

Crime Stoppers of Halton co-ordinator Gold ready to ride

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Sergeant gearing up for this spring's Tour de Tips fundraiser

Gary Gold is, appropriately, the 'spokes' person for a cycling fundraiser.

The sergeant with Halton Regional Police is the co-ordinator of the service's Crime Stoppers public crime tips program and the founder of the Tour de Tips, an event that raises money for it.

The fourth annual Tour de Tips ride is slated for a May 29 start at the York Region Police headquarters building in Newmarket. The biking contingent will travel a 220-km scenic route to the Hernder Estate winery on the escarpment in St. Catharines.

Riders will end day one near the

Burlington/Hamilton border and will continue riding to Niagara on day two. Accommodation arrangements have been made through the Burlington Holiday Inn for those riders staying overnight.

"It's not a race, it's a tour, a ride," said Gold. "The first day is the most difficult with the hills in Bolton, but day two is easier coming off escarpment to Niagara. You can ride just the second day if you want."

Crime Stoppers program representatives from York, Peel and Niagara will join Halton representatives on the ride. The 2009 Tour de Tips was a three-day, 300-

km trek from Windsor to Burlington that attracted 10 riders.

Gold said the event not only highlights physical fitness and a healthier lifestyle but also promotes a program that is responsible for helping keep communities safe around the world.

"This is going to be the largest ride we have ever hosted and will be a major fundraising initiative for the various Crime Stoppers programs participating in the event," said Gold, noting he hopes 100 people take part this year.

To date, the three Tour de Tips have raised \$7,000 for Crime Stoppers.



Sgt. Gary Gold

Each rider will pay a \$50 registration fee and make a commitment to get at least \$300 in donations to support Crime Stoppers. Riders who collect more than \$750 in pledges will receive a commemorative Louis Garneau cycling jersey.

Individual riders indicate on their pledge form which of the four Crime Stoppers programs participating in Tour de Tips will receive their funds.

Anyone interested in participating in the ride should e-mail halton-crimestoppers@cogeco.net, or call (905) 634-1831, ext. 5139.

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LESLIE FITCH
Chief Librarian

As I write this column, it is the Thursday of March Break and it is an astonishing 18 degrees outside!

truly a sneak peak of lovely spring weather to come, albeit somewhat unusual for this time of year. I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking of spring jobs (both inside and outside of the house) that need to end up on a list. Watching a garden come back to life is so satisfying.

If you need a kick start to spring related activities (from gardening, cleaning, and decorating, to trying new sports and other outdoor activities, to event planning like fabulous vacations, children's birthday parties or family reunions) MPL has the resources to get you started. I know I'll soon be strapping on a pedometer again: don't forget the Library has a Pedometer lending program that certainly helps to encourage you to reach the recommended 10,000 steps a day.

Planning and preparation for the new Arts and Entertainment Centre / Central Library continues. It is exciting to think this time next year, there will be a wonderful new facility gracing the Milton streetscape at Main and Thompson.

The next in the Laurier Milton Lecture Series will be held on April 14 at the Town Hall. The April topic is "Canada-US trade: border issues". This is the second last lecture in the series, and each has been fascinating. Often the topic has been a mystery until the presentation has started, and I've thoroughly enjoyed each one. If you would like to register for the lecture, you can do so from both the Town of Milton, and Milton Public Library websites.

I look forward to talking with you next month,

Leslie Fitch
Chief Librarian

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Tuesdays 10:30 am Tuesdays 11:00am
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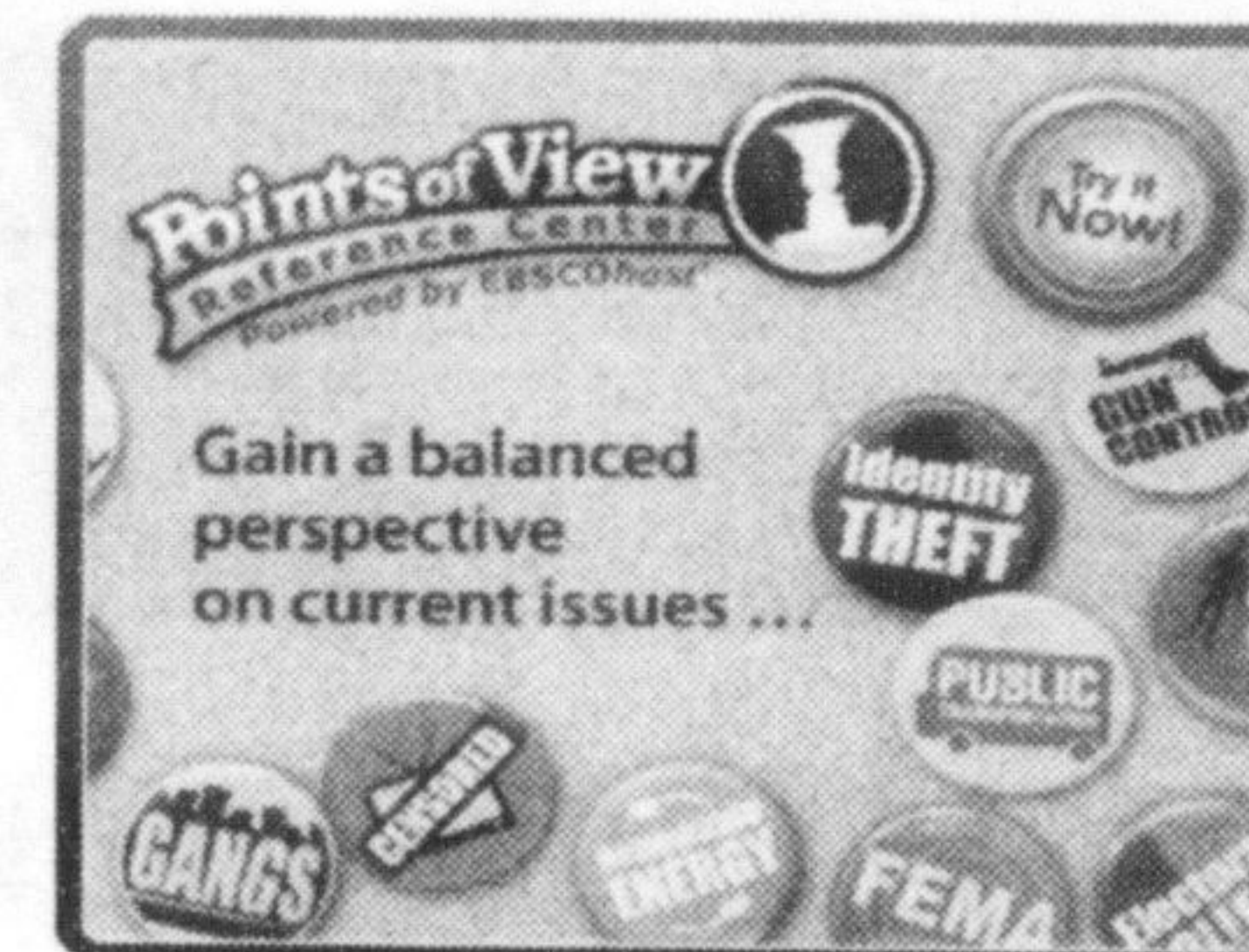
Rise'n Shine 10:00 am
6 months to 3 years
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Canada - U.S. Trade: Border Issues
April 14th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Town Hall West / Milton Room

For more details, visit the Library's Web page

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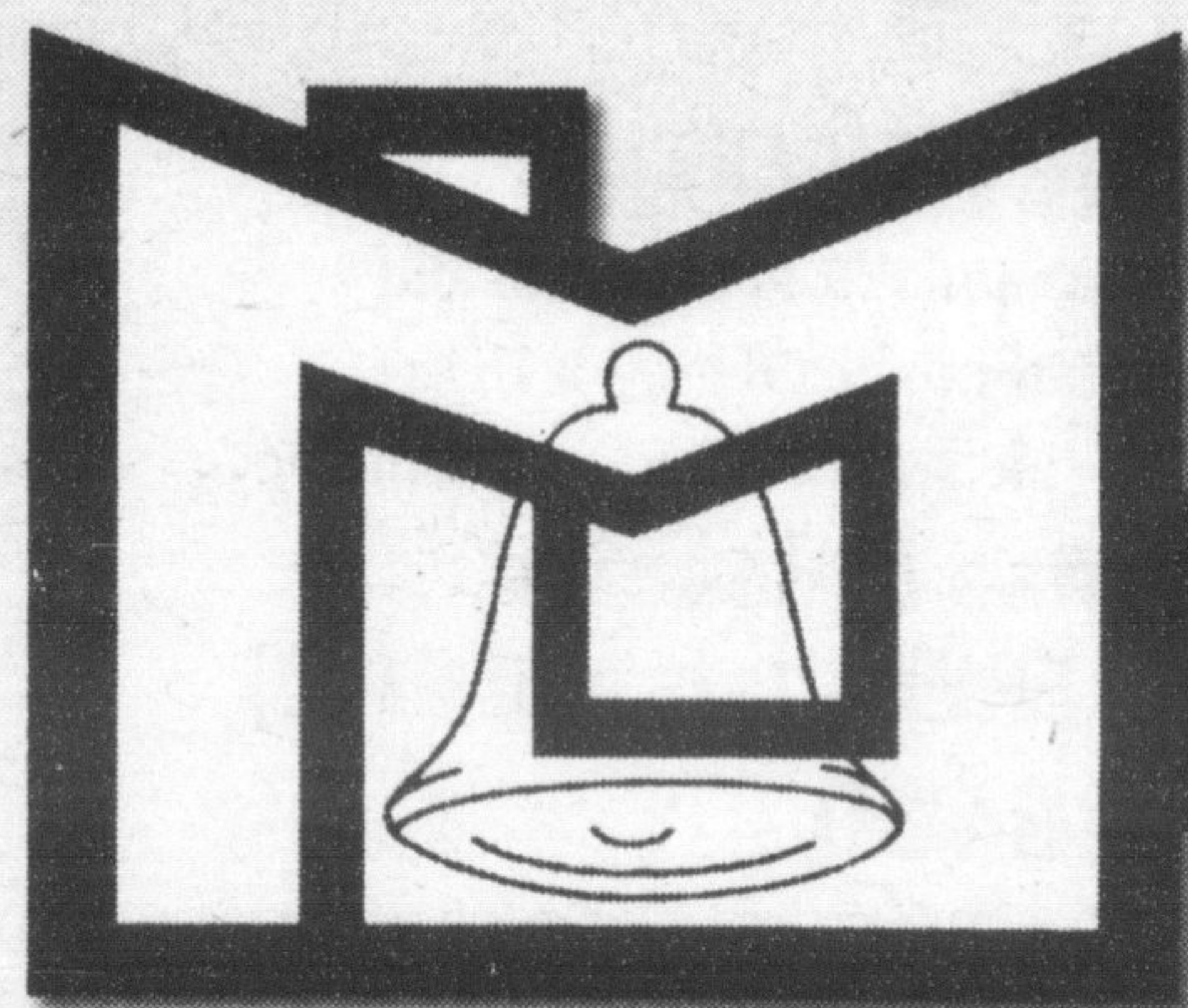
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