

Editorials

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Good show Penetang

CITIZENS of Penetanguishene donated some \$6,500 to the Central Ontario Disaster Relief Fund last week; that's more than one dollar for every man, woman and child living in Penetanguishene.

Mayor Ron Bellisle, one of the local fundraising organizers, says he is pleased with the amount raised. He said he originally expected donations to help tornado victims would total \$3,000 to \$4,000.

With the three to one matching pledge of the provincial government, the two-day Penetang fundraising blitz will have raised approximately \$26,000 for the fund.

In addition to recognition for Penetang residents coming through for the tornado victims, credit goes to those who helped organize the fundraising drive. They included the mayor and many other municipal officials. The door-to-door idea for fundraising proved to be a good one.

Credit is also due those who volunteered to canvass door to door last Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Local businesses, big and small, also chipped in to help those in need, either by making donations or holding fundraising drives of their own.

Lend a hand today

RECENTLY we received a request from Pickering College for a donation to its annual fund.

It was written on a facsimile of the stationery that was provided passengers aboard the Titanic on her maiden (and final) voyage, April 10, 1912.

The White Star Liner, despite repeated warnings, rammed an iceberg and early on April 15, the 11-storey floating palace sank in 12,000 feet of water in the icy Atlantic.

Only a little of the stationery mistakenly left ashore remains of the Titanic.

While things are not quite that desperate at the Quaker Boarding School, things are in those communities hit by six deadly twisters on May 31 which sliced through the province's mid-section from Shelburne and Orangeville to Barrie and Tottenham.

If these communities are ever to get back on their feet they are going to need our continued moral, physical and financial support.

Historic day

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1985 will be remembered as a historic day in the annals of Ontario political history.

Today's defeat of the Throne Speech of Premier Frank Miller's government spells the end of the 42 year old Tory dynasty in Ontario, a political dynasty which, apparently, has no equal in the western world.

So now there is to be a new alliance government headed by the Liberals and supported by the NDP.

One can expect Liberal leader David Peterson to initiate a flurry of new legislation in the next several months in an effort to project a fresh dynamic image. In spite of the arrangement in which Mr. Peterson and NDP leader Bob Rae have agreed not to precipitate an election for two years, there's no guarantee events in the next several months won't culminate in an early election. Mr. Peterson will endeavour to ensure that his spring fortunes amount to more than a flash in the pan.

The months ahead will be interesting. Premier Frank Miller must decide whether he stays on and fights the "Saps" as he calls the "Socialist Alliance Party" or whether he vacates the leadership of his party.

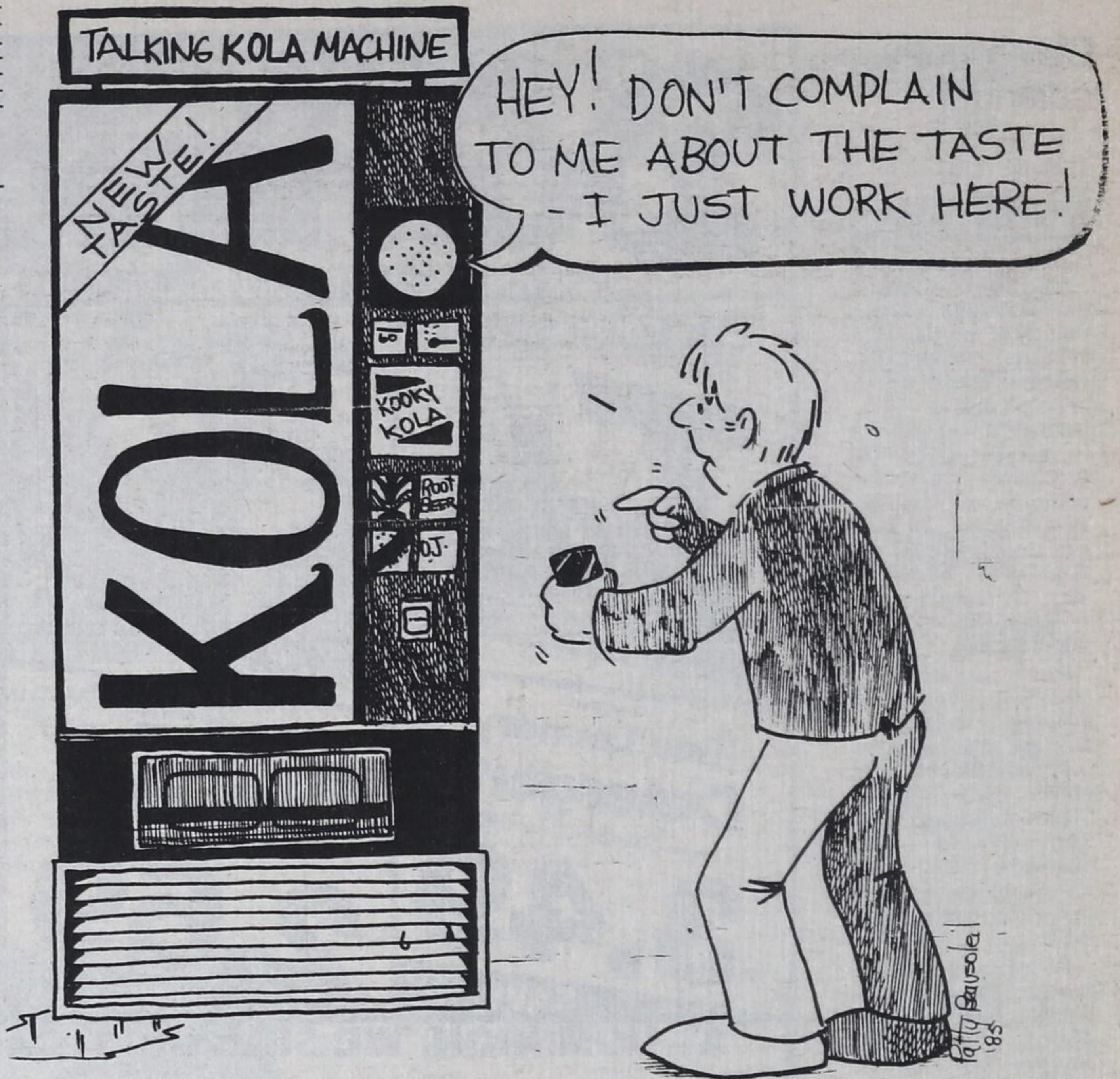
It will be interesting, too, to see if Mr. Peterson does buck political tradition in this province and survive as head of a Liberal government at Queen's Park longer than those that have come before.

Dedicated couple

THIS THURSDAY, a community appreciation night will be held at the Midland Salvation Army Citadel for Lt. and Mrs. Raymond Braddock who leave the area later this month to assume a new posting in Owen Sound.

The Braddocks, during these past five years, have played a key role as Salvationists in North Simcoe as evidenced by the number of individuals who have called the local citadel to express their thanks and good wishes to these two fine officers.

Our area's loss is certain to be Owen Sound's gain.



Vandalism decried by horticulturalists

Dear Editor:

As instructed and on behalf of the Penetanguishene Horticultural Society, we wish to alert the people of Penetanguishene of the vandalism and defacing of public property in our town parks.

Our poor non-profit organization planted six Bicentennial White Pine trees three to four feet high for Ontario's 1984 Bicentennial in our waterfront park. Our small society was the only organization in the town to do anything re: Ontario's Bicentennial year but all received grant money, and much to our disgust in Human Nature, we had six White Pine trees removed (via chain saw) from the park area. These trees were planted on Arbor Day in both the Waterfront Park

and McGuire Park.

This is not the first time trees have been wilfully damaged, with tops cut off, broken limbs and branches. They were even used as a clothes line and fires were set near the trees. These trees have a hard enough time trying to survive.

The trees are planted for our future heritage, but vandals think otherwise.

Remember to walk in the grass and leave the trees alone.

Anyone caught damaging the trees will be prosecuted by the police officials.

Irate Horticultural members,
(signed)

Helen DuBeau, secretary

Thanks from Big-Wheelie

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the CONTACT Information Centre's Board of Directors and Staff, I would like to thank everyone who helped and participated in our fifth annual Big Wheelie Bike-A-Thon.

Thank you to Angela Foster for starting us off (and still managing to come in third in the long route), to Christian Hollman (1st in the long route), to John Ross (2nd in the long route) to Dave Brooks (4th in the long route) to Pat Murray (1st in the 16 km route) to Dave Mink representing the Rotary Club (2nd in the 16 km route) to Dave Wachler (3rd in the 16 km route) and to Brad Deschamps, David Fournier and Nancy Blackwell (1st, 2nd and 3rd in the short route). Special thanks to Dr. MacVittie for collecting the most pledges, over \$600 and to David Fournier, 11 years old, for collecting over \$300 in pledges.

Thank you to Mark Thompson, last year's fastest finisher, Jason Kennedy and Tony Brinovec for appearing on cable television to publicize our event and participating. Thanks to Joanne Corosky and the Penetang Girl Guides, Lisa Corosky, Leigh Ann Fairbrother, Lou Nybor and Heather Burbidge for their participation and to all of the riders, Paul Dube, Shane Cooper, Rhonda Burrows, Troy Caley, Adam Bourgeois, May Hardacre, Ryan Hebner, Mark Cooper, Kathy Parent, Paul Therrien, Glenn Winch, Scott Cummings, Blair Stotesbury, Darleen Pilon, Vincente Castano, Tim Mason, David Vanstone, Chris Hilliard, Kevin Barton, Corey Asselin, Kevin Hamelin, Brent Armstrong, Bill and Erin Matz, Nancy and Jim Blackwell, J.S. Duquette, J.P. Arnand, John Osborne, Jody Weaver, Steven Minard, Keith Sauve, Spencer Beaudoin, Terry Welch, and Ian Ross.

Thank you to Zellers, Woolworths, the Castle Village Gift Shop, the Bike Shop, K-Mart, the Bavarian House, Il Giardino, Jimmy's Pizza and Video Daze for their donations of prizes. Thanks to McDonalds for donating a free Big Mac coupon for all participants and to Bayshore Lanes for donating a free bowling pass to each participant.

The St. John's Ambulance and local police departments were also most helpful as were the Midland Parks and Arena staff and Parkview School MacLean Hunter community television, CKMP, The Free Press and The Midland Times were instrumental in publicizing the event. Thanks to Charleen Poirier and the CSO Program and to Volunteer David Penna. Also a big thank you to Caroline Molloy who did a very good job coordinating the Bike-A-Thon.

Approximately 60 people participated and over \$3,000 was pledged to the CONTACT Information Centre. Thank you everyone for your support.

Yours truly,
Sandra L. Saddy,
Administrator

Letters

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