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Thirteen graduates of Georgetown District High School received honor diplomas at the annual commencement March 26. The top students included Elizabeth Avery, Wabe Baker, Carola Conie, William Crawford, Joan Cummins, Robert Hooper, Rodney Hyde, W. John McGowan, Irene Rafai, Douglas Sargent, John Verlis, Virginia Walker and Paulene Watson.

Kingston Road United Church was the setting when Jacqueline Rose McConkey married Clarence Mervin Mackey. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey B. McConkey and the granddaughter of Mr. Emmanuel Lorusso. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mackey. The couple will live in Oshawa. The double-ring ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. Elwood Mitchell.

Mrs. Sam Penrice of Market Street is set to journey to the Isle of Man with her son. She was the unknowing recipient of a surprise Bon Voyage party in the Inglewood Community Hall where 50 guests and employees of Beaumont Knitting Mills Limited handed gifts to her and her son.

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Gary Johnson had to rest on his overloaded shopping cart after running up a grocery bill of \$123 within two minutes at the IGA store on Guelph Street. No money exchanged hands between Mr. Johnson and the waiting cashiers, Mrs. Edna George and Mrs. Grace Brown, because Mr. Johnson had won first prize in a lucky draw sponsored by the Georgetown Jaycees. Mr. Johnson sprinted March 25. He was also wearing running shoes.

Joe Martin turned 104 years old April 1. Georgetown's most senior citizen marked his 104th birthday quietly at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Glassford of Union Street.

A Lilliputian-sized pioneer village is one of the many displays at Pineview School's open house. The scale model was a project of Grade 3 students. Three of these students were Bonnie Rus, Paul Zulak and Debbie Oldford.

The law firm of Dodokin and Sopinka has added a third lawyer to its staff. Thomas Graham has joined the Young Street Acton practice. He has graduated from studying law at Osgoode Hall.

Halton's History from our files

10 years ago

Greg Dodds nabbed a burglary suspect in the home of his girlfriend's parents' residence. Ms. Bain arrived at an Acton Boulevard residence with her boyfriend. The duo let themselves into the home and saw someone in the living room. Mr. Dodds apprehended the suspect until police arrived.

Teressa Hutchinson of the Acton Seniors Residence celebrated her birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hutchinson, 80, attended the party at the Main Street Georgetown residence. Mrs. Hutchinson is the youngest of 16 children. She had 10 children herself and now has 35 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Over 200 art lovers showed up to bid on 150 pieces of international artwork. Irene Faries said the YMWCA auction can expect to claim between \$2,700 and \$2,800 in profit. The money will go to various community projects and programs. Auctioneer Sharon Theobald drew upon her years of experience to conduct the large auction at the Holy Cross Church.

5 years ago

As a result of a severe storm 6,000 homes in Halton Hills experienced power loss at one point or another, Jerry Trudell, Halton Hills Hydro manager said. The storm, consisting of sleet and freezing rain, caused poor driving conditions, toppled trees and caused power shortages. Over 40 trees were toppled, Mr. Trudell said.

The Pinegrove Community Club elected its officers March 25. The officers elected were Keith Webb as president, Spence Wilson as vice-president, and Gertrude McGee as secretary-treasurer. The program committee will be made up of Marg Frost, Grace May and Margurette Hunter. Hester Early, Vera Thatcher, Jean Brander and Ethel Webb make up the flower committee.

American painting could make a profit

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qualified to handle taxpayer dollars. Leave it to the experts. We certainly know how to spend the public's dollars."

Droodge glances over his coffee at his friend. He is coming to understand why Stoneycroft, a 22-year survivor in the Commons, had never been chosen for any significant post. But Droodge has built up too big a head of steam to stop now.

"I heard another one, too," the rookie says. "It's not easy for the public to comprehend modern art," another curator said. "It's meant to stir controversy and the painting by Barnett Newman is provocative."

"Pshaw, the only thing provocative about this painting is the price!" Droodge snorts.

ARTISTIC COMPLEMENT

As the MPs fulminate, they recall a remark by Brydon Smith, the head of collections and research at the National Gallery. The three-metre high painting, displayed in a sunlit gallery, "is for many visitors an exhilarating affirmation of their being wholly in the world and in a special space where art and architecture com-

plement each other," Smith is reported to have said.

"I'd wager my tax-free expense allowance," chuckles Stoneycroft, "that it's for many more visitors a disheartening confirmation of the country's global debt problem and the special space it occupies in the mind of Finance Minister Michael Wilson."

"Thank goodness," adds Droodge, "that Don Mazankowski's expenditure review committee is going to look at the purchase. The deputy prime minister should offer some level-headed advice."

"But it may be too late," Stoneycroft ventures. "The sale went through last August. It cost the National Gallery more than half of its \$3-million annual budget for acquisition of works of art."

"No problem," replies Droodge. "We just put Voice of Fire up for auction, with no requirement to sell if the price isn't right. But, if the 'experts' are correct and Canada got a bargain last year, we should make a profit."

"Good thinking," his companion exults. "Then we could use the extra money to help finance those strip clubs."

LETTERS

POWER acknowledges support from citizens of Halton Hills

Dear Sir,

The small town ethic of sharing and caring is alive and well in Halton Hills.

One example of a community working together was the recent Mystery Night held at Jack Tanner's Table, a fundraising event for POWER. Many thanks to all the people at the Olde Hide House for providing such an exciting location and a sumptuous meal. Flowers donated by Rene's Flowers made the event even more special. To Ms. Gooding and the good-humored students from Georgetown High School - Bravo! You took a simple idea and turned it into an entertaining evening that was to be the talk of the town and lastly, thank you to the citizens of

Halton Hills who demonstrated their support for POWER and their concern for the future of this community.

As the fight against the proposed landfill in the Acton quarry continues, the need for funds increases. Last year the giant garage sale was POWER's biggest fundraiser ever. It was a community effort that made it such a success. Another garage sale has been planned this year for Saturday, April 28. If you have contributions or would like to help with this event, please call 853-0039 or 877-8748. Let's see if we can top last year's results.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Rumley, Acton

Bridal show a success

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that contributed to making the 8th Annual Welcome Wagon Bridal Party of Halton Hills the best show to date. Many thanks to the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, their staff and Manager Hank Huhtanen. To the Georgetown Herald for promoting the event. To all the models, with special thanks to Adam Dooley, Sheena and Tonya Butler. Thank you to Cathy Dooley and Joanie Chaplin for helping at the front registration desk. Thank you to Brian Butler - from carrying gift bags to babysitting!

Thanks to Up, Up and Away, Charlie Bridal Salon, Bountiful Buffet Catering, Floral Fantarey, Roos Travel.

And special thanks to all the other sponsors too numerous to mention here.

On behalf of Welcome Wagon and our great team of sponsors, congratulations and best wishes to all the brides-to-be on their upcoming weddings!

Sincerely,
Debbie Butler,
Bridal Party Hostess

Rec department says thank you

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two local service clubs in our community who provided a valuable service. The Acton Rotary Club and the Georgetown Optimist Club sponsored free skating at the three arenas in the Town of Halton Hills. In total 4,919 residents took advantage of this generous opportunity.

On behalf of the residents of Halton Hills and the Recreation and Parks Department, thank you for your continuous support and for the contributions you make to our community.

Sincerely,
Joanne Bodnar,
Supervisor of Special Events

Write us a letter!

The Herald wants to hear from you. If you have an opinion you want to express or a comment to make, send us a letter or drop by the office. Our address is 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont., L7G 3Z6.

All letters must be signed. Please include your address and telephone number for verification.

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Winning can wreck your health



Ian Weir

Weir's View
Thomson News Service

slightly less devastating than being invited to join the Brownies.

But this isn't a laughing matter. It's depressing as heck to think that success can actually cause illness in people who secretly feel like losers - particularly when you consider how many of us fall into that category.

Let's be honest. Feeling utterly secure and confident is not a common human trait. The number of people who go through life feeling wholly adequate is roughly equivalent to the number of people who leave on vacation feeling wholly confident that they've unplugged everything that might burn down the house.

I'm not a psychologist, but I suspect these deep-seated feelings of inadequacy began in childhood. In fact, many of them can be traced to the dinner table, when you spent countless hours being ordered to eat things because they were good for you.

There was just one conclusion that could be drawn from this - you needed help. If you were already a satisfactory human specimen, then there'd be no need to eat your vegetables.

But you were evidently puny and inadequate, which is why your parents were forced to fight a desperate rear-guard action with the brussell sprouts.

My mother spent years insisting that fish was "brain food" - with the unmistakable implication that I was the sort of boy who needed it badly.

Now granted, the problem doesn't afflict absolutely everyone. History records numerous instances of people who went through life feeling important, powerful and even indispensable.

Most of them were eventually

Hearing aids are needed

Dear Sir,

Used hearing aids are desperately needed for international distribution amongst the poor. The Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario (A.H.I.P.) has begun a campaign which they hope will result in the collection of thousands of used hearing aids to be exported to less fortunate countries where there is no government assistance for the hearing impaired.

Through the Canadian International Hearing Services (C.I.H.S.), all collected hearing aids will be evaluated, repaired when necessary or sold for replacement parts. A team of volunteer professionals from C.I.H.S. visit countries chosen to be recipients and provide hearing aid services, counselling and training to local personnel.

Please go through your dresser drawers and forward any hearing aids currently not in use to us. Any make or model, any condition. Donated hearing aids may be sent to: A.H.I.P., 55 Mary St., Lindsay, Ontario, K9V 5Z6, or check your yellow pages under "Hearing Aids" for A.H.I.P. members in your community.

The Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario is a non-profit organization which represents well over 90 per cent of all hearing aid dispensers in Ontario. All members adhere to a strict code of ethics and bylaws designed to provide quality care to the hearing impaired of Ontario.

Patricia F. Iannuzzi,
Hearing Aid Specialist

beheaded by angry mobs.

There are currently 5.2 billion people in the world. My own theory is that roughly five billion of them are secretly resigned to the knowledge that they are not the sort of people who inspire envy and adulation in those who behold them.

The remaining 200 million are American.

Still, there's a positive side to all of this. If success can make you sick, then this is an excellent reason for avoiding it.

We are, of course, a society that has been talked into believing that everyone must be as successful as possible. This was the gospel preached by all those self-important books of the last two decades, like I'm Okay, You're Okay.

These books were all right in a way. Still, I've always felt that someone might do us a much greater favor by publishing a book entitled We're Both Mediocre, But Perhaps Nobody Will Notice.

After all, there's a problem with getting fixated on success. As American playwright George Abe once noted, "Anyone can win, unless there happens to be a second entry."

Let's face it - succeeding is tough. It's usually much simpler to avoid the attempt entirely, and just settle for hoping that your friends will fail instead.

As such, this psychology study has provided a wonderful new strategy for coping with those deep-seated feelings of inadequacy.

It's not that I'm a failure. Heavens, no. I might succeed quite marvellously, if only I were to try.

Unfortunately, my doctor recommends against it.