

Editorial H2Oh-oh!

Not that we needed it, but Canadians from coast to coast have been given a reminder that there is nothing more fearsome than a woman scorned.

The woman in this case is Mother Nature.

From British Columbia to Prince Edward Island, the country is experiencing a lengthy drought that has left meteorologists rifling through the record books and farmers facing financial ruin.

Here in Halton, where we hadn't seen rain in two weeks until yesterday (Thursday), a watering ban has been in effect for a week and is being extended through this weekend.

The ban means residents are not allowed to water their lawns, even though we have seen many homeowners this week defying that ban. Hand-watering of flower and vegetable gardens is allowed as is the watering of newly-laid sod.

Homeowners with private wells do not face watering restrictions.

The ban is necessary in order ensure there is enough water in the region's reservoirs for safety and essential household needs. We urge all residents to obey the ban.

We know it is difficult to watch once-healthy lawns turn brown, but that is the price we must pay until Mother Nature gets over her tantrum.



Letters to the editor...

Reader thankful for Adopt a Dog worker

Dear editor,

I was so outraged when I read the letter from Brian Dexter responding to a story about Belinda Migue and

the Toronto Adopt a Dog program.

First off, who does Brian think he is telling people who they should and should not volunteer for? I commend Belinda for volunteering her time for such a needy cause. At least her efforts are immediately doing some good, not like other organizations.

I would rather give my money and or time to the animal welfare before anything else. People can at least speak for themselves, ask for help and learn to take care of themselves. What can animals do? They can't speak for themselves or ask for help. A lot of times, they can't even leave because some careless owner has them chained up or locked up, often without food or water! It makes me sick just thinking about all of the abused animals out there that are in desperate need of love and nurturing.

It makes me even sicker to know there are people like Mr. Dexter out there who would probably not look twice at a hurt animal in need of

help. Thank God for people with a heart as big as Belinda's and all of the other volunteers out there donating their time.

Mandy Kerfoot,
Acton

Volunteer applauded

Dear editor,

It is a sad reflection upon society today that a woman who is spending her free time trying to help unfortunate animals has to read such negative attitudes in your newspaper. (Please note that Ms. Migue is holding a small child so I would presume that her days are quite full).

I hope Ms. Migue realizes that there are many people who applaud and appreciate her efforts.

It would be very interesting to read the reaction of Mr. Dexter's views by the owners of seeing-eye dogs, police officers in the canine unit or any member of society who simply enjoy the companionship of "man's best friend".

Bob Warren, Acton

Park vandals 'appalling'

Dear editor,

I am appalled by the actions of the vandals who desecrated the cenotaph at our new memorial park recently.

This sort of behaviour does not typify our youth as a whole, but this action smears all our youth.

To the public at large, I ask that if you have any information that may help to stop this silly practice, please, pass it on to the police.

Bob McMenemy, Georgetown

Subdivision is a 'disgrace'

Dear editor,

When I read the letter from Andrew Shone (August 3) I must admit I was glad to hear that someone else in this subdivision was unhappy.

I am a senior citizen who had looked near and far for a bungalow townhouse. In May 2000 I saw plans for a row of townhouses in Trafalgar Country. I was delighted with the plan and decided to move to Georgetown.

What a mistake!

I moved in last November and expected that most of the houses would be built or under construction. I am surrounded by empty lots filled with weeds. I have no grass nor do my neighbours. This area is a disgrace.

Please don't tell me to talk to my builder as I have done that many, many times. I so looked forward to the move but wish I had stayed in Mississauga.

Marjorie Worthington, Georgetown

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