

Opinion

Cat's out of the bag

Our MPP Walt Elliot thinks the current Sunday shopping some consumers are enjoying will end once the Supreme Court of Canada rules on the case. We are skeptical that the Province will ever enjoy again the quiet Sundays we used to know and like.

The Ontario Court of Appeals struck down the Sunday legislation passed by the Province as unconstitutional saying it discriminates against those who don't see Sundays as religious pause days. However, the Province has appealed to the Supreme Court and expects a favorable ruling.

The legislation passed by the Province gave each regional municipality the power to grant exemptions but still recognized Sunday as a common pause day. Walt Elliot believes most of his constituents want it that way. So do we.

However, when one judge from the Appeals Court strikes down the Province's legislation as unconstitutional (although the Ontario Supreme Court decided it was legal) we are skeptical about any ruling from Canada's Supreme Court.

Even if the top court decides the Ontario law is legal the Province is going to have a real battle closing stores whose owners believe they have a right to open Sundays. The cat's out of the bag now and it's going to be one heck of a fight to return to the status quo. We are at the mercy of the marketplace.

Consequently, unless those who oppose Sunday shopping practises what they preach the cash registers will continue to merrily ring on Sunday and every other day of the week as well.

As Walt Elliot sees it, people will vote on the issue with their pocketbooks. If they shop on Sundays "they are saying one thing and doing another."

If people don't shop Sundays businesses will soon close. If it's profitable they'll stay open and continue flouting the law.

The arguments are over, pro and con. Now it's up to the people to decide whether they want quality of life or a Sunday like any other day of the week. - H.C.

Doggie-doo sickening

Summer's here and the walking is easy but watch where you're stepping. A dog may have left a deposit just waiting for your footprint. The owner may not have heard of poop 'n' scoop - or ignores it.

There's nothing more disgusting than to accidentally step into a mess of doggie-doo. The stench is sickening; it remains on your shoe(s) for weeks.

If you don't happen to notice it the transfer from shoes to carpets inside your home can be accomplished with little effort. There the sickening smell is even harder to erase.

So we are appealing to pet owners all over Halton Hills. If your pet (dog) is loose and leaving his or her feces on the lawns, sidewalks or roads off your property please have the courtesy to remove it. Other people don't want it, hate it and despite those who thoughtlessly allow it.

After all poop 'n' scoop is the law.

Women's job stability

Secretaries appear to have more job stability than other women, Statistics Canada figures show. Compared with other females in the work force, more secretaries had full-time, full-year jobs in 1985 (54% vs 38%), and fewer were unemployed (6.7% vs 8.8% as of June 1986).



Members of the Lorne Scots cadet corps plunge paddles into Kelso Lake near Milton in a canoe training exercise. The cadets are preparing for wilderness canoe trips this summer as part of their military training.

No wonder I like chocolate

Among other names I've been called over the years, "chocoholic" is one that sticks. Not only my friends but close relatives, too, use the term. It stems, of course, from a fondness for everything chocolate.

I can't explain it. I only know I choose chocolate over the other flavors almost every time.

Why do some people like myself have a sweet tooth while others prefer to suck on a lemon? I've mulled this question over for years. Was it true my favorite confection is full of caffeine? Does chocolate give teens acne? These and other questions quickened the resolve to do some research.

It was only coincidence, I guess, that a brochure from Fry's Cocoa arrived at the same time as my resolve hardened. It supplied many of the answers.

According to the PR people at Fry's, evidence suggests chocolate may be an aphrodisiac. Stop! According to the dictionary that word comes from the old Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. It describes any drug, food, etc. that arouses or increases sexual desire.

But wait. Chocolate is also touted as an appropriate substitute for the feeling of being in love.

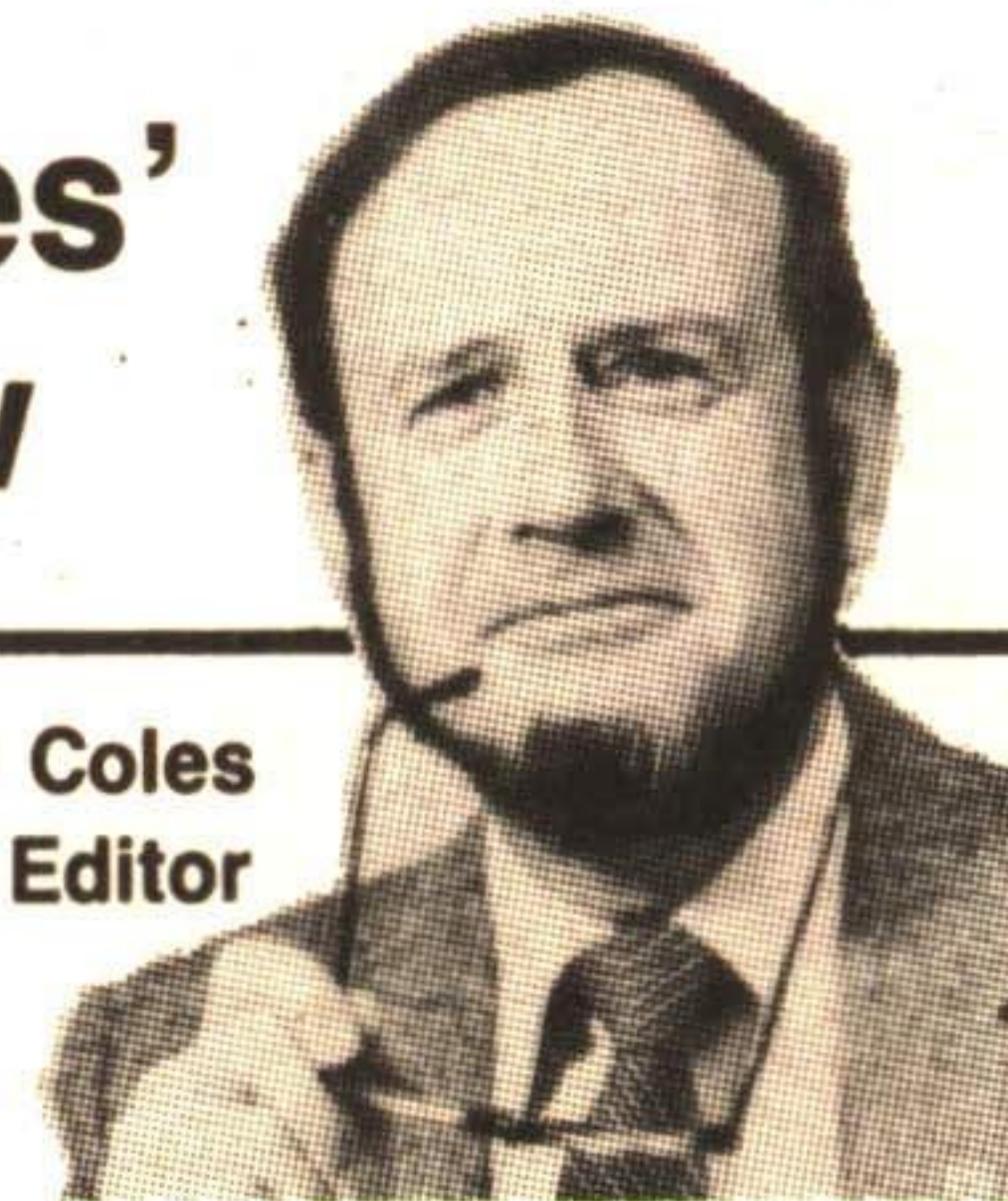
As soon as you mention love

and sex, of course, then just about everyone jumps on the bandwagon explaining why chocolate is ranked as the number one flavor across North America. It not only starts your motor running, it's ranked as a substitute if you haven't got anyone to run your motor for.

That may have been why the Aztecs reserved the drinking of chocolate for godlike royalty such as the Emperor Montezuma who was served his 50-cup-a-day allowance in golden gob-

Coles' slaw

by Hartley Coles
Managing Editor



lets. To avoid contamination the goblets were thrown away after a single use.

Now I would suggest that Montezuma was the original chocoholic but according to Fry's Cocoa he just had "chocophilia." I presume that's something like being a chocoholic. However, instead of it being an addiction, it is a preference.

In any event when the con-

quistador Hernando Cortez brought some cocoa beans back to Spain in 1528 AD from what is now Mexico, Spaniards tasted it and said... "Ugh! What's this horrid stuff."

It was a thick and bitter brew. So they added vanilla, sugar and water.

Voila! The drink was transformed and became a Spanish secret for almost a century.

Finally the French found out about it and they blabbed it all over Europe. Soon everyone who could afford it was drinking it in place of other beverages such as mead, beer and gin. The Quakers really took it to heart. They regarded it as a substitute for gin. Taste-wise gin is not in the same league anyway. Gin's way ahead in the kick department.

About this time North America was coming off spruce beer and dandelion wine so cocoa was eagerly adopted in the very best homes and even in the log huts in the boonies. But being adaptive they diluted it with milk instead of water and served it hot.

Those old settlers probably figured Old Bossy was just standing around in all those stumps chewing her cud so they might as well make use of her

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