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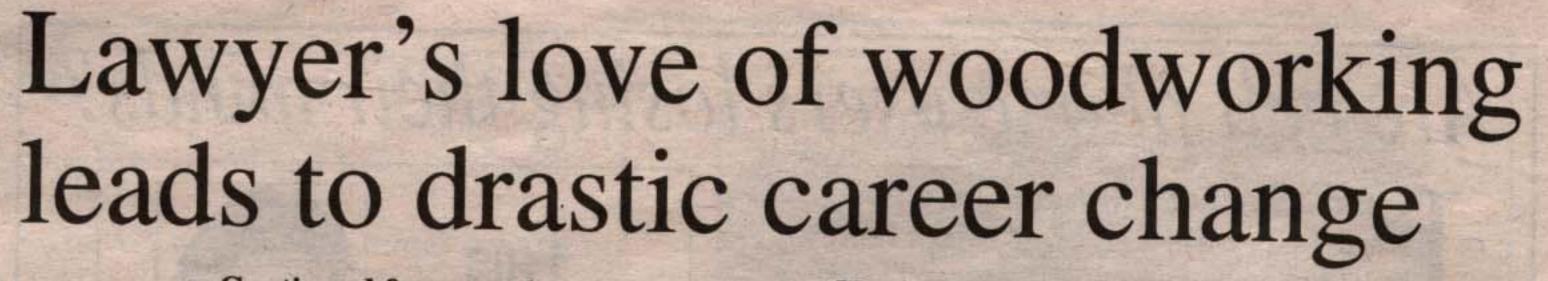
Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson will host a breakfast Dec. 1 at the Halton Hills Civic Centre to recognize World AIDS Day.

The breakfast is in partnership with the Miriam Child and Family Support Group, the Ontario March of Dimes and the Halton Regional Health Department. Doors will be

open at 7:45 a.m. The presentation will take place from 8:10-9:00 a.m.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth. Financial assistance is available upon request. All proceeds go to the Miriam Child and Family Support Group.

For information call the Town of Halton Hills at 873-2601 ext. 340.



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Although the financial security his law career brought him is gone, Varju says he's convinced that making woodworking his career was a good decision. In fact, it has become his passion, hence the name of his business, Passion for Wood. Varju still has the first piece of furniture he ever made: a coffee table which was designed during a boring day at court, and constructed in the kitchen of his Toronto apartment.

Today, Varju's home-based business is up and running, even though the early years were difficult, especially without a mentor. Varju studied books and magazines to learn the skills, techniques and finer points of woodworking. He describes himself as a self-taught woodworker, who approaches the craft of woodworking as a science.

Varju says he disdains mass produced furniture, so avoids making pieces which are similar in appearance. The most unique item he has made was a Ukrainian Easter egg holder— a shelf with spaces to hold 24 decorated eggs.

Varju says woodworking is much more rewarding than law in many ways.

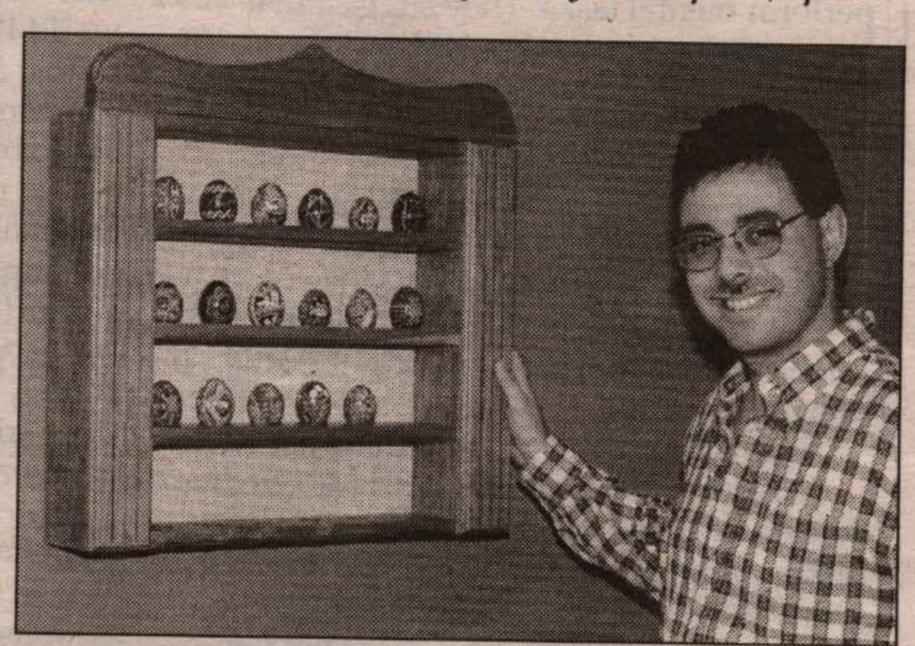
"As a lawyer, you don't get the thanks, you don't get a tangible result," he says. Transforming a pile of boards into a beautiful piece of furniture, "it's a great reward."

Varju has many plans for the future including displaying his work, holding woodworking classes and teaching basic skills to small groups of men and women.

For more information, contact Varju at 853-2027.

—By Emily Thompson, special

Woodworker Hendrik Varju shows off a Ukrainian Easter egg holder— one of his many works. The former lawyer, who operates Passion for Wood out of his Erin Township (rural Acton) home, turned in his lawyer's robes in 1996 to make a full-time job of his love of woodworking.









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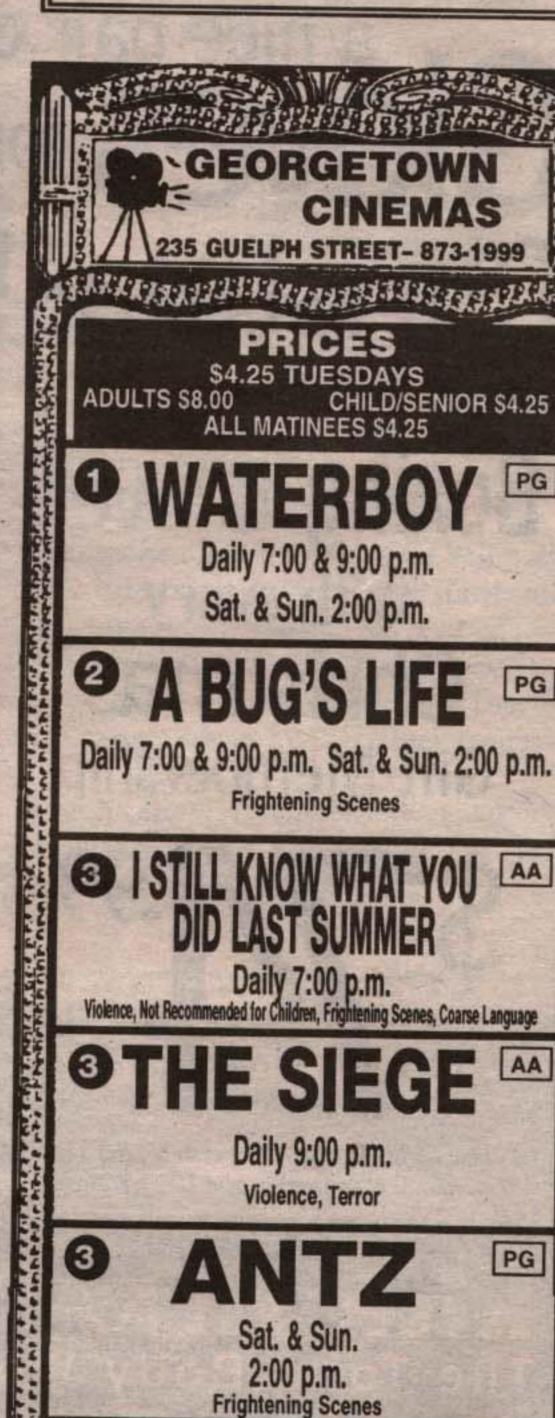
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