## Check out your family's past

ately I have been watching the CBC's new series The IGreatest Canadian. While the show has attracted a fair amount of press, I was most struck by the variety of people nominated for the title. Poets, scientists, politicians, singers and TV personalities are well represented but apparently the CBC also received nominations for people's family members.

While we can't all boast a Frederick Banting or even a Don Cherry in our family tree, finding out who your ancestors are can be quite an adventure. In many cases, you can do it all through your local library.

Newspapers are a great place to start. The information found in them can range from brief announcements to very detailed accounts. For example, some marriage announcements include guest lists and even descriptions of the clothing worn by the wedding party. Many of our local newspapers are available on-line. We also can obtain newspapers on microfilm from other communities through our inter-library loan service.

Another good source of information is vital statistics. These are records of births, marriages and deaths kept by the government and in some cases by churches. The



Georgetown branch has the complete index of vital statistics for Ontario. By looking up your family name in this index, we can help you find information such as dates, places, and names of parents and spouses.

In addition to written records, it is also possible to find photographs of your ancestors through the Halton Images (http://images.halinet.on.ca) and Images Canada (www.imagescanada.ca) websites.

These are just a few of the resources we have available. Many more are listed on our website, www.library.hhpl.on.ca. If you are unsure of where to start, the library carries books on researching your genealogy. You can also ask our staff for help. You never know. There might actually be a Wayne Gretzky or Sir John A. Macdonald hidden on your family tree.

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## Harvestfest proceeds to help pay for Gellert pool

It's time for the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown's annual Harvestfest on Friday, Nov. 12 at Holy Cross Church Hall.

The tickets are \$50 per person, which includes a wine tasting event to start off the evening, a hip of beef buffet dinner, a Grand Marnier tasting after dinner, plus a silent auction, live auction and dancing to the live band, Knight.

Every year, Kiwanis members help local groups raise funds for their projects, particularly projects that involve

children. All of the money goes back into Halton Hills. This year the Harvestfest profits will be shared by two projects. The first is the new pool in the Gellert



Centre. So far, the Kiwanis Club has raised \$90,000 towards the total of \$130,000 that they have pledged for this project.

The second Harvestfest beneficiary is the Georgetown Children's Chorus. Approximately 60 children, ages 10 to 18, are traveling to Holland this spring to perform at Remembrance services at various Canadian war cemeteries. It is the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Holland, and the children are going to say thank you to the veterans in attendance, and to show that the sacrifices of the young soldiers buried there have not been forgotten. They will join Dutch children in laying wreaths and flowers at Canadian graves, and will also perform in several concerts with Dutch choirs during their visit. The Kiwanis Club's Harvestfest will help ensure that as many children as possible can participate.

Harvestfest tickets are available from any Kiwanis member, or call 905-877-6841 or 905-877-4411 ext.253.

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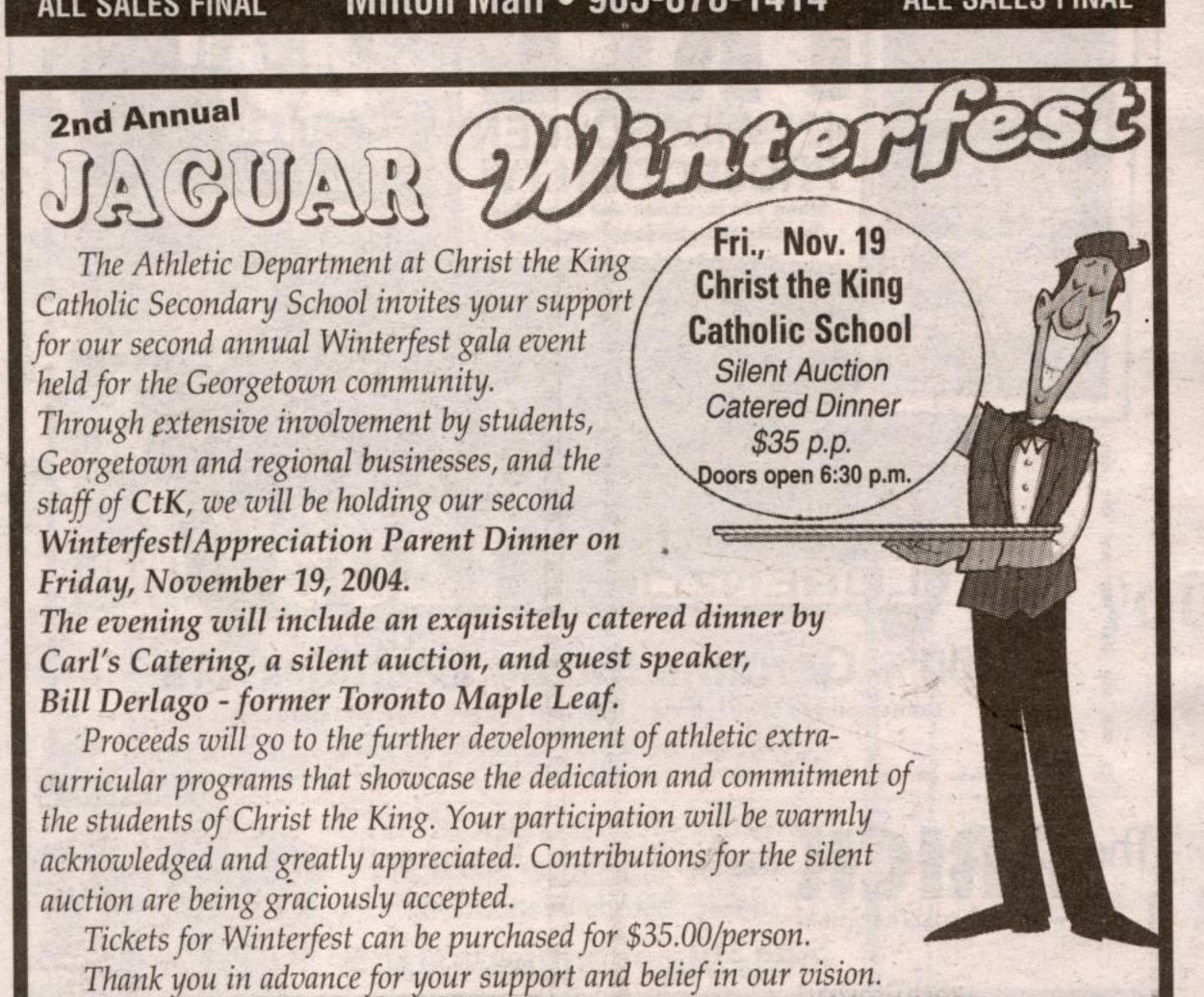
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