

# EDITORIAL

## Examination needed

The intersection at Mountainview Road and Sargent Road is in need of an examination by the town's Public Works Department. On at least two occasions in the last two weeks staffers here have witnessed or been involved in extremely close calls at the intersection.

In both cases a pedestrian was nearly struck by a vehicle in one of four-lane roadway's centre lanes passing traffic in the curb lane.

The reason the curb lane traffic was moving so slowly in the curb lane was to allow the above mentioned pedestrian to cross.

It does not take a genius to figure out that it is only a matter of time until someone crossing Mountainview Rd. gets struck and killed.

With the recent opening of the mall, it is understandable that pedestrian traffic will increase and thus the risk will increase.

This corner is also inherently dangerous because the townhouse complex on the southwest corner serves as a residence to senior citizens.

Some would argue that the safe way to cross Mountainview would be to head north to the intersection at Campbell Gate — after all the Mountainview Rd./Campbell Gate intersection is controlled by a traffic light.

But for the seniors — and anyone else for that matter — who can make a short journey across Mountainview into the mall or a long journey up to the lights, across the road, across the parking lot, into the mall, walking the lights is a hassle.

With schools opening this week, it is added incentive for the he town take time to study this dangerous intersection.

We do not want to run a story about the death of a senior at the dangerous crossing.

## Reader sets the record straight

Dear Sir,

As Chairperson of the Halton Hills Toy Lending Library, I would like to take issue with the article in Halton Hills This Week, Saturday, August 29, entitled Toy Lending Library Opens in Georgetown Home, which drew a distinction between the services mentioned in the article and other existing toy lending services.

The Halton Hills Toy Lending Library has been around for 12 years. We are a totally non-profit organization, using the small fee we charge to buy brand new, fun and educational toys including Duplo, Little Tykes, Fisher Price, and yes even Discovery Toys. Halton Hills Toy Lending Library now has close to 700 toys.

We are open 3 days a week, no lineups except on the first day, because our members are anxiously waiting to get in and start borrow-

ing to play again. Any pieces broken or lost we replace with monies from our funds, by going back to the company we bought them from.

Our library is operated entirely by volunteer members who care about the toys their children use and play with.

As Mrs. Kerr apparently has not been to see our facilities, nor has she ever been a member of the Halton Hills Toy Lending Library, I extend an open invitation to her, and indeed to Halton Hills This Week, to come and visit. We are at Sacre Coeur School and just getting ready to open for our 13th season.

Halton Hills Toy Lending Library is concerned about the perception created by the article and we hope this sets the record straight.

Sincerely,  
Helen McLoughlin  
Chairperson

## Letters Welcomed

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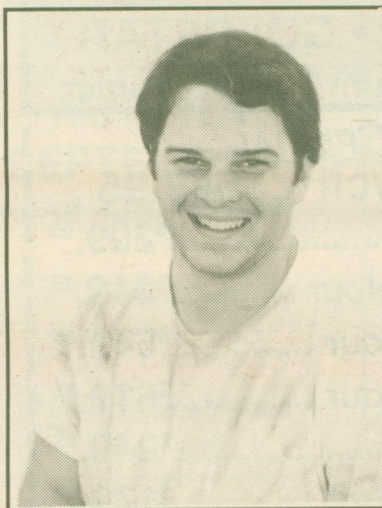
## It's in the bag



Duffel bags galore were strewn across the floor of Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Arena last week as eager young hockey players tackled Hockey Camp '92, organized by the Halton Hills Sports Academy.

Photo by Wendy Long.

## Ed. Notes



By Scott Kline  
Sports beefs

I don't usually get excited about sports events and I can't recall ever writing any sort of comment piece about sports but all that is about to change.

A couple of things happened this week in the sporting world that I just could not resist spouting off about.

I can't believe that Eric "I've never set foot on an NHL rink" Lindros is getting paid more than Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier and Mario Lemieux.

A NHL Player Association survey of average salaries showed that while the Great One makes \$3-million a year, Lindros will make \$3.5-million playing for Philadelphia Flyers this year.

All three of the lower paid play-

ers have been around for years, proven their worth — for the most part — and all three are fine ambassadors of hockey.

Beside the fact that \$3.5-million dollars is more than most of us can even begin to contemplate, Lindros has not had to pay his dues -- he whined and complained when he was suppose to play for Quebec and while he is talented I don't think he is a record setter like Gretzky or Lemieux.

If Lindros is smart, he'll step on the ice at the beginning of the season, head into a corner for a puck, take a hit, and claim a knee injury — you know, the kind of nagging injury that just won't clear up (a Kelly Gruber injury).

Since we're talking about sports and — in a round about way — the Blue Jays, did you catch Dave Winfield's comments about Toronto fans.

Big Dave said that because of the noise — actually the lack of it — teams coming into the Skydome have an advantage over our local boys.

He was urging fans to get involved and get louder at games to both encourage the Jays and to distract their opponents.

I was at a Jays game last weekend and I have to admit Dave's got a point.

During slow times in the games, the Skydome had an almost church-like — perhaps cathedral-like would be a better description — atmosphere.

The fans went crazy when the game was moving in their favor,

but when "the other guys" did well, all was quiet.

I've been thinking about why Toronto fans are so quiet during slow points in the game.

The problem is their trying to figure out how they are going to afford to eat during the upcoming week after they've spent all their hard earned cash after the game.

After you pay for tickets, parking, a couple of beers, a hot dog and one of those soft pretzels — its a little tough to get behind a bunch of guys who make more money than most people will see in a lifetime.

Maybe fans would get excited if Dave bought everyone a hot dog.

And finally

Isn't it amazing how much a car can mean to someone.

This past weekend — it was a busy one — I purchased a new vehicle, trading in my faithful 1985 Honda Civic.

The "Banzai Buggy" served me with distinction in the five years that I owned it racking up nearly 300,000 kilometres during that time.

At various times during my ownership, the faithful silver machine served at various times as an boardroom for meetings, breakfast nook, cheap hotel, moving van, storage unit...well you get the idea.

All it asked was for the occasional squirt of gas and the odd oil change.

While I'm happy to have my new wheels I'm definitely going to have a place in my heart for the little machine.

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