



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

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Kids can handle 'bad' things

Dear Editor:

I have watched with interest the drama unfolding in *The Champion* over the Baby Doe Cemetery.

I would like to congratulate the Knights of Columbus and Holy Rosary Church for their courage to be people of conviction — unfortunately a rare quality in today's society.

As a parent, I can sympathize with Mr. Whiteley's concerns, but I also realize that 6-year-olds are remarkably trusting and mature in their idealistic viewpoints.

What a wonderful opportunity to discuss tactfully "bad" things in our society and in doing so, hopefully protect the child from becoming part of the problem or a victim in the future.

Do we ignore the holocaust, the indignities of war, the reality of starvation and poverty or the fear of nuclear accidents merely because they reflect the distasteful element of life? By all means no.

A 6-year-old has not hardened into a cynic (one of the by-products of "maturity") and is incredibly open to discussions which teach compassion towards hurting people and a deep-seated thankfulness for blessings they enjoy which others may not.

Abortion unfortunately produces two victims — the child who never enjoys life or brings happiness to others and the pregnant woman who comes to realize that a "medical procedure" does not necessarily solve her crisis.

Instead, feelings or memories that may be buried deep within after, rush to the surface time and again, reminding her that she too is a victim.

Let's use this opportunity to teach our children that life is sacred and we cannot set "quality of life" standards arbitrarily. It's okay to mourn the loss of life represented by the crosses.

We often need a reminder.

*Elizabeth Greer
Nipissing Road, Milton*

A disgusting display at Holy Rosary Church

Dear Editor:

We too are outraged at Holy Rosary's insensitive display of crosses on the front lawn.

One can only imagine the pain caused by this disgusting "graveyard" to any woman who, for medical reasons, has undergone an abortion.

While surely no thinking person condones the use of a surgical procedure as a means of regular birth control, even the most sanctimonious of us must realize that it is occasionally an unfortunate necessity when the physical or mental health of the mother is at stake.

One can only wonder what kind of twisted mind could come up with such a sick, tasteless, and macabre stunt.

Father Talbot, Mike Kennedy, and indeed all the members of their respective organizations should be hanging their heads in shame.

With this disgusting display of publicity-seeking sensationalism, the credibility, and indeed, usefulness of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus have just taken a nosedive in our estimation.

*Kevin and Barbara Powell
Woodward Ave. Milton*

Pray for babies

Dear Editor:

I am pro-life and proud of it. Abortion cheapens the sanctity of human life. Society is now making decisions on who should live and who should die on the basis of whether it is convenient for the living.

Pro-choice advocates state a woman has the right to choose what she may do with her own body. If this is true, can she inject her body with drugs? Can she prostitute herself? No, it is against the law and abortion should be too.

I applaud the church for erecting the cemetery to remember those babies whose lives ended so tragically. We will never know the con-

tributions they would have made to this world or the peoples lives they would have touched.

Abortion kills, and to the people who are offended by this display, isn't it a joy to be alive and to be able to express your opinions?

I will not only pray for the souls of the aborted babies but for their mothers as well.

*Eileen Pfeiffer
Pitfield Rd., Milton*

Display not fit for kids

Dear Editor:

Recently, the Knights of Columbus in Milton erected 50 white crosses on the front lawn of Holy Rosary Church to protest abortion. As a

community we were not forewarned and as parents who have children at Holy Rosary School on the same property, we were not consulted.

On May 12, Mike Kennedy, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and I discussed this issue on CBC radio. The objective was not to discuss the issue of abortion but to discuss a young child's ability to process and deal with such information.

My purpose for going so public with this issue was to protect what little innocence our children have left.

Mr. Kennedy stated, on CBC radio, that one of the reasons the Knights were doing this was that they wanted the children to know that they cared about them and

wanted them around. If this is true, then why are the Knights insisting that this display be left up until Fathers' Day, knowing very well that children are being disturbed and affected by it.

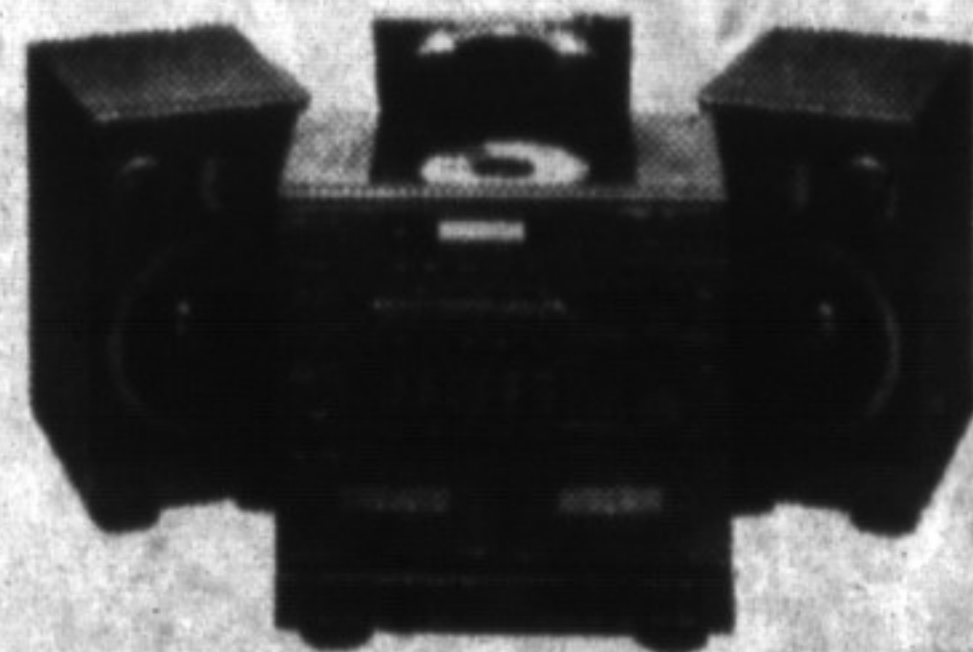
Mr. Kennedy can no longer state that I stand alone as the only Pro-Lifer who doesn't approve of young children being pulled into such a controversial adult issue. Many people have called the church, confronted teachers and stated their disapproval with such a demonstration on the grounds that children as young as 4, 5 and 6 cannot understand such a thing.

Professionals and physicians have also agreed that it is irrational for the Knights of Columbus to expect such

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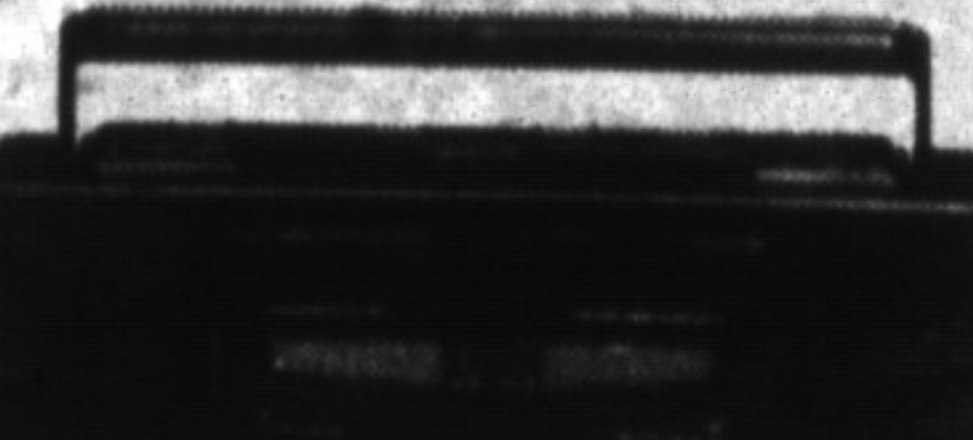
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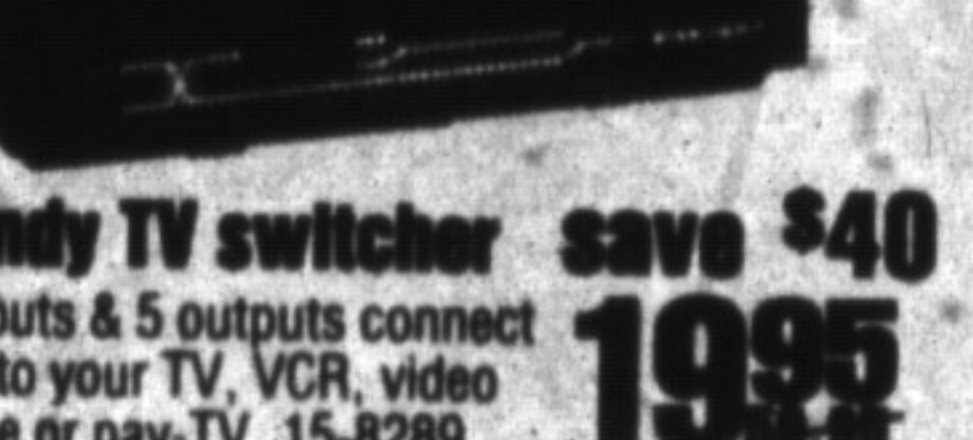
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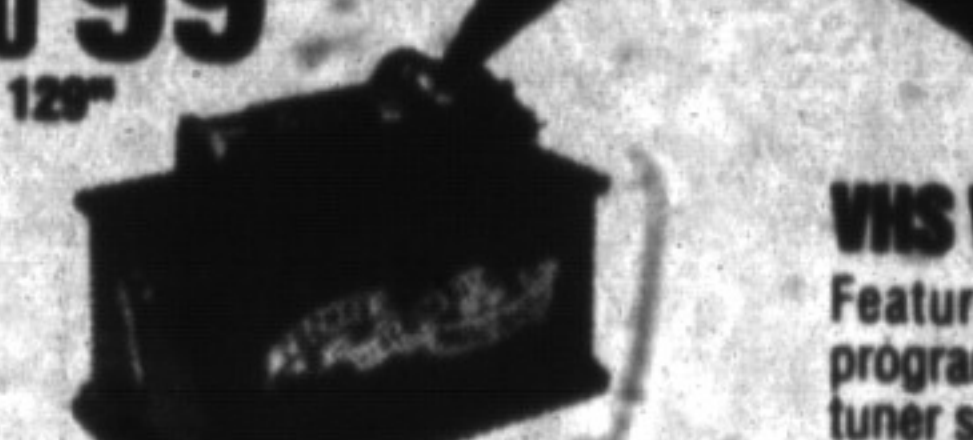
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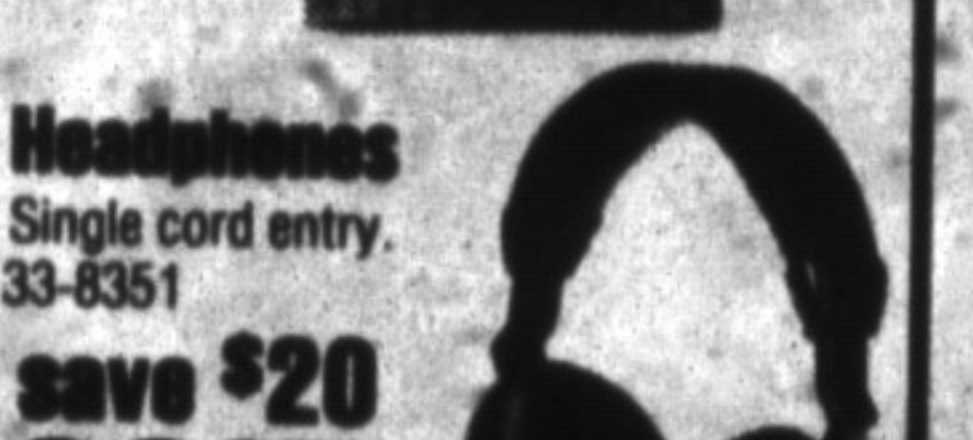
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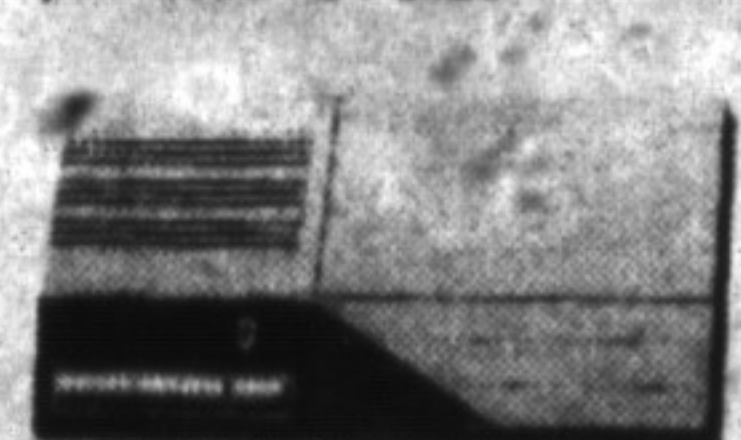


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