

Sports Outlook

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Shier takes first place in downhill

Weather played havoc with the scheduled plans of some Milton Heights Ski Club competitors on the weekend, but a couple of teams were able to get their events in despite the rain.

But the Mountain Dew team was at Collingwood Saturday, where they defeated Snow Valley 100-80.

Tim Shier of Limehouse was first over all, in the boys' division, while Wes Virtanen of Mississauga and Mark Hooper of Burlington were the other top Milton Heights skiers.

On the girls' side, Heidi Heckman of Oakville, and Meghan Powell and Kerina Fanstone, both of Burlington, were the other top Milton Heights skiers.

Tim Shier and Mark Hooper have

been selected to represent Milton Heights at the Mountain Dew Allstar Rave this Sunday, being hosted by the Alpine Ski Club.

Sunday, the Milton Heights White Alpine squad raced against Devil's Elbow at Glen Eden. Although they were defeated 118-78 over all, several area skiers gave good accounts of themselves.

Dave Eaton of Acton was the top Milton Heights skier in the boys' division, and he was followed by Rick Taylor of Burlington, and Anthony Fitzsimons of Georgetown.

In girls' competition, Angela Fitzsimons topped the Milton Heights skiers, followed by Katherine Pigott of Waterdown, and Judy Eaton of Acton.

How I see it

Jimmy 'The Greek' got a bum rap

By Tom Tiede

WASHINGTON (NEA) — I have for more than a year been working slavishly on what is to be an oral-history book of the 20th century. I've interviewed 50 diverse people who have lived through the entire period, and the conversations constitute personal memories of this remarkable time.

One of the people is a nonagenarian who has been in the Ku Klux Klan for more than 80 years. A friend says I should not have included him in the project. He claims the old racist is a degenerate dinosaur whose life has no good meaning and whose views should not be set down in popular history.

Oh? I bring the matter up in the light of something else. The case of Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder. The long-time CBS-TV sports personality was recently dismissed from his job, and widely condemned as a barbarian, for insensitive remarks that he made concerning the ancestral engineering of black athletes.

The public reaction seems excessive. It's also in keeping with an unfortunate tendency of the 1980s. People have had a difficult time deciding what is right and wrong through these years, but once done they have been insistent, and woe be the likes of deviants such as Jimmy Snyder and my elderly bigot.

That insistence is such, actually, that I am required to add a disclaimer here. I do not sympathize with the views of either man. I wonder how it is that oddsmakers become celebrities in the first place, and, further, I have marched for the right of all human beings to be respected as equal.

Also, I am humbled by the town clerk of Ephesus. He is the gentleman in the 19th chapter of Acts whose advice was to do nothing heedlessly, and who was popular in the early part of the century; the temperate people of yesterday thought it was wise in all things to "consult the town clerk of Ephesus."

I have. Jimmy The Greek got a bum rap. He was not only blitzed, he was ruined, and he died for our sins, one of

ple is to let them be themselves. Yet these are the dues to be paid in a genuinely free place. Intolerance is ugly however it is explained, and even racists can be victims. A poet of the last century, James Russell Lowell, wrote that he didn't want to live in a nation where everyone is dreadfully like everyone else; he passed on just in time.

Americans today are pressured to look, talk, act, feel and think the same. It's cultural consensus. The leveling prevails in education, business, sports, family life and social conduct — and one must adapt. We are divided into a pair of classifications: those with two heads and those with one.

The room is shrinking for the eccentrics. It's no longer advisable to be an outrageous sportscaster or a silly old man. Uniformity, that's the ticket. It's the new loyalty.

As for Jimmy The Greek, he is admittedly a blowhard, if not a primitive as well. But must he really be destroyed? There may be hope for a man who can occasionally and spectacularly make a fool of himself, and for a society that has the courage and forbearance to accept it.

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Leisure Lines

Recreation and Parks staff are busy preparing information for our upcoming Spring and Summer Community Brochure which will be distributed to all Halton Hills residents the first week in March. This publication will again sport a glossy cover and contain information on the many leisure opportunities and community services Halton Hills boasts.

The Recreation Services Unit of our department has planned many new and exciting programs for youth and adults this year.

You will remember last summer our Department completed a Recreation needs assessment in the Community of Acton. The results of this research project gave our staff a better understanding of what Acton residents wanted and as a result we have planned several new programs in Acton and have revised some of our old ones.

Acton adults will have an opportunity to learn about Cooking Creatively With a Microwave, Preparing and Cooking Natural Foods, Sew What? a basic introductory program to sewing, Interior Decorating, Seniors Cable TV program, in addition to a number of Get Fit programs. Adults we look forward to your support and feedback on these programs and encourage

you to let us know of any new program ideas you may have.

Acton Youth will see the return of the popular Youth Activity Program this Spring which may be expanded to include a greater variety of special events and opportunities. A Leadership Development Program will be offered in Acton this summer which will provide youth who are looking to gain experience and some new skills an excellent opportunity for not only a learning but fun filled summer.

We have also planned a program just for older youth that guarantees to pack one week with exciting, out of the ordinary activities. Participants will go board sailing and camping at Kelso Conservation Area, hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, golfing, a trip to Canada's Wonderland and much more! You won't want to miss out on this action packed program. Acton Youth will see the return of the Tot Lot, Summer Activity Centres, Athletic Adventures Camp, Studio Art Camp, Make A Movie, Tennis Camp and more!

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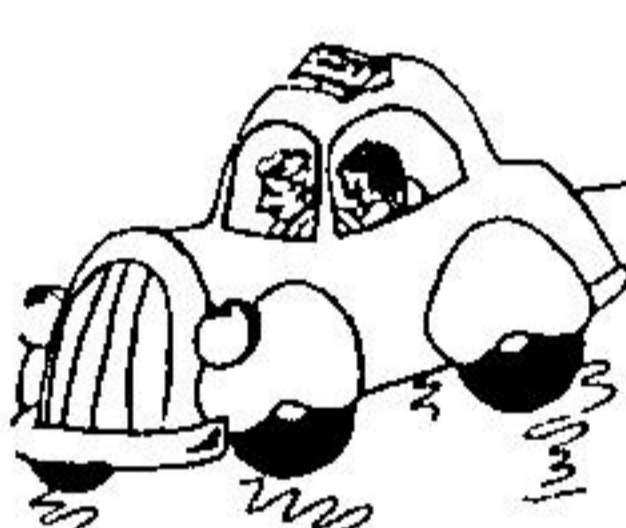
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