

Adults see a second chance in learning to read

The North Halton Literacy Guild is a newly-established organization offering literacy and basic Math tutoring to adults (16 and over) in Halton Hills and Milton.

Tutors meet with students on a one-to-one basis in order to help them upgrade their skills in reading, writing and/or Math. Some students have little or no previous reading skills while others simply wish to achieve a higher level of proficiency in order to function better in day-to-day living, either at home or on the job or to satisfy personal goals.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Literacy Guild should contact Maureen McCallum or Ave Edington at 873-2200 or 876-4656.

Campaign at crucial stage

Each and every Christmas Seal that appears on mail and parcels provides hope to thousands that medical researchers will make that all important breakthrough - a cure or a new treatment that will prolong life or ease the pain.

"Our goal for the campaign is \$150,000," says Mary Campbell, President of the Halton Lung Association. "We have raised \$131,240. If more people put their seals to work and send in their donations, we will be able to continue serving those who need us."

Christmas is a time when we focus on peace and goodwill. Our thoughts turn to the people who need help. The Lung Association, through the goodwill generated at Christmas time, carries this spirit to each and everyone throughout the year. Make sure each Seal that is sent to you gets to do the work it was intended to do. Use your Christmas Seals on last minute gifts, parcels and payment envelopes. And please, send your gift today.

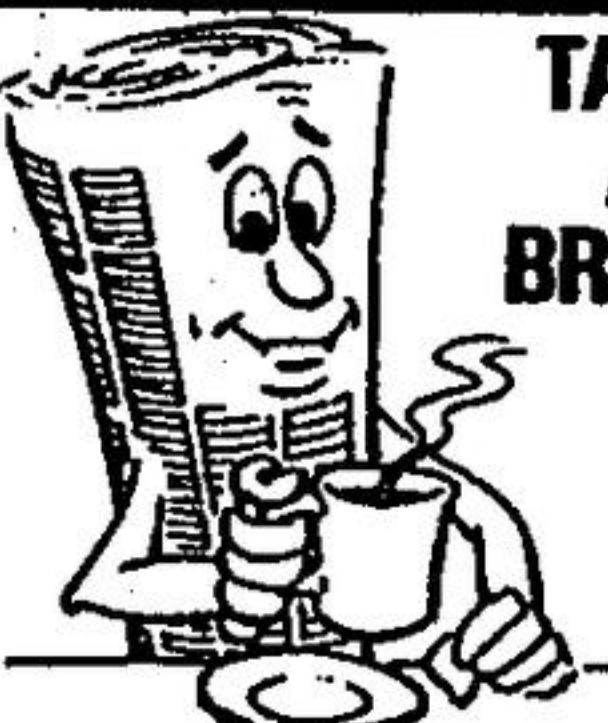
Police hunt theft suspect

A man posing as a customer stole \$200 from a local hotel early Saturday morning.

Police say a man entered Georgetown Motor Inn on Guelph Street around 4 a.m. and asked the desk clerk if he could see a room. When the clerk left the desk to show the room, the suspect grabbed the money from the cash register and fled the hotel, say police.

Hotel Manager Ashik Pirbay said this is the first incident of theft during his 1½ years at the hotel as manager.

Police describe the theft suspect as 20 to 22 years old, with dark brown hair parted to the side. He was wearing a maroon leather jacket at the time of the theft.



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Following are responses from students who were posed the question: "Why do you want to read?" The passages are from Frontier College "Tutor's Handbook" and "The Right To Read" organizer's guide.

"I want to help my kids. I don't want them to grow up like me."

"There are things I can't do since I can't read. One is I can't get a job. They won't give me a job 'cause there are things they say I can't do, like think fast enough. That's stupid... I really get mad and I keep thinking I'm too old to learn. I don't need to be put down anymore, you know."

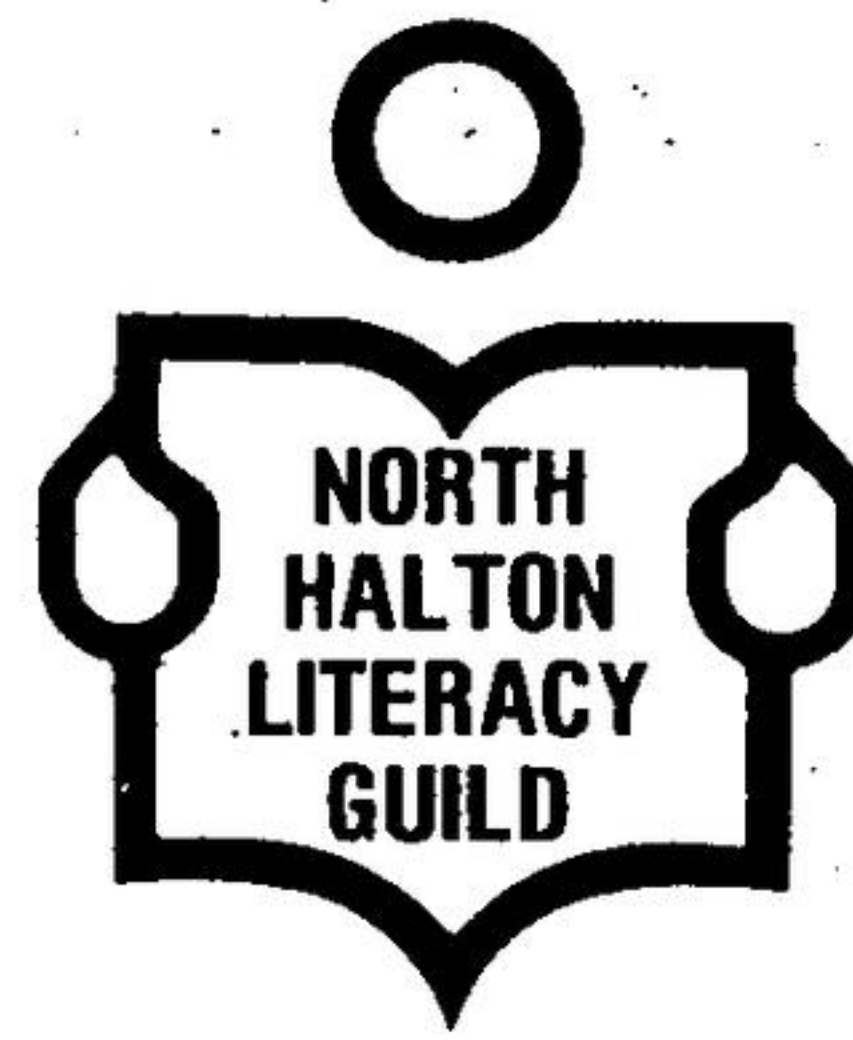
"I never learned to read or write but I tried not to let anybody know. I would say I left my glasses at home so that I could get people to fill out forms for me. I don't really wear glasses at all. It was always embarrassing for me."

"I've had a tutor for one year. When I turned 41 I thought I didn't have a chance but I finally decided to try to learn to read. I was scared because I hadn't been in school in a long time but it wasn't like that at

all. We just sit down every week and have a cup of coffee and get to work. My tutor does what I want instead of treating me like I'm stupid. Now I can read the newspaper and my spelling is getting better. A few months ago I got a raise at work but the best thing is that I'm learning to do my own income tax forms. I really feel like I can do things on my own."

"It's amazing, you know, sometimes I look at a word and suddenly I realize I can read it! People must think I'm crazy when I grin at a word but it's better than having them think you're crazy because you can't read. Now I go to the library. One day I hope I can pick up a whole book and just read it, just like that."

"Everything is new to me and what happens with these new things that I am learning by reading and writing gives me a lot of self-motivation. I am learning mostly about myself. Never before today could I have said 'Tracy, the reason that you got into trouble was because you couldn't read or write.' No, I couldn't say that, I



had to be shown."

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5. Books are one way of passing on your moral values to them. Readers know how to put themselves in another's shoes.
6. Because, until they learn to read themselves, they will think you are magic.
7. Because every teacher and librarian they ever encounter will thank you.
8. Because it's nostalgic.
9. Because, for that short space of time, they will stay clean and quiet.
10. Because, if you do, they may then let you read in peace.



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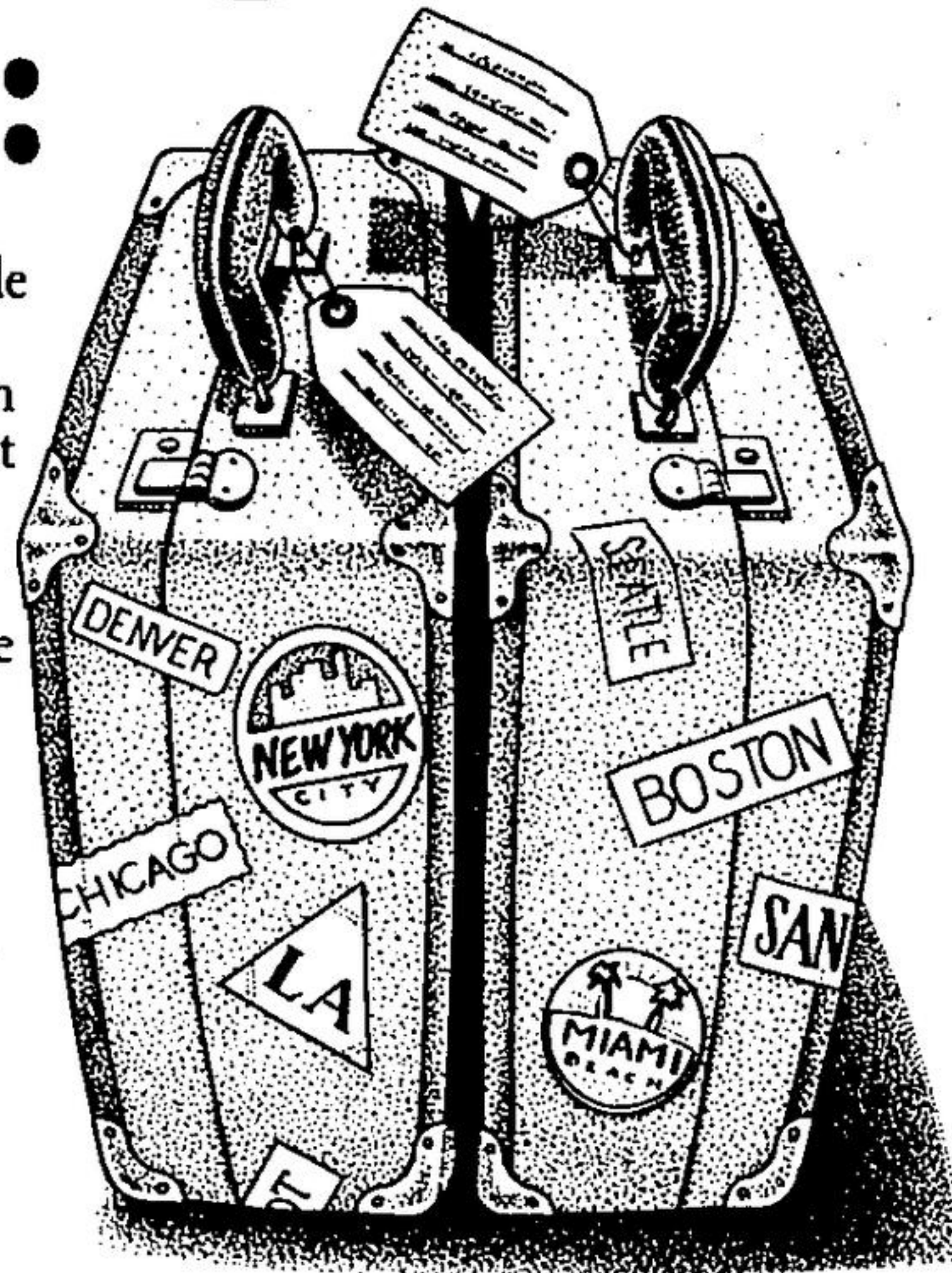
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