

Expectant mothers need not worry

Planning for a new addition to the family is a happy time for everyone. The last thing an expectant mother wants to worry about is how to collect maternity benefits while she is off work. Hopefully, this article will alleviate some of those worries, and answer a few questions.

To be eligible for maternity benefits, a woman must experience an interruption of earnings. That is she must have her earnings reduced by at least 40 per cent. As well, she must have at least 20 weeks of insurable employment in her qualifying period, and she must supply a medical from her doctor as proof of her pregnancy.

Once a claim for maternity benefits is established, the future mother must serve a two-week waiting period (for which no benefits are payable). She is then eligible to be paid 15 weeks of maternity benefits, providing she meets the eligibility criteria.



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Benefits are paid at a rate of 60 per cent of normal weekly insurable earnings. As mentioned in a previous article, a claim for benefits runs in three phases. Maternity benefits are only payable in the first (or initial) phase, so if a woman has already collected other benefits, her entitlement to maternity benefits could be reduced.

Generally, maternity benefits can begin eight weeks prior to the expected or actual date of delivery, and be paid up to 17 weeks after the

expected or actual date of birth. This gives a lot of flexibility for someone making a claim.

Remember, maternity benefits are not automatic. The time to file a claim is immediately after the last day of work. Often times the "blessed event" is hard to predict, so obtain an application and medical certificate ahead of time, and have everything ready to go in case of a surprise! And don't delay in filing your claim because you don't have your Record of Employment. That can be supplied after you actually file.

There are always exceptions to the rule, so if you would like more specific information about maternity benefits, contact your local Canada Employment Centre. We're here to help!

Taking the headache out of car buying

Cornat Automotive Consulting is a business unique to Georgetown.

"If somebody's looking for a used car, I'm more knowledgeable than the average guy," says company owner, Jim Critchell. Mr. Critchell's credentials include 19 years in the automotive retail business, working at two car dealerships in town, and managing two used car lots.

Mr. Critchell wants to be trusted as a consultant, claiming that the flat fee for service is waived if he can't find you the lowest price on a vehicle. In the past, he says, "I was known around town for being pretty honest."

For people who don't like haggling with a salesperson, Mr. Critchell says "I'll do it for you."

He operates his service out of an Armstrong Avenue office, sometimes with the help of his wife, Debbie. Mrs. Critchell describes the business as saving people "the time, the money and the hassle" of looking for a car.

Cornat Incorporated ('Cor' for the Critchells' daughter Corina, 'Mat' for their son Matthew) is Jim's branchchild, conceived one day as he was driving home from work.

He decided he could help people who are in the market for a car, but whose biggest fear is going to a car

lot.

Cornat offers advice on both new and used cars. Mr. Critchell has access to in- and out-of-town information for prospective car buyers. Cornat is located at 29 Armstrong Ave., unit 3, Georgetown.

Church celebrates 30th

Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle in Acton will celebrate its 30th anniversary this weekend with several special events.

The highlight of the weekend will be a celebration banquet this Saturday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Rev. H. Reid, who is secretary-treasurer for the Eastern Ontario and Quebec church district.

Anniversary celebrations get under way Friday night at 7:30 p.m. with a youth rally, featuring John

and Lori Dorton, and the theme "God's Promise for Tomorrow."

On Sunday, Oct. 9, Thanksgiving services will be held at the church at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. S. Thoman.

Saturday and Sunday morning, special music will be provided by the Dortonos, and Sunday evening's special music will be by the Thoman's.

For more information or to obtain banquet tickets, call the church office at (519) 853-2715.



Students of Georgetown District High School involved with the Marketing Club were at a special camp recently where they learned to develop their leadership skills. Group dynamics was stressed at the gathering, and the students, pictured above, came away with a great deal of information they can put to use. (Photo submitted)

Students tune up their skills

Members of the Marketing Club of Georgetown District High School recently completed their third leadership training camp at Blue Springs Scout Camp outside Acton, Sept. 21-23.

This year's executive met during the summer to plan the camp's activities. It was their first experience in a leadership role. Mr. Charles Genore, club advisor, said they prepared an excellent program and carried out their tasks with enthusiasm and dedication.

The purpose of the camp was to build group cohesion, experience group dynamics, learn about their organization and plan a program of activities for the year.

Each day activities began at 7:30 a.m. and ended at midnight. Activities consisted of communication, labs, group activities designed to improve members' ability to communicate, trust, and understand one

another as members of a group. Club officers made presentations on topics such as attitude initiative and planning, goal setting, positive thinking, organization and planning, demonstrating how these ingredients are important to successful group management. Graham Smith, a Georgetown resident and business consultant made a presentation to the camp on time management. Public speaking was another feature, with the theme "MECCA: An Investment in Excellence." The three speech finalists were Mr. Pat Graham (3), Miss Michelle Smith (2), and Miss Tanya Arand (1).

Group presentations promoting a product, using marketing techniques, was another activity designed to impress upon group members the importance of planning, organizing, problem-solving, creative thinking and team work.

assigned to groups to learn, through experience, the importance of group dynamics. They competed against one another learning first hand that the group whose members were close, who showed initiative, enthusiasm, and communicated well with one another and worked to become number one, were number one.

Group points were earned for room tidiness, meal time preparation and serving, flag lowering and raising, public speaking, camp fire activity and meal time question.

All participants returned pleased with their experience and felt the time was well spent.

Special thanks were expressed to Larry Adams, of Blue Springs Scout Camp, and Bill Heath-Smith of Winchester, England for acting as speech judges and to Varian Canada, West Insurance, Bank of Montreal, the Cooperator for providing registration materials.

Minister shares vision

A focus on student retention, program relevance, excellence and accessibility, and flexibility between college and university programs are included in Colleges and Universities Minister Lyn McLeod's vision for post-secondary education in Ontario.

In her first official visit to Sheridan College Sept. 14, Ms. McLeod told student, faculty, staff and administrative representatives that broadening the spectrum of relevant post-secondary offerings in Ontario was a priority.

"The colleges practically invented relevance in post-secondary education," said Ms. McLeod. "I support the creation of a joint committee to look at achieving greater flexibility

between college and university programs in order to meet the changing needs of students in this province."

Sheridan was the 13th college Ms. McLeod visited on a tour of Ontario's 22 community colleges.

Sheridan is certainly a very student-focused college, and I noticed a real sense of excitement and pride among the employees I met," she said.

"I was delighted to become acquainted with Sheridan through its new president, who I am confident will ensure that Sheridan continues to be a dynamic, innovative college."

Mary E. Hofstetter was appointed the third president of Sheridan College effective July 1



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- Recipes may be for any type of food or beverage.

Other features include stories and photographs on meal planning, cooking with microwaves, special holiday dishes and other kitchen tips. So send us your favorite recipes because we'd love to see what's cooking in your kitchen.

Deadline for entries:
October 15th

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Police hosting blood clinic

On Thursday, Oct. 6, the Halton Regional Police Force Fitness Committee, in conjunction with all Regional employees and the Canadian Red Cross, will be sponsoring the Second Annual Police/Halton Region Blood Donor Clinic.

The clinic is to be held at the Regional Administration building, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All members of the force and their families and friends have been invited to attend and support this clinic.

The clinic will kick off this year with 10 senior officers, Chairman Pomeroy and two Regional Department Managers donating blood at 9 a.m.

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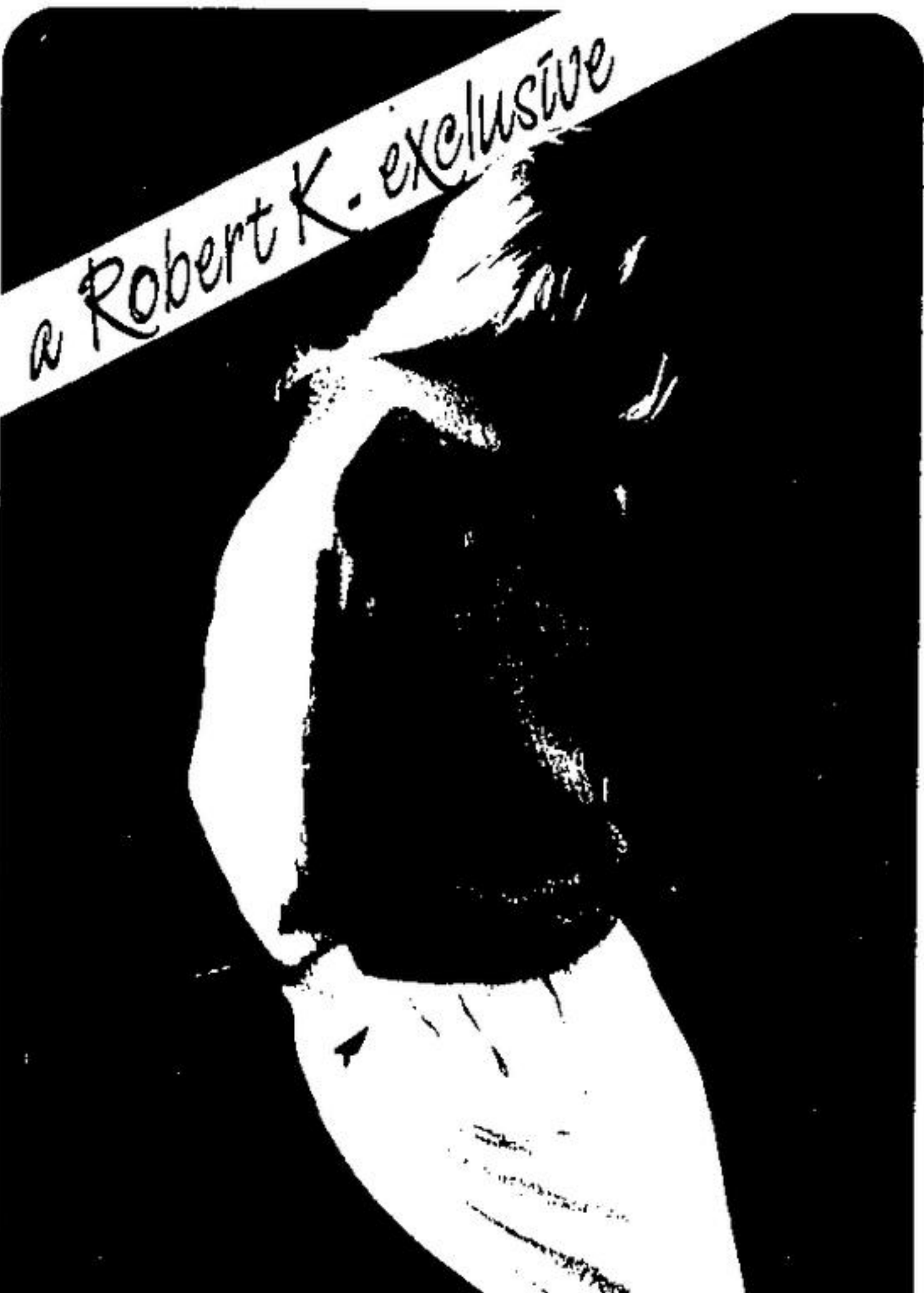
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