Twenty Sundays of heaven

For the next 20 Sundays (with a couple Thursdays, Saturdays and 16 Monday nights thrown in) I would like to watch football on TV.

My dilemma is, I would also like to remain married.

Spending Sundays watching NFL football on TV is one of life's greatest pleasures, but inevitably, chores, family functions, house projects, etc. get in the way. Somehow, I believe, I must convince wifey it is imperative for me to spend the next five months of Sundays firmly ensconced in the La-z-Boy, remote in hand.

Well, after a little research, I discovered significant dates or holidays happen to fall on the next 20 Sundays— dates, I believe, should be recognized and honoured by doing as little as possible.

Sept. 16— My wedding anniversary weekend. (A romantic dinner Saturday = a day of football Sunday.)

Sept. 23— My birthday. I get to do anything I want, right?

Sept. 30— National Police and Peace Officers Day. What better way to honour the brave officers who have had to toss drunks out of stadiums all across America than by watching football.

Oct. 7— Thanksgiving weekend. A day to give thanks for Green Bay, the Lambeau Leap and Cheeseheads.

Oct. 14— On this day in 1066, in the first unofficial football game, otherwise known as the Battle of Hastings, William the Conqueror's team defeated King Harold II. Harold died after taking an arrow in the eye which quickly prompted Rule 62a, the no-arrows rule.

Oct. 21— In the first exhibition game played in Spain (1805) Admiral Horatio Nelson quarterbacked his squad to a win over a combined French and Spanish team. Nelson, unfortunately was unable to savour the win, dying three hours later from a fatal injury.

Oct. 28— Standard time returns... with an extra hour of football!



Nov. 4— Markie Post's (Night Court) birthday. (I was in love with her during the 1980s.)

Nov. 11— Remembrance Day. Nov. 18— The 23rd anniversary of the

Jonestown, Guayana mass suicide. A reminder to all there is a difference between being a fan and just being nuts.

Nov. 25— JFK is buried in 1963. A little known fact: he was buried in a Redskins' jersey.

Dec. 2— On this date in 1942 the first nuclear chain reaction occurred when opposing Army and Navy linemen banged helmets.

Dec. 9— Nine years ago Princess Diana and Big Ears separated. Many wives will mark this day with a tear-filled ceremony that includes watching a tape of the five-hour royal wedding. Husbands will be excused to watch football. Dec. 16— The 228th anniversary of the

Boston Tea Party—the last Patriots win. Dec. 23— Christmas Eve, eve.

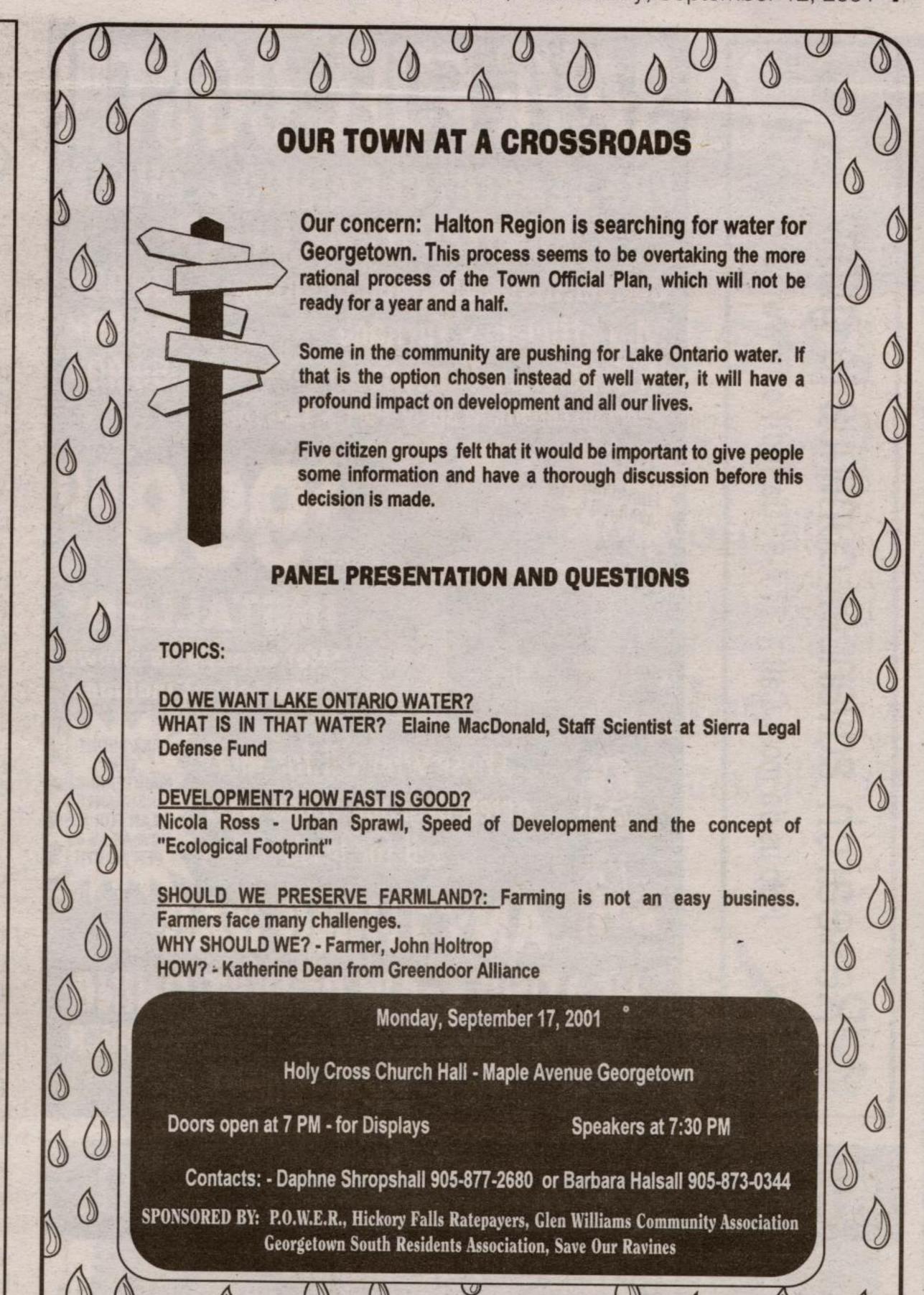
Dec. 30— New Year's Eve, eve.

Jan. 5-6 (playoffs)— Epiphany (The dictionary defines this as the appearance of a god or other supernatural being and is not to be confused with the day Green Bay signed Brett Favre).

Jan. 12-13 (playoffs)— Tim Horton was born Jan. 12, 1930. Who else in this country is more deserving of a holiday named after him?

Jan. 20— The Chipmunk Song tops the charts on this date in 1959.

Jan. 27— Super Bowl Sunday. What do you mean it's not a national holiday?



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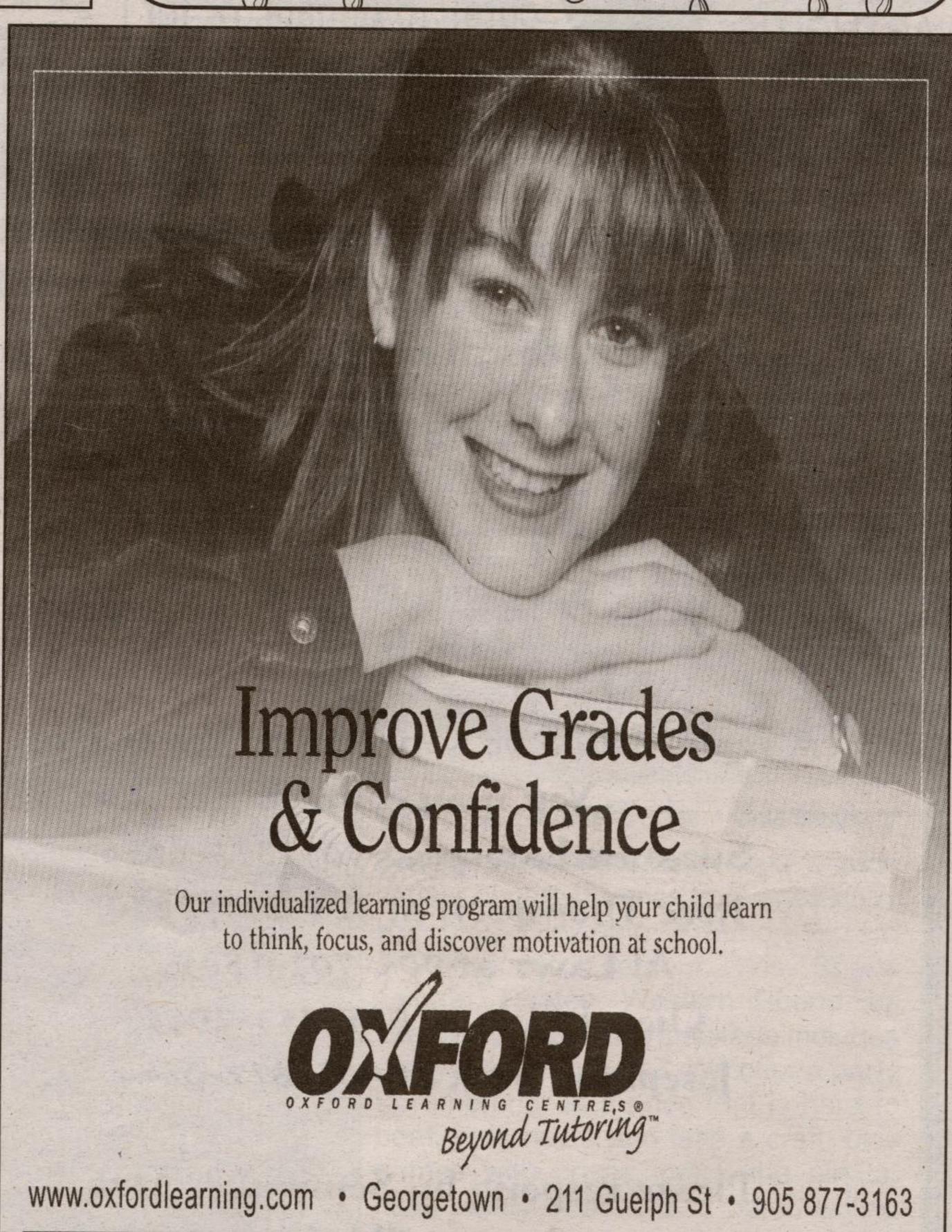
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