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Happy New Year

Ring out the old. Ring in the new. Welcome people to 1992. Here we are, in the third year of the last decade of this century-one touted as the most glorious time in mankind's history-and still wondering why?

Why are people throughout the world still dying from starvation? Why do people still judge the worth of a person by the color of the skin, religious belief or place of birth instead of the individual's own innate uniqueness?

Why is it that we can't use our supposed intelligence to find cures for diseases but can find more than enough brain-power and money to devise and develop sophisticated weaponry to kill each other?

Why do politicians insist on treating the citizenry as know-nothings salved by the sugar-coated pill "trust me"-once they get elected?

Why is it people who want to work can't find jobs, yet those who don't want to work get paid to do nothing?

Yes, we certainly are an enlightened bunch, we humans.

Unless and until we begin to believe in and trust each other and work together for the common good, 1992 will be much like most of the other years of this century-something to be forgotten rather than remembered.

Happy New Year.



People's Forum

Community Forum

Reflections of 1991



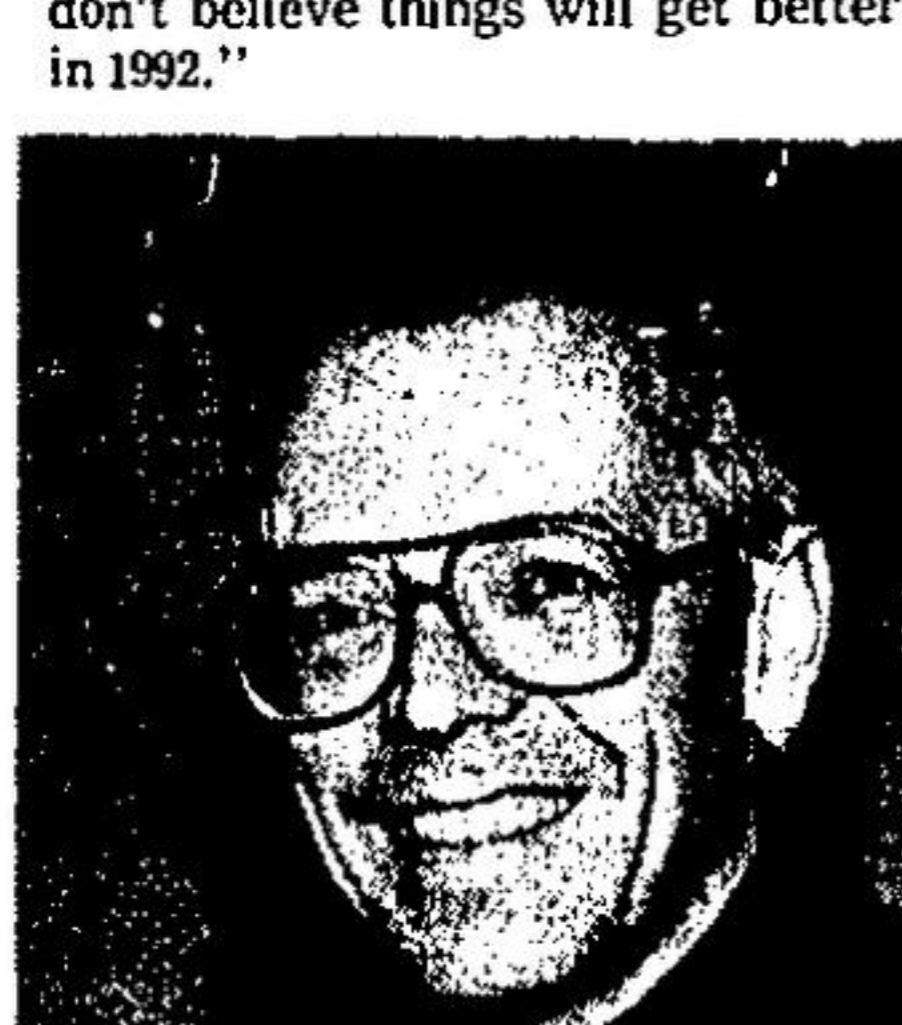
ANNEKE SHAH, GEORGETOWN: "This year has been a great year for world development, particularly in the Soviet Union. It's a sign of hope for the future that we're going in the right direction."



JOHN DREWRY, GEORGETOWN: "I hope things are better in 1992 than they were this year. It's been a tough year economically with so many people losing their jobs. Unfortunately, I don't believe things will get better in 1992."



PHIL SIMPSON, GEORGETOWN: "There has been massive changes in the world power structure but I believe these changes aren't all that massive when it comes right down to it. The wall in Germany has come down but it's still there in people's minds and not many changes have come about through the Middle East peace process."



LYNN FERGUSON, GLEN WILLIAMS: "It's been a challenging year. The depressed economy has affected everybody. Internationally, the political scene was full of surprises which we will feel the repercussions of for some time."

Canadians being stripped of all will

To the editor:
I seem to be one of the few who does not want to take this situation sitting on my backside and saying nothing.

When will the people of this province and country realize we are being stripped of all will to either work or become productive in a country that we all say is rich in minerals and resources.

We have allowed our government to rob us, all blind at will; if it isn't this tax its another tax. While our elected governments give it away by the truck load, \$2 billion to Indian tribes, they can't account for.

Mr. Mulroney, \$5 million hers, \$10 million there, it doesn't matter folks: let's stock the senate pass a GST to get more cash to spend.

The metric conversion seems to be ours alone to suffer with. We were ripped of then and are still sitting and saying why.

Fuel! That's a joke folks. They said gas is going up for the war in the Middle East.

I feel that war has been over for many moons. Has fuel come down... No sir. The I ask what is the difference between gas prices in Georgetown and Acton. In Georgetown 49.1 cents and in Acton 56.5. Do we all seem so stupid that we don't know we are being ripped off by the major oil companies, as well as the government.

Interesting experience

Dear Editor:
Thank you for giving the grade one students such an interesting experience. They came back to school very excited and ready to talk, write, paint and draw about the things they had seen and learned about putting together a newspaper. These short trips are a vital link between the classroom and the community. Thankyou for your time.

Sincerely,
Valerie Jordan,
Grade 1 Teacher,
George Kennedy P.S.

We pay and pay and pay but I ask why.. Is that the Canadian thing to do. Are we all guillable serfs who would rather be bled to death than fight for what's right-honesty and fair play.

One last note, Free Trade. Now that's the biggest joke of all. For all the companies that benefitted, two hundred thousand Canadians lost their jobs and more will follow. Our politicians say do you think we need to develop our welfare programs more.. Those in cabinet out and ask the same stupid questions. We are bleeding folks, and Ottawa and Queen's Park don't give a damn.

TAX the people more they say.

Tax smokes and booze, we will drain the whole system of life. Then they leave office and say "What a mess we're in".

There are some good hard-working honest people out here, who are not leeching the system, paying these taxes, but let me assure everyone and I am not the only one, thinking this; the USA is not far away.

I love Canada and all its splendor, but lord its difficult to believe this is the land of milk and honey and that's only if you are productive. We need help to get off being a welfare state.

Thank you,
David Gamsager

Environment ministry still treading water

Dear Editor,
Re: "Quarry pumps water over legal limit" - Herald article Dec. 11

I read with much interest, your article concerning the Acton Quarry, in which the Ministry of the Environment confirmed that the United Aggregates quarry has on occasion been breaking the law by pumping over the legal limits of its water taking permit of one million imperial gallons of water per day. This excess pumping is putting a further strain on the water levels of the aquifer which is serving our community.

What is the Ministry of Environment's solution to this contravention of the ministry's own regulation, you ask.. Perhaps laying charges against United Aggregates, recinding its permit, or at the very least, demanding that United Aggregates pump water only within the limits of their permit..

No. The Ministry says that it will probably change United Aggregates permit to accommodate the levels that they have been illegally pumping all along.

Is there a parallel here.. Will this be the solution when the Acton quarry landfill exceeds the limits of pollution into the Black

Creek and precious groundwater supply as it will inevitably will do.. Will the ministry just change the regulations again to accommodate them..

Thanks, Ministry of Environment for your hardline approach to upholding your own regulations! Water quantity, or water quality, this is totally unacceptable! Lets stop this landfill p r o p o s a l before its too late.

Now is the time for ALL residents of Halton Hills to write letters outlining your concern with the Acton quarry landfill proposal for its 45-day review which ends Jan. 17. A long letter would be great; a one page outline will do; or even a couple of sentences is better than no letter at all. Address your concerns to Honourable. Ruth Grier, 15th Floor, 135 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, Ont. with a copy to Premier Bob Rae, Rm. 281 Main Building, Queens Park, Toronto, Ont. M7A 1A5. To be a part of the actual review, the letters must be addressed to Mrs. Grier.

Don't put it off any longer. Write Today!

Yours truly,
Ruth French

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