



# COMMENT

## Charity should begin at home Mr. Sweeney

Perhaps someone should remind Fred Sweeney that charity begins at home. In a letter to Halton Catholic District School Board employees, the director of education encouraged the donation of provincial tax rebates to five Catholic charities.

On the surface, his urging seems genuine enough; "share the spirit" by assisting vulnerable members of our society. However, none of the charities listed in his correspondence are located in Halton. Instead, the school board official feels rebates of up to \$200 should be divided between charities based in Toronto and Hamilton.

While Mr. Sweeney's heart may be in the right place, we question whether or not his actions may be off target. Some school board employees may prefer to help Halton-based social, health care or education programs, or similar programs in communities they call home.

Individuals must be free to weigh personal situations against their moral obligation to assist less fortunate members of society.

Mr. Sweeney is free to exercise the right to choose where his \$200 will be spent. Asking employees to do likewise not only oversteps his authority, it also places unfair pressure on staff to follow in their boss' footsteps.



## OUR READERS WRITE

### Gymnasts could use some of slot revenue

Dear Editor;

The Champion has suggested the public is indifferent as to how the \$500,000 of slot revenues should be spent. Please don't mistake lack of attendance at council meetings for lack of interest.

Our organization, and perhaps others, has been following the debate with deep interest. We called Town Hall to ask if we should be attending these meetings, and were informed that they were not the appropriate place for delegates to make requests

for the money. We felt we had no expertise in the area so did not make a presentation.

As a small non-profit organization, we are grateful for the support from the Town's Grant to Groups that we've had for many years.

We are pleased with the direction they have taken with regards to the slot revenues and will be ready with an enthusiastic presentation when the time is right.

**Donna Nellis, President  
Milton Springers Gymnastics**

### WWII veteran asks Miltonians to appreciate sacrifices made for our freedom on Nov. 11

Dear Editor;

Remembrance Day 2000 is fast approaching.

Again we will go to the local cenotaphs.

The colour party will dip the colours, and whoever is chosen for the honours will put the wreaths at the appointed place.

The bugler will blow "taps" and the ceremony is over for another year.

Is this all there is to it?

It is all very appropriate and dignified and still it leaves me dissatisfied for some reason.

True, the men and women who gave their all, and also all those that served and lived deserve our honour and respect.

When I visit the Military cemeteries in Holland as well as the civilian ones where our beloved

comrades rests, I cannot help but weep.

Weep for the lives cut off in the full strength of youth.

Weep, standing at the graves of a father flanked by his two sons.

Weep for the nineteen-year-old Canadian soldier, killed on the last day of the war.

And then it is appropriate to proclaim that; "They brought the ultimate sacrifice to give us freedom."

How precious and dearly bought that freedom is.

How often do we take that freedom for granted as something that is our due, our right?

But consider for a moment (maybe during the minute of silence) how delicate that freedom is.

Every tin-pot dictator and his

flunkies will tell you that you are not capable to make important decisions: they will do it.

Freedom lost.

The tens of thousands of crosses in Military cemeteries across Europe, the Middle and the Far East as well as Africa bear witness to the desire of human kind to be free — and the terrible cost to guard and maintain that freedom.

As we honour our dead this year, let us again dedicate ourselves to value that sacrifice brought by them, and let us, the beneficiaries, carry the torch and hand it over to the next generation.

**Mac Traas  
(Survivor of the Resistance  
in Holland during the Nazi  
occupation in WWII)**



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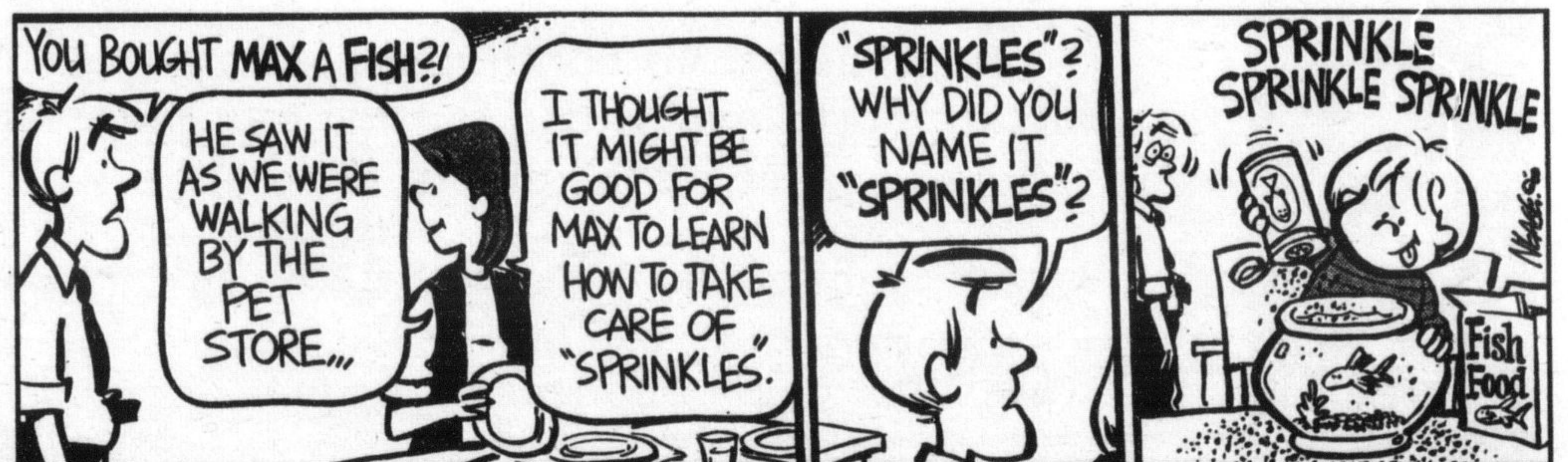
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