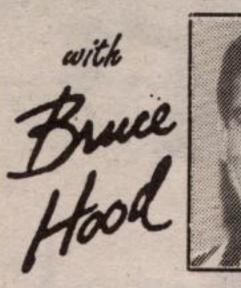
Travel



Don't call Air Canada -they're too busy!

Yes, that's right, Air Canada's phone lines are so tied up, getting through takes a lot of time, either from getting a busy signal or being on hold with music playing in your ear for what seems like an eternity! There is an even better reason not to call Air Canada, or Canadian Airlines, or any other carrier, direct.

The reason? You may not be getting the best information or pricing! So, a better call to make is to your local professional agency which has all the airlines and charter carrier information, to be able to assist you in making the proper decision for your particular situation. Not so if you call the carrier direct - they only deal with what they have to offer!

Another way to see Canda -VIA Rail's Canrailpass which offers 12 days of unlimited travel anywhere in Canada within 30 days in their very comfortable coach class! You can combine it with an offer by Choice Hotels for 50 per cent off on the third night of a consectuive stay - a great vacation idea for the summer and real opportunity to see Canada at a reasonable rate of cost!

Ever been to the Metro Toronto Zoo? There are two additional reasons to go there now, in addition to the already myriad list of animals to see (a super place to take the kids!) Two Koala bears were brought there recently courtesy of Air Canada, who flew them from Los Angeles. The Koalas are on loan from the San Diego Zoo, another very interesting place to add to your "things to see and do sometime"

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California!

- with a visit to southern

Niagara Falls is still listed as a prime locastion to visist for those who come to this area of Canada from far off! It will be more inviting to people closer to that area this fall when the casino gets up and running. Four hours is the average stay for the 14 million people "daytrippers" who visit there. All numbers will change with an additional 6 million anticipated and longer times spent - a real boon for the hotels and other tourist facilities throughout this area - one of the true "Wonders of the World!"

111 DID YOU KNOW DEPT .: The Panama Canal, another Wonder of the World, manmade style, is 51 miles (82 km) long, joining the two oceans. A fascinating trip on a cruise ship!

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TRAVEL TIP OF THE WEEK: When you travel to a country that gives you a Touist Card upon arrival, be sure to hold onto it for departure, otherwise it could cost you extra \$\$\$ to leave.

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Grade 1/2 class visits a farm

M-S-B SCHOOL NEWS

BY CHRIS RIVERS, KIM LINDSAY, **CHRISSY GOLDRICH** & ANDREA ADAMS

Last week many of our Grade 5 to 8 students took part in Jump Rope for Heart, to help raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Fortunately, the weatherman cooperated and we had a beautiful, sunny afternoon to go outside and skip. All in all, the students raised \$370 and the school donated an additional \$200 for a grand total of\$570. Fantastic! Welldone, MSB.

Last Thursday, the Grade 1/2 classes went to Springridge Farm in Milton. "It took us half an hour to get there by bus. There were lots of plants at the farm. We all planted pumpkin seeds and lots of other people were planting too. We saw bees in a colony making honey. We didn't see the queen bee because she stays away from the light.

"We went through some mazes made of hay and corn stalks. We saw baby chicks, kittens and goats. The baby goats' names were Cookie and Muffin. We all got to have a drink of peach juice. We saw baby bunnies. We went for a hike. We saw roosters and ducks and we fed them. At the very end, we were given a planting certificate. We all had a great time at the farm!" So said the students, who by all accounts

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had a great day.

If you are in the school, be sure to walk down to the M.Z. Bennett wing to look at all the projects about Canada that the Grade 3/4 students have been working on. They've done a super job!

And now a special note from Mr. Dorscht: "The final week for the Drop-in Centre was on May 16 and I would like to say a special thank you to the parent volunteers and students for its great success. We averaged an attendance

of about 115 students per week. A lot of fun was had by all and we are looking forward to next year, when we can start up again."

Last but not least, the final selection of athletes for our Special Olympics Track and Field Team has been made. The team is made up of Amber Cunneyworth, Gordon Smith, Ryan Raymond and Aram Shoshanian. They are training hard for the "big meet" at Nelson Stadium on June 13.

Students collect recyclable items

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

BY MARKO TONKOVICH & MARCUS DAGENAIS

Mrs. Lee's class has started a unit on plants! They have been talking about the kinds of different plant they eat for dinner, such as potatoes, broccoli and grains.

Mrs. Spiak's and Mrs. Caverley's classes are going on a trip to the Science Centre. They will be looking at all the cool different displays shown at the Centre.

Mrs. Caverley's class is also helping the environment by collecting different items such as bottle caps, bread clips, beer caps and paper clips, and then they will be taking all of these items to

Waste Wise in Georgetown so they can be recycled and used again, to help the environment.

Mrs. Robert's class went to visita farm on the outskirts of Acton. They saw many different types of livestock chickens, roosters, cows and rabbits. The students had lots of fun and would like to go back to the farm some day.

Mrs. Voutour's class walked to Mass at our church on Friday.

Send us your thoughts -in a letter to the Editor. Deadline is Monday at noon.

Helmets just one part of bike safety

ROBERT LITTLE NEWS

BY TROY ETHIER & SAM MILLS

Some of our Grade 2s and 3s paid a visit to the Halton Regional Museum to learn about ponds. Chelsea Harris and Raymond Getty were full of information about what they saw. There were goldfish, water striders, tadpoles and black beetles. They watched a film about bugs and dipped nets into the pond to see what they could catch. Some people caught a look at a black newt. Newts are not seen very often at the museum.

Amber DeBruyn and Galen Kerr won a draw to become Queen and King of our Spring Carnival. Children had to make a poster to advertise the car-

nival, then their names would be entered in the draw. Prizes included coupons for food and activities in the community.

Our relay teams competed in Burlington. There were girls, boys and mixed teams involved.

All Grade 3s at Robert Little went to the Halton Safety Village to learn about bike safety. Amanda Williams said she learned a lot of things that she didn't already know. You must treat train tracks likes you would road crossovers. You have to look all ways. Children had to take their own bike helmets.

On the way to Milton, the bus slowed down on Hwy. 25 to let everyone take a look at a forest floor covered in white trilliums. The children were amazed.

Care for caregivers workshop offered

ASSIC ALERT

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ideal for those who are experiencing the difficulties of caring for an aging lovedone. Topics to be discussed include: coping strategies, care options, placement, legal and financial issues and long-distance caregiving.

The workshop will be held on June 20 from 6:30 to 9 pm at the Georgetown Seniors' Centre (Indoor Mall, 318 Guelph St., unit 9). For further details, contact ASSIC, 853-3310 or the Halton Regional Health Department at 877-2238.

The next meeting of the Acton Women's Association will be held on June 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Band Hall on Wallace Street. The topic is massage therapy.

The goal of the association is to unite local women with others with similar interests and experiences. Women of all ages are welcome to attend! Call ASSIC, 853-3310 or Cathy, 853-2574 with any questions.

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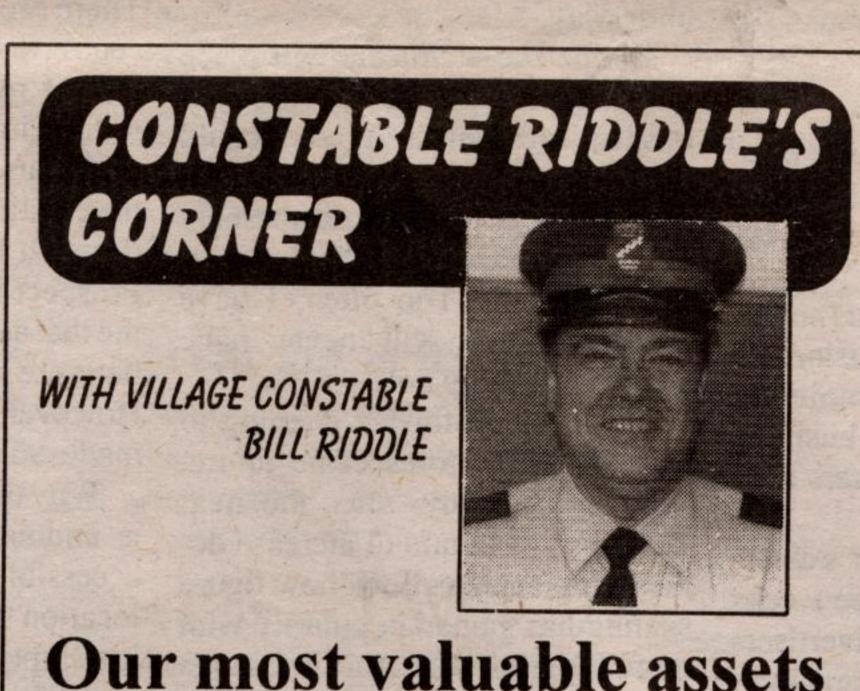
The following tips will help make your vehicle less of a target to thieves, especially in the well-travelled summer months:

· Always lock all your doors and close windows when leaving vehicle.

· Do not leave proof of insurance or ownership papers in your vehicle. A thief can use these documents to mislead police or sell the vehicle easier.

 Do not hide spare keys anywhere on your vehicle.

· If you leave your vehicle at home while away, ask a neighbour or friend to move the vehicle periodically.



Our most valuable assets

Protect society's most valuable asset, your children. Abuse of children is more likely to be committed by someone known to them. Therefore, so they will not be afraid to discuss problems and issues with you, foster a positive relationship with them. Know their interests and friends. Set good examples for them to follow. Help them to develop strong value systems and good self images. Help them to enjoy their childhood and adolescence while being aware of their environment and how they can protect themselves.

Here are a few reminders to discuss with them:

 To recognize suspicious and inappropriate behaviour among strangers, family members and friends;

 Not to permit anyone to touch the areas of their bodies that a bathing suit would cover;

· To remember vehicle licence numbers and descriptions of people acting in suspicious ways.

I'll pass on some more pointers next week.

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