

Editorials

The real culprit

A MIDLAND physician, in a letter he recently sent to Premier David Peterson, said he (the doctor) felt the focus of the Ontario government (and the federal government) on extra billing by doctors "is a red herring."

One can't help but tend to agree with the doctor who points to the real culprit: serious underfunding of the health care system in our country.

In his letter to Queen's Park, Dr. Robert Archer noted, "I feel that doctors have been forced into a corner and will now become quite militant in the future."

He told this newspaper, none of the physicians in this area have opted out nor do any of them extra-bill.

Meanwhile, Metro's 5,000 doctors plan to withdraw volunteer services from hospital committees and stage a health care accessibility week of their own to protest Ontario's proposed ban on extra-billing.

It would appear the battle lines are being drawn with possibly patients caught in the middle.

One can only hope when the OMA appears before a committee of MPPs later this month doctors will be able to get their message across, that it's serious underfunding of the health care system in general and no extra-billing in particular that's the fly in the ointment.

An act of caring

MARCH IS Red Cross Month. Whether in this month or any other, Red Cross is ready.

In Ethiopia a Canadian nurse works 16 hours a day, seven days a week, to help the diseased and starving victims of famine.

In Barrie, a small group of volunteers springs into action to help individuals and families left homeless following last spring's devastating tornadoes.

In Calgary a businessman gives up his lunch hour to donate blood - his contribution to ensuring sufficient blood is available for those who need it.

These unrelated acts of caring are examples of what the Red Cross - and Red Cross volunteers - do every day, every year, across Canada and around the world. They're ready. Ready to help.

In Canada, Red Cross volunteers raise funds for the victims of disaster and armed conflict around the world. They recruit blood donors, work at clinics, and give blood. They provide emergency aid, and they work to prevent accidents and fatalities through the teaching of accident prevention, first aid and water safety.

The Red Cross reaches out to help the members of our cities and towns through a range of community-based programs and services. Red Cross volunteers visit the sick and the elderly, and teach fitness programs for senior citizens. They make temporary loans of sickrooms equipment free-of-charge. They offer a free tracing and reunion service to family member separated by war or disaster.

The Red Cross develops educational programs for young people on safety, health and international awareness, and encourages young people to develop their skills through voluntary service.

In so many ways, every day, the Red Cross provides the means for ordinary people to translate their concern for others into practical assistance.

But the Red Cross can only do it with your help.

So please give generously during your local Red Cross campaign. Help keep Red Cross ready!

A fine Canadian

JEAN CHRETIEN, the 52-year-old MP for Saint-Maurice, stunned Parliament and indeed the nation last week by resigning as a member of Parliament.

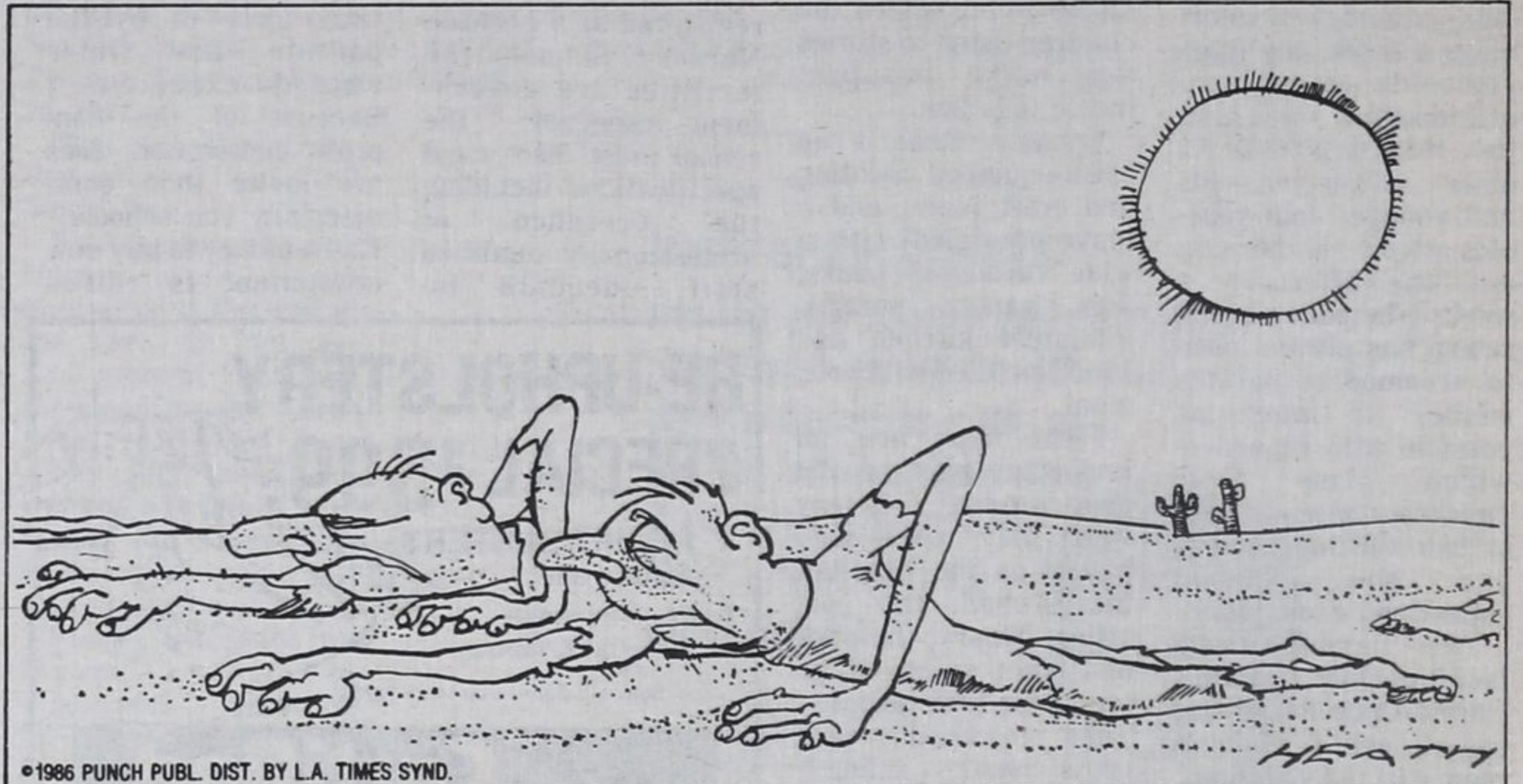
The charismatic "little guy from Shawinigan" will be missed in the House, for he was truly one of a kind.

An enormously popular politician, the former Liberal MP's departure from the national politician scene came abruptly last Thursday after emerging from a 30-minute meeting in Liberal leader John Turner's office.

Jean Chretien's outstanding political career was easily highlighted by him being handed the monumental task of patriating the Constitution.

His populist voice will be missed in the House, but he will remain a fine Canadian and an even finer human being.

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"I'll give you my address, and when we get back to the States, you must look us up."

Letters

Wants more info

Dear Editor:

The following letter was sent to Mr. Guy Maurice Sec't., Huronia Airport Commission, c/o Tiny Township Office, Perkinsfield, Ontario.

Congratulations to the Airport Commission on the runway extension at Huronia Airport. It is hoped that this was accomplished with minimal cost to the taxpayers of local municipalities. Taxpayers will be interested in seeing what effect this expenditure has on producing new industry locally and serving industry already established.

We hope the commission will keep us informed on these matters.

The local papers have reported that the Airport Commission has passed a resolution to pay each of its members travel expenses per meeting of \$25.00 in 1986, \$30.00 in 1987 and \$35.00 in 1988.

For those members representing Midland it would appear that 20kms would be the mileage to and from meetings, thus making the rate of compensation \$1.25 per km.

Please note that increases in taxation by municipalities is around four percent but the commission has given a 20 percent increase in '87 and 16 percent increase in '88. Can your commission justify this high rate to its members, for the benefit of taxpayers?

If this payment is intended to be a per diem payment this fact should be stated by the commission.

Would you please send me a list of the members of this commission and the municipalities they represent.

I would appreciate receiving your reply to these concerns at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely
W.H. Russel,
301 Sixth Street,
Midland, Ontario

This dance was a success

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 15, 1986, Waubaushe Parents Committee held a Valentine Reunion Dance at the Baxter Ward Community Centre, Port Severn, to raise enough funds to equip the General Purpose Room at the Waubaushe Public School.

I would like to take this opportunity now to thank everyone who generously gave a donation to our committee to help make this fund raising venture a success.

Atlas Block, A&A Records, A&P Midland, Bob Thiffault, Bi-Way, Coke - Penetang Bottling Crissa Bakery, Catch Penny Cafe, Couper Construction, Dunlop Plumbing & Heating, Dial-A-Movie, Dave Duffy, Dominion Store, New, Duffy's Store, Dennis Lanchbury, Highland Motel, Humpty-Dumpty, Hostess, Huronia Office Supplies, Harry Chattington, Janes Office Supplies, K-Mart, Kim & Kelly Howell, Lloyd & Roger Sibley, Lockhart Motors, Leitz Canada Ltd., Lantern Market, Mountainview Mall Florists, Mr. John Moreau - Super Save, Mr. Tee, Mapleneuk, Marg Ward, Meatland, Mitsubishi Electronics, Molsons, Orrs Jewellers, P.M.C.L., Port Severn Honey Harbour Bus Lines, Brent & Terri Petroff, Video House, Severn Boat Haven, Teddys - Moun-

tainview Mall, The Buckskins: Paul Bolyea, Waubaushe IGA: Kathy & Collin Freer, Win Drug Mart, Woods Ice, Schenleys, Cathy Sullivan, Dale Duffy, Vicky Couper, Bill Donald.

A special thank you to all of the parents and teachers who gave of their time and talents to make this fund raising venture a success. Thank you.

Mr. Bill Donald Vicky Couper
Chairperson Secretary
Waubaushe Parents Committee

Thanks for all your help

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank local Businesses and Clubs on behalf of Ron and Eve Desroches and family for donations for the benefit dance at the Royal Canadian Legion branch 68, on Friday, Feb. 28th.

The companies and clubs are as follows: the Royal Canadian Legion branch 68, for the Hall and Penetang Bottling, for all the pop, Scott's printing for the tickets, Penetang Lions Club, for the games.

Also a special thanks to the people that gave up their time for this, special night, for Ron and his family. They are as follows: Shelley Quesnelle, Pauline Ellis, Brenda Leduc, Paul Leduc & Ray Moube.

Also to Philippe Desroches who made sure the family was there. And especially to all the people who attended the night, to help Ron and family for their loss in the fire.

Yours truly,
Keith Kennedy

Major fund raising event

Dear Editor:

Since 1922, The Easter Seal Society has been serving the needs of physically disabled children and their families in Ontario. The major fund-raising event to provide these services is the annual Easter Seal Campaign and I am writing to you at this time to ask you for your support in publicizing the campaign.

The campaign objective for 1986 is \$3,650,000, the highest objective in the 64 year history of the Society.

Yours sincerely,
John Butler
Coordinator
Easter Seal Campaign

Letters

The Penetanguishene Citizen welcomes Letters to the Editor. They must be legible, signed (by hand), and carry the writer's address and telephone number for verification. Pen names are not allowed and anonymous letters will not be published. Letters published by this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this newspaper, its publisher or editor.

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