

# Outlook on Halton Hills

## PEACE BEAT

### Making 'terror fun' mocks nuclear war

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Herald Special  
The article entitled "Talking Nuclear Makes Terror Fun" by Ish Theilheimer demonstrates how experts treat casually the nuclear war issue.

"Next time a military analyst on TV talks about nuclear warfare, or military hardware, think about the words used," wrote Ish Theilheimer.

"Specialized lingo allows (the experts) to contemplate mass murder every day without losing their benches," said Mr. Theilheimer, president of Operation Dismantle. A nuclear war is described as an "exchange". An exchange is something your family has at Christmas when giving away presents!

Nuclear scientists are constantly working to develop 'clean' weapons that will cause a minimum of 'collateral damage'. This damage causes human death, as when Little Boy (the bomb) was dropped on Hiroshima, and Fat Boy was dropped on Nagasaki.

Scientists have a fondness for nicknames which must help them to stand aside from the horror. An example is "Christmas tree farm", a term used to describe a submarine section containing 16 missiles. The eight warheads inside are called 'mirvs', for Multiple Independent Re-entry Vehicles. Other submarines carry 'Slick-ems' (submarine-launched cruise missiles), and ground-based cruisers called 'Glick-ems'.

"What is the effect of all this shop talk?" asked Mr. Theilheimer in his article. Carol Cohn, a research fellow at the Center for Polytechnical Studies in Cambridge,

Mass., wanted to find out, so she took courses in nuclear weapons, strategic doctrine and arms control.

Ms. Cohn was obsessed by the question of how strategists can think the way they do. As she absorbed the language, information and arguments, she found her own thinking was changing. She had to confront the new question of how she could think this way.

Ms. Cohn wrote about her experience in the June '87 issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Sciences. According to Ish Theilheimer, Ms. Cohn gradually came not only to think like the experts she distrusted, but to accept without question many of the assumptions on which they operate.

Carol Cohn learned that talking about nuclear weapons is "fun. The words are quick, clean, light."

"Being able to talk breezily about the tools of one's own destruction is a powerful feeling. Who's afraid of the big, bad bomb?" commented Mr. Theilheimer.

"Defence analysts complain that the peace movement types are too emotional," said Mr. Theilheimer. Ms. Cohn agreed, saying "to speak the word 'peace' is to immediately brand oneself as a soft-headed activist instead of a professional to be taken seriously."

"The language (of nuclear war) is insidious," said Mr. Theilheimer. "It reduces the most terrifying threat the world has known to something familiar, friendly and trendy."

But even if the experts aren't - or because they aren't - terrified of nuclear war, the rest of us have ample cause to be.

## Church 'friendly' to disabled



Against the odds

PAT WOODE

On Saturday, March 25, the Alliance Church held an open house in their new building on Main Street, south of Cedarvale. While the structure is not perfect it does embody most of the features required when considering the needs of the disabled.

First of all the building is "friendly". This is a hard concept to define. Most disabled persons are very much aware of their physical limitations. A person using a wheelchair would be aware of barriers such as single steps more readily than someone who does not have mobility problems. Most of the barriers have been eliminated leaving one open to wonder what is behind the next door. The sanctuary is informal and has the atmosphere of a gathering place.

There are two doors. If you drive clockwise around the building the passenger will be able to leave the vehicle at a level entry. Inside is a spacious entrance area where mobility impaired persons would not feel threatened by the "crush" that often is created at entrances of older and more confined buildings. Pastor Ralph assured us that they would be obtaining a wheelchair for those who prefer assistance once inside. Chairs in this area are high enough to easily rise from and are readily available. The coat racks are lower than average making it easier for those with shoulder problems. One waiting for a ride at this entrance could wait inside and watch through one of two windows or the glass doors. Sight lines are not perfect but are quite serviceable.

Color contrast is provided between carpeted flooring and light colored

walls throughout. At present, a visually impaired person may be confused by the irregularly shaped rooms, large areas of blank walls, and the echo produced by semi-furnished areas. The addition of hangings, pictures, and other items will deaden the echo, fill in the blank

areas and give something to focus on.

An elevator is in the process but has not yet arrived. With it, the entire building will be accessible.

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## House intruder suspect

A Georgetown man has been charged with four counts of break and enter after he was caught in the home of a Hewson Crescent family, said Halton police.

The man, 27, was arrested by Halton police at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 6 and was charged with two counts of break and enter on Hewson Crescent and two counts on Delrex Boulevard.

One Hewson Crescent homeowner held the intruder until Halton police arrived on the scene.

The man was scheduled to appear in Milton Provincial Court Thursday morning, but police have not lifted the safety warning. All doors and entrances to homes should be locked, warned Sgt. Welsh of Halton police.

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### Halton Hills job board

The Canada Employment Centre is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 232 Guelph St. in Georgetown.

The following represents only a few of the jobs posted on the CEC's Job Boards.

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Order 0638495 - GROCERY CLERK - Permanent fulltime. Experience preferred, however employer will train a responsible and reliable person. Own means of transportation required. \$6/hour depending on experience.

Order 0634833 - DRIVER HELPER - On call basis. Previous furniture moving experience an asset. Must be able to handle customer's furniture with great care. May also consider a reliable student. Approx. \$7.75/hour to start.

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Order 0631854 - BACK-HOE OPERATOR - Permanent fulltime. Must have at least 1 full year of on the job experience, operating a back-hoe. Must be reliable and have own transportation to employer's. \$12/hour to start.

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