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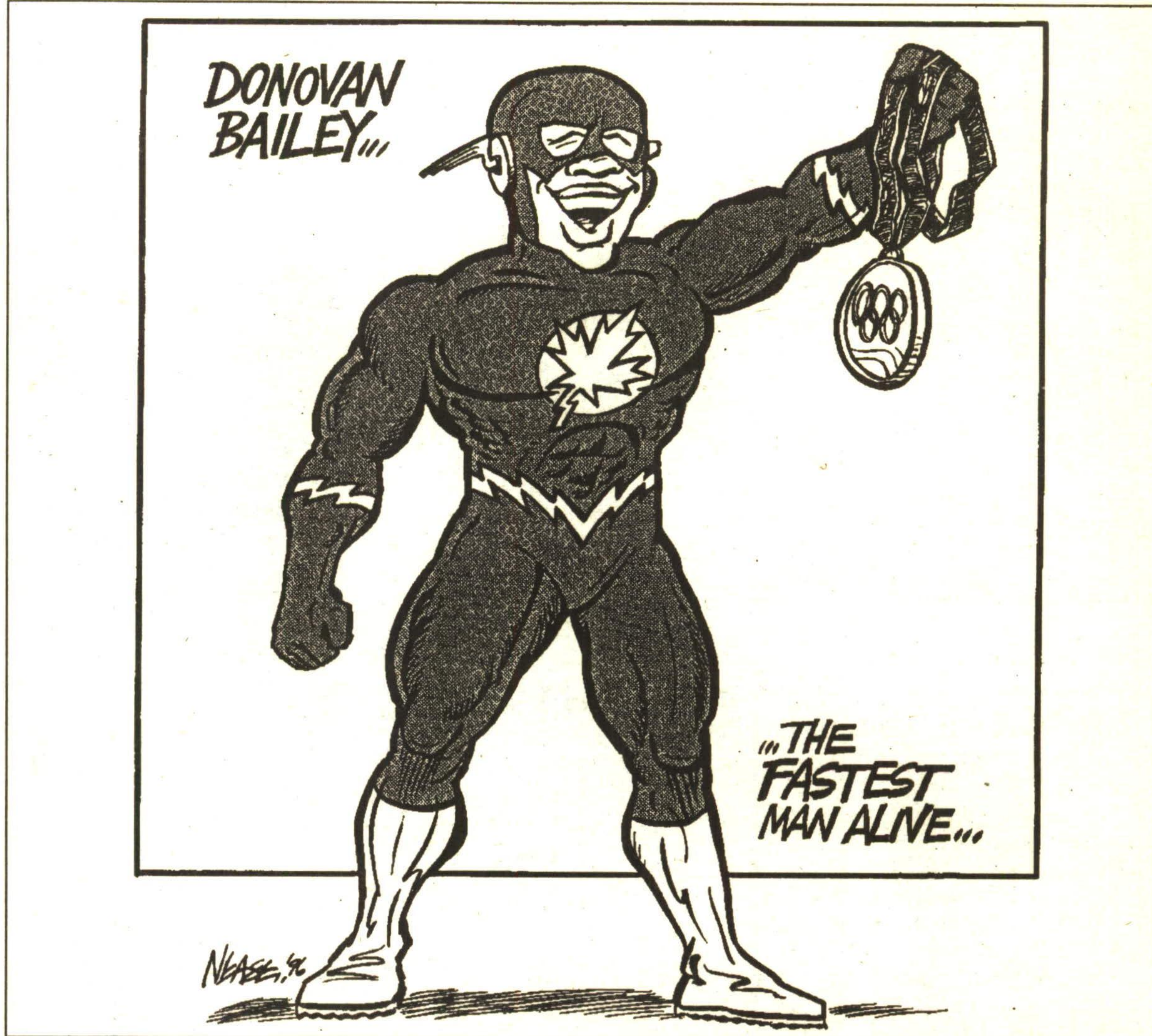
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One too many

It's hard for many of us in this rather affluent community to imagine that a child here can go to bed at night hungry.

But it is happening.

In June, 81 children received nutritious food through membership in the Acton Food Share. In that one month, Food Share distributed 2,495 pounds of food. Before the Love in Christ food bank closed down in Georgetown, it was serving 225 families.

Reading a startling report compiled by the Halton Social Planning Council, *The Faces We Don't See, Poverty in Halton 1995*, can be a eyeopener.

The report stated that in 1991:

- 4,590 families in Halton were living in poverty, just over 5 per cent of all of families, or 1 in 20.

- More than 50 per cent of all poor families in Halton were husband and wife families with children.

- There were nearly 6,200 Halton children living in poverty in 1991, nearly 1 in 17 children.

- In 1994 an average of 1,208 families were served by Halton food banks.

These stats are five years old, but figures quoted this week by Acton Food Share and by the report are still comparable.

We urge our readers to support the current food drive, by dropping off food in the bins provided at the two local IGA stores, and at the Knechtels stores in Georgetown and in Rockwood.

One hungry child is one too many.

Sports coverage doesn't include adults

Slopitch growth

Dear editor,

I read today's article by your Robin Inscoc, proclaiming that soccer is the area's fastest growing sport. If your sports department were able to get out from behind their desks and actually venture into the community, they would have noticed that there is sports outside the kids hockey, baseball and soccer.

Seven years ago, Men's Slopitch arrived in Georgetown with a league of 16 teams. This year there are 44 teams. By my math, that's pretty rapid expansion. Ladies powderpuff baseball is growing by the same rate — but we aren't kids, so the coverage that your "sports" department is non-existent. There are only 900 men and women playing in GSL, and they thoroughly enjoy the articles that your sports people have provided. We eagerly look forward to the standings being posted weekly — NOT. The sponsors thank us constantly for seeing their valuable advertising dollars so prominently displayed with the coverage in the local paper.

I started this league seven

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years ago, have acted as president for three of those years, and have had this conversation with you and your people any number of occasions. The lame excuse that if we bring the articles in, you will publish them. Firstly, we do send them in and they are either unpublished or edited to the point of making them uninformative. Secondly, if your whole paper is made up of articles, news, entertainment, business, sports, ads — that can only make the paper by having the public do

your job by writing and submitting the reports, the lines waiting to submit must be miles in length. I suspect the real reason is that the "sports" people in your employ simply are too lazy or too disinterested in their job and our community to actually go out and look for the story.

Shame on you the owners, you the publishers, you the editors and especially you the "sports" people. Get off your duffs and do your job.
Peter Wanner

Letter of the day

Getting an education

■ Re: \$ 1/4 million paid in legal fees by public school board.

I have often wondered what my response would be to my children, if in the future they consider becoming educators.

With cutbacks in education hitting the most important element of the system, teachers, would a career in this field be wise?

Well now the Halton Board of Education has proven to me that yes, the education system does offer strong, much needed and obviously prosperous positions, not as teachers, but as a lawyer!

A very sad situation indeed.

E. Fusato

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