

Save endangered species in April at LCBO stores

The LCBO and its suppliers are teaming up with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Canadian Nature Federation (CNF) to help safeguard the world's endangered and threatened species.

From April 3 to 27, LCBO stores will feature a four-week themed promotion, *Shop the World, Help Save the Animals*. Its goal is to

raise public awareness and funds for the protection of threatened animals and ecosystems in Canada and abroad. Last year's inaugural Help Save the Animals promotion raised more than \$50,000 to support the activities of three Canadian environmental groups.

"This year we've significantly expanded the program and set an

ambitious target. In partnership with our suppliers, our goal is to raise at least \$120,000 for environmental protection in 1996," says Andrew Brandt, LCBO chair and CEO.

Throughout the promotion, LCBO stores will feature informative displays and distribute free colourful postcards depicting en-

dangered and threatened wildlife. A special series of "Don't Say Goodbye" T-shirts—featuring five designs by wildlife artist B. Michèle—will be available for sale with a full-colour, 20-month wildlife photography calendar.

Customers can also enter a free draw to win a one-week Fun Sun Tours Trip for Two to Costa Rica,

to explore its rainforest.

Monies raised through Help Save the Animals will help fund the WWF's conservation efforts for the eastern Arctic beluga whale, the endangered bowhead whale and the University of Guelph aquatic sciences facility. In total, 15 WWF and CNF projects will receive funding.

Miniature show in Aberfoyle

The Ontario Miniature Enthusiasts of the Guelph Area present the 13th annual miniature show and sale Sunday, April 21.

The show is being held at the Puslinch Community Centre in Aberfoyle, one mile north of the 401 on Brock Road (old Hwy. 6), from 10 am to 4 pm.

There will be displays, demonstrations, dealers and refreshments as well. Admission costs are \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for seniors and children under 12. The community centre is wheelchair accessible and has ample parking.

For dealer information, call Ann Christie at (519) 658-9485.

Halton busy in business in 1995

Halton Region experienced a productive year in 1995, according to the Halton Region Business Development Centre.

The Small Business Self-Help Office had more than 8,500 enquiries regarding small business start-ups during the year and 2,200 business registrations were made, making the office one of the busiest of the 41 in Ontario.

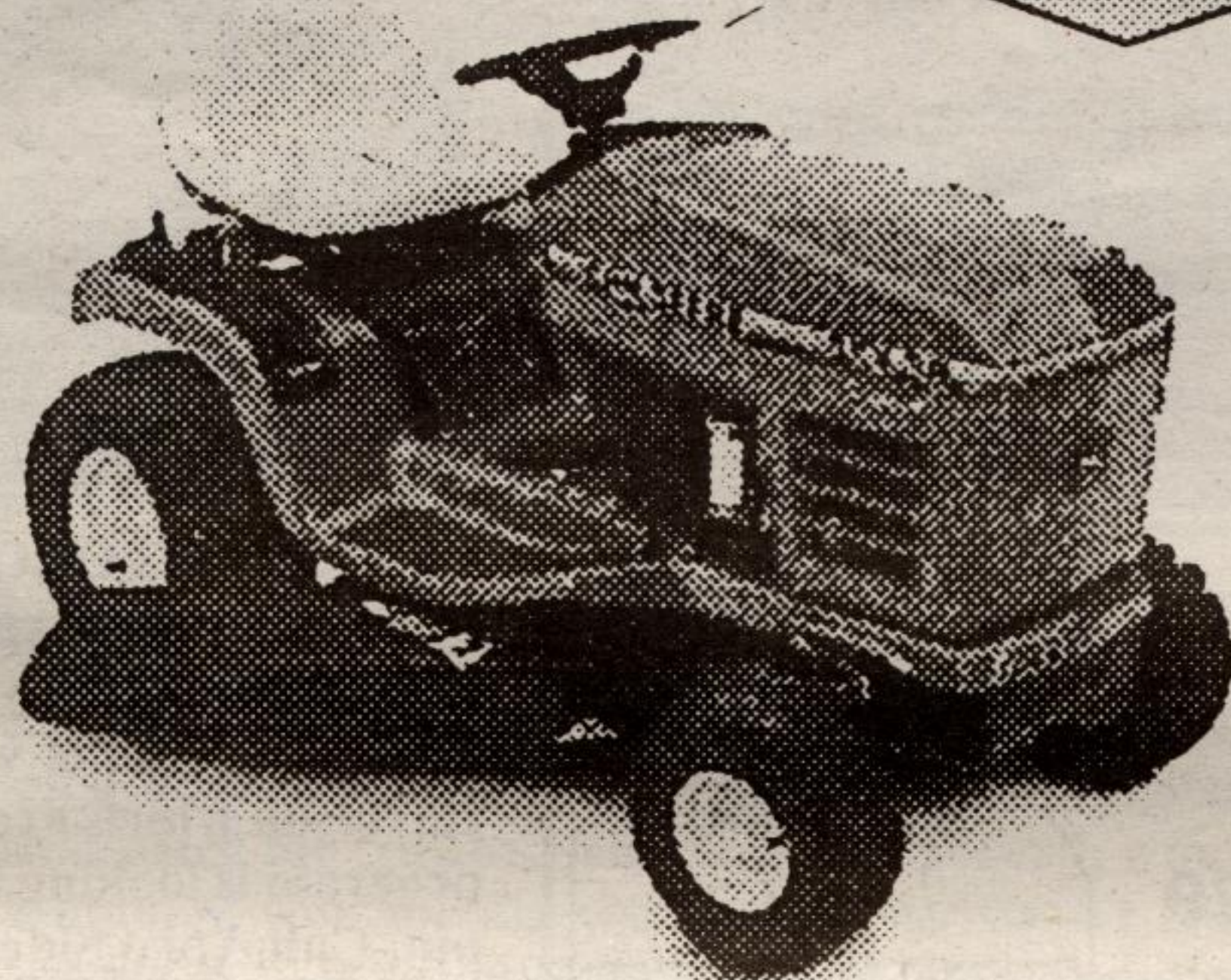
Total building activity was down 23.6 per cent from 1994. The residential and institutional sectors showed decreases of 33.3 per cent and 53.9 per cent respectively.

Most of the growth in this time period is attributed to the industrial/commercial sector showing an increase of 17.4 per cent with many new facilities being built along with expansions of existing buildings. Some of the major new or expanded buildings include Costco Wholesale Corporation, Amador Aerials Inc., Gordon Food Service and Ford Motor Company.

Consumer bankruptcies decreased 26.4 per cent compared to 1994 figures, while the business sector remained stable.

In 1995, there was more than two million square feet of industrial/commercial space in Halton Region on the market. Of this amount, more than 1.7 million square feet were in the industrial building sector while approximately 630,000 square feet were in the office sector. As well, 947 acres of industrial/commercial land were also available for development opportunities.

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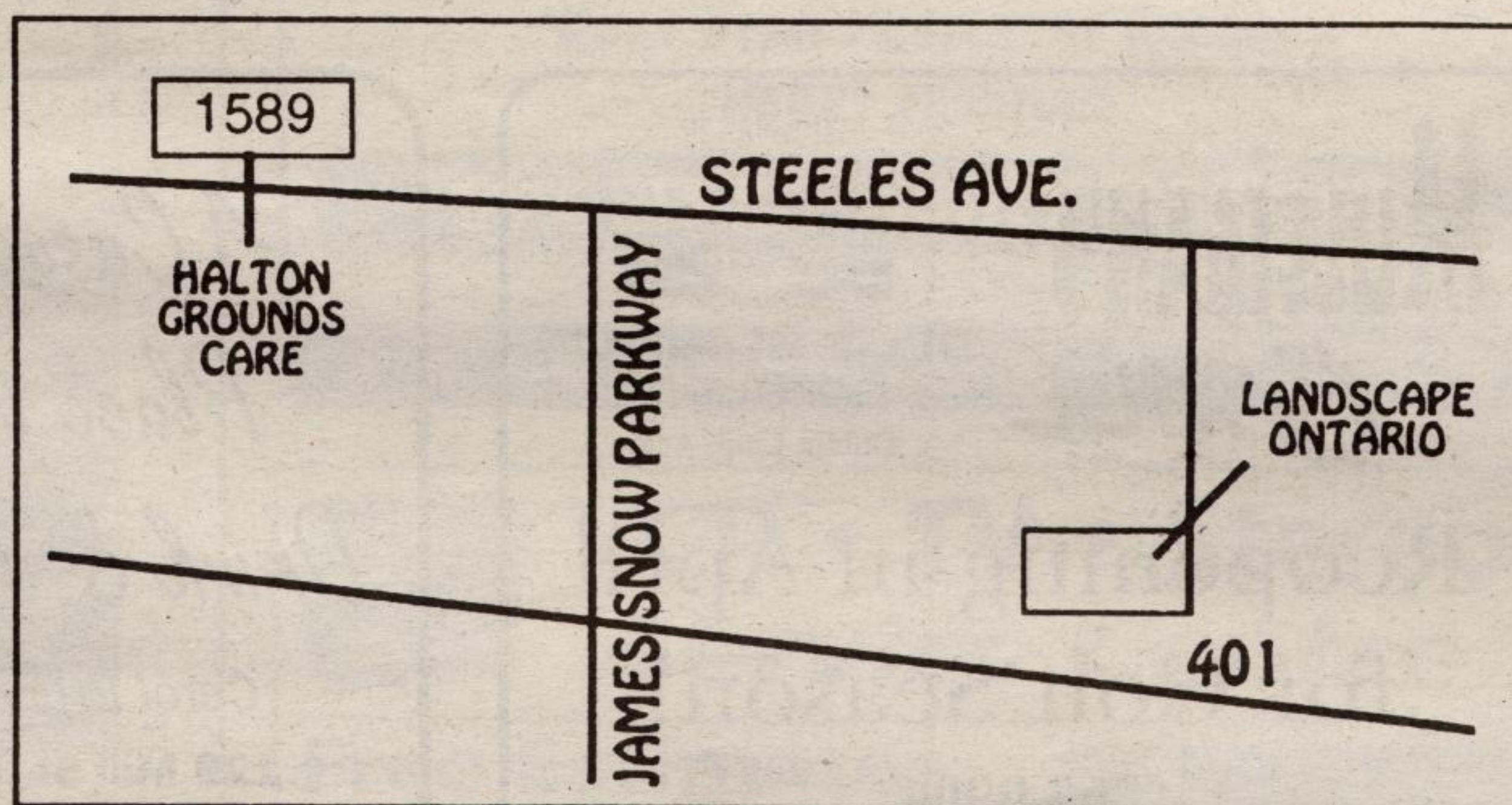


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