

Lordy, lordy wifey's 40!

As romantic places go, I'm sure there are better spots, but it was in the morgue where I got up the nerve to ask her out.

(No, not *that* kind of morgue with toe tags, but the room in a newspaper office where back issues are kept.) Actually, it was the fourth time I asked her to go out with me, having been politely turned down on three previous attempts.

She was the new kid at the paper— 20, pretty, petite and blonde— and the only female in the newsroom who wasn't (a) married (b) pregnant or (c) a member of the Let's-Kill-All-Men Club.

I took her to dinner and a movie for our first date. I remember ordering chateau briand— a hunk of beef made for two that could have fed a small country— and watching her eat three carrots and a roll. (She claims she was too nervous to eat.)

Being of Scottish descent there was no way I was letting a \$27 cut of meat go to waste so I proceeded to eat the mini-cow. (Hey, I was nervous too.)

She must have thought I was Henry VIII; I thought she was Twiggy.

Being the sensitive type, I thought a romantic movie would be appropriate so I took her to see Prom Night— a horror-slasher film. I noticed halfway through the flick she had spent more time looking at the walls and floor than the blood splattering on the screen in front of us.

As first dates went, it was anything but a classic but, surprisingly, a second date followed, then a third, then... well, let's just say wifey and I have had an interesting 20 years.

It's mind-boggling when I think about it, but I've known this transplanted Brit

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John McGhie

for half her life— that's right, wifey turns 40 Friday!

To me, she's still that 20 year-old who hates horror films, gets nervous when confronted with a huge meal, refuses to kill insects that get inside the house, never met a furry creature she didn't like, puts her family before all else, is generous to a fault, can cut you in half with "the look", tips the paper boy way too much, is a notorious back seat driver, hates Black Sabbath and likes John Denver, detests door-to-door salespeople, loves gardening, hates hockey, irons my clothes (including T-shirts), watches Antiques Roadshow, drives fast and really doesn't want to be 40.

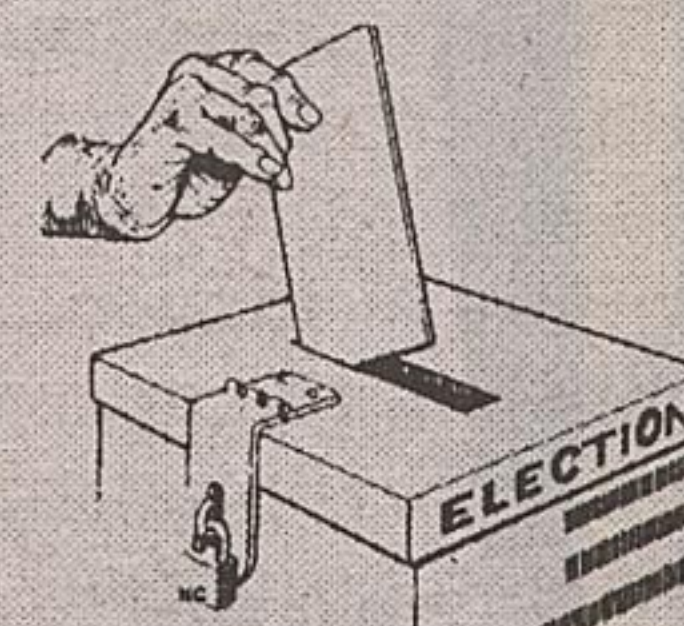
I've promised her that her milestone birthday will be a low-key affair— no surprise party, no idiotic 40 flamingos on the front lawn, no streamers in the trees, no singing telegrams and, because we both are newspaper editors, no goofy 40th birthday ads featuring decades-old photos with dumb captions like Lordy, Lordy Look Who's 40 (like the one at the bottom of this page).

No sir, wifey's 40th birthday party will be one of dignity and class. All I have to do is find a morgue where I can hold it.

Happy birthday, wifey.

Municipal election 2000

Monday,
November 13



The candidates

Mayor (one seat)

Marilyn Serjeantson (incumbent)
Kathy Gastle (incumbent Ward 2)
Robert Heaton

Ward 1 (two seats)

Clark Somerville (incumbent)
Diane Biggs
Dobbie Frizzell
Stephen Grasby
Jake Kuiken

Ward 2 (two seats)

Kevin Kuiack (incumbent)
Bryan Lewis
Joan Robson

Ward 3 (two seats)

Jane Fogal (incumbent)
Moya Johnson (incumbent)
Mike Davis

Ward 4 (two seats)

Ron Chatten (incumbent)
Bob Inglis (incumbent)
Derrick Williams

Wards 1/2 regional (one seat)

Rick Bonnette (incumbent)
Rita Landry

Halton Region chair (one seat)

Joyce Savoline (incumbent)
Lisa Cooper
Anne Marsden

Halton Catholic District School Board trustee (one seat)

Irene McCauley (incumbent)
Paul McDougall

Letter to the editor

Reader offers advice to Mountainview Road drivers and residents

Dear editor,

Re: Parking on Mountainview Road South.

In all my years of driving, I have yet to see a parked car cause an accident. People behind the wheel cause accidents.

If more people drove their vehicles defensively, incidents like the recent bus accident could have been avoided. Everybody seems to be in a rush

nowadays. Either they're talking on the phone, having a bite, fixing their hair, reading the newspaper, reaching for something or they're just in a daze. People, learn to drive properly.

We, as humans, are the ones who cause accidents, not parked cars. I'm not thrilled these people park their cars out in the street. People park their cars on side streets every day. Why

aren't people complaining about that issue?

Police can't be everywhere at the same time. We, as residents and drivers, should be more aware of everyday traffic changes. Look at your speedometer next time you travel this stretch of road, you might learn something.

As for the residents of Mountainview Road I have some advice for you. Learn to

back up into your driveway and bring your vehicle to a safe stop just past your driveway while looking for pedestrians on the sidewalk. Now you have a clear view of what's happening around you. Who cares if there's a car behind you? That person will soon get the message to go around you. When it's clear to back into your driveway, proceed to back up safely.

When you do have to get out you'll see that it's much easier to get out of your driveway because you have a clear view in front of you and are able to see traffic better.

People travelling this road every day have total disregard for the laws that are in place for our safety. Slow down and be more aware.

Eddie Pereira, Georgetown

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Happy 40th Wifey... from Hubby