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Let them know

One week from today, a group of regional councillors will select members for a task force which will look into the future of hunting in Halton's 14 agreement forests.

Currently a ban is in effect but the amount of public displeasure at the ban, particularly in Milton, has resulted in the formation of the task force.

The committee will be looking for citizen members. One will speak for hunters, one will be a person living beside or near an agreement forest, and the rest of the task force is supposed to go in without prejudices.

This is not an issue which can be decided quietly. The feelings pro and con have already shown themselves to be running high. The best the task force can hope for is a compromise which is relatively acceptable to both sides.

But Milton is at the crux of the issue as most of the agreement forests (and all the large ones for that matter) are located within the town. It is incumbent on those pro and con the hunting issue to get in contact with the committee so all views are presented this time before a final report goes to regional council for approval. If people do not take this chance to express their concerns, they will have no right to object to the final outcome.

That final outcome on hunting in the agreement forests must come this summer before the deer hunt in November. Democracy works when the electorate makes politicians shape the law to fit the community.

This is your chance to do just that.

Hard look

A Kitchener doctor has come up with a solution to the extra-billing problem which we think the government ought to look at long and hard.

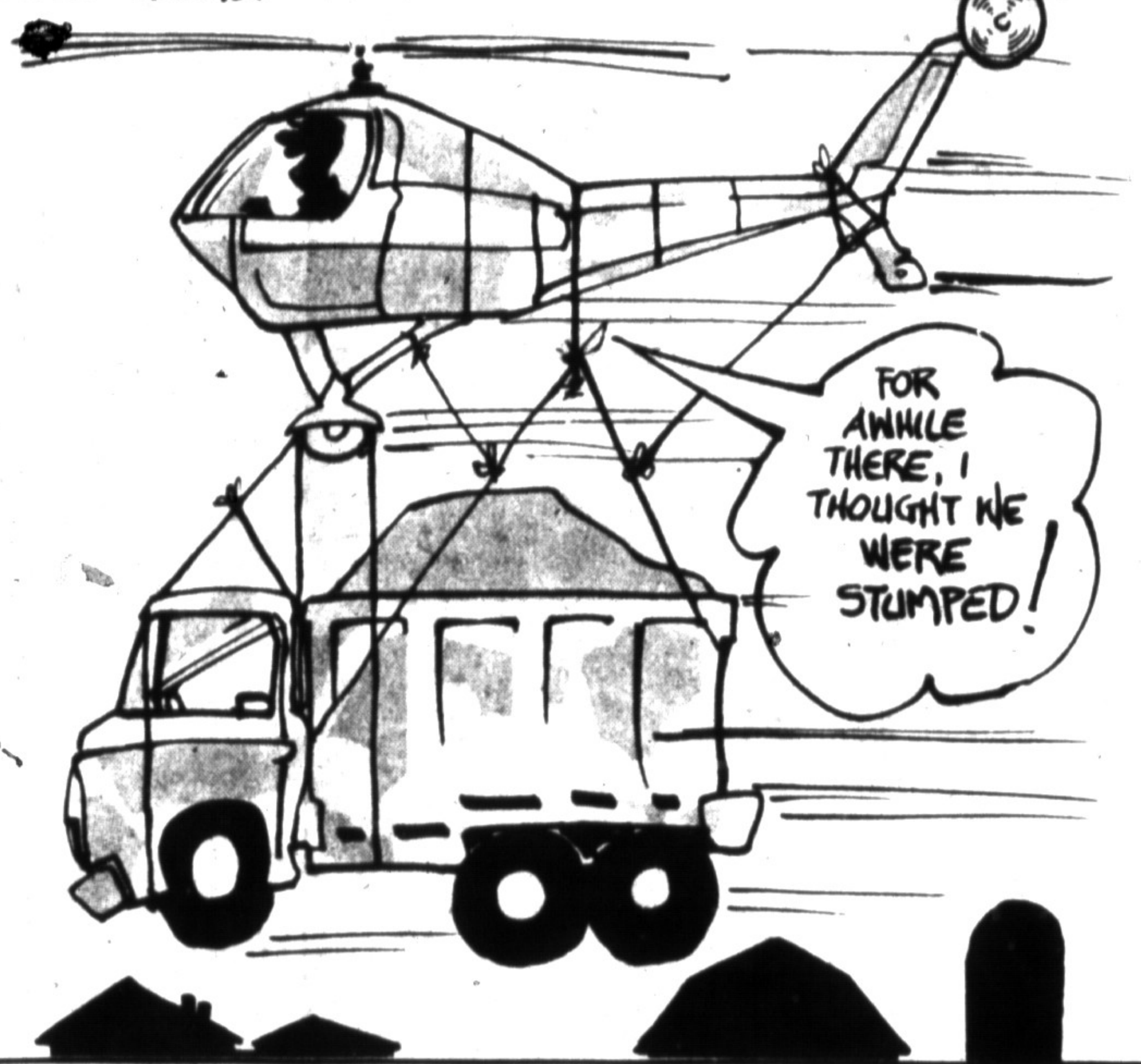
His simple solution involves allowing extra-billing only in private medical practices. Doctors performing work in publicly funded institutions (hospitals, clinics, etc.) would be obligated to charge only the OHP rate. In addition, the doctor suggests provincial doctors use restraint in extra-billing when charging people who are poor or elderly.

Certainly, to extra-bill or not to extra-bill is a major problem for the provincial government, the medical profession and patients. A confrontation with doctors on one side and everybody else on the other side is not what we need.

This plan has some merit to it. Should hospital costs be uniform, patients won't need to face large extra-billed costs after a stay in hospital. In addition, most private-practice bills can be dealt with before they happen. Patients can choose their doctor for a private practice much easier than they can while in a hospital situation.

It's a delicate situation for all concerned. A plausible solution has been proposed. Damn the torpedoes and take a look at it.

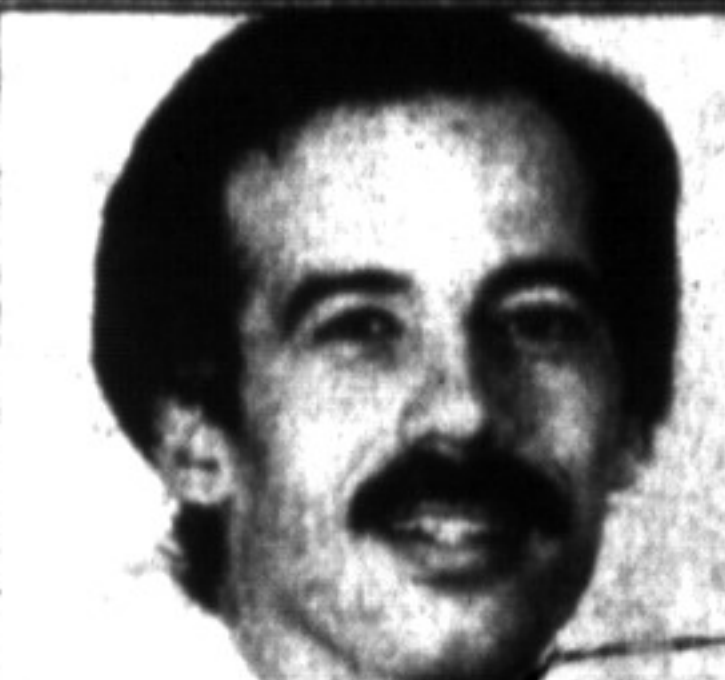
NEWS ITEM: RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR A SOLUTION TO HALTON ROAD 9'S NOISEY GRAVEL TRUCKS.



Viewpoint

with MIKE BOYLE

Let's make a deal



I have this friend who works shifts. She says the hardest part about her hours is getting accustomed to the changing shifts. I say the hard part is mastering daytime television watching. I say she's starting to lose it because she's a game-show addict.

I've always felt daily television, with its game shows and soap operas, is the penalty served by those who book off work sick. Even pay TV, with the Lifeless Channel, Much-too-Much Music, Last Choice and TSN featuring roller derby, doesn't offer much relief to the daily diet of commercial TV.

Let's start with apparently the biggest thing in game shows, which is, some sort of fancy hangman variation called Wheel of Fortune. The sight of moderately intelligent folk asking for a 'P' on international TV makes me wonder if the human species is progressing or regressing intellectually. If it weren't for the luscious Vana White, I'm sure half the menfolk wouldn't care about that stupid wheel.

Of course, this is in head-to-head competition with the second biggest game show, a reincarnation of something I used to watch as a kid, The Price is Right. If I hear someone say "Come On Down!!!" one more time, we should send that unfortunate to grammar school.

The primary requirement of this show is that contestants know their prices... of everything. Grandfather clocks, his-and-hers motorcycles, a Porsche, with options from electronic fuel injection to emissions eliminators, these and other adult toys and trinkets are available on distractions such as the famous "Phone-Home Game". If E.T. had seen this, he surely would have stayed.

The most famous example of human greed, aside from the income tax system, is of course Let's Make A Deal. Worse, a Canadian - Monty Hall - is the ringmaster. Alleged adults pretend Halloween never stops and slide back into their intellectual childhood for 30 minutes. Not satisfied to accept a gift worth several hundred dollars, they shift into the want-more gear until they get zonked. I think it looks good on all of 'em.

Some shows try different angles, with love being the most often used ploy. You start with The Dating Game, move to the Love Connection, advance to The Newlywed Game and then finish with something called Perfect Match.

Theoretically, a couple can do the circuit. I can see it

now, a couple on their 50th anniversary wishes to thank the Godson-Todman connection for their marriage. What'll they win - a guest spot on Golden Love Game? Under the guise of trying to enhance male-female relationships, these game shows, of course, do the opposite by provoking arguments among partners with some sort of money tree at the end of the rainbow. The winners seldom are the most controversial, which I bet causes the producers no end of problems. Too bad The Divorce Game just won't work.

Some are tolerable. Why, even I have been caught watching the odd Jeopardy show. Trivia or knowledge seems to be the only thing which really works. No leggy women on Jeopardy, just old-fashioned questions and answers. Sale of the Century tries the same approach but they know their American audience all too well - need some leggy women, and men for that matter. Sex and money - it wins every time.

I've got to admit I was glad to see the end of Richard Dawson's Love-In, formally called Family Feud. Did you see any feuding? I didn't. But I did see all the ingredients for families to be started. I wonder how many children sound and look like Richard Dawson now. Did the fear of AIDS end the show, what with all that kissing and cavorting in Hollywood? Maybe Joan Collins could have exceeded the show for a couple of years. She's into heavy kissing.

Not to be outdone, Canadian TV has bounced back with its rash of game shows, none offering the hundreds of thousands of dollars in prize money for knowing such intricate details as the cost of a large-size Hershey bar.

Try Global's Jackpot, where the main requirement among its 16 guests seems to be the loudness with which they can yell JACKPOT!!! Silly riddles coupled with luck can bring contestants several thousand dollars at the end of the week. I hear more than 3,500 persons auditioned for the show. I hope the producers wore earmuffs.

Perhaps the ultimate game show ought to be one where contestants of both sexes answer skill-testing questions for money; get the opportunity to trade that money for Door No. 1, 2 or 3; guess the value of the gift behind the door; and, should they guess it correctly, be awarded a marriage with the contestant, of the opposite sex, who finished with the next highest point total.

Then Richard Dawson could come out from hiding and give 'em both a big smack on the lips.

Pages of the Past

One Year Ago

From the Feb. 13, 1985 issue

Attacks by rabid skunks have resulted in the destruction of two dogs and a horse in south Milton. The recent attacks should not cause panic, according to Neil Pattullo, senior public health inspector. There have been three confirmed and one unconfirmed case of rabies. A third dog has been quarantined.

"The main thing is to avoid contact with wild animals. Don't try to pet or feed them," explained Mr. Pattullo. He also advises dog owners to keep their pets tied and be sure dogs and cats are vaccinated against the fatal disease. Vaccinated animals must still be quarantined if they contact a rabid animal but the duration is decreased from six to three months.

A large number of events are already unfolding as a Milton group prepares to honour former Milton resident and New York Islander left winger John Tonelli with a special weekend in July.

Billed as John Tonelli Day or perhaps, Salute to John Tonelli, already a roast, autograph session and special events at The Canadian Champion's annual Charity Golf Tournament have been arranged. Spearheaded by former National Hockey League referee Bruce Hood, the events were organized to honour Tonelli who during the 1984 Canada Cup hockey tournament was named the tourney's most valuable player and drew rave notices from the global press for his honest, workmanlike play on the ice.

20 Years Ago

From the Feb. 9 issue

Lorne Colling, of Nassagaweya, shot an 80-lb. brush wolf on his farm northwest of Campbellville Monday. Wolves are worth a \$25 bounty split 60 per cent by the county and 40 per cent by the province.

Members of Halton and Peel counties began consultation concerning a joint jail venture. The committee is investigating sites but wouldn't reveal them for fear of raising land values.

A large barn and a smaller farm building were destroyed at a Walkers Line farm owned by Brock Harris Wednesday. Firefighters were thwarted in their attempt to halt the fire because the farm laneway wasn't plowed.

More than \$1,130 will be forwarded to the Ontario Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled, thanks to the generosity of Milton and area residents. Mrs. W.C. Rowney, convener of the March of Dimes canvass for the area reports that more than 100 canvassers and captains participated in the two-night canvass.

50 Years Ago

From the Feb. 13, 1936 issue

The epidemic of German measles which had raged in Georgetown for the past three months is little abated, according to the report of Dr. C.B. Williams, who had 34 cases reported to him in January.

Our rural mail couriers are having a hard time these days getting through the drifts on some routes. Those who receive mail from rural couriers should keep the approach to their boxes open as the couriers are not required to walk to them.

Two houses, a barber shop and a tinsmith's shop in Acton were destroyed by fire which gave firemen a five-hour fight Wednesday night of last week. Damage was estimated at \$10,000. For a time it was feared that the fire was threatening the whole town. A quantity of furniture was saved from the houses.

Urging drastic measures to curb mounting relief costs despite improving industrial conditions, Mayor William Morrison, of Hamilton, declared at Friday night's Municipal Night Meeting of Burlington Lion Club that he is prepared to accept the responsibility for telling "relief squatters" to starve if they will not accept transportation from his city to their original homes.

The second line from Acton to Milton has been splendidly maintained this winter. Its added width, and well cleared roadway, have been appreciated by all.

-Acton Free Press

120 Years Ago

From the Feb. 8, 1866 issue

For the edification of our readers, we herein present what happened to the Apostles.

St. Matthew is supposed to have suffered martyrdom, or was slain with a sword in Ethiopia.

St. Mark was dragged through the streets of Alexandria, in Egypt, until he expired.

St. Luke was hanged upon an olive tree in Greece.

St. John was put in a cauldron of boiling oil in Rome and escaped death! He afterwards died a natural death at Ephesus in Asia.

St. James the Great was beheaded at Jerusalem.

St. James the Less was thrown from a pinnacle or wing of a temple and then beaten to death with a fuller's club.

St. Phillip was hanged up against a pillar in Hierapolis, a city of Perygn.

St. Bartholomew was flayed alive by the command of a barbarous king.

St. Andrew was bound to a cross whence he preached to the people till he expired.

St. Thomas was run through the body with a lance, at Cormandel in the East Indies.

St. Jude was shot to death with arrows.

St. Simon Zealott was crucified in Persia.

Our Readers Write

Taken for a ride

Dear Sir: It's been said that a loser is a man who sees the light at the end of the tunnel and finds that it's on the front of an approaching freight train.

Recently, I took time off work to run my car into the nearest dealer. Same again to retrieve it.

The car has taken to howling when idling and whistling shrilly at high speed, but only in cold weather. Recognizing the sound of a tormented water pump from an ancient Shell TV commercial, I had called the dealer to book an appointment at his leisure.

"Might as well do the 48,000-km inspection while you're at it," I said. "It's only gone 46,000 but this'll save me having to take time off work again in another couple of weeks."

I made the standard call prior to retrieval. "Be done in 15 minutes," said the service manager.

"For certain?"

"Yes."

Twenty minutes later, I had begun an hour-long wait at the dealer by contemplating the deep scratch on the fender. As I wiped away

the paint flakes with a forefinger, I wondered who best to pose the obvious question.

"You guys do this?" I said.

"That's not fresh," said the 36-buck-an-hour mechanic-in-training 12 feet away. It took a second or so for my brain to decipher the foregoing retort, blurted out so rapidly that I knew that I was dealing with the block 'Snap' champion.

An hour later, the service manager told me that they couldn't find out what was causing the howling and whistling. "No," I said. "Of course not. You were running it in a heated shop."

"Well, if it gives you any more trouble, just run it in," he said. "It only takes a minute to change the water pump."

As I coasted to a stop at the edge of their lot, 222 semoleons poorer and a howling water pump ringing in my ears, I could sense the freight train getting closer.

Later on the way home, I noted that the valves had suddenly come down with a bad case of the pings and still later that the car is now leaking oil on the driveway.

If you read this story and shrug, you can pride yourself in being a true Canadian. You delight in the mundane, a true connoisseur of

untrammelled underachievement. You're a remnant of the great Canadian brain drain of the past two decades, deriving even greater mirth from the pastime of looking about you to see who else was left behind.

If, however, you want to break out of your lethargy you can send me a dollar to cover my costs in letting you know the name of the dealership by return mail. Then we'll boycott him. This could be the start of a new Canada!

On second thought, never mind. I'll go back and try my luck with "I'm not Herb."

RON BEZANT
Harrison Rd., Milton

Not neighbourly

Dear Sir: I have lived in Milton for 32 years, experiencing the usual ups and downs of the average family, but for the most part I've been happy and content.

However, your lead line in the Jan. 29 editorial, "Life is good in Milton," is certainly ranking since Friday. Perhaps you will agree and publish the following:

Cowardice - Ignorance - Arrogance - Or Could Care Less

Which "cop out" would one attribute to the

unknown person guilty of gouging the right rear fender and bumper of my previously flawless station wagon. The incident occurred in the parking lot of the White Oaks Plaza, at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Friday Jan. 21 without the courtesy of leaving at least an apology on my windshield let alone an offer to compensate.

Would this same person disappear into the night should they have run over your pet? Or if they hit your child, your parent, your neighbour, and leave them lying helpless, or dead, if they thought the commission of their crime had gone unseen?

What do you think?

PHYLLIS FERRIER
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We helped, too

Dear Sir: According to your picture and caption in the Jan. 29 edition of The Champion, Mayor Gord Krantz, Bruce Hood and the Jaycees were the only people helping the Variety Village sell The Toronto Sun newspaper in Zeller's.

I would like to bring to your attention that not only were Girl Guides of Canada manning two tables at Milton Mall, but the girls (aged 6-14 years) were there from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This is just one more instance where your paper has totally ignored these young girls.

In the two years that I have commissioner, your newspaper has been invited to many Girl Guide events. A few times you have shown up and other times we have taken the pictures ourselves and written a small story to go with it. Of all these, I believe two small stories have appeared in the paper.

I understand there are many units in Milton and we can't expect you to cover all of our events, but when we go to the trouble of bringing the pictures and stories into your office, we would appreciate seeing something in the paper.

According to your newspaper, you are supposed to be one of the best community newspapers around. I find this hard to believe when time and time again you totally ignore the 800 girls and leaders of Girl Guides of Canada who are also part of this community.

Yours in Guiding
ANNE BRUCE
Mill-Park District Commissioner

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