

Editorials

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is the hallmark of democracy

First anniversary approaches

NEXT SUNDAY marks the first anniversary of Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage to Huronia, an anniversary that marks one of the most historic events in an area richly steeped in history.

As the first anniversary approaches, there comes a flood of happy memories shared by tens of thousands of Huronia residents, and visitors to Huronia on Sept. 15, 1984 who chose the pontiff's Midland visit to see the Pope during his tour of our country. It remains one of the highlights of people's lives.

Legions of volunteers made the schedule of events for the historic day run smoothly. Their reward for their effort is a treasured one: actively having shared in making the Pope's visit -- in his own words -- the highlight of his Canadian tour.

Anniversaries of happy historic events are often tinged with a sense of wistfulness: who among those sharing in a magic moment wouldn't want to go back in time briefly to re-live it? A year ago at this time we shared with other places in the country where the world's best-known contemporary figure would visit the mounting excitement as the day of the visit fast approached.

A year later we recall the magic time when charismatic John Paul became a part of our history. And, one suspects, John Paul carries with him memories of the day he joined us.

Unforgettable are the images of the Pope immersing himself in the historical setting of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, and participating in the moving ceremonies in the Martyrs' Shrine field.

Tough decisions

Prime minister Brian Mulroney's decision last week to rule out official Canadian government participation in Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative came as something of a surprise because Mulroney has shown in the year he has been in office that his government, as a matter of course, would move Canadian foreign policy to a position more sympathetic to American policy than was previously the case.

Perhaps the prime minister felt himself pressured toward rejection of Star Wars involvement because of a lingering feeling that he is being too cosy with the Reagan Administration; perhaps he was moved by arguments that an active Canadian role in Star Wars would yield little benefits to Canada. (Star Wars, too, remains a highly controversial subject in the United States where politicians fail to agree on its strategic merits, its workability, and whether its development will hamper arms control with the Soviets.)

By whatever process, Mulroney has demonstrated he is capable of developing an independent foreign policy.

Eyes will focus next on how he approaches the coming debate on free trade with the U.S.

If exploratory talks on free trade proceed (a decision on this is pending) there will be strong arguments for and against ending, or vastly reducing, trade tariffs between the two neighbours. Those in favour argue it will stimulate Canadian business growth while those strongly opposed say it will lead to the end of Canadian independence.

It is as big an issue facing a Canadian prime minister as has come along in years.

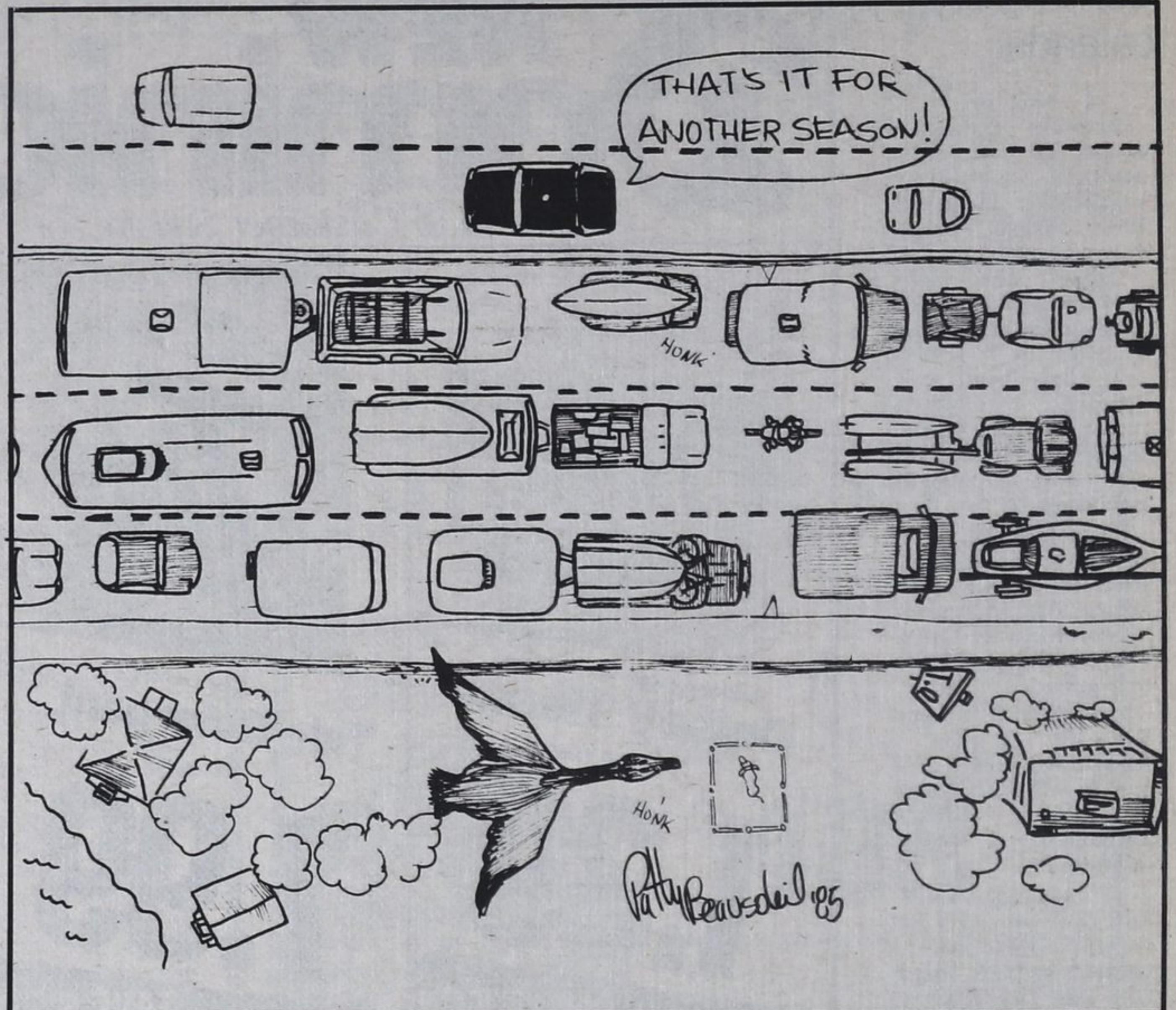
Six, seven long years

IRAN'S AYATOLLAH Khomeini was recently quoted as saying he doesn't approve of the massive amount of coverage he receives in Iranian news reports, and henceforth wants his name used only when he deems it necessary.

How long has it been since the Ayatollah first became a household word around the world? Six years, seven years? Seems like quite a long time.

Perhaps news organizations around the world will take to heart what Khomeini said about suing his name less.

Took the shy fellow long enough to get tired about reading and hearing about himself, didn't it?



Lawn bowlers hear special message

Dear Editor:

St. Paul's United Church "Couples Club," Midland, spent a very successful and delightful evening participating in a round of bowling at Midland Lawn Bowling Club, Sept. 3, 1985.

Fun, as well as bowling skill was very evident. Following the bowling, a brief business meeting was conducted by The Couples Club President, and tea, coffee and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone.

The evening closed with a most timely "Meditation Message" by Rev. Robert Newman, a member of St. Paul's Couples Club.

The theme was "When is a good or right time to think of God?"

Once in a while -- once a week -- once a day? The answer followed very clearly -- "The right time is now -- just when and where we are at. In other words we need to constantly think of

God. Each of us receives "the breath of life" at the beginning -- then we journey for a time through life and living with all its countless ups and downs, enriching our souls for the return to God.

That was a message for great reflection, Robert -- thank you -- the right time to think of God is where we are at, now.

About 40 members of The Couples Club were present and 25 or 30 of them were able to participate in the lawn bowling.

Our club welcomes such groups for a try-out. -- it's fun, excellent fellowship, free and lovely fresh air, beside Midland's beautiful Little Lake.

Just contact any of our executive or lawn bowling members to arrange a bowling time.

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Video cassette

Dear Editor:

The Midland Chamber of Commerce has available a video cassette entitled "Cruising Southern Georgian Bay." It is a beautiful coloured documentary with audio and music, suitable of VCR viewing.

The tape runs 45 minutes and is ideal for an

organizational evening program. It is available from the Chamber office by reservation and a deposit.

Yours truly,
Matthew H. Parry
General Manager
Economic Development Commissioner

Thanks from Auxiliary

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Auxiliary to Huronia District Hospital, I wish to thank all the merchants, businesses, and individuals in the community for their support during the 1985 Antique Show & Sale. To our many eager volunteers my personal

appreciation for your time and superb effort.

Sincerely yours,
-Julie A. Mudde
Convenor 1985 Antique
Show & Sale
HDH Auxiliary

Thanks from Canadiana

Dear Editor:

We, Coldwater Canadiana, wish to express our thanks to your newspaper for the help that you have given us this season in giving publicity to our

organization.

Our group is small and funds limited, so any complimentary promotion we receive is most appreciated.

Again, our thanks.

Sincerely,
Kay Martin
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Calgary wins the record

City of Calgary wins the distinction of being the first municipality to be snowed on this summer in Canada.

The white stuff blanketed the city several days ago much to the surprise of everyone.

Last year, snow fell on Midland-Penetanguishene for the first time

on Friday, Nov. 2, shortly after the breakfast hour.

The year before that, snow fell on Huronia (during the winter of 1983-84) on Nov. 3.

And, during the winter of 1982-83, the white stuff really came in North Simcoe, on Oct. 16 to be exact.

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