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Stupidity

Milton council is angry at Frank Miller, a leading contender for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative party for Ontario. And they have every right in the world to be angry.

In comments in St. Catharines last week, Mr. Miller is alleged to have told residents of the Niagara Region that their two sites for a toxic liquid waste treatment facility and incinerator shouldn't be considered in the process.

With just eight sites in contention, and lawsuits and studies covering this issue from every angle, for Mr. Miller to come public with an announcement prior to a decision according to the process-laid out in accordance with the wishes of the provincial government is foolhardy.

In fact, it's stupid. As an existing member of the prevailing Cabinet, Mr. Miller. should have known better than to touch this issue with anything longer than a 10-foot pole (of the non-radioactive variety):

The final decision ultimately rests with the Cabinet. All studies and recommendations are sent to Cabinet for their approval. In a majority government, Cabinet's final decision is then rubber-stamped by the legislature.

Stupid, stupid, stupid. If it's any saving grace, Mr. Miller is known as the "approachable politician" who has made more than enough gaffes in his parliamentary career.

CPR facility

Let's hope this is just a mistake and not policy.

Councillors will be asked to give their blessing to construction of a 100-acre Canadian Pacific Railway maintenance and training facility planned for 150 acres of land between Trafalgar Rd. and Eighth Line next Monday.

The facility will be used to refurbish railway construction equipment which is used during the summer season to lay, repair or destroy track.

The railway says it intends to keep the facility is unobtrusive as possible with 15-foot high berms and low-intensity lighting. CPR representatives appeared before general committee on

Monday evening to present the plans to council. The railway, in fact doesn't need the approval or concurrence of council

There is little doubt residents in the area will be upset they have little or no say in what the railway is planning. That is understandable. The fact remains the facility will go ahead whether protest exists or not.

On the positive side, the facility will bring assessment to Milton and a spokesman said he expects several employees of the firm will be moving with their families to the town,

From another angle, the railway facility is bound to impress and potential business firm looking for a place to locate and it comes at a time when Milton would dearly love to attract an anchor business to the 1,100-acre industrial park across Highway 40l from the CPR lands.

Change is not a bad thing particularly if good in terms of commercial assessment and jobs can come from it.



Viewpoint

Sixty

with ROB KELLY

When you're really young and stupid you think you can change the world and when you're really old and cynical you know nobody can. Sure, a lot of people have made contributions which have altered established perceptions or influenced day-to-ay life so strongly that it was changed forever. But they usually did it by accident even though they'll lie after the fact and say they knew what they were doing all along.

That comforting bit of eynicism comes as part and parcel of a much larger personal event. Middle age gets a cranky foot in the door today and I'm in the same position everyone else before me and all those who come after me will encounter. Standing on the precipice of that great beyond which separates the young from the seasoned, I look both ways before crossing. Traffic is dangerous from both sides.

'But you're almost 30 years old," a woman friend of mine gently chided over the summer when I explained some half-witted rationale behind a half-formed plan. She said it the way a doctor tells a cardiac patient not to climb stairs.

Ever listened to the way children talk about their aged forebears? "He's 26, he's old," a kid will say. We all employ the same silly logic and it scares us as much as it does our offspring. I'm 30 now, we think. My life's half over. In 30 years I'll be 60. For the average 30 year old the prospect of being 60 is as remote as that of being elected pope. Sixty. An old person with wrinkles and retirement tussling over a worn out body, living on bor-

rowed time. Is it true? Is that the way it's got to be? I haven't researched it, although a good journalist should. Standing at the bar one night next to a senior citizen; 'Listen, uh, you know, how does it feel to be 60? Do you feel old? Do you wake up every morning and suck in another precious chest full of air and say 'Thank you Lord, I made it through the night.

Or are you so seasoned and salty that you're like a crocodile sunning itself on a river bank, sullen and predatory, waiting for the less experienced to make a mistake so you can capitalize on ft?

The answer is, of course (of course I know the answer, I'm middle aged, almost) that both those positions are held by some seniors. And all the middle ground in between and every position to either the is occupied too. Because you can't generalize about being old any more than you can about anything else. And a lot of people will tell you 60 is not old.

It's not, I suppose. Sixty-five is closer to old because it's an arbitrary turning point for most people. They retire. Their work, a large part of their lives, goes away. That will usually help kill most as fast as

 I digress. We're talking the 30-year hump here. Let the more experienced climb that other mountain.

Most of my friends have hit the wall already. They're settled, married or comfortably living in sin. They have mortgages, car payments, kids and work to accommodate. They're rolling with the punches.

But the war is on. It's baby boomers against cellulite. junk food, tired skip and gravity now. The foe is engaged with a vengeance this growd only otherwise reserves for the pursuit of money

Exotic oriental dishes. No meat please. Cholesterol lurks everywhere, there's probably some on your shoe right now. Don't look.

We all join health clubs and go religiously three times a week for a month and then write off the big sucker investment contritely. Don't have time. Pop

some vitamins instead That's the cosmetic side. A bunch of fads that come

and go. The other part never changes. The settling-down part. The part where your life becomes more structured. Friends you used to just pop in on expect to be phoned prior to a visit now. That's only reasonable, but it's different. I am the same. I have less and less tolerance for the quirks and indulgences of younger people. Younger people seems to be anyone under 25 now. They are annoying, less stable, less serious. Their own worst enemies. Worst of all, they're younger than me.

But so what? With any luck this process of gradual, decay they call aging can be carried off gracefully Some folks are doing it. Even the president of the United States, despite the pressures of that job, is doing it. He accomplishes this feat by pretending that his hearing is even worse than it really is. Using this ploy he can get away with not paying attention to anyone. Looking back one sees a mountain of experience,

some of which can even be applied to REAL LIFE when one has the presence of mind to do so. Looking forward there is no certainty of anything. How could there be? A smile, a handshake and a dollop of sincerity are the tools of the successful traveler / hope That's all there is to go on:

Pages of the Past

One Year Ago

From the Jan. 18, 1984 issue · Ever dream of seeing your name in the movie credits? This could be your chance. MGN studios is now in pre-production in Toronto on the movie "Mrs Soffel" starring Diane Keator and Mel Gibson. A sequence is to be shot in Campbellville on Fri day. Feb. 10 and the movie com

is looking for some

'extras" for a night shoot. . There are many who might be tired of recent snowfalls and coltemperatures, but officials a Glen Eden Ski Area are smiling warmly. With close to 40 per cent of the projected \$700,000 revenue realized and forecasts for con tinued good skiing weather, it is likely Glen Eden will enjoy one of its best years to date. Last year mild, rainy weather spelle disaster at the local slopes with visitors having fewer than 70 sk ing days between December and

 A union vote is scheduled place today to decide whether or not local members the Energy and Chemica Workers Union employed at Rox ul Insulation Manufacturing Company at 551 Harrop Dr. wi continue a strike Employer walked off the job Tuesday morr peaceful shutdown"

20 Years Ago

From the Jan.13, 1965 issue . Oakville Reeve H. C. Mers was unanimously elected Halton County Warden after A ton Reeve H. H. Hinton withdrey his nomination. Milton members of County Council are C. A. Mai

· Funeral services have bee held for George Edwar Elliott judge, lawyer, and conmunity leader who passed away in Milton District Hospital Jan. 6. Funeral services wer held in Knox Presbyteria Church with more than 50 Halton lawyers, judges, and friends in attendance.

 Operation of the Sunshine School for retarded children, i Hornby, was officially turned over by the North Halton Assoca tion for the Mentally Retarded is now to be operated by the Es quesing Township Retarded Children's Educational Author

 An engine failure caused four-seater aircraft to make forced landing near Milton. Whitby pilot was taking the air craft from Goderich to Malton when he had to come down on the farm of Henry Arnold. The farm is on the Fifth Line.

50 Years Ago

From the January 17, 1935 Pour Milton will need to have

enother nomination, meeting because only four candidate qualified for the six seats on the town council.

. Thomas Gourlay, Inspector Prisons for Ontario, paid Milton visit on Thursday and made his annual inspection of the count jail. Mr. Gourlay was very pleas ed with the general appearance of the building and complimented the Governor, J. F. McCallum and Mrs. McCallum, on their splendid efficiency in the care of the institution.

. The annual meeting of the Halton County Protective Association, held in Milton Tues day afternoon, was largely at tended. The secretary reported the society to be in a flourishing condition. The members reported no losses of livestock during 1934 It was decided to hold a meeting in Milton on Tuesday, Jan. 29, a .30 p.m. to organize an associa tion for the protection of fow The following officers elected: President, W. Cready, Milton; Vice-president W. J. Clements, Milton Secretary-treasurer, Robt. Bush Fr., Milton. The directors for 1934

think it is? Do you always lock your car doors suggesting is that everyone put a little more crease the chances of apprehending the 'What crimes have you prevented?' Bewhen you leave it unattended? Do you advereffort into their own safety and protection. tise the fact you are away from home? After Crime prevention is simply common sense

ing the Crime Prevention Officer for Halton, that is the question I am most often asked. However, it is also a question that should be asked of you. Crime prevention is not just a job for the police department. It is a job which belongs to all of us. We all can prevent You have often heard the phrase, "the

with PC DAVE CRAWFORD

police are the public and the public is the police." This statement is true when you compare it with crime prevention. The police can't be everywhere. So as a

result it's up to you to help prevent crime. I'm

not suggesting that everyone should go out

and start making citizens' arrests. What I am

Ask any police officer and he'll tell you that crime happens where and when the opportunity is the greatest. Criminals don't attack people in crowded, well-lit areas. Nor do they break into homes which are well-secured and in areas where neighbours watch out for each other. Criminals like an easy target.

Some crimes are inevitable. But by applying some simple crime prevention techniques, you can reduce the opportunity of becoming a victim. By reducing the chance for crime to happen, you not only reduce the chances of becoming a victim, but you also inNow that 1985 is here, why not start it right by becoming involved in one of the many programs available to you. THe following is a list of just some of the various crime prevention programs in operation in Milton and Halton Neighbourhood Watch, Home/Business Security Surveys, Ski Check, Operation Iden tification, Operation Provident (Business) and Business Telephone Alert System. And the list goes on.

A new year is upon us. Why not take a good look at your lifestyle? How susceptible are you to crime? Is your home as secure as you you have taken a good look at yourself, get involved in one of the above programs.

In future editions of this column, I hope to provide some tips that will be of help to you. These tips will not only be on home security. but on other crime prevention topics. By adopting some of these tips, you will enjoy their benefits for many years to come. For more information on these and other crime prevention topics, feel free to call me at 878-5511 ext. 298 or 299. Remember -- crime prevention is a job for all of us; not just a few professionals.

Our Readers Write

Crime Prevention

Appreciated

Dear Sir

I am afraid that some of your readers may have been somewhat misinformed by an article which appeared in The Canada Champion Dec. 26. It was entitled "Christmas Agreement" and began:

Just in time for Christmas, The Family Place and Halton Region have reached an agreement to keep the Centre in Halton Manor operating for another year.

This letter is to inform yourself and your readers that there was no doubt whatsoever that The Family Place Day Care would continue to operate not only in the coming year, but for many years to come. The Family

Place does not base its existence on a year-toyear basis. It will provide the residents of Milton and area with quality day care and associated programs for years to come.

May I as a board member of The Family Place, also take this time to thank. Champion for its many fine articles pad pictures about The Family Place since we opened more than three years ago. They are and will continue to be most appreciated.

SHELDON WOLFSON Personnel Liason Board of Directors

Head Lice

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that our public

schools in our area are, from time to time, loaded with head lice.

Why are parents not notified when first found? Forewarned is to be forarmed. The public health does the best it possibly can with

staff, time and number of cases reported. I think it's about time the parents stop seeing this as a social disgrace and accept the facts. We the parents are in control as to whom will get it next.

Let's all become competent in solving this problem. The schools have available equipment to make video films. We helped pay for it so let's use it! A good, precise, informative film shown on kindergarten orientation night

would be a nice beginning. This bug arrived before Christmas for us

and I realize the consequences you pay. For being not warned it was in our school, uneducated in special handling methods and it was my responsibility to control it.

It cost school time, family time, extra laundry, dollars for shampoo, day-care problems trips back and forth for checks with public and the feeling of frustration and uncleanliness

Let's get it together if we accept the responsibility to notify the health unit, school and other parents in our schools we may with luck decrease or wipe out this horrid critter for

> CATH GIBBONS Commercial St., Milton

100 years ago

were re-elected for 1935.

From the Jan.16, 1885 Issue · Whiskey informer and ex-

Licencee Black sued Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsey in the Georgetown Division Court some time ago for the amount of \$112 the amount of a promissory note given by Lindsey to pay a fine levied on him for selling liquor contrary to the provisions of the Scott Act, on the premises of Robert Bennett As Lindsey has no property

his wife wwns land in Georgetown, the note was note accepted until it was endorsed by the latter

But when it was presented to her for payment, she repudiated it on the grounds that it had been given without the value attached The case was heard in the Divi sion Court and was adjourned until Monday last.

It was then argued in the chambers of His Honour Judge Miller by Messrs. Dewar and McGibbon counsel for the plain tiff and the defendant. The argument didn't come off, however as Mr. McGibbon appeared on the hour fixed and said he did not have a case. Judgment was then entered for the defendant with the counsel fee of \$8.