

Just doin' what comes naturally to kids, Lorraine unearths piece of Georgetown's past

Sideroad's speed limit may be reduced

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Children of all ages have burrowed in their backyards at one time or another, creating mini-empires or the next super highway and shaping their domain according to the blueprint in their imagination.

Often enough, they'll unearth mysterious treasures in the course of their labors — old, clipped marbles, a dusty, plastic soldier from a long-ago eaten box of Crackerjacks, or perhaps some rare bits of glass from an old Coke bottle. Inevitably, the treasures are hidden in some secret spot until the spot itself is forgotten over the years.

Six-year old Lorraine Monk of Georgetown made one such discovery in her Main Street backyard. Yet Lorraine's find was so unique, it even made her



Lorraine Monk holds up the old child's shoe she found while playing in the backyard of her Main Street South home in Georgetown. The shoe appears to be 50 to 60 years old and has the Monk family wondering who it could have belonged to. (Herald photo)

mother sit up and take note. Lorraine came across a tiny child's shoe that from all appearances must be at least 60 years old.

Lorraine, a Grade 1 student at Holy Cross School in Georgetown, made the discovery recently while playing in her backyard with a neighbor. The two spled the tiny shoe under a clump of grass, waiting to be found. Kathy Monk, Lorraine's mother, is amazed at the find and wonders how the shoe could have lain there out in the open, with nobody seeing it before.

The shoe itself isn't very remarkable. It appears to be a small child's shoe, very plain and unadorned, of black leather.

What is astonishing is how well preserved it is for its apparent age. It seems they really made them to last in those days. No fewer than 17

tiny nails were found in a heel less than two inches wide. The sole was affixed to the shoe with as many, if not more nails, each one exactly a quarter inch from the other.

The shoe has dried out somewhat in the days since Lorraine found it, Mrs. Monk said, since it had been very damp and almost like new when found. Now the leather has become hard and brittle. Mrs. Monk plans to rub some oil into the leather to preserve it and perhaps make it supple again.

Mrs. Monk could provide no clues as to the previous owners of the house since they themselves only moved in last October. She did say, though, that the home was at least as old as the boot, if not older.

There may have been another building on the corner of their lot where the shoe was found, since concrete foundations can still be seen. Local historian John McDonald doubts the possibility that there could have

been a farmhouse on that parcel of land, which originally belonged to George Kennedy.

One can only surmise to whom the shoe belonged or how it had ended in the backyard. Perhaps it had been lost from a knapsack on an afternoon jaunt through the fields. It could have fallen off the child's foot as he or she was gliding on a swing. Or, this could all be highly romanticized conjecture.

In the meantime, Mrs. Monk plans to preserve the shoe and keep it in a plastic bag as a reminder of the history of their home and of Georgetown itself.

There could be a speed reduction on Sideroad 5 between Trafalgar Road and Highway 25 if regional council concurs with a planning and public works committee recommendation next week.

Last Wednesday, the committee agreed with a public works staff report suggesting reducing the speed limit from 80 kilometres per hour to 60 as an alternative to costly intersection alterations aimed at correcting traffic hazards along the route.

Hilly conditions, particularly at the Fourth Line inter-

Safety concerns

section, concern Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy. West-bound traffic approaching the intersection are often unable to see cars turning from the Fourth Line, and a similar visibility problem exists for traffic waiting to cross or turn on the sideroad.

The staff report estimated that it could cost \$50,000 to correct the problem, adding that the project could not likely be included in the region's five-year capital budget forecast without deleting or postponing work with "a much higher and urgent priority".

The reduced speed limit, the report states, would allow traffic along the sideroad to stop safely if necessary while approaching the Fourth Line intersection.

In another traffic review, regional staff reported to the committee that additional control such as a flashing light at the intersection of Trafalgar Road and the Ashgrove Sideroad is unneeded.

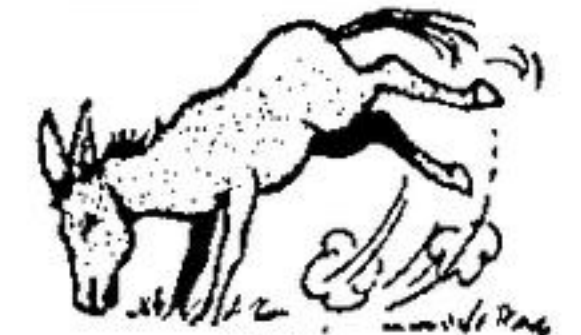
Accidents, the report claims, have been reduced by 50 per cent since the intersection was redesigned in 1979 along with the reconstruction of Trafalgar Road.

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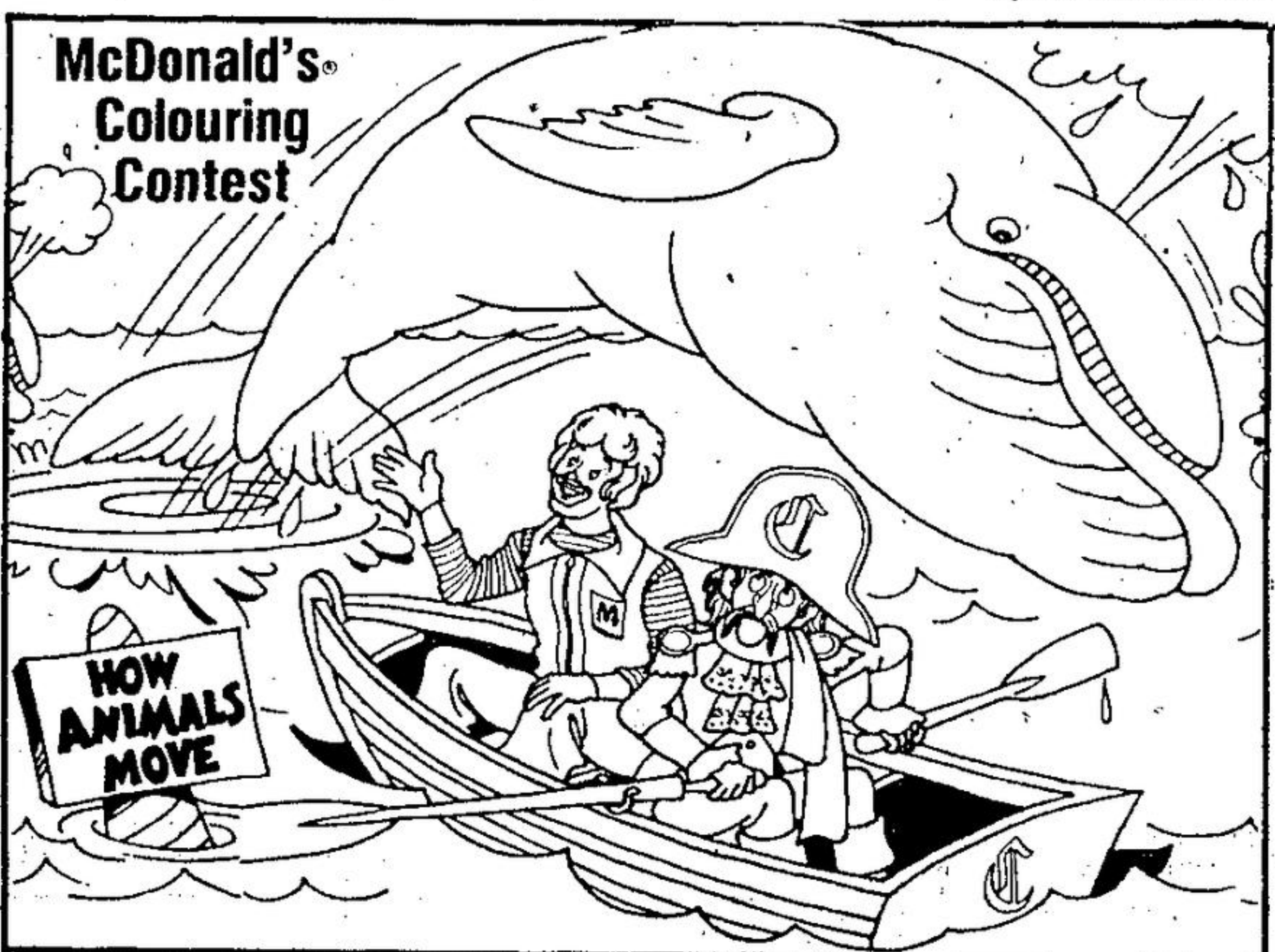
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