

Editorials

Information-honestly, openly and freely shared-
is the hallmark of democracy

A true champion

NOT EVEN A three-hour delay, Saturday night, prevented Penetanguishene figure skating sensation Brian Orser from retaining his Skate Canada crown.

The Canadian senior men's figure skating champion walked off with the title after placing second in school figures on Thursday and then notching first-place finishes in the short program on Friday and the long program, Saturday.

The 22-year-old won silver medals at both the Winter Olympics and the World's behind U.S. Scotty Hamilton.

Those of us who have been following Brian Orser's exploits have been delighted by his approach to the sport of figure skating.

He's a dedicated young man.

We look to him to win the national title next February in Moncton and then go on to take the World's.

That seems to be his destiny...and why not, he's a true champion in every sense of the word.

A job well done

EARLIER this month a change-of-command took place at the Midland detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Staff-Sgt. James Crighton, in taking over the helm from Staff-Sgt. William Boyd continues a long-standing tradition.

Like Staff-Sgt. Boyd, Staff-Sgt. Len Doolittle, Staff-Sgt. Harry Campbell and all the other commanding officers before him, Staff-Sgt. Crighton brings to his job here years of experience in the field of law enforcement and personnel management.

Our OPP detachment is one of the busiest, if not THE busiest police force in District 7. It is comprised of top-notch people.

We welcome Staff-Sgt. Crighton to North Simcoe and we extend to his predecessor, Staff-Sgt. Boyd, our thanks for a job well done.

Short-lived strike

CARS should again be rolling off General Motors of Canada assembly lines this week ending a 13-day walkout that shut down 13 Ontario and Quebec plants.

At the heart of a new three-year contract are wages, income security, pensions, cost of living payments and fitness and day-care programs.

As 36,000 Canadian workers prepare to go back to work, their American counterparts must feel a sense of relief.

As a result of the Canadian walkout, an estimated 41,000 GM workers in the States were idled by the Canadian strike.

We can all be grateful the strike was short-lived, and that common sense prevailed.

There are never any winners in a protracted strike.

A safe Hallowe'en

NOT ONLY is today Wednesday, Oct. 31, but it is Hallowe'en. Tonight, ghosts and goblins of all sizes and shapes will be out in full force.

In their excitement going door to door to trick-or-treat they may dart out into traffic.

The motoring public is reminded to use extra care and caution so as to make this a very safe Hallowe'en for all concerned.

Divert lottery cash

IT'S THE same old tale of woe: hospital facilities that would relieve overcrowding at a great many Ontario hospitals aren't being used because the Ontario Ministry of Health isn't supplying enough money to operate them.

Now to compound the matter even further, Premier William Davis is urging ministries of health, education and municipal affairs to pass even less money to the provinces hospitals, school boards, universities and municipalities.

Closer to home, a wing at Huronia District Hospital with room for 18 beds hasn't been brought on stream because of the lack of provincial funds even though there is no shortage of patients.

The time is fast approaching when a portion of profits from Ontario lotteries will have to be used to help fund health care in the province.

The Davis government might start by studying the thesis behind the Irish Sweepstakes which produces millions of dollars for health care services and facilities in Ireland.

It's a long sight better than constantly going to provincial coffers or raising premiums.



Law needs changing

Dear Editor:

I agree with Dick Vrugteveen about the government. Law needs changing in this fruit deal! Why should he have to throw out good fruit because of its size or shape? Most people do not care about the size or shape of a peach. If they do they are not thinking of how nice a peach tastes.

Being able to buy them at all is some thing these days with the soaring prices.

I give him credit in seeing that they are not thrown away but sold at a lower price, so all people can know what a peach tastes like.

Good luck to him in court.

A reader of your paper,
Rose C. Bonner
Apt. 3, 407 Midland Ave.
Midland

Midland has been good to us

Dear Editor:

I am writing this in memory of my husband Henry.

Where do I start to thank so many people. So I'll begin with Father Wayne Manne who was with him at the hospital then stayed most of the night with us.

Father Stephen Somerville who was so kind to us after just burying his own mother.

Father Ed McFague who assisted at the mass and for all his kindness over the years.

Father Tony for his words of comfort. Father Canning for his visit. Dr. Kettle, Dr. Dolezel, Huronia District Hospital and nurses.

The ambulance men who mean so much to us. The fire men, the police men, the florist, the

friends who sent food, flowers and masses.

Those who visited with love and prayers. The Legion of Mary Catholic Women's league, St. Theresa's Ladies Auxiliary. The Sisters Staff and students. The funeral choir, the communion ministers, Mark Goodman, Ernie Mink, Doug Reed, my family, Henry's family, my boys who were their Dad's pride and joy and who are my strength, their wives, my grandchildren.

Where do I stop. The Nicholls who have been such good friends over the years. Most of all I thank God for giving me Henry as a husband and my lover.

Midland has been good to us.

-Sincerely Teresa Laurin

An educational evening

Dear Editor:

The public and press are cordially invited to hear Dr. Daniel Fader speak at Barrie Central Collegiate on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Dr. Fader will be speaking on "How parents can help support their schools in the difficult work of conveying a willing, useful literacy to all students".

He will emphasize the importance of parents role in the schools' success or failure in teaching

Far short of our needs

Dear Editor:

We thank you very much for the news items, you have included in the recent past.

Would you kindly use the following information to the best of your ability to assist us in achieving our C.N.I.B. goal.

Our C.N.I.B. donations to this date, Oct. 25, total approximately \$6,000, which is far short of our needs and objective of \$19,000.

These funds are to assist the blind and visually impaired become self-sufficient members of our society.

As this campaign is winding down, we urge everyone to make use of the handy donation envelope that was received in the mail, or if you wish, just drop into your local Toronto-Dominion Bank - they have official C.N.I.B. receipts ready and waiting.

Thank you,
-T.L. Hawkins,
Publicity

All donations received in this area are used to help the relevant people in this area.

reading and writing.

This evening of special interest will be sponsored by Simcoe County Elementary Teachers who will be hearing Dr. Fader speak on "The New Literacy: What It Is And What We Can Do About It", the following day which is set aside as a Professional Development Day.

Daniel Fader is a Professor of English at the University of Michigan. He is an internationally recognized consultant, lecturer and author ("Hooked on Books") who is interested in the teaching of language skills to the modern student.

Dr. Fader espouses that students are much less prepared than they were 30 years ago by their familial environment to value reading and writing, and they are more familiar with the voices of television than they are with their own or their family's voices.

He will speak on this problem from the point of view of a teacher and a parent.

We hope that you will come out and enjoy this educational evening on Nov. 1.

Yours truly,
-Paul G. Locke,
Publicity Chairman,
Orchard Park School.

Letters

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