



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Halton Cable is the wrong target

Dear Editor:

Recently I received a letter to petition the CRTC about Halton Cable's plan to add additional programming to their Value Pack and pass along the additional costs to the public. Perhaps these people should look at the whole picture before they spend a lot more than the \$47.04 it would cost, on copying and delivering their petitions.

Cable companies that add programming must purchase and install three additional pieces of equipment to get on the air. These are a receiver, a modulator and a decoder (this is to unscramble the satellite signal). This equipment is a lot more than your backyard system, and being commercial they pay through the nose for it.

Along with the above equipment they must pay royalties to each and every station they show. This is where it is unfair and the CRTC should step in. Companies such as Trillium and McLean Hunter pay a nominal fee, where smaller cable companies are penalized for not having a large customer base.

Royalties are paid on each and every customer hook-up that a company has. Using Family Channel for an example, a large company can pay a little as 50 cents to \$1 per hook-up where a small company in northern Ontario can pay upward to \$9 for the same service. Is this fair?

Both YTV and Vision recently scrambled,

using the most expensive equipment there is to buy, forcing the cable companies to fork over more money. YTV is Canada's only totally youth oriented and non (low) violent channel available and with CRTC's trend to non-violent programming, shouldn't they be trying to get them to go back to free access?

Why also when programming has commercials that are supposed to pay for the running of the station, should we be forced to pay extra money to spend money on their products? These stations should also be free access.

By the way, although I used to work for a northern Ontario cable company I am no longer affiliated with any company, and am writing this letter on my own accord.

If people want to petition, they should be going after the companies that supply the programming to the cable companies, or go after the CRTC to force these companies to charge the same access fee to all cable companies.

Alan T. Bowie
Milton

Student steamed

Dear Editor:

I'm a student at Sam Sherratt school. I'm very proud of my school, too. About the incident that happened on the grounds of Sam Sherratt printed in the Wednesday November 2, 1994 paper, I believe you to some extent of what was said in the paper, otherwise some of the information was incorrect.

I would also like to talk about last year at

Sam Sherratt School, when we raised approximately \$7,000 in jump rope for heart, but was there any article about it? No!

But to make a long story short, and I think that I speak for almost everyone in Sam Sherratt, where have you been for the last who knows how many times we've won the Halton volleyball and cross country championships? Have you written about that or the outstanding teachers, like Mr. Ridley and Mrs. Findley, our gym teachers, Mrs. Funnell our art teacher, Mrs. Boehmer and Mrs. Johnson, our core teachers, Miss Day our music teacher? The list just goes on and on.

I would just like to say one more thing. About 200 good things happen at our school for every one bad thing. But that one bad thing, when it happens, is on the front page. I would have to say that you are making one of the top schools in the Region of Halton look like a bad school!

Matt Kilmury
Grade 6
Sam Sherratt

Congratulations to Joe

Dear Editor:

First of all, I would like to congratulate Mr. Joe Deoni for winning the Ward 1 and Ward 3 Roman Catholic Separate School Board election.

The voters have spoken and as the servant of the voters, I respect their choice.

Let us, as voters and parents and taxpayers,

work with Mr. Deoni and the Halton Separate School Board to ensure that Catholic values continue to be taught in the Catholic schools, that teachers continue to be Catholic role models, that the three R's are emphasized, and that the board remains as a unique, non-integrated board for matters pertaining to Catholic philosophy.

I would like to thank Alison Vaux, my campaign manager, my family who supported me throughout this election campaign, the many friends who offered encouragement, and the scrutineers. I want to especially thank all voters of Wards 1 and 3 who exercised their right to vote.

Lieven Gevaert
Milton

She says reporting balanced

Dear Editor:

As a candidate in the recent municipal election, I wish to compliment you and your staff on the quality of reporting during the campaign.

Your reporters were quick to seek out candidates, and were quite objective in reporting the viewpoints of each candidate. The reports were accurate and balanced.

I feel that your paper made an important contribution to the democratic process in our community.

K. Sarita Purdy
Campellville

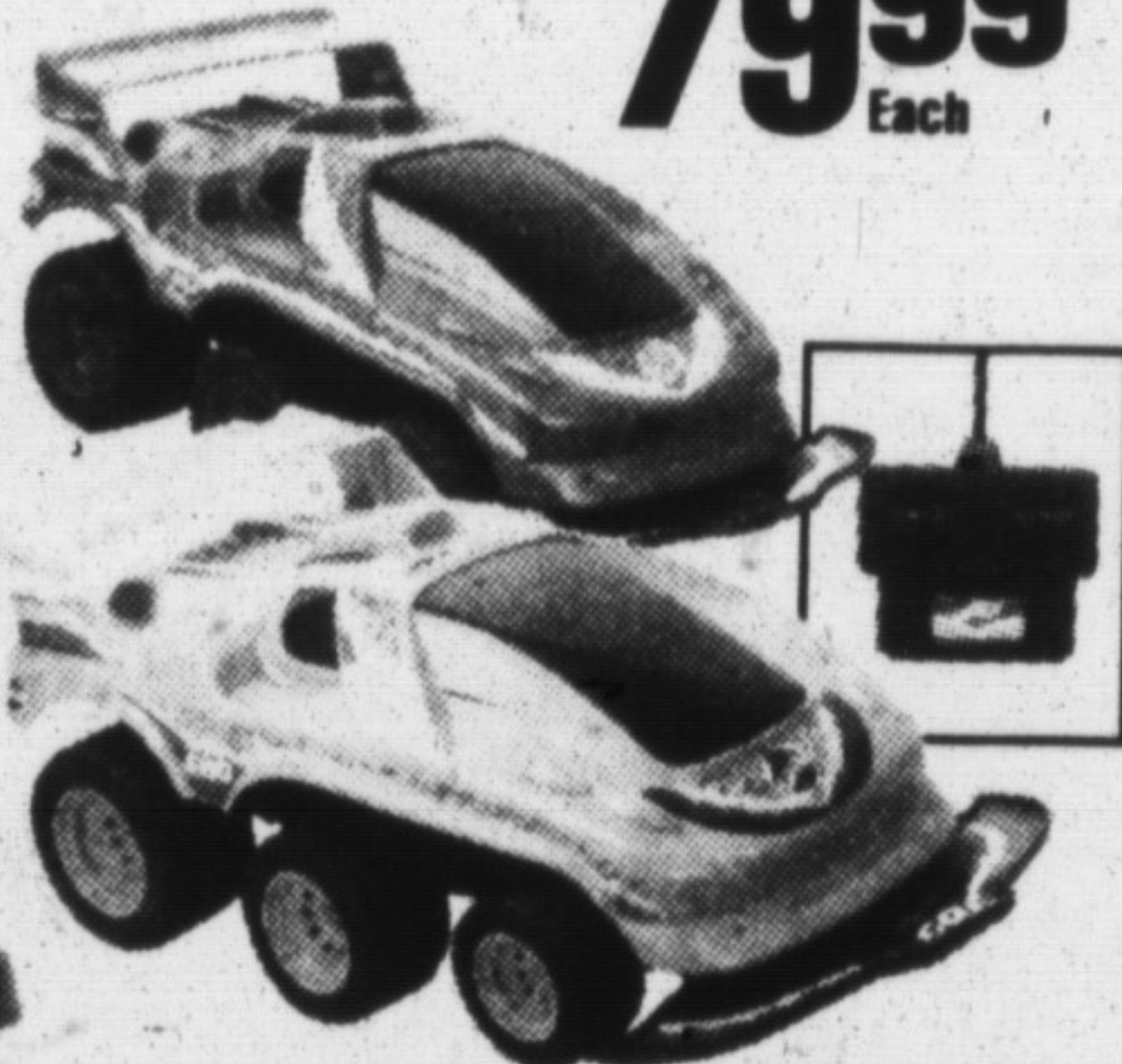
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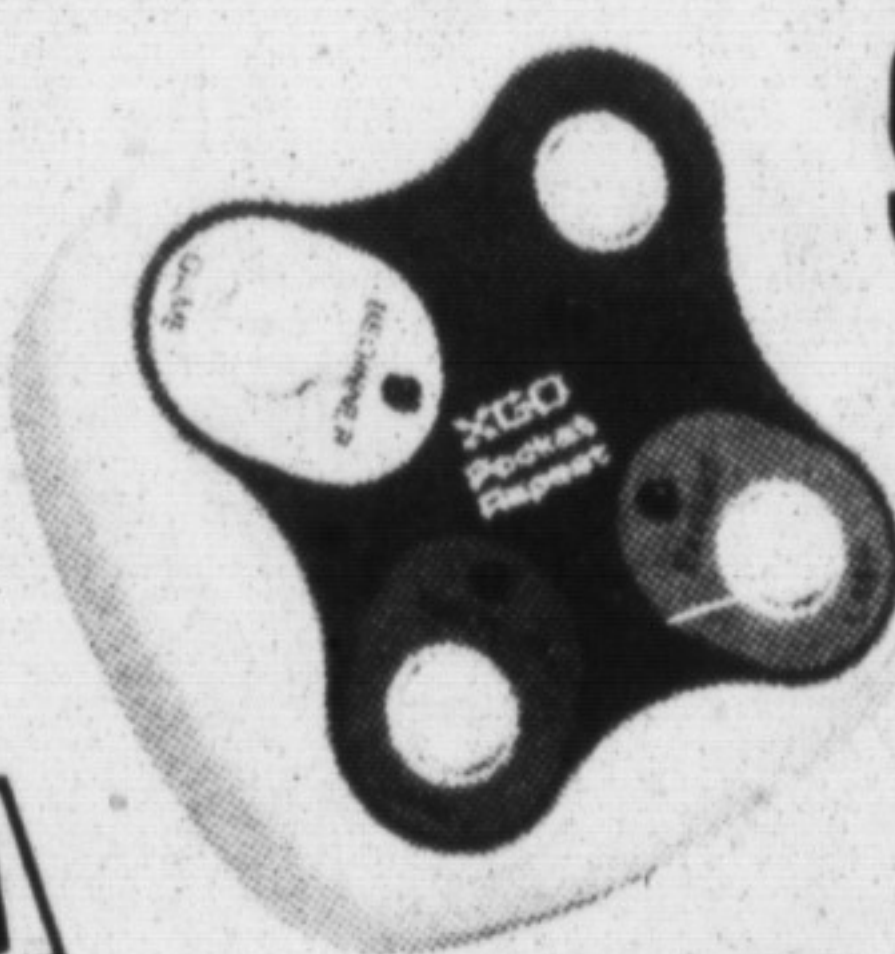
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