

ALTON Travel

with
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Air travel costs – to increase?

Yes, you can bet that prices will increase for Canadians (and others throughout the world) to fly, to cover the cost of increased airport security! This action is likely necessary for anti-terrorism measures due to the idiotic actions of the bombing at the Olympics in Atlanta, and the believed terrorist bombing of the TWA flight out of New York recently. How many remember those days when you could walk through the airports and out onto the tarmac to your plane without intrusion, except for handing over your ticket to the airline person! (You can still be sure to receive the best fares available from our agents through our worldwide link to all air carriers via our Sabre Computer Link.)

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Cayman Islands – a dream destination for many – is adding to its value as one of the world's fine scuba diving locations. A 110-metre decommissioned Russian Navy destroyer will be sunk off Cayman Brac – the only diveable Russian ship in the Northern Hemisphere. New mooring facilities for cruise ships (to assist in protecting the marine life) and U.S. \$1.7 million spent for further development of their airport indicates their desire to welcome tourists to this fine white sand beach playground.

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DID YOU KNOW: The response to this column and its items of interest for you (we hope!) has been very gratifying and we thank you for that. Your thoughts and ideas help make it fly!

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TRAVEL TIP OF THE WEEK: When renting a car in a city you do not know, don't pull off on the side of the road after you leave the airport to read the road map. Know your directions clearly before you leave. If staying at a hotel, check with the hotel people for directions, and have phone numbers handy for hotel and contacts you may have at your location.

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Craft business created out of love for wood

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner
The success of her wood-working classes with the Town Recreation and Parks

department prompted Acton's Liz Laustroer to expand her craft business to offer classes for children and adults in her home.

"I knew from the number of children who signed up for classes through the Town that there were more out there who wanted to do this type of

craft," Laustroer explained last Wednesday.

The craft projects that Laustroer specializes in are wooden objects traced from a template, cut out with a hand-held jig saw, sanded, then painted and decorated.

"The kids are really proud of what they can do because most come in thinking they can't do it. They get such a sense of pride from completing the projects.

"I've had parents tell me their kids have slept with their finished projects under their pillows. The kids are sometimes so wrapped up in what they are doing that the workshop is quiet. All you hear is sawing and sanding – and the occasional sneeze as the sawdust tickles someone's nose."

The classes are aimed at the seven to 11-year-old age group with just four per class and Laustroer offers 15 different projects, from fridge magnets to dinosaurs to Christmas wreaths, all of which can be completed within the two-hour class.

Laustroer teaches the children how to trace a pattern on wood, how to safely use a jig saw, then sand and decorate

their project.

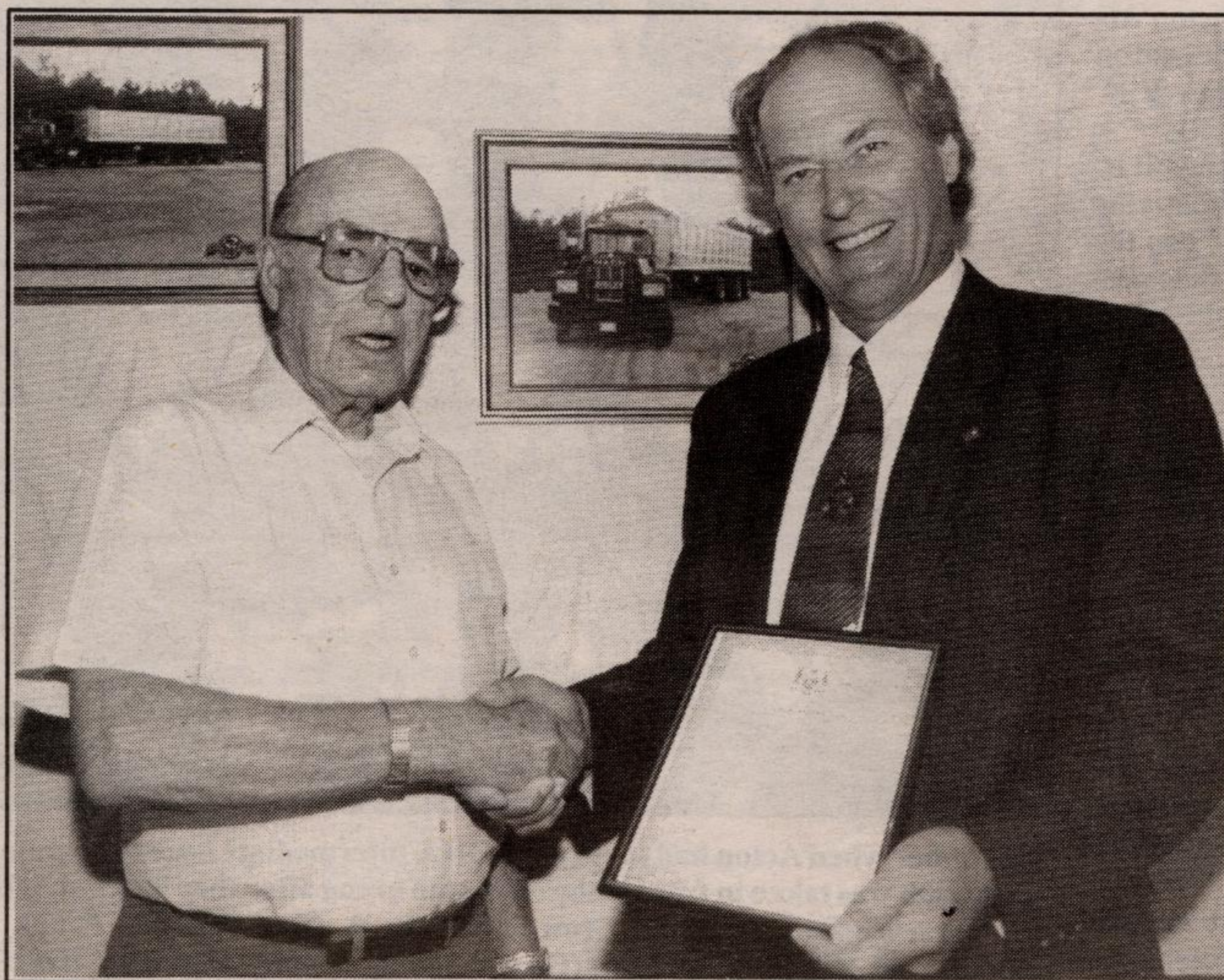
"This is a good way for parents and their kids to find out if they want to do this type of craft without spending a lot of money. If they like the first project, they can sign up for as many more as they like," she said.

Laustroer, who holds an Early Childhood Education diploma with first-aid training and all the necessary insurance, said she learned woodworking from her father as a child in Germany.

"My father is a carpenter and when I smell wood I'm out of this world – going to a lumber store is like Christmas for me," she laughed, noting she honed her craft in Germany where potential kindergarten teachers are required to learn craft skills.

Classes will be offered on Saturdays, beginning Sept. 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 am and 2 to 4 pm. Classes will also be offered on school P.D. days and breaks. Laustroer will also offer adult classes. She can also bring her equipment and supplies to homes for birthday parties.

Liz Laustroer Crafts can be reached at 853-4583.



LIFETIME MEMBER: Jack Ridley received a life membership from the Halton North provincial Progressive Conservative Association for outstanding service and dedication last Friday from Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh. (Eve Martin photo)

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Identify police officers first

There was a report on television recently of attacks on female drivers by a male motorist pretending to be a police officer. Although it occurred in the United States, we often have copy-cat criminals. By placing a flashing light in his car similar to that used by plainclothes police officers, the male motorist pulls up beside a female driver and asks her to get out of the car and come back to the rear of her vehicle to be away from traffic. Once at the rear of the vehicle the female driver is sexually assaulted. The male was not in any kind of uniform nor did he have any identification.

Plainclothes officers do on occasion stop a vehicle using their flashing light, but they will identify themselves with their badge. They do not ask people to get out of their cars unless there is a sound reason. Until you are sure that the person is a police officer, keep your doors locked, and windows up – only roll down the driver's window enough to talk through. If you have a cell phone, call the police and ask them to identify the officer.

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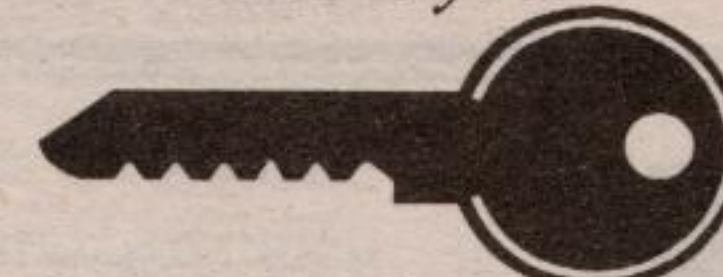
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Help Mike find his bike!

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and every one to get involved in your community and help keep our town a safe place to live and raise our children. The police stand ready to serve and protect, but you have to do your part too. Get involved.

I really do want my bike back. So, by the power vested in me as a columnist in this paper, I hereby deputize you into Mike's Bike Patrol. I'm pretty sure it's still in Acton, but it could be in Georgetown if someone drove it there (it wouldn't make it on its own).

My bike is a "seasoned" Unival model, (faded) dark green with a green and white seat. It has a racy decal with "5" on the frame, proudly proclaiming its speeds. It has traditional (not racing) handlebars with hand brakes. If you see it, please call the police or the paper. Do not try to apprehend the thief since they are probably armed and dangerous. Ask your kids to keep an eye out for it too. It has chrome and rust coloured fenders and the seat squeaks, which cunningly camouflages the sound my knees make as I pedal around.

A reward, of types, is offered. If you help me get my bike back, I'll let you hold my coat whilst I pound the snot out of the paperhanging S.O.B. who stole my bike!