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Drinking liability must remain that of the drinker

Proposed changes to the Liquor Licence Act of Ontario will place an even greater responsibility and liability upon servers of alcoholic beverages.

This liability is being expanded to now include injuries as well as death. In other words, if a waitress or waiter serves an individual alcohol, and this person then suffers an injury or dies, possibly in a car accident, or even kills somebody else, then the waitress or waiter will be held legally responsible.

This situation seems bizarre to me. How could any right thinking person believe the drunken individual driving a car and who gets into an accident is innocent, while the person who served the drinks is the guilty party?

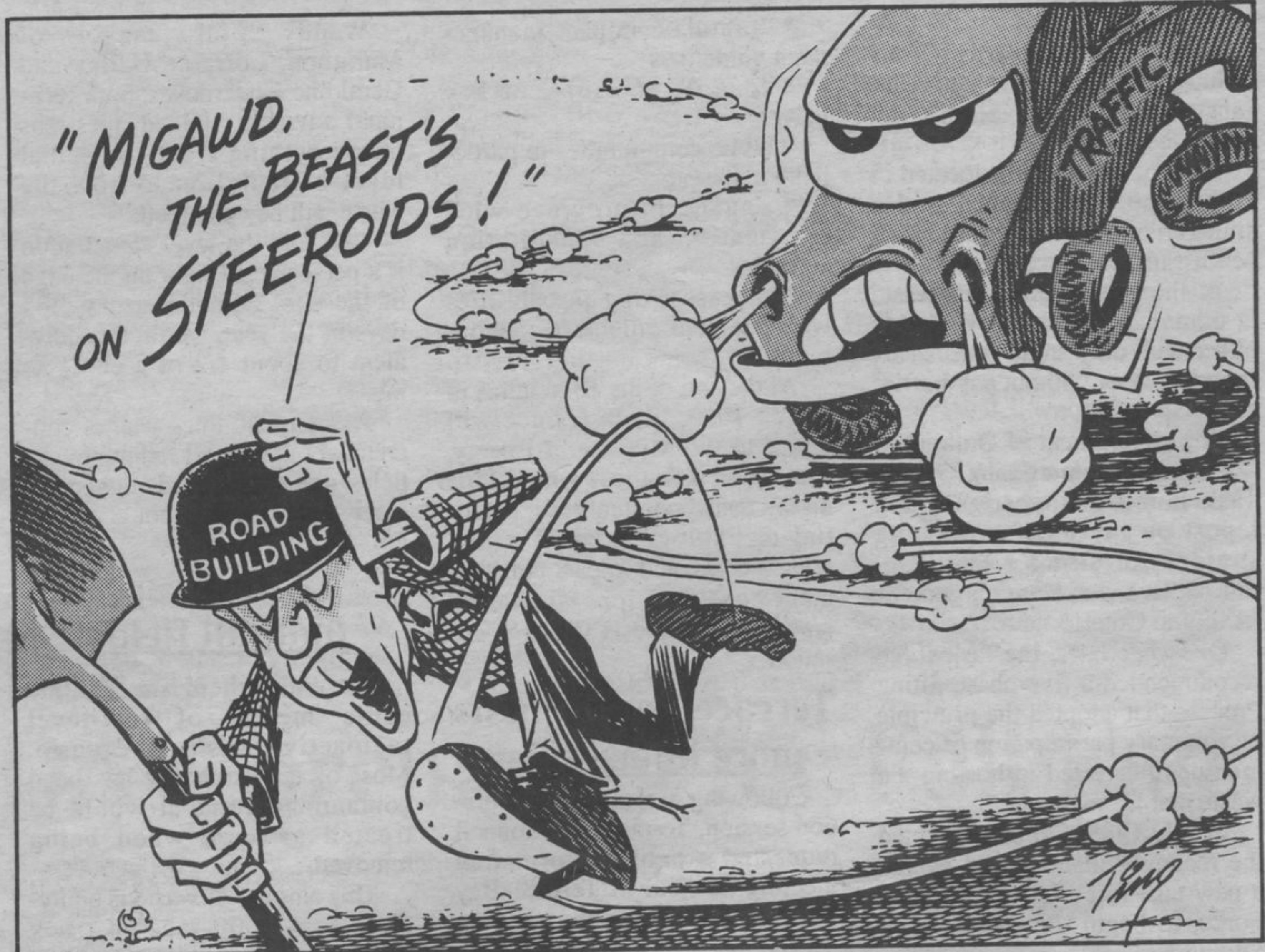
During the past five or ten years, a tremendous amount of headway has been gained with respect to drinking and driving. People finally seem to realize it is no longer socially acceptable to drive home after a night of boozing.

Aside from the social aspects of driving drunk, stiffer penalties and laws have been imposed and passed to deter people from drinking and driving.

But these proposed changes to the Liquor Control Act of Ontario are a step in the opposite direction. Although drinking and driving will still remain socially unacceptable, the legal deterrent will become substantially reduced.

If a driver has been convicted of drunk driving and is sued, he can then just turn around and sue the person who served him the alcohol. In addition to this, the licensed establishment could lose its liquor licence.

The responsibility of not drinking and driving, and the legal liability for doing so, must remain that of the person doing the drinking.



Liquor charge result of unintentional mistake

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to clarify the situation regarding your headline story "Charges laid after fish derby," dated July 26.

First of all, let me explain that the Liquor Control Board of Ontario will not allow an organization to apply in its name for a

special occasion permit. Their rules are such that an individual has to sign his or her name and unfortunately assume full responsibility thereof. In this case I can assure you that the Rosspoint Fish Derby Association is behind Mr. Hutterli 100 %.

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Walt would be rolling in his grave

A Canadian is someone who keeps asking, "What is a Canadian?"

Old Joke

Self-image is a tricky commodity, and something we Canucks have never really had a handle on. Canada's image is a blurry one, within and beyond our borders.

To some outsiders, Canada is a land populated by Mounties, Indian maids and French-speaking lumberjacks.

To others, we're a country full of wheat farmers and hockey players.

Westerners think Ontario's full of fat decadent stock brokers with coke spoons up their noses.

Easterners take it for granted that the West is made up of stetson-toting bronc busters who can shoot the rattles off a sidewinder at a hundred yards.

We kind of blew it on the national image, too. Britain took the bulldog, America has the eagle, Russia chose a bear. And Canada? We opted for the

beaver, a near-sighted, buck-toothed, overweight, marsh-dwelling rat whose only talent is constipating rivers.

Oh, well.

At least we didn't choose that other rodent -- the one with the big ears, the white gloves and the falsetto giggle.

Just as well too, because Walt Disney Productions, the people who own Mickey Mouse, have become very shirty about misappropriation of their client's image.

They've sic-ed their lawyers on an unassuming one-story stucco establishment in Hallandale, Florida called the Very Important Babies Daycare Centre.

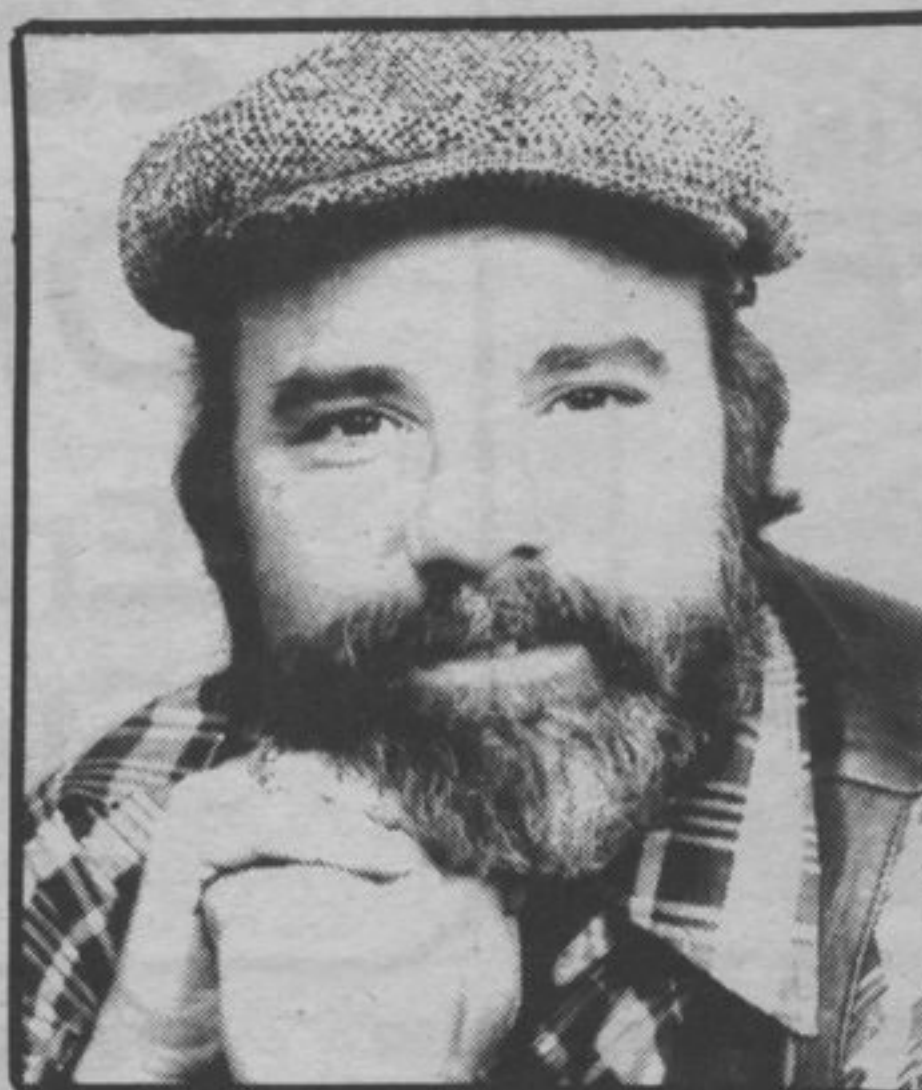
Basis of the complaint?

That on those stucco walls, the Daycare people have knowingly and without authorization, portrayed -- gasp! -- full colour portraits of Disney characters -- not only Mickey Mouse, but Minnie and Goofy and Donald Duck, too.

The Disney lawyers are insisting that the Daycare Centre remove the paintings

immediately. They say they're not trying to pick on the Daycare, they're just concerned that the public might think the school is sponsored by Disney.

In fact, what the public thinks is that the Disney crowd is employing a Louisville



Arthur Black

Slugger to execute a gnat.

The whole exercise has been a public relations disaster for Walt Disney Productions as support for the Very Important Babies Daycare Centre pours in from all over the continent.

Erica Scotti, executive

director of the Centre, says, "I've gotten so many telephone calls from people angry at the Studio that I bet Walt Disney is turning over in his grave right now."

If that's the case, there's another story in the news that could boost Walt's remains into an accelerated spin cycle.

It has to do with the town of White River, Ontario, birthplace of perhaps the most famous bear in modern literature.

Back during the First World War, a Canadian army lieutenant on a troop train en route from Winnipeg to the European front stopped in White River.

While he was stretching his legs on the platform, the lieutenant, on a whim, bought a tiny bear cub from a hunter. He plopped the cub on his kit bag and took him to England.

When the soldier found out he was going to the front, he donated the cub to the London Zoo. The Canadian bear soon became the star attraction at the zoo and he still bore the

name the homesick young lieutenant from Winnipeg had bestowed on him.

To thousands of zoo visitors he was "Winnie".

Needless to say, he became the model for the famous Winnie the Pooh books by A.A. Milne.

Earlier this year, the people of White River announced plans to erect a statue to Winnie in the center of town.

Then they heard from Walt Disney Productions. Disney owns all rights to Winnie the Pooh. Permission to erect a statue of Winnie denied. Period.

Personally, I hope Walt is spinning in his grave. And I hope the vibrations reach the soulless number-crunchers and bureaucrats who run the company these days.

I hope they lighten up on the Very Important Babies Daycare Centre and on the town of White River.

I hope they have a change of heart because their behavior to date has been so, well . . . Mickey Mouse.