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Dear editor:

As regional manager of the Halton/Peel Region of The Arthritis Society, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone, especially our dedicated volunteers, for the time and commitment you have put forth in the various activities that were undertaken these past few months. Residential campaign '93 has been a gruelling and demanding one, and I know everyone is delighted that it is over.

We were very fortunate this year, to have over 1,300 hard working volunteers assisting us in the Halton/Peel area and I am confident that we will be able to obtain our goal. There are over four million Canadians currently afflicted with this debilitating disease, and over 65,000 live in the Halton/Peel area. Our need to find a cure for Canada number one chronic disease is essential and all your donations are very much appreciated.

Letters to the Editor

On behalf of The Arthritis Society, have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Harriet McLoughlin
regional manager

Fundraiser a success

Dear editor:

I would like to thank you very much for your coverage of our Tree-Lighting Ceremony.

The fundraiser was a success - thanks to people like you whose support was very much appreciated.

Yours truly,
John Oliver, Chair Tree Lighting Ceremony
Georgetown Hospital

Hear from the people

Dear editor:

Re: Reference to letter from Lois Fraser

Thank you Lois for expressing another point of view on the Master Plan portion of my original letter. Time will tell how it is accepted.

We the people who make our home in Halton Hills can use much more public involvement on major items such as this which affect us all.

To those who have already spoken out - many thanks, it's our home.

Are there more people out there who would care to also contribute positively, their thoughts and feeling on this subject? That with due consideration to taxpayers and users, we may accomplish what is needed. Within our ability to pay!

Let's hear what you have to say - for, people are our most important asset.

Lew Ward

Have your say

In an attempt to cut costs, and to keep your school board tax increase at zero, the Halton Board of Education is proposing a number of substantial cuts - some of which are proving to be controversial, at least in the southern sector of the region.

One of those proposed cuts is switching half day, every day kindergarten to whole day, alternate day kindergarten; the theory being it will save \$231,750 annually.

Parents here in Halton Hills seem to be relatively quiet about the proposal, in comparison to groups of parents rallying against it in Oakville and Burlington.

Some opponents to switch say that to leave kindergarten as is, will be mean every taxpayer will have to pay an additional \$12-13 on their tax bill. Proponents say that many younger children spend all day in daycare and cope, why can't a 5 or 6-year-old cope with all day kindergarten.

The board decision has not been carved in stone - yet. The school board is giving parents, and taxpayers, a chance to have their say on this and other items in the '94 budget.

Finance meetings are being held at the board headquarters on the Guelph Line in Burlington, Feb. 21, 28 and March 7 and 21, and the public is invited. Give the board or your trustee a call, or write a letter....

The board wants your opinion, so give it. Don't wait until your tax bill arrives.

WARNING: May lead to a larger deficit, health benefits taxes, more child smokers and damaged provincial / federal relations. But hey, at least Quebec will be happy.

Trying to solve one of the great mysteries of life...

Having played hostess to three guests for the past five months, I have sought to understand one of the great mysteries of life - why do kids put an empty cereal box back on the shelf or an empty milk carton back into the fridge?

Why?

And then why, after you come home, burdened with \$200 worth of groceries, the first thing they ask is, "did you buy some more cereal?"

"Did you write it on the list?" I ask them, pointing to pen and paper, lying beside the microwave, and the garbage can.

"I couldn't find a pen."

"I didn't know how to spell it."

"I don't know."

"There wasn't room on the list."

The varied answers are many.

So I sigh, and ask "Why didn't you put the empty carton beside the garbage, so I might have had a hint it was empty?"

"I thought it would be neater up on the fridge." (Dad is a neat freak).

"Oh, well, I thought there was enough there for another bowl. I guess there wasn't."

Again the answers were varied.

So that's the mystery but in these five, very long, months, I have yet discovered a solution to it, so I sought out the experts in our office - the longterm, and very much experienced, moms and dads.

The first one I ask, "What solution is there to combat this problem?"

The question set him thinking.

"I don't think there is," Dad



#1 said. He shook his head thoughtfully. "How do I combat it? How do I combat it?" He began muttering those words softly. Obviously, I would not find my answer there and sought out another opinion.

"Well screaming doesn't do it," Dad #2 said. "You have to go with a subtle message; don't buy it and they'll get the message."

Mother #1 agreed with that solution too. "Don't buy more milk, cookies, chips - that'll fix

them."

Yes, that was a possible solution, but a bit unhygienic when it comes to the laxity in replacing the toilet paper on the toilet roll.

Grandmother #1 says "sheer laziness" is the answer to the great mystery and her solution - "I fill it up, and I still do it with the grandchildren."

Mother #2 has a similar solution. "I huff and puff and then replace it - that's what mothers are for."

Not very encouraging I must say.

But I do like her answer on why kids do it in the first place. "Because their minds are in neutral."

And then finally there is Mother #3. Her little guy is still too young to cause her problems with this great mystery in life, but her "big guy" has really

excelled in circumventing any possible solution. "He leaves half an inch in the box, or milk carton, or whatever it is ... just enough to say it wasn't empty."

So it seems that the great mystery in life, is not solely a Gamble one. It extends to all families, of all shapes and sizes.

What's the solution?

Frankly, I have tried out all the answers offered by my "expert moms and dads" and they haven't work yet.

So once I figure out a solution to this great mystery, I can move on to the next great mysteries of life ...

Why do males leave the toilet seat up, so in middle of the night I can fall into the toilet ... why do kids refuse to go to bed at night, and then complain they are tired in the morning ... why do?