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Dear Peter:



Dear Peter:

I have all this money kicking around in the Heritage whatcha-call-it Fund. Now that you scooped the make-your-own-park trick, and Ralph-from-Calgary has the Olympics all tied up, I don't know what to do with this cash. Any suggestions?

Your pal,
Don G.

Dear Dong:

Maybe you can talk to P.P. about acquiring the Oilers as a provincial landmark or something. Just whatever you do, make sure that the poor don't get their grubby hands on it.

Your buddy,
Pete

Dear F.E.P.R.:

Simple. Tear down the old ones, and let the least-worn baskets freeze in the park.

Pete

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Dear Pete:

We're having a little problem with Ronnie. He wants to annex the North so he will have someplace to play with his submarines and ice-breakers and stuff. We told him to go away, but you know how those Americans are, first he said that we should make him, and now he wants to go to court. Those Yankees will sue about anything! Any idea how to keep our ice unbroken?

Yours truly,
Joe C., External Affairs

Dear Joe:

I remember back in the '70s, when I had a problem like this with Pierre. What I did was threaten him a lot, for a long time, and then give in just a little. So, the first thing you gotta do is to threaten to let those southern bastards freeze in the dark. When you get Ron quaking in his orthopaedic shoes over that, get back to me. We'll run with it from there.

Sincerely,
Sheik Pete

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Readers are invited to submit questions to *Dear Peter*, and may indeed have these questions answered. Preference will be given to short, political questions. Write *Dear Peter*, c/o *The Gateway*, Room 282, SUB, U of Eh?

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Report focuses on money, recognition, and benefits

Paydays for housework

VANCOUVER (CUP) — A group of six Vancouver housewives has published a report calling for houseworkers to receive wages and a pension.

The report details the financial and emotional problems faced by housewives, and examines the benefits which would result for women in Canadian society if housework received wages.

"Fifty-five per cent of women in this country live on incomes of less than \$10,000," said Ellen Woodsworth, project manager of Housewives in Training and Research, the group who researched and wrote the report.

The group spoke to 1,200 households over nearly nine months, and found 81 per cent of those surveyed were in favour of houseworkers receiving salaries averaging \$60 a day.

The report recommends that the federal government pay a pension to houseworkers and include housework in the Gross National Product of Canada.

The report found the biggest problem faced by houseworkers was a lack of money. Families that live on one income have a difficult time financially, and invariably the partner who stays at home is the woman — 91 per cent of the time, according to the survey.

The second biggest problem faced by houseworkers was a "lack of recognition".

According to the report, "many women feel the label 'housewife' carries a stigma because housework is not paid." In an age of "equal opportunity" the houseworker is expected to carry her financial weight or she is seen as "living off" the income of her spouse, says the report.

Also, homeworkers do not receive sick leave, pension, workers compensation, medical plans or overtime because they are not perceived as working at a real job. And holiday time, says the report, usually means even more work for houseworkers.

Many women, says the report,

blame themselves for feeling unfulfilled in what they believe is their "natural role" and turn to alcohol or eagerly prescribed anti-depressant drugs.

According to Woodsworth, women who manage to escape housework are also paying the price of those who work for free.

"Seventy-seven per cent of working women work in the 'pink collar ghetto,' either in secretarial jobs or on the floor at Eaton's. Women, especially those who are in school have to realize that women working for free in the home determine the low wage of those outside the home," says Woodsworth.

Because housework is unpaid, jobs similar to housework are also seen to have little value.

The report group claims that paying houseworkers would create 6.5 million jobs. It would also encourage men to do housework and would give houseworkers valid "work experience" when they apply for outside jobs.

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