

THE LAST WORD

This month I thought I would take a somewhat different look at life through the lens of one-liners, some of which speak to me in a profound way.

- Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.
- How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
- Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.
- Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
- Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?
- Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.
- If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?
- You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

I deliberately kept the best to the end as I think about some of the challenges that we experience here in Canada as we seek to be a multicultural society, with all that these words imply, and yet try to think of ourselves in a patriotic way, first and foremost as Canadians.

- We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors....but they all exist very nicely in the same box.

The truth is that it only takes a few 'bad' apples to spoil the rest of those in the barrel. I think about the present crisis in the Middle East and wonder how a small nation like Lebanon could be thrown into chaos once again, destroying the years of re-building that have taken place. Similar situations exist around the World which we Canadians know little of unless one of our soldiers fall victim to a terrorist act. Oil, I would venture to suggest, is at the root of much of this developing tension. The need for the Global economy to continue spinning its wheels as it consumes great gobs of energy causes undue pressures to be exerted on oil-rich nations in an effort to achieve or manipulate their cooperation. Sometimes the effect of these pressures is chaos.

We are fortunate indeed to live in a great country with a big heart and, it almost seems, limitless potential. Let us be more patriotic about our nation, and when July 1st. rolls around again let us fully appreciate what it means to be "A CANADIAN."

Bill Yates, Friend of The County.

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ACROSS

- 7 BE- (NEFI(anag. fine) -T
- 8 TAB - L'EAU
- 10 READIEST (anag. a dieter's)
- 11 I - C - ECAP (pace rev.)
- 12 BAN - AL
- 13 ACT IV - ATED (anag. date)
- 16 STAG - E - MAN - AGE
- 19 HEARTBURN (anag. bun rather)

- 20 MAD - AM
- 22 MIASMA (homophone: my asthma)
- 24 EXPEDITE (anag. deep exit)
- 25 F - LICKER
- 26 CON - SENT

DOWN

- 1 GENERAL
- 2 HEADMASTER (anag. steam heard)
- 3 F- (IX) -ED
- 4 TAHITIANS (anag. satin a hit)
- 5 FLUE (anag. fuel)
- 6 MAN- (A) -GER
- 9 STOCK MARKET (anag. Mack treks to)
- 14 A - G - GRAND - IS - E
- 15 EGG - B - EATER
- 17 V - EHICLE (anag. lice he)
- 18 MARTIN - I
- 21 SPOOL (loops (spools rev.))
- 23 SACK

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