

# Editorials

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## Welcome, Chief!

A HEARTY WELCOME is extended from the Town of Penetanguishene to our new police chief, Robert Cummings.

Police Chief Cummings has said he's looking forward to working in a small town. He grew up in the town of Marathon, which has a population now of 4,000, so he's used to life in a smaller community. Although he worked for 13 years in Toronto, big city life was not as satisfying, he said.

We hope that Chief Cummings and his family find life in Penetanguishene all that they've hoped it would be.

We're proud of our community, and we're sure that Chief Cummings will soon discover why, and share our pride.

## Congratulations

THE FIRST WOMAN to have ever been elected to the head of the Simcoe County Board of Education is Elmvale's own Wendy MacKenzie.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to our new School Board Chairman. We hope she enjoys a challenging and rewarding term of office.

## No relief yet

REACTIONS TO FINDINGS by Gartner Lee Associates' hydrogeology team from their research at the Perkinsfield landfill site have been mixed. Some accept the report's assurances that the landfill plume poses no threat to Perkinsfield wells (other than the Therrien well) or to Georgian Bay, with great relief. Others doubt these findings, and especially doubt that the three contaminated wells have been polluted by a source other than the landfill site.

We won't feel much relief until the source of the Trichloroethylene in the Kramer, Posey and Therrien wells is pinpointed by the MOE. We hope no time will be wasted in answering this final, and perhaps most important question.

MOE officials have suggested that the source of the TCE might be at the affected households themselves, and will be testing to determine if that is possible. This possibility is, to us, even more chilling than if the landfill were the source.

If the source of such high levels of this toxic chemical could be household cleaners or engine degreasers or waterless hand cleaners, then we may all be dumping dangerous chemicals into our septic tanks and sewers in amounts that may poison our water supplies.

And that should worry everyone-not just those unlucky folks who live next door to a dump.

## BULLETIN

Midland Mayor Al Roach has suffered a heart attack.

The 57-year-old father of seven was rushed to HDH early Saturday morning shortly after returning home from the town's annual municipal Christmas party.

It was at that party that the mayor first complained of having severe chest pains.

This newspaper has since learned, the mayor may have first suffered a mild heart attack more than two weeks ago.

The one he suffered on the weekend, reportedly, did more damage. He's expected to remain in intensive care until the end of the week and stay in hospital the next couple of weeks.

He's not expected to return to work until late this winter.

## EVEN BETTER!

Our story on the Arena Lottery plans, published in last week's paper, needs correction.

One \$10 ticket will give the ticket-holder a chance to win a prize in all six of the draws. 4,000 tickets will be sold in all, which could net the Arena up to \$28,000, once expenses and prizes are deducted.

One \$10 ticket gives you a chance at the Early Bird Draw prize of \$500 and at each of the main draw prizes of \$2,000 each time.

An even better deal than we thought!

## PGH birth

Mr. and Mrs. David Grenier of Penetanguishene are pleased to announce the arrival of a 6 lb. 1 1/2 oz. baby boy, on Nov. 29, 1983.

## McNee's report:

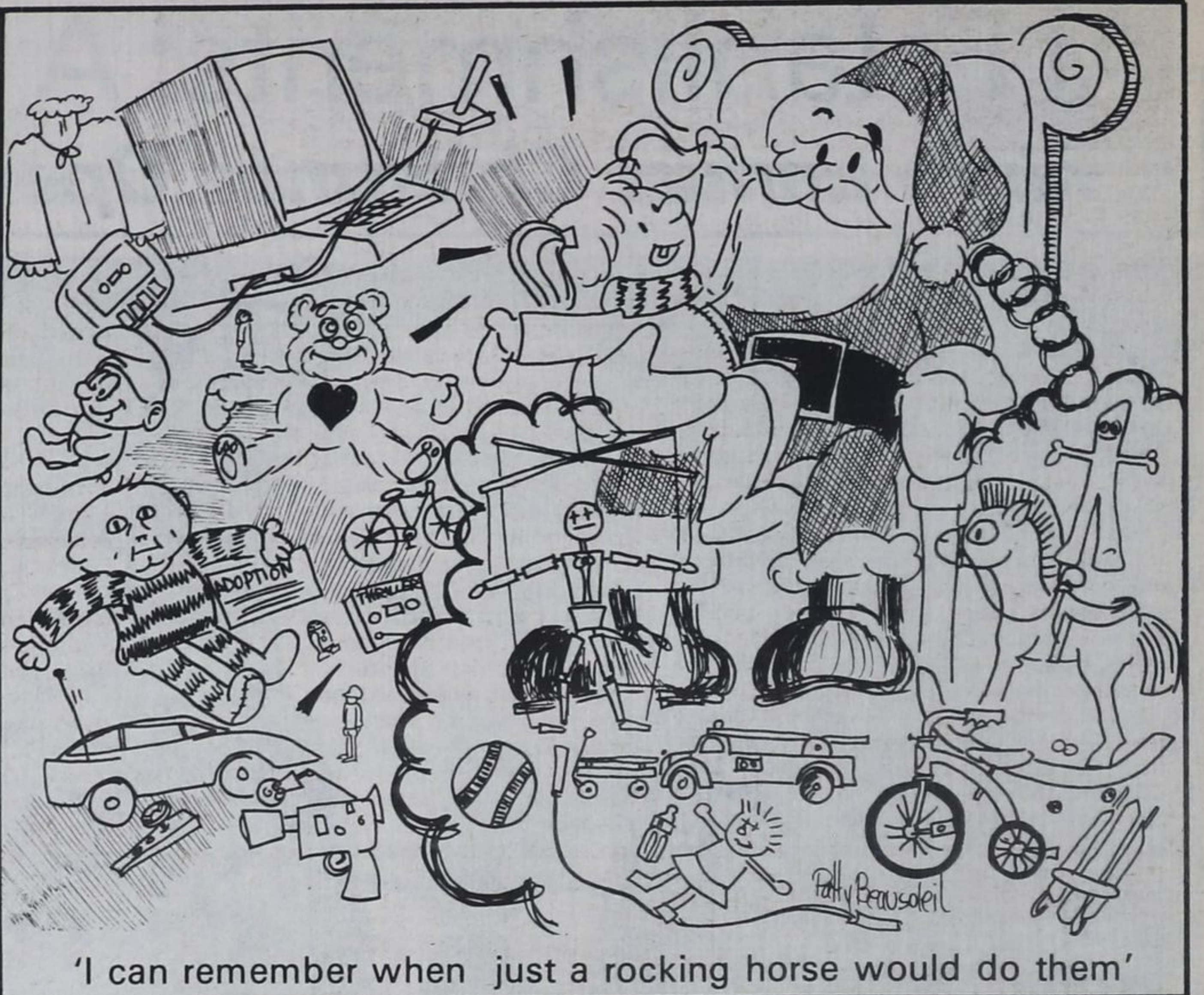
## CEC fills vacancies

In an end of month report Midland Canada Employment Centre Manager Don McNee stated, 315 regular and 28 casual vacancies were filled during November.

The number of filled vacancies was greater than the forecast for the month he said, and the increase was partly due to the confirming of 166 placement with the K mart store.

McNee said, over 200 jobs were in the retail sector with the balance coming from other areas such as manufacturing and job creation projects.

The report indicated that training continues



## Reader wants early reply

Dear Editor:

Further to my conversation with your Murray Moore regarding your letter to the Editor from "Your Friend", Ambrose Levigne.

You are well aware that the alleged Ambrose Levigne wrote to the Midland Free Press making certain accusations against Deputy-Reeve Buck, which The Free Press later withdrew, as Mr. Levigne turns out to be a fictitious character.

Your Paper immediately carried an Editorial advising that this could not happen in your paper.

In your newspaper of Nov. 2, 1983, you carried on your Editorial page, (which carries a byline of "Information-honestly, openly and freely shared is the hallmark of democracy") a letter from "Your Friend," Ambrose Levigne.

Do you have an address for Mr. Levigne, or is this still a fictitious character?

Your early reply, would be appreciated.

Yours truly  
Ian Ross

EDITOR'S NOTE: the above letter, typed on Monoject Division of Sherwood Medical A Brunswick Company letterhead, refers to an editorial that didn't appear in this newspaper.

As for "Mr. Levigne's" letter, it now appears we were duped.

However, it should be pointed out, it was nice of whoever sent the letter in question to say all those kind and positive things about our paper.

It appears though in future we will have to take more care when writers to this newspaper use glowing adjectives to describe our operation.

## Booth operator praised

Dear Editor:

We, the executive and members of the Midland Figure Skating Club wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation in the new management of the concession booth at the Midland Centennial Arena.

In the past, the booth has not been open while figure skating has been taking place.

Everyone appreciates John and Diane Argue's prompt and friendly service.

It is our hope that John's Catering continues to operate the booth for a long time to come.

Thank you,  
Gerald Lalonde  
Vice-President of the M.F.S.C.

## Hopes to find a solution

Dear Editor:

In response to your editorial of Oct. 26, 1983 entitled "It's a matter of one hat too many", I would like to state that your position has merit.

I do agree that technically the Wyevale site appears to have the best potential for future landfilling, and yes I did vote at Tiny Council to reflect the concerns, wishes and fears of the area

residents.

Perhaps the simplest answer is for me to resign and let Reeve Darby appoint someone else to the N.S.S.L.C.

I certainly don't need the constant criticism and frustration in trying to solve this dilemma.

HOWEVER, it is my hope to find a solution that will satisfy the concerns and fears of Tiny (Or Tay) residents, and not lead to a major breakdown of the N.S.S.L.C., with its resulting fight between Tiny and the urban areas.

We have spent enough money fighting each other in the past. Lets now put our money towards solving the problem.

We obviously are going to need a compromise somewhere and I personally feel my position on Tiny council and on the N.S.S.L.C. will assist in arriving at this compromise. It may very well not. Yet we are all still continuing to make garbage.

If the above is an unreasonable goal on my part, then your editorial is absolutely right.

Yours truly,  
John Lackie,  
Deputy-Reeve,  
Township of Tiny,  
Chairman, N.S.S.L.C.

## Letters

The Penetanguishene Citizen welcomes Letters to the Editor. They must be legible, signed (by hand), and carry the writer's address and telephone number for verification. Pen names are not allowed and anonymous letters will not be published. Letters published by this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this newspaper, its publisher or editor.

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