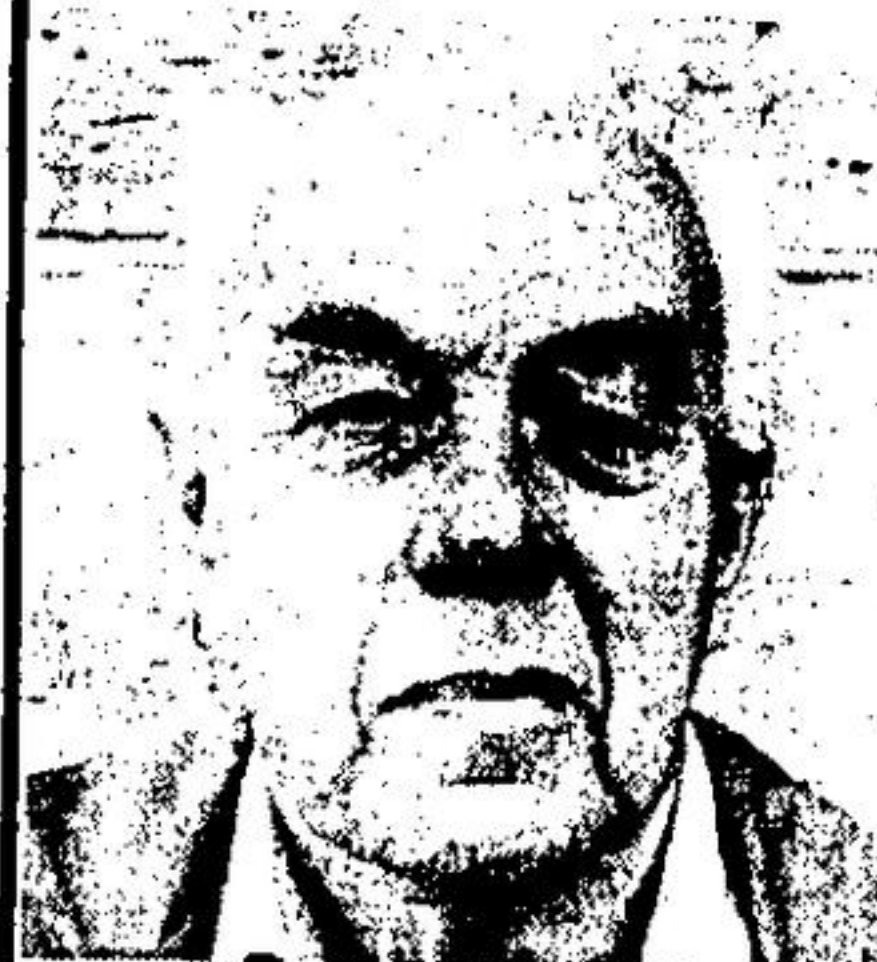
Please give generously. If you feel you cannot give anything financially, perhaps you can give of your time and donate to one of their member agencies.

Those you help will never forget!

Georgetown and District Red Cross,
Riet Schenk, President.

Community Forum

Will the Blue Jays win the pennant?



LEW WARD, GEORGETOWN: "They probably will because the other teams in the division are faltering. The team will stagger through."



HANS SCHOFFELMEIER, GEORGETOWN: "Sure, because I think they are playing well. You have to be optimistic."



PAT PETERSON, ACTON: "Yes because all of my co-workers are big fans."



MERNA and PETE, GEORGETOWN: "Definitely, because it's their time to take it."

Ben is bang-on

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

Thanks Ben for shooting from the hip and relating the cold hard facts of reality in your recent article about council approval of developer Ed Bain's townhouse project in Acton.

Profit is not a dirty word and it's certainly time that we all took our heads out of the sand to realize this fact.

Development in Halton Hills is inevitable and higher density housing is necessary for our future. I welcome your ability to stand and declare yourself as a pro-development advocate and an individual who has relegated the NIMBY's of the world to the ranks of the uncaring, uninformed and selfish.

Gary Brand, FRI,
Broker, Georgetown.

Our children are our future

Dear Mr. Gibson,
Back from a 5-week trip to Europe, when I finally had a moment to relax and look at The Herald, I was pleased to read your editorial.

The statistics you quoted on the reduction of the number of children in our society in the last 20 years fly in the face of Planned Parenthood and certain "environmentalists" like David Suzuki who would make us believe that one of the world's biggest problems is population explosion.

The dropping birth rate is in fact affecting all of the "civilized" countries. The old culprits, such as India and China, have also severely reduced their birth rate. The problem is so serious in Canada that Quebec has recently taken measures to incentivize families to have children.

Your editorial, however, stopped short of condemning the main cause of the problem: Abortion on demand. With an average of 80,000 abortions per year, if those children were allowed to

live we would have approximately 1.2 Million more Canadians under the age of 15. That would increase the total number of children from the current 5.6 Million to 6.8 Million. Quite a bit above the 1971 figures you quoted of 6.4 million. This I believe is where that number should be, since the total population in Canada has grown proportionally since 1971.

In addition to the serious moral aberration of abortion on demand, the reduced number of children in our society affects a number of professions, such as teachers, reduces the competitiveness of Canadian businesses, causes a reduction of the Gross National Product, a reduction of major item sales and negatively affects our projections for old age pensions.

Most importantly, a nation with fewer and fewer children is destined to die.

Sincerely,
Giuseppe Gori
Family Coalition
Party of Ontario.

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