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THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

# Gretzky a memory in a little boy's heart

#### Dear Editor:

Watching Wayne Gretzky on television Friday, Apr. 16 announcing his retirement was an extremely emotional event to witness.

He has become a household name to Canadians and someone we can be truly proud of.

I would like to share a story with your readers of how Wayne Gretzky touched our lives.

On April 27, 1993 my 35-year-old husband died of cancer. That fall, his company hosted a golf tournament and named it The Dan Albin Memorial Golf Tournament.

A few weeks after the tournament, a colleague of my husband played golf with Wayne Gretzky.

Wayne noticed this man wearing a baseball cap with the inscription, 'The Dan Albin Memorial Golf Tournament' and asked who Dan was.

When Wayne heard the story of how Dan was diagnosed with terminal cancer, died within eight weeks and left a wife and three young children behind, he signed the baseball hat and asked that the hat be delivered to my children. We will never forget this very thoughtful and kind ges-

Over the years, we have shared this story with our guests. However, this signed hat has not become a trophy in our home, but a gift that sits in my son's room beside his dad's picture.

During the past six years we have watched Wayne's career flourish as he

shared his gift with the world.

As hard as this retirement decision was to make for Wayne, I believe that we are yet to see the best to come in his new endeavours.

Rita Albin-Curtis

## You never know when you could save a life

#### Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to let people know about a phone call I received on Friday, Apr. 16.

Let me start by bringing up Deidre Scholtz. When she was sick and in need of a bone marrow transplant, I became very involved with the committee alongside Liz Munro.

On the day of the clinic, I, like so many others, went to give a sample of my blood in hopes to someday be able to help someone the way Deidre was helped.

Guess what, that day came on Friday along with that phone call.

When I heard that I was a potential match for someone, I can't explain the feeling I had (and still have) to know that I might be able to help save a life.

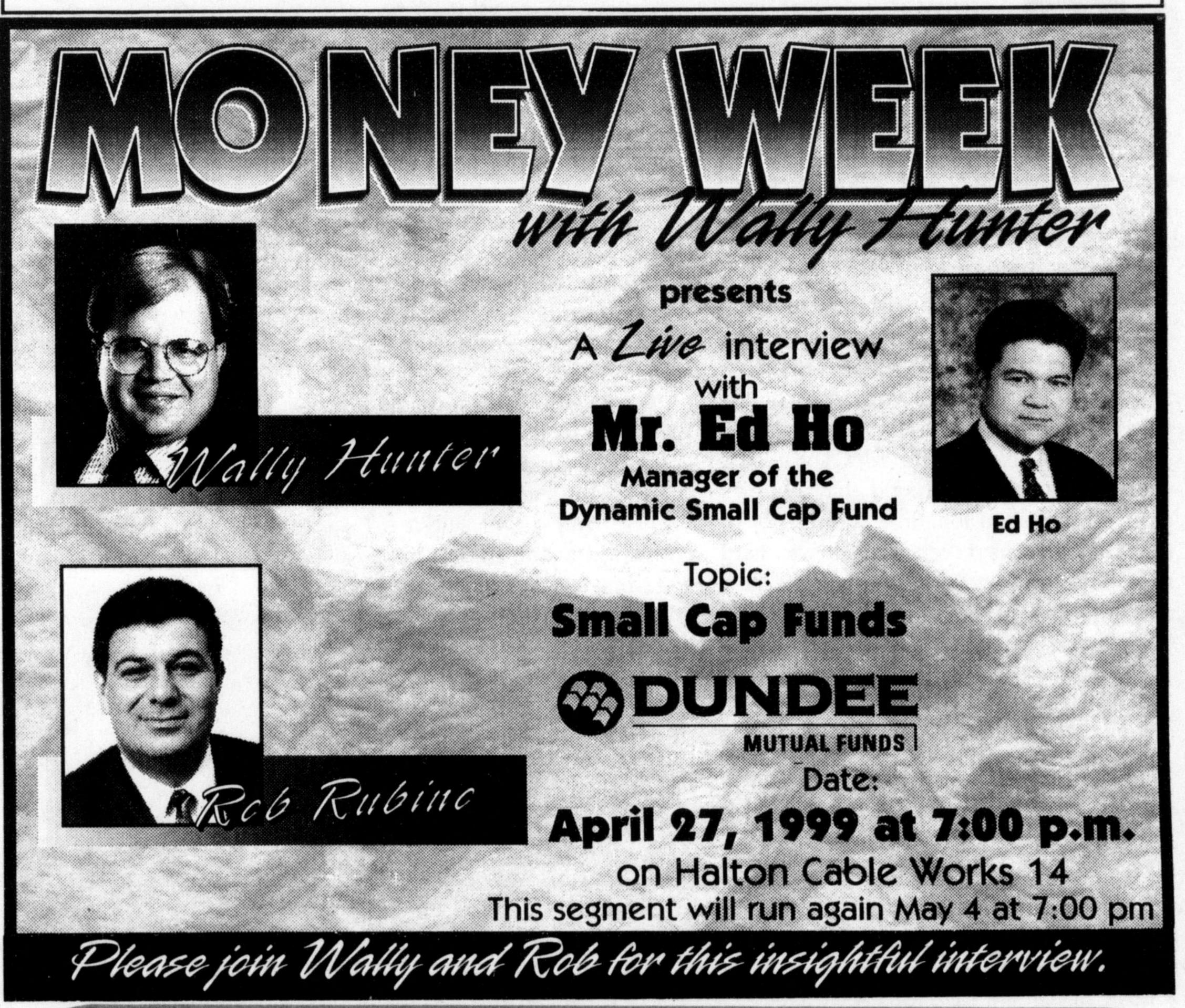
So, I am urging you, please, if your name is not on a list, give a few minutes and a little blood.

You never know, someday you might just save a life.

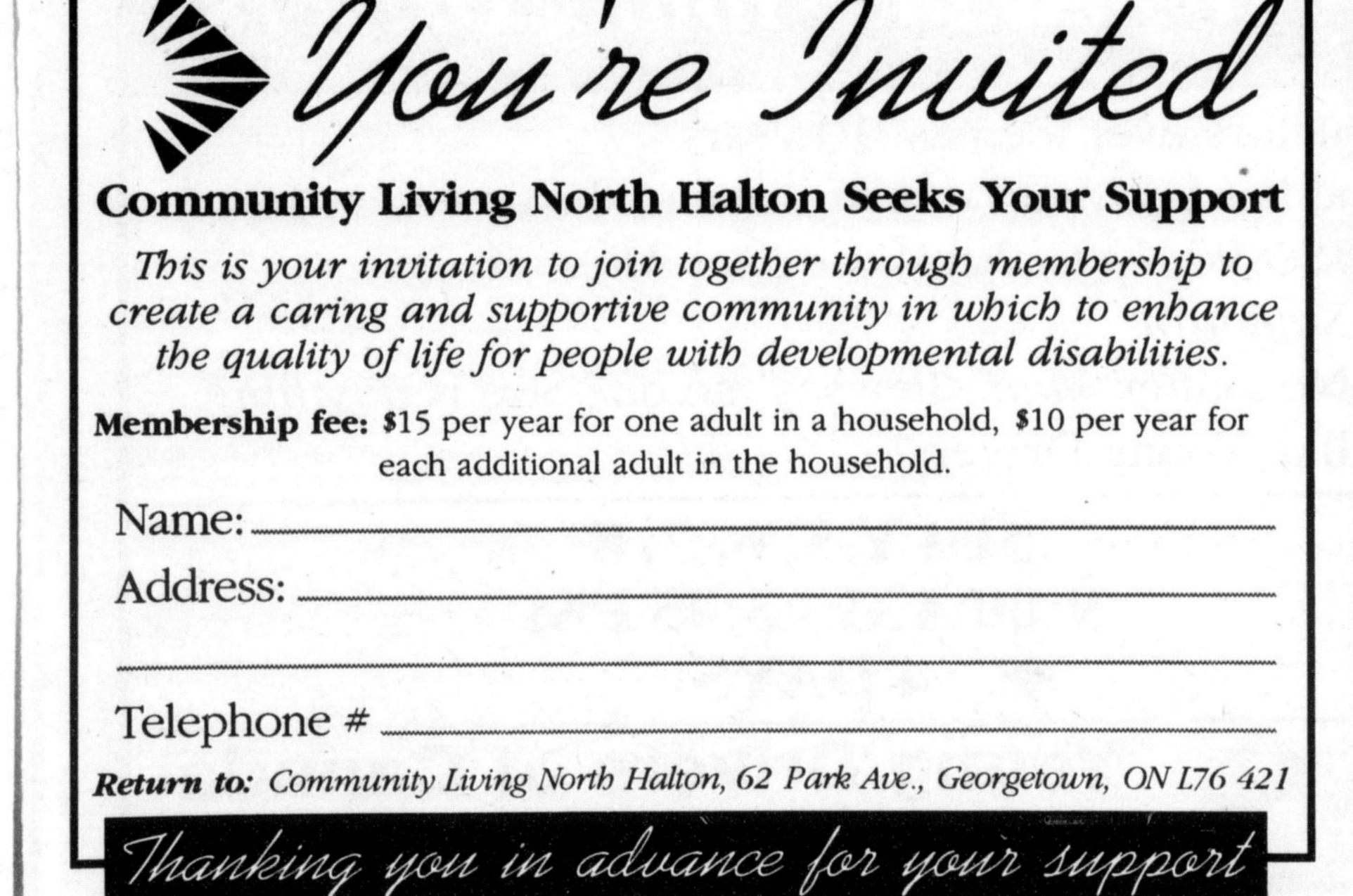
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