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Save the who??

I'll never understand women. I can understand World War I and II, live with the Korean War and Vietnam. Women leave me absolutely baffled.

Not that this is bad or even really unsettling. Some things are just meant to be. I love it.

So it was with an air of non-chalance I picked up my phone during the recent Leafs-Philadelphia series (the one the Leafs won in the 15th round). It was ringing, by the way.

Came the voice over the line: "Are you the Fred Simpson who writes the Sports Column in The Liberal?"

My first instinct was to deny it but the voice seemed harmless and, alas, it was also female.

The Toros?

"We're trying to save the Toronto Toros and we wonder if you could put a little piece in your column about it?"

"The Toros?" I replied weakly. "Save the Toros?"

Striving to be understanding I suggested the world was full of things out there to save. You name it. Ireland, Beirut, reindeer, wolves, just anything. But the Toros?

The voice persisted.

"Yes, we want to save the Toros, keep them in Toronto."

Suspecting a trap I asked if they were really serious? They were and what follows is the whole truth.

Hill gals

"They" are Debbie Heard and Shauna Parr of Richmond Hill, both 16 and students at Richmond Hill High. "We want to keep the Toros in Toronto because they are nice guys and they want to stay here. They don't want to go to Memphis, Florida or some other place like that."

The speaker was Debbie, or was it Shauna? No matter.

"We've decided," said Debbie or Shauna, "to start a protest movement to convince the Toros' management that there are enough fans around there that want them to stay right here."

"Oh, we like the Maple Leafs but we really feel for the Toros. We've been to 18 of their games and they are really for the young people."

Super

"They're so gracious. They are happy to talk to you, give autographs, they're, well, super."

"Don't say super," I shouted

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Shauna Parr
She's a Toro fan



Debbie Heard
...so is she

They swim for fun and for gold

These members of the Richmond Hill Aquatic Club are shown getting their swimming in early this year as they prepare for a long, hot summer of competitions. Finding the water just great are (left to

right) Steve Davey and Dave Justice, two of the top competitors in the club. There are a host of other promising young members hoping to bring home the gold medals.

Hill Aquatic Club

They mine for 'gold'

RICHMOND HILL — C-mon in, the swimming's fine at the Richmond Hill Aquatic Club and it figures to get even better this season.

The medals are starting to come. Thanks to the coaching methods of John Ciniglio and his assistant, Glenna Fee, tangible dividends have been realized in the form of gold, silver and

bronze medals.

Perhaps, even more important, the strokes, times and stamina of all swimmers, especially the newcomers, have shown great improvement thanks to the insistence of correct training techniques.

The creation of the new division 2 of the Ontario championships widened the

scope of the competition and Richmond Hill swimmers wasted no time in seizing their opportunities.

Break records

In the boys 13-14 year class, Steve Davey twice broke personal records to win a gold medal in the 100 metres breaststroke, and a silver medal in the 200 metres race next day.

Almost immediately afterwards, his teammate Bonnie Branch, made it a full set for the club by winning a bronze in 100 metres backstroke.

Wins gold

Only a few weeks later Bonnie swam the race of her life to win a gold medal in the 100 metres backstroke in the Division 2 senior race, then broke her own best times to win a bronze in the 200 metres event.

For a small club to get two golds, a silver, and two bronzes in provincial championships is riches indeed — the first gold medals ever won by the club.

But even to qualify for provincial championships is tough and the club showed its new depth by having five swimmers qualify for and compete in the Division 2 championships.

Improved times

In addition to the two medal winners, Karen and Gordie Wood competed with improved times, as did Penny Davey, Steve's sister, and all these swimmers substantially improved their original

scope of the competition.

The fact that two brother and sister teams reached the championships is not unusual for swimming is very much a family sport.

Branch is president

Al Branch is the president of RHAC with his wife Marlene the president of the Ladies' Auxilliary.

Bonnie's sister Karen is also a successful competitor and now their younger brother Jay has started to win ribbons in boy's 10 and under races.

One of the club's founders, Peter Pfenning, for years has had most of his family swimming, or otherwise involved in the club.

His youngest son, Kirk, is the present competitive member of the family.

Coach Ciniglio

Coach Ciniglio's son John is as keen on swimming as his father is on coaching which is yet another example of family participation.

Keep in family

Other family memberships include Terry and Dawn Roberts, Helga and Andrew Pape and Michael and Steve Zajac.

Parents soon realize that all the youngsters are winners eventually in health, stamina and the sheer pleasure of belonging to a friendly but competitive swim club like RHAC.

At Thornlea pool

Hill Markham youths chalk up six firsts

THORNHILL — people will receive certificates of promotion for their efforts:

200 metre Back, Linda Phillips, Scarboro, from C to B grade; Bonnie Branch, Richmond Hill, from B to A grade.

200 metre Free, David Justice, Richmond Hill, from D to C grade; Lance Ross, Markham from D to C grade.

Results

Pennant results:

200 metres Back C, Craig Hroncok (MAC) 3:00.6; Terry Roberts (RHAC) 3:00.8; Shawn Meloche (SSC); Rodney Graham (RHAC); Karen Branch (RHAC).

200 metres Back B, Stephen Davey (RHAC); 2:53.5; David Gardner (SSC) 2:53.7; Debbie Hawryluk (SSC).

200 metres Breast C, Rodney Graham (RHAC) 3:17.2; David Justice (RHAC) 3:20.2; Ibn Majid (SSC); Debbie Hawryluk (SSC); Mark Innes (RHAC); Terry Roberts (RHAC).

400 metres Free B, Debbie Hawryluk (SSC) 5:20.8; David Gardner (SSC) 5:27.0; Shawn

Meloche (SSC) 5:32.6; Brian Smith (MAC); Pattie Carter (LSC); Linda Phillips (SSC).

200 metres Fly B, Stephen Davey (RHAC) 3:05.1; Gordie Wood (RHAC) 3:07.0; David Justice (RHAC); Donna Hawryluk (SSC); Jeff Smith (MAC); Lance Ross (MAC).

200 metres Free D, Craig Hroncok (MAC) 2:50.2; Mark Innes (RHAC) 2:50.4; Robin Hewitt (RHAC); Terry Roberts (RHAC) 2:51.0; Brian Smith (MAC); Ken Plant (RHAC).

200 metres Free B, Stephen Davey (RHAC) 2:35.7; Rodney Graham (RHAC) 2:44.4.

200 metres I.M.B., David Gardner (SSC) 2:45.5; Stephen Davey (RHAC) 2:45.2; Rodney Graham (RHAC) 2:58.8; Gordie Wood (RHAC); Shawn Meloche (SSC); Mark Innes (RHAC) and Ibn Magid (SSC) were tied for sixth place.

Clubs participating were Richmond Hill (RHAC); Markham (MAC); Scarborough (SSC); Lakeshore (LSC); and Young Mens Hebrew Association (YMHA).

Kingettes are champs

KING CITY — The H.A. McLean Kingettes walked off with the York Peel Girls Hockey Association "B" Championship here Monday by downing the Schomberg Golden Hawks in a 4-point round robin play-off.

In the first game of the series, played in King City March 8, the two teams battled to a 1-1 deadlock. Carol Moor turned in a strong performance in the Schomberg nets as the Kingettes outshot their opposition 28-12.

Marianne Markus opened the scoring for Schomberg at the 9:25 mark of the first period on a pass from Darlene Knibbe.

Despite three Schomberg penalties King was held scoreless through the second, but, Lynn Olson finally found the mark at 12:05 of the third from Rosemary Maggiacomo and Cathy Lawrence.

Hot goaltending Kingettes netminder Diane

Hawthornth came up with a big second game shut-out March 11 while her team mates wrapped three between the Schomberg pipes.

Mary Williamson led the Kingettes scoring with two goals while line mate Cathy Adamac picked up a goal and an assist and Cathy Lawrence two assists.

The Golden Hawks wasted no time in the third game as it took Darlene Knibbe only 49 seconds to blast home a pass from Diane Van Hart and Marlene Markus.

Schomberg tallied again at 13:48 of the first when Markus scored on a three way passing play from Knibbe and Cathy Steenhoest.

Twenty-eight seconds into the second frame Cathy Adamac beat Schomberg goalie Carol Moor on a breakaway to put Kingettes on the scoreboard. Flipping Lynn Olson's goal mouth pass into an open corner Adamac counted

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Pause that refreshes

Hi there, I'm Penny Davey and we're all set for another busy summer of swimming com-

petitions at the Richmond Hill Aquatic Club. Join in the fun. I'm going in so see you later.