

# Hereditary brain disorder affects 25,000



Sandra Vander Vinne closes her eye as Janine Boomsma applies a little makeup. Sandra was getting a clown face at the Spring Bazaar held this weekend at the Alcott Arena.

May 1985 has been officially declared "Huntington's Disease Awareness Month" across Canada with the intent of raising funds for research and informing Canadians about Huntington's disease (HD), a hereditary brain disorder which affects an estimated 25,000 Canadians in one way or another.

"May is Huntington's Disease Awareness Month in Canada, a time when the Huntington Society steps up its public awareness campaign to promote a better understanding of this cruel disease and its

consequences...we are urging all Canadians to make Huntington's disease their cause," says Roy Walker, Director of Organization and Development for the Society.

"Huntington's Disease Awareness Month" will be marked by community events across the country and will feature Canada's first HD Caring Conference.

The conference is aimed at suggesting an approach to caring for the HD patient in a long term care facility or in the home. Medical professionals, including nurses, physiotherapists, occupational and speech therapists, in addition to family caregivers will attend this two day conference being held at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto on May 9 and 10.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Sunny-McDermott Hospital and the Huntington Society of Canada.

Huntington's disease is a hereditary neurological disorder which strikes most commonly in the prime of life and is progressively incapacitating and eventually fatal, over ten to twenty years.

It is characterized by involuntary twitching and jerking movements of the head, neck, arms and legs, as well as decreased mental capabilities and slurred speech. In the past, HD patients have been misunderstood.

## 'Girlocott' endorsed

Prime Minister David Lange, Parliament Buildings, Wellington, New Zealand

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was filed with The Herald for publication: Dear Sir,

That is, we will go out of our way to BUY products made in New Zealand, and will make a point of asking for them where we shop. We are familiar with New Zealand lamb, kiwi fruit, and Granny Smith apples, and now will particularly enjoy buying them even more than before.

wise and courageous decision to bar nuclear ships from your waters. The world has ENOUGH nuclear weapons. Your action was a welcome first step in trying to stop the arms race.

Yours truly,  
Members of "HAND",  
Debbie Pentecost  
(and five others)

## Letters to the Editor

### Preventing child abuse through educational kits

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was filed with The Herald for publication. Dear Sir,

The Halton Child Abuse Council has launched a two-pronged community response to the problem of child sexual abuse. It involves a prevention program in the schools and a treatment program for victims and their families.

Our two Boards of Education have adopted the prevention program for implementation in the Autumn of 1985. In order to ensure that all our children reap the full benefit of this program, we would like to assist the Boards through the acquisition of more educational kits. (A total of 65 is required).

The reusable kit is priced at \$200 and may be inscribed with the name of the donor. It may also be designated to the library of a specific school at the end of the

program. You can become part of Halton's response to the problem of child sexual abuse by contributing to this community project. Please send your donation to the Treasurer of the Halton Child Abuse Council: Mr. L. McMahon, c/o Halton Children's Aid Society.

467 Speers Road, Oakville, Ontario L6K 3S1

Your group's participation in this project will be recognized as a strong statement in support of the personal safety of the children in our community.

Sincerely,  
M.A. Bonnie Brown,  
Chairman

### Not for children

By KELLY WILSON  
Herald Special

Regional Council has passed a recommendation to encourage local store owners to place adult magazines at a certain height above the floor, out of reach of children and to insure that only the titles are showing.

The recommendation encourages the store owners who sell adult magazines to comply with the spirit and intent of various municipal by-laws governing the display of adult magazines.

Halton Hills does not have a by-law governing the display of adult magazines, according to Jack Lusty by-law enforcement officer.

There is an understanding between the store owners in town that the magazines be at least five feet off the floor and that the faces are covered, he said.

Gail Rutherford, chairman of Citizens Against Violent Pornography said there is a lot of cooperation by the store owners in Halton Hills and that most comply with the understanding.

Mrs. Rutherford suggests that if people see a store that has adult magazines on display, they should talk to the manager.

Mrs. Rutherford gave an example of a resident who saw some adult magazines out on display in a store and went to talk to the store owner. When the owner looked at what was on display and in the magazines she couldn't believe it; she then proceeded to move the magazines out of view and reach.

Mrs. Rutherford said that the magazines portray a kind of sexuality that is abusive and degrading to both women and men. Pornography involves coercion and power while erotica involves consent and is

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### Abducted children back with mom

Halton Child Find had a part of play in the recovery of two missing children who were reunited with their mother from Calgary.

Lia Bikoulis had been searching for her two children, ages 3½ and 4½ since Nov. 1, 1982. They were abducted by their father.

Barbara Snider, the district chairman for Child Find in Halton, met Mrs. Bikoulis in Toronto as she returned from a connecting flight to retrieve her children who were in New York City.

"It was heart-rendering," Mrs. Snider said. "But the kids have settled right in."

Child Find is a volunteer organization that works with police in searching for missing children. They also provide information on streetproofing for parents and their siblings.

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