

Time to plan ahead for future generations

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TIME CONTROL PILLS

The label on the container from the A Round-Tuit Pharmacy reads "Time Control Pills" prescribed by Dr. Al Hughs Dup and Dr. Boyit Flies. The jelly beans in the container with this label are an attempt to see the funny side of our obsession with time. Our attempts to make, manage, find and control time, come from our value system that values time above many things.

This is the second article on examining our values to see whether we can learn from other societies. The following (with permission) is a portion of a long article from the January/February issue of "Earthkeeper" magazine. The article by Henry Lickers, a native grandfather, tries to



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answer the question of his young granddaughter, "Grandfather, what makes us different?"

Time is very important to the Western society. In order to dominate, there must be a plan with a timetable which can not be violated. A frantic individual effort must be made to stay on schedule, since a person lives for such a short time.

Planning is seen as a short term activity, less than 1/2 generation. Any characteristic which helps to maintain the schedule is

considered beneficial. Understanding and sensitivity are sacrificed for control and logic.

The First Nations, with an Earth-centred view, see "place" as most important; therefore mountains, lands, lakes and streams become sacred. The effort of an individual is not tied to the schedule but to a place. Sacred areas therefore must be preserved at all cost.

Planning is then seen as a long term activity with a time period

of many generations. Characteristics which help to maintain place are beneficial. Time is sacrificed for understanding, sensitivity and consensus. A place is better protected, preserved and enhanced when everyone knows why.

Western societies place great emphasis on material growth, with a monetary system which indicates success. Economic growth is seen as necessary for the community to survive, even at the expense of the environment, family or individual. "The man with the most toys wins!" seems to be the ideal of the Western society.

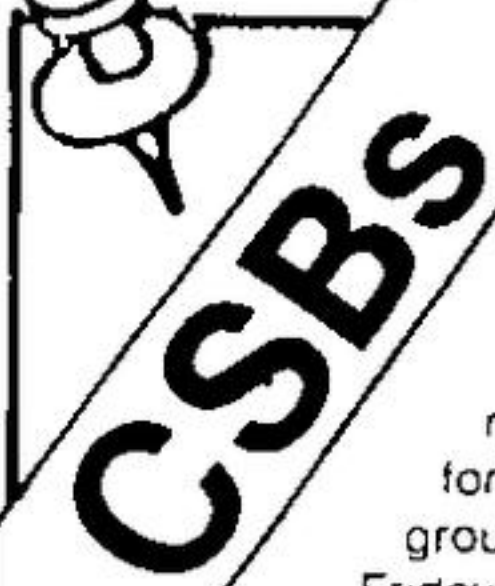
Little importance is placed on human relationships because it doesn't add to the gross national product. The very Earth becomes threatened in order to feed the consumption of the society for

growth. The problem which is now being perceived is that the resources will limit the economic growth and a Western society will not survive unless there is a new way of thinking."

Our strange obsession with time has spawned the Type-A personality with the consequence of a high rate of heart disease. As our society fights to control time and control the natural environment, the further we move from being in tune with the planet. We must examine where we are going in such a rush. Type-A people can change and so I believe that society as an aggregate of those people can also change but first we must realize that our world view is leading to problems.

For information, on how to obtain "Earthkeeper" magazine, contact their head office in Guelph at 519-763-9357.

Community Service Bulletins



If you are a non-profit organization service club or charity or church group and would like us to publish your community service announcement of community interest call us at 877-2201 during regular office hours. There is no charge for this service to Halton Hills community groups. The deadline for submissions is Friday at Noon for publication for the following Wednesday. Deadlines will not be extended under any circumstances. Although we will do our best to print all announcements space is limited and there are no guarantees of insertion.

The Halton Hills Chess Club meets every Wed. from 7:10:30 p.m. in the Library of Georgetown District High School. Casual and tournament play available. For further information contact the school.

Acton Lions Club meet the 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month at 8 p.m. at Legion Branch 197, Acton. For more information contact Dave Pyke at 853-3410.

Akers at 873-3377 before 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Community Health and Support Services Division - Halton/Peel, Public Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 6, 1992, 7-10 p.m. Halton Region Police Station, Guelph Street, Georgetown re: proposed changes to the Long-Term Care System in Ontario.

Volunteers

Georgetown Vintners are looking for amateur winemakers. For more information call 877-5302.

Red Cross Georgetown and District requires volunteers to assist in Finance and Publicity, driving and First Aid instructions. For more information call Bernice at 877-5233.

Alcoholic Anonymous can help. Call 877-1211 for more information. The Salvation Army will pick up appliances in working order. For more information call 853-3321.

Volunteer drivers for the Canadian Cancer Society, Georgetown Unit, needed to transport patients to and from the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. Reimbursement for mileage will be paid. Please contact the Georgetown Unit's office at 164 Guelph St., Georgetown, between 1-4 p.m. daily, or call the cancer office at 877-1124.

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Big Brothers is looking for men 18 years or older to volunteer 4 hours a week to a young boy from a father-absent home. For more information please call 847-7267 or 876-4756.

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Halton Regional Health Department, Preventive Services Division and Centennial Middle School will offer a six-part series "I-RATE PLUS" designed to promote personal wellness with other women. Begins Mon., Feb. 3, 1992 at Centennial Middle School, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Babysitting can be provided. Call 877-6976 for information.

Sweetheart Dance Sat. Feb. 15, 1992, 9 p.m. 1 p.m. Ballinac Community Centre, cash bar, music by S and S Sound. Pot luck menu. Spot prizes, door prizes. \$7.50 per person. Tickets available at the Ballinac General Store.

Attention Deficit Disorder, Parent Support Group (Acton). Meetings first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month, at M.Z. Bennett Public School, Acton. Time 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Wanda 853-3803.

Kinsmen Cystic Fibrosis Benefit Concert Sunday, February 2, 1992 at Club 2000. Tickets available at Beaumont Music Store or at the door. Tickets \$5.00.

Lupus Society - Sunday, February 9, 1992 at 2:00 p.m. All Saints Anglican Church Parish Hall, King and Queen Streets, Hamilton, Dr. Dodi Bienenstock, Psychiatrist. Everyone is welcome. For further information please call one of the following numbers, 527-2252, 388-3925, 549-7461. For Dunnville area residents call 765-6769.

Georgetown Soccer Club FREE Indoor Soccer Clinics at GDHS beginning February 2nd. Gyms 1 and 2: 11-12:30 boys and girls under 10; 12:30-2 Rep/Recreational boys under 15; 2-3:30 girls under 18, 16, 14; 3:30-5 Rep girls under 18. Gym 3: 1-2:30 Sr. mens (over 16); 3:30-5 girls under 12.

Halton Prevention Network presents Services for Seniors. Thursday, February 6, 1992 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Halton Board of Education J. W. Singleton Centre 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington. For more information, contact Lynn Aggar at 632-1975 or Jane Sanders at 842-2120.

Roast Beef Family Dinner Sunday, Feb. 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Hall. Tickets \$10. (10 years and under \$5.) Hosted by Georgetown and District Seniors Association. For tickets call 877-9714 or 877-4132.

The North Halton Literacy Guild is offering orientation tutor training at the Milton Community and Information Center on the following dates at 7:30 p.m.: Tuesday, Feb. 4, Wed. Feb. 12, Thursday Feb. 20. For more information please call Ave Edington 873-2200 or 876-4756.

Meetings

Living With Cancer groups meets every second Thursday at the Canadian Cancer Society, Milton Branch, 751 Main St. E. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 877-5228 or 878-1876.

Lioness Club of Georgetown meet at the members homes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. For more information contact Louise Giffin at 877-8888.

Optimist Club of Georgetown meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the club, Hwy. 7. For more information contact Sandy Booth at 877-4569.

Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion monthly meeting at 8 p.m., 4th Thursday of each month at the Georgetown Lion Branch 127, Mill St., Georgetown. For more information call 877-4413.

Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meetings held 3rd Thurs. of the month at 10 a.m. at the Social Services Building, Willow Street, Acton.

The Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital invites all persons interested in Alzheimer's Disease and starting our own Community Support Group to an Open Forum: Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1992, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Bennett Recreation Room, Guest Speaker: Mary Everett, RSVP to Kelly 873-0111 ext 191.

Acton Al-Anon Group is meeting every Wednesday at Acton Baptist Church, side entrance at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Eleanor at 853-0331.

The Georgetown Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m., in the Lion's Hall on Mill Street, behind the arena. For more information call Jim

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