

Editorials

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

An urgent plea

IN RESPONSE to a growing number of complaints, from within their own membership, the Board of Management for Midland Town Centre BIA (Business Improvement Area) has elected to prepare for the coming season with an open forum idea session.

The entire BIA board of directors will be on hand at Mick B's Restaurant and Gathering Place, Monday, March 3, at 8 p.m., to discuss members' ideas and hear their reservations.

In a membership letter delivered yesterday, titled "Urgent Plea", BIA management stressed the importance of attendance to the future cooperative functioning of their downtown organization.

We would hope every Midland BIA member will attend this information-sharing session.

Time stands still

IT IS HOPED the clock high atop Midland Library will be back in working order in the not-too-distant future.

The clock was disengaged last October after its original 1913 mechanism, behind the huge white glass faces in the King Street clock tower began to lose several hours time each day.

Since 1913 it has been a common routine for Midlanders and visitors to the Gateway to the 30,000 Islands to check their time-pieces with the huge clock.

With any luck at all a repair person will be located soon to resolve the problem so that time won't have to stand still in the bell tower any longer.

Sharing information

"AS TIMES change we change with them." So said OPP Cpl. Brad Nudds, community services officer attached to District 7 Headquarters at Barrie.

Cpl. Nudds was one of several high ranking policemen who attended an information sharing session last week at The Place regarding changes in police patrol districts for both the Elmvale and Midland detachments of the OPP.

More than 100 Balm Beach residents attended the session.

Some expressed concern, their area might not get the same attention as a result of the changes implemented by OPP at the beginning of the year.

However OPP assured those present the decision was made so as to better use police resources on ratepayers' behalf.

At the heart of the changes was a need to provide more effective and efficient policing in the Balm Beach area.

Listeners were assured, police will closely monitor the program and make adjustment accordingly.

What more can ratepayers ask?

Open new wing!

THIS YEAR, Huronia District Hospital will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

At the same time, the Hospital Auxiliary connected to HDH will mark its 75th.

We can't thank of a nicer gift for the hospital to receive this year than permission from Ontario Ministry of Health to complete the unfinished wing in HDH so as to allow for more active treatment beds to be established in the 125-bed facility.

There is nothing more demeaning for a seriously ill patient than to be assigned to a bed in the hospital's hallway because of a bed shortage.

The sooner pressure is brought to bear on the province to divert some of its grant monies to the likes of HDH, the better for all concerned.

'Uncle' to winter

LET'S HOPE, March comes in Saturday like a lamb and leaves the same way!

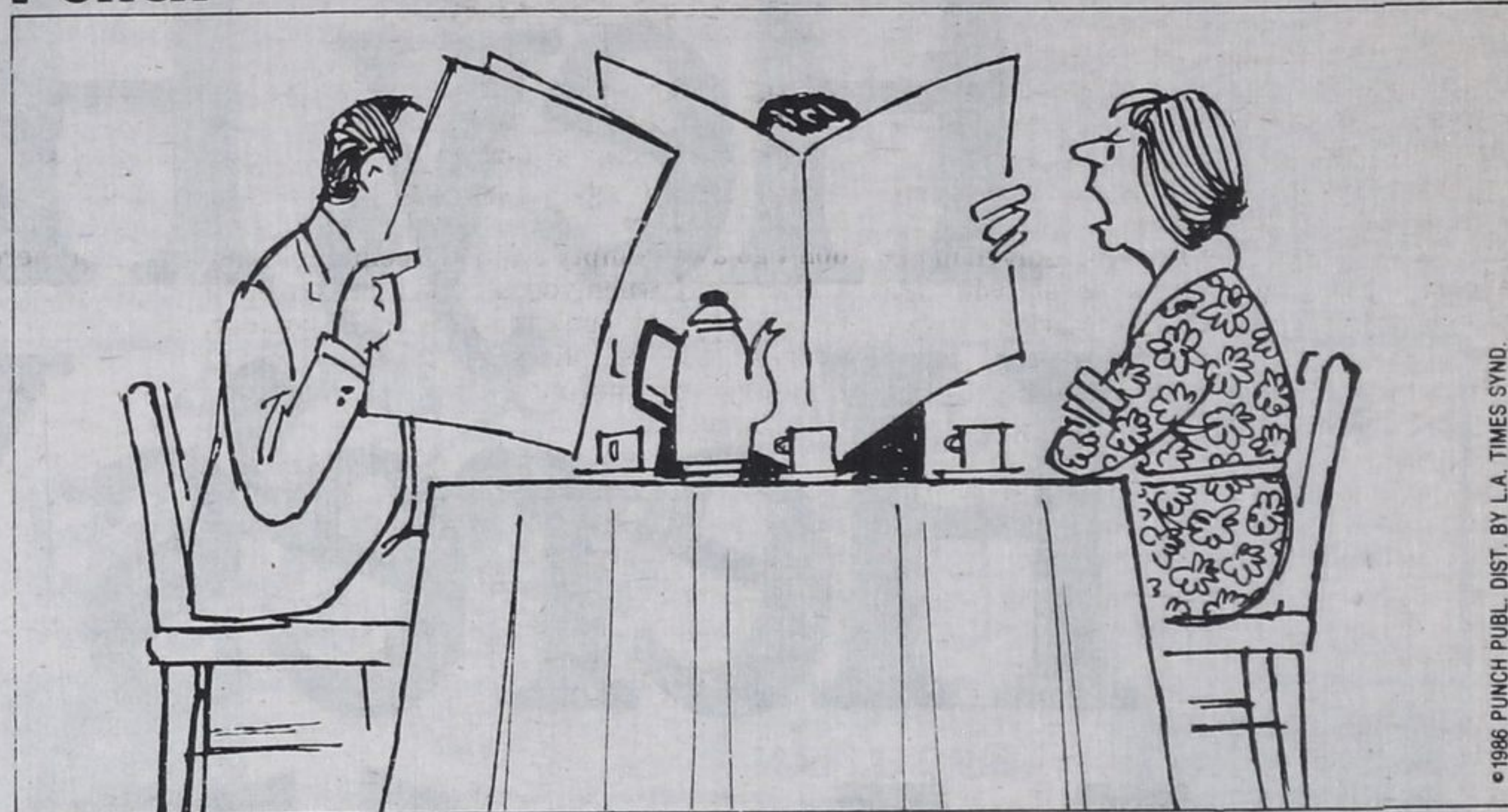
The winter of 1985-86 has had, to date, more than its share of winter blahs: snow, freezing rain, fog, drizzle, arctic sub-zero readings, the occasional blizzard and one early-Spring-thaw.

So far more snow has fallen on North Simcoe this winter than all of last.

Before Old Man Winter ties us up in a hammer lock we're quite agreeable to say, "Uncle."

How about you?

Punch



"This you call bigamy?"

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Letters

Winterama committee says thanks

Dear Editor:

Once again we have celebrated another super Winterama.

Winterama just does not occur spontaneously. Its success is due, for the most part because an absolutely super group of individuals and organizations donated one (1) evening a week since November.

The organizations include Centre D'activites francaises, Penetang Lions' Club, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 68, Little NHL, the Ladies Guild, St. James-on-the-Lines, the Anglican Church Women, North Simcoe Hunters and Anglers, Penetang Curling Club, the Quota Club and the Penetanguishene Volunteer Firefighters' Association.

On top of these numbers, the Winterama '86 Committee would like to thank the following individuals:

The Snow Sculpture Contest: Bart Brophy, Sharon Dion, Sharon Playne, Charlie Desroches, and their judges: Michael O'Desse, Hugh Niblock, and John Desrochers.

The Queen Contest: Jeannette Tracey, Vince Castano, Stella Quesnelle, Michael Duhig, Anita Dubeau, and their judges: Mrs. Earl Rowe, Mme Anne Gagne, and Tom Byrne.

Centre d'activites francaises: Claudette Couture-Lacroix, Annette St. Amant, and Marie Paule Lamoureux.

Media and Bed Race: Pat Forget and Scott Warnock.

Hats: Michele Gouett and Dale Forget.

Buttons: Jean Bazinet and the Quota Club of Huronia.

Sky Diving: Claude Lalonde and the Huronia Sky Divers.

Scouts: Bob Sullivan.

Ball Hockey: Cathy Dupuis.

Craft Show: Isabel Leroux.

Teen Dance & Treasurer: Jake Reimer

Pool Tournament: Ken Cowan.

Flycasting: John Desroches and Mike Mayotte. And most importantly - "The Parade" - Ken Quesnelle and the Penetanguishene Volunteer Firefighters' Association.

The Winterama Committee would also like to thank the following sponsors: Telemedia Communications, Agnes M. Gray, Inn at Bay Moorings, Marlynn Specialties, W.R. Clark Contracting, Terri's Travel, Lockhart Motors, Moreau's Variety, Andy Robitaille Auto & Truck Collision, Knights of Huronia, Don Sherk Construction, Asselin Insurance, Penetang Sand & Gravel, Memories & Dock Lunch, Ken Cote Supersave, P.M. Playne Plumbing, Watson's Shell & Variety, Dion's Flowers, Gauthier's Sporting Goods, Penetang I.G.A., Beaver Lumber, Branch Canadian Legion, Beau Maur Pools, Ontario Public Service Employees' Union, Quigley Cleaners, Commodore Hotel, Lalonde Jug City, Huronia Alarm & Fire Security, Bay Pharmacy, Centre d'activites francaises, Mr.Lamoureux, Plus Que Parfait Jazz Band, Goldwell Cosmetics Ltd., Don Thomas Supply & Equipment, Zotos Products from Jaguar Beauty Supplies, Redken Products from Beauticians Beauty Supply, Brule Hotel, Martin's Funeral Home, Bryant's Jewellers, Dr. David Scanlon, Pen Twin Theatre, Penetang Bottling Co. Ltd., Penetang Midland Coach Lines, Penetang Citizen, Meridis Place, Jory I.D.A. Pharmacy, Stoneleigh Motors Ltd.,

Castle Village Gift Shop, Grew Boats, Gignac's Children's Wear, Huronia Motors Ltd.

Winterama Fever is also contagious and the Winterama Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in making this the "best one so far."

See you all next year at Winterama '87.

Sincerely, Helen Dubeau
Winterama Co-ordinator

P.S. - And a special "Thank you" to Joyce Sauve, our Chamber Secretary, who orchestrated us all.

YMCA campaign a success

Dear Editor:

As Chairman of the 1985 YMCA Operating Campaign I am pleased to announce we have exceeded our goal of \$50,800 with over \$55,000 having been raised to date.

On behalf of my excellent fund raising committee I would like to sincerely thank all the donors and prospective donors. Never have industry, business and individual donors supported our Y's Operating Campaign is such a grand fashion!

Through your generous contributions we are able to continue to offer the excellent facilities and services of the Midland YMCA to all citizens of this area.

Thank you, Jim Worst, Campaign Chairman

Hats off to Rotarians

Dear Editor:

Once again "The Penetanguishene Rotary Club" and "Georgian Manor" deserve a hearty round of applause for "The Heritage Day Noon Luncheon" for a large room full of senior people.

It has to be a tremendous amount of organization, planning, work, service, etc.

So we want to say a "Big Thank You" to the Rotary Club, and Bob Morton with all his staff helpers and volunteers.

And we also want to say a nice "Thank You" to Perrie Rintoul for his slide pictures, and commentary on China. His mission was to teach conversational English, and we gathered that most of his waking hours were employed doing just that, wherever. Perrie mentioned more than once how eager the Chinese were to learn to speak English fluently.

So again we offer our gratefulness for Penetanguishene's Annual Heritage Day at Georgian Manor. How fortunate can we Seniors be?
Ken A. Cowan 526-5196

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