



COMMENT

Please be cautious of kids tonight, drivers

A recent national newspaper reported children are more apt to be hurt by cars tonight than doctored bags of candy.

That means there's even more reason for drivers to be on alert while wending through streets filled with little ghouls, goblins, cowboys and princesses.

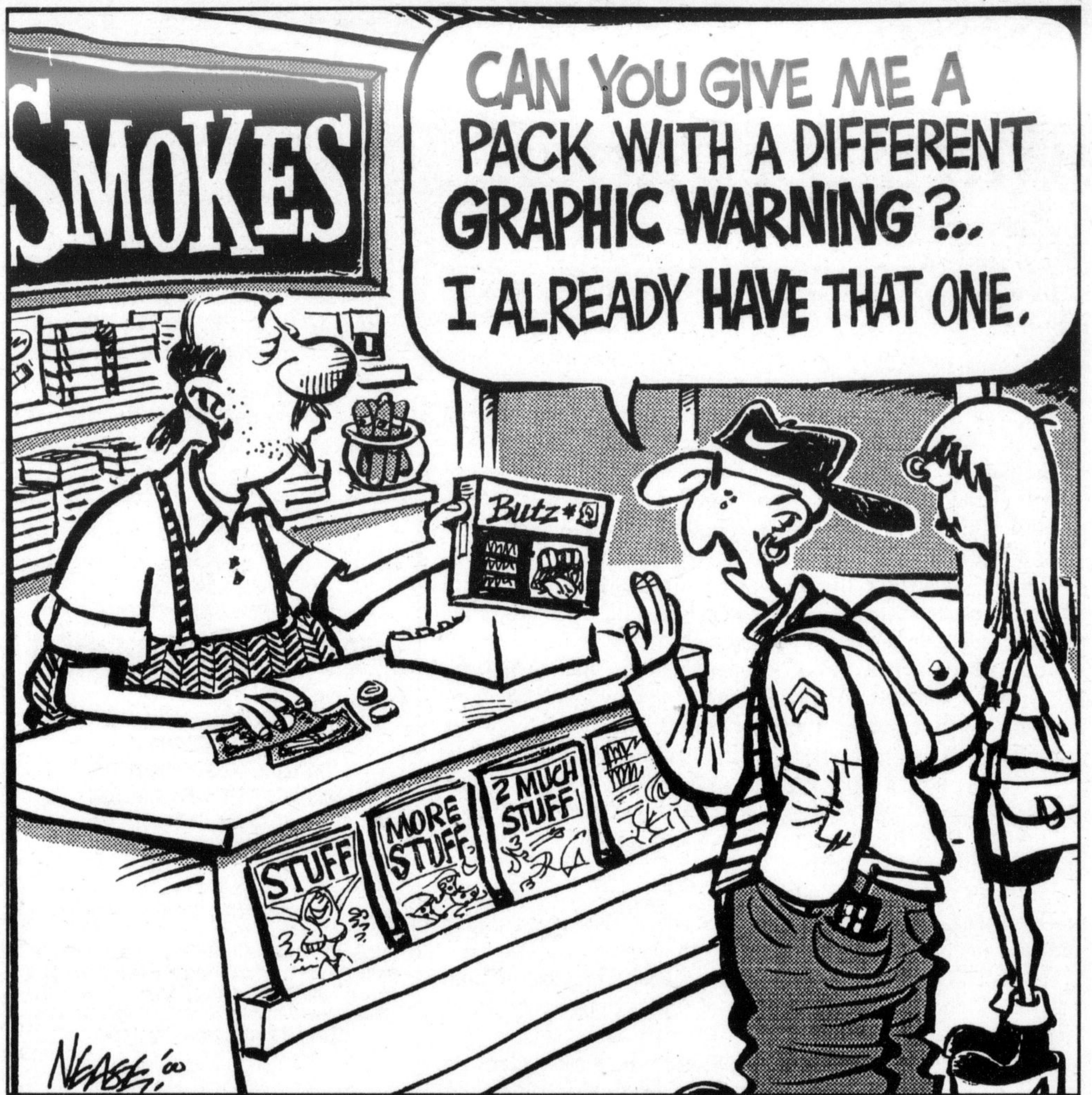
Parents should also ensure their child's costume is as safe as it can be. Make sure a mask has appropriate eye-holes, allowing for clear vision. Better yet, forego the mask completely. All costumes should also allow free and easy movement, and be bright enough to be seen on dark streets. Add reflector strips if necessary.

And even in familiar neighbourhoods, children should be accompanied by an adult as they make their rounds from door to door.

That razor blades lodged into candy or other horrors has been fingered as something of an urban myth doesn't mean parents should relax their vigilance on that score. Better safe than sorry.

On the other hand, adult suspicion shouldn't cloud children's enjoyment of this spooky holiday. When it comes to Halloween, thrills and chills are definitely part of the package.

Sanitizing all the fun away would just be too scary.



OUR READERS WRITE

Reader irked by article on federal election

Dear Editor;

Your front-page story in the October 24th edition, "MP Reed ready for fall election," leaves me wondering why I subscribe to your paper. I thought that you would at least make an effort to appear unbiased in your coverage of the Federal election, but that was clearly too much to ask. The story was little more than Liberal campaign literature, including such wild claims that the Liberal party believes in spending in bad times and saving in good. If that were true, how can Mr. Reed

explain the \$3 billion his government has recently spent on the Human Resources and Development Canada despite the fact that his party insists that the last few years have been "good"? Do you really believe that you have any credibility left? I think not.

**Howard Leaman
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Editor's note: The Oct. 24th story touched on Mr. Reed's own opinions, not those of the reporter or The Champion

'A Moment of silence not much to ask for'

(The following letter was addressed to Mr. Papke and a copy was filed with the Canadian Champion.)

Dear Editor;

I would like to introduce myself. I am Darren Yorke. I attend Grade 10 at Milton District High School.

As you know by now, three teenagers like myself, Rory Dick, Mark Everson and Travis Toth were killed on September 28, 2000 at 4th Line and 22 Side Road in a horrific car/train accident.

I knew all three of them, particularly Rory Dick. He was just like a second brother to me. My brother, Mat, attends E.C. Drury High School, and Rory was his best friend. Rory would always be at our house, and naturally he was just like a family member and was just like a second brother

to me and a third son to my parents. So when I heard the tragic news I was hysterical.

We were so highly thought of by Mrs. Dick, she asked our entire family to sit at the funeral with her family.

When I asked her why we were sitting with the immediate family she said, "we can't allow other brothers to not sit with the family."

You may or may now know that E.C. Drury is doing whatever necessary to help out these teenagers.

A moment of silence everyday when called upon, their favourite song played on the PA. These were just some of the things E.C. Drury administrators did for their students. So when I got back to school I was under the impression that MD would do the same. They did not. When I asked Mrs.

(Barb) Singleton for a moment of silence she said, "I have to say no, because it is a BOARD policy". "Since they didn't go to our school we can't allow a moment of silence".

All M. did was set up guidance counsellors.

Why should we allow a border to divide friendship? We shouldn't, so in that case why is it that the main reason our school can't give a moment of silence is because Ontario Street is in the way. Friendship goes above and beyond Ontario Street. I thought that reason was foolish. Bishop Reding gave a moment of silence. I know they are in a different school board, but certainly the Catholic Board is not more compassionate than the public board. How is it that we missed the opportunity?

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