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Spring Break; a time for caution

Spring Break is once again upon us, and hopefully we will enjoy the early rites of spring.

But with the annual break, there is a need for everyone to be a little more aware.

With the annual school holiday, lots of our young people will be out in droves on the streets and around our shopping centres, as they enjoy the early signs of spring, soaking up the sunshine as they enjoy the outdoors.

Motorist must be more cautious as informal street hockey games become a little more numerous next week.

The dry pavement also brings out the cyclists, eager to get out that bike which has been in storage. With them we must be aware of the need to be watchful of bicycle riders who may have forgotten a few rules of the road over the course of the winter.

The snow is melting, and with it the annual runoff will make local creeks and rivers a little more dangerous, with their cold, fast-flowing waters. We must be sure our little ones aren't mesmerized by the magic of flowing water, and become a statistic.

This can be one of the most enjoyable times of the year, when the earth is preparing for better things to come.

Enjoy the break, soak up the warm weather, but above all, be careful.

Minor rep teams essential

Dear Editor:

It is my understanding that the Georgetown Baseball Association is considering eliminating the Minor teams at both the Mosquito and Pee Wee levels. The argument forwarded in favor of this decision is that Georgetown simply does not have the numbers to provide both a minor and a major team.

As an assistant coach at the minor Pee Wee level in 1993, I feel very strongly opposed to combining the minor and major age groups at the Pee Wee level as well as at the Mosquito levels.

To say the numbers are not there is completely inaccurate.

At the minor Pee Wee level we had 25 kids try out for the rep team, now this may not be as many as some of the larger centres but it is definitely a sign that the numbers are there to support having both minor and major rep teams. If you were to ask the people in charge of rep, I'm sure she would not hesitate to tell you that the numbers on our team were low, but we as coaches chose to go with 11 players in order to create an equal playing time situation.

Letters

to the Editor

I feel it is essential to keep our minor rep teams in places as our community continues to grow as does the number of kids playing baseball.

If they eliminate the minor rep teams already in place, they will be taking away the opportunity to play rep baseball for at least 15-20 interested kids.

Pardon me if I'm wrong but is that not the whole idea of the G.B.A.? To give kids the opportunity to play baseball? Instead of eliminating teams from the rep system, why don't they plan to create more minor teams in the coming years as Georgetown continues to grow?

And by the way, if the executive honestly believes that they are going to make any age group a powerhouse by combining the minors and majors, they are mistaken.

That's not to say we don't have talented ballplayers here in Georgetown, it's saying that they are not helping the younger kids by forcing them to compete against

older players. The minor teams serve as a developmental stage, if you don't develop talent, success will never be achieved at any age group.

The decision to have or not to have minor teams could be based on the amount of interest shown at the first G.B.A. registration this Sunday, March 13, from 1-4 p.m. at the Georgetown Marketplace Mall.

As a strong opposer of the mixing of Minor and Major rep teams I am asking you for your support in keeping our minor teams.

If your child is between the ages of 10-13, and you wish to help provide the opportunity to play rep baseball, please attend this first registration and let it be known that you would like your child to have the chance to play minor or major rep baseball.

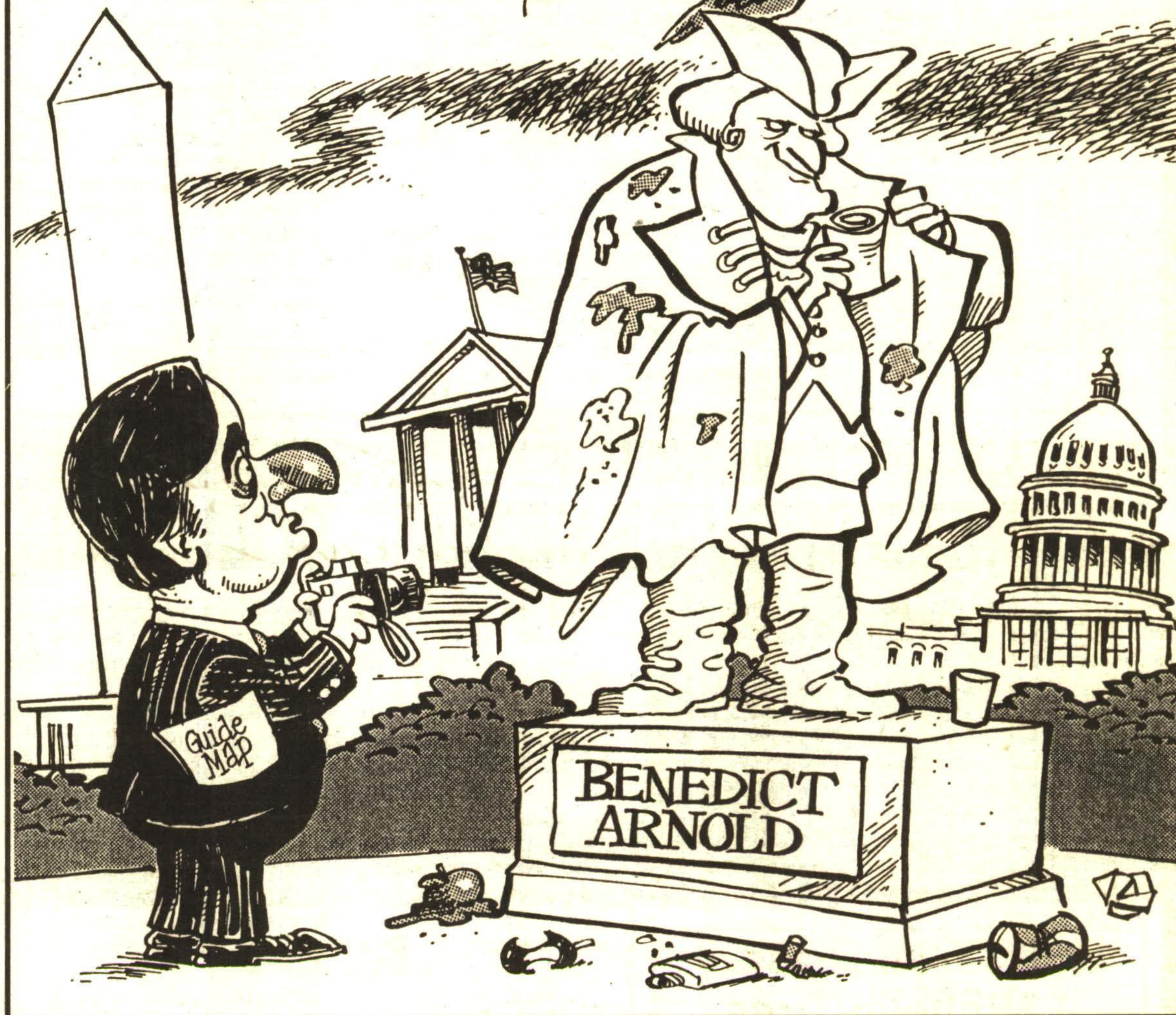
The above is just one of my many concerns regarding the G.B.A. and the direction it seems to be heading with some high executives at the helm, maybe it's time they started delegating their duties a little more or perhaps it's just time for them to move on.

This letter was written in order to garner public support for those concerned,

I thank you for taking the time to read it.

Jerry Saunders

MONSIEUR BOUCHARD GOES TO WASHINGTON



Stretching the distance; from here to hell and back

There is one appliance in our house that never cools off.

The telephone.

My daughters seem to have a God given talent for keeping the wires warm between our home and Georgetown as they talk on the telephone for days on end.

I would venture to guess that, given a choice between giving up the telephone against our dishwasher, washing machine or even the refrigerator, I'm sure they would opt to save the telephone at all costs.

They justify their actions by telling me it's their only link with the outside world.

Without the telephone, they would be uninformed about who dumped whom, who's hot and who's not, or the general state of the social scene around school.

Although I find myself blowing my top from time to time about their obsession with that long distance feeling for hours on end, I can usually handle it for the most part.

Except for one small detail.

The telephone cord.

You see, they tend to stretch it. To its limit.

From here to hell and back.

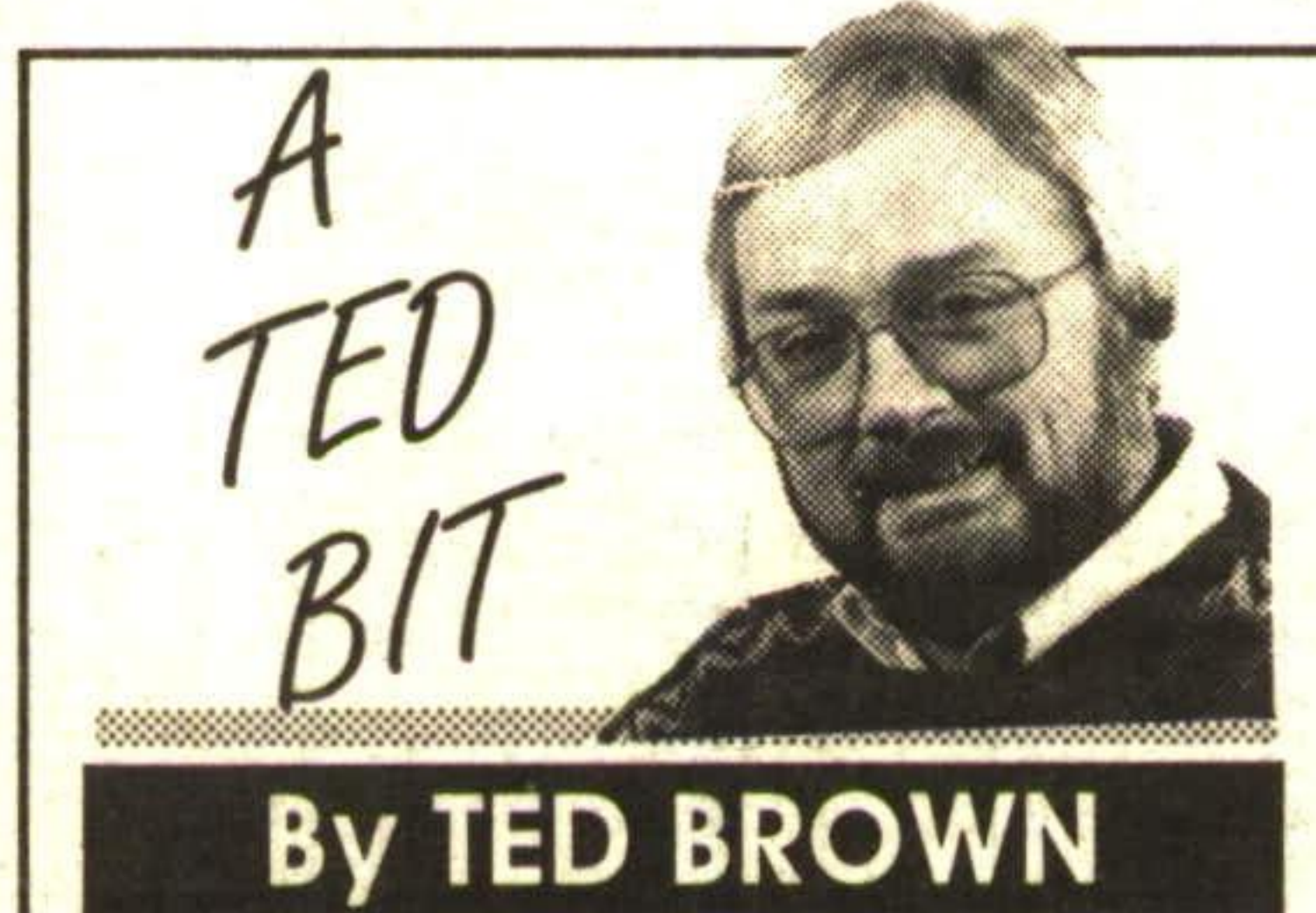
I think it would be safe to say, given the opportunity, they would stretch that telephone cord to the back fifty of our farm, to gain privacy from me to talk to a friend.

It's something I can't quite understand. After all, what's the problem with talking on the phone from where it's located, screw nailed to the wall, instead having this need to wander about the house?

I wonder if it comes from our kids being raised with a cordless phone, which allows them to carry on a full blown conversation while grabbing a snack out of the refrigerator, or changing the CD on the stereo, or even, (God forbid!) doing a little housework.

They've even taken the cordless into the bathroom!

(I must admit, however, I was a little impressed when I watched my



one daughter do her hair and apply makeup with a cordless phone stuck in her ear.)

But it seems our kids are no exception.

When some of my daughters' friends dropped by one night not long ago, they decided to chat to someone on our phone. I think of those group telephone conversations as a telephone tag relay team, where one talks for a bit, then when her jaw gets tired, she hands off the receiver to the next fresh jaw, ready to carry on with the verbal exchange.

As this was unfolding in our

kitchen, once again the cord was stretched to the limit, as they wandered up and down the hall.

I swear you could pluck a tune on that cord.

I politely mentioned it to the young lady using our phone, and she equally politely returned to the kitchen with the coiled cord hanging on the floor.

My daughters tend to think I overreact to this stretched cord scenario, and even suggest I should replace it with a longer one, say 20 feet.

No way, I reply, because next thing, I would find myself tangled in a web of coiled cord, as it stretches from the kitchen to the living room to the front door, while someone discusses the state of the social scene around town, while seated in the den.

Even our upstairs telephone is a target.

The kids continually harp about having a phone in their bedroom, but I adamantly refuse, saying the

one in the upstairs hall is quite adequate. It even has a chair beside it.

I suppose it should come as no surprise to find that telephone yanked to its limit, with the wire and the cord on the receiver running across the floor, so the kids can sit on the edge of their beds while talking on the phone. I guess that way they save face with their friends and say they have a phone in their room.

With the ongoing battle in progress, I recently did a little research with some parents of my daughters' friends and found I'm not alone in my predicament.

One mother told me how her daughter seems to spend hours and hours on the phone...talking to my daughter.

Oh well, I guess teens and telephones are apparently inseparable and that's one of the unchangeable facts of life.

And I'm sure it's only going to get worse, before it gets better.

That is, of course, until they all start driving....