

Editorial

One donation helps many

The United Way is just what its name implies — an united way to raise funds for worthy organizations. Tonight the United Way, which represents 16 charitable groups in Halton Hills, kicks off its 2003-2004 campaign.

The goal: \$300,000.

Last year, the United Way fell short of that goal by \$45,000 and consequently, funding for the 16 groups remained unchanged.

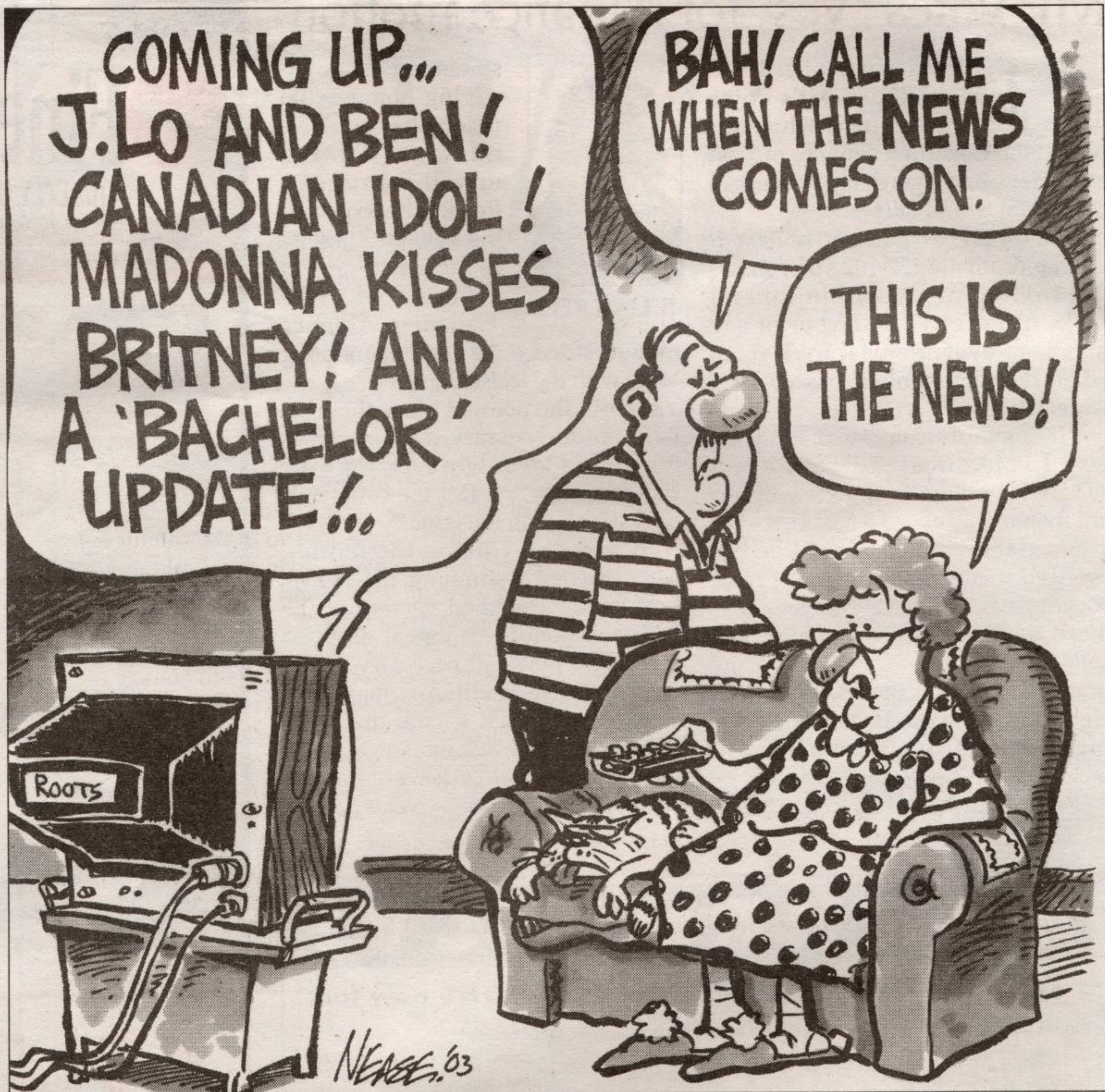
Donation to the United Way is simple — just fill in the pledge form that comes in the mail and mail it back. And if you're contributing through payroll deduction, make sure your administrator marks it for your hometown United Way.

By doing so, residents are not simply make one donation, but are, in fact, helping to contribute to the operation of 16 groups. These include Halton Hills Community Support and Information, and local chapters of Big Brothers and Sisters, Canadian Mental Health Association, Canadian Institute for the Blind, and the VON as well as North Halton Distress Centre and North Halton Literacy Guild.

Our community has been enhanced by the operation of these organizations here but funding is fundamental to their continued operation.

"One in three in Ontario are affected in some way by these (United Way supported) agencies," pointed out community events co-ordinator Marilyn Serjeantson. They are all worthwhile agencies, she adds.

We agree.



Letters to the editor...

Action happening on road issues in town

Dear editor,

Re: letter dated August 15th. "Region not hearing residents' concern about truck traffic"

To update this subject, the Region is undertaking an Environmental Assessment for the resurfacing/operational improvements on Maple Avenue from Trafalgar to Mountainview. The resurfacing is scheduled for 2005. After this, the responsibility will be to the town directly paying for

maintenance starting in 2004 and then taking jurisdictional control after 'repair' work is complete. They have just retained a consultant for this project and will be initiating (in Sept./Oct. 2003) a stakeholders group in order to gather public input on the design of the road. I would encourage all of you out there to participate in this group and project.

As for the east-west corridor study, the Ministry of Transportation is initiating a high level Needs Assessment study to review options for a east west highway connection from Guelph through Halton into the GTA. This project should begin in late 2003/early 2004.

Tom Shelton

Library staff say thanks for keeping kids reading

Dear editor,

The staff at Halton Hills Public Libraries would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helped make our summer reading programs such a huge success.

With the assistance of our summer students and volunteers we kept children reading over the summer and provided programming for hundreds of kids! We acknowledge those parents who encouraged their children to participate, thereby fostering a love of literacy.

Special thanks to Magic Lantern, and Monique Bartolomeo at TD Bank for providing prizes, and to the *Independent and Free Press*, Brian's Food Basics, and Cooper-Standard for promoting our programs and/or providing coverage of our events.

Halton Hills Public Libraries
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No spelling bee prize for Tory

Dear editor,

I received Ted Chudleigh's campaign brochure in my mailbox today and almost became prostrate with laughter reading that he proposes that "prostrate (sic) cancer testing be covered by OHIP".

Is this misspelling of the male prostate gland in official campaign literature a reflection of the state of education in Ontario or merely indicative of government's inattention to detail?

Rod B. Taylor
Georgetown

People need to rethink 'poop'n scoop' procedures

Dear editor,

Re: Please stoop and scoop (Sept. 3 letter). Some people do put it in a bag and then dump it anywhere. I have had someone on Park Street drop it off under my hedge or even

right on the sidewalk.

I hope the guilty one reads this: You are a pig!

Henry VandenTop,
Georgetown

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