

*Editorial*

# Give generously

**P**overty, food banks and hungry families are not things we often associate with the Town of Halton Hills.

But just because we don't see people begging on street corners doesn't mean we don't have our share of families who, through circumstances beyond their control, have fallen on hard times.

Georgetown's Bread Basket currently serves more than 200 families, including more than 100 children while Acton FoodShare offers assistance to approximately 70 adults and 60 children each month.

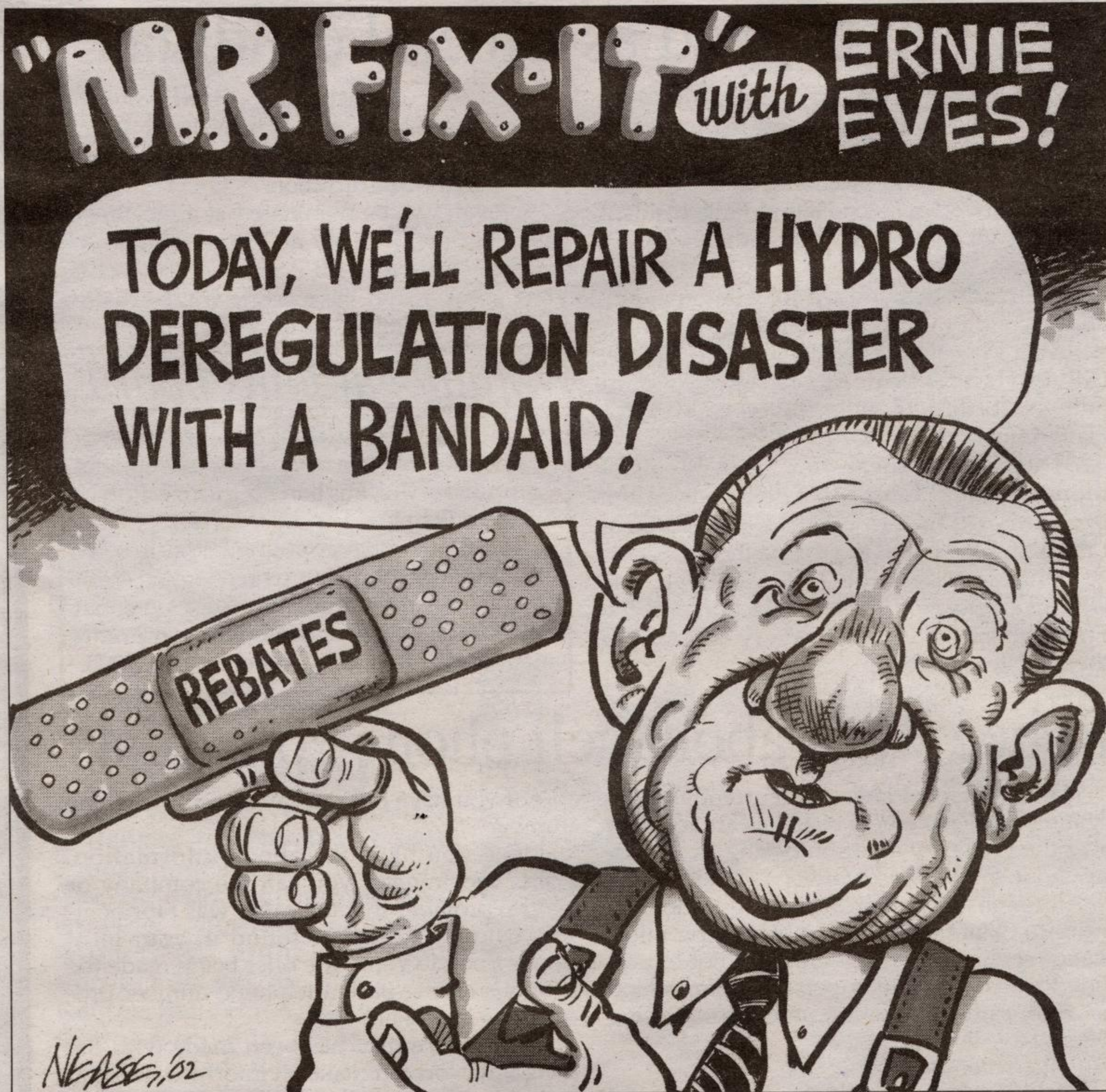
Those numbers aren't staggering, but one hungry child is one too many.

To help those less fortunate, every November, for the past 11 years, local scouts, guides and Calvinist cadets have teamed up to hold a food drive.

Residents are encouraged to fill a bag of food and leave it on their front doorstep by 8:30 a.m. tomorrow (Saturday) for pickup by these eager youngsters. Last year more than 45,000 lbs. of food was collected and organizers would like to see that total topped this year.

Items most needed at both food banks include peanut butter, jam, cheese spread, cereals, pasta sauce, rice, canned pasta, canned fish, soups, meat, fruit, vegetables and canned stew.

Volunteers are needed in Georgetown to help sort and pack food at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Rd. To help out, show up after 10 a.m. or phone 905-873-3368 in advance.



## Letters to the editor....

### Make sure your pet has been microchipped

Dear editor,

I am writing to ask that all pet owners, who have not already done so, to please have your pets implant-

ed with an identity chip. Here's why:

On the evening of October 12, I picked up a lost dog at the intersection of Mississauga and Mayfield Roads. Picking up a strange dog may seem like a foolhardy thing to do (and kids NEVER approach a dog that you do not know) but the weather was cold, wet and dark. This poor little dog looked very scared and cold and did not have any tags on his collar. He seemed friendly enough, given the fact that he leapt into my lap the moment I opened my door, so I decided to knock on a few doors.

Alas, no one in the area was missing a dog, nor did they recognize this particular Jack Russell.

Not wanting to turn this poor thing over to the local animal shelter, I felt I should seek out a veterinary clinic to find out if this dog had been chipped. Luckily I found that the Emergency Veterinary Clinic, at Hurontario Street and Wexford Road in Brampton, was open.

As it turns out, the dog did indeed have the implant! Through

the gracious help of those who work at the clinic, we were able to track down the former owners of the dog (who happen to be the neighbours of the current owner). As it turns out, he had wandered all the way down from Terra Cotta and I was pleased to be able take him home.

I would like to thank everyone at the clinic, especially Ann and Adam for their help; they are dedicated people who truly work for the good of pets!

Afterwards I realized how lucky the dog was to have had the chip implant, but it soon dawned on me that the information related to the dog could have been out of date.

Again, I would like to ask every pet owner to have their pet chipped, be it a dog or a cat (even an "indoor" cat), and please make sure that the contact information is always up to date. Since this dog's information still pointed to the former owners, had they moved away I would never have been able to bring him home.

Roy Janke, Georgetown

### 'Girls' dinner' a big success

Dear editor,

Every six weeks, six women I have become close friends with get together for a "gourmet dinner" that I prepare. We all chip in for groceries and have a very nice evening.

Our little group consists of Geraldine Hardcastle, Sheila Campbell, June Peacock, Gail McGourty, Laurie Dube, Linda Veltman and myself. This past July, Geraldine asked if I would be willing to cook for a good cause on a larger scale. She had seen a piece in a magazine called Kitchen Aid Cooking for a Cure where you invite people for dinner and they bring a donation for the breast cancer foundation instead of a gift.

Geraldine explained that one of the women she had curled with in Acton had breast cancer and that we could hold this dinner on her behalf. Well as it turned out, I had gone to school with this lady, Cheryle Dapont (Breen), and was really interested in putting on this dinner.

Although our dinner started with Cheryle in mind we ended up doing it on behalf of all women in our area who have battled this awful disease. We fed approximately 130 people and ran a silent auction—our total being approximately \$7,000.

I have already booked October 7, 2003 for our annual Girlfriends Dinner.

So many people made this dinner happen, and I thank them all.

Sherrie Louth, Georgetown

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