

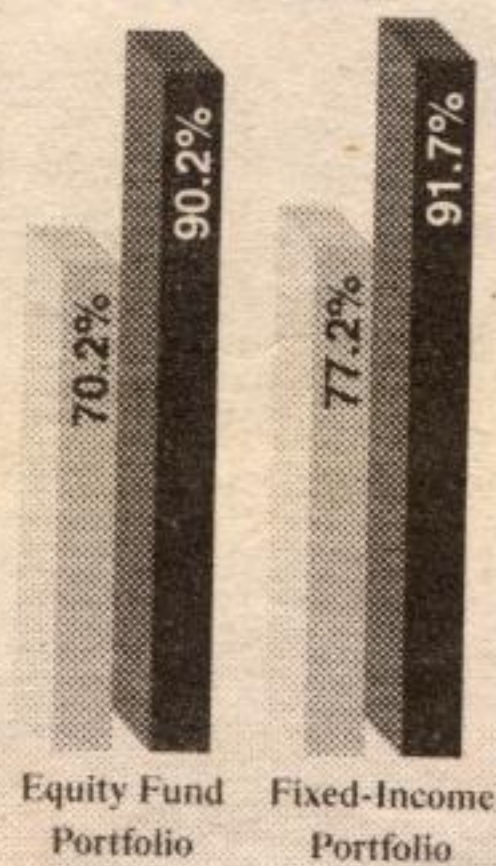
READ-A-LONG: Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson and Andrea Hughes, a grade nine student at Georgetown District High School read to Mrs. Fleet's grade five class at Glen Williams Public School, last Wednesday as part of Canadian Children's Reading Week. Hughes was job shadowing the mayor as part of Take A Student To Work Day, seeing what it is like to run a town. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Children's Chorus to sing in Italy

The members of the Halton Hills Children's Chorus were thrilled when they learned that their audition tape to participate in the 1997 International Children's Choir Festival had been accepted.

Earlier this year, they were invited by Jean Bartle, the director of the Toronto Children's Chorus to submit an application. Ms. Bartle will direct the 600 participating voices from all over the world in July of 1997 for performances in Italy.

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Better Business Bureau warns local business owners

Businesses across North America are being solicited through the mail by individuals from Nigeria.

These individuals claim that there is a sum of money, usually in the millions of dollars, that must be transferred to a "neutral" or "foreign" account. For the use of the account for a short period of time, huge sums of money are promised, also amounting to millions of dollars. These arrangements are allegedly made in collaboration with Nigerian officials.

Unfortunately, no funds are deposited. Instead, the accounts are either drained or the victim is asked to pay up front costs associated with moving the money. Current estimates are that North American companies are losing over \$1 billion a year to Nigerian scam artists.

Also, Canadian police report that the Nigerian government is not very co-operative in recovering money lost in these scams, so victims are left with very little recourse.

If you have received any unsolicited correspondence from Nigeria, please contact your Better Business Bureau at 905-526-1111.

Remember, if an offer sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

NEWS SHORTS

Assault at GDHS

Halton Regional Police are searching for two suspects following an assault in front of Georgetown District High School.

According to police reports, the assault took place at about 3:30 am, Nov. 9.

A 17-year-old Georgetown man was walking in front of the school when he was assaulted by two persons following a verbal confrontation.

Police allege that two men punched the youth repeatedly, resulting in bruising and a swollen eye.

The first suspect is described as: white male, 5'10", 150 lbs, with brown hair, approximately 16-17-years-old.

The second suspect is described as white male, 6', 170 lbs, with brown hair, 18-years-old.

Intox charge laid

A Georgetown man was detained by Halton Regional Police, Thursday, on charges of public intoxication.

Police observed the man leaving an establishment at the corner of Mill and Main Streets, walking onto the road several times, often against a red light. Police detained the man, fearing that his apparent inebriation might make him a danger to himself or to others.

Robotic modem missing

Police were called to the offices of the Niagara Escarpment Commission on Guelph Street, Oct. 30, when it was reported that someone had made off with a Sport Robotic Modem, valued at \$258.

Police say that there was no sign of forced entry.

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