

# All the world's a circus- cont'd from page 5

the Jumbotron screen or they weren't asking the Lord for just a little dying quayle behind the second base bag?

You can see the problem. It puts God in the unenviable position of making Dave Stewart a perfect pitcher at the expense of cutting back George Bell's R.B.I. total, thus costing him a million dollar bonus which he was going to donate to the starving and

underprivileged sales clerks at Giorgio Armani's in Hazelton Lanes.

You see when Born-Agains ask for the hand of God to hang a beating on other Born-Agains, it divides the flock so to speak, thus requiring the services of Born-Again Mike, the black-patched Australian sheepdog from *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* to round everybody back up again. And

we all know that dogs have no place in baseball unless it's catching frisbees in the outfield during the seventh inning stretch and by God are the good!

By invoking the name of *Our Father Who Art*, Born-Agains have raised the age-old question that has puzzled Philistines and Anthroprimoidians for centuries - "Is God A Baseball Fan?"

Well this is not for me to confirm or deny. After bleeding Blue

Jay blood for 13 years and watching them self-destruct in post-season play, I can say with some certainty that God does have a wicked sense of humour.

Witness George Bell's untimely hitting slumps, the grounder that escaped through Manny Lee's knees or even all those carbuncles on Job.

I believe He would agree with me when I say I want God's name taken out of sports. God is above favoritism and you can even look it up - no Latin player with the first name of Jesus (pronounced HEY! ZEUS) of which there have been three in both the American and National Leagues, has ever hit over 280 lifetime averages. No, baseball has not been berry, berry good to guys who take God's name.

If God where to take the odd shot at divine intervention, I don't think it should be in sports. In fact it should be to fix that broken Hubbell Space Telescope. I mean

it's out there in the heavens somewhere, it's not as if he has to make a special trip or anything.

There is a place for settling religious differences on a dai competitive basis and it's not the ball diamond or in a lock room. It's in the Mideast.

Now if Born-Agains w please, please leave God out sports and not encourage F Robertson to ever again run president, than I'm willing to dr my campaign to have beer a wine sold in churches.

Especially out here Wainfleet at the Morgan's Po Ladies Of Our Perpetual Turk Dinners where for under sev dollars you get a tremenc meal in authentic church ba ment ambience which you m then wash down with Fresca.

Yet all of us must suffer a sacrifice, so be the will of *Big Guy We're Not Going Mention By Name Anymore Post-Game Interviews*. Are we

# Northern Insights- cont'd from 5

According to Epp, the age differences in the poll indicate that the younger generation "is more prepared to recognize that Canada just isn't the kind of country that your grandfather thought it was."

Unfortunately, that comment begs the question about what kind of country we were, and, more importantly, what we're to become. If you look at the poll results superficially, it seems we Heartlanders are entering this post-Meech era deeply divided over whether we still want to have a reputation as Canadians as tolerant, multi-racial, and multi-lingual, or whether we want to live behind impenetrable ethnic and language barriers. But if you read the poll's fine print, perhaps there's room for some optimism. In the COLT poll, a clear majority - 54% to 37% - want the City bureaucracy to deal with people

in their own language. That flies in the face of those in the majority on council who objected to having to pay for city services to be in a language other than English. In practical terms, it should *not* mean having to translate all the by-laws and minute books into French, Italian, Greek, and Ojibway. Instead, it would mean having to supply interpreters so by-law enforcement officers or social workers can talk to some unilingual Chinese or Ukrainian person - or at least get important letters to individuals translated.

This Heartlander hopes we end up opting for tolerance and duality, instead of isolation and bigotry. Whether this country includes Quebec or not, the rest of us will still have to live together. We have a responsibility to future generations, and the

rest of the world, to prove that this country can function without the civil wars, racial intolerance, religious bigotry or linguistic isolationism found in many other parts of the globe.

As an anglophone, I am not threatened by someone who speaks a different language. Similarly, I hope they are not threatened by my linguistic heritage. Instead, I hope they share my enthusiasm for the diversity of humanity. From where I sit, that seems to be as good a place as any to start down the post-Meech road, here in the Heartland. If we all accept that basic starting point, presumably the council majority can reconsider their "English-Only" position, and vote differently next time. The sooner they do, the sooner the scars of division in the Heartland will heal.

## Letter to Editor cont'd from page 4

responsible pet owners who live in rental accommodation, and they should not be denied pet ownership just because they do not own that accommodation. Statistics prove that a large number of animals have been handed over to animal shelters as a direct result of a threat of eviction.

The Ontario Humane Society, and many other organizations have been campaigning for the removal of the no-pet clause in standard leases, a campaign which gained tremendous public support.

The amendments are an excellent example of the democratic process in action, of which we can all be proud.

Bryan F. Denham,  
Executive Director

## Letter to Editor Citizens must take a stand

Dear Editor,  
On February 7, 1988 my daughter Liz left an abusive marriage to seek shelter from her husband. On March 15, 1988 her husband shot her twice through the head.

In the year and a half following her murder, I found that I would be allowed to give a Victim Impact Statement to the court before sentencing. At the time I chose not to do this on advice from the Crown Attorney. I have since regretted that decision.

To the people out there who are victims of crime, I advise that you complete a Victim Impact Statement. The police will help you in this matter as will the Crown Attorney's Office. For those of you who, like me, choose not too, you can still send a Victim Impact Statement to the Parole Board.

This is very important as the parole then has a chance to see your side of the story. If you do this in court, the Parole Board will receive the statement along with the court files, so either way, they hear your side of things, not just the criminal's side.

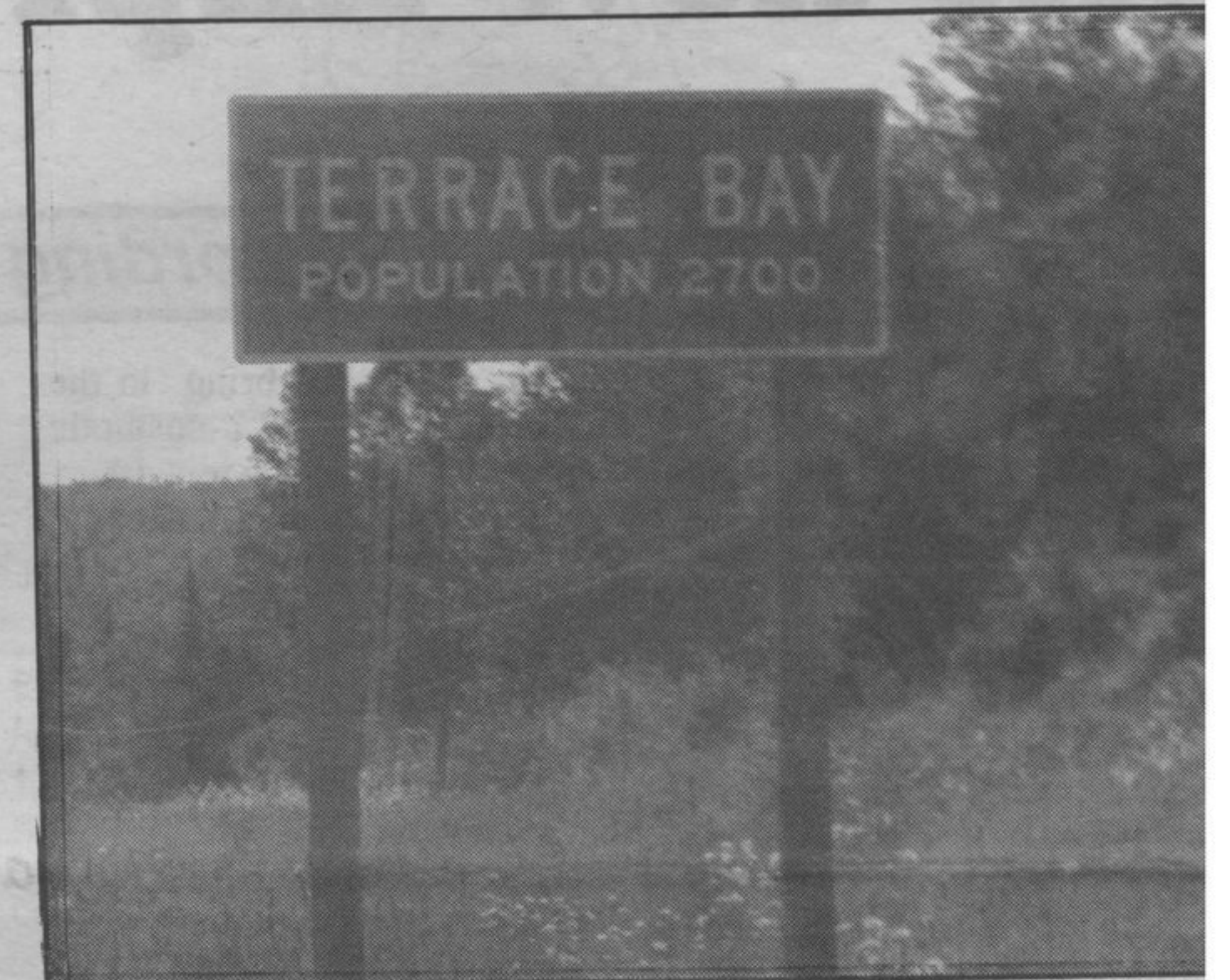
I also want to ask people to contact their government regarding concerns of death due to family violence. My daughter sought refuge in a shelter and she was later murdered by her husband.

Many wives and mothers have met the same fate as Liz did. They have sought shelter from violence to face death at the hands of their mates.

Many more women are unable to access shelters and also die at the hands of their partners and this must stop.

Too many children who have seen or felt abuse are left homeless and frightened and if we, the citizens of this country do not take a stand, the number of murdered women in this land will only increase as Public Opinion hides behind closed doors.

Alice Park  
Kenora, Ontario



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