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Monday to Friday (except holidays)

The Big Run for Little Brothers is drawing close. The date is Monday, June 12 for the Midland-Penetanguishene area. So have you signed up as a sponsor for one of the runners? If not why not approach a member of the team that will be participating and give them your pledge. Since Big Brothers is a non-profit enterprise, more money is needed to increase and expand the services of this area.

Did you know that there are nearly 600,000 fatherless boys in Canada today, through no fault of their own, but less than 10,000 boys are presently being reached by the Big Brother movement. So you can well understand the great need for expansion. All money raised by the "Run" stay in our own community and thus you will be helping a little brother. For any further information, or if you would like to run, please call Contact at 526-9333. On May 30 Contact had their last Service Club

Luncheon for this season. At this luncheon the guest speaker was Ms. Priscilla Reeve, the Provincial Co-ordinator of the Community Work Orders Project under the Ministry of Correctional Services. Ms. Reeve defined a community work order as a means of dealing with a non-violent offender in his own community. A judge may decide that the person appearing before him for sentencing will benefit more by performing some direct or indirect service to his community rather than receiving another form of sentence. The work must be meaningful to both the offender and the recipient.

Possibly one of the greatest benefits of community work to the offender is that it concentrates on his abilities and skills rather than on his problems. As an alternative sentence to either imprisonment or a regular probation order, a community work order may stipulate any one of a number of alternatives. An order may have no bearing on the crime committed, thus giving the offender a general social service type of activity to accomplish which is of tangible benefit to the community. Working with handicapped, coaching a sports team or cutting grass for a senior citizen are some of the possible activities.

On the other hand, those committing acts of vandalism may find themselves cleaning up and repairing the damages they have caused. Ms. Reeve went on to say "that in this way, offenders are encouraged to use and develop skills and abilities that benefit the community and which the community can actually use being used for the common good." None of the work undertaken through such an order will displace members of the community from paid employment. A Judge in the Province of Ontario frequently uses three basic options in the sentencing of an offender - imprisonment is often seen as not appropriate and the costs to the taxpayer have become prohibitive. Fines do not affect all people equally.

Therefore a Judge may stipulate that an offender will spend a specified number of hours doing work to the benefit of the community. At the present time Contact has a community work order with a young man to assist senior citizens in his leisure time. This man can cut grass or clean up a garden, paint, change storm windows or any odd jobs an elderly person cannot do themselves, so please call Contact at 526-9333 if you need help.

Happiness is helping others to help themselves.  
Mary M. Gibson, Administrator

## 'Absurd Person Singular' opens new season at Gryphon Theatre

The Gryphon Theatre's Eighth season opens Monday, July 3 with the comedy hit, *Absurd Person Singular* by Alan Ayckbourn. Britain's "clone" for Neil Simon. This singularly absurd, uniquely funny comment

about marriage in the middle class involves three couples, each of whom takes a turn hosting a Christmas eve party for the others, and wreaks droll havoc on their character.

Vernon Chapman has completed casting for the play, in order of appearance, the roles will be performed by: Aaron Schwarz, Marcia Bennett, and Craig Wendy Hicks, Jill Frappier and Patrick Christopher.

"Absurd Person Singular" will be on stage from July 3 to 8 inclusive. For box office information call 728-4613 or write The Georgian Foundation for the Performing Arts, Box 454, Barrie, Ont. L4M 4T7.



Gagne



Lumsden



Hack

Tiny township were all honoured with citations in recognition of their civic service. Pictured here is Penetanguishene clerk treasurer Yvon Gagne (left) receiving his award.

Township clerk Walter Lumsden (right) will soon be closing his copy of the Ontario Municipal Act for the last time, and beginning a long awaited retirement. However, before he officially retires, he was honoured with a citation from the Knights of Columbus. Staff photo

Midland's town clerk Bill Hack (right) was also one of the municipal officials honoured Saturday by the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Hack, whose experience in the municipal business dates back close to 40 years, is regarded by many, including his colleagues as the elder statesman of local municipal clerks. Staff photo

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