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Hank says goodbye to Halton Hills folk

Dear editor:

Hope you can find space for the following:
Goodbye...

It is with some sadness I bid all the folks in Halton Hills farewell on my retirement. Sad, because I'll be leaving many friendships developed over the past almost 13 years — friends from the performing and visual arts, schools, (nursery to High), service clubs, cultural groups, and business associates.

Sad also, to leave the close ties and camaraderie enjoyed between the employees of the Town in all

departments, but especially the Recreation and Parks Dept., staff, the present part-time theatre staff, and, of course, all of you from the Library.

Special thanks to the Centennial Alumni Choir, and Mark, Carole and Paul; also Edgar and Victor of

Men Without Hairs, for the wonderful entertainment you supplied on this occasion.

Thank you to all who contributed and participated in this memorable send off. I shall never be able to forget it. And to Cecil Peacock — a big thank you for putting all this on tape so I can recall these precious moments during my leisure years.

Again, thank you all so much for these past years, and for being there for this — my final curtain — in your beautiful cultural centre.

I shall miss you all
Hank (Huhtanen)

Letters
to the Editor

Glen citizen cherishes community honor

Dear editor:

Being chosen Citizen of the Year at the annual Glen Williams Canada Day festivities was first a shock, then a surprise and now a great honor which I will cherish for a long time.

I would like to say thank you to all those people who participated in this surprise!

The Glen Hall Board did another wonderful job preparing for Canada Day.

All these people need to be con-

gratulated for their hard work and dedication year after year.

Thank you to them and to all those involved in my being chosen Citizen of the Year. You are all very dear friends.

Shirley Inglis

Hats off to teachers

Once again a Halton Hills teacher is being honored for exceptional teaching abilities.

This past month several local teachers have been honored for outstanding efforts within the community and their teaching profession, in a variety of fields.

It all started when Centennial Middle School music teacher Paul Brisley was honored by a Toronto paper as one of the Teachers of the Year.

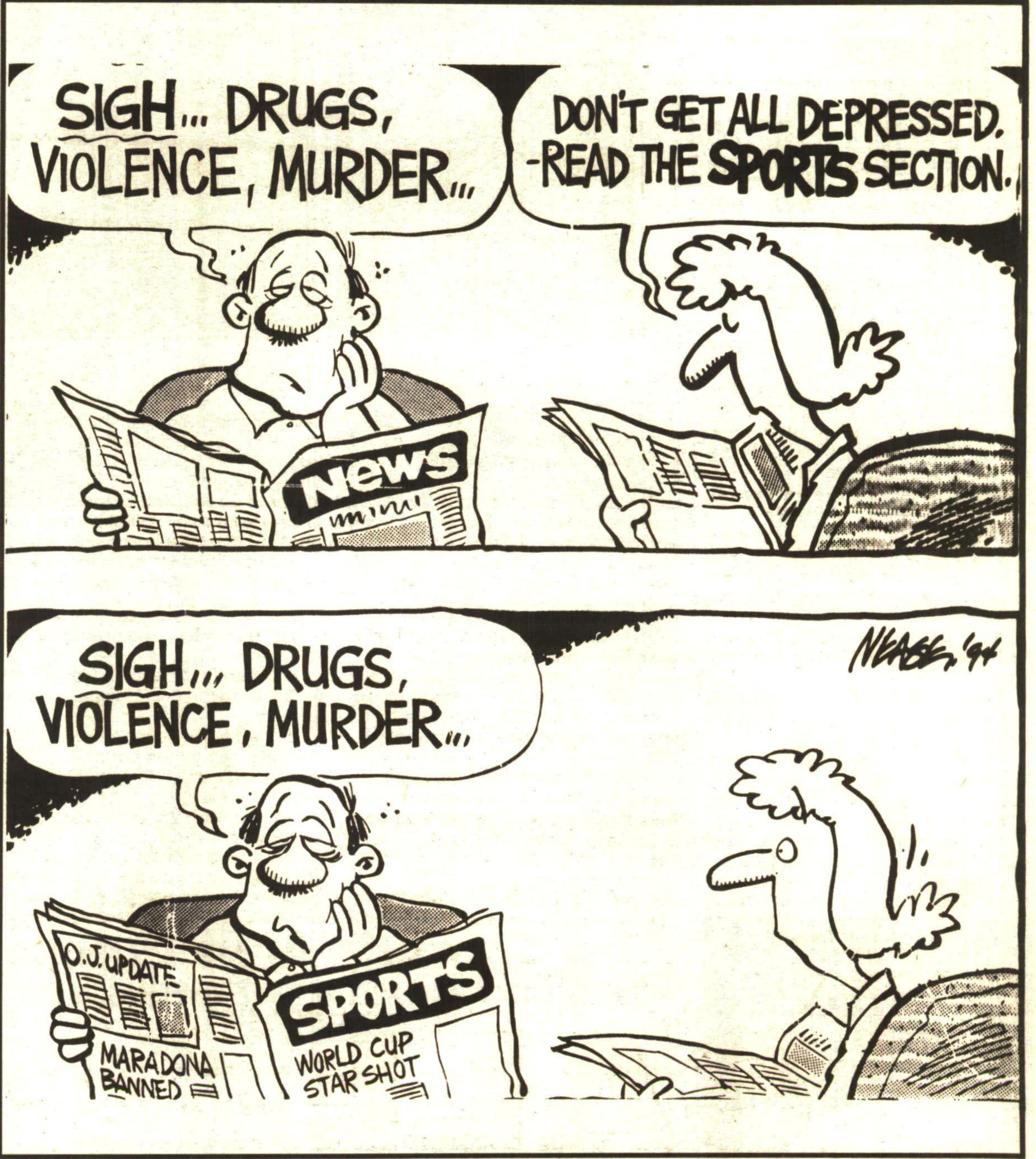
Georgetown High School teacher Dave Lawrence was recognized as one of eight national winners of the Reader's Digest Leadership in Education Award for his contribution to raising the profile of technology in the school.

Another Rebel teacher Fred Kotani earned special recognition from his peers at the Halton Board of Education earning the nod as Coach of the Year.

And in today's issue we honor GDHS math teacher Kathy Bowman. She was honored by the Rene Descartes Foundation for the Advancement of Mathematics for excellence in the classroom and her community. She received her award recently at a dinner at the University of Waterloo.

These honors are a measure of what a terrific job our local teachers are doing.

We add our congratulations to all these worthy award winners.



Driving a fast car will shorten your sex life?

For the last few years, I've been an expert lover.

Perhaps I should rephrase that.

For the past few years, I've been a lover of "experts."

I just love those people whose sole purpose in life is to make our lives miserable because they discover things that we do are dangerous to our health and well being.

And those things they pick on are usually the ones that either taste or feel good.

Like the "expert" who tells us an over abundance of dairy products will boost our cholesterol into mega readings. Meanwhile we were told as kids to drink our milk because it builds strong bones.

Or the "experts" who tell us we shouldn't use an electric blanket because it's surrounded by microwaves, but most of the civilized world uses a microwave oven in the kitchen.

Experts warn us of the perils of drinking too much coffee or over indulging on french fries.

And we all know about smoking.

One group of "experts" that bothers me are child psychologists who tell us how to properly raise our children, yet have never have the "joys and challenges" of experiencing child rearing on a personal level.

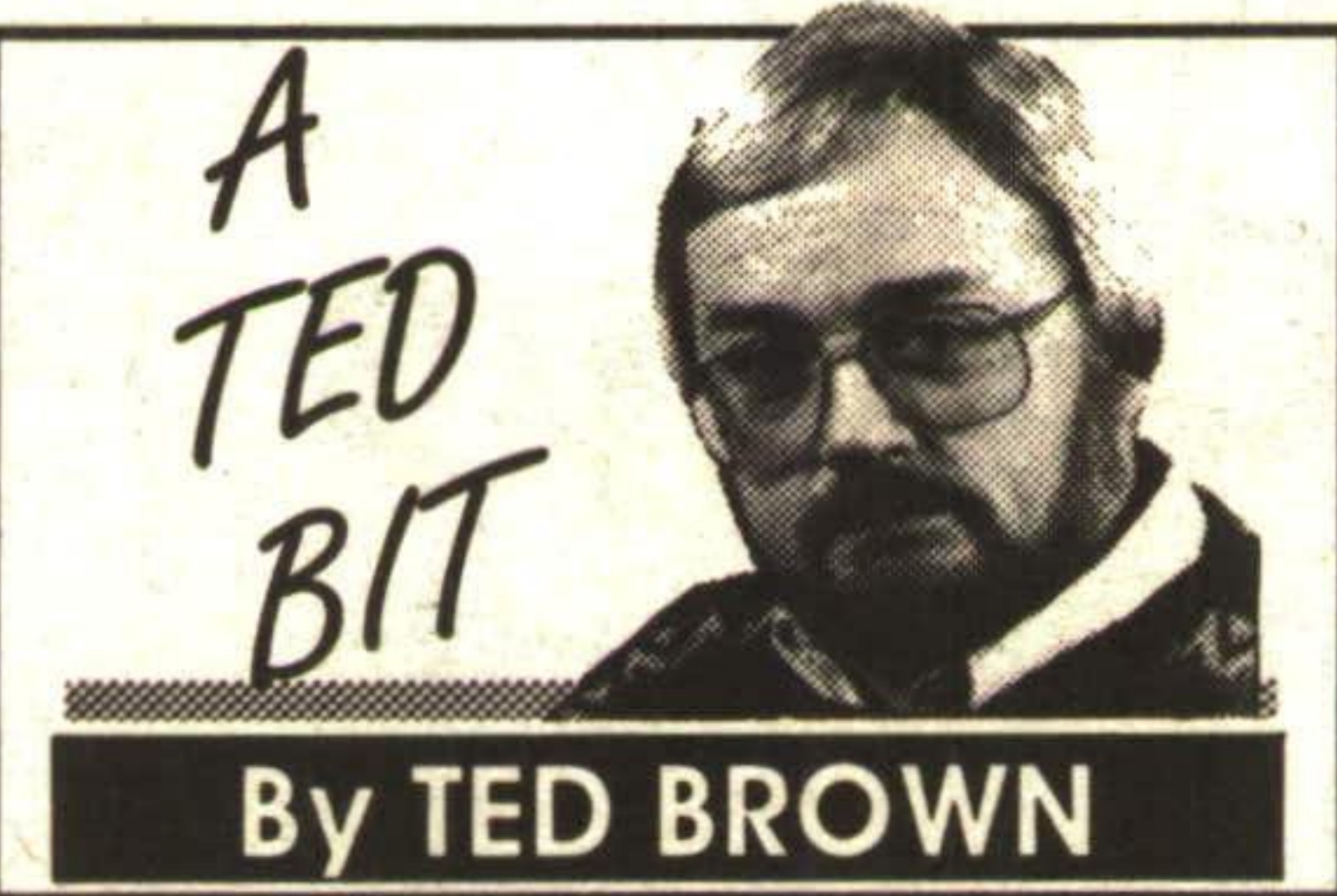
But lately, one "expert" has surfaced and he really caught my attention.

In a recent story in *The Toronto Star*, an Italian doctor warned of the dangers of early impotence for those young men who carry on a free and easy lifestyle.

According to Dr. Giulio Biagiotti of Rome, young males who "enjoy lots of sexual adventure" run a high risk of early impotence.

Before they're 40!

First things first, this statement goes completely against Anne Landers and Dear Abby. Those dear sisters seem to advocate a "use it or lose it" point of view, where one's sexual prowess is enhanced with use. (Sort of the "practice makes perfect" approach.)



But not so with Dr. Biagiotti. He claims males can "sexually burnout" by age 40 if they are a little too greedy in their sexual adventures.

Sounds like a plot against all the males in the world.

The good doctor, an "expert" in male hormones, cites sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) and stress coupled with smoking are the main cause of impotence in young males. (Apparently he should know; he studied 1,500 cases.)

He goes on to say men who engage in "regular" sex (whatever that may be) will not face impotence until the ripe old age of 70 years or

later.

Now I can accept part of the story. After all, only common sense would tell us STD's would be detrimental to one's, er, performance.

But the rest of the story tends to stretch things a bit for me.

He claims, in addition to the stress and smoking and STD's (sounds like the dreaded three S's, doesn't it?) another contributing cause of impotence in young promiscuous males is driving fast cars.

Driving fast cars?

Come on now!

It would be fair to say I'm a tad skeptical.

How on earth could driving fast cars contribute to impotence?

One of my co-workers suggested the vibration of a high performance sports car might be a factor, and another mentioned those little Italian imports have pretty cramped quarters, so the driver's circulation may be cut off.

But still, driving a fast car will shorten your sex life?

As a teen and young adult, I drove my share of fast cars, and I never noticed any, er... ahem... problems.

And I can't say I've ever received any complaints.

It sounds to me like this doctor has a grudge against small fast cars. Pure and simple sour grapes.

Maybe his wife wouldn't let him buy one of those sporty little red models, so he's bound and determined no one else will drive one.

And what better way to discourage sports car enthusiasts than to suggest they may be hazardous to one's sex drive.

That's sacred ground to any male.

Nope this guy's gone too far, and I'm not going to let him influence my life. No sir, not one bit.

Of course his report will probably stick in the back of my mind and I'll give it a little thought over the next little while.

Not that I take it seriously. But I may start walking to work.