

Malboeuf ticked off

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John Challinor handed out copies of reports on downsizing in Toronto and Burlington.

Mr. Malboeuf said councillors had three weeks notice of the debate, to provide ample opportunity to prepare arguments and conduct research. He said it was evident from staff comments that their report will add nothing to the discussion.

Councillors Ron Furik, Brian Penman, Art Melanson, Cindy Lunau, Mr. Challinor and Mr. Day voted in favour of the deferral.

Youngsters can have their say

Local youngsters are once again being asked to pick their favourite new reading material.

Milton Public Library is inviting four to six-year-olds to help select the winner of the Silver Birch Award, given to two recently-published Canadian children's books (one fiction and one non-fiction).

After registering at the library, participants are given a list of the 20 nominated books, at least five of which must be read in order to be eligible to vote.

Voting takes place in early May.

Those interested can register at the library during regular hours.

Jury hears tape

The jury heard a tape recording of a police interview with Keith Madeley yesterday as his first-degree murder trial continued.

The interview conducted by two Halton Regional Police detectives took place March 22, 1995 in a bedroom of the modest Lower Baseline home of Susan and Brian Gagnon, where the accused Mr. Madeley was living while dating their 14-year-old daughter Lori.

Mr. Madeley, 25, who has pleaded not guilty, was arrested April 5, 1995, a month after 77-year-old Fred Sheppard was found shot to death in his backyard outhouse.

Mr. Sheppard, who lived alone on his Steeles Avenue property without hydro or running water, was the father of Ms Gagnon and grandfather to Lori.

In the first hour of the tape, Mr. Madeley told Det. Keith Woudstra of Halton police's major crime unit how he often accompanied Lori to Mr. Sheppard's home to help him with household chores or look at his broken-down car.

Mr. Madeley, who sounded relaxed, periodically laughing and joking, said the longest he was ever at the Sheppard home was for about two hours.

He said he hadn't visited Mr. Sheppard much in the last month before his death.

The playing of the tape continued past press time late yesterday morning.

It was the first evidence presented in the case since February 12. Testimony was delayed after Mr. Madeley's lawyer became ill and while legal arguments were hashed out.

The trial was expected to continue today.

Golf show coming soon

The ninth annual Toronto Golf and Travel Show will run at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre February 26 to March 1.

The four-day event is regarded by province-wide golfers as the official "tee-off" for spring.

The show occupies more than 200,000

square feet of exhibit space with over 375 exhibitors displaying every conceivable golf product and service.

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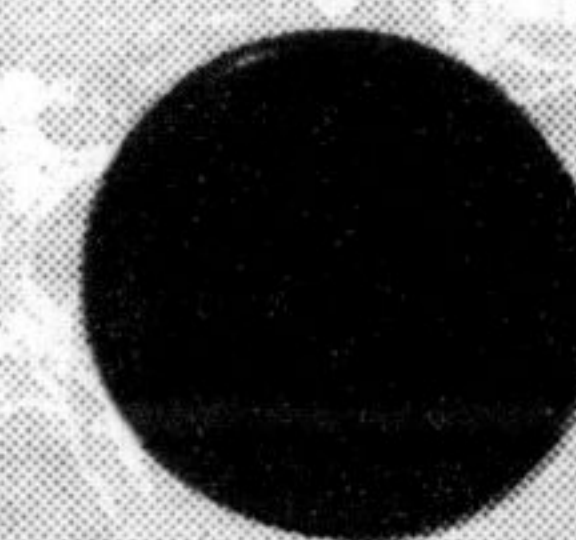
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In this space of the past several weeks, I have discussed various strategies regarding RRSP investing. I hope the information helped. The topics included diversification, dollar-cost averaging, foreign content, borrowing for your contribution, market volatility, asset allocation and labour sponsored funds. If you missed any, please ask me for a reprint.

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