

Editorials

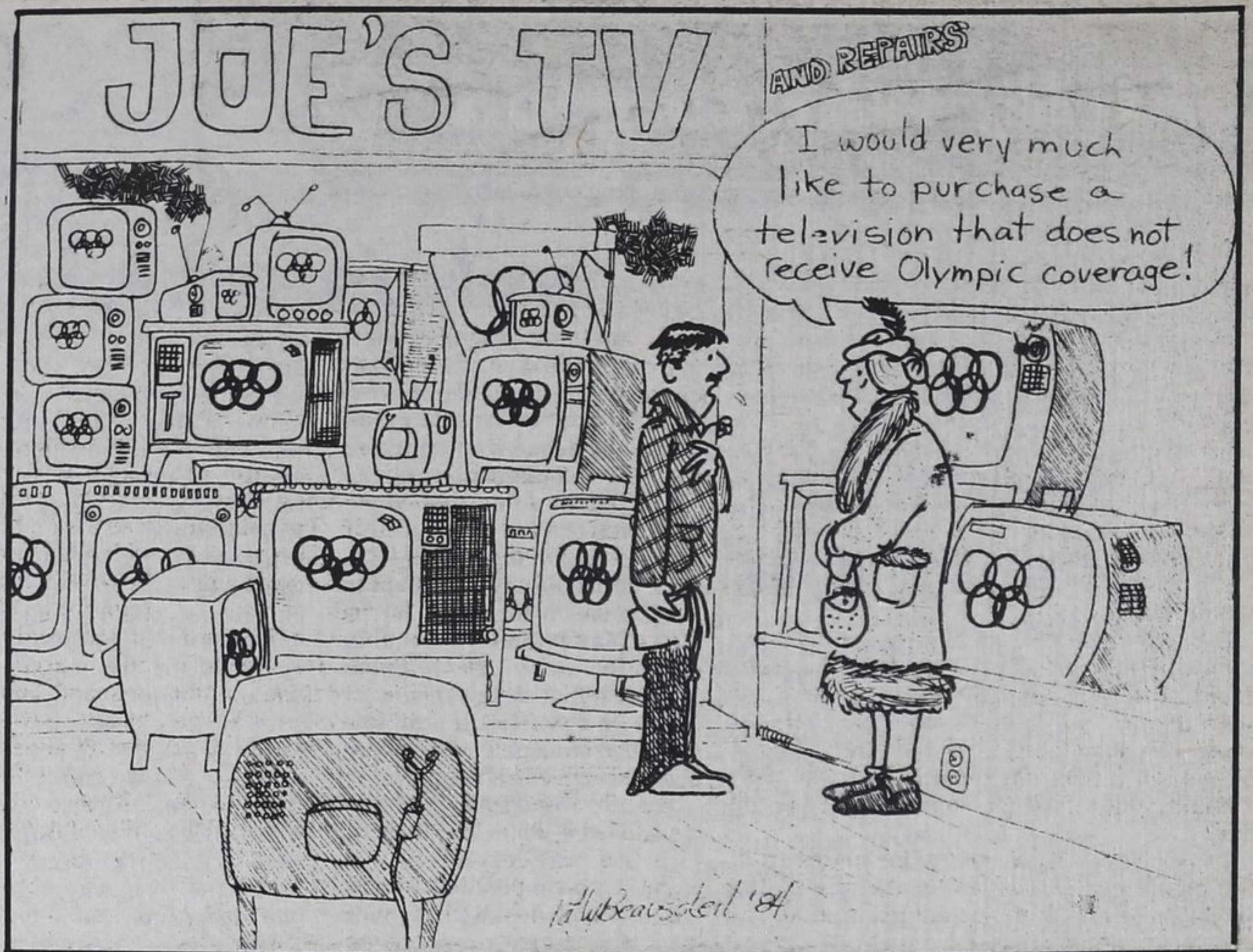
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All set for Winterama

IT'S WINTERAMA WEEK, and we can't wait for the fun to begin. There'll be something for everyone, from skydiving to bedracing. As well as the old favourites, exciting new events have been planned to make this year's Winterama the best in years.

Everyone goes to the parade, of course, but there's a dazzling array of other activities to choose from, beginning on Friday and not ending till Sunday: sleigh rides, the Queen contest, the lumberjack competition, a craft sale, at least seven dances, a talent show, a wheelchair basketball game, a Minor Hockey tournament; the biggest problem this weekend will be in making up your mind which to attend. Try them all.

Outfit yourself with a red touque and fortify yourself on Friday with tourtières from the Centre d'activites francaises. You'll be all set for the highlight of the winter- Winterama!



An excellent show

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to the organizers and skaters in the Penetanguishene Figure Skating Carnival, "A Night in Las Vegas", held last Saturday at the Arena.

It was an excellent show. The skaters, from the smallest who sat on the ice almost as much as they skated on it, to the talented senior members of the club, deserve praise for their efforts, as do their coaches.

Equally praiseworthy were the efforts of many who worked hard behind the scenes for weeks in advance: the mothers, who laboured over the costumes (which were excellent), the fathers who worked on the props (which added a lot to the show), and everyone else who pitched in to make the show the success it was. It was a real Club effort, said Carnival Chairperson Lynne Cousens.

"A Night in Las Vegas" was thoroughly enjoyed by the full house at the Arena.

Homer Spring: 'Mr. Balm Beach'

FUNERAL SERVICES were held on Monday for the late Homer Spring of Balm Beach.

Homer died last week in Florida as a result of a heart attack. Homer Spring could have been easily called "Mr. Balm Beach," he was that kind of a fellow.

Having resided at the beach where he had operated a business for years, the late Homer Spring was both a dedicated family man as well as a friend to "locals" and visitors alike.

Homer Spring's untimely death is a tremendous loss to both his family and friends.

We shall miss his quick wit, his quiet resolve and his great presence at Balm Beach.

Penetang Guides among 500

by MICHELLE ARCHER
Feb. 3 to 5 the First Penetang Pathfinder Guides went on our ski trip to Camp Borden. This weekend was great as we met Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from all

over Ontario. Attending were 500 people, 250 girls and 250 boys, from ages 12 to 18.

Saturday morning we had our ski lessons for the big race. At 1:40 p.m. it was our turn to

ski in the 5 kilometer race. Even though none of our girls came in first, second or third place, they still did very well.

Unfortunately our area, Silver Birch, did

not hold the trophy for the total point winners. But we would like to congratulate the White Oaks area which did

take the honour.

We all had a great weekend and, hopefully, we'll be able to go again next year.

Taylor forced to postpone meet

The Hon. George Taylor, MPP for Simcoe Centre, had planned to meet with interested constituents at the Royal Canadian Legion on Simcoe Street in Penetanguishene on Monday afternoon, but was forced to cancel the meeting.

He had to attend the funeral of the late Hon. Earl Rowe, a former

Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

Mr. Taylor's secretary told constituents who came to see him that he plans to come to Penetanguishene next Monday morning, Feb. 20. It's not yet certain if that meeting will be in the Legion or at another location.

Another point of view

Dear Editor:

It is heart-warming to read a daughter's tribute to her mother in "Another side heard from" (Feb. 8) and Midland citizens probably now have a more complete view of Pam Desroches many accomplishments. It is unfortunate that the current controversy should ever have arisen. Too bad that if the Town of Midland did not wish to re-hire this particular person for whatever reason, there might have been any encouragement implied other than that a later application would be considered.

It surely was considered, but it is understood that the person hired was felt to have even higher qualifications. Who amongst us has not been in competition for a job and see it go to someone thought to have more merit, as I can speak from personal experience? Generally, those who are not successful take the decision in good grace and do not seek legal redress in the expectation that they should have some inalienable right to that particular job.

As one who has hopefully helped, but certainly discussed job searches, with countless unemployed over many years the best course seems to be to discover what other options are open and to seek to demonstrate their worth to other employers.

I have been shocked to hear some citizens decry the giving of any job to other than a Midlander. As one who had, assisted people to find suitable work in other areas when there was none locally, I wonder how those re-located job holders would now feel if their employers let them go or refused to hire others due to their being "from outside"?

Let us cooperate with Brenda Caley and wish her well in the new job as she cannot be held responsible for the current controversy.

As for the hard-pressed Parking Authority, public spirited citizens who do a job, without pay as far as I am aware, as a civic responsibility, let them know that we appreciate their efforts under difficult circumstances.

Stanley R. Redman

Parking Authority should hire local unemployed

Dear Sir,

I read with interest your report on the hiring of a new traffic bylaw enforcement officer. I found Mr. Lewis remarks absolutely incredulous, considering we, the people, foot the bill for this report which we had no say about.

Concerning the successful candidate I have two observations to make.

Firstly: Our learned town council have in the past extolled the virtues of hiring locally, due to the high unemployment in this area. If my information is correct, the final four candidates were as follows, two from Midland, one from Penetanguishene, and one from Barrie. The successful candidate was from Barrie, and will presumably travel from Barrie to Midland each

day.

Secondly: Our town officials gave a glowing reference showing recall rights in the event of a future vacancy to one of the final four candidates. (This after more than two years of service in the said position was signed in 1983).

Perhaps the people of Midland would like to know the passed over candidates.

- 1) A laid off traffic by-law officer.
- 2) An ex-police chief.
- 3) A civilian radio operator.

As a Midland taxpayer I would have preferred a longtime Midland resident to have obtained this position.

I remain in awe,
Gail B Jones

Congratulations

Dear Editor:

As Public Relations Officer for Centre Simcoe District Women's Institute I too would like to congratulate Peter Vollett for his stand regarding selling tobacco products in his store.

As he would have no concrete way of judging how this would affect his volume of business, his positive action is to be commended.

Yours truly,
Adelaide Loughheed

Police beat

On Saturday, Feb. 11, Penetanguishene police arrested Rene Lalonde on an outstanding bench warrant. Lalonde was charged with failing to make a court appearance. He was taken to Barrie for a bail hearing.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, a collision between two vehicles at the corner of Church and Burke Streets resulted in \$2,000

damage. Clifton Armstrong was charged with failing to stop after

his vehicle collided with that of Robert Bruer. No one was injured

PGH births

Mr. and Mrs. Glen MacIntyre, of Hwy. 12, Victoria Harbour, welcomed a new baby boy on Feb. 10 at the PGH. He weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Duval, of SS1, Site 15, A p t 2 6

Penetanguishene had a baby daughter, on Feb. 10. She weighed 7 lb., 7 oz.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pauze of RR2 Penetanguishene on Feb. 11 He weighed 6 lb., 7 1/2 oz.

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