

By Herb Breithaupt



People are making fortunes these days from scrambling and unscrambling data and then predicting how things will be 20 years from now. Authors like Toffler (Future Shock) and Leonard (The Transformation) and Institutes like MIT and The Hudson Institute are extrapolating and projecting to the point where Futurism is taking on the proportions of a new profession.

Then of course there are those who are willing to detail your destiny without data, the astrologers, palm readers and tea-leaf interpreters. Perhaps you saw the recent reading of Johnny Carson's left (it had to be the left) foot on The Tonight Show.

The churches are at it too, taking thought for tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow. But, let's face it, the pace no longer creeps

a sense of humour so he said something to this effect — "I'm not going to say another word until somebody stops that damn phone." Well, that was three years ago, and I understand somebody finally did get it stopped, and Harvey has had a few laughs.

With the present pace of our world, three years ago is like another generation. In the meantime, Harvey Cox and others have continued to turn out material on the future of religion at a very prolific rate, most recently, perhaps, on Peter Gzowski's "This Country" last week.

What are the experts saying about the future of religion? For now forget the experts. What are you saying about the future of religion? If you had your way, how would you like it to be twenty years from now? Or next year?

My hope is that, in the future, religion won't be too religious — that people who have discovered a significant meaning for their lives will not wear their religion on their sleeves. It may be my hangup, but I get kind of angry about people who are pushy about their religion. You might say I'm a religious crank.

Another hope I have for the future of religion is that we will quit pretending we have found all the answers for certain. Charles Davis in his great little book, The Temptations of Religion, suggests that "the pursuit of certitude is a temptation continually besetting religious institutions and people, but the direct seeking of certitude corrupts religion and has the same relation to genuine faith as lust has to love."

Another quick point. Do you agree that if, in the future, religion is distracted from involvement in the struggles and the needs and the pain of humanity, it will be distracted from its main responsibility?

Art showing

The work of Mississauga artist V. Joan Pearson will be exhibited in a one-woman show at the Skyline Hotel's Gallery Elajana starting tonight (Wednesday).

She has recently sold pieces to Warner-Lambert Canada and Southerby's Art Auctioneers of London.

The preview showing is from 8 p.m. to midnight after which the exhibit will be open to the public.



Donald and Debra-Jean Beck are showered with confetti as they leave St. Matthew's Anglican Church on the Plains after their wedding.



Amen

Karl Shuessler

Whenever my wife says she's going to one of those country auctions, I worry until she comes back. I get nervous thinking about what she might bring home next.

And I can always tell if something's coming. If the minute she steps into the house and says, "Guess what?" I know. I'm in trouble. Right there.

Now it's not the money that bothers me. Because she knows — and I know — that there's not that much to start with.

But it's those bargains she brings home. I've never been able to convince her that a bargain is a bargain — only if we can use it. I don't care how low the price is. We've got to need it. Use it.

Now take that \$2 water pump of hers. You know. The old-fashioned kind. That long-handled pump that brings up the water from a dug well.

The fact that we don't have a dug well — and that we have no intention of digging one — doesn't seem to matter. She just liked the pump. Especially the handle.

So she thought she'd help the auctioneer get started with a bid. A low bid. But it seemed that no one wanted it. And that's another thing! We always get everything that no one else wants.

But anyway. The bid rose no higher. The auctioneer never got any further.

And neither did my wife. For went she went to pick up her bargain — pump, long handle and foot after foot of metal casings, the thing was so heavy she couldn't move it.

For six months now it hasn't budged an inch. It's been lying on the dirt floor of the old Dominion Carriage Works in Sebringville. Waiting for me to move it.

I hope to retrieve it — somehow — before that historic building is moved to Pioneer Village in Toronto.

And then there's that solid wood door she bought. Only 25 cents. I know. You just can't find solid wood doors anymore. Especially at 25 cents. It's a great little door. Only it turned out two inches

too short for the doorway. How did she know she was going to buy a door that day? If she had, she would have measured the doorway.

But I consoled her. The plate glass in it is worth far more than her 25 cents. But then, what do I need the plate glass for? And how on earth would I go about getting it out?

Well, now. Let me see. I have three guesses coming. What bargain did she bring home for me today?

No. I won't even try. Besides, she told me I'd never guess in a million years.

Would I believe a maple syrup evaporator?

No. I wouldn't.

But yes. I should. Yes. She bought — now mind you — for only fifty cents — one large metal flat pan to boil down sap. Plus a few other smaller pans and spigots and trays. And whatever else is needed to do the job.

"No one wanted it," she said. "It's off season now."

"But do we want it?" I asked. "Do we want to boil down sap year after year."

"Well, we could."

"But that's a lot of work. It's fun. For a time or two. But every year? And besides. Where are we going to put the thing?"

She says she always thinks of that. But she never can come up with decent answer.

She warned me. It was a big thing. And to make matters even bigger, the farmer offered to let her have the firebox underneath. Free. For the taking.

The firebox was still in the bush. It was too heavy to bring up to the farm yard at the time of the sale.

She convinced me to take a walk back into the bush. For a look. Yes. It was heavy. And huge. Long. Metal. Lined with bricks.

I tried to pick up one end. It stayed right there.

"If you took out all the bricks, that would lighten her up," the farmer said. "You could probably load it up on a tractor. With a lift."

Who was I to admit that I don't have a fork lift? Much less a tractor to go with it?

I could see though, that every syrup evaporator needs a firebox. And here it was. Just made for each other. It would be a shame to separate the pair.

"Okay," I said. "Give me a month. I'll work on it."

"And no more planting all those evergreens on your property," he kidded me. "What you need now is maples. You can go into the maple syrup business."

Why I even went out last week and put an offer in on an old abandoned school house. Just so I could store all of those bargains.

But I lost. No school house. But I'm still the winner though. With that bargain syrup evaporator. That long handled pump. That too short door.

But for the life of me. I have no idea what I'm going to do with them all.

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Bride wears family brooch at St. Matthew's ceremony

St. Matthew's Anglican Church on the Plains was the setting for the wedding of Debra-Jean Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Roberts, of Mississauga, to Dr. Donald W. Beck, of Brampton, son of Dr. John F. Beck, of Coleraine, Northern Ireland. Rev. Clarence Wright, of Burlington, officiated at the single-ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a cord taffeta candlelight-coloured gown with her great grandmother's brooch, a pin of pearls set in gold filigree. She carried a Bible trimmed with orchids and freesia.

Her matron of honour Sheila Dombrose, of Detroit, Mich., a close friend, wore a gown with a Kelly green bodice and a plaid skirt in shades of wineberry, dark green and blue.

Cancer Unit sets up patient shuttle service

A pilot project to shuttle cancer patients from Mississauga to Princess Margaret and other hospitals in Toronto has been introduced by the South Peel Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society.

The service is in need of volunteer drivers and office workers. The shuttle works through a volunteer desk in the South Peel Unit office. Local drivers bring patients from their homes to the office and then to the hospitals.

The shuttle service will be evaluated after a two-month trial period. Anyone interested in helping the project is invited to call Mrs. R.N. Barcham at 278-5085.

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