

Relay for Life a moving experience

Although the medical community has made great strides in the war on cancer in the last 50 years, the disease continues to steal mothers, fathers, daughters, sons and siblings.

The frontline of that war will slice through Georgetown tonight when the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life takes place at the Gellert Community Centre.

The Relay for Life is a truly unique fundraiser that we fully support getting involved in.

It's fun, emotional, and extremely rewarding. For those unfamiliar with this worthy cause, Relay for Life is a 12-hour, overnight event that takes place once a year in more than 480 cities across the country.

The Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life is an opportunity to get together with family and friends and celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and fight back in the hope of finding a cure for this terrible disease.

One of the most heart-warming features of the Relay for Life is the lighting of luminaries in honour of those stolen by cancer.

These lights pay tribute to loved ones and provide inspiration to participants all night long.

It is a sight that participants will never forget.

At last count 50 teams have registered for the third annual Georgetown event that has only grown in popularity each year.

We congratulate the organizers and participants for their hard work and dedication in helping to fight this insidious disease.

What do you think?

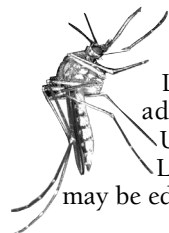
Below are the results of our most recent online poll. For the current poll go to www.independentfreepress.com

Do you think the elimination of store 'power-walls' (the colourful retail displays behind many store counters) will help to prevent people from buying tobacco products?

- Yes (35%)
- No (65%)

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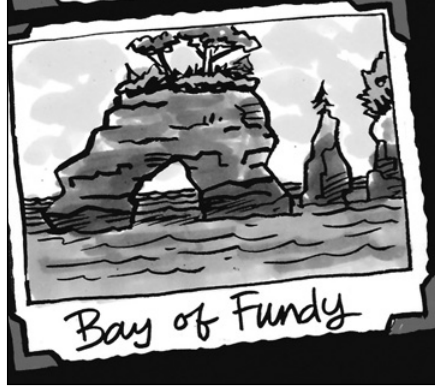
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Norval heritage argument is misguided

Re: "Fight continues over Norval store" (May 30 *Independent & Free Press*).

It is with some bewilderment that I've observed the response of some members of the Norval community to the proposed demolition of the Carpet Palace. There is a simple reason why this building was not included in the Heritage Halton Hills heritage inventory compiled last year. Despite the claim by some that the building is of significant historical value, it is aesthetically ugly (seriously, look at it and try to convince me otherwise), highly modified from its original state, and most importantly, a significant safety hazard in its current condition and location.

I am in favour of taking meaningful steps to preserve heritage, but have to believe there are more critical battles than saving The Carpet Palace building. The idea of using the building as a local museum is humorous and really a stretch. Do you really want to house artifacts of historical value in a building with

Options to bagged milk

Re: May 28 letter, Reader crying over spilled milk—bags.

The last time I checked, milk was available in containers other than plastic bags. Might I suggest the reader purchase his milk in recyclable/returnable plastic jugs?

Joanne Thompson,
Georgetown

significant structural damage, that gets hit by trucks four times every five years?

While I do not personally know the current owners of the property, they seem more than willing to negotiate in good faith. Ultimately, the decision to build (or not build) an additional turning lane has nothing to do with them, and their proposed design is hardly an eyesore. The

Residents, not mayor, to blame for cinemas demise

Dear editor,

This letter is in response to Paul Madonia's letter in the Friday, May 23 edition (Residents, council share blame in loss of cinema).

I am glad that Mr. Madonia shops locally wherever and whenever possible. Good for you! We all should use our local businesses rather than drive miles out of town to shop for goods that we can find here.

However, I take issue with his comments that our mayor is partly to blame for the closure of the Georgetown Cinemas. He states that the mayor has been "reactive" and not "proactive" "time and time again".

One other possible closure that the town faced comes to mind. When the obstetrics department at the Georgetown hospital was planning to close, and families were going to be forced to travel great distances to have their babies, our mayor was nothing but PROACTIVE

right solution in this case had better be something short of running two small business owners out of Norval with a flimsy argument for 'historical preservation'.

To those vehemently opposed to the demolition, my advice is this: find a better heritage battle to fight, because based on the facts this one really doesn't resonate.

Adam Marsella, Georgetown

in keeping our hospital doors open.

How can you say the mayor did nothing to help keep the cinema doors open? The cinema is a privately owned business, with a landlord that deserves payment. I was born and raised in Georgetown, and believe me I am saddened that the cinemas had to go. However, the mayor had nothing to do with this.

By the way, the conditions of our sports fields seem to be in fine shape, and the town can, and does, do everything they can to keep them that way BECAUSE these fields are on TOWN property.

If you are looking to point the finger of blame for the cinemas closure, look around our town Mr. Madonia. Each and everyone of US is to blame for that place closing. The mayor and the Town council cannot fill the cinema seats... the residents of the town can.

Julie McGillivray,
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