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A big fall

It seems the whisper of a fall provincial election is becoming louder each day.

Many political pundits are now predicting with greater confidence of a fall vote — at Wednesday's Liberal fundraiser at North Halton Golf Club, for example, Liberal House Leader, Murray Elston, was confident that Premier Rae will call an autumn election. Although the NDP don't have to call one until next spring, both the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives are preparing in earnest for early fall.

The conventional wisdom has pegged election day for Thursday, September 29. The rationale for this early date is that the results of the provincial election will be known prior to October — the month in which municipalities have deadlines for people to declare their candidacy for municipal office. This would allow defeated MPPs to enter the local races, and maintain their profile for the next provincial election (especially important if there is a minority provincial government).

Another pundit theory is that by having both the provincial and municipal elections in the fall, it would split voters' attention. That could create two factors — a confusing mix of municipal and provincial issues, preventing a thorough examination of political records and a low voter turnout, both possibly beneficial to the NDP.

If we recall the last disastrous provincial election call, it was because the Peterson government had seriously underestimated the voters.

We don't think this one should either.

Attendance urged for public meeting

Dear editor:

Big decisions about Georgetown's future will be made soon. Citizens should make a special effort to attend the public information presentation on Wednesday, June 22, 7:15 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

A committee has been meeting since last fall to examine the possible water supplies for Georgetown if it is to grow up to 40,000 people. One of the possibilities is water from Lake Ontario. Some of the information we don't have is, do citizens want to drink Lake Ontario

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water? And are citizens willing to practice water conservation?

On June 8th, the committee heard from a panel of three people on what is in the water. Dr. Donald Cole from McMaster University,

who has been doing research on contaminants in the Great Lakes and health effects, Hal Livingstone, an engineer in water treatment, and Robert Hart from Halton Region Health Department.

This is an opportunity to hear a description of what is being suggested and then ask questions. It is also important to fill in the comment sheets provided.

This is the citizens chance to get some information and have their say. Don't miss it.

Yours truly,
Barbara Halsall

Fed up with gay rights bill

Dear editor:

The concept of extension of spousal and marital benefits to "same sex" couples is laughable.

Simply stated, homosexuality is indisputably a biologically abnormal condition.

The concept of referring to homosexuality as "merely an alternate lifestyle" is only an attempt to legitimize the illegitimate. If

homosexuality is to be considered an "alternate lifestyle", then so should pedophilia and bestiality. Why not, they aren't mainstream predilections either.

If the leaders of our province would get out of the gay ghetto in Toronto more often, they may be surprised to find that heterosexuality is alive and well in suburban and rural Ontario. The bill was defeat-

ed, because, in a rare display of concern for constituent's wishes, the majority of elected MPPs voted against it. (Though self interest and a looming election probably helped steer their judgement).

As to our Attorney General's assertion that anyone who opposed her gay rights bill was homophobic, nope I'm homo-fed-up.

Don R. Dagenais



Mosquitoes and black flies are as sure a thing as death and taxes

You know, it's been a long time comin'.

Since the first peep of that robin in early spring, everyone around me has been wishing for warm weather.

And, judging from this past week, we've certainly got it in spades.

I think hot weather is great, with lots of sunshine, drizzling rain only in the middle of the night and a light breeze to make it interesting.

The skimpy clothes suddenly make an appearance with the hot weather, and warm summer nights are just perfect for sipping on a cold Sleeman's while kicking back on the veranda.

But I must admit there are some aspects of the hazy lazy, (and humid days) of summer I don't really care for.

It's the bugs.
Bugs, bugs, bugs.... they're everywhere!

Earlier this week I attended a number of softball games in Glen

Williams. By the luck of the draw, my four daughters (on three different teams) were scheduled to play in the Glen; one Tuesday night, one Wednesday night and one Thursday night.

And all in Glen Williams ball park.

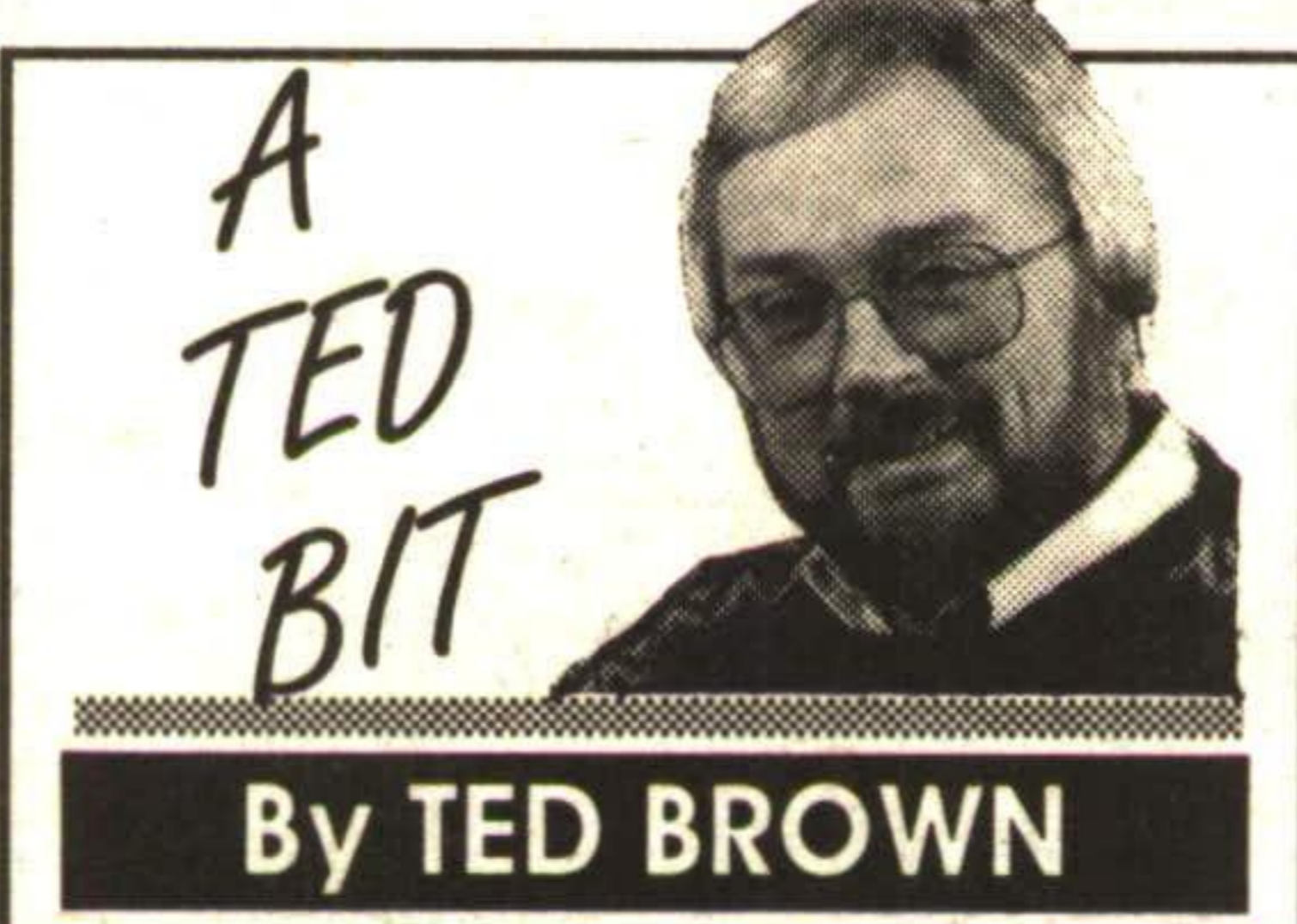
I've always enjoyed my visits to the Glen. The ball park is nestled in a crook along the bank of the Credit River as it meanders its way to Lake Ontario. It's a very scenic park, and, given the years it has been there, seems to breathe an atmosphere of baseball.

But there is one aspect of Glen Williams ball park at this time of the year that can be a tad tiring.

It's the bugs.
I swear to God, that park has the region's monopoly on mosquitoes.

With its close proximity to that scenic Credit, it provides a perfect breeding ground for the little critters.

And not little, inconsequential mosquitoes.



Nope, these ones are the big 'uns. I'd estimate they're about the size of a small sparrow.

By the end of the first evening spent at Glen Williams, I had donated my token pint of blood to the local chapter of the Glen Williams Mosquito Bloodsuckers Association's insect cause. I was almost feeling a little anemic, and somewhat weak.

And that was only the first night. Two more nights and they had me in dire need of a blood transfusion.

And to think it's only the female of the mosquito species that bite....

I know Glen Williams isn't the only park with bugs. Even our own Limehouse ball park has a healthy tiny black fly population; you know, those itty bitty mites that get tangled in your hair, or fly behind your eye glasses and stick in the corner of your eye, just after they bitten you behind the ears.

But they're little ones.
And other parks have different bug pests, like deer flies and black flies.

But those Glen mosquitoes are the limit.

I know I could use bug repellent, but I'm not a fan of spraying some chemical all over me.

It stinks.
Besides, after watching others around me who have plastered and painted themselves with any one of a multitude of different so-called wonder sprays, those same people still seem to spend as much time as me swatting and cursing the little bugs.

I don't want to come across as

a complainer and I realize bugs play a valued role in nature's chain, providing food for birds and the birds providing white spots on my car, and so on....

But why do mosquitoes have to target humans? Do we have sweeter blood or are we just more convenient targets with all those wide expanses of flesh, as we parade around in our shorts, T-shirts and tank tops?

Whatever the reason, at this time of the year, mosquitoes and black flies are just about as sure a thing as death and taxes.

They've always been here, and I suspect they always will, wreaking havoc on unsuspecting summer sun worshippers as they suck blood and create those itchy little bumps.

But as the heat bears down on us as we enjoy summer and the humidity allows them to breed, there is one small consolation.

Before you know it, the little devils will be frozen out with the first frost.