

Readers' comments

Charity magic

Dear Editor:

My name is Claude Haggerty. I own and operate one of Canada's largest magic shows. Our show specializes in large-scale illusions and tours throughout Canada. In September '85, we were chosen to perform for the grand opening of the West Edmonton Mall, Phase III.

Recently, we have rearranged our schedule so we

may raise money for charity and service groups.

If any charity or service group in your community could benefit from a fundraising event, I encourage them to contact me at: Claude Haggerty Magic, 325 Broad St. W., Dunnville, Ontario, N1A 1T2; (416) 774-5500.

Yours truly
Claude Haggerty

Capital punishment

To the Editor:

Dear Friend:

Let me share with your readers a recent letter written by Lesley C. Parrott, the mother of Alison Parrott of Toronto.

After considering her letter, your readers may wish to write to our Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario (no postage required) to commend him for his steadfast opposition to the reinstatement of capital punishment in Canada. Her letter reads:

"I would like you to consider my views on capital punishment in light of the motion currently being debated. Our 11-year old daughter, Alison, was abducted and murdered last July. Prior to Alison's death, I had always been opposed to capital punishment, this conviction being based upon the very deep Christian belief that it is wrong to kill another human being no matter what the circumstances.

Alison's murder has given me a very strong personal and agonizing ex-

perience of the horror of violence and killing. It has more than ever convinced me that we, as a society cannot ever and must not ever condone killing, whether by state or individual, in any shape or form.

Throughout this debate much attention has been focused on the victim's rights. While I agree that often the safety, security and suffering of present and future victims is not always given due consideration, I do not believe that anyone's suffering can in any way be alleviated by the deliberate killing of other human beings. I do not want to be part of a society that brings up future generations with the belief that killing can be legitimized under certain circumstances.

Let the message be clear and unconditional; Human life is sacred, killing is always wrong.

Please consider my deep-felt views and vote no to the return of the death penalty."

In friendship
David Griffis Mair

Thanks from Big Sisters

Dear Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the Olympic Torch Relay Evening, held in Midland.

We especially would like to thank CKMP, The Midland Times and MacLean Hunter Cable TV for excellent coverage of the event. A big thank-you also, to Little Lake Petro-Canada, Holder's Bakery,

MacDonald's, and the Budd Watson Gallery for their invaluable assistance.

We were honoured by the presence of Angela Schmidt-Foster and the Russ Howard Rink. The Big Sisters Association wish Angela Schmidt-Foster all the best for a successful 1988 Winter Olympics.

Yours truly,
Big Sisters Assoc. of
Huron
Mary Rose McCreath



Garbage day

These Grade 4 and 5 students from Sacred Heart School spent a few hours last Wednesday doing their civic duty. The students, under the leadership of teacher Don

Beauchamp, went to Little Lake Park and spent a few hours picking up all the garbage. It was all part of the school's Pitch-In Week, and these youngsters were very proud of all

the garbage they managed to collect. By the way, the park was spotless afterwards - good work!

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