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1997 - Lots more changes in travel!

Electronic ticketing, more information than ever via Internet, E-mail, more and different marketing techniques than ever — the traveller, both for leisure and business have never had it so good. The opportunity for more knowledge and choice is there more than ever. And it will likely get better, but there will be an expense to it all in the end. Who knows who will pay a price — but meanwhile **everybody should go and do and be — you never had it so good in the air in Canada!**

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Canadian Airlines International, as long as they are around will help keep the fares at a suitable level for all travel. (Wonder what the costs to travel in Canada would be if there was only one National Carrier???) Along with the charters and the discount carriers, there is a great opportunity for you, the person needing a flight, to travel at a pretty good rate, and at most times of the year. True, the business traveller who needs flexibility in his travel role doesn't get as much advantage, as does Joe and Jane Citizen who can travel at a fixed time.

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As for vacations, almost the same exists if you want to go to Florida or into the Caribbean to a resort, or go on a cruise. There is so much competition for the vacation/cruise dollar, that the costs have been kept down pretty good. Then there are last minute decision-makers who can go at the drop of a hat and can take available at most travel agencies. **Booking in advance is still your best bet** though, to get to go where **you choose.**

Can you believe it has been 25 years since Walt Disney World opened in Florida? And think of all the additions there have been since. It has become the #1 goal for Canadians, especially those with young children, to go there at least once. (Many, many go back year after year — staying on-site and living the life!) We had visited Disneyland in California before there was the location in Florida and so had a taste of it back in the 60s. Magic Kingdom Park was the original spot at the location just outside Orlando, and with all the many new sites, **this is the year to go to Disneyworld** to join in the quarter century celebration.

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Did you know dept: The 1997 wall and pocket calendars were very well received again this year at our travel offices. There are still a few remaining if you didn't get yours, but hurry in!

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Travel tip of the week: When you travel, expect the unexpected, then you'll be prepared for anything!



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Trustee helps colleagues with legal costs

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgetown Gemini Milton school board trustee Tim Kingsbury has started a legal defense fund to help five of his fellow Halton Board of Education trustees — including Acton-Esqueing trustee Ethel Gardiner of Georgetown — who face mounting legal bills in defense of conflict of interest charges.

Kingsbury started the fund with a \$500 contribution of his own and will cover any administrative bank charges

out of his own pocket.

"Just before Christmas I ran into a number of people who asked what was happening with the court case and how they could help, so I decided it would be smart to take leadership and provide an avenue for people to help financially," Kingsbury explained Sunday, estimating that the trustee's legal fees have exceeded \$20,000 to date.

The legal fees stem from conflict of interest charges laid against the five trustees

by a member of the Burlington Taxpayers Coalition who alleges that the five had conflicts and should not have voted on the Board's budget last year.

The other trustees named are Linda Glover and Joe Pavelka of Burlington, Penny Siebert of Oakville and Flo Belford of Milton.

After numerous delays in the court proceedings, Kingsbury said that several trustees told him that the cost of mounting their defense was making it hard for them to continue. In a press release

announcing the fund, Kingsbury stated the public should be very concerned that their elected representatives can be so easily forced into such a tight spot, just to defend themselves for doing the job they were elected to do.

"I want to stress that none of the trustees involved asked me to do this, although none objected when I told them what I wanted to do," Kingsbury said.

Trustee Gardiner called Kingsbury's move an "amazing and incredible gesture which shows you the quality

person that this man is."

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the trustees' defense fund should make the cheque out to "Tim Kingsbury - In Trust" and mail it to Kingsbury at R.R. #1, Campbellville, Ontario, L0P 1B0.

Kingsbury said that he intends to ask the Board of Education to pay for the trustees' legal defense at the end of the case and if that happens the surplus contributions will be returned.

The trustees will be back in a Milton court next month.

New manager readies herself for RSP season

BY JAMIE HARRISON

The Georgetown Gemini "It's nice to work and play in the same area." So says Elizabeth Crighton, the new manager of personal banking at both Georgetown Royal Bank of Canada branches.

Originally from Oakville, Crighton and her husband moved to Ballinafad in 1992, and she worked at a Royal Trust branch in Guelph before transferring to Georgetown.

"We look at (Georgetown) as a growing market centre. In both branches we are available to discuss services of any of the Royal Group of Companies," Crighton said.



ELIZABETH CRIGHTON

"I quite easily say the Royal Bank looks at Georgetown as a strong, growing market. We look to be progressive and

innovative, to provide service through PCs and telebanking. We have a large seniors client base which we respect and value."

As a banker, Crighton has the unique experience of being able to sympathize with both sides. Her husband has recently opened a small business of his own, giving her the perspective of what it is like to be a small business owner.

"I have an intimate understanding of what it is like to be a small business owner," Crighton said.

After starting Dec. 23, Crighton found that she came on board at one of the busiest times of the banking year. Following the Christmas season, the entire banking industry gears up for RSP season.

"It's kind of neat to be here at the beginning of RSP season. My door is always open, so I look forward to seeing my clients," Crighton said.

The Royal Bank is offering an investment seminar tonight at North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Cribbage team wins Legion tournament

The Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion Cribbage team of Joe Poirier, Frances Poirier, Chuck Metler, and Ev Metler won the zone B-7 Cribbage championship last Saturday in Milton.

A total of 60 teams took part in the event, with the Georgetown foursome emerging with the championship, winning 17 of 18 games. The foursome now advance to the District B Championships in Paris, Ontario on Saturday March 1. At the District Championships only 6 of the over 40 teams will advance to the provincial championships.

On the strength of their win, Br. 120 will host next year's zone championships.

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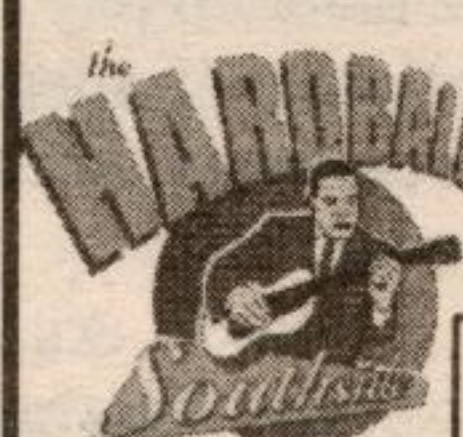
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