

# Councillor seeks PC nomination

Halton Regional Councillor Ralph Scholtens has announced that he is seeking to be nominated as the Progressive Conservative candidate for Halton in the next federal election.

"I think I can effectively serve my community and country as Halton's MP," said Scholtens. "While I've been working with my municipal colleagues to maintain services while keeping taxes at the same level, the federal government has raised taxes more than 40 times since 1993. I think it's time to go to work in Ottawa and get some things done."

Scholtens has developed a reputation with some as a straight-forward, hard-working leader who is not afraid to ask tough questions or deal with difficult issues during his past three terms on Burlington and Halton Region Council.

"I've always believed that it's part of leadership to be up front about what I believe in. Having the courage of your convictions has to be combined with a willingness to listen and the ability to work

with others to get things done, but I don't believe in the politics of platitudes where you say a lot of words that don't really mean anything."

In addition to his eight years of municipal political experience, Scholtens has a long history of community

and business involvement. "I'm an entrepreneur who has been involved in building up three businesses all of which have been successful.

I realize that no single person is going to change the political culture by themselves, but I want to go to

Ottawa and sell the agenda of political change that everyone seems to be looking for," Scholtens said.

Scholtens his wife of 25 years, Betty, and their four adult children have lived in Halton for more than 30 years.



**GENDER BENDER:** Three Wise Women, from left, Laura Vanderleest, Meghan Ananthan and Becky DeKleer, pose just before they took the stage in Georgetown District Christian School's *The Case of the Missing Christmas*. (Jamie Harrison photo)

## NEWSSHORTS

### Flyer 'not hate mail'

The Intelligence Unit of Halton Regional Police has deemed that a flyer appearing in Glen Williams does not qualify under the Hate Literature section of the Criminal Code.

Det. Sgt. Don Cousens of the Intelligence Unit told *The Gemini* that the flyers do not contravene the law.

"It was simply an opinion expressed by a member of the public ... almost like a political opinion," Det. Sgt. Cousens said. "We don't have a problem with that."

"There were questions by members of the public (regarding the flyer). That's why we looked at it," Cousens said.

Cousens' office looked at the flyer following a complaint by some Glen Williams residents through 11 Division in Georgetown.

### Parking etiquette suspect

A Georgetown man returned to the Georgetown GO Train Station Dec. 16 to find that someone had let the air out of two tires and left a note on the windshield of the GMC Yukon.

The note proclaimed the driver to be a "parking hog," evidently left by someone unimpressed with the parking job.

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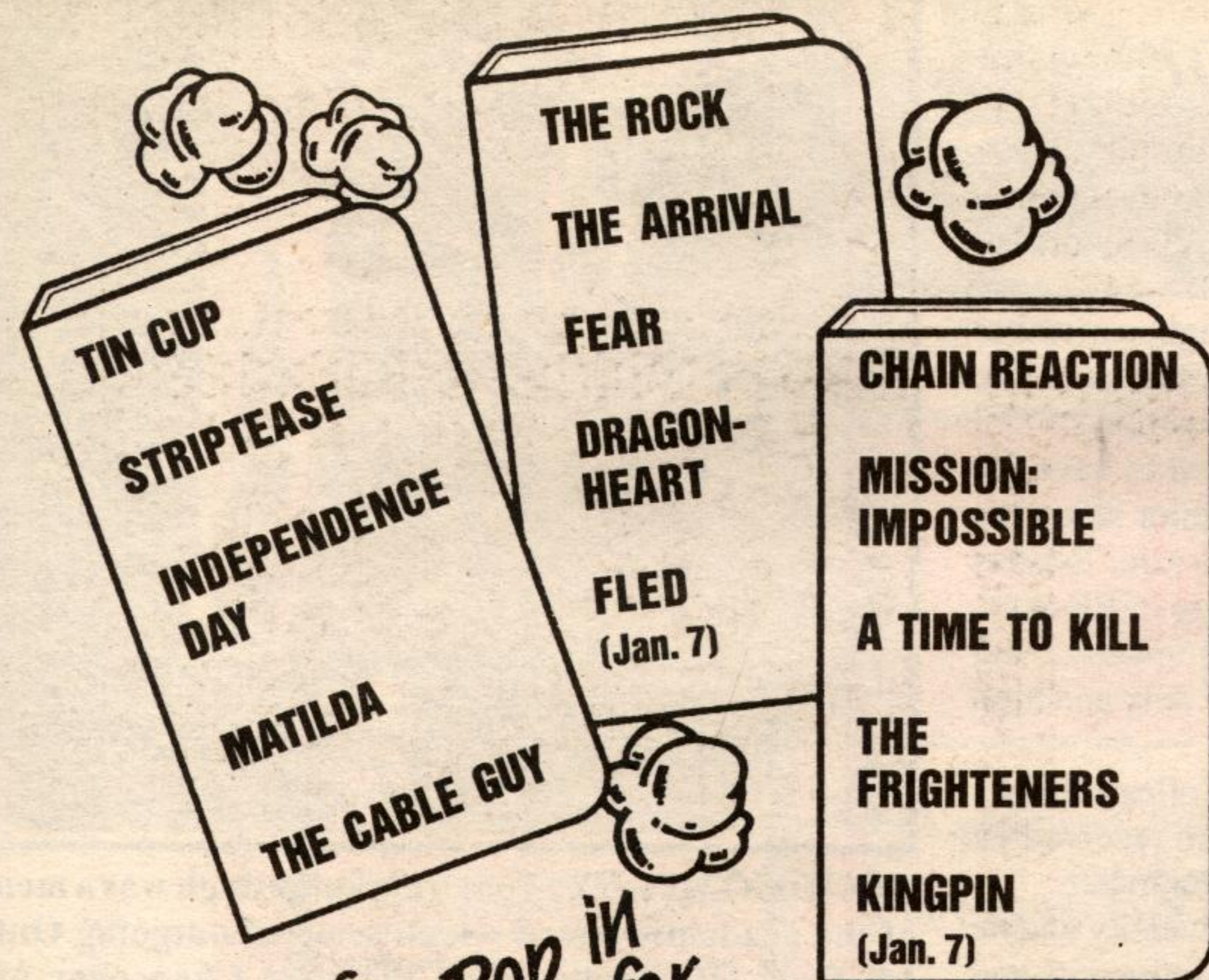
A college professor conducted a study of fingernail biting in 1978 and found that up to 15 per cent of Americans also chew their toenails.

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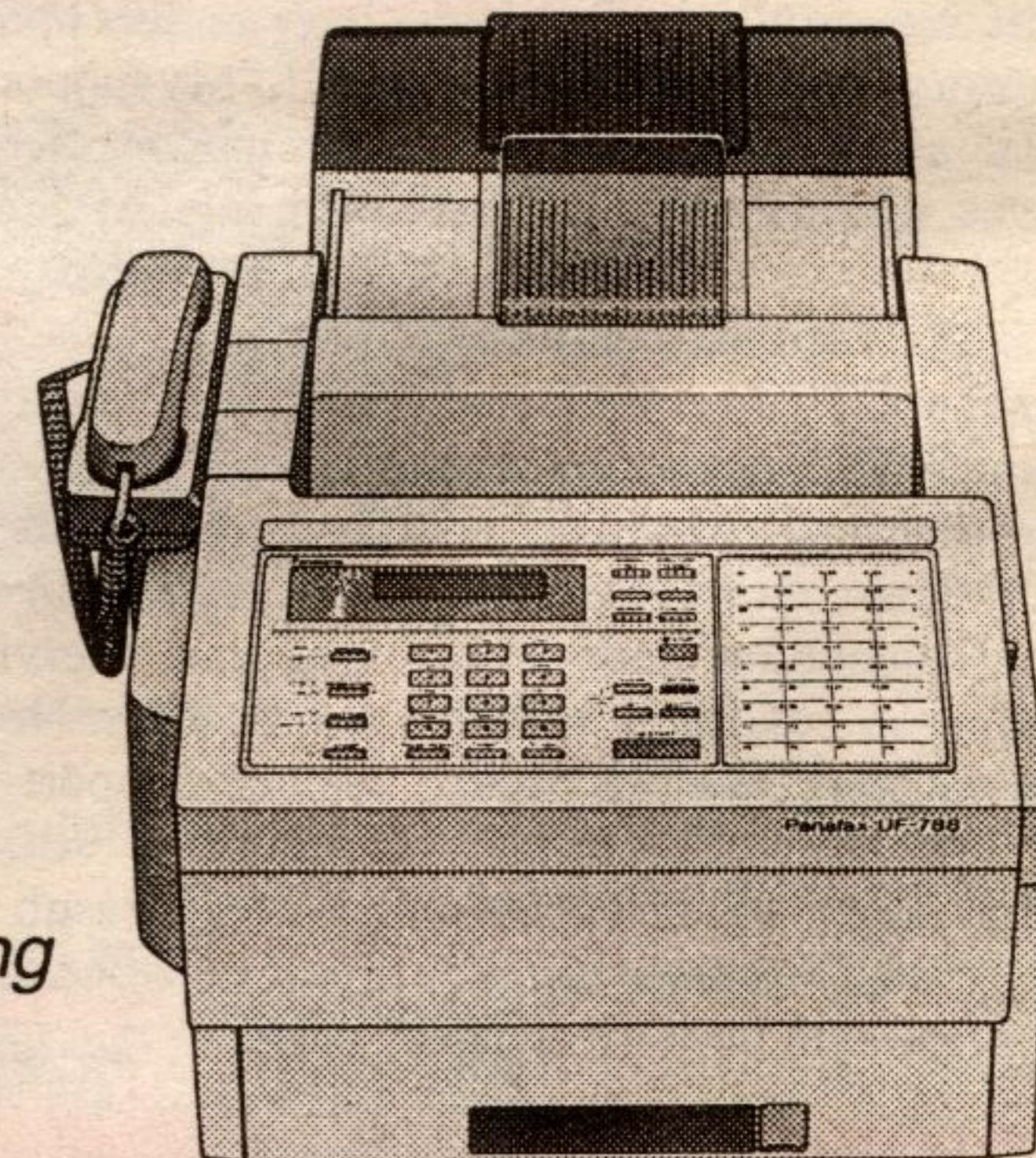
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