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Study a dust collector

The beauty of Farina's method is that he starts with no theories to prove or disprove and no formulas to complete. Beginning from scratch, his research team . . . will listen to the people who live and work in Peel.

The Times, Jan. 12, 1973
 The strength of Leisure Consultants' (under Dr. John Farina) study into the quality of living in Peel County has become its final weakness. In their report to Peel Community Services Dr. Farina et al have not gone beyond a list of general observations about established sociological theories and a vague conceptual model for a proposed pilot project.

manned their community listening posts well but their efforts do not show up in the Quality Of Living Study report. Its authors write about the "action research process," "people services," "operational fits" and "proposed organizational model" but never get down to specific needs, problems and solutions for Peel.

At the outset, Dr. Farina pledged that the published results of his group's study would not end up on some library shelf as an occasional reference manual for secondary school and university students. Based on its contents, that's exactly where the report belongs.

Keep the Credit open

The arguments of four Erindale College students that development near the Credit River should be kept distant enough to preclude dangerous slope slides in residential areas shouldn't have had to be made.

No forward looking authority should allow that kind of designation near the river anyway.

But the damage has been done in a large enough sector of the river valley that a detailed report was required.

Still there are large expanses bordering the Credit north of Dundas Street that remain zoned agricultural. And the student's evidence (35 hazardous slopes in 29 miles) show at least some development in that area will be dealing with danger.

In the interests of both potential homeowners in these areas and the general public at large, substantial margins near the river should be preserved as open space. It's the least our legislators can offer us in view of the glut of growth they have fostered.

A fun evening, that's all!

As news of the Happy Hooker's scheduled speech at Sheridan College got around, so did the predictable mindless moralizers get around trying to put a halt to the whole thing.

The usual cries from defenders of our minds and morals came from educated mouths as well as from well-meaning simpletons.

Mustn't sully the good name of Sheridan College by having a loose woman speak there, said

one member of the school's board of governors.

Granted, Sheridan College can hardly be considered a peak academic institution. But that's the school administration's misdoing, not the students'.

Still, college kids are old enough and smart enough to consider Xaviera Hollander in a humorous light — and that's what she's all about. It'll be a beer-guzzling funny evening, and nothing more.



"Every weekend's the same . . . you always find something to do when I want to go out for a drive!"

'Council out of touch with conservation need'

The vast majority of citizens in Mississauga to whom I have talked were shocked and dismayed at the incredible reaction of Town Council to the increased budget of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Letters to the editor

Mississauga lies in the path of the urban sprawl spilling over from Metropolitan Toronto. The Conservation Authority would be derelict in its duty if it did not take all necessary measures to ensure increases purchases of land for conservation purposes in the immediate future. The conservation areas in the Credit Valley are few and of relatively small size when compared with the conservation areas of other authorities

throughout Ontario. The amount of money per capita raised by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority last year is much lower than that raised by the Halton Conservation Authority and the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

'Comments malicious'

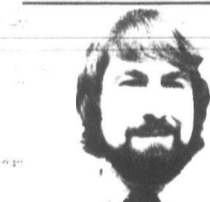
As a person who considers himself to be of average intelligence, somewhere in the middle of the so-called middle-income group, and only in the lower portion of being old-age, would you, the Editor, please explain to me by letter, if you will, and to others who may possibly have seen and read this article and through editorial comment later, just what purpose you had in mind or who were you trying to impress or influence by the derogatory remarks, references and insinuations, and indeed by the work of the cartoonist, in all depicting anything but the image of a very real gentlemen who happens to be a very hard working, dedicated and competent member of the Provincial Legislature and the representative for the riding of Peel South.

As a resident in Peel South since 1964, having been actively engaged in community, service, social and to some extent municipal affairs, I have yet, until this article, heard anything but the most grateful and admiring references regarding Mr. Douglas Kennedy, and of his untiring efforts in the common good, regardless of an individual's political inclinations or economic status.

'Region issue needs clear thinking'

I write as a citizen of sixty years standing whose family has been directly involved in Streetsville's growth and development since 1840. A citizen with not only a deep rooted desire to see this community maintain its identity but one who wishes to see regional government established in Peel in a way that would balance the great growth of population we know is inevitable for South Peel.

The citizens of Streetsville are not against regional government. This point has been made through the foresight of our elected officials, who, five years ago paid an independent firm to assist us in determining a reasonable plan of expansion for development. I believe that the provincial government should stand solidly behind their statement that the original recommendation for Peel County regional organization was a 'proposal' and that counter-proposals would be welcomed and receive sincere, honest consideration and action.



Write On!

By Frank Touby

On my tenth birthday, I remember looking at myself in the bathroom mirror.

My hair was neatly parted on the left side, with a wave flipped stiffly up above my forehead.

I stared into my eyes and told myself I'd remember this moment, this nascent me, for the rest of my life.

I remember promising that to myself on many other occasions, trying to imprint a moment or an image into my memory.

Most of those imprints didn't take. But the one on my tenth birthday is very strong.

I remember me then, wondering what me now would look like.

What started as this flashback is that my father-in-law just completed a weekend visit with us. He was laughing at Susan's horrified revelation that she will be 26 next month. At age 69, he couldn't exactly sympathize with what she feels in her plight.

Susan was lamenting that time is slipping by so quickly nowadays. Our five years of living together, she said, hardly seems like any time at all.

Her father offered no solace. The last 20 years seem like no time at all to him, he says.

But he is also fond of routine. His life is so structured that he knows today where he'll be this time next week.

I used to admire that sort of self-determinism because I could never achieve it. There seemed to me some huge amount of comfort and righteousness in having a schedule. Those guys in bowler hats with umbrellas on subways who are pictured so often in English movies appealed to me.

How drab. Schedules are for the birds. They make you old.

I learned that the first time I took a vacation and it changed my whole life.

For one thing, we chose foreign Toronto as a vacation spot and Palm Beach never looked good again. It still doesn't.

But we embarked on our first vacation fearing it would be disappointingly short,

like most weekends. Why bother with vacations when all they do is end too quickly and bring you back disappointed and poorer?

To our amazement that wasn't true. On vacations we lived more intensely. The days, happily, took forever. A week was like a season and two weeks was five times as long.

(That is, unless vacations are part of your routine; which would be idiotic since vacations ought to be a break from your routine . . . if you have a routine.)

People who do everything with laxative regularity will find their days (and years) a droll blur.

Some of them wake up old one day and look in the mirror at that 10-year-old who, when time was so long, used to wonder about that moment.

Susan's father says he doesn't feel like he ought to be 69. Oh, he has heart troubles and other debilities that seven decades bring, but he also has many aspects of his childhood.

I remember that 10-year-old me who thought that 33-year-old me would have all the answers. I would be adult-grown-up-serious. I wouldn't have a proclivity for the frivolous attitudes and activities that brought the wrath of adults spasmodically down upon me. I would use big words.

And I would be very virtuous; like all adults told me they were. I would look clean-cut and business like the Bobsy Twins' daddy.

Sometimes, when the sun is streaming in through the bathroom window, I study myself in the mirror. The 10-year-old is still inside me, looking at me.

Many of those questions he thought would take forever to answer are answered. They're being answered much faster now.

Someday he'll look out through faded hazel eyes framed in wrinkled skin and know the rest.

I've surprised him a bit. I'm not sure what he thinks about my long hair and beard. But he was pretty open-minded and forgiving of me.

That's a comfort.

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On many very important points, Streetsville takes an extremely strong and most valid stand:

• One municipality en-

compassing all of South Peel would grow much too big to serve the people.

• A single municipality in South Peel would increase per capita representation in regional government to a degree that would be of little 'people' value.

• Parkways green belts already established to permit good development and town planning would be ignored if South Peel

remained one municipality.

• Population growth would be divided for better development through two municipalities in Peel South; Mississauga and Streetsville.

• Streetsville has an exceptionally well qualified and most efficient town staff on which to build a management team sufficient to administer a growing town.

I trust our elected leaders will live up to the responsibilities invested in them on election day, i.e. 'to carry out the will of the people.' Let them become thoroughly familiar with Streetsville's strengths.

Let us take some of the politics out of this issue and put some clear-thinking in. Graydon Clipperton Streetsville

The Editor.

Letters to the editor

The space on this page is reserved for the readers of The Mississauga Times. We invite comment on any issue and are particularly interested in any letter which takes a point of view in conflict with our own as expressed in the editorials. All letters must be signed although, if circumstances require, we will allow a pseudonym to be used.

The Editor.



Barney Heard appears a trifle weary following his 16th St. Patrick's Day walk from Toronto to Oakville Saturday. He made 25 miles through snow in eight hours. Barney was born in Barrie and admits he's not Irish.

Observations

... The good news about the Credit Valley Conservation Authority securing the 25 acres of wetland in the Rattray Marsh this week makes one wonder about the precious remainder of the nature preserve. Planning board asked for a rush appraisal of the rest of the land at a meeting in late November. Almost four months later the appraisal is still not completed. As Mayor Murray pointed out only recently, local land prices are soaring at an unprecedented rate. In the time it is taking to appraise the property, the value and the eventual cost to the buyer is increasing dramatically. Planners completed their meeting in November by hoping-out-loud that they could put an end to the Rattray procrastination. No such luck, it seems.

... Revenue Properties Limited, which had its application deferred on land north of the Queensway between Glengarry Road and Rosemary Drive a few months ago, has submitted more "background material" to the planning board. The application for 40-foot lots was deferred until results of the town's experiments with the lots in other areas had been evaluated. In its new attempt, Revenue has included some definitive proof of merit — a clipping from the Toronto Star Saturday real estate page. The story says in referring to a Malton development that the difference between the 40-foot and 50-foot lots isn't easily noticed "unless one pointed it out." The pointing is not likely to be done by either the developer or the Toronto Star. The paper's real estate page looks like another developer handbill most weeks. But in-

clusion in an application to the board as part of the developer's flak is certainly a new low.

... The group of women, spearheaded by Mississauga resident Mrs. Robert Hurley and Oakville lawyer Peter K. Williams, who are kicking up a fuss over Happy Hooker Xaviera Hollander's visit to Sheridan College March 27, might learn something from a recent remark by Sheridan Dean John Bromley. Replying to a student who objected to the Jan. 31 appearance of Anti-Women's Lib leader J-J Jarboe, Bromley observed: "The students at Sheridan are mature enough in their judgement to hear speakers and decide what is right and what is wrong." As for the Sheridan governor who urged the school to "get out of the visit so the good name of Sheridan and the community will not be dragged in the dirt," we can only suggest some mind-opening corrective surgery.

... Streetsville senior citizen's have penned a unique tirade against regional government to the tune of Battle Hymn of the Republic. Part of it goes: You listen and make promises, then forget — it seems to me. Are we entirely at your mercy? Is this democracy? Sure is refreshing after the recent redundancy in that burg.

Mississauga's bumbling bus system came in for some harsh criticism at council. "The town should get another operator (other than Charterways) or take it over themselves," said Councillor Glenn Grice. "People who miss the bus should sprint for it because they could catch it," said Councillor Ron Searle.