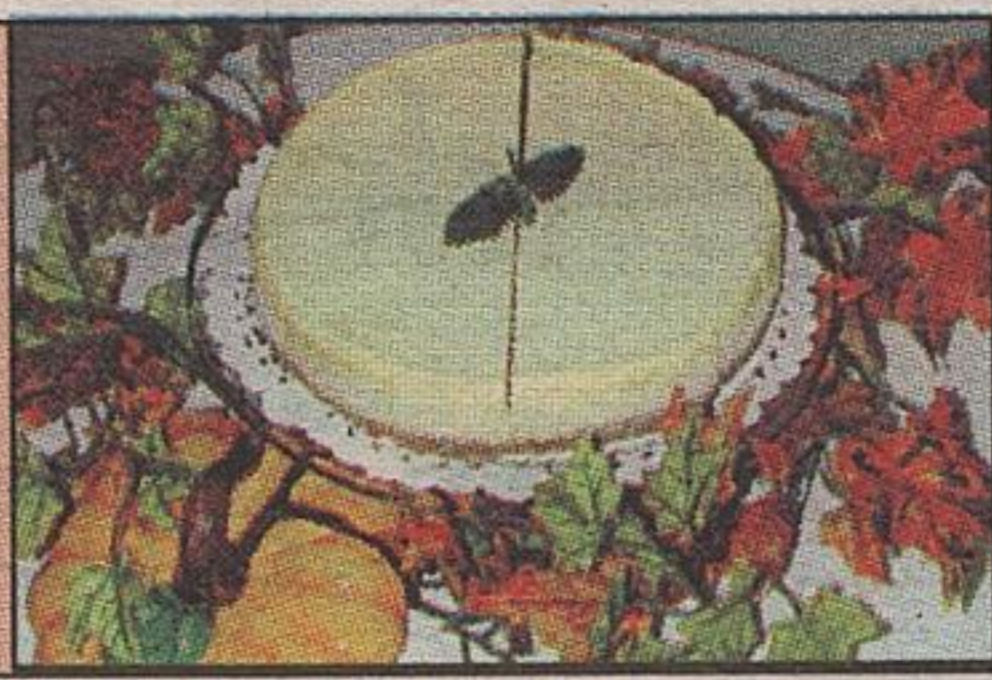


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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Teen charged

■ A 17-year-old Georgetown boy was charged with assault after an 18-year-old Georgetown man was dragged out of the George and Dragon pub on Main St. N. Friday morning and punched several times in the head.

The victim received minor injuries.

Autos stolen

■ Two 2000 Toyota Forerunners, one silver and one grey, valued at \$42,500 each, were stolen from Georgetown Toyota on Mountainview Rd. N. sometime between Saturday and Tuesday.

A panel in an overhead door had been smashed and the vehicle's keys stolen from the dealership.

Faces charges

■ A Georgetown man has been charged with uttering a forged document, possession of stolen property, possession of stolen mail and possession of a stolen credit card after police investigated the forged endorsement of a government cheque in May.

Charged is Eldwin Ortilla, 28, of Moultrely Cr.

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Anthony King (in red) and fellow Grade 10 students protest the province's Grade 10 literacy tests on Wednesday. The province-wide tests are being conducted on a trial basis this year and will become a requirement for graduation next year. The students refused to take the tests, saying they were a waste of time and the time would be better spent in their usual classes. The testing was conducted over two days—two and a half hours each day.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

'It's a waste of time'

GDHS students protest provincial literacy test

About two dozen Georgetown District High School (GDHS) Grade 10 students took to the street Wednesday to protest the provincial literacy test.

While most students wrote the first part of the two-day test, a group of Grade 10s stood across the street from the school holding signs reading, Don't Waste Our Time Mike Harris and We're Students, Not Guinea Pigs.

The Grade 10 literacy test is a component of the Ontario government's new high school curriculum but it is being

used only as a trial this year. Next year it will become a requirement for graduation.

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In a news release announcing the launch of the literacy test, Education Minister Janet Ecker said the testing, "is being implemented in a careful, measured way to ensure that there is an opportunity to do a full assessment of students' literacy skills and to ensure that we have the best possible

test for our students."

"It's wasting five hours out of our class time. We don't have time to waste," said GDHS student Chandi DaSilva. "This doesn't benefit us. It doesn't even count."

Other students said the test is a waste of money.

"They can't pay for writing paper but they can pay for (test) booklets," said Lyndsey Hole.

GDHS principal Keith Rupka said he suspected there would be some students

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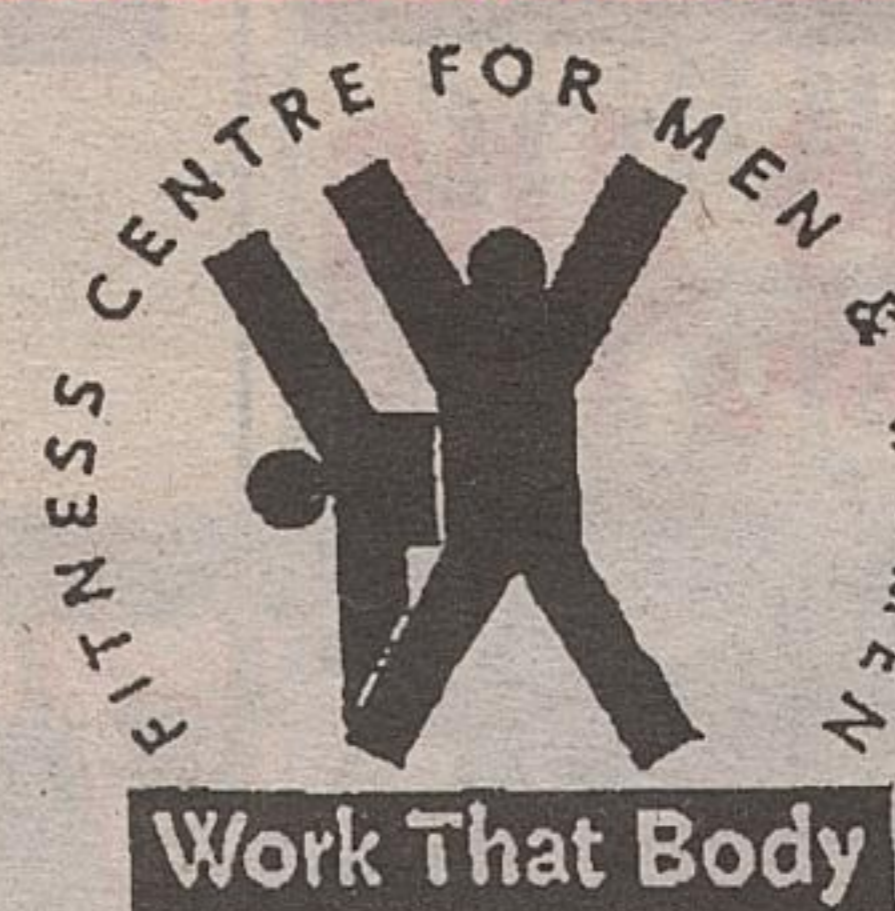
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