

Our readers write

'Snow birds' not second class citizens

Dear editor:

I feel I have to respond to *A Ted Bit* in the *Halton Hills Weekend* dated, Sunday, August 13, 1995.

The Federal government has established a Canada Health Act (Universal) that is supposed to be the same all across Canada. Some of our provinces decided to save dollars by dropping the out of country health care coverage from \$400 to \$100 a day.

Bob Rae in his wisdom decided to go along with this idea.

First, my I point out that this is not only aimed at "snow birds", but, at anyone who leaves the country. You could go over to Niagara Falls to see their side of the Falls, or get some of Sammy's wings just for the afternoon.

If you were involved in a car accident and had to go to the hospital, you would only receive \$100 a day coverage.

My reason for writing this letter is to ask what gives you the right to make me a second class citizen of Ontario?

Why should I not receive the same benefits that I have paid for, that you receive?

The fact that I am a "snow bird" and choose to spend part of the year in Florida for health reason, has no bearing on this issue. This is the law under the Canada Health Act, that every citizen receive the same benefits.

We are not asking anyone to "subsidize" our vacations wherever taken.

I would also like to respond to

your remark "How does someone under the \$30,000 a year bracket afford to head south every winter, let alone own or rent a second resident." My answer to you, Sir, is by good planning.

In my 35 years of working for the Federal Government, I never made over \$30,000 a year.

But, in that time I bought and paid for a house in Acton, raised 2 kids and kept my wife clothed, without any help from Welfare or Social Service.

I was also able to purchase a small trailer in Florida and pay for vacations from one week up to 5 months.

So, you see, we are not all "financially well-heeled" as you state. No, Mr. Brown, the "little guys" are not paying for my winter residence. I would not want them to.

You mention Bob Rae's questionable amount \$20 million it will take to restore the \$400 a day coverage, "so a few hundred thousand seniors can work on their tan."

How many millions were spent by this same Bob Rae, to have most signs in Ontario made bilingual?

How many Ontarians who cannot or won't read English signs are benefiting from this waste of tax dollars?

How many road signs in Quebec do you see in English?

I would hope that in future articles you will do more research and get your facts straight before sounding off to Halton Hills readers.

Murray Harrison

Police seeking help to locate escaped criminal

Crime Stoppers is asking help locate an escapee who has eluded police since his escape, July 9, 1995.

Convicted criminal Frank Denkers was serving time in Frontenac Institute for a stabbing that occurred in Windsor, Ontario in 1988.

He is described as male,

white, 6' tall, 165 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes and has an appendix scar. The last time Denkers was seen by police, he had a full beard.

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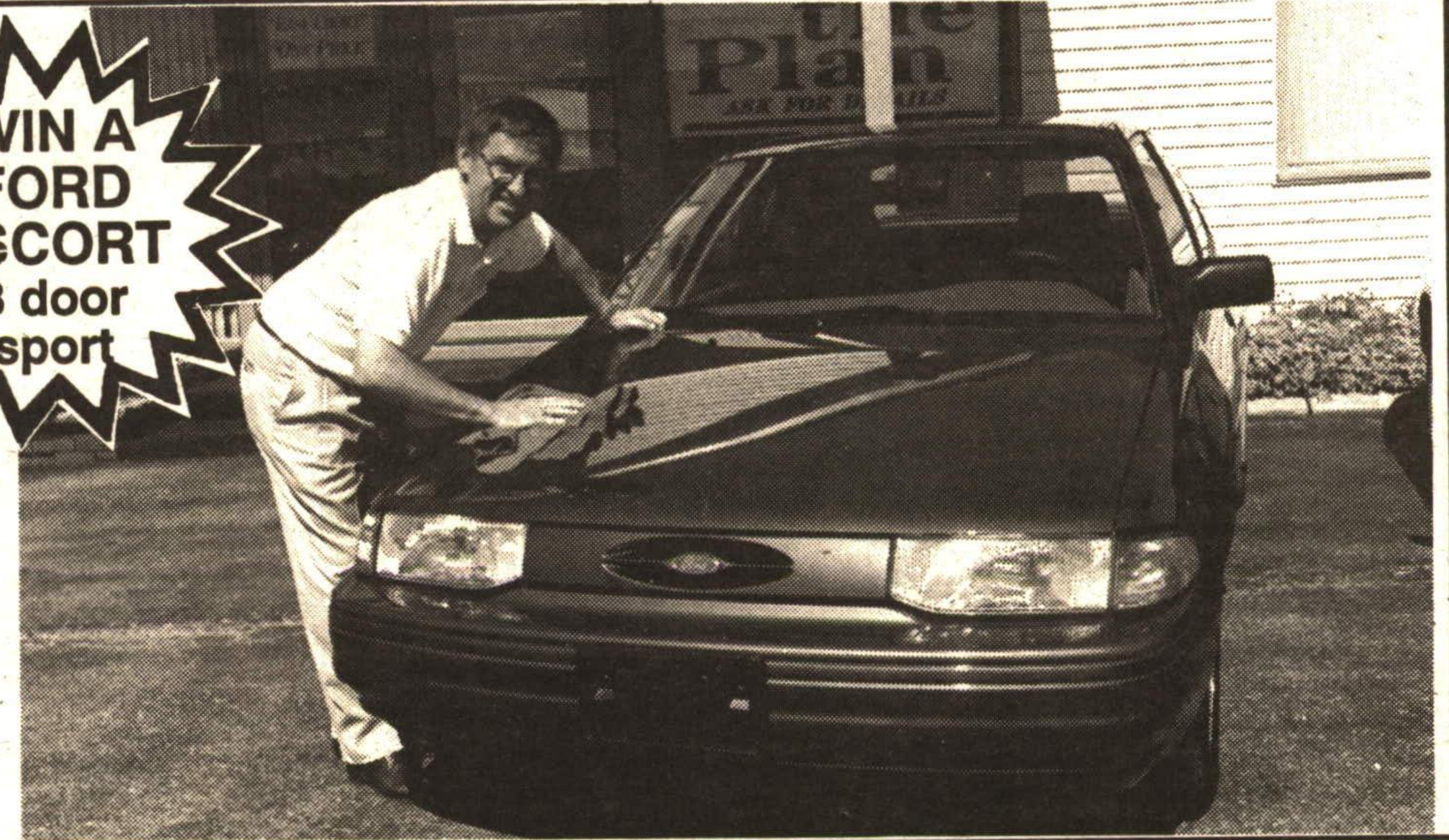
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