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Support health care here

It's time Halton Hills residents get their vocal cords tuned up.

The Halton District Health Council's long term care committee is in the midst of studying how to set up a multi-service agency (MSA) in Halton. That's basically an one-stop shopping for health care.

There's two options: the committee can setup one MSA to decide all the health care needs of Halton residents or the committee could decide to have a separate MSA for each municipality in the region.

The latter option is the more beneficial one to Halton Hills residents — health care needs will be decided by and funded specifically for Halton Hills residents alone.

A more central MSA means being lumped in with Oakville and Burlington, and consequently they would get the bulk of the dollars and the facilities. Halton Hills residents will be forced south for all their health needs — old age homes, specialists, homemakers, physiotherapists, etc....

Halton Hills residents who want to keep the control of health care in Halton Hills should contact Connell Smith, chair of Mayor's committee on long term care, one of our representatives on the long term care committee — Florence Smith, Betsy Cornwell or Eunice McGowan — or residents can participate at the meetings of the Mayor's committee.

What's at stake is the ability of Halton Hills to receive the good health care we deserve. So start talking.

Good sense

Dear editor:

Common sense prevailed! I was pleased to read in your paper that the Halton Board of Education and the Canadian Federation of Teachers reached an agreement on how to handle social contract days. They managed to comply with Ontario's legislation without our children missing any instructional days. As a taxpayer and as a parent, I appreciate their ability to compromise without impacting our children's important classroom time. Well done!

Sincerely,
Lois Fraser

Fundraiser helps daycare

Dear editor:

Please, accept this letter for publication, to thank the parents, staff and many local businesses for their donations towards the second annual fundraiser for Moore Place

Letters to the Editor

Day Care.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. Thelma Hearn who made the lovely porcelain doll that was our first prize and to local artist Shirley Deaville who donated a collector's plate that was our second prize.

As you may be aware, Moore Place Day Care is a non-profit organization and has to rely on outside contributions such as volunteer work and donations.

We are proud to say with the support of this community we managed to collect \$1,291.25, which makes us very happy.

With the funds we are planning to buy an industrial dishwasher for the day care.

Thanks again, sincerely
Lucy Quaglia, administrator,
Judy Deamude, the Board of Directors, Staff and the Children at Moore Place Day Care.

Thanks for the support

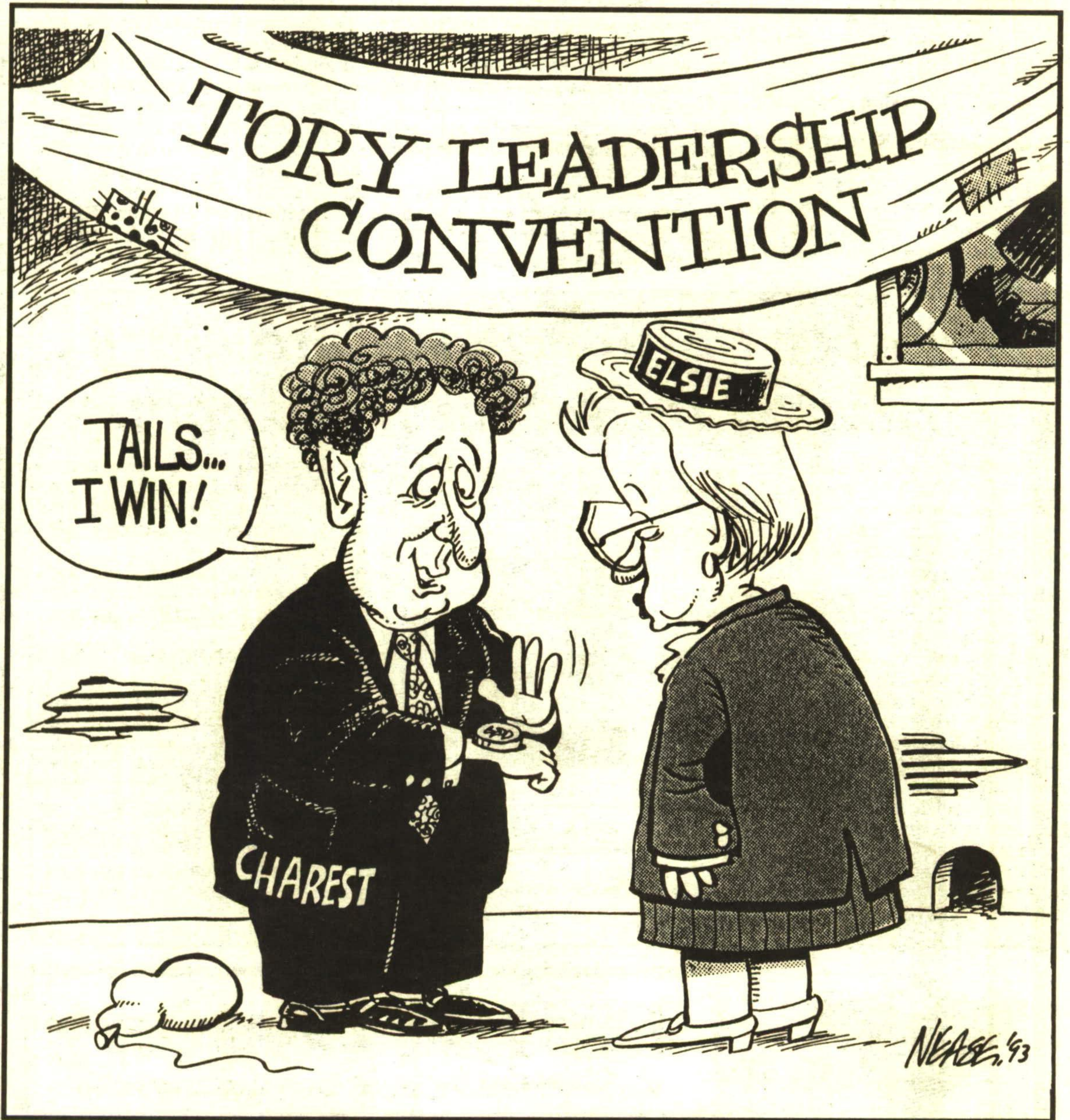
Dear editor:

The Credit Valley Artisans (CVA) would like to thank everyone who came and supported our Christmas Sale at The Cottage on November 13.

The winners of the raffle were Jim Jonassen who won the handwoven place mats made by Margaret Tost; Mike Krause who won the stained glass lamp donated by the Stained Glass Crafter; Dave Keith who won the pottery casserole made by Glynis Milligan and Jane Carson who won the watercolor painting executed by Una O'Callaghan.

We look forward to seeing everybody at our Spring Sale and next year's Christmas Sale.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret E. Searle
Heritage Handweavers and Spinners
Raffle Coordinator



Don't look now, but time's running out

I think my heart just skipped a beat.

I just had the unfortunate experience of looking at a calendar. Well actually, I turned the page so December was showing.

It was then my heart skipped that beat.

I know it's December, and Christmas is right around the corner, but did you realize ONE WEEK FROM TODAY IS BOXING DAY????

Yes sir, time is running out. In one week, just seven short days, we'll be sitting in our homes, staring at garbage bags filled with ripped up wrapping paper, waiting for the VISA bill to arrive as our bodies still try to deal with being stuffed with turkey.

Kinda sobering ain't it?

And where did the time go?

I was certain we celebrated Halloween about a month ago.

And Remembrance Day was just a week or two back, wasn't it?

Now I've always enjoyed Christmas, but as the years go by, I

find it creeps up on me a little quicker each year catching me off guard more and more.

And Christmas shopping seems to be the biggest obstacle to deal with.

Of course, I don't really think I'm alone in this regard.

It's an annual thing most people experience, when they wander aimlessly around shopping malls and toy stores with that vacant, almost strained look on their face as that ever present question cycles over and over through their heads

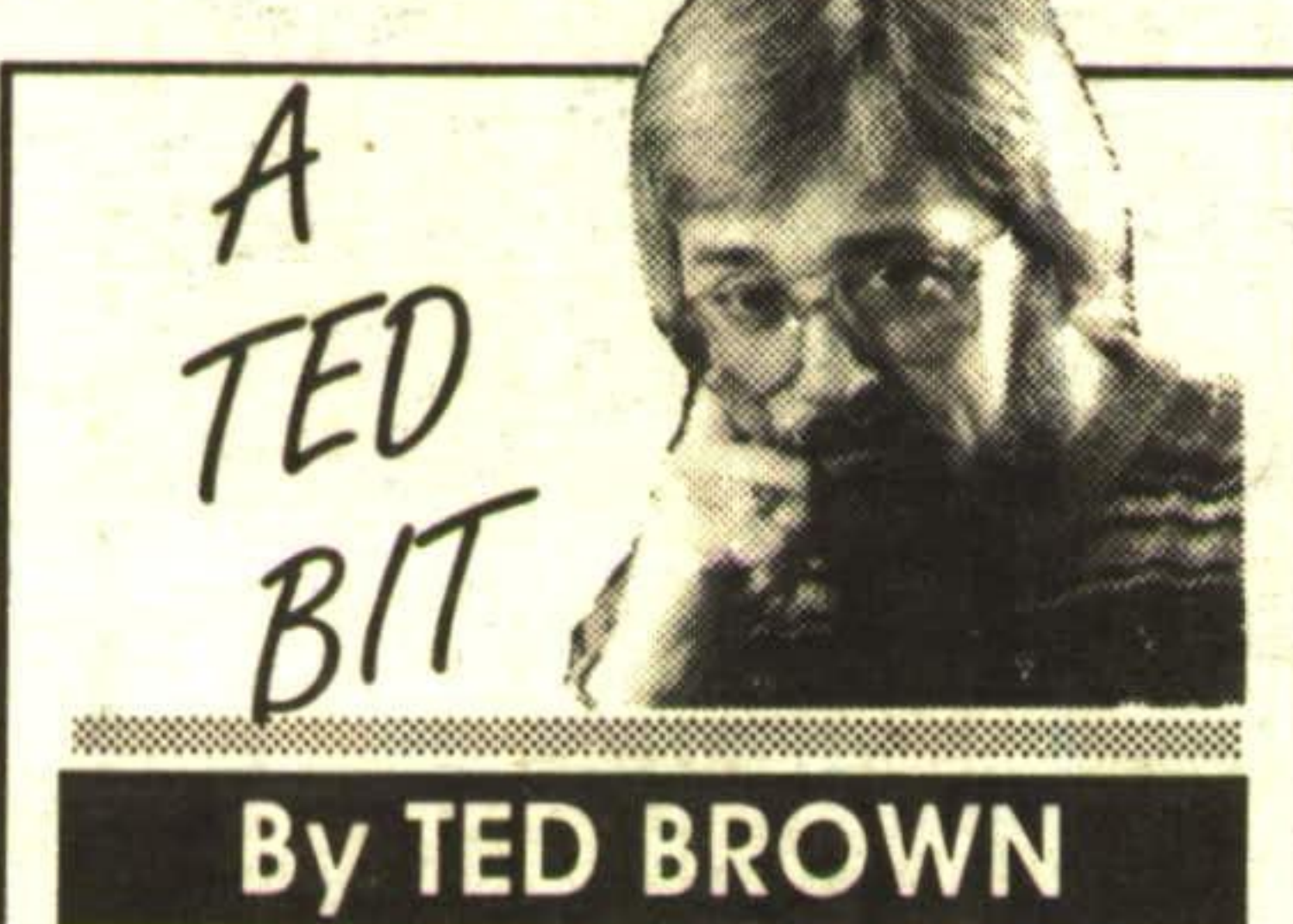
When will I ever get this shopping done?

When it comes to shopping, it seems deciding on what to give is more difficult than actually buying it.

In our household, we have a refrigerator door laden with bits of paper and magnets.

And among those bits of paper are numerous Christmas lists.

During the past two weeks, I wouldn't be exaggerating to say our youngest daughter has written at



least nine or 10 different lists of what she would like to see under the tree. The lists are decorated, some colored with crayons and all have one thing in common.

Each and every one is different. She does take the time to peruse the toy catalogs and write down such pertinent information like the page number and a full description, complete with the brand name, all listed in order of importance.

But her lists keep changing, adding or deleting those items which are hot or not, that particular day of the week.

My older daughters make lists as well, but I'm always a little sus-

picious when they ask for something like Jean Claude Van Damme or Roberto Alomar.

Is that some new line of dolls?

My daughters have their lists itemized and divided into categories like CD's, clothes and jewelry. And all very colorfully decorated to emphasize the important items.

And when I find a catalog laying open at a certain page with the price circled and the sale tax and GST calculated, it's a pretty sure bet this kid's seriously passing some fairly subtle hints.

One daughter decided to make things fairly simple and straightforward.

She added to the bottom of her list "Just give money."

Then there is every husband's dilemma.

What do you buy for your wife?

My wife made a list last week, and the kids have been discussing what they can get for Mom from that list.

But I have a problem.

You see I tend to reject lists written by my wife. After all, if I bought something she put on her list, she would know what she's getting so it wouldn't really be a surprise.

And because she knows me and how I tend to be so predictable, I can't imagine for a minute, she would put anything she wants from me for Christmas on that list because she knows I wouldn't buy it because it's on her list, so the list isn't really a true reflection of what she really wants to receive for Christmas.

Is that clear?

I always like to give her something unique, something she most likely wouldn't buy for herself.

Yep, in seven short days we'll be into Boxing Day and this stress and pressure will all be for naught.

But for the next week, I expect to deal with the shopping dilemma of what to buy all my family members the same way I have always handled it at the very last minute.

I will simply panic.