

## One goal of many achieved

Western society is just beginning to wake up to the horror of family abuse. It's time to put the issue high on the priority list and pay it the attention it deserves.

Dedicated and talented people in Huronia are putting their talents to the cause at the Rosewood shelter, a part of Huronia Transition Homes.

They work hard and they work well. And their programs succeed. In fact, the shelter has gained such a reputation for success that it is drawing more people who need help than it can handle.

With other agencies either overloaded or crippled by strikes, Rosewood is finding itself with phones ringing off the hook.

More funds are always needed at the shelter. It's hard to think of a non-profit organization that directly affects more people in such a profound way right here at home.

This is not to say the shelter has been abandoned by the community. In fact, a new dining room was completed in Rosewood just because of the generosity of local groups and organizations.

As one goal is achieved, there are many more waiting.

## Saving Blackie

Cheers to Midland Point retired hydro worker Eric Garret and Frank Edwards, who came to the rescue last week in an old-fashioned cat rescue at the top of a 30 metre pine tree.

Seems Mrs. Kirkton, who lives in the area, lost track of Blackie. But the feline was spotted trembling high up in the tree, too frightened to come down.

Blackie was reluctant to trust itself at first to the two strangers making their way tenuously up the tree, but they eventually scored their victory and saved the day.

Good work, guys.

## Remember visit of the Pope at Martyrs' Shrine

Dear Editor:

Those of us who were together in the church at the Martyrs' Shrine during the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II shared a very special experience that will remain with us always.

He told us how he was reminded of the words of the Lord spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "You are precious in my eyes, because you are honored and I love you." We saw him witness to that preciousness in each human person as he moved among us, reached out, touched us, encouraged us, prayed for us.

The Martyrs' Shrine, Canada's national shrine in honor of the Canadian martyrs, has long been known as a place of healing through the intercession of the Canadian martyrs.

It is in this spirit of healing and thanksgiv-

ing and in remembrance of the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II that there will be a communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on August 27 at 2 p.m. at the Martyrs' Shrine. Refreshments and time for fellowship and sharing will follow immediately after in the Filion Centre.

We are not planning any special arrangements for receiving guests at the mass. However, we do look forward to renewing those special bonds formed during the Papal visit; and sharing memories with you and your family.

Sincerely,  
Sister Joan Whalen  
Executive Director

Penetanguishene Hospital

## Not quite zillion beans in the jar

Dear Editor:

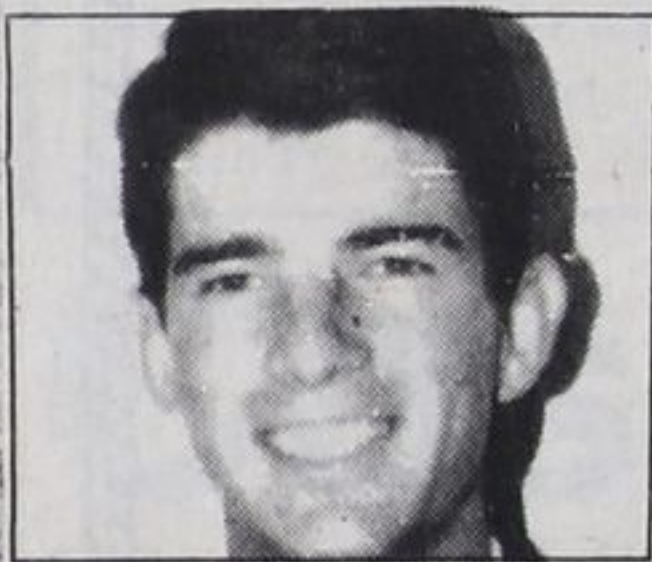
Terri Barry of Midland and her son Mitchell were the lucky winners of Rosewood's Jelly Bean Raffle held at July's Sidewalk Sale.

Terri's guess of 4,986 beans proved to be the closest from 350 entries. In actual fact, the jar held 4,959 pink and white gourmet beans.

The lowest guess recorded was 110 beans and the highest one zillion. Huronia Transition Homes would like to

express a sincere thank you to everyone who dropped by the Rosewood display to guess and to support the shelter's mandate. In particular thanks is extended to the Crow's Nest, Midland and Treat Street, Mountainview Mall. The monies raised will be directed towards daily operating costs.

Congratulations Terri!  
Huronia Transition Homes



### As I See It

## Hide your VCRs everybody!

by David Krayden

Would you like the state telling you not to vacation in Florida next winter?

Unfortunately, you may be part of a growing minority in Canada who are quite willing to allow the state to tell you how to spend your money and ultimately what to think. Hopefully, you will find the suggestion outrageous.

So who's suggesting it anyway? Some very enthusiastic New Democrats.

It's one of the party's policy resolutions which reads, "We will implement exchange controls to prevent the flight of capital from Canada. This will also create a substantial barrier to trade."

Socialists are always concerned about money leaving the country. They assume that any wealth which exists is by right the state's. Your money, your work and ultimately your life all has to be used for the "public good."

I find a number of these resolutions interesting, because each seems to underline different socialist obsessions and highlight the varying degrees of paranoia within the NDP.

The CPR is to be nationalized. Either the company could be bought for its market value

of \$4 billion or it may just be expropriated by the state. Both options are repulsive.

No socialist platform is complete without some talk of nationalization but there are other party directives which are more totalitarian and, consequently, more terrifying. "Population growth will be directed towards areas that require more people. As well, a health and welfare policy encouraging population restraint will be put in place." You've heard the general idea before, haven't you? It's sometimes called "resettlement," and has been used successfully in bandit states the world over: think of Ethiopia, Nicaragua and of course the Soviet Union. The government tells you where to live. But perhaps you are unwilling to go, so the state orders you to go, at the point of a gun.

There are other promises, too: withdraw from NATO and NORAD (no surprise here, really); nationalize "at least one major chartered bank" (although more than one is always fun too); rapidly expand the sphere of crown corporations (expensive, but what the heck, we're going for broke anyway); legalize prostitution (there has to be some diversions in the socialist economy); and

make it easier for sodomites to commit perversions.

If we haven't interpreted the thrust of these resolutions yet, there's no doubt about the following: "The objective of a planned economy, full employment and equality can only be reached by a massive intervention in the marketplace and a democratic socialist restructuring of the economy. We will encourage support for a variety of efforts directed towards establishing the legitimacy of dissident, socialist and Marxist thought."

There it is in black and white.

My favorite pledge is the one to "prohibit the manufacture of socially useless, energy-consuming devices, ie: electrical gadgetry." Such as what? TVs, VCRs and stereo systems? Of course, none of those is socially useful.

Nothing better emphasizes the life-hating natures of the collectivist thugs. We are never allowed to live for ourselves; to live independently and to hell with society.

The most glorious political proclamation was the guarantee of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Never before had man been allowed to be happy, to exercise his

mind and talents for his own service, to work for his benefits and not the state's.

Socialism is the new feudalism. There is economic security for all and true contentment for none.

The New Democrats are truly democratic socialists. They aren't advocating violent revolution. They want you to embrace their program willingly; they want you to volunteer for membership in the slave state.

They want the sanction of the victim. Though it is true that policy resolutions are generally initiated and approved by the most militant party members, it is important to remember that some of the leading NDP MPs are the most ideologically committed to socialism.

Liberal academics have been telling us for years that we shouldn't be afraid of the New Democrats; that such behavior exhibits paranoia, "rabid hatred" and "fascist-like tendencies." We should all merrily endorse the socialist's mad program and hope for the best.

Try again. I'll vote for freedom.

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