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Let freedom ring

When you turn on your favorite radio station today, take a moment to think about who made it possible for you to have a choice in what you listen to.

When you go to the grocery store, consider for a moment the freedom you have to purchase food at a store of your choosing.

When you read your paper, stop for a minute and contemplate the fact that you enjoy a free press where a variety of opinions are not only welcomed, but encouraged.

When you write that letter to your local politician complaining about something that upsets you, take a second to reflect on the fact that you will not be persecuted for doing so.

When you take a book out of the library, think about what it would be like if you were told what you can and can't read.

When you look at your paycheque, consider the possibility of what life would be like if there was no free enterprise or labor laws.

When you book your winter vacation, consider the fact that you have the freedom to visit any country you wish.

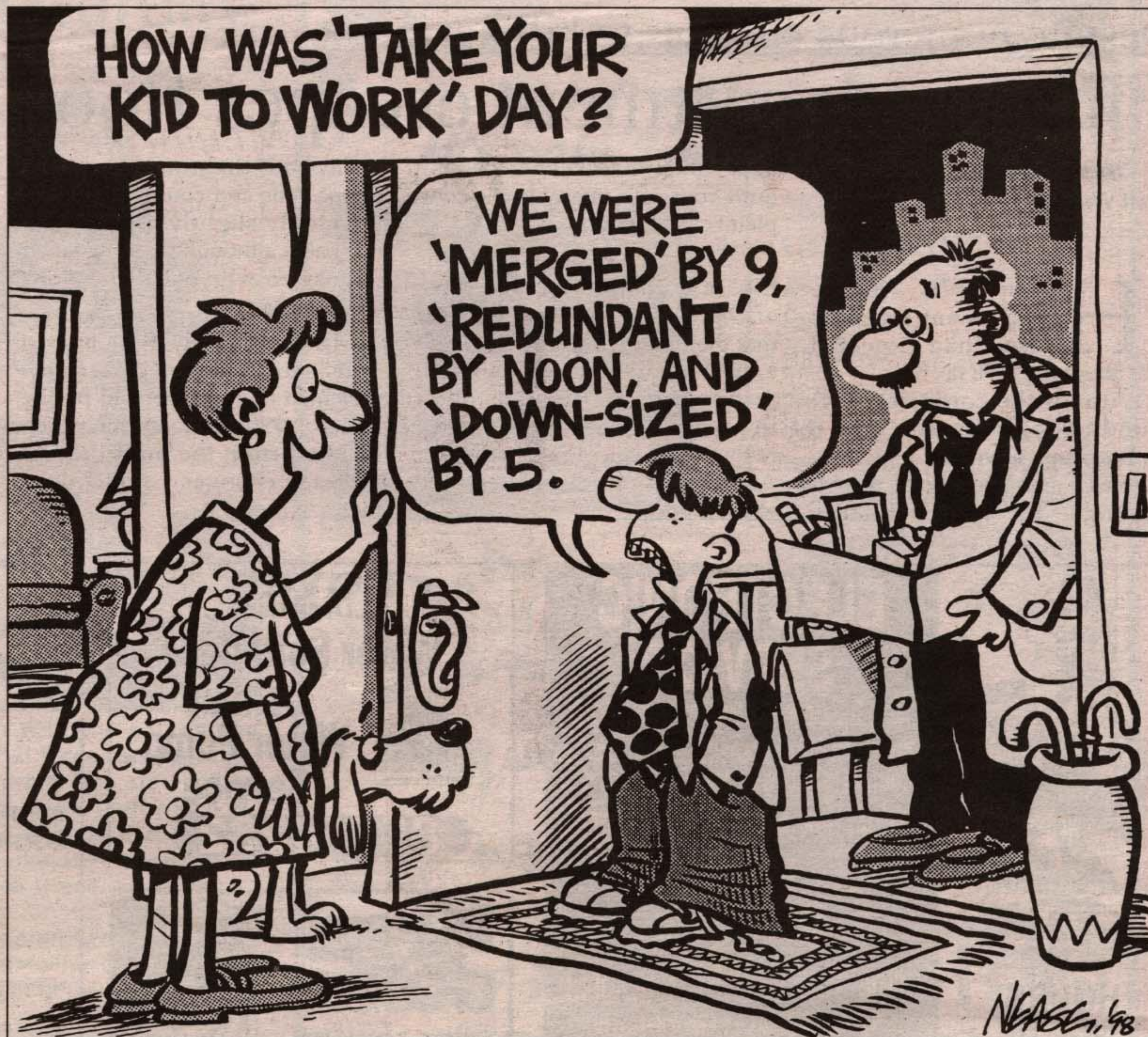
When you pray at your church this week take comfort in the knowledge that you are allowed to worship when and where you want.

When you pass the police officer, consider that he or she is there to protect you and others in the community and is a symbol to be respected, not reviled.

Everyday we take for granted the little freedoms and pleasures that make life worth living. However, not often enough do we take the time to consider the extreme sacrifices our war veterans made so that we can enjoy the freedom we have today.

We owe them a debt that can never be repaid, but it is important that they realize just how grateful we are for what they did.

We thank, and salute, them all.



School council is the voice for St. Francis

Dear editor,

Once again, we, the school council of Saint Francis of Assisi School, are most disheartened to learn that your paper has chosen to respond to allegations made against Saint Francis of Assisi without consulting the elected parent body of the school council.

Had you contacted us regarding the alleged concerns of air quality, you would have learned that as a council we have nothing but praise for the hard work the staff of Saint Francis of Assisi has put in to making this temporary site an appropriate and comfortable facility.

We know the Wrigglesworth building is simply a temporary site for this school year only, where our children will be taught during the renovations to our former location. To date, no complaints have come to the council about conditions at the school.

Last spring, we reminded the school community that we were their voice through which to channel concerns regarding the operations of the school. We made it clear that anyone was welcome to the school council meetings to present concerns for discussion. This is still the case, providing such information is submitted by the Friday preceding the meeting to allow for agenda preparation.

It is most inappropriate and unacceptable that a few parents have decided to ignore the procedures and vehicles, specifically the elected school council and the principal, who have been instituted to communicate and to effect

Letter of the day

Kids Day a great success

Dear editor,

A hearty thanks to your donation to Kids Day International. Our purpose was to educate children and inform parents of the health, safety and environmental issues affecting our community. With your help, we feel we were very successful in reaching the goal.

We had over 150 new friends and neighbors attend the event and we were able to provide child I.D. cards for more than 100 children! The co-operation we received from within the community was overwhelming. It was wonderful to see everyone come together for the benefit of children!

We would like to remind you that a "Thank You" advertisement to all of our contributors was placed in The Independent & Free Press on Saturday, October 3. We wanted to acknowledge your participation and allow the whole community to realize your commitment to children!

Dr. Gary Butwell and staff

positive change—in the best interests of all parents and students. We believe that the dissemination of misinformation is misleading and a disservice to the community we serve.

On behalf of all parents, the school council is concerned about our children's well-being. We would not sit idly by if we thought that the conditions of the school were unsafe.

Until we move to our renovated site, we believe the

board will continue to honor its pledge to keep our present building safe in all aspects.

Frank Loreto, chair
St. Francis of Assisi
school council

(Editor's note: For the record, apart from interviewing the parents who complained, we also interviewed the Area Manager for Environmental Health of Halton Region and the Halton Catholic District School Board's superintendent of plant).

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