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Do your part to embrace Quebec

All around the globe, cultural conflict is festering and boiling. Sometimes the cause is not what it seems. People, left on their own, get along - witness the compatible and diverse cultures living in Jerusalem alone.

Behind a cultural crisis or war, there is often the hidden agenda of politics and or commercial vested interest.

In these times, these interests are not as covert as they once were - people can see through these ulterior motives, but that doesn't always



Viewpoint

Jo Ann Stevenson

stop them from getting thrown into the storm.

A free society such as ours offers its people an open forum for expressing their views - media

Letters to the editor are a clearing for opinion and people's ideas are a tool for readers to make up their own minds on an issue.

Quebecers will soon

decide the fate of Canada as it exists today. If real people could hold the day, Quebec would be on firm ground in Canada.

A group called Canadians for a Unified Canada used a paid advertisement in La Presse to break into the homes of Quebecers and ask them to remain a part of Canada.

They collected over 700 letters, faxes and petitions from thousands of like minded individuals.

Real thoughts, real passion from real people is the tonic that's needed

to reach people deep in the communities of Quebec.

The group discovered that media and politicians interfered with the good will and good intentions prevalent in most Francophone and Anglophone communities.

This community newspaper is preparing to use its electronic network to exchange letters with Quebec community newspapers from home to home, heart to heart - in trust to the people of Canada. Send yours to us and we'll deliver.

Triathlon was great success

To the Editor,

On Saturday, Sept. 2, the Kids of Steel Provincial Triathlon Championships were held at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area. This competition attracted triathletes from the ages of seven to 16 years of age. As volunteer co-ordinator, I would like to thank the more than 50 Stouffville and area residents who offered their time, enthusiasm and support towards making this event a success. Your commitment is much appreciated.

In addition, let me offer my congratulations to all the competitors for the athleticism and sportsmanship they exhibited. It was also terrific to see a group of young Stouffville residents giving the sport of triathlon a first-time effort.

A special hats off to the Stouffville Parks and Recreation Department, spear-headed by Peter Arnott, for organizing and completing yet another successful community event.

Terry Neprily
Stouffville

Thanks for surprise

Dear Editor,

It was such a lovely evening on Sunday, July 30 at the Town Crier Restaurant where I celebrated my birthday with family and friends. I want to thank my husband, Vincent, for my birthday party as I was completely surprised and thrilled by the whole event. Also, I must thank John and Maureen, owners of the Town Crier Restaurant and Pub, for allowing us to use their premises to have a cozy atmosphere, delicious food and musical entertainment. Last, but not least, I thank all my friends and family.

This is a birthday I will never forget.

Wendy Parry
Stouffville



Terry Fox coverage is much appreciated

To the Editor,

Thank you for the wonderful coverage the Terry Fox Run has received so far this year.

Our visit from Betty and Rolly Fox on Monday, Aug. 28 was extremely well reviewed. It was a very exciting time for us and we're glad the Stouffville Tribune shared the excitement with those readers who were unable to attend.

We are looking to a great turnout on Sunday, Sept. 17. Our goal of \$20,000 for Whitchurch-Stouffville represents about \$1 for every resident of this great community. As many will recall, Terry's dream was for all Canadians to donate \$1.

We will welcome your participation at the Stouffville Rec Centre on Sept. 17.

Registration begins at 12:15 p.m. with the official start set for 1 p.m.

Should you be unable to participate, we will be happy to accept your donation for Cancer Research. Kindly, contact 640-4705 for more information.

Together we can make Terry's dream a reality.

Sandy Schell Kennedy
Run Organizer

Basic Black

Great fuzz for a buzz...

It doesn't come easy to a Boob-Tubeophobe like your truly, but I have a confession to make.

It's Miss Keith Morrison.

You remember Keith Morrison. Blonde-haired, jut-jawed, blue-eyed talking head who co-hosted the CTV newsmagazine with Valere Pringle for many a morn.

Keith was a Canadian icon. You could rise any weekday morning, shamble across the living room with your pyjamas drooping, scratching your belly, stifling a massive yawn, punch the remote and there would be Keith, looking like he was just air-dropped out of the centrefold of Gentleman's Quarterly.

Some people like the way he handled an interview, others didn't. For me, his journalistic skills were irrelevant.

He fascinated me the way a cobra bewitches a ground sparrow. I didn't even hear the words tumbling out of his mouth.

I was watching his Hair.

Keith had a major case of Large Hair. Great ocean breakers of the stuff arching over his brow, sweeping down behind his ears, swirling and roiling around the sides of his head.

He made Elvis look like a Marine rookie. He made Fabio look like an upended floor mop with a bad case of the mange.

I doubt there was a man this side of Samson who had as serious an outbreak of Large Hair as did Keith Morrison.

But it didn't save his job. Last spring, Keith and his pompadour were unceremoniously bumped.

By some CTV bureaucrat with a brushcut, I'll bet.

I have a vested interest when it comes to hair, namely, I don't have much of it myself.

Oh, I've got hair on my arms and hair on my chest and hair in all the usual bodily thickets and underbrushy spots.

Except on top.

It's one giant pink runway for mosquitoes up there.

Which you might think would make me a Mansbridge fan. Peter Mansbridge is the guy who does on CBC television what Keith Morrison used to do on CTV television, but Peter's pate isn't all that far behind mine.

A few years ago, Peter started going sparse. All the King's horses and all the King's men, plus every cosmetic magician in the CBC makeup department were not able to arrest the fall-out. Nowadays, a lot of folks tune into the 10 o'clock news just to count the strands.

Mansbridge, to his credit, has not fallen back on that lament of crutches for the Hair Impaired - the toupee.

He just sits there reading every night - pink and proud. And why not? It's obvious he has nothing to hide. He is an inspiration to follically challenged men everywhere. A beacon. A Here of the High Forehead.

But Keith Morrison? Ah, Keith was the God of Large Hair. I often wonder where he is now. And whether he can still hold his head up without a neck brace.

On the other hand, a recent news story makes me think maybe Keith got out of the TV news business just in time. It seems a TV news reporter by the name of Mychal Limric was doing a story on the science of beekeeping. He was doing a 'standup' about 15 metres from a working hive.

It turns out the bees were attracted to the TV hair gel Mychal used on his on-screen coiffure. Moral of the story? I'm not quite sure. But Keith Morrison, if you're reading this, a word of advice: Don't take any part-time work in an apiary.

- Arthur Black