

Neighbors win \$1-million jackpot

By **TED BROWN**
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Two Georgetown men have found a little cooperation between neighbors can pay big dividends.

Dennis Norton and Earl Seltzer of Georgetown were surprised to find their numbers came up on a recent Lotto 6/49 draw, and they now will share the \$1,133,151.30 prize.

"We've been playing the same numbers for the past two and a half years now," said Earl in a telephone interview, "And it finally paid off."

The two bought five tickets for both Saturday and Wednesday draws every week, using the same

numbers. Dennis chose the numbers using his family members' birth dates and other special numbers while his next door neighbor Earl bought the tickets at the Mac's Milk store on Guelph St., Georgetown.

"Every time we thought about changing the numbers, we'd win another \$10," said Dennis, "So we kept on playing the same (numbers) ones over and over."

Both men are being careful about how they handle the windfall.

Dennis, 38, is a sales manager who is married with three children. He plans to buy the family a new car, pay off the mortgage on their home, and invest the rest.

Earl's plans are similar. The 31 year-old father of one is also going to pay off the mortgage on the family home and intends to buy his wife a new van. The balance of his winnings are going into investments.

"I intend to go slow, pay off any debts we have and keep the whole thing (winning) low key," said Earl.

The winning numbers were drawn on the August 11 draw, but it took Earl a full week to discover they held the winning ticket. It was purchased at Mac's Milk on Mountainview Rd.

Both men were delighted at the timing of the win, with the economy being on the slow side.



Dennis Norton (left) and Earl Seltzer with their cheque for \$1,133,150.30.

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Next weekend

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Instead, the book, full of leisure ideas, contact names for various organizations, and community services will be distributed to homes in Halton Hills next weekend. The Independent /Free Press carriers will be delivering the brochure and anyone not receiving their copy can call us at 873-0301.

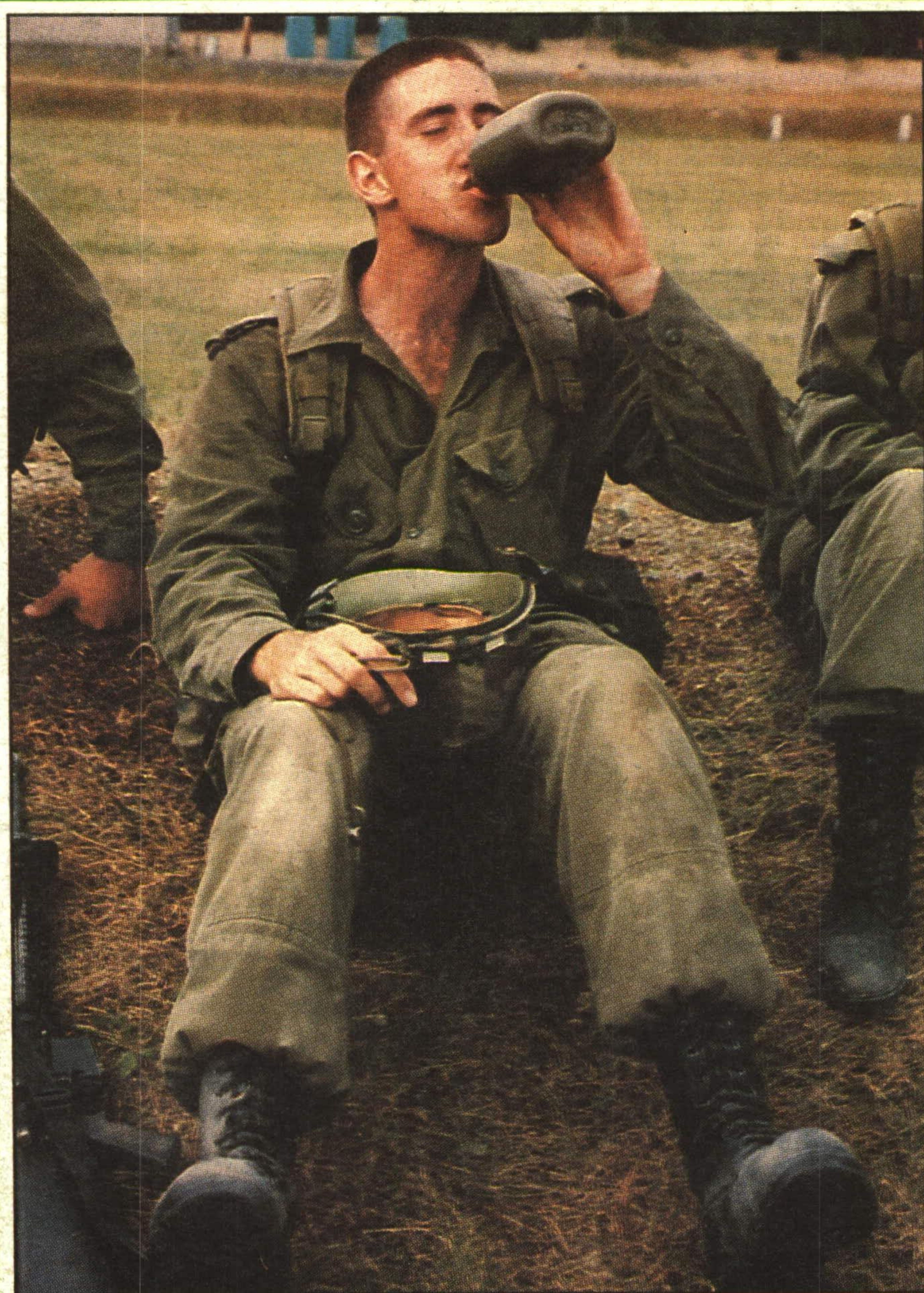
Cars stolen

Two cars stolen from Rite Way Auto Body on Armstrong Ave. overnight Wednesday were recovered early Thursday morning at the end of Oak Ridge Dr., in Glen Williams. Police are looking for two men between 17 and 20, one is 6 ft. tall, and was wearing baggy red pants and a baseball cap. The second is about 5 ft. 8 inches, and wore a black sweatshirt and dark pants.

Anyone with information can call Crime Stoppers or Det. Keith Woudstra at 878-5511, ext. 2115.

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Private Chad Clark, of the Georgetown Lorne Scots regiment, takes a sip of water from his canteen after completing an obstacle course. He is one of 2,000 reservists, from across Ontario, who is training with The RCR battle School at CFB Petawawa.

Taxman Turner offering amnesty

By **JANET BAINE**
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It's a tough time to be the taxman, but MP Garth Turner is happy to be getting down to business in his new cabinet post.

"It's extremely challenging, and in general I'm enjoying the opportunity of being in the position to do a few things. It's not easy, it has been extremely difficult to learn everything."

Turner has been travelling around the country for the past two weeks, and on Tuesday in Edmonton he announced he is going to attack the underground economy.

"The great majority of Canadians obey the law and pay their taxes," he said. "The key is to get people to comply voluntarily. My department is offering several programs to encourage Canadians to step forward and settle their accounts with us."

Under his department's Voluntary Disclosure program, any non-filer who comes forward on their own will not be penalized or prosecuted.

In addition, payment terms can be worked out with Revenue Canada based on an individual's ability to pay.

The day after he made this announcement, Turner said about 50 people came forward at the tax office in Edmonton, where the announcement was made.

He also received some calls on his personal 800 telephone line, but Turner hasn't yet received statistics from across the country.

"I don't want the taxman to be feared," he said. "Lots of people are behind because they simply can't pay. They may have lost their jobs, are living on their RSPs, are in danger of losing their houses. Maybe we can come up with a plan so they can pay over a year, or a few years."

He said he is more concerned about the larger scale tax cheats, rather than people who do house cleaning or child care without claiming the money they make.

"That's not a major concern. I'm not willing to start harassing people for small amounts. It's the larger scale tax cheats, and there are lots of those around, in construction, for instance," he said. Tax fraud is a criminal offense and carries fines and up to two years in prison.

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