Steps taken to ensure a safe fair

Tt's September! Where did the summer go? Now that the fall is fast Lapproaching it's time to gear up for the 158th annual Georgetown Fall Fair. That's a lot of history for our little town.

There are all kinds of fun events and entertainments planned for kids, youth, and adults. This should be the best fair ever, from what I have seen. There will be a kiddies pedal tractor pull, horse shows, a children's pet show, craft shows, produce shows, and youth band nights, to name but a few.

The fair board, area residents, town officials and employees have been working closely with police to improve security measures. This year police will set up a command post by the main entrance to assist with issues such as security and lost children. Double fencing around the p.m? Talk with your kids and make sure property will allow volunteers and police to easily identify trespassers. Signage at the entrance points will notify visitors that staff will be inspecting backpacks and other bags for alcohol, weapons and other undesirable items. Unsealed beverages will not be allowed in the park.

I have a few reminders for area residents.

Please leave your outside lights on, to assist with visibility in the evenings. Lock all vehicles, and keep valuables out of sight. Park in your garage, if possible. Store loose items from your lawn, such as lawn ornaments and furniture. Do not allow anyone to cut through your property, and contact police if you witness any



suspicious or criminal behaviour.

I would like to remind parents that it is your responsibility to know where your children are. Does a 12-year-old need to be out alone at the fair until 11 they know what your expectations are with respect to their conduct and what the consequences could be.

I would also like to remind everyone that there is a curfew in place for anyone under the age of 16. They should be home by midnight.

Go to the fair and have fun, but have it in a safe way that won't spoil other peoples' enjoyment of the event.

If you have any questions about this or any other police matter contact me at 905-878-5511 ext. 2120 or by e-mail at laurel.barnett@hrps.on.ca

> -Const. Laurel Barnett is the community support officer for 1 Division

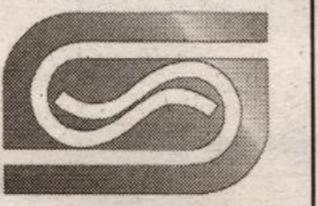
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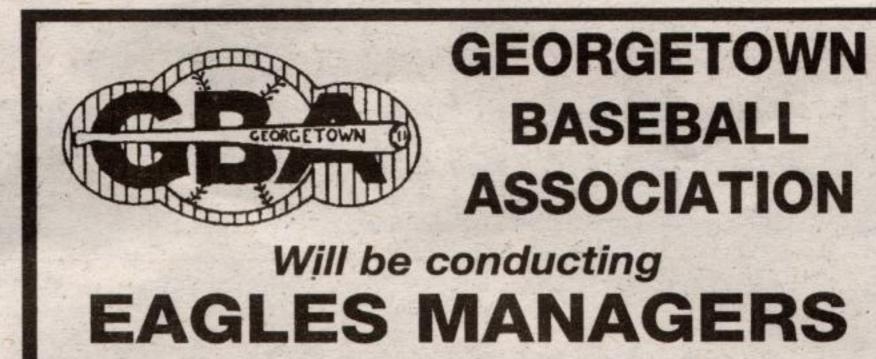


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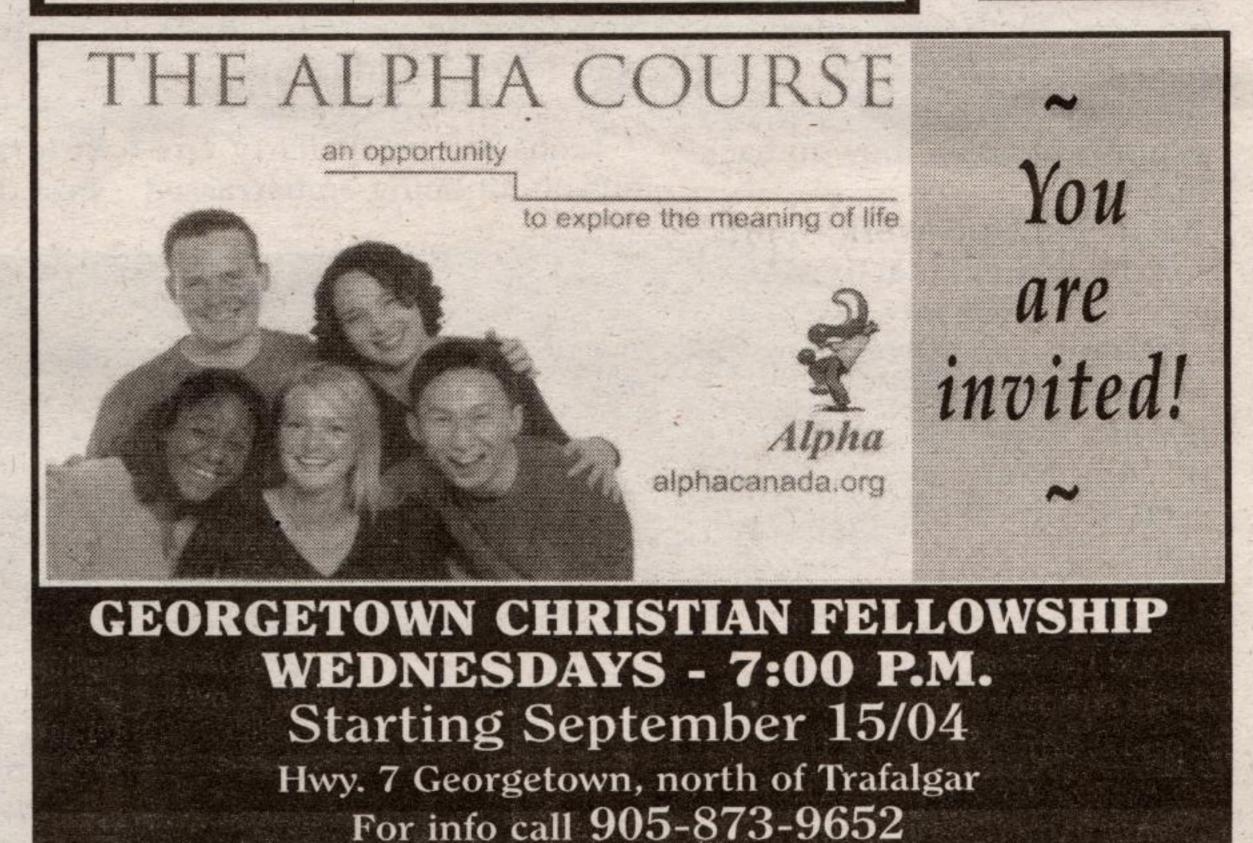


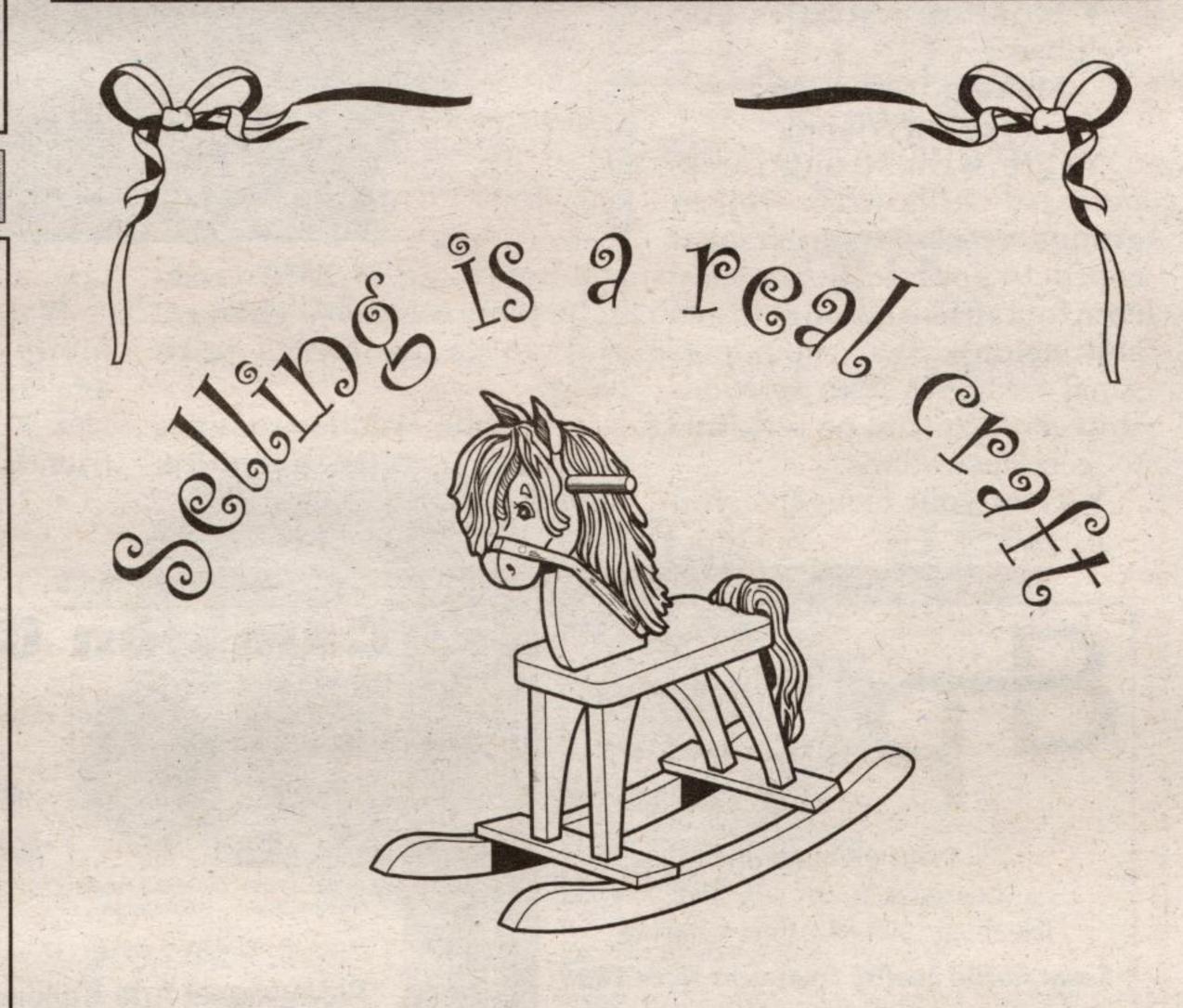
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