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Nature's Way Soap operas in the sky

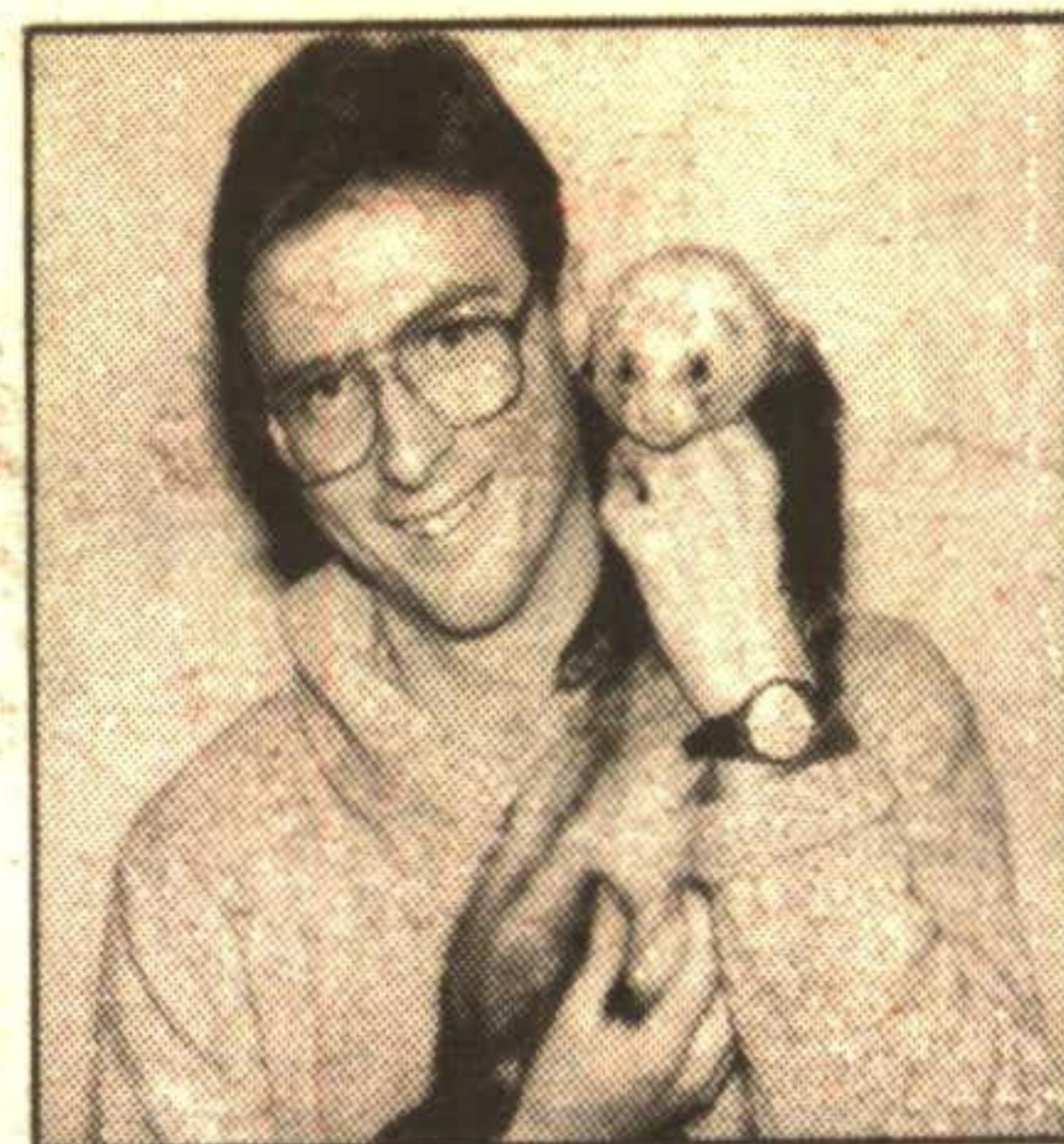
By KEVIN CALLAN

On a clear winter's night, when the stars are especially bright, I love to lay back upon a frozen lake and look up into the velvet sky watching the legendary soap operas.

One that is easy to find and will guarantee to catch your interest is Orion. You can always find him located in the exact opposite direction of the Big Dipper, dominating the southern darkness.

Looking at this conglomeration of bright lights in a realistic astronomer's view, Orion is made up of a number of celestial phenomena. Within the space of four bright stars, cornering an imaginary trapezoid, is a row of three stars tilted at an angle. This is the well known Orion's belt. His sword, of course arcs downward, made up of another group of fainter stars. There is also a club above his right shoulder and a lion's skin shield on his left arm, but it takes experience to point out these additional figures with the naked eye.

The bright star on the left, thought to be the hunter's left shoulder, is called Betelgeuse derived from the



Arabic word meaning 'shoulder of the giant'. Through binoculars it looks reddish-orange. The rich color indicates that the star is cooler than the others; even cooler than the sun.

It is, however greater than one hundred times the diameter of the sun. Betelgeuse would, in fact, completely fill the earth's orbit if it were to be at the centre of our solar system.

Diagonally across the constellation, marking Orion's left foot, is a bright star called Rigel, from the Arabic word for 'foot'. This little star reaches an estimated temperature of 20,000 degrees C, as opposed to 6,000 C for the surface of our sun.

With the aid of binoculars as well you can point out a hazy area in the middle of Orion's sword. This unique phenomenon is called emission nebula—a mass of luminous gases and dust. Astronomers believe that gas clouds such as this may represent stars in the process of being

born. Looking over the theory of the ancient storytellers, the Greek mythologists, the creation of Orion is not as believable, but far more interesting.

The melodrama is derived from a variety of legends, but they all seem to have what we want in a story; love, jealousy, revenge, and certain death.

Orion's first love was foiled by the father of the bride-to-be. even after Orion had slain the compulsory beast to show his true love the father refused to hold the wedding ceremony. With his built-up frustrations, Orion raped his fiancée and was later blinded by her father for his wrong doing—but this is only the beginning.

After regaining his sight, Orion took up with Artemis, goddess of the hunt. Their bond of friendship grew as they shared precious moments hunting together. But Artemis's brother Apollo, feared for his sister's affections.

It is said that because of his jealousy the brother did one of two things, either sicced a giant scorpion on Orion, or challenged Artemis to shoot an arrow at a distant target bobbing on the ocean, and the target turned out to be Orion's head.

Either way, Orion's death caused Artemis so much grief that she had him placed in the sky to be seen and remembered forever. And that is why we can look up into the night sky and search out the giant hunter among the stars.

So there you have it. Instead of sitting at home watching soap operas you can head out into a clear winter's eve and search for the stars that make up the legends filled with love, jealousy, revenge and tragic death—what else could one ask for!

Lioness Club buys hearing aids for needy young boy

Georgetown Lioness Club met at the home of Lioness Rita Boyle for the February general meeting.

Sixteen members were present and one guest, Dorothy Robertson.

The program was presented by speakers from POWER. Mr. David Noble, Dr. Lenard Landry and Mr. John Minns used maps, reference material, and videos to explain why they oppose the opening of a private dumpsite in a local quarry. Much was revealed about garbage disposal problems and possible damage to our clean water supply.

After a lively discussion Lioness Doreen thanked the group for their thought-provoking talk.

Approval was voted to provide funds for two hearing aids needed by a local school boy. A donation was made to the North Halton Distress Centre. Members volunteered to sell carnations for Multiple Sclerosis at

the Lions's Crazy Boat Race on Apr. 8.

Donations are continuing to come in for the March of Dimes campaign. Lioness Arlene reported the Lifestyle Auction project has been accepted by the downtown business people for June 17. The committee is working full speed ahead now. All proceeds will go to Georgetown Hospital for physiotherapy equipment. Lioness Norma is waiting for approval from the plaza owners for the annual Kilometres of Coins day on May 15.

Lioness and friends enjoyed another Saturday afternoon of Bingo and tea with the residents of the Bennett Centre on Feb. 11.

The March dinner meeting in the Lions Hall will have a special St. Patrick's theme and entertainment. There will be a visitation from other District Lioness Clubs.

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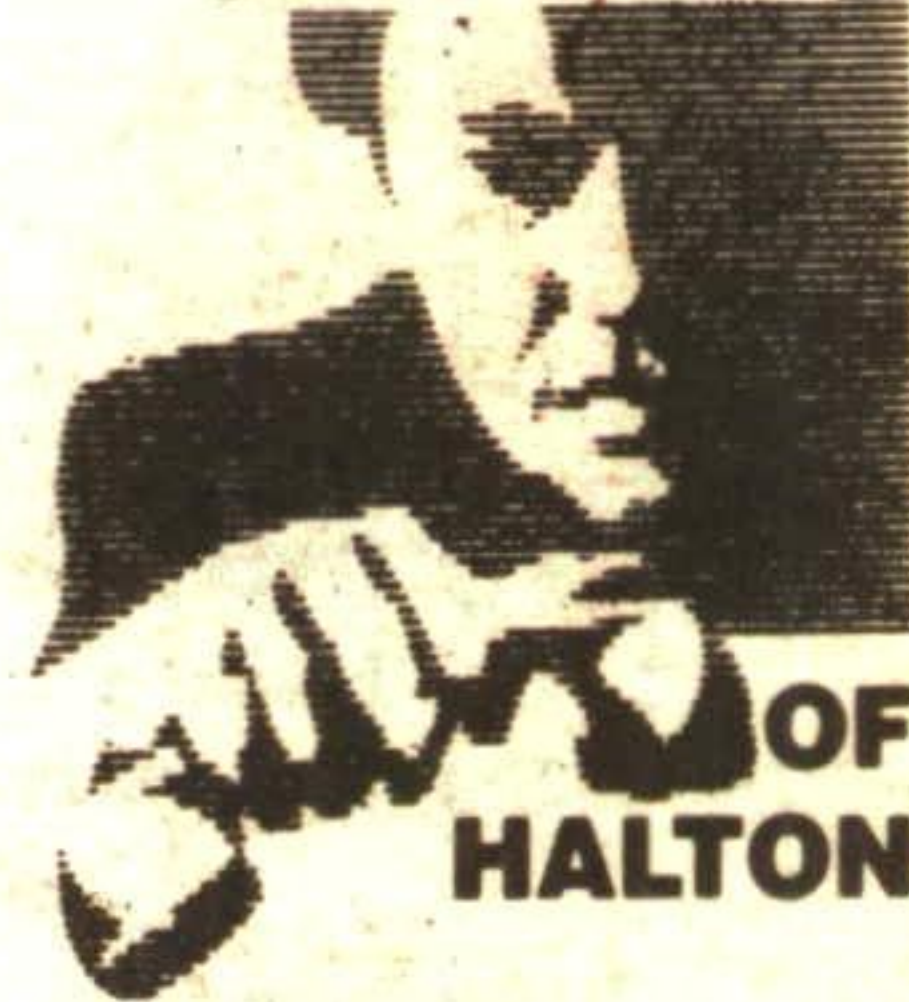
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Halton Police in the Burlington area are searching for those responsible for a break and enter which resulted in a large theft of material from the Canadian General Electric Plant located on Walkers Line, Burlington.

Between 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, 1988 the plant was entered by forcing a door at the rear of the building.

The factory is located in an industrial area on the west side of Walkers Line, situated between Mainway Drive and the Queen Elizabeth Highway.

Once inside the plant, the suspects loaded two company pick-up trucks with stolen property using a forklift truck and then drove off. Both vehicles were later recovered in Toronto.

Taken in the theft was:

- 5,000 pounds of Babbit lead ingots - 8" x 2" x 1"
 - 13 spools of rectangular copper wire and six spools of round copper wire weighing a total of 2,400 pounds
 - one roll of 3' aluminum sheet weighing 500 pounds
 - 21 micrometers ranging in size from 1" to 12"
 - two sets of radius gauges
 - one depth micrometer
- Total value of the property stolen is \$50,575.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case. Callers are not required to reveal their identities or testify in court. The Crime Stoppers toll free number is 1-800-668-5151.