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Review your habits

Once again this newspaper is reporting about two more home fires; this week causing total damage at approximately \$140,000.

It seems this year, reporting about house fires is becoming a regular occurrence. Already there's been at least five major blazes, and the year is only half over. Fortunately there have been no fatalities.

Carelessness is playing a part in some of the fires, and it's proving to be costly — rebuilding the homes, replacing lost items, burdening a volunteer firefighter force ...

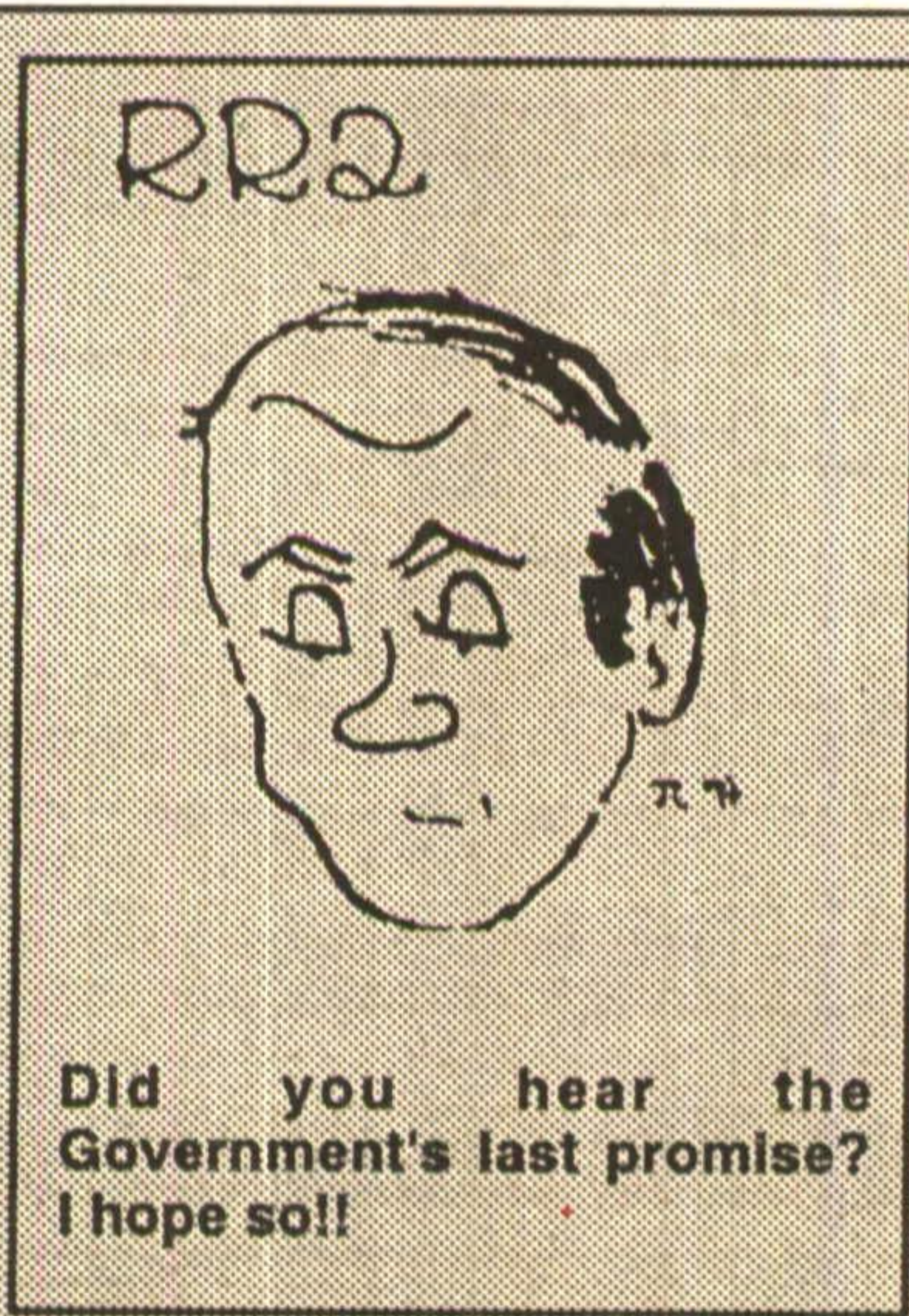
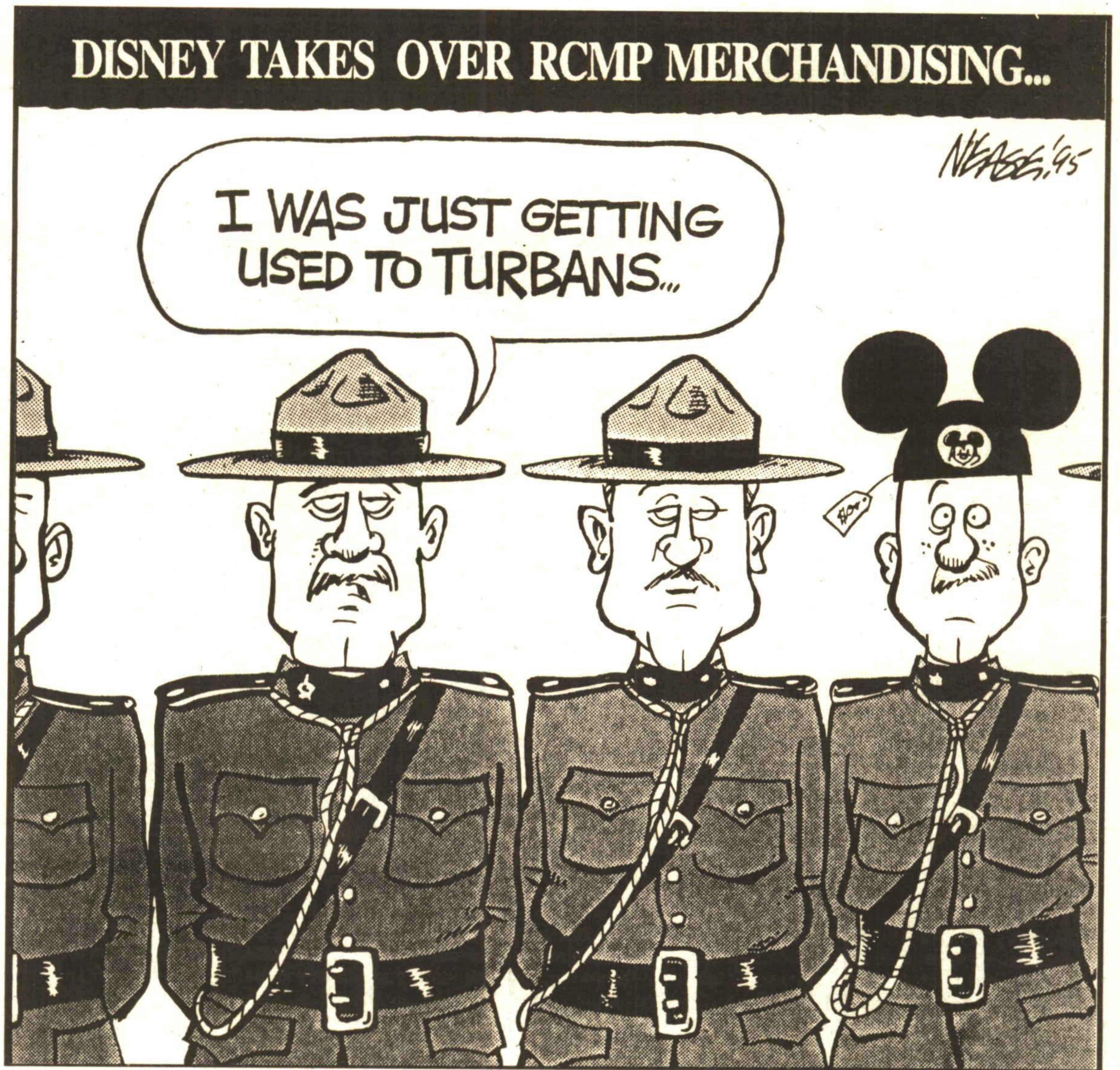
However, the greatest price paid to date has been the irrevocably destroyed memories and keepsakes.

Do you want to lose yours?

Let's take a good look around our homes this weekend — inside and out — to identify possible potentials for fire: overloaded electrical cords, drapes or towels flapping over hot elements like lamps or stoves, leaking barbecues, poorly stored flammable materials like paints, unsafe disposal of cigarette ashes ...

Yes, some fires occur which just cannot be prevented, but there are many more that could have been, had homeowners been just a little bit more vigilant in their fire prevention habits.

Don't become another fire statistic, review your fire prevention habits — protect your home and your family.



Did you know?

What's Canada's favorite summertime treat? Without a doubt, it's ice cream in one form or another. According to the ice cream experts at Good Humor-Breyers, Canadians eat approximately 200 million litres of ice cream a year — almost 9 litres or 144 scoops. That ranks Canadians third behind Americans and Australians for per capita ice cream consumption around the world.

DISNEY TAKES OVER RCMP MERCHANDISING...

Our readers write

Take care of the trail — pack your trash

Dear editor:

I've thought of many ways to start this letter, but I'm not sure which way would be the most attention getting or accurate. So I'll start by stating this letter is about the Bruce Trail, hiking (with your dog), common sense and responsibility.

On Monday, May 22 my husband and our dog set off for a hike along the Bruce Trail. We feel very lucky to live in an area with so much open space and so many areas left for everyone to enjoy and explore. This hike, however, took a very bad turn.

At one point along the trail

our dog, Sherlock, stepped on what must have been a large piece of glass. I won't bore you with the details, but we spent an hour at the vet's office on a Holiday Monday — the end result is one dog with a very sore paw with eight stitches (two to close the artery) and seven days worth of Amoxil to take.

Now I know you're saying so what's the point. The point is one should never take glass on the Bruce Trail. If you find have no other choice, then take it back out when you leave. If it breaks pick it up and if you can't, then bury it. We all have to take care of the

things we use and take for granted. If we can't take care of our Bruce Trail, it won't be much of a place to spend time to enjoy what nature there is around us.

I love my dog, but I'm just glad that it wasn't a child that got hurt. My only regret is that the people responsible for breaking the glass will, either not read this letter or think that it wasn't them.

Thank you to the Halton Hills Animal Clinic and to Dr. A. Wielinga for everything they did. Remember your actions do affect other people — whether you know it or not.

Dona Wenzel

Thanks to Acton for successful blood donor clinic

Dear editor:

On behalf of the Halton Hills branch of the Canadian Red Cross, we would like to say thank you to all of the people who took part in the recent Acton Blood Donor Clinic.

Once again, the people of Acton showed their concern and willingness to help others; 125 units of blood were collected at the June 22 clinic. Blood supplies can fall seriously short in the summer months when everyone seems

to be away on vacation. For those people who can't make the clinic, we encourage you to make your donation at any other clinic, as the need for blood never decreases.

Special thanks to The Acton Free Press for advertising the clinic in this paper.

Of course the clinic could not be such a success without the many volunteers, who helped run it, and the continued support of the Acton Legion.

Thank you to all of the great donors and volunteers from Acton and the surrounding area. Through your efforts, you have made it possible to give other the gift of life!

We look forward to seeing you again, at the next clinic on September 28. We appreciate your continued support.

Julia Roehrig
assistant chairman
Acton Red Cross Blood
Donor Committee

Money well is dry — begin arena fundraising

Dear editor:

Re: funding for Acton's new arena

Halton Hills Park and Recreation director Tom Shepard says don't worry, the province has the money allocated. What money Tom? The province is \$90 billion in debt. That is enough to build 20,000 arenas Tom. The annual carrying charge on the

provincial debt alone cost the equivalent of 200 arenas.

The new arena committee, rather than standing with their mouths open, waiting for the past three years for mother province to feed them funds, should have been out fundraising. Other Ontario communities have built new arenas or refurbished old ones with little or no help from the

province. Why can't Acton?

We all must face the fact that the money well is dry. With the wonder of compound interest, any provincial money spent now will come out of the pockets of our children and our children's children. This generation has absolutely no right to decide how to spend the next generation's wealth (if there is any).

Don Dagenais