

Dateline

Wednesday Nov. 13

It's Hot Meal Deal Day at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr. Local seniors are invited to join in on food and fellowship from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Local senior citizens are invited to take a **bus excursion to Stage West** in Mississauga for a buffet lunch followed by a matinee performance of comedy *Funny Money*. Call the centre at 875-1681 for information and tickets.

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., hosts the **Evening Euchre Party**. The night of fun and friendly competition begins at

7:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 which includes light refreshments and prizes.

Halton Adolescent Support Services presents **Tomorrow's Gift Auction** at the Halton Regional Centre at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the event, which features unique auction items, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and entertainment, cost \$10. Call 639-0025, ext. 222.

MCIS/CHERISH Family Resource Centre, 540 Childs Dr., offers **Playgroup** from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Parents, caregivers and their pre-school children can enjoy a fun morning of games, crafts, songs and stories. The cost is \$22 per family. Call 875-

4636, ext. 118.

The Milton Players holds **open auditions** for "Fantasy by Appointment" at 295 Alliance Dr., Unit 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Nov. 14

Milton Seniors' Club 88 holds a **pot luck lunch** at the Royal Canadian Legion, 21 Charles St., at 12:30 p.m.

The **Milton Children and Youth Centre**, 917 Nipissing Rd., invites people caring for children to drop in from 1 to 3 p.m. Adults exchange ideas while the children work on crafts and play. The cost varies from \$4 to \$6.

The Twins Plus Association presents **Peek-A-Boo Playhouse Day** — a chance for parents of twins and triplets to get together, have a coffee and talk while their kids play. The Peek-A-Boo Playhouse is located on Fisherman Drive in Brampton. Admission for the 10 a.m. event is payable at the door. Call (905) 459-6253 for more information.

The Victorian Order of Nurses holds a **foot care clinic** at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$15. For further information or an appointment, call 875-1681. Foot care clinics are by appointment only.

A **support group for family members of people with Alzheimer's disease** and related disorders meets at Allendale, 185 Ontario St. S., from 1 to 3 p.m. Victorian Order of Nurses Alzheimer Services runs the free program. For more information, call 847-9559.

Seniors are invited to attend a **special meeting** at Knox Presbyterian Church on Main Street to discuss the development of a retirement residence facility. For more information about the 10 a.m. meeting, call 876-4539.

E.C. Drury High School on Ontario Street holds **Parent Interview Night**. Pre-booked interviews with teachers

Tory MPP unsatisfied

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liamentary assistant to Education Minister John Snobelen, predicted the result will be a reduced number of boards.

There are 182 school boards now, and a special report issued last year recommended cutting down to 82, to eliminate duplication.

Some of Mr. Young's comments were challenged by Fred Sweeney, director of the Halton Roman Catholic School Board.

"I think it's false to say our students finish in the middle in international tests," said Mr. Sweeney. Other nations separate their students earlier based on performance, so not all theirs were tested, he noted.

He blamed the province for a rapid decline in funding its portion of education, while increasing the burden on the school board level.

Subsidies have dropped from 60 per cent in 1979, to 37 per cent today, while provincial legislation has demanded more services from school boards, he said.

Mr. Sweeney said his board has lowered its costs for maintenance, eliminated retirement gratuities for teachers and operated with a lean budget.

Bob Williams, director the Halton public board, said drops in provincial funding will force trustees to pass a 12 per cent tax hike or find another \$24 million in cuts. That's about 10 per cent of the budget, most of which is made up of negotiated salaries.

"Clearly, the solutions are going to come from the province, not the local boards," said Mr. Williams, adding the province should move soon, to eliminate the uncertainties. "The situation certainly is demoralizing to my staff."

Workfare ready to go

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representatives were on hand at a public information meeting recently, but there has been no formal expression of interest yet.

"Almost every school needs volunteers," said Mr. Colin Best. "In addition the school itself can provide background and technical training. We need to have some imagination with these programs."

According to Ms Monard regional officials will be meeting with representatives of the broader public sector on November 26 to discuss participation. In addition the region has identified 20-25 positions available to workfare participants in its own offices.



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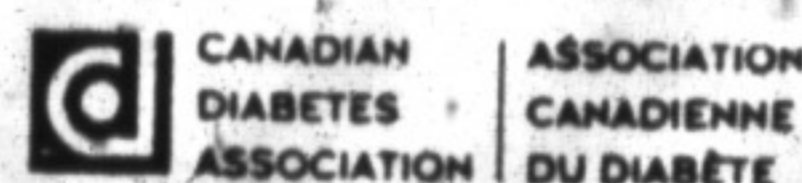
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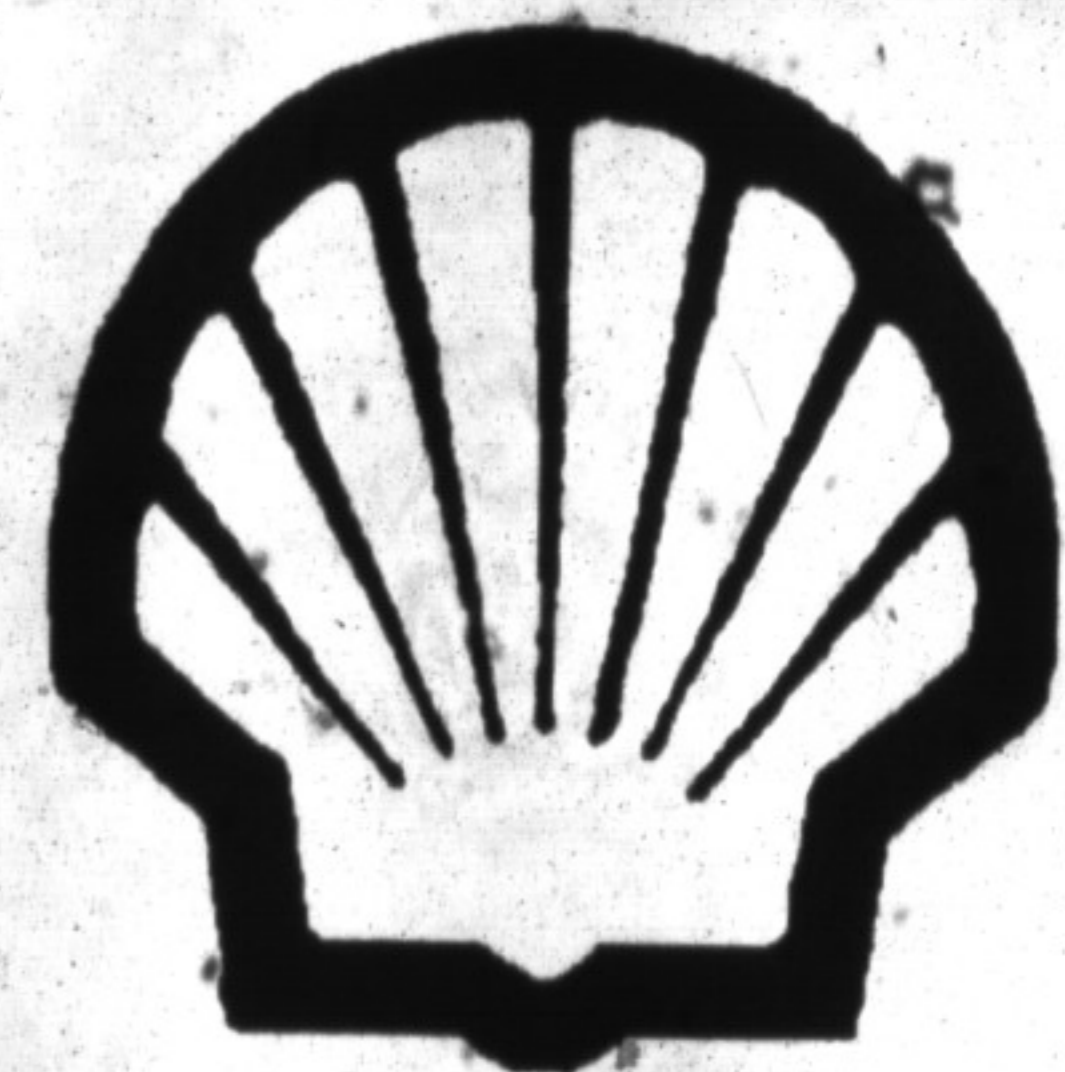
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