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5:30 TV Story Time	<b>HAPPY CANADA DAY!</b> (no programming)
6:00 Halton's Health	July and August there will be no programming. We will be on the road taping new shows for the fall schedule.
6:30 Halton Baseball Final (E.C. Drury vs. Pearson)	
8:10 Live For Tomorrow -Today	
8:35 Trends - For Better or Worse	
TUESDAY	Check Schedule daily on Cable 4
5:30 Religion	TBA = To Be Announced (recently recorded programming)
6:00 Optimists TV Bingo	<b>853-1270</b>
7:00 Halton Hills Council	
WEDNESDAY	
5:30 TV Story Time	
6:00 Sports Report	
6:30 Money in the Bank	
7:00 Halton Seniors' Television	
8:00 Germany Live	
9:00 Sports Report	

## Dennis the Menace hits close to home

By Lawson Oates and Dawn Wood

### Movie Review

Hollywood's nostalgia craze just keeps churning on. Superman, Batman, The Addams Family, Popeye, and new Dennis the Menace comes to the silver screen. With his Home alone formula in hand, Dennis the Menace co-producer and screenplay writer, John Hughes, has come up with another winner.

per comic strip, "Dennis the Menace", Hughes develops the classic confrontation between the grumpy Mr. George Wilson (Walter Matthau) and his youthful neighbor, the inquisitive and accident-prone Dennis (Mason Gamble). While the plot is thin and predictable, the movie is rich in comic slapstick. A sub-plot pits a drifter called Switchblade Sam (Christopher Lloyd) against Dennis in a one-

sided comic WWF-style match.

Matthau is perfectly cast for the role of Mr. Wilson. He has the right demeanor and ability to portray restrained anger again and again. He even looks like the Mr. Wilson from Ketchum's comic strip. Matthau is ably assisted by Joan Plowright, who plays Mrs. Wilson, bringing compassion and heart to the movie.

Dennis is played by 8-year old Mason Gamble. Once again, Hughes has

landed a natural actor whose innocence wins over your heart. Gamble, under the direction of Nick Castle, remains fresh throughout the movie by offering variety in his acting.

The sub-plot is the only component of the movie that comes up short. Switchblade Sam is just a little too sinister and dirty (literally), given the light nature of the rest of the movie. While children are exposed to characters a lot worse than Sam in other movies (e.g., Freddy Kruger), parents should be conscious that an impact may be made on younger children that may need some attention.

If there is a larger message to be gained from Hughes' Dennis The Menace, it is located in the responsibility we all have for children in our society. Both of Dennis' parents (Lea Thompson and Paul Winfield) work and no support is offered by co-workers to help out with out-of-town job assignments. Even Mr. Wilson must come to terms with his own feelings for children and the priorities in his life.

P.S. Watch for the re-screening this summer of Snow White, Disney's classic animated masterpiece.

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