



FREEDOM! St. John's United Church played host to the Georgetown chapter of Amnesty International's Coffee House, Saturday night. The evening featured performances by various artists in support of political prisoners, world wide. From left: organist Haydn Evans and soloist Shirley Shirtcliffe perform *The Circle Game*. (Eve Martin photo)

Water allocations updated by Region

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ruling that gave draft approval to the Law Development Group's proposed condominium on River Road, even though the development does not have a water allocation.

Halton's Manager of Development Services, Pat Murphy, said that the existing Georgetown wells provide 13,500 cubic metres of water per day and the actual daily use is 11,696 cubic metres a day leaving 1,805 cubic metres available.

Once the residential, commercial and industrial draft approvals and a buffer are removed, the system is short 1,034 cubic metres of water per day.

"It was on the basis of the 10 per cent over commitment that Region Council said no more draft approvals - stop draft approvals here (in Georgetown) until we find a supply, and as you know we are in the process of trying to provide a supply at the Lindsay Court well," Murphy said.

The Lindsay Court well,

currently pumping 500 cubic metres a day, is expected to provide another 1,000 cubic metres of water - roughly equivalent to 1,000 housing units - once monitoring and testing is complete.

Halton's Director of Engineering Research, Rick Robertshaw, said the next well to be developed is the Main Street well, for which testing should be complete in 1999 or 2000.

Halton's senior Research Engineer, Benson Leung, outlined the need for a trunk sewer, force main and pumping station to handle wastewater from new developments.

Leung said the Region is also currently negotiating with the North Halton Golf and Country Club for an easement across its property for a gravity sewer. All of the work is subject to the developers agreeing to pay up-front for the work.

Some time later this month councillors will get another water report - this one an allocation update from Town staff.

Georgetown man gets more than he paid for

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgetown Gemini
Canada's Privacy Commissioner has launched an investigation into the careless disposal of a federal government filing cabinet which was later found to contain income records of seven individuals.

The documents were discovered by Georgetown resident Clay Downes who had purchased the cabinet in August at the Canada Procurement and Disbursement Centre in Mississauga while outfitting his son who was heading off to university. The cabinet sat in a locked garage until last month when Downes opened it and found the documents.

"I was aghast," Downes explained in an interview on Tuesday.

"I was horrified and sickened - I had people's lives in my hands.

"There were accountant's

letters, bank statements with account numbers, Social Insurance Numbers and income information and I had to stop reading it because I was too afraid - it was too intrusive and I had no right to be looking at that other people's private information," Downes explained.

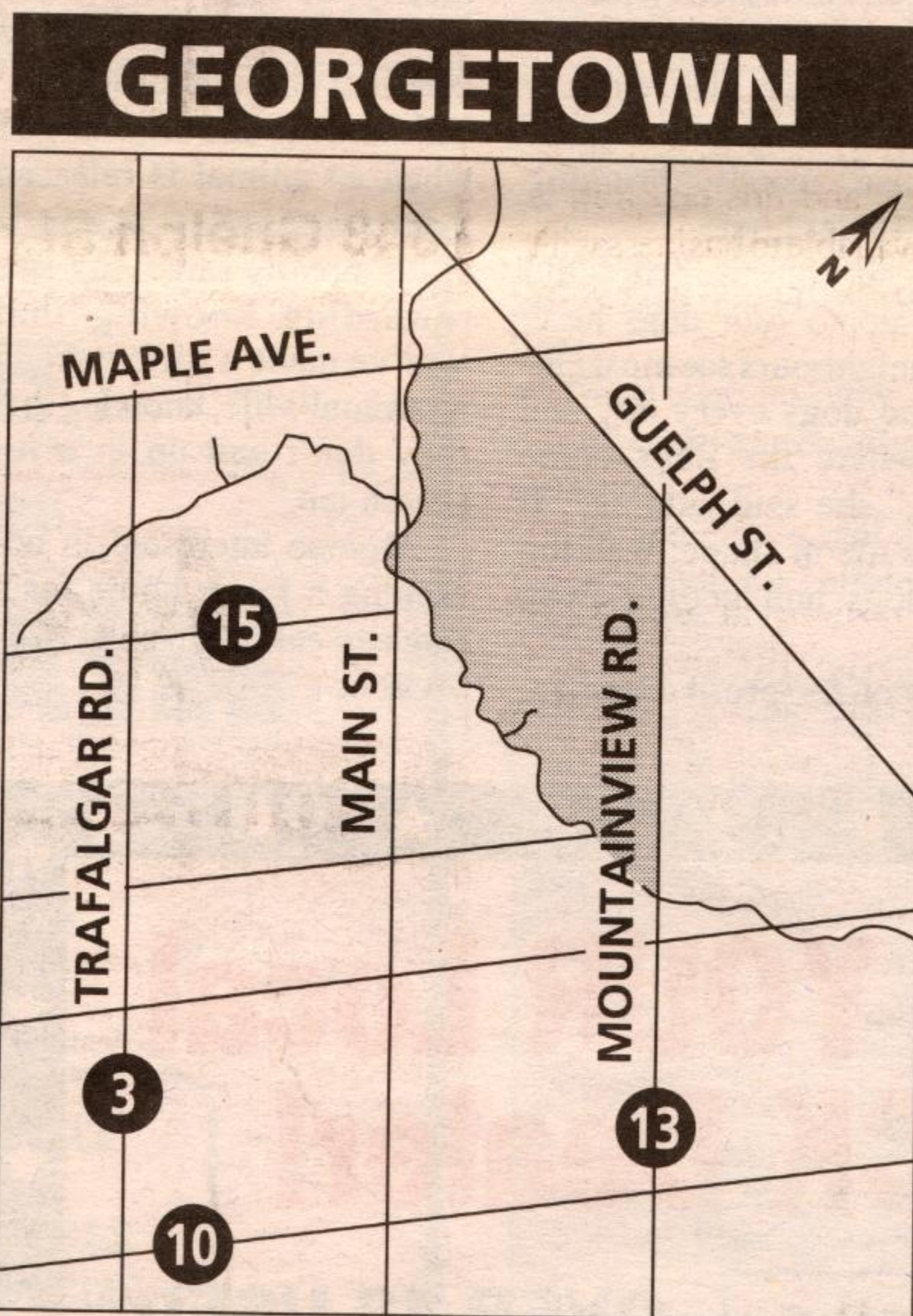
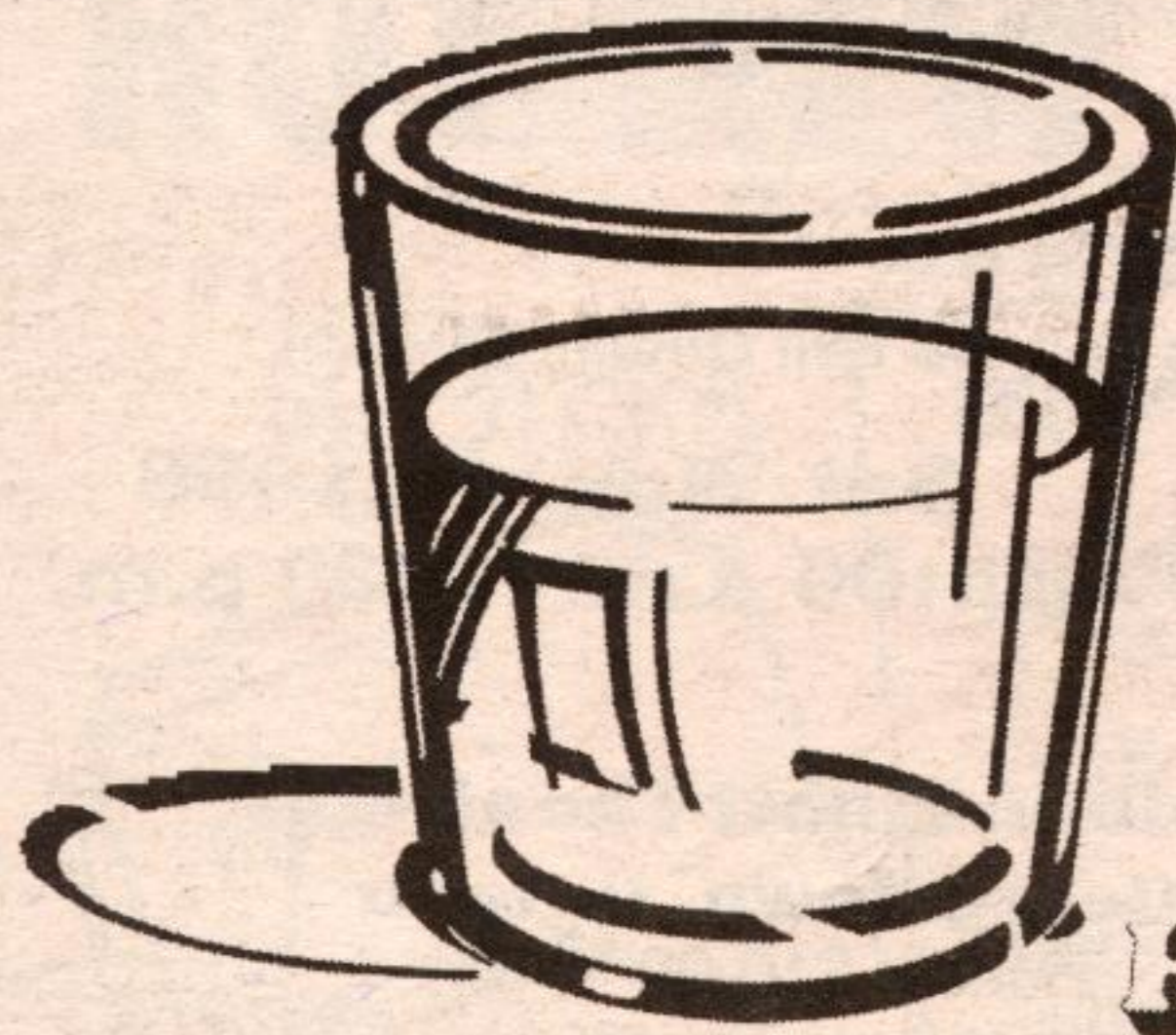
Downes said he decided not to just hand the documents over to Revenue Canada because he was concerned that nothing would be done to prevent a similar incident from occurring again. Instead, he contacted his niece, CFRB talk show host Carol Mott, who after checking with lawyers, revealed the story on Monday.

Downes said he couriered the documents to the Reform Party Revenue Canada critic MP Jim Silye who raised the issue in the House of Commons on Monday.

On CFRB Radio on Monday Privacy Commissioner Bruce Philips said that they have launched an investigation because "on the face of it appears that somebody slipped up."

Philips said that there is very little recourse for the seven individuals whose income information was found in the cabinet beyond the knowledge that this incident will force the government to re-examine its procedures.

WE'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS PERFECTLY CLEAR.



We are Halton Region Planning and Public Works and for the next few weeks we'll be cleaning out the water mains on the streets in the area shown on the map above.

We're working through the water system a few streets at a time. We'll drop off a bulletin to your home or business giving you a couple of days notice when we'll be working on your street.

During the cleaning, we'll be flushing out a lot of discoloured water. We don't want that ending up in your home. So, please remember:

- ✓ Please do not use your water or flush your toilet between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on the day we're working on your street.
- ✓ Afterwards, flush out your own system by running your cold water until the water runs clear. Turn on the cold water in your basement and the tap in the highest part of your home.

Thanks for your help and sorry for the brief inconvenience. After this work is done, the drinking water will be clean for years to come. We think you'll like the way we've made things perfectly clear.

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