

halton hills

YOUTH

A page for Halton Hills young people, written by young people.



PROFILE

by Sarah Gurr
G. 8 Centennial
It is a pleasure to write about my best friend Mary Lynn McVittie. Mary Lynn was born in Georgetown, April 25, 1971. Her mom, dad, brother Stephen and sister Gywen still live in Georgetown but out in the country, where they have a hobby apple orchard. Mary Lynn has 3 cats and 1 dog.



She belongs to the basketball, volleyball, the swim teams. Right now she is playing in badminton games as well as refereeing. In the winter our gym teacher holds a fitness program; Mary Lynn is also involved in that. Music plays an important part in Mary Lynn's life. At school she is a member of the folk harmony group, the choir, and plays in the advanced guitar section, not to mention singing solo. This year the school is putting on the musical "Oliver", and Mary Lynn plans to try out for one of the lead parts. Good luck Mary!

Mary Lynn goes to Centennial Middle School and so do I. We are both 13 and in grade 8. Mary Lynn is involved in many different things in and out of school. Out of school she belongs to an all Ontario club called 4-H, she goes to church every Sunday and is involved in church activities such as youth group, the church percussion group and a church musical. Mary Lynn also helps her mom at the church doing pot luck suppers and other fund raising activities. Mary Lynn does many chores at home to help the family out.

In school Mary Lynn is very athletic:

At lunch hour on Friday's Mary goes to Sew and Stuff held by our home economics teacher. Mary has things that she really enjoys doing when she has enough time and they are swimming, rug hooking, quilting reading, sewing and especially baking and cooking. Mary Lynn is also a very good student and a great best friend.



Marilyn Leavitt and her daughter Tara, 12, of Georgetown display the "dough dolls" they were selling at the Acton Arts and Crafts sale last week at St. Alban's Church. It was Mrs. Leavitt's first year selling her crafts at the sale, but she has been making dough dolls for three years.

Gretchen Day art exhibition

An exhibition of Gretchen Day's paintings will be shown at the University Women's Club of Toronto, 162 George Street.

The official opening of the show will be held Sunday November 11, and will continue until Saturday December 22.

YOUTHSPEAK

Lift For Life
by Allison Vale
G. 10, Georgetown D. H.S.

Students at Georgetown District High School love sports. The runners, swimmers and football players all spend long hours training, pushing themselves to their limits.

To them, a set of stairs is a molehill, something they've sprinted up and down 50 times in ten minutes attempting to strengthen the muscles in their legs.

Yet to Aggie, who's crippled and walks with crutches, or John who's in a wheelchair, the stairs are mountains, barriers instead of bridges, that make the 2nd floor almost totally inaccessible to them.

Getting up is a problem and getting down is just plain dangerous. When classes change 1500 kids push and shove their way through the halls and down the stairs.

Handicapped kids, who can only take the steps one at a time, often get caught up in the flow. Sometimes, they fall down the entire flight of stairs. Understandably, parents and faculty expressed anxiety, wanting these students to finish their schooling at G.D.H.S., yet fearing for their safety. An in-school committee was formed to investigate the needs of the handicapped.

Over the next few months the school was assessed and found unsuitably equipped to accommodate handicapped children. The major problem was the 250 stairs stationed throughout the school. The installation of an elevator was necessary and doors and

washrooms needed to be modified to suit handicapped students. These renovations would tally \$110,000, a seemingly insurmountable amount of money! Yet, inquiries were made and a goal was set. The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour would grant us \$79,000, leaving \$31,000 to be obtained through community fund raising. There was a lot of work ahead for the people of Georgetown.

The wheels were set in motion. Headed by Jim Broughton, The Optimist Club of Georgetown together with student volunteers canvassed door-to-door raising \$22,097. Business all over Georgetown responded to mail-in canvassing, sending in generous cheques and good luck wishes. Bake sales and raffles were held by individual service clubs with all proceeds going to "The Lift Campaign". Because of the support of the entire district and the hard work and dedication of many determined volunteers \$31,000 was raised by April 1984. On Sept. 21, 1984 the elevator was installed. A victory for not only Aggie and John, but for the whole town, proud of what they'd accomplished as a community.

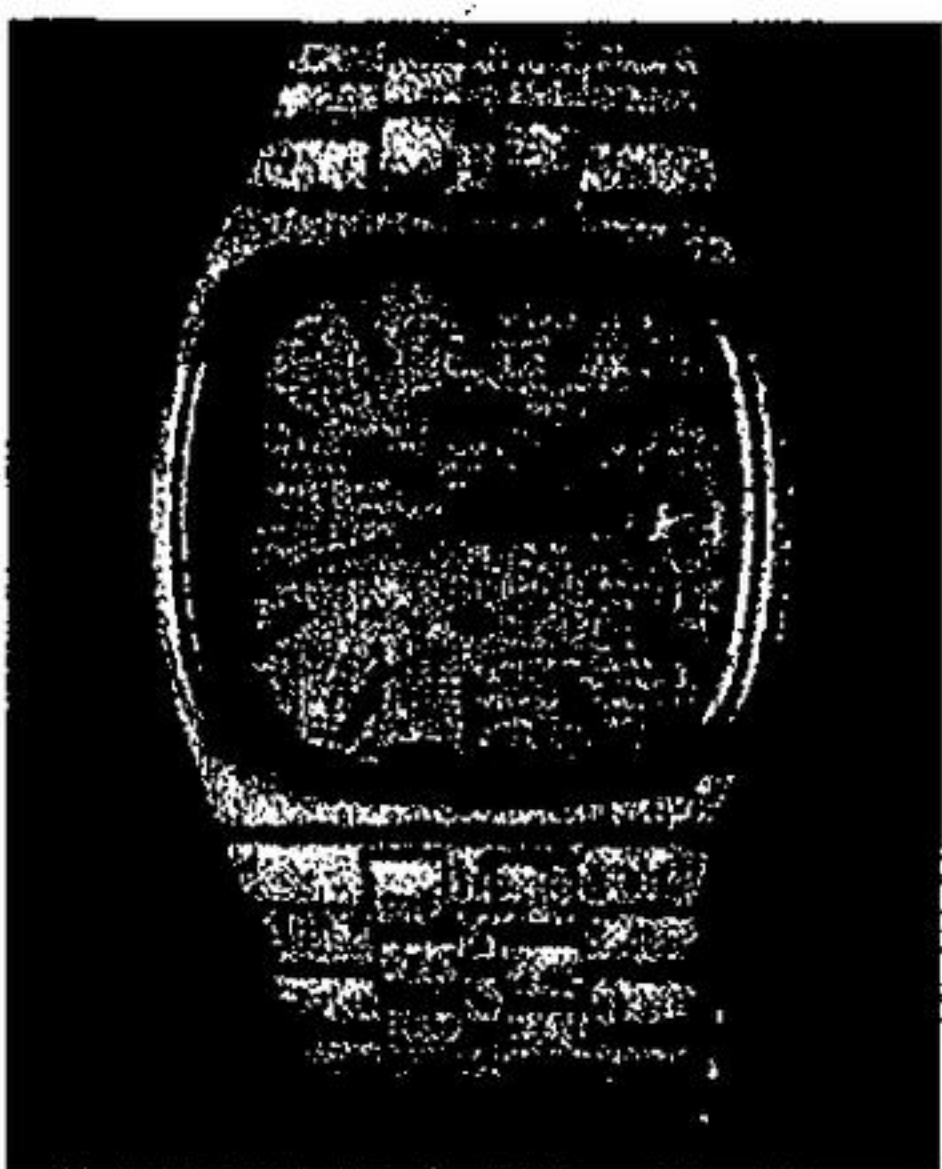
So G.D.H.S. has an elevator. Now students with seasonal injuries don't slip on snow covered stairs in the winter and the handicapped aren't restricted to the first floor. On the whole, the school is a better place, the people better people because they know they've made life easier for someone less fortunate. It's a pretty special place this town we live in, the people, the school, and the elevator.

by Grade 1 Students
St. Francis of Assisi
in Canada...
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Fall is Yellow Corn
Fall is Jumping in Leaves
Fall is Hallowe'en
Fall is Ripe Apples
Fall is Ripe Grapes
Fall is Thanksgiving
Fall is School Time
Fall is Lots of Fun

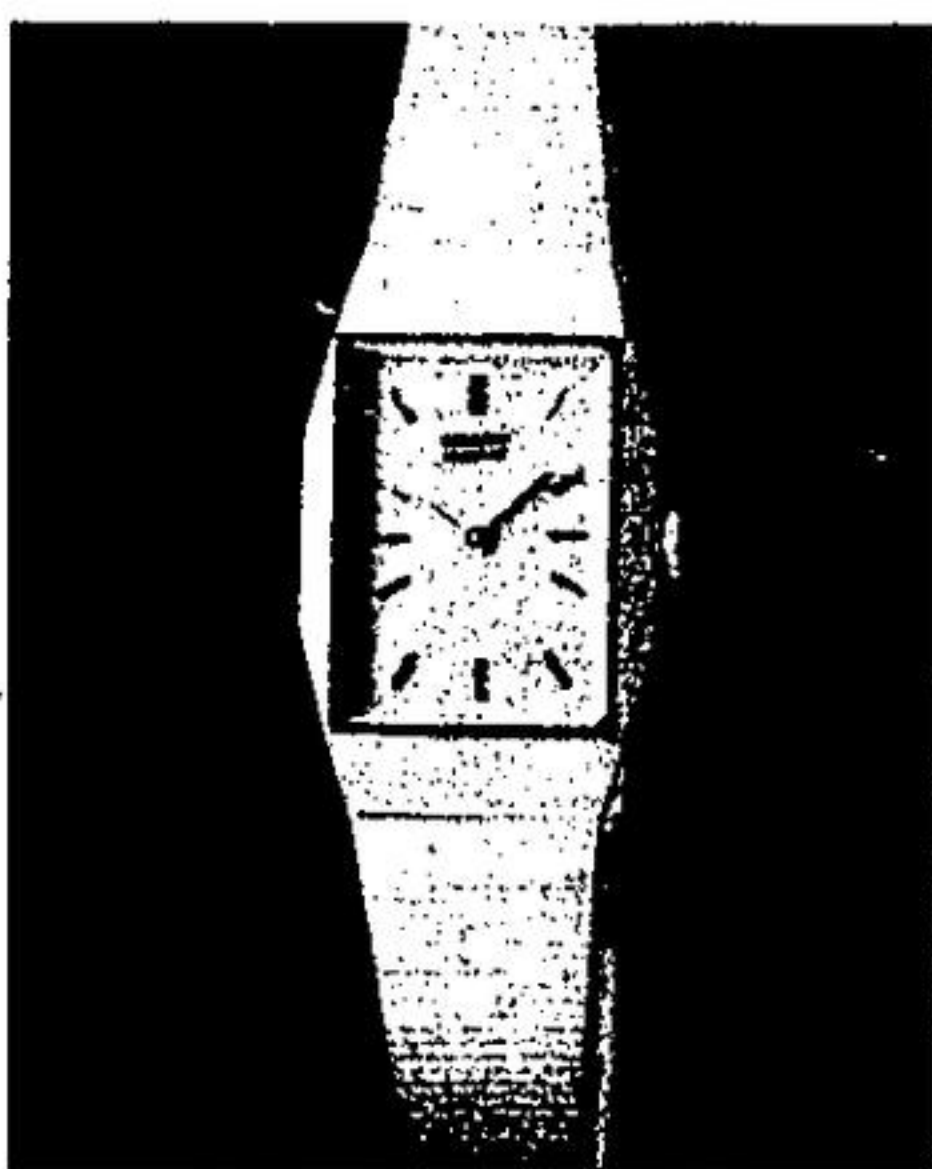
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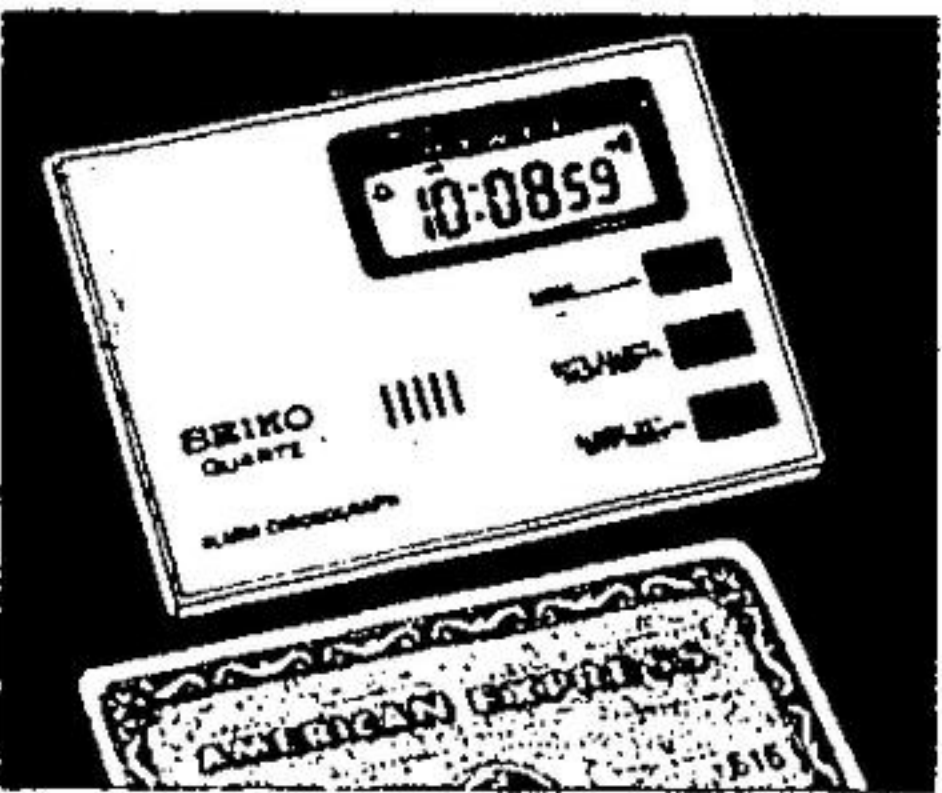
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