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It's for another chance

Every day 5,000 people must give blood so that the Red Cross can meet the requirements of patients at Canadian hospitals.

Who will get your blood?

Do you have a family member with cancer? Transfusion support during chemotherapy is very important.

It's for children who are perhaps too much of a daredevil or who eat or drink something poisonous.

It's for new mothers needing transfusions or for a new baby needing a complete change of blood supply.

It's for accident and burn victims. It's for transplant recipients, people with blood disorders and those undergoing major surgery like a heart bypass.

It's for anybody of any age who has a bleeding ulcer.

It's for people who were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The Red Cross has this simple message — when you give blood, you give another person another day at the beach, another hike in the woods, another night under the stars, another smile, another hug, another chance.

Halton Hills's next blood donor clinic is tomorrow, Feb. 12, 1:30-8 p.m. at Holy Cross Church Hall, Maple Ave., Georgetown.

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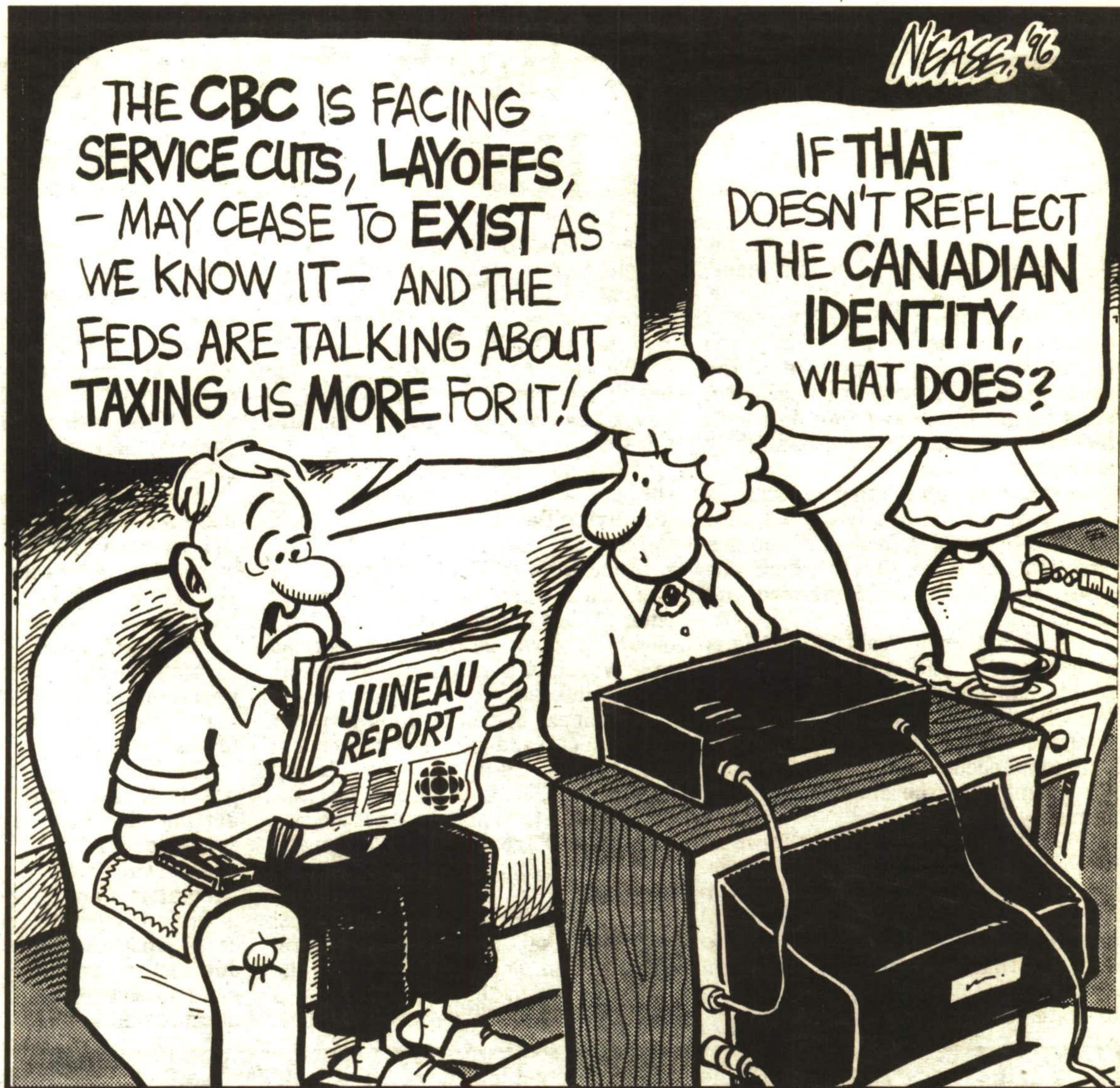


My cousin draws poggy. He figures that makes him an artist so he's applied for a grant!

Did you know?

Black bears possess the unique capability of not eating, drinking, urinating or defecating for about five months in the winter without accumulating nitrogen waste products like urea. A two-year project at the University of Guelph hopes to find out more about the physiological functions of bears during hibernation, specifically how the animals recycle potentially harmful nitrogen wastes. The study on 50 bears will increase understanding of protein and fat metabolism in other animals.

— University of Guelph



Vindicated at last!

For years I've felt under privileged.

You know, not quite up to standard, a little deprived.

Those feelings have always accompanied a discussion in the office about what was on TV the night before.

You see, I live in the country, (also referred to as the sticks, boonies and other less than complimentary names.)

And although writers, ecologists and other such experts will extol the virtues of living in the aforementioned boonies, citing such advantages as privacy, clean air and lots of room for your Doberman to roam, they tend to overlook the one thing we 'booners,' (inhabitants of the boonies) are forced to do without.

Cable TV.

Plain and simple, because of our geographic location, we can't enjoy the one thing the rest of the civilized world considers a God-given staple of life.

Every time I take part in a discussion about what was on TV the night before, I feel, well, almost inadequate.

"Did you see that concert on Much Music last night, Ted," an inconsiderate co-worker will say, "It was just great."

Or the irritating sports addict who feels compelled to describe every play, right down to an infinitesimal detail, about a great game on the sports channel.

And there's that ever-annoying female editor in my office who is driven to mention a special program

she caught on A&E the night before, simply because she knows I squirm inside and turn a million shades of green, cuz I couldn't see it.

They're cruel people.

Now I know cable TV isn't the be-all and end-all of the world. There are dish antennas and other such contrivances to coax those wonderful little signals into my house and ultimately my TV.

Unfortunately, they're a tad pricey for us plebs in the real world.

But this past week, I was able to enjoy my own perverse little feelings of joy as the latest scuttlebutt about the

was to tax cable TV.

I'm nearly giddy at the thought.

My moment has come.

I feel so, so, vindicated.

Yup, for a paltry nine bucks a month from every household subscribing to cable, the CBC will most certainly be saved, dropping another billion bucks a year into the coffers of mismanagement.

I can hardly contain myself, as I watch the grimaces on the faces of my co-workers, those same co-workers who took delight in rubbing my nose in the fact I had no cable.

Of course, the cable tax isn't the only suggestion. The powers-that-be also want to hit another sector of the population with a tax on long distant telephone calls.

I'm grinning again.

You see, our family hardly ever makes a long distant call.

We're so long distance illiterate, telemarketers from long distance calling companies have a special asterisk beside our name in the book, delegating us to the "not worth the time to dial" category.

If our long distance bill is more than \$2, we're searching that invoice with a fine tooth comb to find out who made all those calls.

So, go ahead Pierre Juneau and all your cronies. Save the CBC, tax the cable bills and that long distance feeling.

Cuz I don't really care.

But don't get me wrong, the CBC does have some value.

Without it, I'd be forced to buy sleeping pills.

A TED BIT



By TED BROWN

CBC came down the tubes.

You see, in their infinite wisdom, the great gods of communication, (in the form of a task force headed by former CBC boss Pierre Juneau,) have decided to try and take control of the outlandish bite the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation takes out of our tax dollars.

The suggestions have many residents of Canada nearly up in arms, ready to march on Ottawa, with cable converters and speed dialing phones in hand to demonstrate on the grounds of Parliament Hill.

You see, one suggestion