

Family seminars starting

The Halton Women's Centre is offering a series of family-oriented seminars that started Wednesday night.

Themes — include Family Traditions, Flying Solo, Sandwich Generation, He Said, She Said and Don't Give Me Up:

Raising Teenagers. They will be discussed in succession through to November 17, beginning at 7 p.m.

All the workshops will be held at the Women's Centre, located at Hopedale Mall, 1515 Rebecca Street in Oakville.

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Bradley Holroyd (right) gets picked up at Holy Rosary School by mother Gwen and little brother Raymond. Bradley's junior kindergarten classes would be pre-empted by a teachers strike.

Some sympathy from parents

A possible teachers' strike on Monday is already putting parents in a tough spot.

Others are hoping the strike presents a bit of a wind-fall.

Six people had phoned The Champion as of press time yesterday to place classified advertisements providing daycare.

Despite potential difficulties, a small group of parents interviewed outside Holy Rosary School Wednesday showed support for teachers, even though the parents will be caught in the middle.

Working mother Shelly VanEmpel said she "can see what's behind" the protest, but doesn't know who will look after her two children, aged 8 and 10 years, in the event of a walkout.

A grandmother who minds her daughter's children daily said she doubts the strike will happen.

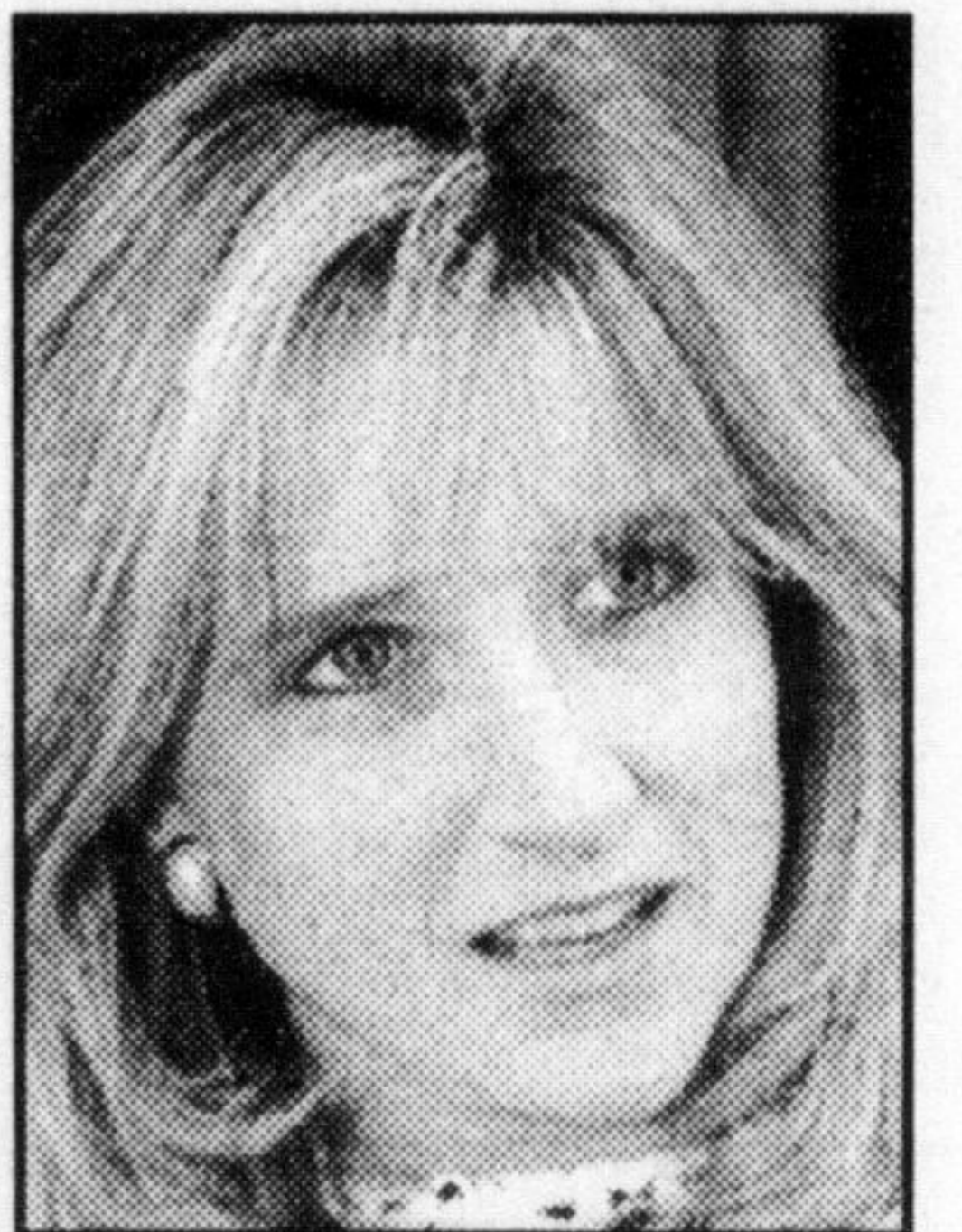
"I don't think they will really do that," said Mary

Blair of Riverplace Crescent. "They might strike for one day, but I can't see it lasting. I used to be a teacher myself and they don't do that."

Gwen Holroyd, a stay-at-home-mother of Martin Street, said "the issues are important" so she supports the teachers' political action.

For mother Tracey Brommersma, a strike would interfere with her job search.

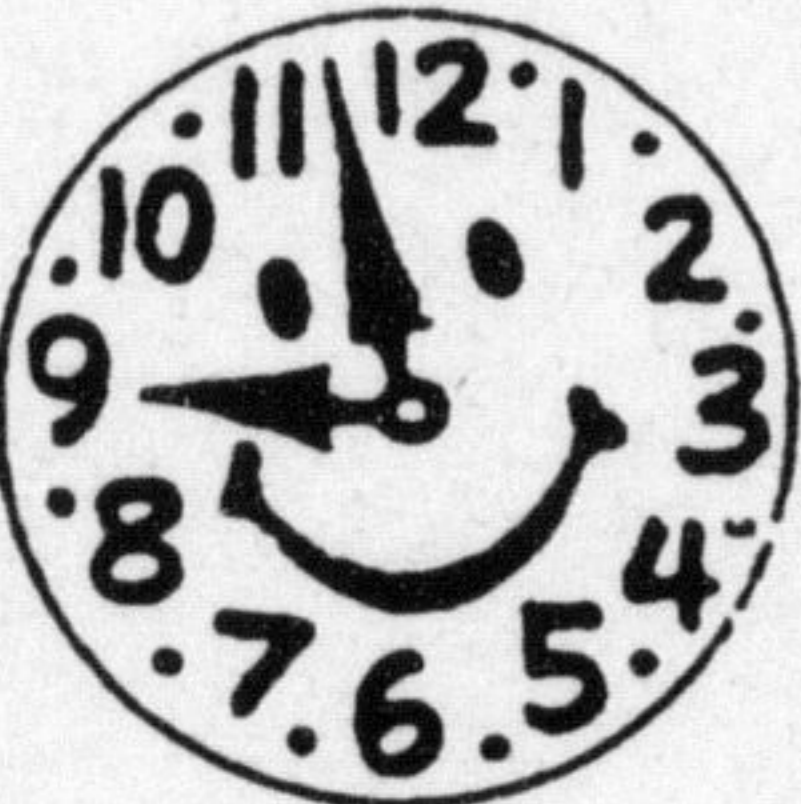
The unemployed woman said she would be home to look after her child, but applying for work or arranging job interviews would be difficult.



Shelly VanEmpel

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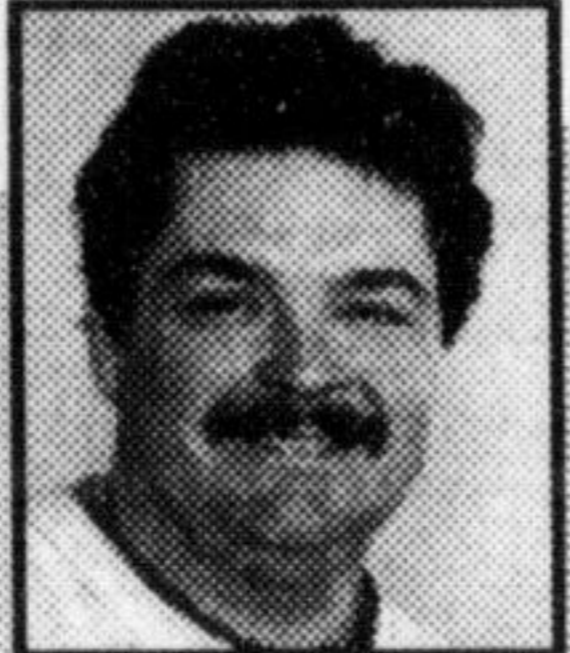
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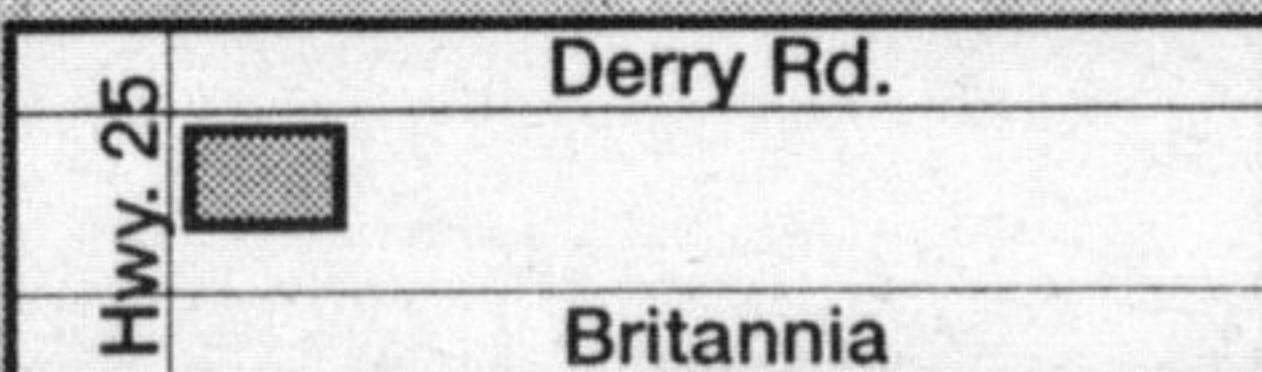
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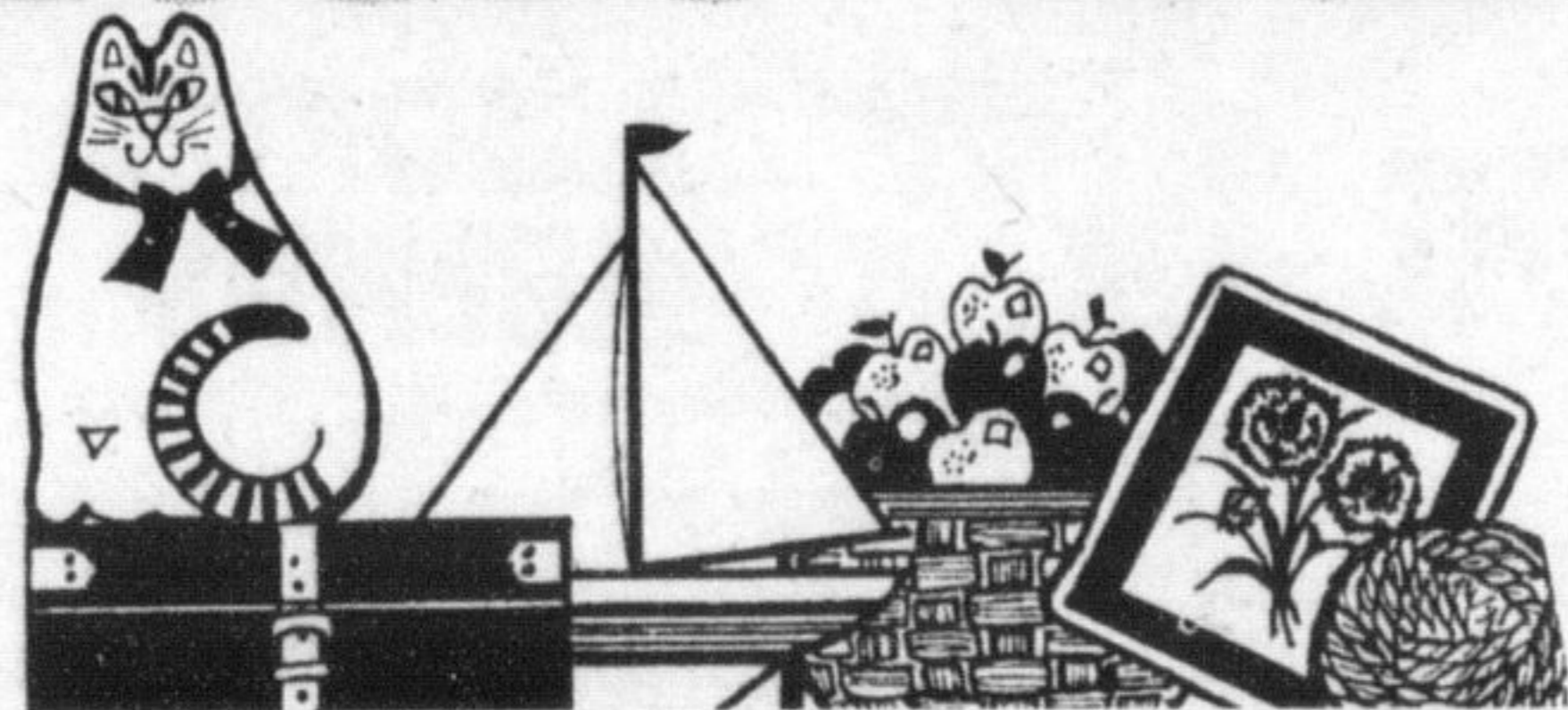


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