

"Information is the hallmark of democracy"

Lives saved not money

IT IS HIGH time Queen's Park in general and the Ministry of Health under Health Minister Larry Grossman stopped playing cat and mouse and gave the green light to have paramedics trained in Ontario.

As a Toronto newspaper pointed out on the weekend, the Ontario government should stop dithering and act at once to put trained paramedics in ambulances that serve our Ontario communities.

At present only paramedics serve aboard the province's helicopter ambulances and that's just not good enough.

The newspaper points out, a study done by Sunnybrook Medical Centre last June said that the hospital could save many critically injured accident victims if there were paramedics in ambulances.

Obviously the study speaks for itself.

For our part we hope the province puts paramedics in provincial ambulances as quickly as they can be trained.

It all starts with sensitivity

SOME YEARS AGO a fellow by the name of Norman Cousins wrote in Sunshine Magazine: For both the individual and the nation, what should be most dreaded is not the loss of power but the loss of feeling.

He went on to say, what is happening today is that our entire society is undergoing a decline in sensitivity.

He's correct. It would seem many of us are suffering in sensitivity to brutality.

But many of us are also suffering in sensitivity to beauty...the beauty of a sunrise or sunset that we take for granted.

Just as the tiniest dewdrop hanging from a grass blade in the morning is big enough to reflect the sunshine and the blue sky, so each of us must seize every opportunity, however small, to help the world around us work toward peace, productivity and brotherhood.

And where does it all start? With sensitivity...for what we do today determines how the world shall go, for tomorrow is made up of the sum of all today's experiences.

Bouquets

IN JUST a few days June once more will be "busting out all over." Starry-eyed suitors and suitoresses will be plighting their respective troths in numbers unmatched by any other month of the year.

Balladeers will croon a tune about the moon in June and the horse and carriage, like which love and marriage go together, will be hitched up and headed down the bumpy road of life.

We wish them well, every blushing bride and grinning groom of them. We pray God's blessing upon them and their intertwined lives.

May their love and loyalty to one another be as unending as the rings they exchange.

May faithfulness to their marriage vows contribute to a reversal of the devastating trend recently disclosed by Statistics Canada, that 40 per cent of all Canadian marriages will terminate in the divorce courts.

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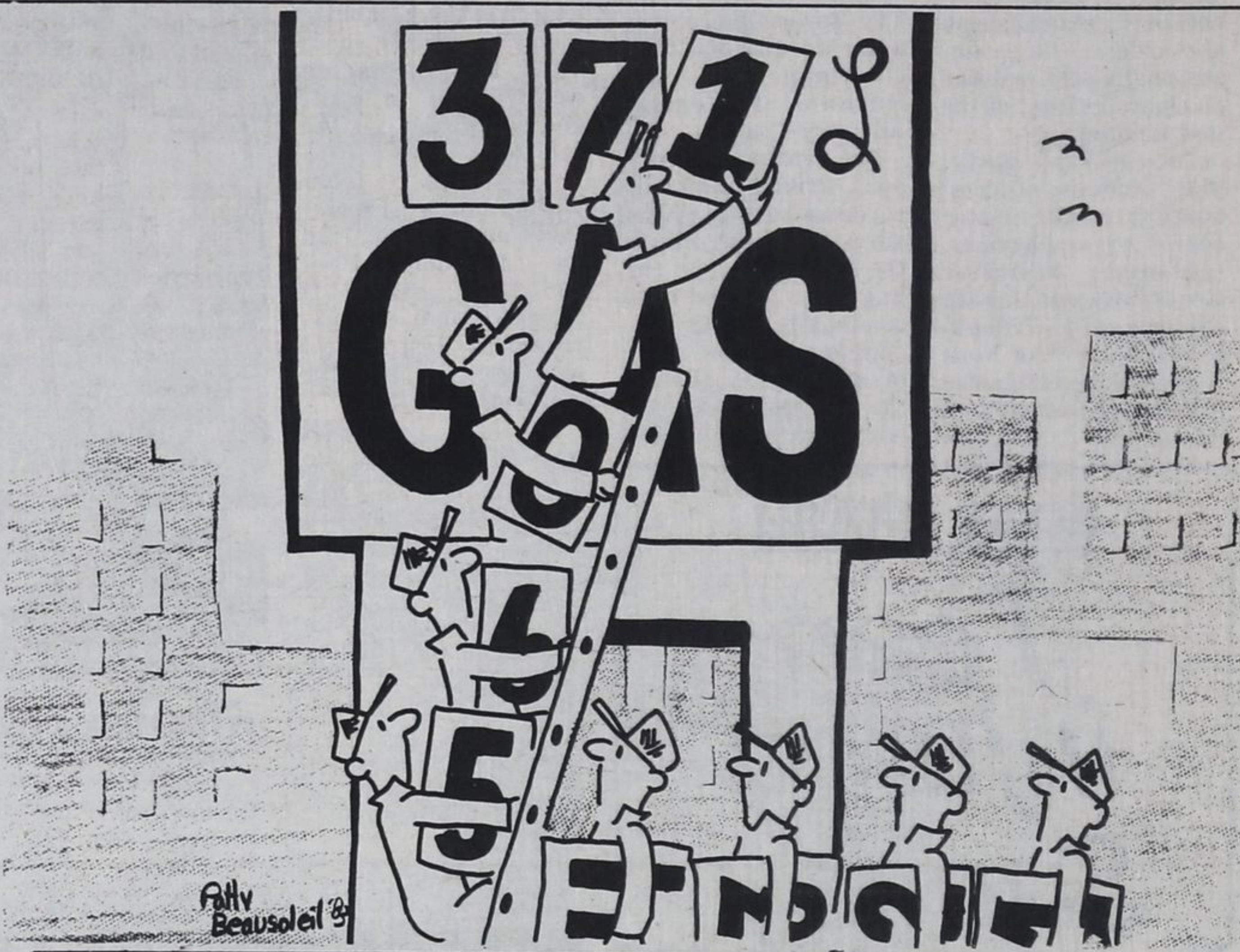
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Letters

A newsworthy happening

Dear Editor:

As you are a community-minded newspaper and as we notice that you quite often print "newsworthy" happenings in the area, we wondered if you would write an article that we feel shows the spirit and community interest of a group of parents, teachers and kids in the town of Midland.

I am the president of the Regent School PTA. Our term is a two-year period and generally the purpose of our PTA is to raise funds to provide items that the teachers and parents feel are of value to the school but for which there is no funding from the Board. When we began our term, one of the biggest goals which we as a group felt we would like to accomplish was to furnish the schoolyard with some playground equipment that could be used not only by the students but also by the pre-schoolers in the neighbourhood.

Do you realize that there is no playground area for the children who live on the east side of King Street and the south side of Yonge Street? The

children in this area must cross a major roadway in order to reach any of the parks in the area.

We, as parents and teachers, felt there should be a safe play area for the children without the necessity of crossing the major roads...hence our decision to buy playground equipment. We approached the Town about available grants, either they were no longer available or the time involved would span a two to three year period. So we decided to go ahead on our own.

With the help of all the parents of the students who attend Regent School, the assistance of the teachers at Regent School and the volunteer work of the many students at Regent School we have managed to raise approximately \$2,000 and have now furnished the playground with a new balance beam and a large set of swings.

The playground area that once hosted only baseball diamonds, now provides "bigger and better" things.

All the money raised to pay for these things has been done through bingo's, Euchre parties, and events such as the Country Fair we are holding on Saturday, May 28.

These events provide fun for the whole family—in this case we are having an Auction Sale for the parents, a Horseshoe Tournament for the parents, races for both children and adults, a bake table, refreshment booth, a fish pond, a puppet show, an eating contest, a bake and craft contest and a bicycle decorating contest.

The support we receive from the parents and students in the area provide the funds we require to build our playground.

We would ask that you take this opportunity to help us say "Thank You" and to give the recognition deserved to all those parents, teachers and students who have not only improved our school, but also improved our community. This type of "pull together" spirit is what makes Midland a great community.

We would appreciate if you could write an article expressing our thanks and we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours truly,
REGENT PTA
Bev Greenwood (Mrs.)

Character reference

Dear Editor:

In our continuing research efforts this letter was sent to us from Sister Barbara Hanna of the Ecumenical Task Force of the Niagara Frontier, and is an excellent character reference for Gartner-Lee and CELA (Canadian Environmental Law Association). We appreciate your continued support.

—TRAP Executive

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Dear Gary:

We were pleased to receive your background information and now have a clearer understanding of your problem.

We have had the privilege of working closely with CELA and Gartner Lee on the Hyde Park Landfill case, and have admiration for their abilities and concern. You will benefit greatly from their counsel.

It appears that you are moving in the right direction and hopefully are retaining the citizen response you received at your first couple of meetings when you had 250-300 persons in attendance. Please keep us updated on your progress.

I am enclosing a copy of Chief Seattle's oration delivered in 1854 which you may be able to make use of at some time. Also enclosed is a copy of our brochure and a few medical health fact sheets.

If we can be of assistance to you, please contact us either by phone or mail, or stop in to see us when you are in the area on one of your trips to Lockport.

—Barbara G. Hanna
Administrative Assistant

What's Your Opinion?

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