

# Terrace Bay Schreiber News

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## Editorial

# Election Time

Now that the lists of candidates are posted in the town offices and in this issue of the News, we have a chance to sit back and think about what we've got so far.

Both towns have good, full slates of candidates running for their respective Councils.

In less than a week the 1985 Municipal Elections will be over, and the Reeves and Councillors of Schreiber and Terrace Bay will face hard work and high challenges.

Both communities face large projects and will require the wholehearted support of all of us, regardless of our personal voting preferences.

How fortunate we are as Canadians to enjoy the benefits of the democratic process. We are guaranteed a secret ballot and we know our vote will be counted.

The only thing that can rob us of our precious right to vote is ourselves. On November 12 support the candidates of your choice with your vote.

## "No Nonsense" Tips

To ripen green bananas, wrap them in a wet towel and put in a brown paper bag. Is your bacon curling up in the pan? Dip the strips in cold water before frying and prick them with a fork as they fry.

Truss poultry with unwaxed dental floss - it won't burn and it's much stronger than thread.

Cottage cheese will keep twice as long if you store the carton upside down.

A rib of celery in the bread bag will keep bread fresh.

Dusty light bulbs throw off 10% less light clean ones.

Apply clear nail polish or hairspray to your child's shoes to keep them from scuffing so easily.

To help prevent battery corrosion, scrub the terminals with baking soda and water, then smear on petroleum jelly.

Use baking soda on a damp cloth to wipe your car windshield, headlights and chrome.

Need a handy measuring guide? A \$1 bill is almost exactly six inches long.

# Arthur Black

## Balderdash: frustrating game



"When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean -- neither more nor less."

Thus spake Humpty Dumpty in Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass." It's a splendid observation, and one that should have cinched Mister Dumpty's ascension to the Divine Ranks as patron saint of lawyers, politicians, evangelists and TV weathermen.

Columnists too, I suppose. We ink-stained wretches of the fifth estate have been known to take a perfectly good word, kick the slats out from under it, solder on an extra fin or two and market the hybrid as something exotically original.

Well if there really is a Santa Claus, then all of us -- columnists, lawyers, politicians, bible thumpers and boob tube weatherpeople (not to mention anyone else who gets their kicks and or salaries from word manipulation) will discover an edition

of "Balderdash" in our stockings, come Christmas morning.

"Balderdash" is a board game, and like "Trivial Pursuit," it is born and bred in Canada. "Balderdash" is the brainchild of two Torontonians -- actress/singer/songwriter/model Laura Robinson and an ex-Maytag-repairman-turned-advertising-copywriter by the name of Paul Toyne.

What you need to really excel at "Balderdash" is a generous dollop of blarney. "Balderdash" is a bluffing game. The more adept a player is at shooting the bull, the more likely he or she is to win. Two can play the game, but four or more is better. What happens is, each player takes a turn at being "moderator."

The moderator draws a card from a box that's full of them. Each card in the box lists five exceedingly unusual words. On the reverse side of the card you find the definitions for

each word. In the game itself, the moderator reads out each word, then pauses to allow the contestants to write down what they think the word means.

The contestants hand in their invented definitions to the moderator, who shuffles them up and reads them aloud -- along with the correct definition. The object of the game then becomes to pick the correct definition from all the bogus ones and thus advance your marker towards the finish line on the "Balderdash" board.

Sounds easy, you say? Let's try a few on you and see how you make out. Remember, these are all words that can be found in any reasonably good dictionary. It's just that you probably haven't had much occasion to use them until now.

(1) If you were to *wheuple*, would you have...

- a) tripped while walking quickly?
- b) poured flour on your kitchen

At the same time, the High School volleyball team was denied a bus because of a lack of funds for a bus. The kids had to pay for a bus through their school pop fund money - with no help from the Board. WHY is this happening? Here are a few examples of perhaps why? It is time YOU the public knew some.

1. We now have a new owner of the bus line which is costing you the taxpayer much more than it did a few years ago.

2. Jobs have been CREATED for people who have not been happy in their teaching positions.

3. Mini vans and cars are now being rented out to at least 4 members who work for the Board (taxpayers money) pay for these vehicles, the people involved also get a \$300.00 a month allowance to run

them.

4. Just recently, a man was re-hired in the Board office. Not only was he given a job, but he had a house bought and paid for the Board (valued at \$85,000), a car rented for him over and above his high paying salary.

5. The Board is pouring money into a school in Marathon, which is about to be torn down, with new portables, windows, rugs, etc. While in our town of Terrace Bay, it takes over 6 months to have new rugs put in our school; we have a portable at the public school which is falling down; we have a roof at the high school which still leaks after being fixed.

These are but a few examples of the NEGLIGENT BEHAVIOR going on within the Board for which

you are about to vote for. Something is definitely wrong with this kind of a system whereby teachers are being declared redundant, children are being refused sporting trips etc. because of a lack of funds, yet these other things are happening within the Board that too few people seem to care about it.

Board meeting minutes are available to the entire public at the town Library. I think it is time we all became more AWARE of where our tax dollar is going and to start doing something about it. After all, the KIDS are what Education is supposed to be all about, NOT how much money our Board workers can get gratis at the expense of the children.

Mary Buckley

## Letter

### Time for School Elections - Let's take a good look

Dear Editor:

For a long time now, it has bothered me that the Lake Superior Board of Education has progressively gotten more TOP HEAVY with each year that goes by. It is time, the general public of Terrace Bay and Schreiber start to notice these things that are happening.

Not only, is more and more money going towards Board of Education people but less and less is being put into the Schools and specifically THE CHILDREN. Money is continually being cut back for books, special programs, extra curricular activities etc. Already, this fall, the public school kids were denied a bus to go to Marathon for a cross-country run because the Board had NO MONEY.

floor?

c) made a poor attempt to whistle loudly?

d) hiccupped rudely?

(2) If you spied a *colporteur* would you have met...

a) a venomous snake?

b) a songwriter with a cold?

c) a bible salesman?

d) an orphaned baboon?

(3) If you heard "*walla walla*" would you be hearing...

a) an Inuit in distress?

b) a walrus in heat?

c) theatrical slang for the words that extras whisper during crowd scenes?

d) a Pakistani expression denoting surprise?

I'll spare you the agony. The correct answer to all three examples is (c). If you scored a rather immense goose egg, cheer up. I struck out, too. That's OK, though, because the point of Balderdash is not to show off your

knowledge of arcane words, the point is to let on that you have an extensive knowledge of arcane words. After all, who this side of Robertson Davies could possibly know that "colporteur" means bible salesman? Anyway, you get the idea. "Balderdash" is a game that will please and delight anyone who prides themselves on their dexterity at linguistic legerdemain. If you like Trivial Pursuit, chances are you'll have a ball with "Balderdash."

On the other hand, chances are you've had it up to here with board games. In that case, "Balderdash" may strike you as the most depraved abomination to be visited upon social intercourse since the common cold virus.

Or to quote Samuel Goldwyn (another manipulator of the English tongue in his own peculiar way) -- "In two words, impossible."