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Lighten Up!

Blah, Blah, Blah.

That's the way most people are feeling nowadays, what with the barrage of news reports in this and other newspapers about the recession, taxes, unemployment, and the constitutional crisis. Not to mention the fact we are now into the month where people develop symptoms commonly referred to as the 'February blahs.'

People are probably saying enough already, and who can blame them?

Well, it's time for a more positive outlook on life, and to heed the advice of CFCA FM radio personality and Acton resident Jack Carpenter, it's time to just plain 'Lighten Up;' wear a red nose, tell a joke, make someone smile, wear crazy clothes.

Mr. Carpenter is asking Halton Hills residents and Canadians across the country to join with him in declaring Feb. 6 (tomorrow) as 'Lighten Up Day.'

And we think the idea couldn't have come at a better time.

Mr. Carpenter got his inspiration from some of his listeners who told him about an area in Britain where people wear red noses to lighten up on St. Jack's Day, (the patron Saint of Humor), Feb. 6.

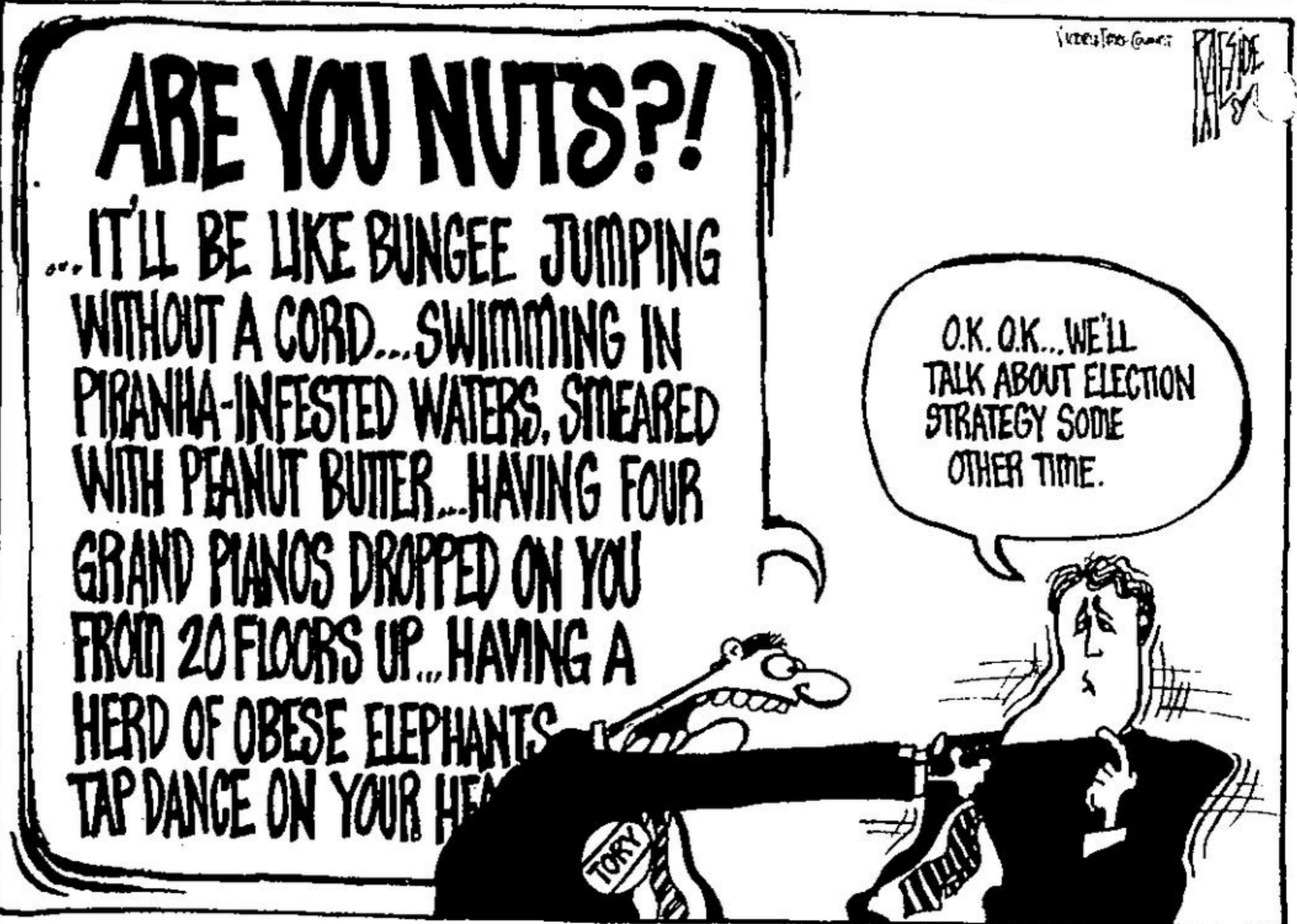
At a time when people are struggling to get by, it's encouraging to see someone showing others life isn't the drudgery it often appears to be.

For our part in helping make Feb. 6 a fun day, we at the Herald are encouraging staff to 'let their hair down' so to speak and express their lighter side, in terms of what they want to wear or do. (We might have a problem here.)

So we challenge the local business community and any other group to do likewise and let us know the results.

Please call us Feb. 6 at 877-2201 and tell us how you're lightening up your day. If possible, the Herald will send over a photographer to capture your expressions of fun on film.

Hopefully, the fun we have Feb. 6 will help us get through the tough times.



People's Forum

Thanks Brian—for nothing

To the Editor:

Recession or depression?
Just ask one of the 1.5 million Canadian's today that are unemployed to get the true answer to the above question.

Ten and half per cent of the work force unemployed, according to Stats Canada, based upon those that are drawing unemployment and the seasonal unemployed. But if you take into account those whose unemployment insurance has run out and those that are living on welfare as a result, the true picture is likely between 20 per cent and 25 per cent of the work force out of work and climbing higher fast.

Long established companies, small businesses and private individuals are now declaring bankruptcies at alarming rates, more now than in the great depression of 1929. There is not one Canadian family in this once great country of ours that hasn't been affected by this to some degree.

Who is to blame for the mess we are in now?

One only has to look at our present federal government for the answer to this question.

Brian Mulroney and the Conservative Party will go down in our history books as a mismanaged government that reached an all time low in popularity in the history of Canada.

Brian and his government has done more harm to this country of ours than any previous government in the last 125 years. The damage he has inflicted upon this nation with his free trade with the U.S.A. monetary policies and his so-called reconstructing of this country will be felt for years to come. One only has to look at the railways that once united this great country of ours from coast to coast, the post office, the fisherman, the farmers, the forest industry and the mining industry, and the list can go on and on.

Whatever Brian and his government has touched in this country of ours, it has had a disastrous affect on us and we as Canadians end up paying and paying through the nose for it.

Take the G.S.T. for example, it

was brought in a little over a year ago, it was to help pay down our national debt, well instead of our national debt being reduced by even one penny, the government has already forecasted that the debt is likely to raise by one billion dollars (plus: you can bet on that).

It makes you wonder what this tax was ever brought in for, another cash cow for the government or another burden on the backs of the Canadian people.

I wonder if people realize that over 55 per cent of their earning goes back in taxes. In other words for every \$1.00 you earn, 55 cents plus goes into taxes. You are to live off the remaining 45 cents or try to. It is a great country when over half the money you earn has to go back to the government.

Canada is one of the heaviest taxed countries in the world and is it much wonder, with three levels of government to support, plus a senate up in Ottawa. What good is the senate anyway when Mulroney can stack it with his members and can push anything down our throats he and his party have a desire to do? It clearly points out that our whole governmental system has to change and has to change fast before we end up with a dictatorship type of country.

Anyone who thought 1991 was rough hasn't seen anything yet. 1992 is going to be the worst with higher unemployment and more bankruptcies to come. As far as this recession or depression bottoming out, there is very little chance that we will see it this year. Recovery from it will take years.

Melvin McCallum,
Georgetown

Second opinion

The Editor,
If a doctor told me that I had one month to live, I would seek a second opinion.

The Town and the owners of the Acton quarry signed an agreement enforceable at the Town's discretion that would prevent the site becoming a dump. If it was binding, the taxpayers stand to save millions of dollars.

The town has a legal opinion that it is not binding.

There is considerable legal opinion that it is binding.

Perhaps those we elected should seek a second opinion before committing so much of our money.

K. Woode,
Acton

Be good neighbors

Dear Sir,
I read with interest the item headed "Bylaw Request" printed in the Council Briefs section of your newspaper on Wednesday, Jan. 29. Just the day before, I had written the following letter to your newspaper.

Does the slogan "Be nice, clear your ice." not apply in Georgetown?

My 75-year-old mother was forced to walk on the road today because of the icy and uneven condition of the sidewalks between Eleanor Crescent and Joseph Gibbons Public School. Her attention was naturally focussed on looking out for traffic, so she failed to see a piece of plastic tape (used for keeping newspapers in bundles) sticking out of the snow. This wrapped

itself around her feet and she fell to the ground. Mum injured by her hands, her left knee is badly swollen and she is sore and bruised, including a black eye.

The "Town" has made a commendable effort to clear the sidewalks as soon as possible after a snowfall this winter, for which we pedestrians are extremely grateful. Unfortunately, many residents have made little or no effort at all to clear their small section of sidewalk. Sometimes there are reasons, but there is no excuse for most residents. Surely those who are able could help out those who are not.

Come on, Georgetown, be good neighbors and clear that snow!

Yours sincerely,
Name withheld by request

Community Forum

Pet Peeves



BARBARA BRECKON,
GEORGETOWN: "Phone calls that are not returned and sales people who do not assist customers. Those are my pet peeves."



ORVAL SNYDER,
GEORGETOWN: "People who don't clear the ice from their sidewalks and charging parking downtown because businesses are having a hard enough time as it is."



CHRIS RAMDOHR,
GEORGETOWN: "The government's over-spending is my main pet peeve. It seems like they have always got their hands in our pockets."



COLLEEN ARMSTRONG,
GEORGETOWN: "The same as everyone else's, the economy. They just raised the price of parking in town and this could drive away business for local companies."