

Magnificent rink

They've done it again!
The Russ Howard Rink are once again on their way to the Ontario Curling Finals, and who knows, maybe on their way to appearance number two at the Labatt's Briar. Congratulations on another magnificent job.

We applaud them, Russ, Glenn, Tim and Kent. It is not everyday that athletes of their calibre are found in this community.

Once again this year, Russ and the boys have shown this community what hard work, dedication, endurance and good sportsmanship can accomplish. They have done North Simcoe proud, and will continue to no matter what next week's Labatt's Blue Light Tankard in Chatham brings.

We know they can do it again!
Congratulations again, and good luck in next week's play.

Harbour has heart

It's that time of year again, when the small community of Victoria Harbour shows (the rest of the area) they've got miles and miles of heart.

Starting this coming Friday evening, people from miles around will converge on the village to get in on the fun of (one of the winter's highlights in North Simcoe) the 13th annual Mini Bonhomme Carnival.

From Friday to Sunday, the village will be filled with a hustle and bustle that is not often found in a community that size, while families and friends get together to partake in the many outdoor activities that are slated for the weekend.

If the winter blahs are the problem, the Village of Victoria Harbour's Mini Bonhomme Committee have a lot more than one sure fire cure planned for this weekend.

This small group of people have been working long and hard to get the weekend's celebrations off the ground and deserve the whole area's support.

Get behind the village, most people will guarantee that you won't be disappointed.

NSWMA concerned

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to an article in the January 16, 1987 edition of the Free Press with the heading "Big 3 voice dump concerns."

One wonders what the heading was meant to accomplish? The article certainly is a classic example of the Nimby Syndrome, better known perhaps as the "not in my backyard" point of view.

The principals named in the article are as most area people would know, very knowledgeable and perform very important functions in our community.

I would like to believe that the members of the North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA) are also doing an important and necessary service for the area.

One cannot help but ask why at this late date these questions and concerns are being raised by these people in particular as there has been ample opportunity to raise and debate these points of view and others as has been done by many concerned people of the area in the past several years. It should be remembered that the area the NSWMA is proposing as a location for a waste disposal site will be very closely examined during the Environmental Assessment Hearing at which time concerned people will have a further say in the matter.

Mr. Barret-Hamilton indicates concern about the proposed facility. Regarding the technology, I can only say that well-qualified people were chosen to do the necessary studies and engineering and hydrology work. All of this plus the ongoing tasks carried out by NSWMA were done under the watchful eye of the Ministry of the Environment officials.

As for the future management of the proposed facility, it should be pointed out that this intends to establish and operate any future facility so as to have complete control of the operation.

I am sure that the NSWMA will be quite

receptive to any constructive suggestions and perhaps actual participation in the managing of a waste disposal operation.

As I have said many times in the past, the bottom line to all of this is that the area absolutely needs a disposal site and it has been well proven that other areas are not about to welcome us with our garbage.

Yours truly
Bruce Tinney
Chairman
Site Selection Committee
N.S.W.M.A.

YMCA support very generous

Dear Editor:

Through the kind offices of your newspaper, I wish to acknowledge the very generous support of all the wonderful YMCA supporters in this area.

Our campaign which started last November has now reached 96 percent of its \$65,500 objective! We are very confident that we shall reach this target as the last few unreported calls are received. This generosity will enable the YMCA to continue its service to young and old, its campership programs and its sponsored membership programs which along with all the other Y activities make this community a better place in which to live.

Our success each year would be considerably diminished if it were not for the unselfish work of our superb team of volunteer canvassers. We are most grateful for their untiring and dedicated efforts.

Thank you sincerely
Jim Worts
Campaign Chairman

Viewpoint

Grossman's lesson on a coup

All leaders have to come back to power in style.

Consider Ferdinand and his wife. Ferdinand who, you ask? Ferdinand Marcos, of course: the man who believes he will soon return to power in the Phillipines. Ferdinand and his wife went shopping last week. They bought over two thousand dollars worth of army clothes and army boots, supposedly to help them make their triumphant try back to the Phillipines. Ferdinand made a Jane Fonda style workout tape to prove to loyalists back home that he was fit to come home. In what has to be the best comedy this year, Ferdinand was shown pumping iron and doing leg stretches lying almost upside down in bed. Watch out world. Ferdinand is ready to seize power again.

Then there's the case of Ronald Reagan, lately another on-going comedy. He wants to prove to America that he is in control; if not in control of his senses, then at least in control of the country. Reagan tried to look tough vetoing the clean water bill to reduce water pollution. In his veto message, Reagan said he didn't want to pass the bill because he was afraid it would bring America back "into the big spending days of years gone by". Good one, Ronny. Take a look at your defence budget, a masterpiece in restraint. Keep up

your crusade to win back credibility, it will take you at least another 100 years if you continue to deliver messages like that.

Back here in Ontario, we have our own man trying to regain power. His name is Larry Grossman. Like Ferdinand and Ronald, his quest for credibility, let alone the government, may be a long one if his present pace continues.

When one looks at Larry Grossman, one wonders what relevance his outlook on the current political scene has to do with his mission to regain the government. Grossman seems hopelessly mired in the abyss unless he does an about face. If Larry continues in his current ways, the best chance at regaining the government is to follow Ferdinand Marcos' lead and plan a coup.

I had a chance to hear Grossman speak recently, answering questions on the impending election and the state of his party. Ironically Grossman's grasp of the current situation was so realistic, it was almost unreal. Throughout his remarks, Grossman hinted that he didn't have a chance to win the next election.

He said the best he could do would be to hold Peterson to a minority. He said he was getting used to his job as opposition leader, one which he planned to hold for a long time.

His party has a freeze on nominations for candidates for the next election. He has no campaign theme dreamed up. He has no key issue he claims the Peterson Liberals are mishandling. While Grossman may be assessing the current position realistically when he hints that Peterson will win next time hands down, he is also adding to the problem by his very attitude.

Mr. Grossman, a good opposition leader does not tell the public that he will not win the next election. An opposition leader never considers the next election a writeoff, unless of course, he wishes to be written off.

An opposition leader does not prevent his party from nominating candidates for the next election. An opposition leader creates a focussed attack on the government so as to undermine its credibility. Why are you breaking all these rules?

Maybe Larry thinks differently than most opposition leaders. Maybe he believes that it's a good idea to allow many of his caucus members to announce they're not running in the next election and nominate no replacement, leaving the riding effectively void of any strong and powerful Tory voice. Maybe he believes it's wise to withhold attacks on a popular government, making it more popular by doing so. Maybe we're the ones who have

Carey Nieuwhof

got things backwards.

The election will be called for this fall. The Liberals have been ready for this election for well over a year, and they're ready to roar. The NDP are as ready as they'll ever be. The Tories are stuck in the mud.

Perhaps Larry will pull a large rabbit out of his hat before the writ is brought down this fall. Perhaps he will unleash a strategically planned assault on David Peterson and shock Ontario into voting Tory. If he does, political strategists will write about it for centuries to come. Right now, however, it appears that Grossman is allowing his party to fall out from underneath him.

With the exception of his new call for Peterson to cut taxes, he has little substantive policy, no focus, an uninterested caucus, no new candidates nominated for the next election, and a record that suggests he believes he will lose the next election.

For his sake, and for the sake of his party, Grossman should work on turning his strategy around. Unless we hear some encouraging remarks from Larry in the next three months, he soon may find himself with about as much credibility as Ronald Reagan has in Congress. Unless there is an about face, he'll have to take a lesson from Ferdinand Marcos on how to retake a government.

Letters

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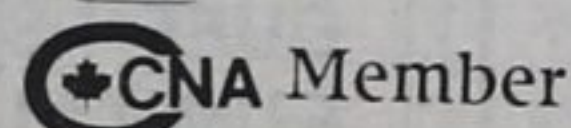
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