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Please keep your cats indoors

DEAR EDITOR:

Recent events have inspired me to write this letter, and I think now might be a good time for cat owners to stop and think about letting their cats roam the neighbourhood.

I have two indoor cats and the only time they get to go outside is when I'm in the yard with them. One is a little more adventurous and has figured out that it can climb the fence, so it's stuck wearing a harness and leash to keep it in the yard.

Unfortunately, many neighbours aren't so considerate and allow their cats to wander the neighbourhood.

It's certainly not fair to my cats when other cats come to my

windows and doors and drive my cats crazy. Cats are very territorial and don't like other cats coming onto their property.

Recently my cats were sitting at the door and windows when a cat appeared on the other side of the window or screen. This resulted in my cats getting very angry (you could tell by the howls they let out) and a fight ensued.

Because of inconsiderate cat owners, I've had damage done to my screens — the visiting cats put holes in them when trying to attack my cats — and dry-wall, as my cat tried to get away from its own window.

The problem is serious enough that one of my cats was attacked in its own yard by a

neighbourhood cat, and my cat was unable to defend himself properly because it was caught up on its leash.

Cats aren't safe wandering the streets and it's not fair to the neighbours when these cats use their gardens as a litter box. What will the cat's owners tell their kids when their pet is killed by a car, eats a poisonous plant in someone's garden or gets into something else that makes them sick?

So to all cat owners and particularly those in my neighbourhood, Barclay Circle and Kerr Trail, please be considerate and keep your cats inside.

TINA HARVEY
MILTON

Terrific turnout for mayor's golf tournament

DEAR EDITOR:

Through the tremendous efforts of all involved, the ninth annual Mayor's Golf Tournament for the United Way of Milton, held on September 11, raised a record \$149,265.

In total, the tournament has raised approximately \$1 million for the United Way of Milton, and many people in our community have been helped as a direct result of this event.

On behalf of our board, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to Mayor Gord Krantz and the organizing committee, including co-chairs Hal Watson and Mario Belvedere — our 2008 United

Way Volunteer of the Year — as well as Carol McDonald, Tom Tamblyn, Phil Prestidge, Andrew Siltala and Paul Cripps. The success of this event wouldn't be possible without the dedicated efforts of these people.

I'd also like to thank the sponsors and participants of the tournament, many of whom have been involved for years.

The spirit of volunteerism and philanthropy is alive and well in Milton. Thank you.

LESLEY MANSFIELD, BOARD PRESIDENT
UNITED WAY OF MILTON

Just what more can he do to prove himself?

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him with the offensively-challenged Avalanche. Heck, just his powerplay prowess alone should earn him some spot duty on a club that ranked near the league basement in that department.

Throw in the fact that he's been a captain with two AHL

teams (Chicago Wolves and Grand Rapids Griffins) and a top offensive threat with three (including the Milwaukee Admirals) and Haydar's consistent value is beyond question.

Recently dubbed the 'Crash Davis' of pro hockey — a fictional long-time minor league star who never quite reached

'The Show,' for the few sports fans who've never seen Bull Durham — Haydar has clearly established himself the most accomplished AHLer of the past decade, and one of the best ever.

But he'd gladly trade that status in for an extended stay in the big leagues. Will that finally come? Stay tuned, sports fans.

Police constable upholds old bylaw that prohibits skating on Sundays

'Time Capsules' are gems of information extracted from past issues of the Champion and other publications in order to provide a window into Milton's past. Explanatory comment is sometimes provided to place the situation in context.

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It is reported that last Sunday two young men were skating on the pond and a constable was sent to warn them off the ice, with a prosecution under an old bylaw of the town, passed in the '50s as an alternative. The young men took off their skates and went home. If Sabbath desecration is to be stopped by law all desecrators should be treated alike. Motoring is on all fours with skating and there is not a Sunday while the roads are good that joy riders in motor cars and in horse-drawn vehicles are not seen in our streets, but nobody interferes with them, possibly because of the wealth of the owners of the cars, but more likely because there is no applicable law. Toronto is noted as a strict Sabbatarian city, but Toronto newspapers said that last Sunday, as usual when the ice is good, Grenadier Pond was covered with skaters.

It is not generally known that Halton County will ship from its apple orchards in an ordinary season over 100,000 barrels of apples of the finest quality. Both the apples and pears that brought the record high prices on the Glasgow markets this season came from Halton county. Apples from Halton county obtained more first prizes at the recent horticultural exhibition held at Toronto than any others. Previous to this year Halton as a county never had an exhibit at Toronto, but in September, Roy A. Carey, Manager of the Oakville Fruit Growers' Association, made application to the county council for a grant of \$200, to cover the expense of putting up a county

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exhibit at Toronto. This was given and apples were gathered from Georgetown, Burlington and Oakville, 700 boxes in all. Out of eight entries they took five firsts and three seconds, about \$350 in all. So well pleased was the Deputy Minister of Agriculture with this exhibit that he had part of it sent to London, England and the balance to Glasgow to be placed on exhibit there and five boxes of Baldwins will be exhibited at the International Exhibition in New York in February against all comers on the continent. From Oakville and Bronte stations this season over 20,000 barrels were shipped to western points and about the same number from the Georgetown district. Burlington has for years exported to Glasgow, a very large proportion of their pack.

Local merchants say that notwithstanding the hard times the Christmas trade has never been brisker than now, except that in heavy winter clothing which has been affected by the mild weather.

Since it froze over there was splendid skating on the pond until it was spoiled by Tuesday's snow storm and the young people generally took advantage of it. So far there is no ice in the rink, but men have been at work for some days at ice-making. They needed snow for it and Tuesday's downfall was welcome.

This material is assembled on behalf of the Milton Historical Society by Jim Dills, who can be reached through the society at (905) 875-4156.

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