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## Let her rot

Karla Homolka's mother Dorothy thinks her daughter, who will be eligible for release from prison in July of 2001 and is currently launching a court challenge to get escorted day passes from the Quebec prison she calls home, deserves "a second chance."

If she blows that chance then the elder Homolka agrees the key should then be "thrown away" on her daughter.

We still have a bitter taste in our mouths about the Crown's "deal with the devil" that saw this sick vixen sentenced to only 12 years in 1993 for her part in the killings of Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French—a sentence that didn't include the fatal drug rape of her younger sister in which she played a major role with then-husband Paul Bernardo.

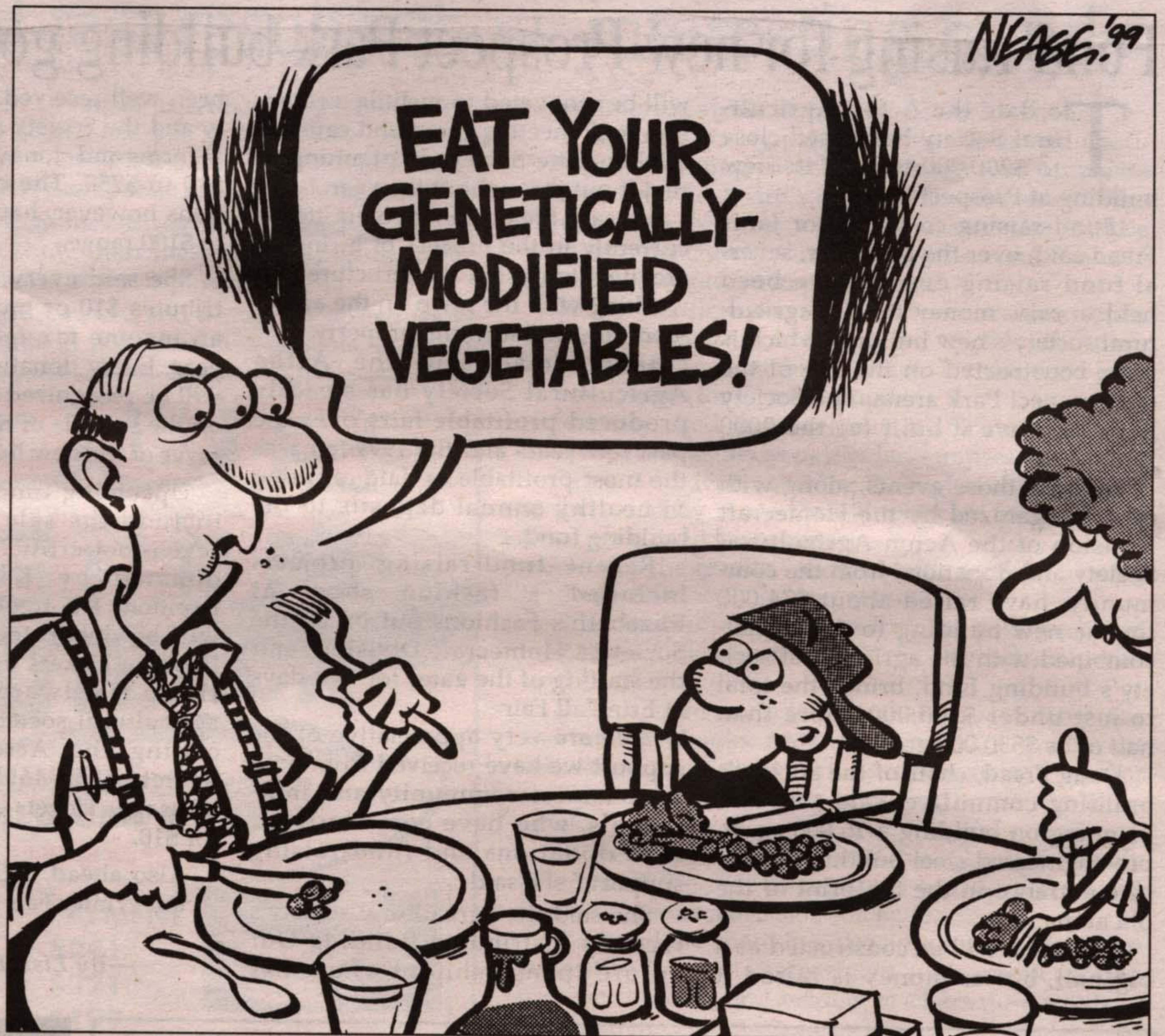
According to her mom, Karla is a changed person. So what! The fact is, she had a direct hand in the abduction and murder of two teens and only through some fancy legal tap-dancing did she escape what she deserved—a life sentence.

Yes, we feel sorry for the Homolkas who have had to suffer the consequences of their daughter's heinous actions. But, the public will NEVER forgive or forget Killer Karla's role in those crimes and we shouldn't be expected to.

We're not asking Karla to say she's sorry because, frankly, her words carry no weight. We just want her kept behind bars. We want justice.

Second chance? Fat chance.

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### Senior 'humbled'

Dear editor,

I wish to extend my grateful thanks for the Senior of the Year award I received at the Halton Hills council chamber Oct. 25.

I was indeed surprised to receive this honor and I feel very humble.

Thanks to all of my friends for their kindness and good wishes. A special thanks to the persons who submitted my name.

Dorothy Rognvaldson, Acton

### Seniors grateful

(This letter was originally sent to Norm Bigg, chair of the Georgetown Rotary Club's senior citizens' dinner and a copy made available to this newspaper for publication.)

Dear Norm,

On behalf of the members of the Georgetown District Seniors' Centre who were in attendance at the Senior Citizens' Dinner, I would like to thank you.

It was a most enjoyable evening with great food and entertainment. Your organization and all the hard-working volunteers and performers have shown us what a great place Halton Hills is to live in.

Rein Pater, president  
GDSC board of directors

### Letter of the day

#### Meeting notice insufficient

Dear editor,

I was rather perturbed to see the headline in the October 27 edition of your paper re: School board mission meeting draws few parents.

This article, of course, was on the front page of your newspaper while the article notifying the public of the meeting the previous Friday (which, unfortunately I did not see) was on the fifth page.

The lack of response of the parents in Halton north was most likely due to the lack of forewarning by the press and the school board. There was nothing in our parent newsletter at George Kennedy re: this meeting and, as I've already mentioned, little notice in the local paper either.

I would have gladly attended the meeting as I am sure other concerned parents in the area would have had we known about it.

The community of Halton north likes to keep informed and involved, as much, if not more, than our neighbors to the south. Please give us the opportunity to keep involved by informing us in a timely and noticeable manner the next time one of these issues/meetings occur.

Melanie Franke,  
Georgetown

(Editor's note: A four-column advertisement from the Halton District School Board announcing the meeting was printed in the Oct. 20 edition—five days before the meeting. Our story announcing the meeting was printed in the Oct. 22 edition—three days before the meeting.)

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