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Less government plus better education equal recovery: economist

GTA members told to stop competing among themselves

By ROB KELLY The Champion

not enough quality education in Canada, but in 10 years that could well be just an unpleasant memory as the nation financially rejuvenates, economist Mattreen Farrow says.

Ms Farrow, a former president of cated. the C.D. Howe economic think tank, spoke at a breakfast meeting of Halton regional politicians and senior bureaucrats last week. Halton, and the rest of the Greater Toronto Area are well-positioned recover from the recession's hangover, she said, but many long-term changes are needed to assure Canada stays competitive.

first decade of the new century," she said.

Ontario exports 90 per cent of its goods to the United States, but the education and training with a view to beefing up their standards, she warned.

"If they get their education system said. overhauled to become more competitive, we're going to have to do the same thing."

Canadian education faces a "mas-

riculum, effort, involvement," with a muscle back intact. sustained new focus on creating "a "Federally, we've spent \$1.33 for long as we have."

ments in the United States but elsewhere too as emerging financial powerhouse countries strive to gain

in the Far East, made up of countries such as Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong, is "trading with us, taking markets from us. They are entrepreneurial, energetic, well- educated." In fact, their education system is superior to Canada's, Ms Farrow said.

Another potential competitor If they do take place, "I think specifically for Canada could be we're on the edge of a very exciting Russia, she noted, because they "produce the same kind of commodities at lower prices."

The GTA is "positioned extremely well" to serve as a platform for Amercians too are re-evaluating economic expansion because of a wealth of knowledge-based businesses and a strong support network of transit and services, Ms Farrow

> But a heavy hand holds down sustained economic recovery. "The big constraint is the fiscal situation. It will be a constraint for about a

sive change in standards, cur- decade, until we get our fiscal

continuing education philosophy. ever dollar (in taxes) we took in Most of our children are going to since the mid 1970s," Ms. Farrow have to retrain four, five or six times noted. On the provincial level, debt just to stay in the labour force as climbed as Ottawa began finally trimming expenditures, and the same Canada must remain vigilant not threat faces local government as the There's too much government and only about educational develop- provinces cut back unless changes

> "We have too much government," Ms Farrow stressed. And, "we are market share in a wide range of one of the few countries that have goods and services, Ms Farrow indi- not overhauled our system of government in this century. We've A rapidly growing economic bloc only added layers of government."

In a locally oriented example, she said municipalities in the GTA compete with each other rather than work together.

"We cannot have the rivalry and waste that goes on between jurisdictions that are really the same jurisdiction.

"We have to be less concerned if a plant goes to Burlington, Scarborough or Halton Hills. We want that plant in the GTA.

"If this region withers and declines, so does Canada, and certainly Ontario," Ms Farrow said.

It's important to realize that "we don't have the money we had in the sixties, seventies or eighties, not in government and not in the private sector," Ms Farrow noted.

One of the things Canadians must do is get along better, because things won't be as easy as they have been in the past, she said. "I don't think Canada is a co-operative country. We're complacent."

However, "we cannot dig ourselves out of the federal provincial debt hole without having federal-provincial fiscal plannig, much more than we have in the past."

Even with that co-operation, "it will take about a decade," for Canada to rebound fiscally, "But a decade from now we're going to be very proud of ourselves," if all goes

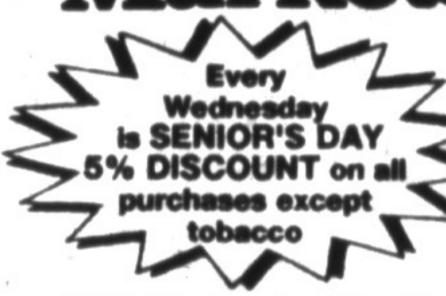
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What's News At The Milton Senior Citizens Recreation Centre

By Robin McPhail, Recreation Co-ordinator (Older Adults) Milton Senior Citizens' Recreation Centre, 875-1681.



You won't want to miss the Seniors' Safety Fair at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville on Saturday, June 12, 1993, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The day will be packed full of indoor and outdoor exhibits, clinics, seminars, videos, entertainment and lots of refreshments. One of the special attractions of the day is an antique car show!

The theme is "Be Sure and Feel Secure". You will receive valuable information on fire safety, crime prevention, home help, vacation safety,

health and much more. Bring the whole family. There is truly something for everyone. Even the grandchildren will enjoy the Children's Safety Village and the whole family can tour the Halton Regional Police Headquarters.

Admission is FREE and there are loads of door prizes. You could even be lucky enough to win a return airfare trip for two to St. Petersburgh, Florida courtesy of Canadian Holidays and Marlin Travel in Oakville.

Many entertainment groups are featured throughout the day including Milton's Grace Anglican Church Bell Choir at 10:00 am and Milton Happy Soles Linedancers at 2:00 pm. Get there at 10:00 am sharp to watch the Bell Choir and you could win a fabulous door prize!

Parking is limited so the Town of Milton has arranged for Milton Transit to provide return bus trips free of charge. Call Milton Seniors Centre at 875-1681 to find out the four pick-up/drop off locations, times and reserve your seats.

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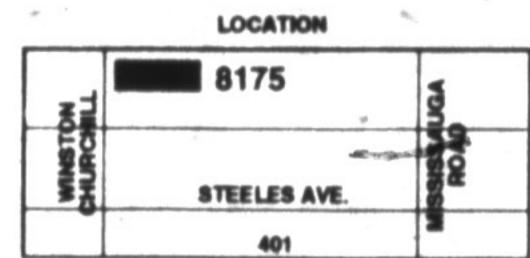
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Worm pickers in second crash on 401

Vietnamese worm pickers were victims once again in a singlevehicle crash on Highway 401 in Milton Monday morning.

Eight people were taken to hospital following the accident which occurred just west of Highway 25 at 8:50 a.m., according to the Milton OPP.

A truck was travelling eastbound on the 401 when the rear axle broke, causing the vehicle to go out of control.

It drove into the centre median and flipped over.

The worm pickers, who weren't wearing seatbelts, were thrown from the vehicle. One suffered a serious head injury and was sent by air ambulance to McMaster Medical Centre.

Police haven't determined how many people were in the truck because many "scurried away" after the crash, according to Constable Dave Thomas.

"There may have been as many as 15 (passengers)," he said. The accident is under investigation.