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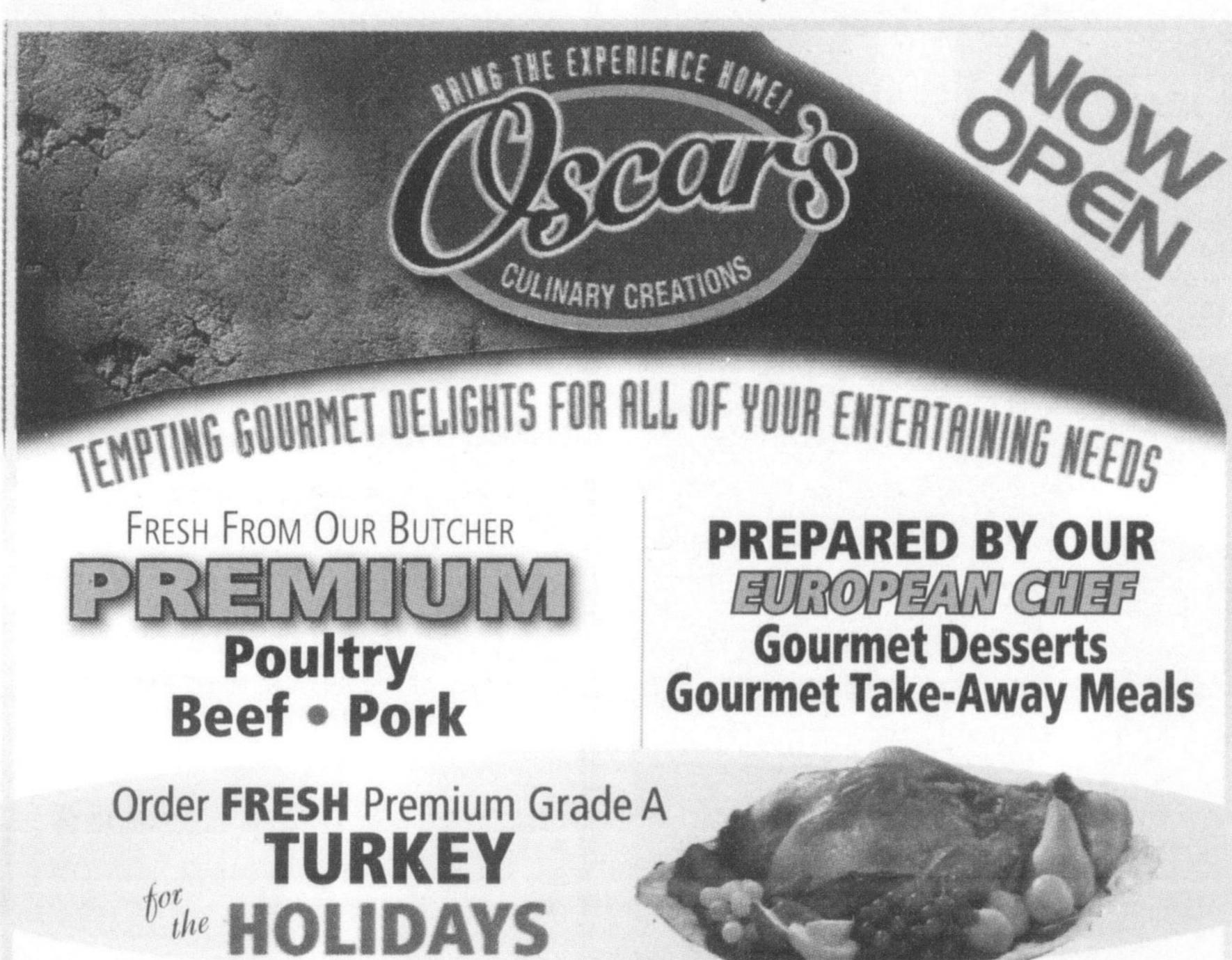
The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA) is currently accepting scholarship applications for students needing assistance in the 2007-08 academic year.

Through the CHHA program, two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually for hard of hearing, deafened and oral deaf post-secondary students.

Applications for both can be submitted by any hard of hearing, deafened or oral deaf student who's registered in any full-time program at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

The deadline for submissions is January 31.

For more information visit the CHHA Web site at http://chha.ca/chha/scholarships-index.php or contact its national office at 1-800-263-8068 or scholarship@chha.ca.

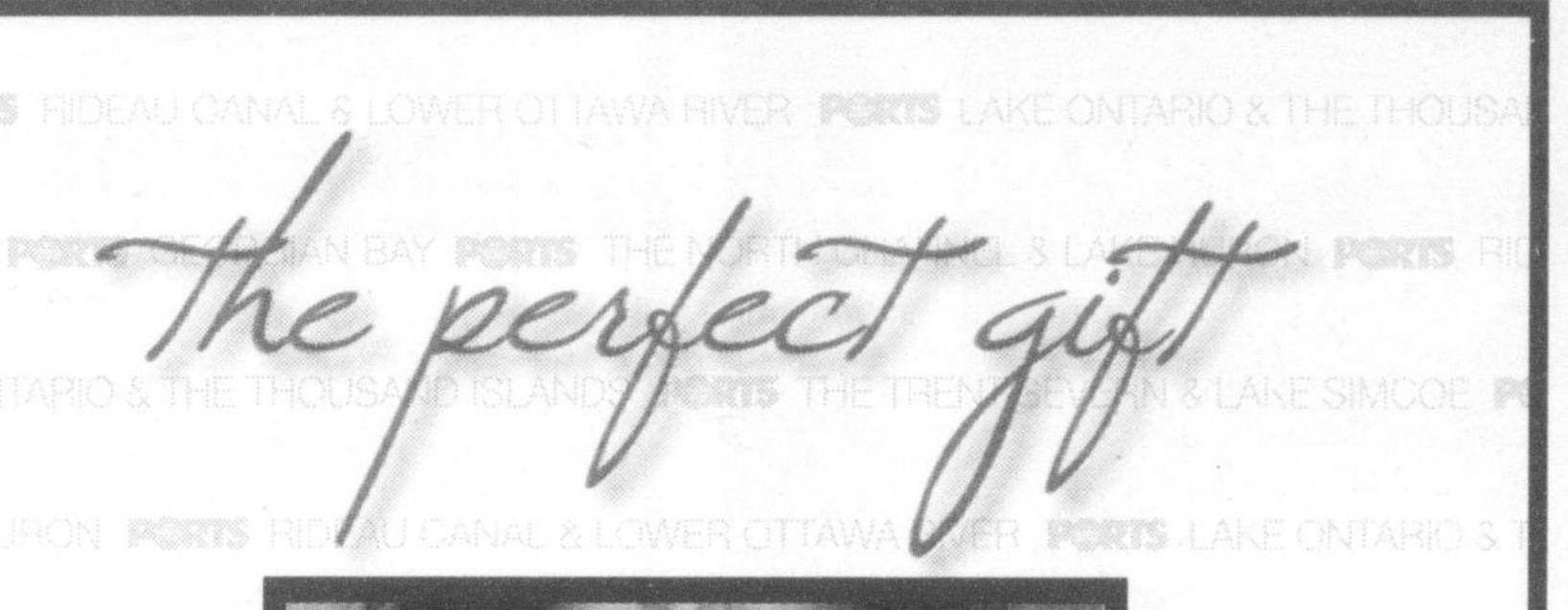


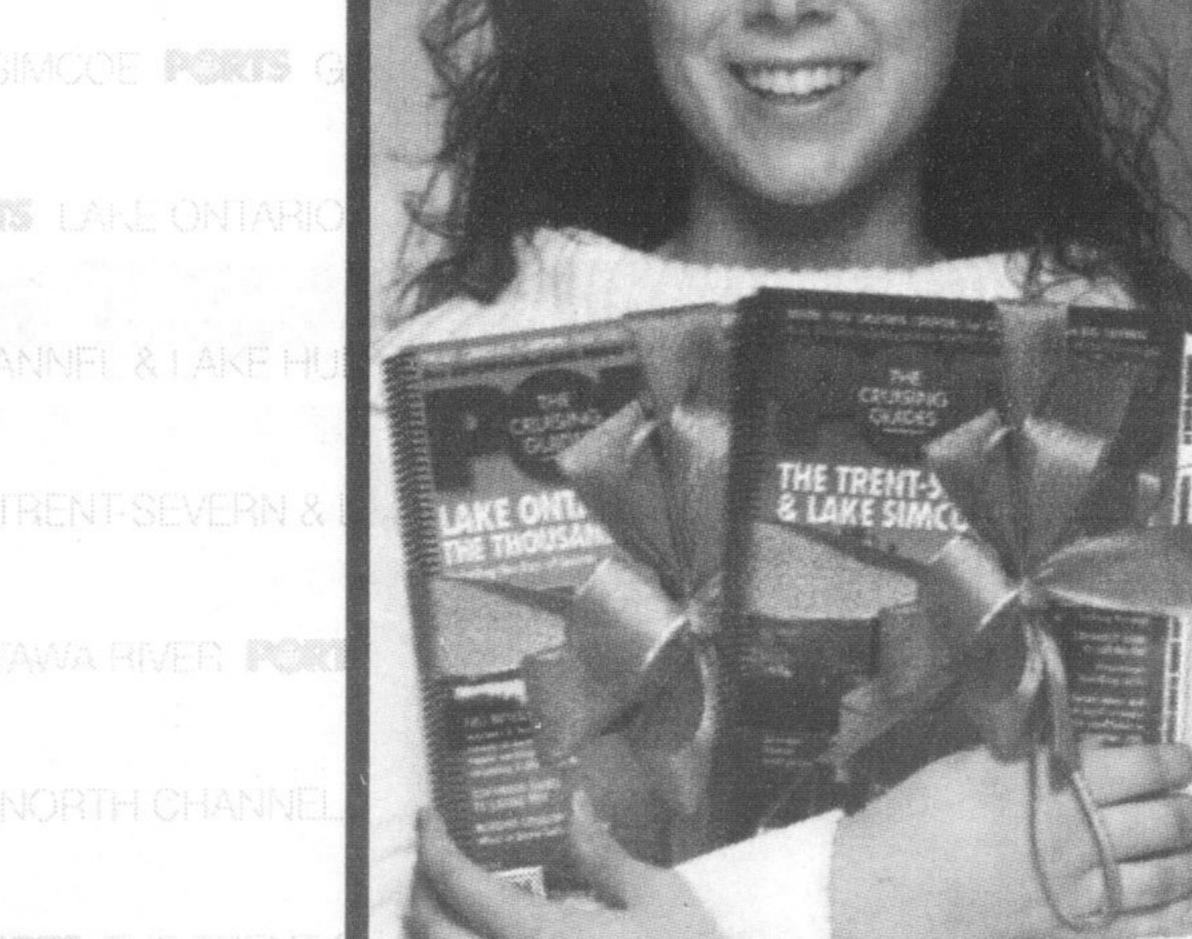
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'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the house nothing was stirring except for my mouse.

That doesn't really mean anything. I was sitting at my computer and thought that up all on my own, so I was kind of impressed with my own cleverness. You may not be so impressed, but that's okay.

It's not long until Christmas so I figured I should write something about Christmas. That would be cleverer. Cleverer is actually a word, which I didn't know until I wrote it and the computer didn't underline it as an error. Hard to say, fairly easy to write.

I've already been listening exclusively to Christmas music for about three weeks. I couldn't care less what Dolly Parton looks like, that woman has a set of pipes for singing Christmas songs, I'll tell you that.

Anyway, somebody said something to me recently that made me think. That's a good trick in



On the loose

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itself. The person said they felt like they were living their life for everybody else all the time. Since I'm thinking about Christmas anyway for this column, and just because I'm thinking, I started thinking about tying the two things together.

I remember being frustrated and thinking along those lines on Christmas Eve when my kids were smaller. I was a single Dad, and still am for that matter, which probably says something, but anyway I'd wait for the kids to go to bed and then

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Halton Region 2007 Budget and Fees and Charges

Regional Council will be considering adoption of the 2007 Budget and passage of by-laws imposing fees and charges at its meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. Council will consider new and revised fees and charges for Regional programs, including waste management, water and wastewater, as well as water and wastewater connection charges.

Prior to adoption by Regional Council, the proposed 2007 Budget and fees and charges will also be considered at the following meetings:

Tuesday, January 9 - 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 10 - 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 11 - 9:30 a.m.

Health & Social Services Committee
Administration and Finance Committee
Planning & Public Works Committee

All of the above meetings will be held at the Halton Regional Centre located at 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville.

Copies of the 2007 Budget Summary will be available for viewing on Halton's website at www.halton.ca and can be obtained free of charge from or viewed at the Office of the Regional Clerk at the Halton Regional Centre between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Halton residents are invited to participate in this process by attending the Committee meetings. If you wish to register as a delegate for the purpose of addressing the Committee, please contact the Office of the Regional Clerk at 905-825-6000 ext. 7928 by the close of the business day prior to the date of the meeting.

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