

# Community

## Seniors plan special meeting in support of centre

Georgetown seniors plan to take their message out to the community in an attempt to solicit support for a senior's centre.

The Georgetown and District Seniors Association has invited over 300 local business people, professionals and individuals to an information meeting March 20 at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Georgetown to explain why the community needs a centre.

The meeting's purpose is to inform business people, professionals and service clubs as well

as the public about what goes on in a senior's centre and who supports them and why, said Association President Les Mellish.

"We will be asking those in attendance to support in principle a seniors centre for Georgetown," said Mr. Mellish. The Georgetown and District Seniors Association represents more than 700 seniors, according to the association's brochure.

Mr. Mellish is hopeful a strong show of committed community

support for a centre will convince Town Council to get behind the idea.

The Town's Budget Committee recently recommended approval of its 10-year capital budget forecast which excludes the construction of a seniors centre.

"Council is scared stiff of supporting a centre," said Mr. Mellish.

Asked why, he suggested councillors think a centre would raise taxes by too much.

Several high profile speakers

will be addressing the meeting's audience including North-Halton MPP Noel Duignan, Reverend Dennis Drainville, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Seniors Affairs, Kenneth Bradshaw, Chairman of Legion Seniors Programs District B; Judy Lilly, Member of

the Adult Centres Association of Ontario; Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy and Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller.

The program will also include a photographic display of senior centres in surrounding communities such as Oakville, Burlington and Orangeville.

## Council to consider paying its share of CVCA budget

Halton Regional Council will consider today (Wednesday) the approval of \$48,322 as its share of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority 1991 budget.

Although the Authority's 1991 budget has increased 8.2 per cent over last year to just over \$1.6 million, the amount Halton is required to contribute is lower than last year's amount, according to a Regional report by Halton's Treasurer, Joe Rinaldo.

Under the province's Conservation Authority Act, Halton is required to pay \$49,875 in 1991 down from \$57,295 the Region paid last year.

Mr. Rinaldo has recommended Regional council approve its contribution to the CVCA since Regional councillors allotted \$60,700 to the authority in its 1991 operating budget.

The majority of the CVCA

budget, like those of Ontario's other authorities, is funded by the various Authority's member municipalities and the province. The amount each member municipality pays an Authority depends on how much of the Authority's jurisdiction is in that municipality.

The amount of funding also depends on the rate of growth in each member municipality. Halton's contribution to the CVCA is smaller this year because the Region experienced less growth in 1991 compared to last year, according to Mr. Rinaldo.

### Acton CMHA office

"We've Made the 'Drive to Acton!'" Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Branch is proud to announce that the Halton Hills satellite office is open for business. Members of the community, interested agency personnel and potential volunteers are welcome to drop by the Open House on Wednesday, March 6, 1991 from 2-4 p.m. at 100 Elgin Street South, Unit 8A (Halton Work Program Space). For information, please call 853-4777 (Acton) or 845-5044 (Oakville) or 681-6776 (Burlington).

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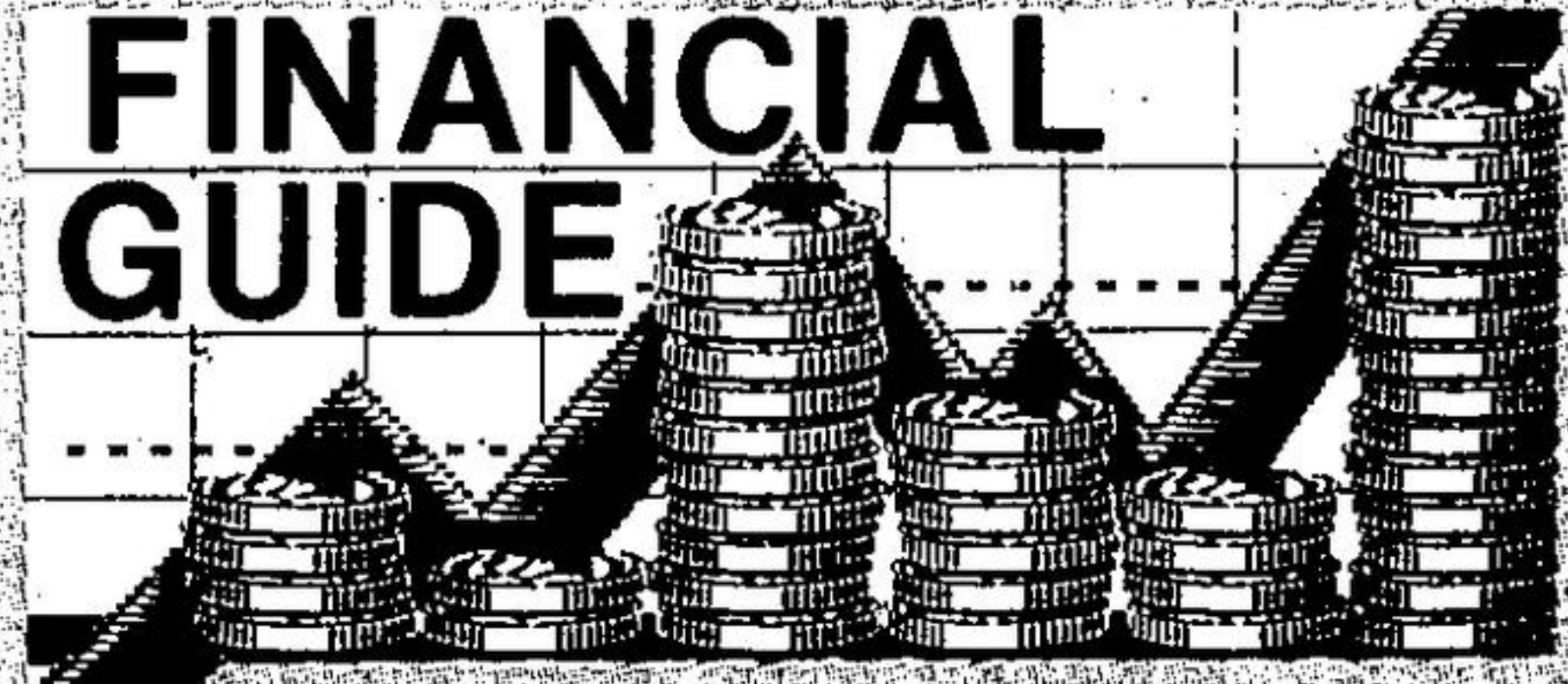
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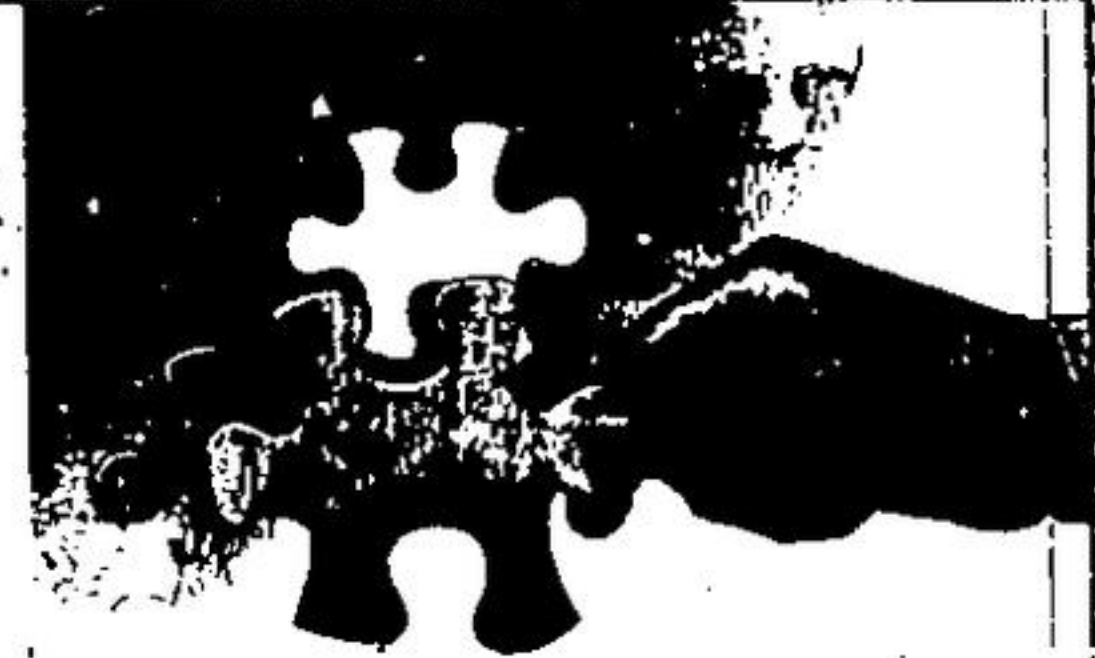
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