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Presley opens centre

The late Elvis Presley officially opened the new Halifax Metro Centre last night. The sold-out house was a box office record for the Centre.

The "Pelvis" fans went wild when Presley was dragged onto the stage. It was his first concert since his death on August 16th.

The "Prez", appearing in a blue suede coffin, was rather subdued and his only movements came when local promoter Crooks Diamond shook Elvis' neck.

However despite this the fans appreciated his efforts. Said one fan, "The old magic was still there. You could see it in his eyes. He hadn't lost his touch. Even if he was quiet, he's still the King to me."

Some fans were disappointed however, and one remarked to this reporter. "He just laid there. He didn't speak. He didn't dance. and he didn't do 'Houndog'! I want my money back."

Nevertheless Elvis was given two standing ovations when he fell out of his coffin, and he was called back for four encores. Halifax fans are now awaiting the next promotion by Crooks—the return of Jimi Hendrix.

Don't miss this one folks.

Nouvelle Ecosse

Patrick Nowland (Patrek Nowlan), the 46 year old member of Parliament (parlement) for Annapolis Valley (vallee de Annapolice) a very conservative voice in parliament for 12 years, has introduced a private members bill into the House of Commons.

Nowland, a recent candidate for the P.C. leadership, among other things, is proposing legislation called "the official designation of Nova Scotia act".

The reason according to Nowland is "because those French persons are trying to corrupt our province's name". The charge by Pretty Pat is in reference to the name Nouvelle Ecosse.

Mr. Nowland, a strong pro-English Canadian and author of "English Today - English Forever" is worried that Nouvelle Ecosse will appear on cereal boxes. "I'd puke cornflakes", he said.

We only have to look at what happened to the name of Three Rivers, P.W. It's now called Trois Rivières" he moans.

Nowland has uncovered evidence dating back to 860 B.C. which proves that Nova Scotia is the proper latin name for the province.

He also offered as evidence the fact that "most maps call the province Noav Scotia, that is if Atlantic Canada appears on the map."

Critics of Nowland dismiss his name game saying that "Nowland's an asshole." People outside his party are even harsher in their criticism.

While Pat's efforts may not meet with much luck in the House, remember at the least he is giving Nova Scotia a name - even if it is something akin to Newland of Turds or as the French put it, nouveau terre de Merde.

Nova Scotia Nutbook

More Plain Talk

Well I'm back.
For now.
You would think that while I was gone they would fix my typewriter.
They didn't.

It's still stuck on indent.
But that's never stopped me from expressing the same ill informed opinions week after week.

It won't now.
The reason that I'm back writing this column is because of those damn 'union people' at this newspaper.

Not that I'm anti-union.
Far from it.
I know a man who had a second cousin in a union.

It's hard for me to decide what to write.
Since my mind went.

I was going to write about 'Budworm Spray on the Danish' or 'Ketchupting the Forests' or the oil industry in Halifax harbour.

But I do that every day.
And people laugh.
So I guess I'll write about an NHL team in Halifax.

I was talking to my buddies Horrid '3 to 5' Ballard and Sam '3 helpings' Poolock (that refers to his average intake at a meal, not brain power.)

They both want an NHL team in metro. No problem. We'll put the Mercator up as collateral. Those guys have brains. Who else would think about put-

ting Ace Haley behind the bench?

But we have to spray the budworm first.

How else will we have trees from which to make the hockey sticks for players to swing.

I'm a simple man.
And I still don't pull my punches.

If we don't allow Baron de Rothschild to come to town and level Citadel Hill then what chance do we have to have Air Canada run from Halifax to Dartmouth.

I didn't get to Grade 2 for nothing.
The ideal might be to have me as Premier of the province.

But I have no political ambitions.
Although I am taking a night course that I read about on a matchbook cover.

But as my old friend Kronik Ulser said, "But I digress."

We're here to talk about...
Well it doesn't really matter what we're talking about.

I'm just cutting sentences out of old editorials and piecing them together like I always have.

Some people said that hurts the logic of these columns, they said they don't make sense.

Do I believe this.
No way.

I don't think my publisher believes it either.

But if he does he can fire me any time.
And print pretty pictures in this space or something.

Bull Schmidt

Voice of the Masses

Deaf mute on bilingualism

Dear Sir,

The debate over the government's bilingualism policy has been conducted with but little regard for the plight of the deaf and the dumb. As an active deaf-mute I feel impelled to (metaphorically) speak out.

I am sick and tired of (metaphorically) hearing the endless whinings of Francophones and Anglo-Saxophones concerning the status of their respective languages in Canada. I don't care what language the non-deaf majority in this country care to babble to one another in, be it French, English, Italian, Serbo-Croat or Mandarin Chinese—it's all Greek to me!

I also am completely indifferent to the fact that M.T.&T. wish to raise their telephone rates (let them charge \$15.00 per call, I don't care).

I am incensed that CBC radio is partly financed by the tax dollars of the deaf, and outraged that the claims of the CBC to be "bringing all Canadians together" has passed without editorial censure in the columns of your newspaper. Also blind people get neat things like seeing-eye dogs, so why can't deaf-mutes have talking parrots. It's not fair!

I'm so sick of it all that I wouldn't trust myself to talk about it even if I could. Even the cinema is no fun since they introduced talkies! And I's abso-

Correction

It was incorrectly reported yesterday in this newspaper that "Jeremy Acherman, NDP, was a 39 year old transvestite necrophiliac." Mr. Acherman is actually 38 years old. We are sorry for any embarrassment we may have caused.

lutely frustrated by kettles with whistles, and door-bells, and record-your-own-voice machines, and public announcement systems, and smoke detector alarms, and stereo recordings, and concerts, and breakfast cereals that go snap, crackle and bloody pop, and whoopee cushions, and ventriloquists, and after-dinner speeches, and aural sex, and all the rest of it!

I hope you all talk your cretinous heads off! And my dearest wish is that you won't like what you hear!

Yours etc.
J. Barrington Slithee (B.A. retired)
Spryfield.

Animal droppings

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Deuce Holey on a most persuasive and insightful analysis of the Remembrance Day time fiasco. I too have reason to believe that the fighting in World War I did not end at 11 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918.

I was in the Compiègne Forest when the German delegation went into that railroad car to sign the armistice. I'd been living with a bunch of squirrels and a rather kinky cottontail ever since I'd been caught behind enemy lines. I knew what others didn't. In a particularly daring commando action, the squirrels had shit in the gears of the town clock and it ran ten minutes fast ever since that lubrication.

But the sly squirrel had grabbed a pocket watch from the bell ringer which gave us the real time. So when the Allies and Germans signed the armistice at what they thought was 5 a.m., it was really 5:10 a.m. and the agreement to cease hostilities in 6 hours from then brings the actual time of the peace to 11:10 a.m.

Great stuff, Deuce. Next time, why don't you take a close look at the little-known 'Chipmunk in the Peace Tower Caper'. I'd love to see someone force Trudeau to his knees admitting the illegitimacy of the CBC time signal.

Tusket

Malcom Padderson

Across the



by **Harold Bray**
Editor in check

Sesame seeds

The provincial government today announced that final details are being worked out in an effort to locate a sesame seed industry in Nova Scotia.

Premier Gerald Regan said the sesame seed operation, if it goes ahead, is likely to require an investment of between \$5 million and \$10 million. Much of the financing would come from the Department of Regional Economic Expansion (Dree) and Mainland Growth Investments (formerly MAGI).

The sesame seed operation would be located either in Cape Breton, South Western Nova Scotia, the Halifax-Dartmouth area or in the Cumberland-Colchester area.

A final site selection will be made after the next provincial election.

At a news conference, Premier Regan told reporters that the sesame seed industry in Nova Scotia is starting to "boom."

"Yup. It's starting to boom," he said.

He said Nova Scotians have increased their sesame seed intake dramatically over the past several years. This is largely due to the phenomenal growth in the hamburger chain operations, he said.

"Every time a Nova Scotian eats a hamburger with a sesame seed bun in the future, he or she will be doing a great service for the province."

The premier also noted that there would be spin-off benefits for Nova Scotia's medical fraternity, as well. Particularly for gastrologists.

Premier Regan, who is known to have a particular fondness for chicken burgers, said he will be making an effort to increase his intake of burger buns.

"We all have to do our part. Whether you are a premier or just an average person, you have to do your part to maximize the potential of this great province of ours," he told the reporter remaining.

Premier Regan said he plans to meet with federal minister of trade and industry Jack Horner in Ottawa next week to discuss the sesame seed situation.

He said the only holdup to the development of a Nova Scotia sesame seed industry is the fact that many of the hamburger chains are national in scope and have their interests vested in the United States or the Canadian Golden Pubic Triangle.

"Mr. Horner have shown a very obvious interest in the welfare of Nova Scotians. Hopefully, he will agree to take steps to force the hamburger chains to use local sesame seeds."

Premier Regan said he is not worried about the productivity of the Nova Scotia sesame seed factory worker.

"Even Mr. Horner knows that Nova Scotians want to work hard." The premier added that it will not be necessary for Mr. Horner to travel to Nova Scotia in order to take part in the negotiations.

"Mr. Horner is very popular in Nova Scotia, despite what the media and Cape Bretoners will say," the premier told the empty room.

**What will you
do today for
Nouvelle Ecosse?**