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Sensible and safe

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Unless Mother Nature takes pity on us all, April 11 is going to be cold, the rivers will be swollen and it might even be raining.

This causes special concern for the community. Saturday is the Crazy Boat Race, a hilarious annual spring event.

Race participants and race organizers have to exercise extreme caution and must be aware at all times of the potential dangers on the river.

If they don't this could be the last year for the race.

Race entrants are a strange lot. They spend countless hours in basements, garages and backyards finding the right materials to put together an unsinkable craft. Theybrave the cold, dress up like madmen and act like children - all in the name of fun. They give the community a chance to laugh and to applaud the indominable spirit and creative energies of the do-it-yourselfer.

But entrants have a responsibility to take care of themselves and to not endanger others. That's why no one should tolerate any person racing who has been drinking before or during the event. The river is going to be too swift and cold this year.

Some serious accident is bound to occur, perhaps drowning, if those in the race aren't sensible enough to watch out for their own safety.

For the organizers and marshals, it will be important for them to be visible before the race, checking entrants for signs that they are incapable of safely navigating the river.

The race is so much fun for so many people. And the cause is so good. Money raised will go to fight multiple sclerosis, a crippling disease which affects thousands of Canadians.

The watchword for this year's race should be caution. Fun and safe are compatible words. We just need an equal measure of common sense amongst all this silliness.

# Falling behind

Dry reading, perhaps. But nonetheless, a document on population projections for Halton Hills is revealing. It says a lot about where we've been and where we want to go.

A Halton Region report from the planning department once predicted our town would grow to 50,500 in 1986. That estimate was made in 1975 before there were sewer and water problems, coupled with an economic downturn.

The report reveals how large Halton Hills used to be in 1966-70 compared to the other regional municipalities. Back then, the town made up 15.6 per cent of the region's population. Today it makes up only 13.1 per cent.

Growth has eluded Georgetown and Acton, with Oakville, Burlington and Milton taking up the slack.

An updated forecast predicts the growth in Halton Hills will be 39,300 in 1991 and 47,600 in 2001. By the year 2011 we will become a full-fledged city of 59,000 - that's estimated, of course. In the meantime, the report documents how our birth

rate, which was once the highest in the region, has fallen. The news gets worse. There has been an increase in migration to other centres. We're still a young community, with more people in the five to 19-year-old age category and the 20-24 year old category than any other age group.

What the report shows is how the town hasn't kept up with a growth in population around us. Halton Hills has been the odd man out and we've had our share of disappointments over potential development.

As for the crystal ball predictions for the future, we'll leave those statistics for the planners. But projected growth figures tell a story of their own: we're ready to grow and can't wait to start.

## Names in the news

A Georgetown resident has become a Lotto 6/49 second prize by the quality of herd members. pool winner. Beatrice Logan claimed \$32,289 in the Feb. 28

The draw offered 386,103 cash cows and one very good bull. prizes worth a total of \$8,391,993. which included 25 second prizes of \$32,289. Lotto 6/49 is an inter- the Peel Federation of Agriculture. provincial number selection game.

Three people working for Ferro Structural Steel Ltd. were justly awarded for their hard work and

study, said their general foreman Ray Royle. Bruce Clark, Robert Hooper and Carl Bryant have been attending courses at Sheridan College in Dakville. Two of the three were given special awards at a presen-

Jation evening April 2. Apprentice Bruce Clark received honors for being the most outstanding student at the basic level of structural and plate work.

A student for three years, Robert Cooper won an award for the most outstanding student at the advanced level. He is now a qualified fit-

. The third apprentice, Carl Bryant, was within .2 per cent of attaining honors as a second year student.

Elmlawn Farms of Georgetown has been named a master breeder by the Holstein Association of

Canada. Farm owner F. Roy Thompson will be presented with a moster anywhere Wardair files, up to a

teremony April 14. Mr. thompson took over the farm spending money offered as part of from his father in 1965 and purchased a Holstein herd from his fatherin-law Russell Hutton in 1966.

A master breeder is determined Elmlawn Farms earned the distinction with five excellent cows. 27 very good cows, five star brood Mr. Thompson is past president of

the Peel-County Holstein Club and

Served along with scrambled eggs and an English mustin Wednesday were a series of speeches about Cancer Month in Halton Hills at the

North Halton Golf and Country Club. President of the Georgetown unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, Eleanor Scarth, welcomed the audience to the klck-off breakfast.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, who said he always looks forward to the breakfast, introduced the Region's Chief Administrative Officer John Fleming. He thanked staff at Curwood Packaging Ltd. on Armstrong Avenue who organized

the kick-off breakfast. Mayor Russ Miller said he was pleased to see such a good turnout to get the campaign underway.

The campaign target in Georgetown is \$55,000, which is up \$3,000 from last year. The actual amount raised in town in 1906 was \$90,388. There are over 400 volunteer canvassers who take part in the

The Bill Smith Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 22. New this year is a special draw being offered at \$5 per ticket. The winner will receive a voucher good for a trip for two breeder's shield in a Toronto maximum value of \$500. Along with the plane tickets there will be \$1,000

The Bill Smith tournament has raised over \$100,000 since 1977.

# GM could pay Canada's deficit

Yes, in fairness, one must admit it would have been a very difficult political decision for the Mulroney government to deny General Motors an interest-free loan to maintain car. production at its plant near Ste-Therese, Que.

Refusal would have been even more difficult for the Quebec

government. Still, there is something decidedly disquieting about General Motors, the world's biggest corporation, getting an interest-free loan of \$220 million from the two governments to keep the plant operating. Last year, GM had profits approaching \$4 billion; the Canadian government had a deficit of some \$32 billion.

Makes you wonder whether it's really GM who should be lending the money to Oltawa, Finance Minister Michael Wilson could certainly use it in his effort to reduce the deficit. In any event, one would think GM could afford to keep the plant in business.

However, once it becomes known that governments have money available for even the wealthlest companies to stave off threatened closures, it must be rather tempting to go after it. And there's no doubt that industry in general, and auto makers in particular, are going after il.

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Ottawa Report

By Slewart MacLeod

For starters, it's only necessary for a car manufacturer to declare some interest in establishing a Canadian plant and then wait for the best offer of assistance.

ECONOMIC BLACKMAIL In the case of the GM loan which, through our complex system, also permits the company to save another \$100 million in taxes, it's not far removed from economic blackmail. Unless governments came through with an aid package, the company said it would close down the Ste-Therese plant and

throw 3,500 people out of work. . Another 4,500 employees of sup-plying companies might also have lost their jobs. It's not difficult to see why the Mulroney government would want to hand over its \$110 million, despite warnings from American free-trade negotiators that this could create all sorts of difficulties.

And from the same political view-

Citizens' forum

Pay equity debate misleading

maintain that the market

Finally, the 1965 Statscan study

There's more to

computer story

computer based te- 'mology.

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dent systems.

the issues are very involved, in-

pioneering in assessing the cost and hospital.

(Mrs.) B.R. Cornwell,

benefits of networking vs. indepen-

discriminates.

married men carned.

want to impose "pay equity" on the showed that all never-married men

province's private sector. In setting earned only 42 per cent of what all

point, it's not difficult to see why the Liberals and New Democrats are not saying one critical word about the troubling transaction. There are

a lot of seats at stake in Quebec. It would be interesting to see what the New Democrats might have said before they entertained any hopes of . winning a Quebec seat - back in the days when the party used to rail away against "the corporate

welfare burns". Bet it would have been a different story. David Lewis would have turned the air blue.

Matter of fact, if this corporate welfare had been approved by the Trudeau government when the Tories had no foothold in Quebec, we might have heard a few words of op-

positión. But, as it demonstrated when the CF-18 maintenance contract went to Montreal instead of a more justifiable Winnipeg company, no political party is about to risk alienating potential voters

anywhere in the country. And, again in fairness, one can readily understand their difficulties in this regard.

STRONG REACTION The great irony here is that, while politicians of all stripes are waxing enthusiastically about the job-

Are these left-wing activists going

Thank you for

supporting us

were for the new equipment fund of

and to Mr. Carlos Domingos for his

February winner and L. Marks the

Thanks to the community for your

Question: What inventions would

you like to see in the future?

Yours truly.

Fund Raising Chairman

Vi Haines,

Yours sincerely.

David Somerville,

National Citizens' Coalition

to push for "pay equity" for never-

married men as well?

Dear Sir.

Your paper's announcement The Georgetown and District

March 25, that the Halton Hills Memorial Hospital Auxiliary would

Public Libraries had received a like to thank the two downtown

\$6,000 grant from the Ministry of stores, namely Elizabeth's Fashlons

Citizenship and Culture to study the and Cameron's Fashions, who took

feasibility of computerizing our cir- time out from their business hours to

culation system was not quite ac- prepare and put together a very ex-

curate. As you will be aware the cellent Fashion Show held at Holy

Halton Hills Libraries are already Cross Auditorium on Wednesday,

computerized and have been since March 25, the proceeds of which

more complex and interesting. What We would also like to thank Ken

we are attempting to discover is and Hazel Gorin for the music, the

whether we should continue to models for their time, for it is time

develop the shared mini-computer consuming but very enjoyable to

based network we have established watch. Thanks to Dalsy and Bob

in cooperation with Milton and Harris for arranging the flowers for

Oakville or whether we should split the stage; the Catholic Women's

up the network and adopt micro- League for the use of their kitchen

course, our attempt to control who baked the desserts; they were

and/or reduce our costs. However, great; and especially all whom at-

cluding the quality and level of ser- Also at this time thanks to you all

vices available in the micro-based for continuing to buy tickets for our

systems, patterns of growth in our series of 4 raffles. The response is

communities and the probably very good. E. Hamilton was the

Oakville network, known as months to go so please find someone

HALINET, was a pioneer in with tickets; any member or get

cooperative automated systems in them at the Bennett Health Care Gift

Ontario. This study will continue our Shop or the Unique Boutique in the

Yours truly,

Chief Librarian

The Halton Hills, Milton and March winner. There is still two

The impetus for the study is, of help in the hall. Also to members

tended.

Our study will, in fact, be much Georgetown Hospital.

saving exercise in Ste-Therese. some of the strongest questioning is coming from within Quebec.

We offer you a few quotes from columnist Don MacPherson of the Montreal Gazette.

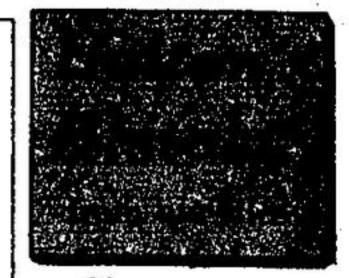
"I am not used to seeing the representatives of democratic :governments hobnobbing with hostage takers and smiting for the cameras as they hand over ransom

payment...' Does anyone feel pride at having given in to the hostage takers' demands?

He want on to say that, all things being considered, it wouldn't be realistic to expect the two govern-

ments to tell GM to go to hell. "The least our government representatives might have done for our self-respect, however, would have been not to look, as they did on Tuesday, as though they were actually happy to be paying blackmail."

This, or course, is not the first time that plant workers in Canada have been held hostage by assistanceseeking corporations - nor is it likely to be the last. But it surely establishes a precedent in terms of, rich and profitable companies extracting money from poor and unprofitable governments.



30 years ago

Georgetown will be the focus of a half-hour radio program on CBC's Cross Section. This documentary. written by Mrs.J.C.Shaw of Georetown, concerns the growth of a small community into a larger one. Henry Helfant won the Georgetown Lions Club draw Friday night, making him the proud owner of a spanking new 1957 Chevrolet. At. the Main St. four corners Lions Club Chairman Jack Gunning asked an interested onlooker Alice Wilson to

draw the winning ticket. Proceeds from the draw will go to the Community Swimming Pool Fund. Fred Spires of Elgin Street and Frank (Bud) Kentner returned from Forest earlier this week pleased that their dogs placed well in their first Canadian International Beagle Derby. Fauna Wood Leader placed second in his class and Fauna Wood Dodo placed fourth.

15 years ago

The newly appointed pastor from Knox and Limehouse Presbyterian Churches arrived from Scotland and conducted his first services on Easter Sunday. The Reverand Peter Barrow came with his wife Carol and their daughters Tricia, Jane and Margaret last Monday. He replaces the Reverand Norman Young, now of Morriston.

Cal Smith of Maple Avenue won his second gold medal at the Caledon Ski club racing school program.

Georgetown's Canadlan Cancer Society Chairman Don Kyle kicks off the society's fundralsing month with a team of volunteers from Acton and Georgetown. Their target is \$14,500.

Iris Rannachan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rannachan of Bairstow Crescent is engaged to Michael Walsh son of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh of Delrex Boulevard.

#### 10 years ago

The Georgetown Raiders claimed their eight OHA title Sunday when they defeated the Fort Erle Mavericks 6-5 in overtime. Two M.Z. Bennett school students

won the annual Optimists Club public speaking contest at Georgetown District High School. Stephen Saxon and Adela Rodriguez spoke on the topic of "Canada and Together we Will."

Constable Vince Burnett of Acton was honored by the Oakville Kiwanis Club who named him policeman of the month for his participation in four arrests. Twentyeight-year-old Vince Burnett has been with the Halton police force for just ten months.

> 5 years ago Rev. Chuck Beaton was picked Ac-

ton's Citlzen of the Year. He has been the minister of Trinlty United-Church for six years and was the overwhelming favorite for the award. He is moving to Hamilton in Following a car accident, Halton

Board of Education Trusteen Arlene Bruce is recovering from major injurles. The trustee underwent surgery to her right knee.

The Georgetown Legion welcomed .. 50 new members during an awards evening. Comrade Frank Nicholson. received a life membership award and certificates of merit were given to James Snow, Peter Pomeroy, Bubbles Waites, Barb Reyce, Gord Harley and George Greig.

#### **Poets' Corner**

God spoke to Jonah, and sent him to But Jonah ran away, he wanted to be

He boarded a boat to Joppa, a storm, a terrible rough sea The oarsmen worried, suspicious, Jonah sald, "it's the water for me". They cast him overboard, the sea became calm with a swish Then he entered the jaws of a whale,

3 days in the belly of a fish The whale cast him up on the shore, like a man in a ditch Jonah travelled to the great city. where the wicked grew rich, He preached a great sermon, their-Saved the ignorant sinners in Nive-

Veh, accomplished God's wish, -By ALBERT BROOKS

### In your opinion Inventing for the future



so I can go back go to school. I'd'

and forth in time, also like an

That would be automatic fishing

kind of neat."

Dear Sir,

mand.

ting wages.

Ontarians are being seriously

misled by left-wing activists who

wages, these activists want to

substitute government central plan-

ning for the free market, which

operates on the law of supply of de-

Haven't they learned anything

The activists' central premise to

"pay equity" is that the free market

isn't operating fairly - that it

discriminates against women in set-

face the fact that there are very

powerful market factors associated

with the family, the most fundamen-

tal unit in our society. These neutral

market factors include interruption

of work and aversion to overtime,

shift work, travel, etc. These factors

affect all workers. However.

because of the way Canadians have

chosen to structure their families,

women are more affected by these

If the market discriminates

against women, one would expect it

to discriminate against never-

married women as well as married

What do independent studies

A 1979 Statscan study of 1971 Cen-

sus data showed that never-married

women earned 99.2 per cent of what

A 1984 Statscan study showed that

never-married women aged 45-54

years earned 13 per cent more than

never-married men in the same age

A 1985 Statscan study showed that

never-married women aged over 55

carned 18 more than never-married

It's simply impossible to have

these results and at the same time

men in the same age bracket.

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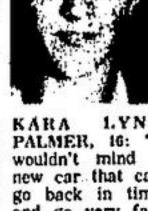
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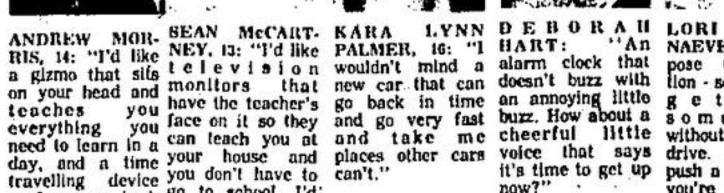
However, these activists refuse to

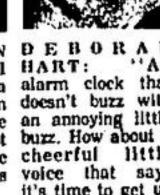
from the rent control fiasco?













a gizmo that sits television wouldn't mind a alarm clock that pose transporta-like automatic on your head and monitors that new car that can doesn't buzz with ilon-some way of housecleaning, to teaches you have the teacher's go back in time an annoying little g e t t i n g do dusting, to everything you face on it so they and go very fast buzz. How about a some where vacuuming, makneed to learn in a can teach you at and take me cheerful little without having to ing beds and day, and a time your house and places other cars voice that says drive. Say, you especially, tidyit's time to get up push a button and ing up children's now?" you're there, in clothes." stead of having to fight traffic."

