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Ward 6 Brampton resident fears tire storage

Dear editor:

The next time you travel along Highway 7 westbound, take a look at the farm on your left handside, just pass Chinguacousy Road and right before the bridge. The farm seems like the perfect farm, with its well manicured lawn and storybook red barn. Behind the barn, the owners have approximately a dozen 45 foot tractor trailers parked there. What is in those dozen trailers and that storybook barn? The answer is used automotive tires. The trailers and the barn are full of them.

How do you feel about this picturesque farm now? Most people of the general public do not know

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what is stored at the farm. When they hear, the first thing that comes to their minds is the Hagersville tire fire. What if that happens here in Brampton? This farm is located near homes, a main commuter railroad line, a main highway and cattle and fruit farms.

As you drive past the farm, take

notice of the 45 foot tractor trailer out front. The trailer has been professionally painted to display support of a candidate for council for Ward 6 of Brampton. This candidate is known by the general public as an anti-dump activist, and be supported by people who are dealing in a potential environmental hazard. Is this someone you want on council?

As municipal elections increase in momentum, this issue must be brought before the electors and potential councillors.

Norma Reinhart, Ward 6
Brampton

Brampton regional councillor answers concerns

The following letter was filed with this newspaper for publication. An open letter to the residents of Ward 6:

As your regional councillor, I wish to respond to a letter which I am advised has been circulated throughout the ward, respecting a "potential environmental hazard."

I am aware of the situation referred to in the letter and am fully confident that it has never pre-

sented a threat to the residents of Ward 6, like Hagersville. Hagersville had over one million tires; this site has just over 1,000.

Since the owners of the property were advised by the City (of Brampton) that the tenant could no longer store his product on their premises under existing conditions, both the owners and the tenant have cooperated fully with the City to resolve the situation.

They were given the option of upgrading the property under the Fire Code and applying to rezone to permit the continued use, or to relocate. The tenant has decided that it is not financially feasible to do the upgrading required and has, therefore, agreed to vacate the property in accordance with the deadline set by the City.

Paul Palleschi
Regional Councillor Ward 2,6, 10

Positive move

It's great to see a new location for a police station in Acton has been found by the Halton Regional Police Service.

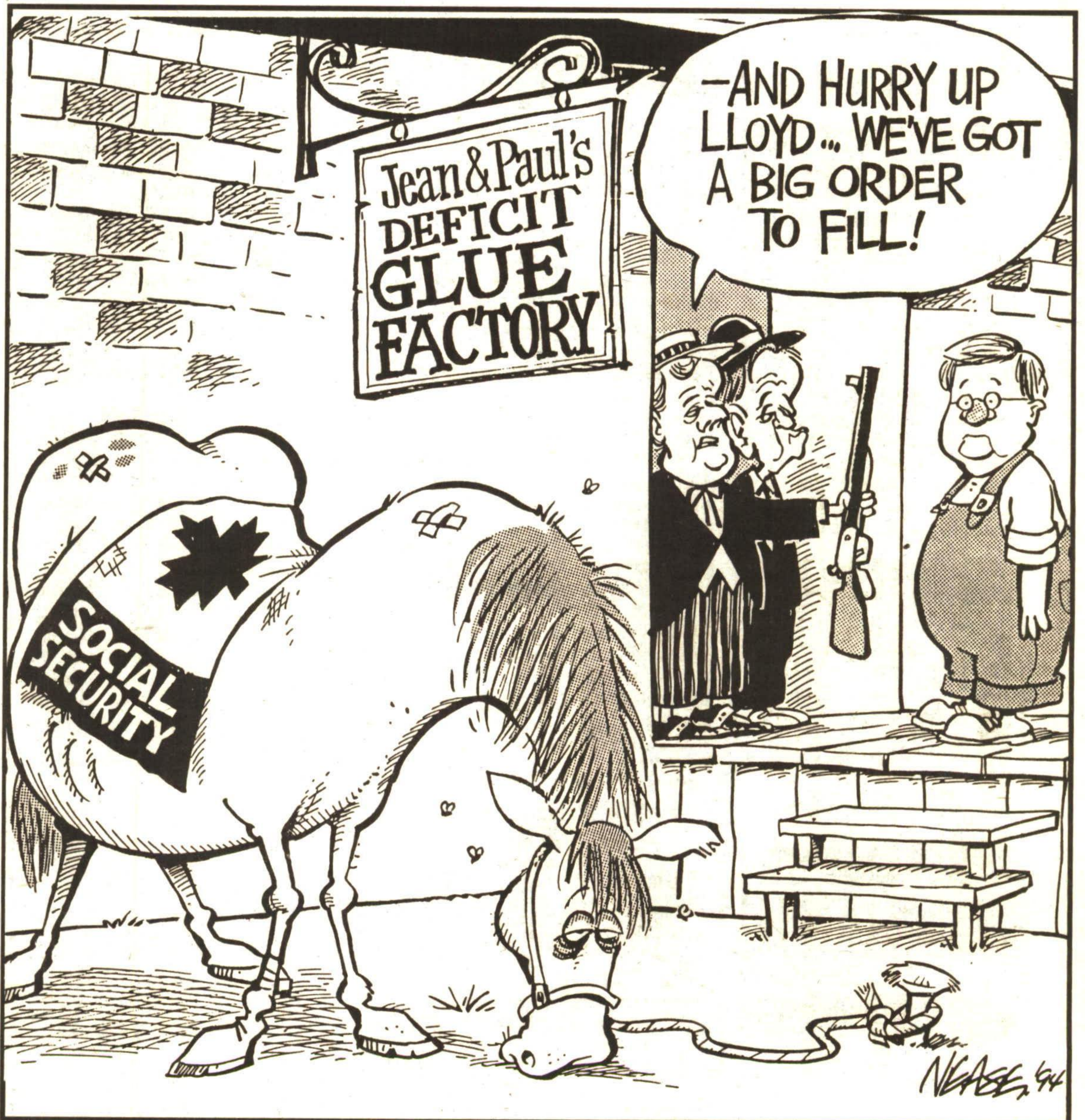
Although not the hoped for store front location, and not on the main avenue through Acton, it will still provide Actonians with a sense of security knowing that there is, at least, a police station.

When Bev Jones, chairman of the Acton Community Consultation Committee, told us a few weeks ago about the possible closure, he said, "this downtown office provides a drop-in where citizens can discuss face to face their fears or concerns with the village constables and therefore develop a positive relationship between the police and the community."

The Halton Regional Police Service has made important positive strides in the last few years with their return to community policing and village constable programs. These programs, plus the continued presence of the stations in the communities of Acton and Georgetown, have done much to foster this positive relationship.

We hope that this relationship will continue and it will not be unsettled by any future funding cutbacks.

North Halton has seen its fair share of downsizing in the Halton Police Service budget.



There's a look editors save for those moments

Every fisherman has talked about the one that got away.

I know I have.

But in the newspaper business, when photographers talk about "the one that got away," they are usually referring to a photo, not a fish.

I'm not talking about the disappointment of missing a certain sports shot, or a particular planned event.

Nope, I talking about THE BIG ONE, the super duper, one-of-a-kind-on-the-spot news shot that only happens once in a blue moon.

Everyone in the business has had it happen; I know from experience.

And earlier this week, one of our freelance photographers at The Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press had the joy of experiencing it firsthand.

By now, everyone around has heard about the bizarre accident of last weekend, in which a fellow fell off the balcony of one of our local high rise apartment buildings, and was impaled on a sign post in the

parking lot below.

Although it's a gruesome story, it certainly qualified as one of those aforementioned one-of-a-kind news events.

And Herb Garbutt, one of our freelancers, lives in that same building.

In fact, the fellow who ended up on the ground fell from the balcony directly above Herb's apartment.

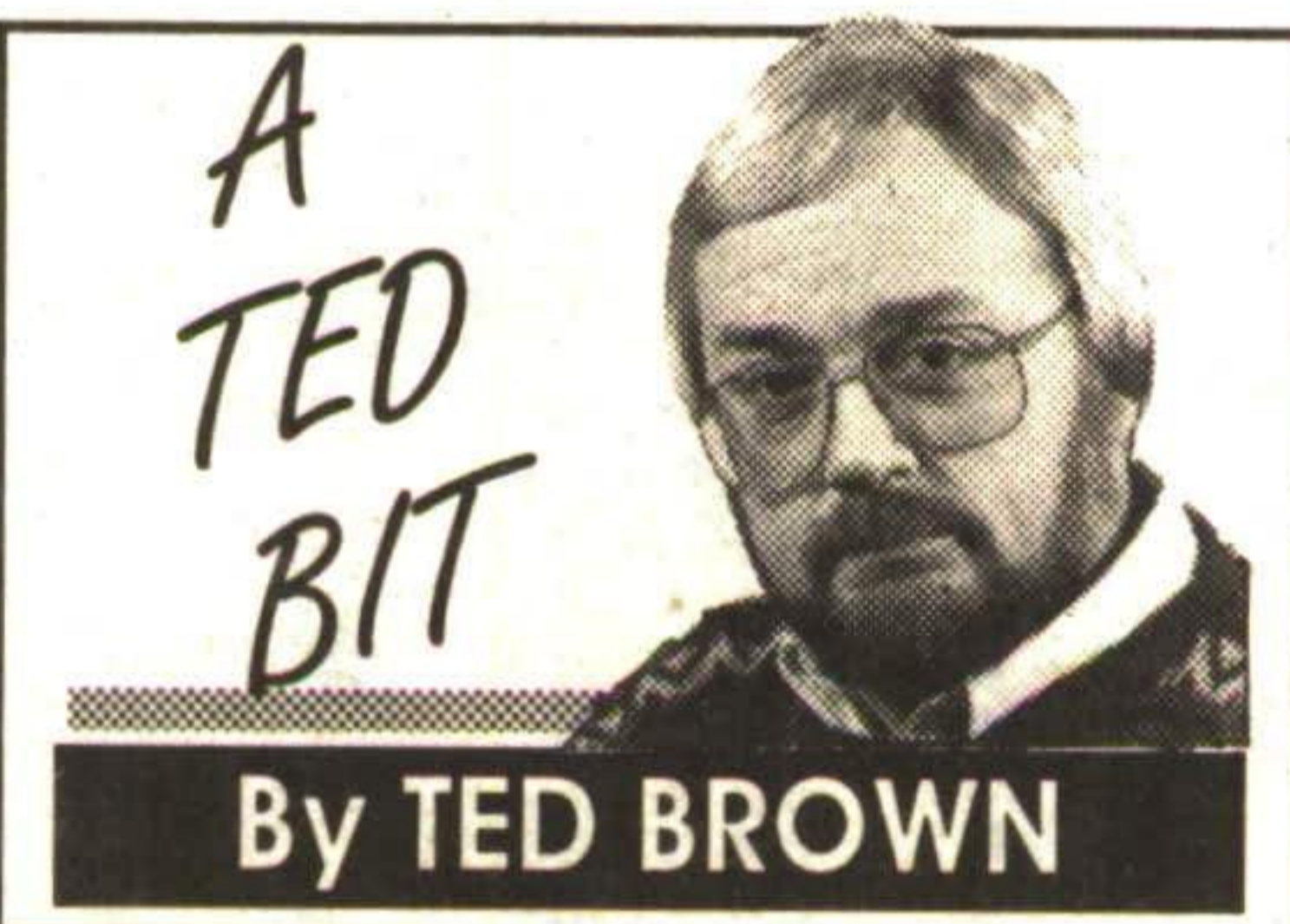
"I was playing baseball on the computer when I heard a scraping sound outside my balcony," said Herb last Monday morning, "I guess it was the sound of his feet slipping on the wall (above the balcony)."

We were all excited as he described the accident in detail, and after the whole story had been told, he finished up with the giant killer.

"Yeah, it was quite a thing, and guess what? I lent my camera to my parents to attend a wedding," he grinned.

I looked at Herb hoping he was kidding.

He wasn't.



"You mean to say you had an unimpeded view of the entire scene and no camera!" I said, "My gawd Herb, no one could even get in front of you from your position."

"Yeah, talk about bad luck, eh?" Of course, Herb felt there was a good side to the story.

He says he now knows what to get his parents for Christmas.

A camera. But Herb's story reminded me of other similar events.

Like the time when the then Georgetown Independent news editor Anne Currie spent a quiet afternoon at her desk back in the days

when our office was located at 30 Main St. S. When Anne went out the door to head home later in the afternoon, she learned the Toronto Dominion Bank next door had been held up by an armed robber.

The TD Bank was on the other side of the wall behind her desk, through a scant six inches of plaster and wood.

And Anne missed it. She was a little ticked off, to say the least.

Of course, I've missed my share of events as well, but the one that always sticks in my mind was the Saturday morning I headed into town to take my daughters to the library so they could do a little research for a school project.

I spent a leisurely hour and a half in the library, killing time and visiting, and emerged to find the people on the Main St. of Georgetown a little agitated.

It seems members of an area Ku Klux Klan chapter had spent some time at the four-corner traffic lights

of Main St., handing out literature to passing motorists.

And me sitting a block away at the library, waiting on my kids.

Heck, I even had a camera in the trunk of my car that day.

Missing news events isn't limited to community newspaper photographers. I recall one of the shooters at a Toronto daily who told me of going out to cover a major accident, carrying two cameras. After shooting the event, he returned to find his parked car had been towed away, and later realized one camera had no film in it, while the other had a defective shutter.

He had nothing to show for his afternoon's work.

There's a look editors reserve for those moments when photographers have to explain why they DON'T have the photo.

I usually shrug it off with the statement "well, I can't be everywhere ALL the time."

But if I am, I make sure I have a camera.